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Self-Support: *Where Money and Spirituality Mix.....*

Some Questions & Answers About A.A.'s finances (from A.A.W.S. Pamphlet F-3)

Q. What is a "prudent reserve"?

A. Any suggested prudent reserve for a group should be dependent on local needs. A suggested prudent reserve for central offices, intergroups, and area committees could be one to twelve months' operating expenses, depending on local needs.

Q. Does the General Service Office have a "prudentreserve"?

A. In 1954 A.A.'s Board of Trustees established a reserve fund whose principal purpose is to provide the financial resources necessary to continue the essential services of G.S.O. and the Grapevine for up to a year in the event of an unexpected and substantial reduction in the normal revenues of the organization.

Q. Is there a limit on how much an individual can donate to G.S.O.?

A. Yes. That limit is \$2000 a year.

Q. Can people leave money to A.A. in their wills?

A. Bequests in wills are acceptable only from A.A. members on a one-time basis, and not in perpetuity. The limit is \$2000.

Q. Can a group have too much money?

STEP 7
HUMBLY ASKED HIM
TO REMOVE OUR
SHORTCOMINGS

TRADITION 7
EVERY A.A.
GROUP OUGHT TO
BE FULLY SELF-
SUPPORTING,
DECLINING OUTSIDE
CONTRIBUTIONS

A. As stated in the long form of Tradition Seven, "We view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money and authority."

Q. Who manages your group contributions?

A. Intergroup or central office funds are generally administered by steering committees composed of representatives of the groups they serve.

Q. Are there other kinds of contributions?

A. *Special contributions:* Funds realized from conventions,

conferences, dinners, area get-togethers, etc. (No limitations on these contributions.)

Q. Do all groups contribute to A.A.'s Service entities?

A. No. Contributions are strictly voluntary and some groups simply cannot afford additional contributions after covering their basic needs. Additionally, there are groups who, for whatever reasons, choose not to be a part of the self-support network. These groups, nevertheless, will receive basic services from the district, area, and intergroup if they wish, and are welcome to register with G.S.O., where they will receive the same basic services as other groups.

Q. My group doesn't have a lot of money. Is it better not to send anything at all until we can afford to make a sizeable donation?

A. In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. Bill W. spoke about our "collective obligation" to support A.A. services, and if everyone waited until they had a "sizeable" amount, it's more than likely that A.A.'s bills would go unpaid.

Q. Doesn't all A.A. money go into one pot? In other words, when our group contributes to Intergroup, isn't our money distributed to the area, district and G.S.O., as well?

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS	
July 13-15	Way of Life Conference – Crowne Plaza Hotel in West Palm Beach #561-689-6400. Circuit Speakers, Workshops, Beach Meetings, Fun in the Sun! Information@wayoflifeconference.com
July 14	Acts of Recovery - St. Gregory's Church, 100 NE Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton - 12 Noon to 5 PM ~ 4 Speaker Mini-Conference' Light Lunch - All are Welcome! Tim H., Boston- Wisdom of the Ages; Read M., Towson, MD-Giving Freely; Tom R., Boca Raton-Spiritual Mode of Living; Sammie G., Powhatan, VA-Sponsorship.
July 21	BOWLING FOR BIG BOOKS sponsored by the South Palm Beach County Intergroup Hospitals and Institutions Committee to raise money for Big Books to be distributed by our H&I Committee. For further information, contact Intergroup.
Aug 8-12	51st Florida State Convention ~ ...and great events will come to pass ~ Caribe Royale All-Suites Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, FL. 800-823-8300 or www.CaribeRoyale.com . Register: www.flstateconvention.com .
July 13-15	Area 15 General Service Quarterly , Ft. Lauderdale
Aug 16 - 19	63rd SouthEastern Conference ~ Biloxi, Mississippi. "Our 12 th Step Responsibility ~ Are We Going To Any Length?" Imperial Palace Hotel ~ 1-888-946-2847 or www.jpbiloxi.com . (Must use code V491 to receive special rates) Conference registration forms available at Intergroup office.
Aug 24-26	20th Annual Sunset Round Up in Key West. Info at: www.sunsetroundup.com
Sept 14-16	Serenity Weekend Women's Fall Conference 2007 , Cocoa Beach. Cocoa Beach Oceanfront Resort, 1-800-206-2747~ \$84/nite. Registration \$30 ~ Info: Call Ann P. 407-876-4430
Sept 21 - 23	Big Book Weekend – Hyatt Hotel, Sarasota, FL. Registration \$20. The Big Book Comes Alive with Marco & Roger Register Early, space is limited: Big Book Weekend, PO Box 17712, Sarasota, FL 34276. otel: 800-233-1234/1000 Blvd. Of the Arts, Sarasota - \$119/night

MEETING CHANGES	
<u>New Meetings:</u>	
West Boynton Beach Group has added a Closed Men's meetings on Sunday @7:30 PM	
North Delray Step & Traditions has added a Closed Discussion meeting on Tues @ 7PM	
<u>New Groups:</u>	
8:30AM Divas – Open Women's Discussion – Crossroads Club, Thurs. 8:30 A.M.	
West Boca Jaywalkers – Open Big Book Study – Olympic Heights High School, Tues. 7:30 PM	
Just a reminder: Happy Hour Group has moved to the Lions Club in Boca – Fridays at 5:30PM	

May 30, 2007

Office Mgr Report:

I would like to acknowledge our gratitude to Ron S. for his many years of service and employment with our Intergroup Office, and my personal gratitude for his friendship and guidance. When I was newly hired, he was my advisor and then he became my friend. Ron always has a story to tell...no matter how long I've know him, or how many situations arise, he always has a story to share that relates to that situation! I've used his suggestions, I've shared his wisdom, and I've borrowed his stories to share with others. Thank you Ron.

Intergroup office has some new volunteers this month, we've lost a couple, and Arlene is back from NY and working Wed am. My regular volunteers who have standing commitments this month are:

Mon AM	Rich W.	Mon PM	Justin
Tues AM	Josh	Tues PM	Tony (Lunch) & Sheryl PM
Wed AM	Arlene	Wed PM	Cindy B
Thurs AM	Josh	Thurs PM	Roberta S.
Fri Am		Fri PM	Justin

Volunteer Hours vary from 2 to 5 hrs each day. (If any volunteers are present tonight, please stand .)

Sandy K. has been volunteering for Intergroup off and on for the past year, and has agreed to become our Saturday employee now that Ron has retired. She has been my special friend for almost 2 yrs, and I am thrilled to have her as part of our team.

Our Office Activities during the month of April were:

Meeting Inquiries	302
Business Calls	108
Visitors	195
Sales	179
12 th Step Calls	12
First Call to AA	38
Total Office Activity	834
After Hours Calls	380
Total April Activity	1,214

The Steering Committee has been busy searching for new office space, and as you have been told, we have found a location for our office. The All Aboard Group in Boca has offered to move us, and for that we are very grateful. There will be updates next month with wish list requests! I would love to have an area in our new office where members can come in and listen to our speaker tapes & CD's, or look at one of our DVD's about Dr. Bob's house, or Stepping Stones, or ??, and feel comfortable and welcome to do so.

I will be manning a Intergroup information table at the service fair June 10th at Triangle Club... so I would really appreciate your support, and then stay to hear our Delegate's report and have a free lunch too!

Respectfully submitted in love and service,
Pam T.

Intergroup Minutes – May 30, 2007

Chairperson: Al A. filled in for Diane S. who was away. He opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al also read Tradition 5. Welcome to new group reps: Aaron – Boca Study and Niki –To Thine Own Self Be True.

Vice Chair: Al A. reported that the Intergroup office is moving to Dumar Plaza located on the east side of U.S.1 south of Linton next to Pier 1 Imports. The office computer has been newly upgraded and a "new" used one was purchased as a back-up. The high cash balance from January through April is a reflection of the seed monies coming in for the Gratitude Dinner and the Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament, money saved for the new computers and also the \$5,000 to \$6,000 that flows through monthly because of literature sales. Intergroup may need to increase prudent reserve due to increase in expenses (i.e. the move). This will be reviewed for a few months first.

Treasurer: Justin B. reported to please make sure your group contributions are correct.

Office Manager: Pam T. See Report in SCAAN

Archives Committee: Dave F. No Report.

General Service: Donald N. reported that the next quarterly will be hosted by District 9 on July 13-15, 2007 at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott. District 8 is hosting October's Quarterly on October 5-7, 2007 and volunteers are needed. Please contact Donald at (561) 301-0761 for more info.

Group Information Committee: Chris C. No Report.

Intergroup Gratitude Dinner: Jay P. No Report.

Institutions Committee: Geoff K. reported that Saturday, July 21st @ 6:30 at Boca Bowl on Military Trail, the committee will hold a fundraiser, "Bowling for Big Books." Two meetings were added in treatment centers totaling 147 meetings per week. H&I holds a \$152 credit balance. Many thanks to Men on Track group and Big Book Step Study group for donating cases of big books.

New Years Eve Dinner/Dance: Michelle, Michael & David K. No Report.

Public Information: No Report.

SCAAN: Janet B. reported that the deadline is the second Friday of every month. Please email changes to scaaneditor@aol.com.

Serenity Scramble: Jack C. & Sandy T. No Report

Speaker Exchange: Kathy G. No Report.

Special Events: Nancey P. No Report.

Special Events (Movie Night): Tom R. *My Name is Bill* will be shown at Boca Community Hospital on Saturday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Telephone Relay: Tyler F. reported solemnly about Scott I.'s passing. His dedication to the committee and his upbeat persona will be missed by our Intergroup. Tyler also reported that the phone is covered through November.

Website: Drew M. No Report.

Where and When: Sean P. No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

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A. No. each A.A. entity – group, district, area, intergroup and G.S.O. – provides a specific service and is autonomous. Each is separate from the other.

Examples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities:

10% to District: General Service District #8
PO Box 13, West Palm Beach, FL 33402

10% to Area: Treasurer Area #15
c/o Kathy Gutierrez
8240 Linger Lodge Road
Bradenton, FL 34202-9082

30% to GSO: General Service Office,
Grand Central Station
PO Box 459, New York, NY 10163

50% to Intergroup: S. Palm Beach Cty Intergroup Assn.
75 NE 6th Avenue, Suite 208
Delray Beach, FL 33483

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections of Committee Chairs are held every year during the July Intergroup meeting.

The following are some of the services Intergroup provides: we maintain the Intergroup Office where you can buy literature, medallions and much more; answer phone calls 24/7; bring local information, meeting lists and monthly newsletters back to our groups; bring meetings into Hospitals & Institutions; provide information to the public; provide speakers for groups, supply current information from General and World Services; maintain a website and host special events.

If you have any questions regarding these service opportunities, please call the Intergroup Office at 276-4581.

We cannot do this alone, we need your help. If you are interested in helping with any of these committees or be a chairperson of a committee, please join us at our July 25 business meeting at 7:00 pm at Delray Central House.

**SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY MEETINGS
(ALL AA MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND)**

Intergroup Monthly Meeting
July 25 at 7:00 pm at Central House

Institutions Monthly Meeting
July 25 at 6:30 pm at Central House

District 8 Monthly Meeting
July 8 at Triangle Club, West Palm Beach
5:00 pm - GSR/DCM Sharing
5:45 pm - District 8 Business Meeting

General Service Quarterly
July 13-15, 2007, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

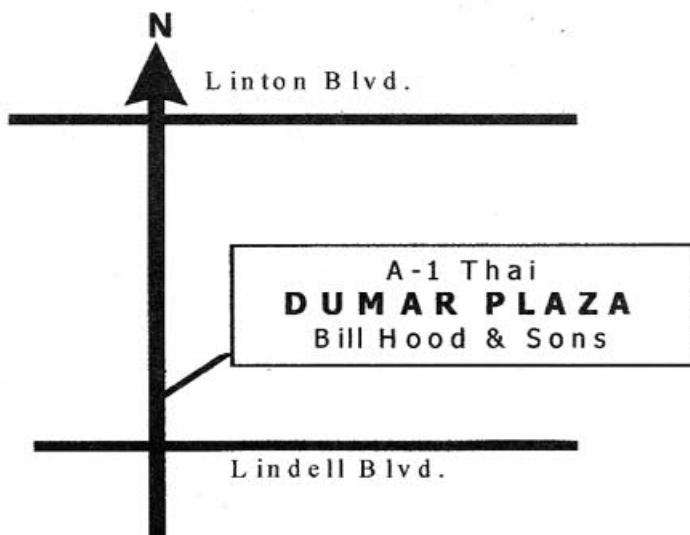
BIRTHDAY CLUB CONGRATULATIONS

AMELIA W.	1 YR	7/16/06	
JULIE Z.	1 YR	7/30/06	SECOND CHANCE WOMEN'S GROUP
REZA	1 YRS	06/27/06	ROAMING BIG BOOK
MIKE F.	2 YRS	6/10/05	SOS
ARLENE M.	6 YRS	7/21/01	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
DONALD N.	7 YRS	6/12/00	WE ARE NOT SAINTS
JOAN C.	15 YRS	6/21/92	NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP
DONN A.	25 YRS	6/5/82	BOCA MEN'S GROUP
CARL S.	29 YRS	6/18/78	SUNNY ISLES
JANET G.	30 YRS	7/6/77	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
ARLENE D.	33 YRS	7/29/74	HAPPY HOUR GROUP

INTERGROUP IS MOVING!

Effective Monday, July 30 our new address will be:
2905 S. Federal Hwy
Suite 15 & 16
Delray Beach, FL 33483

It's on Federal Hwy in Delray Beach, South of Linton Blvd.
on the east side of the street in Dumar Plaza, Bldg. C



intergroup officers & committees

chairpersondiane s
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 institutionsgeoff k
 public informationOPEN
 scaanjanet b
 speaker exchange.....kathy g
 special events nancey p
 telephone relay..... tyler f
 website.....drew m
 where & when..... sean p

intergroup dinner..... jay p
 new year's eve dinner/dance..... david k
 serenity golf scramble jack c, sandy t

join the birthday club

if you or your group is celebrating an a.a. anniversary and would like to be added to the list of celebrants, please mail the following information to the intergroup office with the suggested donation of \$1 for each year of sobriety. this money is used to carry the message to all alcoholics in south palm beach county.

name _____
 address _____
 home group _____
 sobriety date _____
 donation _____

south palm beach county intergroup
75 ne 6th ave, delray beach, fl 33483

Seventh Step Prayer

The Big Book suggests that "when ready, we say something like this":

"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen."