

BIG BOOK DISCUSSION: A BIT ABOUT STEP 3

By MSP

In the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" (AA's Big Book), the 12 Steps are directly listed in Chapter 5, appropriately entitled "How It Works."

The 3rd Step of Alcoholics Anonymous: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

In the book, after some discussion of the principles behind Steps 1 & 2, the idea of not living our lives based on self-will, but rather turning ourselves over to God (as you understand God) is explored. The 3rd Step Prayer is written out. It is just one suggested prayer expressing this idea, not a mandatory by-rrote, Pass/Fail requirement as a way to commit to this concept. In fact, in its usual even-handed and open-minded fashion, the Big Book states that the words of this prayer are "... of course, quite optional so long as we expressed the idea, voicing it without reservation." Say it however you like, in whatever way works for you. Say it as a prayer, perform it as a rap, do it like Dr. Seuss might put it. ("One fish two fish red fish blue fish. God's will my will I will Your will.") The point is to have an open heart and a sincere (or as sincere as possible) willingness to try.

A little farther along we get to this: "Next we launched out on a course of vigorous action..." meaning there was something we had to DO. In fact, the real crux of this point is just a few lines on. This: "Though our decision [meaning, of course, our decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God — *that* decision] was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort..." and it goes on to describe the 4th Step, the principles underlying it and ultimately how to do it.

So, what this means to me, is this:

The decision to turn my will and my life over to the care of God as I understand God is just that, a decision. A commitment — and the 3rd Step Prayer is my pledge to do so. But just as a decision to go to the airport does not magically and instantly transport you to the airport — you actually have to get in your car and drive to the airport — so, too, this decision, though "vital and crucial" — is just another, self-indulgent, melodramatic performance art piece in (if you're an alcoholic like me) a life filled with such moments — often well

intended and just as often as easily burned away as dew in the summertime — **unless followed by tangible action.** And when getting sober, the primary way to execute this pledge-to-action is by doing all the rest of the 12 Steps. (And thus a spiritual experience is created, which is the key component to staying sober).

Once I've gone through the 12 Steps, I still find that I return to the idea of "turning it over," that is, of turning myself or a situation over to God. But again, that decision will require action to make it stick.

God — if there is one, and today I have to vote yes — will certainly forgive and love me through making another promise and then falling down on the action part — or rather, turning a sincere promise into a meaningless one by not doing anything after I make it.

Nothing changes if nothing changes. It's not like the movies (though I sure wish it were). There's no dramatic swell of music, an uplifting montage and then a whole new deal. Sometimes it is myriad small actions which accrue over time that lead to substantive change. My prayer keeps me stable and gives me both focus as to what I'm supposed to be doing and faith that I am in the right place, doing the right thing — and reminds me that a benevolent universe has my best interest (not my *comfort*, but my best interest) at heart.

As always though, it is the footwork I do which is the catalyst to change, far more than the performance art prayer moment which satisfies me emotionally and can, in fact, be a form of procrastination — if you wait for God to do the dishes you going to have one dirty sink.

The prayer IS beautiful, and as the Big Book mentions, very often a real and tangible change can be felt inside. But when they say "faith without works is dead" they are right.

Finally, the 3rd Step prayer — whether we're getting sober, or in sobriety giving another situation to God — is also my pledge to align myself with whatever results I may get as the outcome. You do the footwork, you accept the result as God's Will — which of course might be anything from "keep trying" to "hang on, because here's a gigantic Yes!" or it may even be, "Sorry, but hell no." My growth is in the seeking, in the process, anyway.

THE STEPS & THE TRADITIONS

STEP 3 - Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

TRADITION 3 - "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking."

CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE SERVICE (C.C.S.)

Please note GSO offers the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) for individuals incarcerated for at least six or more months who are interested in writing to an outside A.A. member to share experience as it relates to problems with alcohol. This is a random match with men writing to men and women writing to women. **GSO is looking for male volunteers** to receive and respond to inmate letters; the pool of outside female writers is currently full, but there is a sizable waiting list of male inmates who are seeking an outside correspondent. Interested participants can read more about this vital service: www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-26correctorcorrespondence.pdf.

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

corrections@aa.org

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP PICNIC CELEBRATING OUR 31st ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

JOHN PRINCE PARK - CENTER DRIVE PAVILLION

LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA

PICNIC TICKETS \$10.00

KIDS UNDER 12 FREE



*COME JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT FOR FOOD,
FUN, GAMES AND LOTS OF SMILES!*

**50/50 RAFFLE
FACE PAINTING
GAMES**

**BOUNCE HOUSE
VOLLEYBALL
LIVE MUSIC**

**CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED
Picnic Tickets available at SPBCI Office - 561-276-4581**

PICNIC DIRECTIONS

From I-95: Take exit 61 for Lantana Rd 0.4 mi, turn left onto Palm Beach 812/Lantana Rd. 1.5 mi, turn right onto S Congress Ave 1.2 mi, turn right onto Prince Dr 0.3 mi, follow signs to Center Drive Pavilion

2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2015 International Convention is still "open" and not sold out! The Convention Center in Atlanta has ample space to welcome all registered attendees and there is plenty of seating in the stadium to seat everyone. Hotel rooms in our housing inventory are still available in Atlanta.

For the latest information on our 2015 International Convention please consult the Convention FAQ on www.aa.org

South Palm Beach County Intergroup - Profit & Loss - January 2015

	Jan 15	YTD 2015		Jan 15	YTD 2015
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Interest Income	0.00	0.00			
Cash Discounts	0.00	0.00			
Contribution-Non Group					
Anonymous	48.00	48.00			
Birthday Club	91.00	91.00			
Faithful Fivers	0.00	0.00			
Contribution-Non Group - Other	0.00	0.00			
Total Contribution-Non Group	139.00	139.00			
Contribution Income	3,562.12	3,562.12			
Fund Raising Income					
2014 Alcathon Income	1,006.85	1,006.85			
2015 Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00			
2015 Picnic/Raffle	0.00	0.00			
2015 Serenity Scramble	0.00	0.00			
Total Fund Raising Income	1,006.85	1,006.85			
Sales					
AAWS Books	4,103.00	4,103.00			
AAWS Other	24.25	24.25			
AAWS Pamphlets	270.82	270.82			
Chips	552.25	552.25			
Demdaco Gift Items	267.76	267.76			
Gift Items	426.00	426.00			
Grapevine Books	248.00	248.00			
Grapevine Other Material	20.00	20.00			
Hazelden Books	334.50	334.50			
Hazelden Other	0.00	0.00			
Medallions	1,585.50	1,585.50			
Sale of Books	56.50	56.50			
Where & When	441.00	441.00			
Total Sales	8,329.58	8,329.58			
Total Income	13,037.55	13,037.55			
Cost of Goods Sold	5,036.46	5,036.46			
Gross Profit	8,001.09	8,001.09			
Expense					
Advertising	0.00	0.00			
Annual Report Fee	0.00	0.00			
Bank Service Charges	15.00	15.00			
Contributions	0.00	0.00			
Fees Credit Cards	391.40	391.40			
Fund Raising Expenses					
2015 Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00			
2015 Picnic Expenses	0.00	0.00			
2015 Serenity Scramble	0.00	0.00			
Total Fund Raising Expenses	0.00	0.00			
			Insurance	303.24	303.24
			Inventory Adjusment	0.00	0.00
			Quarterlies / Mileage Reimb	586.61	586.61
			Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00
			Payroll Expenses	4,244.23	4,244.23
			Postage and Delivery	98.00	98.00
			Printing and Reproduction		
			SCAAN	191.00	191.00
			Printing and Reproduction - Other	0.00	0.00
			Total Printing and Reproduction	191.00	191.00
			Professional Fees		
			Accounting	0.00	0.00
			Computer Technology	0.00	0.00
			Total Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
			Program & Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00
			Rent	1,318.16	1,318.16
			Repairs		
			Building Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00
			Total Repairs	0.00	0.00
			Storage	65.00	65.00
			Supplies	416.00	416.00
			Telephone	367.09	367.09
			Utilities		
			Electric	177.48	177.48
			Total Utilities	177.48	177.48
			Total Expense	8,173.21	8,173.21
			Net Income	(172.12)	(172.12)

<u>Intergroup Activity Log</u>	<u>Jan 15</u>
12th Step Calls	1
First Call to AA	2
Meeting Inquiries	97
Business Inquiries	73
Walk-Ins	265
QB Sales Receipts	298

Operating Acct	\$17,597.39	Accounts Receival	\$150.00	Fixed Assets	2,188.71
Prudent Reserve Act	\$28,000.00	Inventory Asset	32,610.12	Other Asset/Rent Dep	2,769.38
Petty Cash	\$150.00	Other Current Ass	1,115.17	TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	4,958.09
TOTAL CASH	\$45,747.39	TOTAL NONCASH ASSETS	79,622.68	TOTAL ASSETS	\$84,580.77

Office Volunteers

Joe, Nancy, Charlie, Randy, Adam, Linette, George, Caryl, Samantha, Stan, Dennis, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter, Miles, Erika, Cindy, Ronnie, Peggy, Meredith, Marianne and Linda.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS: JANUARY 2015 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2015

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GROUP NAME(S)	Jan 2015	YTD 2015	GROUP NAME(S)	Jan 2015	YTD 2015	YTD 2015
1-2-3 Step, Boca	0.00	0.00	KISS Boynton Beach	200.00	200.00	0.00
11th Step Group, Lake Worth	0.00	0.00	Lake Worth Tues Nite BBSS	0.00	0.00	0.00
12 O'Clock High, W Boca	250.00	250.00	Lake Worth Young People's	0.00	0.00	0.00
AA History Group	0.00	0.00	Language Of The Heart, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acceptance is the Answer, Delray	87.00	87.00	Lantana Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
All Aboard	0.00	0.00	Let's Do Lunch, Boca	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beach Burns	320.00	320.00	Living Sober Women, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Book Adventure, Boca	0.00	0.00	Lunch Bunch, Boca	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Boys, Boca	0.00	0.00	Men's Tuesday Solution, Boca	0.00	0.00	50.00
Boca Boys, West Boca	0.00	0.00	Men On Track, Boca	32.00	32.00	0.00
Boca Men's Recovery	0.00	0.00	Men With Solutions, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boca Men's, Boca	0.00	0.00	Midday Miracles, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boca Women's Group	0.00	0.00	Morning Medicine, Boca	100.00	100.00	0.00
Boynton Beach Beginners	0.00	0.00	New Beginnings, Wayside	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boynton Beach Group, Boynton	0.00	0.00	New Life Group	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boynton Beach Men's	0.00	0.00	New Life II	100.00	100.00	0.00
Boynton Boat Ramp Group	0.00	0.00	No Matter What Group	100.00	100.00	0.00
Cardinal Lane, Lantana	0.00	0.00	North Boca Steps & Traditions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheer Up @1013	70.47	70.47	North Delray Steps & Traditions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Daily Grace	50.00	50.00	One Day At A Time, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delray 11th Step Meditation Grp	0.00	0.00	One Page at a Time, Delray Beach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depression and the Alcoholic	0.00	0.00	Open Your Heart, Delray	100.00	100.00	137.57
Derailroaded Group	0.00	0.00	Page 83	0.00	0.00	0.00
Divas at 830 AM	0.00	0.00	People With Time	0.00	0.00	0.00
Double Dig It Gang, Delray	0.00	0.00	Primary Purpose, Boca Pines	0.00	0.00	77.64
Downtown Delray Group	0.00	0.00	Principles and Promises	50.00	50.00	0.00
Downtown, Boynton	0.00	0.00	Principles in Practice	0.00	0.00	0.00
East Delray Men's Group	216.00	216.00	Promises, Lambda North	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Women's Group	75.00	75.00	Road To Recovery, Boca	0.00	0.00	0.00
Experience, Strength & Hope, BB	68.00	68.00	Romance & Finance, W Boca	175.00	175.00	0.00
Eye Opener's, Lake Worth	0.00	0.00	Safe Harbor, Boynton	0.00	0.00	0.00
Five Time Losers Delray	0.00	0.00	Safe Haven	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fri Night Special/Sat.Live Post	0.00	0.00	Saturday Night Live @ Five, Boca	49.50	49.50	0.00
From Steerage	0.00	0.00	Second Chance Women, Delray	242.07	242.07	0.00
Inside Out Group	0.00	0.00	Seniors in Sobriety, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergroup Meeting	58.00	58.00	Serenity Hour, Delray	0.00	0.00	0.00
Journey to Freedom, Boca	0.00	0.00	Serenity on the Beach, Lantana	0.00	0.00	0.00
Just Before Dawn	250.00	250.00	Sober Sisters Boca	36.06	36.06	0.00
Just For Now, Boca	54.31	54.31	Sober Sisters, Lake Worth	0.00	0.00	0.00
Keep It Simple	0.00	0.00	Sober Sunset Group, Boca Pines	150.00	150.00	0.00
			Total Group Contributions	3,562.12	3,562.12	3,562.12

AA HOTLINE – RELAY PHONE

The Hand of AA is Available 24 Hours a Day!

March - Inner Voice Candle Light

April - Tradition Three Big Book Study

May - Sobriety For Breakfast

June - Boynton Boat Ramp Big Book Study

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Mike C. - February 1980 - 35 years

Men With Solutions

Andrea. - 01/11/11 - 4 years

Principles 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

12 Step Lunch Bunch

Within Book Boutique Cafe, 5865 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth
Wednesday, 12 Noon - OD - New Meeting

Hope Starts Here

Within Books Boutique Cafe, 5865 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth
Monday, 5:30 PM - OB - New Meeting

Women In Sobriety

Within Books Boutique Cafe, 5865 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth
Thursday, 10:30 AM - OSD - New Meeting

Sober Mornings

Within Books Boutique Cafe, 5865 S. Congress Ave., Lake Worth
Mon.-Fri., 7:00 AM - Format Varies - New Meeting

Men With Solutions

Crossroads Club, Delray Beach
Saturday, 8:00 AM - CM - New Meeting

Thank God I'm Sober

Beachcomber, 115 West Woolbright Road, Boynton Beach
Friday, 7:00 PM - OSD - New Meeting

Boca Big Book Step Study Group

Science of Mind Church, Boca Raton
Saturday, 10:30 AM - OBT - Permanently Cancelled

Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2015

Chairperson: John S. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. John called for approval of last month's minutes. Bari W. made a motion to approve the December 17, 2014 minutes, Peggy D. second, motion passed. New group reps were welcomed.

New Group Reps: Boca Mens: Jordan S.; Boynton Beach Beginners (Alt): Randy A.; Downtown Boynton Group: Curt E.; East Delray Mens: Greg S.; Journey to Freedom: Dave L.; Promises: Kanon W.; Mens Romance & Finance: Jay P.; Saturday Morning Beginners: Hillari H.; Serenity on the Beach: Linette K.; Sobriety in the Wind: Zoe G.; The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen: Trevor H.; Welcome Home in Delray: Jody K.
Vice Chair: Cheryl S. No report.

Treasurer: Elizabeth B. According to the 7th tradition baskets were passed. The Intergroup is doing well. A net expense of \$449 for the month of December and a year-to-date net of \$12,905 compared to 2013 was \$9,312. A detailed report can be found in the SCAAN.

Secretary: Sarah B. A reminder to all Intergroup reps, alternates and committee chairs to please sign in prior to the monthly business meeting and confirm all contact information is accurate.

Office Manager: Jeannie G. Jeannie thanked the SPBCI office volunteers & all Intergroup reps. Also, a big thanks to the 36 groups who shared their experience, strength and hope at the Holiday Alcahons sponsored by SPBCI and held at Delray Central House. AAWS "new price list" effective January 1, 2015 has been e-mailed to Intergroup Reps and is available at the SPBCI office. The upcoming AREA 15 GSO Assembly is being hosted by District 8 and will be held in Boca Raton at the Boca Town Center Marriott April 10-12, 2015. All are welcome to attend.

Committee Reports:

Archivist: Michael G. No report. Excused absence.

Archives: Michele T. No report. Excused absence.

Bridge the Gap: Bari W. (women): This month one woman reached out to bridge the gap and was connected to a woman in AA. Bari asks all who work at treatment facilities to please spread the awareness of this program so it can be more utilized. Dave F. (men): No report.

General Service Liaison: Molly B. These are the highlights from the District 8 meeting on January 18th 2015. Chairperson Kevin D. gave opening remarks and spoke about the quarterly that was held in Sarasota and said it went well. Announced that our next quarterly will take place in Boca Raton at the Marriott April 10th through the 12th. Treasurer Bob C. gave his report that District 8 is starting off the year with \$10,481.25 in checking and \$3,000 in savings.

Elections for district 8, panel 65 — January 1st 2015 through December 31 2016. Archives position remains open. Current practices - Cheryl L. Grapevine position remains open. DCM Sub 7- Ashley O. Unfinished business - continuation of the elections. New business- Motion 1 : for all future proposed budgets submitted by district 8 to include justifications for each line item in the proposed budget. That motion failed with substantial unanimity. Area Motions: Motion A: That withdrawn motions be recorded in the area 15 minutes and the book of motions. Submitted by panel 63, current practices committee. FAILED. Motion B: To permanently change the area 15 remote communities committee meeting start time on the area 15 quarterly meeting agenda from Saturday 8am to 9am, to the new meeting time to 9am to 10:50am. This time frame falls in line with all other standing committees and allows for sufficient time to conduct committee business. Submitted by area 15 remote communities committee. PASSED. Motion C: That area 15 submit a request for a conference agenda item as follows ; that the General service office create a brief informative video on the subject of "anonymity online". Aimed at the fellowship the video would state in simple terms the responsibilities of AA members in regard to protecting your anonymity online, especially when using social media. Submitted by district 8 chair. Postponed until July area business meeting.

Group Information: Elliott R. No calls this month. Elliott announced he will be stepping down at the Group Information chair, he will be available during the interim until a new chair is elected.

Hospitals and Institutions: Kitty B. and Emily L. Emily L gave the report. Currently we have 47 meetings per week in 19 facilities. There have been quite a few changes since last month's report as people are finishing their one year minimum commitments. Fortunately, due to help from Jeannie at the Intergroup, as well as getting the word out at meetings throughout the county, we have quite a few interested people to fill their shoes. We did not have a regularly scheduled meeting for H & I this month, as people continue to not show up on Saturday afternoon. Kitty and I have been thinking of changing the day and time of the meeting to make it more convenient for our chair people. We still have many opening positions, and could use help from anyone who has over a year of sobriety and understands that chair commitments are for one year at a minimum unless two people sign up for one meeting and alternate each week.

Again, anyone interested in a commitment should contact either myself, Kitty B, or the South Palm Beach County Intergroup office.

Public Information: Stuart M. Stuart thanked Cheryl S for all her help with the position. The Boca Raton library now has a 12&12 available to use. The Police Department was not able to put out pamphlets. Cheryl spoke with the Boca Raton Community Center about holding a forum with a Q&A about AA, and gave them pamphlets to display.

Information pamphlets were also put in the Boca Raton City Hall and the Boca Raton JCC. The Vice Principle of the Boca Raton High School was given information prior to the holidays and was sent a follow up letter. The District 8 PI/PCP chair is working on a program called "Adopt A Doctor" where volunteers go out to medical offices and request that pamphlets be displayed or given to patients. Our committee expressed interest in helping and plans to meet with the District 8 committee in the near future. Additional ideas and plans include the Medical Health & Wellness Fair at the Boynton Beach Mall this February, as well as reaching out to churches and synagogues in the community.

SCAAN: Maryann & John T. Excused absence. Jeannie G. gave report. Articles are always welcome. Please email to the Intergroup office by the 15th of the month.

Telephone Relay: Joe M. Joe was running late, report given by Sarah B. The telephone relay currently has groups signed up through July of 2015. The window to sign up as a group to take the phone is infinite, so if any groups are interest place contact me. I make myself available to attend groups business meetings, to explain the phone relay system and the responsibilities of the group. Do not hesitate to contact me at jmalkek@recoinc-

sttue.com or my cell phone 502-758-5578. Relay phone was passed from the January group to the February group.

Where & When: Daniel L. - Unexcused absence; Kaely L. - Unexcused absence.
12th Step Committee: Ginger G. (women): No report. Scott K. (men): No Report
Liaison to North County Intergroup: Gary K. Excused absence. Cheryl S. gave report.
NPBC Intergroup met on January 14, 2015. 46 People were in attendance including 6 new reps and 4 alternates. Chairman: The Alcathons were well attended and the feedback that I received was extremely positive. Now that the holidays are past, the next event will be the Old Timer's Event. Alt Chairman: No Report. Treasurer: The \$3,000 disbursement to AAWS that we approved several months ago has been delayed until January in order to allow the Treasurer adjust the prudent reserve. It will be done in the next few days. Overall Intergroup's finances are strong. All were thanked for the individual and group contributions. Revenue total: \$1582.02; expenses: \$925.58; surplus: \$656.44. This is a bit less than last year but that is due to the fact that supplies had to be replenished so more money was expended than last year for the Alcathons. Secretary: Thanked those who have turned in their reports. Suggested that all new reps and alt reps go to the Palm Beach County Intergroup website (aa-palmbeachcounty.org) and view the Home page, tab "About Intergroup" and read the by-laws - all of which are on the website. There is also a hard copy packet that contains much useful information on the role as an Intergroup Representative. Registrar: The minutes and agenda were e-mailed to the database upon receipt from the Chair, as per the By-Laws of PBC Intergroup. The database was updated after the last Intergroup Meeting. Office Manager: For the full year there were: 2,943 calls to the Office, 3,495 visitors and 2,557 emails. General Service District 8 (which is Palm Beach County) will host the next Quarterly April 10-12, 2015. The Intergroup Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, and on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30. Select Committee Reports: Archives Committee Liaison: All is well. 12 Step List: Still looking for new members for the 12 step volunteer list. Received some new volunteers and will be adding those to the phone list and sending those out. TODAY: This month, 650 copies of the TODAY were printed. If groups want their event included in the newsletter, they should contact the intergroup office. Birthday Club: All Birthday Club Medallions and Today subscriptions were sent out on time. Website Committee: Web stats for the month of December: Unique total visits 7,357; First Time Visits 5,982; Returning Visits 1,375. Institutions Committee: Currently brings 99 meetings a week to 42 facilities - with one new one in the past month. Great response to the on-going need for new volunteers this month with 21 new volunteers! The Big Book Ball held on New Year's Eve was, by most reports, a big success. Final results are still pending but in excess of \$8000 was raised which will allow the Committee to purchase and distribute over 1000 Big Books to institutionalized alcoholics. Old Business: No one stood for Bridging the Gap Chairperson. Linda R. was elected Group Contact Chairperson. Anita L. was elected Birthday Club Chairperson. New Business: None. For a detailed report, contact the Intergroup office.

Old Business:

Website: AA member, Stephanie, attended the Steering committee meeting with her ideas and suggestions about how to get the website up to date as well as easily able to view on a mobile device. Stephanie will bring her proposed changes to the February Steering committee meeting.

AAWS Book Price: Increase in book sale price took effect January 1, 2015.

Alcathon 2014: The Alcathons were a great success and provided a great time for meetings and fellowship. Intergroup received a check from Delray Central House in the amount of \$1006.85.

New Business:

End of Year Inventory: The inventory was completed and entered into Quickbooks, there was a loss of \$1,200 which is roughly 1% of total annual sales. In following the principle of "progress not perfection" volunteers will now take a quarterly inventory of Big Books, with an end of year inventory of the entire office.

2015 Intergroup Annual Picnic: The event will be held at John Prince Park on April 26th, 2015. Joe M. is willing to stand as the chair for the event; he will be in attendance next month.

2015 Gratitude Dinner: The event is tentatively planned to be held at the Embassy Suites in Boca Raton on November 21, 2015, an alternate venue is always welcome. Hillari H. of the Boynton Beach Beginners meeting stood to chair the event. Intergroup's financial commitment-to have the event is nearly \$16K with a guarantee of 400 guests. If all the tickets are not sold, there is a possibility that Intergroup could suffer a financial loss and wants the AA community to be aware of this and take a vote if they want to continue to hold the event. Reps were asked to bring this information back to their homegroups. Vote will be held in February.

Group Information: Position open. Notify home groups of open chair position.

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

March Service Meetings

March 21

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

March 8

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

4:40 PM DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING

March 21

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

March 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

July 2-5, 2015

2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous
Atlanta www.aa.org

July 24-26

Area 15 GSO Assembly
Sanibel Island - Harbour Marriott www.area15aa.org

October 2-4

Area 15 GSO Assembly
Ft. Lauderdale - Marriott www.area15aa.org

OTHER EVENTS

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

March 21- 7:00 PM

Delray Central House Group - Annual Talent Show - All are welcome!

March 28 - 5:30 PM

The Annual Oldtimers Speakers Meeting
Holy Spirit Catholic Church - Lantana www.aa-palmbeachcounty.org

May 1-3 - The Woodstock of AA - 25th Spring Conference

Orlando gyeldell@cfl.rr.com

August 12-16

59th Florida State Convention
Orlando www.59.flstateconvention.com

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Anniversary Picnic - April 26, 2015 OPEN
Serenity Scramble - October 2015 OPEN
Gratitude Dinner - November 2015 OPEN