

## SINGLENESSE OF PURPOSE

My name is Sunny H. and I am an Alcoholic. I am a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I would like to spend a couple of minutes talking to you about our Singleness of Purpose. This is a topic that is very important to me, because when I walked in the doors of A.A. I was already looking for the way out; looking for why I was different from you, thus making you the alcoholic and not me. I truly believe that if I had attended a group that did not practice the Traditions and did not have a single purpose for meeting, you would have a different person presenting this topic today.

If during my first few meetings the discussions had been about religion, politics, drugs that I had or hadn't tried or any other topic that would have allowed me to be different from you, I would have easily said "See, it's just not for me." But those first few meetings were not like that at all. The people in those meetings talked about their thoughts and feelings — thoughts and feelings that for so many years I thought only I had. They talked about things that they had done when drinking — the same things that I was certain only I had done in secret. But most importantly they talked about what they did when they came to that jumping off place, where they knew they could no longer keep drinking, but had no idea how to get sober. They shared with me about both the Fellowship and the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. They told me what A.A. is and what it is not. They explained to me what a sponsor is and the importance of getting one. They told me that I did not have to keep living the way I was living if I didn't want to, and that if I kept coming back and following some suggestions my life could be completely different. Those first few meetings that I attended were meetings that observed our Fifth Tradition, which states "Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." So today, now that I

have reaped the benefits of a group that followed this principal, it is my responsibility to pass on that same message that was given to me.

In a February 1958 Grapevine article, Bill wrote, "Many early A.A's had the almost comical notion that they were pure alcoholics — guzzlers only, no other serious problems at all. When alcoholic ex-cons and drug users first turned up, there was much pious indignation. 'What will people think?' chanted the pure alcoholics. Happily, this foolishness has long since evaporated" Today in our Fellowship there are many, myself included, that would not have been considered a "pure alcoholic" in those early years. But, as Tradition Three states, "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." No matter what our other problems or affiliations, we should only discuss our common problem and our common solution when we speak in a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We must never forget that we are divided by our differences. So, if we do not protect our singleness of purpose, where does this leave the alcoholic who is slowly making his way to our doors? Or what about that potential alcoholic that comes to our meeting but doesn't come back because they don't relate to our "other issues"?

We could refuse to look at the part that we play and simply say that "he is just not ready" or "he just doesn't want it enough." But what about our part? It is our responsibility to keep A.A. free of outside issues.

Far too often, I go to meetings where the topic strays from alcoholism and the solution that we have found in Alcoholics Anonymous. When we turn a blind eye, who are we really cheating? We are cheating ourselves. In Bill's essay about Tradition Five in the Twelve and Twelve, Bill states, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last!...better

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### THE STEPS & THE TRADITIONS

**STEP 1** - "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable."

**TRADITION 1** - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity."

**STEP 2** - "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

**TRADITION 2** - "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

do one thing supremely well than many badly.” Later in that same first paragraph he says “The very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle.” I truly believe that Alcoholics Anonymous’ seventy-six years of success is because A.A. groups focus on alcoholism and alcoholism only.

There are many other programs out there that have been given permission to use our Steps and adapt them to their particular problem. When we allow a meeting to focus on any other problem other than Alcoholism and the solution, we are not only hurting ourselves and the newcomer that may be in attendance, we may also be cheating those other programs. As Bill states on page 79 of As Bill Sees it

### **Step One: We Admitted we were powerless over alcohol that our lives had become unmanageable.**

In Step I, we are asked to admit that we are powerless over alcohol and that our lives have become unmanageable. It means just that. There are no half measures. We must make a complete surrender to the simple fact that using the tools we possess, we cannot manage our lives if we continue the use of alcohol in any form. Everyone who admits and accepts the fact that he is powerless over alcohol must understand that once a person has passed from normal to abnormal drinking, he can never control his drinking again.

When well-meaning people spoke of a lifetime without alcohol, it seemed like an impossible accomplishment to me because I had tried desperately and I did stay sober a few months — even two and a half years — this all in the last twenty years.

Then, a year ago, the door was somehow opened for me, and I got a good look at myself. I removed the reasons for my drinking from my subconscious mind, and I am now able to live with myself and find joy doing so. All of us had been burning life’s candle at both ends. It wasn’t until we blew out one end of the candle and set it upright that we realized the normal person does just that. With both ends lit, the wax and drippings were fouling up the place and getting into other people’s hair. With the candle upright, we could control where the drippings went. We realized then that we had been living as though we expected to live a thousand years. Now, in our sanity, we can look forward with confidence to finishing a normal span of years. We realize that we haven’t spread much happiness around during the years of our eclipse: however, we also realize with joy that we still have quite a few years of normal living ahead which will enable us to make a lot of people happy and, in so doing, we will experience a happiness and peace of mind we never expected to have on this earth. There are many compensations in our lives

“This is why sobriety — freedom from alcohol — through the teaching and practice of A.A.’s Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of the group. If we don’t stick to this cardinal principle, we shall almost certainly collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.”

I am going to close with a couple of lines from our Preamble: “Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. . . .” “Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.”

Thank God for Alcoholics Anonymous and the Traditions that protect it.

that we can look forward to when we realize we are, at last, free from John Barleycorn. Just knowing that we are free of this curse lightens our load immeasurably. The main thing the non-alcoholic notices at a meeting of A.A. members is their sense of freedom. It is wonderful to be able to go to a ball game, a prize fight or a show and come home and discuss it intelligently. It is a great feeling to go to a church and feel that all the remarks of the priest or minister are not directed at you alone. It is soul-satisfying to sit down with the boss and work out a schedule months in advance, knowing that you will be on the job every day to carry out your end of it. If you have children, you will notice a gradual change in their attitude toward you. All kids need someone older and stronger than they are to lean on. They need love and affection. When they are robbed of it, their lives get warped, and the result is delinquent kids.

Compensations? There is no end to them. Would you swap all that for a lousy glass of beer or booze knowing it would set off a chain reaction which would most certainly foul up the whole thing?



The SPBCI office would like to express a great big THANK YOU to our fellow “AA’s” in South Palm Beach County for their support at the  
ALCATHON  
2014-2015

## South Palm Beach County Intergroup - Profit & Loss - December 2014

|                                     | Dec 14           | YTD 2014          |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>      |                  |                   |
| <b>Income</b>                       |                  |                   |
| Interest Income                     | 0.00             | 3.17              |
| Cash Discounts                      | 24.50            | 193.00            |
| <b>Contribution-Non Group</b>       |                  |                   |
| Anonymous                           | 957.00           | 2,967.75          |
| Birthday Club                       | 0.00             | 452.00            |
| Faithful Fivers                     | 0.00             | 225.00            |
| Contribution-Non Group - Ot         | 0.00             | 507.69            |
| <b>Total Contribution-Non Group</b> | <b>957.00</b>    | <b>4,152.44</b>   |
| <b>Contribution Income</b>          | <b>3,931.68</b>  | <b>45,469.74</b>  |
| <b>Fund Raising Income</b>          |                  |                   |
| 2013 Alcathon Income                | 0.00             | 1,100.00          |
| 2014 Gratitude Dinner               | 0.00             | 19,908.00         |
| 2014 Picnic/Raffle                  | 0.00             | 5,049.00          |
| 2014 Serenity Scramble              | 0.00             | 10,772.00         |
| <b>Total Fund Raising Income</b>    | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>38,829.00</b>  |
| <b>Sales</b>                        |                  |                   |
| AAWS Books                          | 3,980.95         | 48,569.40         |
| AAWS Other                          | 27.00            | 1,027.58          |
| AAWS Pamphlets                      | 172.27           | 2,267.26          |
| Chips                               | 315.50           | 5,025.25          |
| Demdaco Gift Items                  | 418.60           | 1,442.60          |
| Gift Items                          | 528.25           | 5,631.95          |
| Grapevine Books                     | 210.00           | 2,325.00          |
| Grapevine Other Material            | 57.50            | 423.00            |
| Hazelden Books                      | 559.25           | 6,108.95          |
| Hazelden Other                      | 0.00             | 0.00              |
| Medallions                          | 1,710.50         | 20,518.50         |
| Sale of Books                       | 31.00            | 410.00            |
| Where & When                        | 410.50           | 4,716.00          |
| <b>Total Sales</b>                  | <b>8,421.32</b>  | <b>98,465.49</b>  |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 | <b>13,334.50</b> | <b>185,112.84</b> |
| <b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>           | <b>5,350.02</b>  | <b>62,035.09</b>  |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                 | <b>7,984.48</b>  | <b>123,077.75</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                      |                  |                   |
| Advertising                         | 0.00             | 0.00              |
| Annual Report Fee                   | 0.00             | 122.50            |
| Bank Service Charges                | 0.00             | 167.07            |
| Contributions                       | 150.00           | 650.00            |
| Fees Credit Cards                   | 394.81           | 2,864.79          |
| <b>Fund Raising Expenses</b>        |                  |                   |
| 2014 Gratitude Dinner               | 0.00             | 17,103.70         |
| 2014 Picnic Expenses                | 0.00             | 1,617.08          |
| 2014 Serenity Scramble              | 0.00             | 7,008.60          |
| <b>Total Fund Raising Expenses</b>  | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>25,729.38</b>  |

|   | Dec 14          | YTD 2014          |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Insurance</b>                        | 303.24          | 3,504.44          |
| <b>Inventory Adjustmen</b>              | 1,246.91        | 1,246.91          |
| <b>Quarterlies / Mileage Reimb</b>      | 118.88          | 2,730.65          |
| <b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>           | 0.00            | 0.00              |
| <b>Payroll Expenses</b>                 | 3,680.47        | 43,860.12         |
| <b>Postage and Delivery</b>             | 0.00            | 110.75            |
| <b>Printing and Reproduction</b>        |                 |                   |
| SCAAN                                   | 191.00          | 2,101.00          |
| Printing and Reproduction - I           | 65.00           | 145.00            |
| <b>Total Printing and Reproduction</b>  | <b>256.00</b>   | <b>2,246.00</b>   |
| <b>Professional Fees</b>                |                 |                   |
| Accounting                              | 0.00            | 900.00            |
| Computer Technology                     | 0.00            | 61.31             |
| <b>Total Professional Fees</b>          | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>961.31</b>     |
| <b>Program &amp; Committee Expenses</b> | 0.00            | 105.00            |
| <b>Rent</b>                             | 1,318.16        | 15,505.86         |
| <b>Repairs</b>                          |                 |                   |
| Building Repairs & Maintena             | 0.00            | 60.00             |
| <b>Total Repairs</b>                    | <b>0.00</b>     | <b>60.00</b>      |
| <b>Storage</b>                          | 65.00           | 715.00            |
| <b>Supplies</b>                         | 361.60          | 3,172.73          |
| <b>Telephone</b>                        | 342.09          | 3,748.18          |
| <b>Utilities</b>                        |                 |                   |
| Electric                                | 197.20          | 2,672.06          |
| <b>Total Utilities</b>                  | <b>197.20</b>   | <b>2,672.06</b>   |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                    | <b>8,434.36</b> | <b>110,172.75</b> |
| <b>Net Income</b>                       | <b>(449.88)</b> | <b>12,905.00</b>  |

| Intergroup Activity Log | Dec 14 |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 12th Step Calls         | 3      |
| First Call to AA        | 4      |
| Meeting Inquiries       | 108    |
| Business Inquiries      | 80     |
| Walk-Ins                | 282    |
| QB Sales Receipts       | 301    |

|                     |                    |                             |                  |                           |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Acct      | \$15,953.82        | Accounts Receival           | \$0.00           | Fixed Assets              | 2,188.71           |
| Prudent Reserve Act | \$28,000.00        | Inventory Asset             | 33,757.05        | Other Asset/Rent Dep      | 2,769.38           |
| Petty Cash          | \$150.00           | Other Current Ass           | 3,282.15         | <b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b> | <b>4,958.09</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL CASH</b>   | <b>\$44,103.82</b> | <b>TOTAL NONCASH ASSETS</b> | <b>81,143.02</b> | <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>       | <b>\$86,101.11</b> |

### Office Volunteers

Joe, Kelly, Nancy, Charlie, Randy, Adam, Linette, George, Caryl, Ken, Samantha, Stan, Dennis, Andrew, Alexandra, Jonathan, Peter, Miles, Marianne and Linda

Thank you Alexandra for your "Saturday Service" and Kelly for your "Monday Service" . . . all the best as you both move forward with your lives . . . you will be missed!

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS: DECEMBER 2014 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2014

| GROUP NAME(S)                    | Dec 2014 | YTD 2014 | GROUP NAME(S)                    | Dec 2014 | YTD 2014 | Dec 2014                          | YTD 2014         |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1-2-3 Step, Boca                 | 0.00     | 340.00   | KISS Boynton Beach               | 50.00    | 50.00    | Sobriety For Breakfast, W Boca    | 292.00           |
| 11th Step Group, Lake Worth      | 0.00     | 0.00     | Lake Worth Tues Nite BBSS        | 0.00     | 0.00     | Sobriety In The Wind, Delray      | 0.00             |
| 12 O'Clock High, W Boca          | 0.00     | 580.00   | Lake Worth Young People's        | 0.00     | 87.54    | SOS (10am), Boca                  | 0.00             |
| AA History Group                 | 40.00    | 155.00   | Language Of The Heart, Delray    | 0.00     | 250.00   | Spiritual Awakenings, Boca        | 77.00            |
| Acceptance is the Answer, Delray | 0.00     | 63.00    | Lantana Group                    | 0.00     | 210.91   | Step Aboard All Traditions        | 0.00             |
| All Aboard                       | 0.00     | 67.50    | Let's Do Lunch, Boca             | 0.00     | 270.00   | Step by Step, Delray              | 0.00             |
| Big Book Adventure, Boca         | 120.00   | 850.56   | Living Sober Women, Delray       | 204.00   | 204.00   | Step into the Solution, Boca      | 0.00             |
| Big Boys, Boca                   | 0.00     | 0.00     | Lunch Bunch, Boca                | 352.80   | 1,363.10 | Steps On Sat, Boca Pines          | 0.00             |
| Boca Boys, West Boca             | 150.00   | 300.00   | Men's Tuesday Solution, Boca     | 0.00     | 0.00     | Sunday Morning Spiritual Group    | 0.00             |
| Boca Men's Recovery              | 0.00     | 150.00   | Men On Track, Boca               | 0.00     | 178.00   | Sunday Serenity Group             | 0.00             |
| Boca Men's, Boca                 | 0.00     | 346.00   | Men With Solutions, Delray       | 140.00   | 420.50   | Sunday Night Speaker, Boca        | 0.00             |
| Boca Women's group               | 0.00     | 170.00   | Middy Miracles, Delray           | 0.00     | 208.80   | Sunny Isles, Lantana              | 460.00           |
| Boynton Beach Beginners          | 100.00   | 400.00   | Morning Medicine, Boca           | 100.00   | 950.00   | Sunrise Beach Meeting, Delray     | 0.00             |
| Boynton Beach Group, Boynton     | 0.00     | 180.00   | New Beginnings, Weyside          | 0.00     | 0.00     | TGIF, Delray                      | 0.00             |
| Boynton Beach Men's              | 0.00     | 0.00     | New Life Group                   | 0.00     | 100.00   | The Gathering                     | 0.00             |
| Boynton Boat Ramp Group          | 0.00     | 5.00     | New Life II                      | 100.00   | 1,547.14 | Too Young to Be Glum              | 0.00             |
| Cardinal Lane, Lantana           | 0.00     | 254.60   | No Matter What Group             | 0.00     | 100.00   | Tradition Three Group             | 0.00             |
| Cheer Up @1013                   | 64.65    | 88.65    | North Boca Steps & Traditions    | 0.00     | 0.00     | Tuesday Men's Solutions           | 150.00           |
| Daily Grace                      | 0.00     | 327.50   | North Delray Steps & Traditions  | 0.00     | 1,397.17 | Tuesday Night BBSS Lake Worth     | 0.00             |
| Delray 11th Step Meditation Grp  | 0.00     | 450.00   | One Day At A Time, Delray        | 0.00     | 1,444.00 | We Agnostics, Boca                | 0.00             |
| Depression and the Alcoholic     | 70.00    | 185.00   | One Page at a Time, Delray Beach | 0.00     | 184.40   | We are Not Saints, Boynton        | 108.37           |
| Derailroaded Group               | 0.00     | 0.00     | Open Your Heart, Delray          | 0.00     | 100.00   | We Believers, Boca                | 0.00             |
| Dives at 830 AM                  | 0.00     | 328.80   | Page 83                          | 0.00     | 0.00     | Wednesday Night Beginners W Boca  | 100.00           |
| Double Digit Gang, Delray        | 0.00     | 102.60   | People With Time                 | 0.00     | 1,118.40 | Welcome Home in Delray            | 0.00             |
| Downtown Delray Group            | 0.00     | 1,468.00 | Primary Purpose, Boca Pines      | 0.00     | 0.00     | West Boca Beginners               | 0.00             |
| Downtown, Boynton                | 0.00     | 100.00   | Principles and Promises          | 0.00     | 150.00   | West Boca Friendship Group        | 100.00           |
| East Delray Men's Group          | 208.50   | 828.80   | Principles in Practice           | 100.00   | 100.00   | West Boynton Group                | 0.00             |
| Eastside Women's Group           | 0.00     | 150.00   | Promises, Lambda North           | 0.00     | 62.50    | Westside Group, Delray            | 0.00             |
| Experience, Strength & Hope, BB  | 0.00     | 91.00    | Road To Recovery, Boca           | 0.00     | 325.00   | Wine Into Water, Delray           | 0.00             |
| Eye Opener's, Lake Worth         | 0.00     | 0.00     | Romance & Finance, W Boca        | 0.00     | 450.00   | Women's Big Book Study, Boca      | 0.00             |
| Five Time Losers Delray          | 250.00   | 850.00   | Salle Harbor, Boynton            | 0.00     | 275.00   | Women's Fourth Dimension, Lantana | 0.00             |
| Fri Night Special/Sat Eve Post   | 0.00     | 400.00   | Safe Haven                       | 75.00    | 75.00    | Women in Recovery, Boca           | 0.00             |
| From Steerage                    | 0.00     | 50.00    | Saturday Night Live @ Five, Boca | 83.36    | 735.86   | Women Living Sober, Boca          | 0.00             |
| Inside Out Group                 | 0.00     | 0.00     | Second Chance Women, Delray      | 0.00     | 0.00     | Women's BBSS, Delray              | 0.00             |
| Intergroup Meeting               | 70.00    | 622.22   | Seniors In Sobriety, Delray      | 0.00     | 200.00   | Women's Peace of Mind, Boca       | 0.00             |
| Journey to Freedom, Boca         | 0.00     | 0.00     | Serenity Hour, Delray            | 0.00     | 673.00   | Women's Step by Step, Delray      | 0.00             |
| Just Before Dawn                 | 0.00     | 1,650.00 | Serenity on the Beach Lantana    | 320.00   | 960.00   | Young at Heart, Delray            | 0.00             |
| Just For Now, Boca               | 0.00     | 706.00   | Sober Sisters, Boca              | 0.00     | 538.99   | Young at Heart, Delray            | 0.00             |
| Keep It Simple.                  | 0.00     | 119.44   | Sober Sisters, Lake Worth        | 0.00     | 32.57    | Young People with a Solution      | 0.00             |
|                                  |          |          | Sober Sunset Group, Boca Pines   | 150.00   | 1,795.00 | <b>Total Group Contributions</b>  | <b>3,931.68</b>  |
|                                  |          |          |                                  |          |          |                                   | <b>45,469.74</b> |

## AA HOTLINE – RELAY PHONE

The Hand of AA is Available 24 Hours a Day!  
January - Just For Now  
February - Boca Big Book Step Study Group  
March - Inner Voice Candle Light  
April - Tradition Three Big Book Study  
May - Sobriety For Breakfast  
June - Boynton Boat Ramp Big Book Study

## BIRTHDAY CLUB

Diane S. - 01/01/92 - 23 years - *Sober Sisters*  
Petti T. - 09/19/05 - 9 years  
*Boynton Beach Beginners*  
Bari R. - 01/27/96 - 19 years  
*Women Living Sober*  
Marianne D. = 01/11/11 - 4 years  
*Principals and Promises*  
***Congratulations!***  
from SPBC Intergroup

### BIRTHDAY CLUB

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

Your donation goes to help the valuable services provided by Intergroup including the AA hotline, meeting schedules, 12 step work, literature inventory, SCAAN newsletter and hospital/institution meetings.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Recommended contribution is \$1 for every year of sobriety.

If you would like a reminder notice next year, please fill out the address portion below or provide an email address.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## MEETING UPDATES

### Foot Prints in the Sand

Palmetto & A1A, Boca Raton

Sunday - 5:30 PM - OD - Permanently Cancelled

### Patience, Love and Tolerance Group

Mary, Mother of the Light Church, Lake Worth

Sunday - 7:30 PM - O - Permanently Cancelled

### Men's Spiritual Sobriety

Crossroads Club, Delray Beach

Friday - 8:30 PM - OM - New Meeting

### Carry the Message

Advent Lutheran Church, 300 Yamato Road, Boca Raton

Thursday - 8:30 PM - OBW - New Meeting

### Sunday Night Speaker Discussion

Science of the Mind Church, SW 12th Ave. Room 6

Boca Raton - Sunday - 7:30 PM - OS - New Location

### Delray Central House Group

Monday-Saturday - 10:00 PM - Permanently Cancelled

## Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2014

Chairperson: John S. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from the October 29, 2014 meeting were approved. New group reps were welcomed. John announced the Gratitude Dinner was a great event; a detailed report will be given by the chair. John mentioned the Intergroup office end of year inventory has been completed. Also, a member of the community has come forth interested in assisting David (Webmaster) with the website, she will meet with the Steering Committee next year to discuss further. John thanked all those involved with Intergroup this year. Intergroup is closing the year on an amazing note. All service positions are filled, the treasury is doing well and the community continues to grow!

New Reps: Boynton Beach Group-Rick P.(Alt); Carry This Message-Peter G.; Delray Central House-Kim K.; Divas-Chris W.; Journey To Freedom-Rachel G.; Mens Roving Big Book Study-Ross P.; Mens Spiritual Sobriety-Andrew L.; Morning Medicine-Hillari H.; Principles In Practice-Peter M.; Second Chance Womens Group-Deb C.; Second Chance Womens Group-Kelly S.(Alt); Sobriety for Breakfast-Bret T.; Sobriety on Sunday-Jack R.; Sunny Isles-Judy D.; West Boynton Group-Otto S.; Women with a Solution-Kristine G.; Womens Boynton Beach Step Study Group-Beth P.

Office Manager: Jeannie G. Thank you to the SPBCI office Volunteer Staff and the 11 volunteers who assisted with completion of the December 7, 2014 inventory. Thank you to the West Boynton Group, Group Chair 2014 Gratitude Dinner, for their many hours of service before, during and after the event. The Steering Committee expresses our heartfelt thanks. Thank you to the 36 groups signed up for the Holiday Alcathon held at Delray Central House. The Alcathon is a wonderful way to "carry the message". All are welcome to attend! The Holiday Sale price for the 75th Anniversary reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous is \$10. In addition, new "gift items" were selected by Cheryl S. (Vice Chair) and Bari W.(volunteer), are now available to purchase. I am thrilled to announce Michael G., Archivist for SPBCI, will soon be returning to the office. He expressed gratitude for the outpouring of love and prayers and is looking forward to working with Michele T., Archives Chair, and the Archives Committee!

Treasurer: Elizabeth B., The 7th tradition baskets were passed. Intergroup is continuing to do well thanks to the office and all who bought items or contributed in November. Intergroup had a net revenue of \$3,114 for the month of November and a year-to-date net revenue of \$13,242. The comparable year to date figure for 2013 was a net revenue of \$11,958. For a detailed report see the SCAAN insert.

Archivist: Michael G. No Report. Excused absence.

Archives: Michele T. No Report.

Bridge the Gap: Bari W. (W): No report.; Dave F. (M): No report.

General Service Liaison: Molly B. Excused absence. No report.

Group Information: Elliott R. No report.

Hospitals and Institutions: Kitty B. - Excused absence. Emily L. Currently we have 47 meetings per week in 19 facilities. There have been quite a few changes since last month's report, due to people either finished with their commitments or simply not showing up. We had no regularly scheduled meeting for H & I as we are trying to find a better time that will accommodate more volunteers to show-up to the meeting. We have been able to place some new chairs in positions, but are having difficulty with communication between either the former coordinators or the facilities themselves. Kitty and I have been out making announcements and have had a few people interested therefore spaces have been filled but not enough. South Palm Beach H&I really could use help from anyone who has over one year of sobriety and understands that chair commitments are for one year unless two people alternate for a specific meeting. Kitty B. and I are reaching out for help in filling spots. Anyone who is interested should contact Kitty B. or Emily L.

Public Information: Stuart M. Stuart met with Cheryl S. (Vice Chair) and went over different materials that would be beneficial in getting the message out. Still very much at the beginning stages, realizing there is not a lot of information out there. I decided to start with Schools and Libraries. Met with the guidance people of two High schools so far in Boca Raton and they liked our choice. I did leave some brochures with them and I also made it clear that if they wanted someone to come and speak to a group of students that it could be arranged. Stuart found out that the School Boards approval is necessary for anyone to speak at the school. Cheryl went to Boca Raton High School and gave them AA literature to be reviewed by the Vice Principal. She also announced that Library's do not accept donations, but with a library card you can request books, for example the 12 & 12.

SCAAN: Maryann & John T. Articles are always welcome. Please email to the Intergroup office by the 15th of the month.

Telephone Relay: Joe M. As of today, December 17th 2014, the telephone relay has group volunteers through May 2015. If any groups are interested in taking the phone, I am available to attend your business meetings to explain the responsibilities and answer any questions. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Where & When: Kaely L.-No Report. Excused absence.

12th Step Committee: Ginger G. (W): No report. Excused absence.; Scott K. (M): No Report

Liaison to North County Intergroup: Gary K. NPBC Intergroup met on December 10, 2014. NPBC Intergroup will host 2 Alcathons so groups can come together and celebrate the Holiday Season and also so AA can be there for anyone who may be alone during this festive season. Hotline Committee will be up and running when the Intergroup Office is closed. Treasurer reported a deficit of \$2,308.49 for November. He has been in contact with the estate that the group had discussions with earlier this year and anticipates they will be receiving a check for \$5,000 in the next few weeks. This bequest is being made in accordance with guidelines. Overall our finances are strong. Office Manager Total Office Activity for November was 655. This was 77 more than last month and 77 less than last year. The Intergroup Office will be closed Thursday December 25th and Thursday January 1st. Otherwise, they will keep to their normal operating hours. The Intergroup Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, and on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30. Archives Committee Liaison: Still has no replacement for District 8 archives - if there is anyone interested attend the District 8 business meeting and make your desire known. Website Committee: Web stats for the month of October: Unique total visits 6,977; First Time Visits 5,615; Returning Visits 1,362. Institutions Committee: Committee currently brings 99 meetings a week to 42 facilities - with one new one in the past month. The Big Book Ball will be held December 31 at the Borland Center on PGA Blvd in Palm Beach Gardens from 7pm to midnight. Tickets cost \$20 and include a light dinner, great dancing and New Year's fun! New Business: Discussion concerning request from Triangle Club to increase the Christmas Alcathon meeting rent from \$15 to \$20 per meeting. History of the request and discussion ensued. The sense of the body was to allow the increase so the Office Manager will be providing them with the additional money. For a detailed report, contact the Intergroup office.

Gratitude Dinner: Ginny D. (chair) West Boynton Beach Group. Ginny thanked all supporters of the event. Sponsoring the event was a great service opportunity for their home group and really helped them come together, especially new comers. Ginny expressed her gratitude to the Intergroup and their service towards the event, with a special thanks to John S (chair). 400 seats were filled the night of the event, including 12 tickets donated to those who otherwise would not have been able to attend. Ticket price was decreased to \$26 the week of the event to sell off remaining tickets; the price was in honor of the 26th Anniversary of the event. After ticket sales, 50/50, and raffle baskets, the net revenue of the event was \$2,805.

Alcathon 2014: Billy (Delray Central House) highlighted a few items for the upcoming events. There are signup sheets for 3 hour monitoring shifts, see cork board for more information. All groups hosting a meeting can reference the white board by the podium for additional instructions. Delray Central House thanks all those of service during the events and looks forward to hosting.

AAWS Book Price Increase: AAWS has not increased the cost of books since 2008, as discussed Intergroup sent out three options of pricing to all reps to be voted on; the price increase will take effect January 2015. Scott P made a motion to implement option 2, for a 32% mark up (current policy), motion was seconded and vote taken. Minority opinion given by both Carolyn and Brett. Vote was retaken, motion passed.

Intergroup Email Communication: With the growing number of group reps, Jeannie will be sending out a "test email" on Monday, December 22, 2014, to all email addresses currently on file. If you do not receive an email and are a listed group rep please contact the Intergroup office to verify your information.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted, Sarah B.

## February Service Meetings

### **February 21**

SPBC Intergroup H&I Committee Meeting  
Saturday, 2:00 PM - SPBCI Office

### **February 8**

District 8 General Service Business Meeting - Triangle Club  
4:00 PM: GSR/DCM SHARING  
4:40 PM DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING

### **February 21**

SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting  
Saturday, 9:00 AM - SPBCI Office

### **February 25**

SPBC Intergroup Monthly Business Meeting  
Wednesday, 7:00 PM - Delray Central House

## **AA EVENTS**

April 10-12

Area 15 GSO Assembly  
Boca Town Center Marriott  
[www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org)

July 2-5, 2015

2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Atlanta [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

## **OTHER EVENTS**

The Other Events listed below are presented solely as a service to SCAAN readers, not as an endorsement by SPBCI.

August 12-16

59th Florida State Convention  
Orlando  
[www.59.flstateconvention.com](http://www.59.flstateconvention.com)

September 3-6

57th ICYPAA  
Miami  
[www.icypaa.org](http://www.icypaa.org)

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

## **STEERING COMMITTEE**

Chair - John S. Vice Chair - Cheryl S.  
Treasurer - Elizabeth B. Secretary - Sarah B.  
Office Manager - Jeannie G.

## **COMMITTEES**

Archives ..... Michele T.  
Archivist ..... Michael G.  
Bridge the Gap - Men ..... Dave F.  
Bridge the Gap - Women ..... Bari W.  
General Services Liaison ..... Molly B.  
Group Information ..... Elliot R.  
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Telephone Relay ..... Joe M.  
Twelve Step Committee - Men ..... Scott K.  
Twelve Step Committee - Women ..... Ginger A.  
Webmaster ..... David R.  
Where & When ..... Kaely L.  
Where & When ..... Danny L.

## **SPBC INTERGROUP EVENT CHAIRS**

Anniversary Picnic - April 2015 ..... OPEN  
Serenity Scramble - October 2015 ..... OPEN  
Gratitude Dinner - November 2015 ..... OPEN