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SPONSORSHIP....."This is what I did"....

Long before there was a definition of A.A., before there was a book or Steps or Traditions or a program of recovery, there was a night in Akron, Ohio.....A night when a man named Bill W., alone in a strange city, shaken and frightened, concluded that his only hope of maintaining his present hard-won sobriety was to talk to and try to help another alcoholic.

So far as I know, that is the first recorded instance where one alcoholic **consciously and deliberately** turned to another alcoholic, not to drink with, but to stay sober with.

"If the blind lead the blind, shall they not both fall into the pit?"in 1935 was the answer, strangely enough, "No"? Perhaps one who was a little less blind, one who was at last able to discern vague shapes and forms, described what he saw to one who still lived in total darkness.

Much more important than **what** was said that evening was **who** was saying it. Long before

the average alcoholic walks through the doors of his first A.A. meeting, he has sought help from others or help has been offered to him, in some instances even forced upon him. But these helpers are always superior beings; spouses, parents, physicians, employers, priests, ministers, rabbis, swamis, judges, policemen, even bartenders. The moral superiority of the helper, even though unstated, are always clearly understood. The overtone of the parental disapproval and discipline in these authority figures is always present. For the first time, an alcoholic suddenly heard a different drummer. Instead of the constant and menacing rat-a-tat-tat of "This is what you should do," he heard an instantly recognizable voice saying, "**This is what I did.**"

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The Step & The Tradition

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.



Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Upcoming Events

- April 12 South Palm Beach County Intergroup H&I Committee meeting**
12 Noon at the Intergroup office. H&I Meeting Coordinators are asked to attend, or to email your meeting report to Intergroup office – southcountyaa@bellsouth.net
- April 12 SOBER IN THE 60'S**
Special Double Speaker Event sponsored by South Palm Beach County Intergroup featuring two speakers, Francis H. and Gerald G. – who found sobriety in the 60's. Location: Delray Central House Time: 2:00 to 4:00 PM Deserts welcome!
- April 13 District 8 General Service Meeting**
Triangle Club, West Palm Beach. CDM/ACM/GSR Sharing at 5pm. District Business meeting begins at 5:45pm.
- April 18-20 South Florida Area General Service Quarterly Meeting**
'A Vision For You' Hosted by District 3 in Tampa FL. Doubletree Plaza 1-800-222- TREE – Room Rate \$129 Banquet tickets: District 3 Funds, PO Box 2137, Auburndale, FL 33823. Special Needs: Carol P. email: specialneeds@area15aa.org
- April 30 South Palm Beach County Intergroup Business Meeting:**
Delray Central House at 7PM. All are welcome!
- May 23-25 22nd Annual Gathering of Eagles**
Memorial Day Week end. Doubletree Hotel Dallas - \$75/nite: #972-385-0000
Convention information registration: www.dallasgatheringofeagles.org
- June 7 Founders Day Meet & Greet**
6:00 PM., Dinner (\$5) at 7:00 PM and Double speaker meeting at 8:00 PM. Dessert contributions are welcome but not required. Location: Forest Hill High School (Forest Hill Blvd and I-95)
- Aug 13-17 52nd Florida State Convention**
Ft Lauderdale. www.52flstateconvention.com
- Aug 28-31 SERCYPAA** (South East Regional Convergence of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Convention in Nashville TN. Contact: Scott101501@yahoo.com or 615-405-2501.

Intergroup Officers & Committees

Chairperson.....	Diane S.
Vice Chair.....	Al A.
Treasurer.....	Sheryl S.
Secretary.....	Alex K.
Office Manager.....	Pam T.
Archives.....	Pam T.
Bridge the Gap.....	Nate S.
General Service Liaison.....	Liz S.
Group Information.....	Pat C.
Hospitals & Institutions.....	Jay M.
Public Information.....	Matt G.
SCAAN.....	Rick R. & York L.
Special Events.....	Lucas H.
Telephone Relay.....	Tyler F.
Website.....	Drew M.
Where & When.....	Janet B.

New Meetings

- AA Oldtimers**, Delray – Open/ Big Book meeting – Sunday 9am at Crossroads Club, Delray Beach
- AA Oldtimers**, Boynton Beach – Open/Big Book meeting - Thurs 7pm at St.Thomas Moore Church, 10935 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach
- Welcome Home in Delray** – Closed Literature Lead/Discussion - Thurs 7pm at St.Mary's Anglican Church, 101 Homewood Blvd. (Corner of Atlantic Ave and Homewood Blvd.)

Meeting Changes

- Lake Worth Big Book Step Study** – time changed to 7:30 pm (Tues)
- Boca Big Book Step Study** time changed to 7:00pm (Sat)
- Friendship Group**, West Boca – Room changed to #8107
- Boynton Beach Men's Group** – New location: Seventh Day Adventist Church, 138 SE 27th Ave, Boynton Beach.
- Boca Study Group**, Lions Club – Sat. @ 10:30 – Change to CLOSED.

Delray Central House meeting changes

8:30AM	Monday	Closed Big Book
8:30AM	Tuesday	Closed Step meeting
8:30AM	Wednesday	Closed Daily Reflections
8:30AM	Thursday	Closed As Bill Sees It
8:30AM	Friday	Closed Living Sober

Groups Requesting to be added to our W&W

11th Step Group, Lake Worth – Our Club, #9 North H Street

Mon – Sat: Noon – Open Discussion
Monday 6PM – Closed BB
Tuesday 6PM – Open Beginners
Saturday 6PM – Open Discussion

Intergroup Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Literature, Medallions, Chips, Meeting Lists, Etc.

South Palm Beach County General Service Liaison

The Intergroup Liaison to District 8 General Service serves as an information link between District 8 and South County Intergroup, reporting on the activities and events of the monthly District 8 Business meetings to South County Intergroup meetings. The District 8 meeting is attended by District officers, standing committee chairs and liaisons, District Committee Members (DCM's), Alternate Committee Members (ACM's), General Service Representatives (GSR's) and Alternate GSR's. GSR's are regarded as "guardians of the Traditions" who serve as links between District 8 and the group they represent, taking event information and motions back to groups to get a group conscience for voting purposes. DCM's/ACM's serve by sub-district and are service advisors for GSR's and groups.

The General Service District 8 meeting begins at the Triangle Club in West Palm Beach on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm, with DCM/ACM/GSR sharing facilitated by the DCM Coordinator. The focus alternates monthly between DCM/ACM issues and concerns and GSR questions. Some questions that have come up for GSR's during sharing: viability of using Tradition 7 collections to fund group social events; handling meeting attendees who solicit or whose behavior

regularly compromises group's primary purpose; group conscience as it relates to the Traditions, etc. If Quarterly meetings are approaching, the DCM may present the motions scheduled for the upcoming Area meeting to get a sense of how the body would represent its vote on behalf of District 8. Roughly half of the District 8 GSR and ¼ of the Alternate GSR positions are filled. That means that roughly half of the groups in District 8 have a vote at the Area level, provided the GSR attends the Area 15 Quarterly Business meeting. (In a historical decision at the January 2008 Quarterly Business meeting, GSR's were granted this right to vote.) Area 15 serves South Florida, the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Antigua and St. Maarten, and its Quarterly meetings are held in January, April, July and October.

The District 8 Business meeting begins at 5:45 pm, and is facilitated by the District Chair. District officers, standing committee chairs and liaisons give reports, motions are made and votes taken. The meeting typically adjourns around 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about District 8 General Service is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz S., current GS Liaison
for SPBC Intergroup

*God, grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference
(Niebuhr)*

Intergroup Minutes – February 27, 2008

Chairperson: Diane S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome New Group Rep's: Jason – Serenity Hour; Andrew – Lunch Bunch; Brandon – Young at Heart; Holly (Alt.) – One Day at a Time; Ashton – Boynton Beach Men's; Alan – AA Old Timer's; Catherine B. – Middy Miracles.

Vice Chair: Al A. No Report.

Treasurer: Sheryl S. reported that our January Group contributions were \$8,617 and sales were \$7,507; after cost of goods sold and office expenses, our net profit was \$3,681. Our unusually high contributions is partly due to groups who pay quarterly and after year end.

Office Manager: Pam T. See full report in SCAAN.

Archives Committee: Pam T. reported that Dick H. visited our new Intergroup office. He conducted some of the research in 1991 to sell literature at Intergroup.

General Service: Liz S. reported:

Founders Day will be held on Saturday, June 7 with a TBA location (volunteers needed).

Delegate's Report is on Sunday, June 22 at the Triangle Club (volunteers needed).

North County Intergroup is having its Old Timers Spaghetti Dinner on April 6 at the American Finnish Club and Pot Luck Dinner on May 18 at the Triangle Club.

Please contact Liz to view the GS District 8 budget and financials.

Institutions Committee and Special Needs chair positions continue to be vacant. Please see Liz for a description of qualifications and responsibilities.

Next Quarterly will be hosted by District 3 at the DoubleTree in Tampa, April 18-20

Group Information Committee: Pat C. No Report.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee: Jay M. reported having a credit balance of \$941 because of the Bowling for Big Books fundraiser. Big Books are being distributed to not-for-profit organizations, audio Big Books to some special needs citizens. Ken F. has been appointed to be vice-chair and Zach L. the coordinator for South County. 45 meetings per week are being held. In the spirit of rotation, it is suggested that if you have been leading a meeting for a year or more, please return the meeting to H&I to be passed on to other members of AA.

Bridge the Gap: Nate or August. August reported that they are visiting any establishments willing to accept AA information such as probation offices and are working with reps from WPB to get familiar with the area.

Public Information: Matt G. reported that Dr. Weiss from Watershed requested Public Info panel to discuss what AA does and does not do.

SCAAN: Tyler R. No Report.

Special Events: Lucas P.C. reported that "Sober in the Sixties" is to be rescheduled.

Telephone Relay: Tyler F. No Report.

Website: Drew M. No Report.

Where and When: Janet B. reported that the Where & When's have been updated. Please let Intergroup know about any new, cancelled or changed meetings.

Old Business: Group Information is to meet at the Intergroup office every 1st Saturday of the month.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.
In Love and Service, Alex K.

Office Manager Report – February 27, 2008

Our sales in January were another record HIGH! That's the third month in a row with record sales, and we are so grateful for your support. Along with the sales, comes Inventory control and a lot of counting and unpacking and stocking shelves.....So I want to thank the volunteers who come to the office and help me keep this up. Short-timers are great at this, and gives them an opportunity to serve at Intergroup.

You may notice in the SCAAN that our office continues to log high numbers of calls and visitors as well. This takes at least 2 people in the office – myself and a volunteer. I am constantly in need of additional volunteers due to turn-over, and several illnesses lately. If you do service at your Home Group, have a sponsor, are living in the steps of A.A., and want to help others – you qualify!

We had a treatment center visit our office yesterday. I presented "what AA is and what AA is not" right from our GSO letter by that name, and several of our pamphlets. Then came questions and coffee. This is the second group from a Treatment Center to come in, and has been a good opportunity to cooperate with our professional community.

The All Aboard Group is sponsoring a St Patrick's Day party on Monday

March 17th, from 4 to 6 pm at the Boca Raton Railroad station...they will be serving Beef and Cabbage until they run out! All are welcome. This same group has donated \$175 to Intergroup this month from their picnic proceeds. Delray Central House is hosting another Traditions Workshop on March 29th at 2pm. Speakers will discuss Traditions 1,2 and 3. I have a few 2008 Grapevine Calendars and Pocket Planners here for sale tonight...even if you don't need a planner, your sponsee probably does! Special thank you to our Relay Phone volunteers – the night and week-end calls have been really heavy this year. Respectfully submitted in love and service,
Pam T.

**Office Activity Log
February 2008**

Meeting Inquiries	350
Intergroup Business Calls	89
Visitors to Office	352
Sales	311
Other Requests	41
12 th Step calls (Daytime)	28
Relay Phone (Night/Wknds)	742
Total February Activity	1,886

Contribution Income	Feb 08
All Aboard, Boca	175.00
Anonymous	40.00
Boca Boyz, West Boca	23.00
Boynton Beach Beginners	50.00
Central House Delray	100.00
Divas at 830 AM	31.00
Downtown Delray Group	293.00
Downtown, Boynton	299.16
Happy Hour, Boca	100.00
Intergroup Meeting	48.37
Journey to Freedom, Boca	92.00
Lunch Bunch, Boca	250.00
Men's Boca Central, Boca	160.00
Men On-Track, Boca	600.00
Midday Miracles, Delray	150.00
Morning Medicine, Boca	320.00
New Beginnings, Wayside	36.80
New Life Group	100.00
Saturday Beginners, W Boca	100.00
Singleness of Purpose	50.00
Sober Sisters, Boca	149.00
Sober Sunset Group, Boca Pines	200.00
Sobriety For Breakfast, W Boca	25.00
Sobriety In The Wind, Delray	250.00
Spiritual Awakenings, Boca	133.00
Sunday Night Speaker, Boca	100.00
We are Not Saints, Boynton	150.00
West Boca Jaywalkers	100.00
Women's Big Book Study, Delray	25.00
Total Contribution Income - February 2008	4,150.33

Birthday Club

Jennifer F.	2/25/07	1 Year	New Life Group, Boynton Beach
Stephen G.	3/5/1996	12 Yrs	Boca Men's Recovery
Greg P.	3/1/1995	13 Yrs	Boynton Beach Group
Peggy W.	2/14/1989	19 Yrs	Sober Sisters, Boca Raton
Karen K. Group	4/10/1988	21 Yrs	Boynton Beach
Katie B.	April 1980	28 Yrs	Delray Central House

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 a 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 _____

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