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A Message from Bill

Grapevine May 1964

I'm glad indeed that we so often say to each other, "Faith without works is dead – action is the magic word!" As we strive to devise better ways of carrying the AA message to those who still suffer, I hope that we will also try to create a wider understanding of the operation and needs of AA's world services – that all-important cluster of activities which enables our Fellowship to function as a whole. Because these far-flung services reach into every quarter of the world, their direct influence for good is often unseen, and therefore unknown.

Without that global effort, we would now be in a most sorry and chaotic state. Let me illustrate this by two examples:

Suppose, for instance, that, during the last twenty-five years, AA had never published any standard literature – no books, no pamphlets. We need little imagination to see that by now our message would be hopelessly garbled. Our relations with medicine and religion would have become a shambles. To alcoholics generally we would today be a joke and the public would have thought us a riddle. Without its literature, AA would certainly have bogged down in a welter of controversy and disunity.

Nevertheless, effective literature was prepared, and in 1939 the publication of the Big Book became our very first world service. From that time on, it became perfectly clear what AA is, what it believes, and how it works. Millions of our pamphlets and hundreds of thousands of our books are today in circulation. AA's message can never be garbled; anyone at all can find out about us with ease. What the dividends of this single project in world communication have been, only God himself knows.

One more illustration. Our Fellowship enjoys a vast goodwill everywhere. In large measure this is directly due to another AA world service – the service of public information. For many years wonderful accounts of AA have poured from the press and from other media of communication. This astounding success has required of your general service people great labor, top skills, and unstinted dedication. There is no question that this continued torrent of favorable publicity has brought to AA one-half its present membership. →

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The Step & The Tradition

Step Seven

"Humbly ask Him to remove our shortcomings."



Tradition Seven

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

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But just suppose that these great channels of communication had been left wide open to the winds of chance; or, worse still, had never been developed by us at all. Had there been such a failure, we may well shudder at the dire consequences. Tens of thousands of today's AA membership would still be drinking. Many indeed would now be mad or dead.

I'm sure that you have already seen that AA world service is utterly necessary to our future unity and growth — even to our survival as a Fellowship.

To maintain these life-giving arteries of world communication in full flow, and in good repair, will always be a top priority task for each new generation of our Society. This will require of us a greatly increased understanding of the immense need to be met, and a sustained devotion of the highest order.

The world of today harbors the appalling total of twenty million alcoholic men and women. Without doubt a large fraction of these fellow sufferers could begin to find their sobriety and a new way of life if only they could see and hear just one AA meeting. Experience has already proved that our world services constitute the largest and the most powerful single agency that we shall ever possess to bring those legions of sufferers within reach of what we — AAs around the world — have so providentially discovered for ourselves.

Knowing this Fellowship, I feel entirely confident that we will eagerly shoulder and discharge well this most high responsibility to our Third Legacy.

As we continue in the language of the heart to carry AA's message across all distances and barriers, may God bless us. ■

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Forward from Language of the Heart

Dear friends,

As you may know, Bill wrote quite extensively for the Grapevine over many years. It was a way for him to share his experience, strength and hope with the entire Fellowship.

I think it is wonderful that so much of this work will now be available again — especially for the countless A.A.s who have come into the Fellowship since these articles were first published.

I hope they will find them useful,

Gratefully, Lois

Many Thanks!!!

To all the groups who have supported the telephone relay efforts so far in 2008, and those who have volunteered for the remaining months of the year!

July - All Aboard
August - Welcome Home
September - Romance & Finance
October - East Delray Men's
November - Living in Sobriety
December - Boca Raton Speaker Group

ANNUAL ELECTIONS INTERGROUP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Please refer to the June Issue of the SCAAN for a complete description of duties, responsibilities, qualifications and terms for all positions available. Available at your home group or on line at www.aainpalmbeach.org.

Open executive positions include:

Chairperson
Vice-Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

Open committee chair positions include:

Archives
Bridge the Gap
General Service Liaison
Group Information
Hospitals & Institutions
Public Information
SCAAN
Telephone Relay
Where and When

Nominations and elections will be held at the Intergroup meeting, July 30, 2008 at 7:00 P.M., Delray Central House.

Please give back what was so freely given. Service is essential to everyone's recovery in AA.

INTERGROUP MINUTES – MAY 28, 2008

Chairperson: Diane S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She reported that to volunteer for the 52nd Florida State Convention, one should go to www.52flstateconvention.com and fill out a form. The Serenity Golf Tournament needs volunteers as a group or as individuals. Please contact Diane S. or Intergroup office.

District 8 Chair: Jeffrey P. reported on the motion that was presented at the Area 15 Quarterly for General Service regarding billboards. Anonymity was an issue. Please go to the Area website to see some examples of the proposed signage: www.area15aa.org.

Welcome New Group Rep's: Howard - Sobriety for Breakfast; Bert - Neighborhood Group; Meredith G. - Second Chance Women's; Judith W. - Eastside Women's.

Vice Chair: Al A. reported on the H&I letter that should be read by rep's to groups.

Treasurer: Sheryl S. Absent. Diane S. reported that if one would like to see the financials, please contact Intergroup.

Office Manager: Pam T. Please see SCAAN for report.

Archives Committee: Pam T. No Report.

General Service: Liz S. reported:

Founders Day will be held on Saturday, June 7 at the Knights of Columbus, 1155 S. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach. Meet and Greet at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner (spaghetti, salad and bread) at 7:00 p.m. There will be a pot luck dessert table & dessert contributions are welcome but not required. Double speaker meeting at 8:00 p.m. Cost:\$5/plate. Volunteers are needed. Please see Liz for more information. Please contact Liz to view the GS District 8 budget and financials. The next Area 15 Quarterly Meeting will be July 11-13 at the Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center. The Quarterly is hosted by District 10. Please see Liz for a registration form and schedule of events. Ad-Hoc Committee on Redistricting Update Plan intended to: 1) clearly define boundaries of sub-districts; 2) equally as possible provide all groups DCM?ACM representation; 3) consolidate sub-groups with little or no representation. 5 districts have changes; total number of sub-districts is reduced; each DCM has an avg. of 8-10 groups. Groups are balanced geographically and numerically. Redistricting would not take effect until after District 8 elections (Jan. '09)

Group Information Committee: Pat C. reported that the group history form (to be filled out by groups and returned back to him or Intergroup office) will be shared with Archives and also be used to create a "recovery tree" and presented at the Gratitude Dinner in November.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee: Jay M. reported that 45 meetings were being taken in.

Bridge the Gap: August. Absent.

Public Information: Matt G. Absent.

SCAAN: Rick R./York L. reported that the SCAAN deadline is the 15th of the month.

Special Events: Lucas P.C. reported on the next event theme which is "Too young to drink, too young to die" - speakers who got sober in their teens and have at least ten years sobriety. The event is being held at Central House on July 12 from 2-4 p.m.

Telephone Relay: Tyler F. reported that the phone is covered though December. Also, gave a reminder that once the phone is handed over to the group, the phone then becomes the groups' responsibility.

July - All Aboard, August - Welcome Home, September - Romance & Finance. October - East Delray Men's, November - Living in Sobriety, December - Boca Raton Speaker Group.

Webmaster: Drew M. Absent.

Where and When: Janet B. Absent.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion: Ryan (N. Delray Step & Tradition) made motion to limit calendar events listed in the SCAAN to sanctioned AA events only. Motion was seconded by John P. and was deferred to discussion by Jeffrey P. The 6th Tradition is an issue. Solution ideas were to separate listings or to post a disclaimer in the SCAAN. Jay M. announced a meeting hurricane plan should electricity shut down, etc.: All Aboard group will hold a daily meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Sanborn Square in North Boca Raton. The address is 72 North Federal Hwy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

In Love and Service, Alex K.

Contribution Income May 2008

12 O'Clock High,W Boca	450.00
AA Oldtimers Group, Delray	205.00
Anonymous	52.00
Boca Women's Group	75.00
Central House Delray	100.00
Divas at 830 AM	50.00
Eastside Women's, Boynton	150.00
Florida Roundup	505.84
Inner Voice Candlelight	150.00
Intergroup Meeting	45.00
Journey to Freedom, Boca	122.00
Just For Now, Boca	23.12
Let's Do Lunch, Boca	39.00
Living In Sobriety, Boca	136.50
Lunch Bunch, Boca	338.50
Men's Boca Central, Boca	200.00
Morning Medicine,Boca	352.00
New Beginnings, Wayside	27.00
New Life Group	150.00
North Boca Steps & Traditions,	56.85
One Day At A Time, Delray	850.00
Romance & Finance, W Boca	134.00
Saturday Beginners, W Boca	100.00
Sober Sisters, Boca	175.00
Sobriety For Breakfast, W Boca	16.00
Sobriety In The Wind, Delray	187.50
Spiritual Awakenings, Boca	51.00
Wine Into Water, Delray	300.00
Womens BBSS, Delray	40.00
Young People with a Solution	41.20

Total May 2008 Contributions: 5,122.51

Hospitals & Institutions – May 2008

Balance Forward May 1, 2008	3041.91
Anonymous Contribution	200.00
Lunch Bunch, Boca	67.70
New Beginnings, Delray	27.00
One Day At A Time, Delray	170.00
Sobriety In The Wind, Delray	37.50
Literature Purchases	-40.00
Balance May 31, 2008	3504.11

5th ANNUAL SERENITY SCRAMBLE**Sunday ~ October 12th, 2008****Lake Worth Golf Club**Join us for Golf, prizes, food, fellowship!
~Volunteers needed~**Call Rick G. 954-675-1948****And a . . . Anonymous
The danger of being different**

I am an alcoholic "and a".....

I hear it at every meeting, and I go to between four and six meetings a week.

Someone at each AA meeting is always an "anda." I understand that the AA program is based on the identification of one alcoholic with another. All of us have other issues. All of us! However, I have never heard anyone say "I am an alcoholic 'anda' coin collector." I am sure we have coin collectors in AA and probably some of them are obsessed with collecting coins. I could be an alcoholic "anda" Baptist, former Catholic, Native Texan, Indian, German, Irish, fisherman, guitar player, song writer, singer, husband, and father. There are probably twelve-step programs for some of these things, but my original sponsor said I couldn't go to any other twelve's step programs until I finished this one. When I sobered up on July 8, 1971, at thirty years of age, "anda" was seldom, if ever, heard. I think it came from treatment centers. The centers could process more people by grouping all clients into one "addictive" box. I think that there is a connection between the "andas" and our singleness of purpose. What I hear from the "anda" is: I am different from you. It's not enough to fit in. The "anda" has to stand out. He or she has to be different from the alcoholics.

So if you ever start to use the term "anda" in an AA meeting, stop and think for a second: Why am I trying to be different? Being "different" kept most of us drunk for a long time before we got to AA. Let's all stick to our singleness of purpose and keep it simple, just for today.
Corky S. Bayou Vista, TX

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Attention All Groups in South Palm Beach County

WE are requesting Group History forms from all the A.A. Groups in south county, and we need your help! Whether you are a new group, or an old group, or a re-named group, or a branch off another group...please ask the old-timers or original members to assist in your Group's history. Anything and everything that they remember is of interest to our Archives.

With your help, we will create a Recovery Tree – A Living History of How It Works – listing our groups and their "birth date"; plus we will preserve your history in our Archives.

Group History forms have been returned from:

Boca Raton Speaker Group
Delray Women's BBSS
Downtown Delray
Inner Voice Candlelight, Boca
One Page at a Time, Delray
People With Time, Boynton
Serenity on the Beach, Lantana
Sober Sisters, Boca
Sobriety for Breakfast, West Boca
Sunrise Beach Meeting, Delray
Women In Recovery, Boca
Young At Heart, Delray

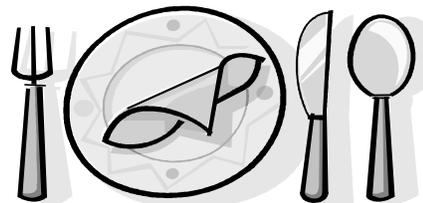
Thank You!

**South Palm Beach County
Intergroup****THIS IS OUR 20TH****Annual Intergroup Gratitude Dinner****Friday ~ November 21st, 2008**

Our first meeting as an Intergroup was in 1984.

Our first Gratitude Dinner was in 1988...

Don't miss this year! Special entertainment planned; and always our annual Count Down!

**Tickets go on sale in August!!****DID YOU KNOW? OPEN VS. CLOSED MEETINGS IN SO. PALM BEACH COUNTY WHERE & WHEN:**

	<u>Boca Raton</u>	<u>Boynton Beach</u>	<u>Delray Beach</u>	<u>Lantana/Lk Worth</u>
OPEN MEETINGS:	64	25	70	16
CLOSED MEETINGS:	25	18	31	9

Office Manager Report, May 28, 2008

Everything at your Intergroup office is going quite well. I have openings for an office volunteer on Monday afternoons; and several openings for a 2nd volunteer at various times during the week. I have interviewed another part-time employee that I hope will decide to take the position, and if so, she will be here next month to meet you.

If anyone here did not receive my business meeting email along with the attachment from our Vice Chair, please let me know! I still have many returned emails, and have that list here, so I would appreciate it if you would please see me after the meeting to correct any errors I may have. The most efficient way to begin receiving emails is to email me at Intergroup with your group name in the subject line, and I will add your address to our list.

June will begin our 2008 Hurricane Season, so I would like to remind all groups in this area to please contact Intergroup if your meetings will be cancelled, or redirected to another location. In the event we lose power at the office; or the relay phone becomes inoperable, I will make every attempt to post all information on the office window (by the doorbell) as information is received.

Whomever has the Relay phone during a hurricane may become the only contact an alcoholic has, so if you are unable to handle the phone for whatever reason, please return it to either the Relay phone chair, or to me at Intergroup.

There are several items of interest on the back table, so please take this information to your groups !

All changes for our next W & W must be emailed or brought into Intergroup no later than June 13th so I can get all the information to Janet (W&W chair).

Just a FYI – Intergroup maintains copies and files of information from GSO that are A.A. Service material that is updated often to reflect current A.A. experience. These Service Pieces do not go through the Conference approval process because it would be impractical to put current and constantly updated material through the lengthy Conference approval procedure. You may request this information directly from GSO, or call me to see if I have what you need.... This applies to Group questions and shared experiences. Or they can be history and research that has been presented to GSO by members. Such as, the origin of the Serenity Prayer and how it found it's place in early A.A.; Sharing Experience on coping with influx of New Members; What AA is and is Not to clients of Treatment Facilities; Use of the Circle/Triangle Symbol; Background of the AA Preamble; etc, etc.

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This is my fourth anniversary as your Intergroup office mgr. My first day was May 23, 2004 – This is my AA anniversary month as well. Thank you for the opportunity to work in the Intergroup office and to serve A.A. in South PB County. ■

Respectfully submitted in love and service, Pam T

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.

Overheard at AA meetings...

“I’ve made mistakes but I’m not a mistake,
I’m an alcoholic.”

“If you haven’t had a drink today
you never had it so good.”

“The thoughts in my head are like gumballs in a
blender. The good news is I don’t have to act on them.”

Meeting Updates to new Where & When

New Groups:

Boca: Inside Out Group, Boca - Monday 6:30pm
- Open Literature Lead

Chabad of Boca (North of Clintmore,
behind Starbucks) 17950 Military Trail

Delray: Friday Night Lights Group, Delray - Friday at
7:30pm - Open Speaker Discussion
Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave.

Additions/Removals and Changes:

Delray: Divas Group at the Crossroads Club has added
another meeting on Friday 8:30am. WOD
AA Oldtimers at the Crossroads Club has
added another meeting on Tues 7PM - Open
Beginner meeting.

Boynton Beach Beginners changed their time
to 10:30am on Wed and Fri.

Boca: Living In Sobriety - meets at St Joan on
Wednesday; changed their format to Closed
Literature

West Boca: Sobriety For Breakfast (Boca Pines) meets
EVERY day at 7am OD
REMOVE - Early Risers from Sunday 7am
REMOVE - Last Chance Group from Boca
Pines on Thurs.

Lantana: Sunny Isles Group has added a Step Meeting
the last Tues of each month, 12 & 12 reading
followed by discussion.

THE 52ND FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION NEEDS HELP

VOLUNTEERS - needed. Please contact Gloria G (Volunteer Chair) 561-929-9795 or email Gloria@love2workout.com.
MARATHON MEETINGS - We are looking for AA groups to take a 45 minute time slot at the convention. Please contact suzy31795@bellsouth.net for more information.
GOLF TOURNAMENT - Players needed for the golf Tournament. For information go to the website or contact Chairman of Tournament. Richard Marks, rmarks1247@aol.com or call 954-849-6168.
 Check out www.52FISateConvention.com to register, buy banquet tickets, order merchandise, sign up for activities or find any

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.....	August & Nate S.
General Service Liaison.....	Liz S.
Group Information.....	Pat C.
Hospitals & Institutions.....	Jay M.
Public Information.....	Matt G.
SCAAN.....	Rick R.
Special Events.....	Lucas H.
Telephone Relay.....	Tyler F.
Website.....	Drew M.
Where & When.....	Janet B.

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to our local fellowship, not as an endorsement by the South Palm Beach County Intergroup Association, Inc.

Mark Your Calendars!

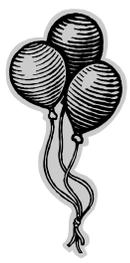
- June 28 Traditions Workshop**, sponsored and hosted by Central House, 2-4PM. Traditions 4, 5 & 6 to be presented.
- July 3-5 50th Anniversary of ICYPAA**
 Convention will be held in Oklahoma City at the Cox Convention Center. Host Hotel: Renaissance Marriott, 10 N. Broadway in downtown OKC. 1-800-Hotels-1 or www.marriott.com/okcbr. Details www.50thicycaa.org ott101501@yahoo.com or 615-405-2501.
- July 11-14 South Florida Area General Service Quarterly**
 Hosted by Area 10, Boca Raton Marriott, 5150 Towne Center Circle, Boca Raton. Reservations 888.888.3780. Banquet reservations and additional information at www.area15.org.
- July 12 South Palm Beach County Intergroup Special Events: Too Young to Drink~ Too Young to Die"**
 4-6 speakers who found sobriety in their teens and now have double digit sobriety will share their experience, strength and hope. 2PM, Delray Central House, refreshments served.
- Aug 13-17 52nd Florida State Convention**
 Ft Lauderdale Beach. Info and registration available at www.52flstateconvention.com. **Volunteers Needed!** Contact Gloria G. (Volunteer Chair) at 561-929-9795 or email Gloria@love2workout.com.
- Aug 23-25 21st Annual Sunset Round Up** in Key West, FL. Info and registration: www.sunsetroundup.com. Registration required for any events. Make hotel reservations directly to Casa Marina Hotel (800-626-0777) or www.casamarinaresort.com.
- Aug 28-31 SERCYPAA** (South East Regional Convergence of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Convention in Nashville TN. Contact: Scott at 101501@yahoo.com or 615-405-2501.
- Sept 19-21 8th West Coast Sponsorship Weekend** in Sarasota, FL; Hyatt Hotel, 1000 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota. (800-233-1234) \$119.00 per night.
- Oct 12 5th ANNUAL SERENITY SCRAMBLE** at the Lake Worth Golf Club
- Nov 21 INTERGROUP GRATITUDE DINNER** at Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca.

2008 Business Meetings

SPBC Intergroup, Delray Central House, 7PM- July 30th, August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, November 26th, (December meeting to be determined).
H&I Committee, Delray Central House, 6:30 PM- July 30th, August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, November 26th, (December to be determined).
District 8 General Service, July 20th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th. Triangle Club. 5:00PM GSR/DCM Sharing, 5:45PM District 8 Business Meeting.

Birthday Club

- Jaimie A. 1 Year 7/9/2007**
 Saturday Beginners, West Boca
- Lance L. 1 Year 7/29/2007**
 Saturday Beginners, West Boca
- Steve A. 1 Year 5/5/2007**
 Saturday Beginners, West Boca
- Melissa S. 2 Years 6/16/2006**
 All Aboard, Boca
- Bobbi F. 6 Years 6/23/2002**
 Saturday Beginners, West Boca
- Rob P. 14 Years May 1994**
 Boynton Beach Group
- Eileen H. 20 Years 6/5/1988**
 One Day At A Time, Delray
- Dave C. 27 Years 6/11/1981**
 Saturday Nite Double Speaker, West Boca



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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