

# SCAAN

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## Closing Message from Intergroup Chairperson (April 2006 to July 2008)

It has been a privilege to serve as your Chairperson for the past two years. It was an exciting and challenging term.

As I rotate from this position I can't help but review the past several years. Back in 2003 I volunteered to help with the SCAAN as the Chair at that time stopped producing the SCAAN or showing up at the Business Meetings. About six months later I volunteered to fill the Treasurer position. During that time, Intergroup was critically struggling with its structure, procedures and finances. Several members sought out someone to help, this is when Rick G. stepped up to recommend a new financial plan to get us back on track and to volunteer for Chair at the next elections. I had known Rick for many years from the Lunch Bunch meeting in Boca. Rick asked if I would be willing to be Vice Chair and I was taught to not say no to AA. Bob M was requested to do a complete inspection of the Intergroup office, financials, policy and procedures. Bob submitted several pages of items that needed to be taken care of or possibly close the office. Rick took the challenge and set an action plan to have all items completed, to set new policies and procedures so Intergroup could become financially transparent and responsible. Another significant item during Rick's term was to hire a new office manager that is when Pam T. joined Intergroup. Pam is a big part of the growth plus her dedication to South Palm Beach County's Intergroup has been exceptional and we are appreciative of all she does to make us the best we can be.

When Rick rotated out I was voted in as the next Chair and Al A. was voted in as the next Vice Chair. Over the past two year's Al and I have worked together to continue the great work that was previously established. During our term one of our major goals was to locate a new Intergroup office as the lease was expiring. If you have not seen the new office, please stop by.

One of the ways we know your Intergroup is working in the Boca, Delray, Boynton, Lake Worth and Lantana area is by the number of members who volunteer to help serve and from the many groups that contribute money each month so your office can stay open which helps to spread the AA message and supply the needs of all of our members.

As I close, I personally want to thank each of the Officers and Committee Chairs for their commitment to keep AA growing and to be there for all Alcoholics when they reach out for help. Thank you, Al, Sheryl, Alex and Pam for your dedication to the Steering Committee. Thank you to each of the Committee Chairs: Archives, Pam for taking extra time to establish Archives, Bridge the Gap, August for being the one to show the way to AA; General Service Liaison, Liz for always bringing back the latest news; Group Information, first for Chris C for his hard work before passing away and Pat C for taking over and expanding the outreach to our groups and to assist in taping some of our Old Timers for Archives; Institutions, Jay and Ken for helping carrying the message into detox and treatment centers; Public Information, Matt for supplying material where needed; SCAAN, Tyler, Rick and York for making sure we have the latest news each month; Special Events; Lucas for setting a topic, location and his special touch to the events; Telephone Relay, Tyler F. for attending group business meetings and establishing an easy turnover system of groups that volunteer to take the relay phone for a month at a time; Website, Drew for the new look and keeping information current; Where and When, Janet for assisting in keeping the meeting list as current as possible and printed on a quarterly basis.

As you read this message a new slate of Officers and Committee Chairs have been elected to serve. I wish them all the best and I know they will get to know the Traditions in a way they did not know before.

With gratitude, I say goodbye, your trusted servant, Diane S.

## The Step & The Tradition

### Step Eight

**Made a list of all persons  
We had harmed and  
Became willing to make  
amends to them all.**



### Tradition Eight

**Alcoholics Anonymous  
should remain forever  
nonprofessional, but our  
service centers may employ  
special workers.**

## Informed Group Conscience Decides SCAAN Calendar of Events Issue

At the May 28, 2008 Intergroup Meeting - the North Delray Step and Traditions meeting made a motion "to limit calendar events listed in the SCAAN to sanctioned AA events only." To be able to vote this, the Intergroup Rep's were asked to take this back to their groups. At the June Intergroup Meeting over 40 Rep's brought back their groups decision and it was voted to approve separating the AA from Non-AA events and add a disclaimer to the bottom of the calendar. At the meeting is was asked for a show of hands from the Rep's that brought back the voice of their groups. It was amazing to how many hands went up, over 40, it was the largest amount of informed group conscience we have had. Thank you to all the Rep's who participated, you truly are trusted servants for your groups.

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SERENITY SCRAMBLE

Join us for Golf, prizes, food, fellowship!

**WHERE:**

Lake Worth Golf Club  
One 7th Avenue North  
Lake Worth, FL 33460  
561-582-9713

**WHEN:**

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008  
8:00 A.M. Shotgun Start



The Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament raises money for the South Palm Beach County Intergroup of alcoholics Anonymous who maintains the AA hotline, organizes and publishes meeting schedules, stocks AA Literature, facilitates meetings in hospitals and institutions, and much more.

### Get Involved

~Volunteers needed~

If you want to volunteer email us at [southcountyaa@bellsouth.net](mailto:southcountyaa@bellsouth.net) or call Rick G. 954-675-1948

~Sponsor a golf hole for \$100~  
~Make individual contributions~



Cost:  
\$90.00

## South Palm Beach County Intergroup

### THIS IS OUR 20TH

### Annual Intergroup Gratitude Dinner

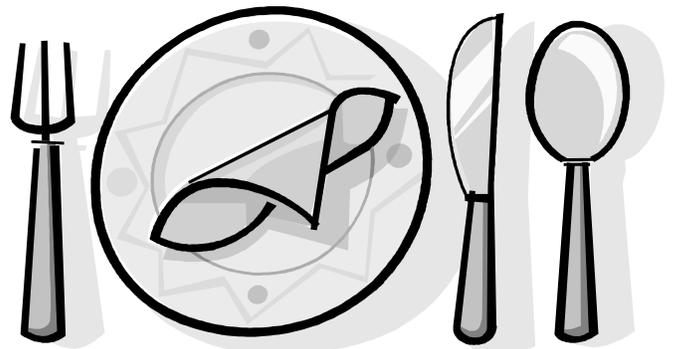
Friday ~ November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008

Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton

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 are \$36.00 (tables of ten for \$360), paid in advance**

Intergroup Reps present at the Business Meeting are given the first opportunity to purchase tickets for their group. Intergroup Reps will pick a number before the business meeting starts and when their number is called, they can go to the ticket table. No more than three tables can be purchased at a time. Once all numbers have been called and if tickets are still available, another round of ticket purchases will be held in the same fashion. Single tickets or tables will be available.

**Tickets go on sale August 27th at the Intergroup Business Meeting**

*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!**

## Intergroup Minutes – June 25, 2008

**Chairperson: Diane S.** opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She reported that there are many different volunteer positions available for the 52nd Florida State Convention and one should go to [www.52flstateconvention.com](http://www.52flstateconvention.com) and fill out a form. The Serenity Golf Tournament needs volunteers as a group or as individuals. Please call Rick G, Chair of Tournament, phone number is in the SCAAN or Intergroup office.

**Welcome New Group Rep's:** Rob – Page 112 at 12; Ron S. – Lunch Bunch; Daniel F. – Serenity Hour; Shawn T. – We are not Saints.

**Vice Chair: Al A.** No Report.

**Treasurer: Sheryl S.** reported that there is a negative balance of \$1,553; obviously there are slow months but thankfully those even out with the good months. She also reported on the \$3,400 accrued in the H&I account and that only \$391 is needed monthly so H&I is set for 8 months.

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

**Archives: Pam T.** reported that a mission statement has been created for Archives: "South Palm Beach County Intergroup Archives of Alcoholics Anonymous is the repository of personal collections, manuscripts, publications, photographs and memorabilia related to the origin and the development of the A.A. Fellowship in this area."

**Bridge the Gap: August.** Absent.

**General Service: Liz S.** reported:

please contact Liz to view the GS District 8 minutes, budget and financials;

Ad-Hoc Committee on Redistricting held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at the District 8 meeting;

if your group needs an AA Service Manual, the Literature Committee provides them for \$2.50;

the motion to move the monthly District 8 meeting from the Triangle House to Central House failed.

**Group Information: Pat C.** reported the committee has gone out to 29 meetings in the last 2 months to gather group information and to inform the groups about Intergroup. Volunteers are still needed to join this committee (especially women in Boca during the day).

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Jay M. Absent. **Ken** reported that all service positions are full and is requesting that any service commitments fulfilled longer than one year please rotate out so that the many people on the list can serve as well.

**Public Information:** Chair position open.

**SCAAN:** Rick reported the SCAAN deadline is the 15th of the month.

**Special Events: Lucas P.C.** reported on the July 12 event "Too young to drink, too young to die" will be a panel of members who got sober in their teens and now have double digit sobriety.

**Telephone Relay: Tyler F.** reported that the phone is covered though December. He also recapped the achievements of this committee over the last 2 years and relayed his gratitude for the opportunity to do service for the Intergroup.

August - Welcome Home

September - Romance & Finance

October - East Delray Men's

November - Living in Sobriety

December - Boca Raton Speaker Group

**Where and When: Janet B.** reported that additions or corrections need to be called in to the Intergroup office for the next quarterly Where and When.

**Old Business:** Last month motion was made by North Delray Steps & Traditions rep, Ryan, "to limit calendar events listed in the SCAAN to sanctioned AA events only" was brought back to the floor. More than 40 Intergroup Rep's took this back to their groups and came back with the following solutions: Keep calendar as is; List only AA events; Keep calendar and separate events by AA and Non-AA; add Disclaimer.

**New Business:** A Motion was made by Mike B. "to separate the SCAAN calendar by AA and Non-AA events." Motion seconded by Jim. During discussion it was suggested a disclaimer be added to the calendar. Mike B. agreed to amend the motion to add a disclaimer. It was suggested to use the disclaimer in the Grapevine or Box 459. Motion to amend was made and seconded. Motion passed 37 in favor; 1 not in favor. Minority opinion was stated – opinion did not change the original vote. Diane S commended the Intergroup Reps for their service by bringing their group conscience voice on this motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.  
In Love and Service, Alex K.

### OFFICE MANAGER REPORT BY PAM T

Calls to Intergroup - Our monthly calls & visitors average 1600 per month. Approximately 15 to 20 of these calls are handled by the volunteers in the office and another 20 are referred to our 12 Step volunteer list. We are not able to track the number of 12 Step calls that come in during the Relay Phone hours.

New part time paid worker - please welcome Melissa who will be covering Saturdays and any extra coverage needed.

New Group History forms will be used by the Archives Committee. We are asking all Groups to complete these forms. Please share this responsibility with other group members who know the background and history of your group. The SPBC Archives Committee will share this information with our District 8 and Area 15 Archives. Thank you to the Groups who have already completed Group History form.

New Group Information forms will be used by Intergroup to make changes in the Where & When and on our Website; to update our Group Database and will be shared with our Group Information Committee.

New AA History cards are now available at Intergroup office. They are from the Archives Collection of Searcy W., and created and printed with permission of his niece, Willie K. of Dallas Texas. They can be used as cards, or framed as prints; and are being sold at Intergroup for \$4.00/each, or \$25 for the 8 card Visual History of A.A.'s beginning.

The AA Grapevine Books have had an increase in price at Intergroup. Literature price lists are available at the Intergroup office.

### 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.

### Meeting Updates

#### New Groups:

##### Boca Raton:

The **DeRailRoaded Group**, Saturday 7:30pm, Double Speaker, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1495 NE 5th Ave.

##### Delray Beach:

**"Last Call" Group**, Monday through Fridays at 10:00pm, Mon, Wed Fri meetings are Speaker Meetings and Tues, Thurs are Big Book Meetings. Crossroads Club

**Page 112@12** meets Mondays at midnight (aka Tuesday, 12:00am) 316 SE 3rd Ave Delray Beach.

#### Relocated:

The **Downtown Group of Boynton Beach** has relocated as of August 7th to Church of Our Savior, 2011 S. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. They will continue to meet on Thursdays at 7:00pm.

**Renamed: The Neighborhood Group** (Boynton Beach) has changed their name to: **"Boynton Boat Ramp Group"** and continues to meet on Monday nights at 6:pm at the Boynton Boat Ramp, US-1 South of Gateway Blvd.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SOUTH PALM BEACH INTERGROUP EVENTS

**Oct 12 5th Annual Serenity Scramble Golf Tournament** at Lake Worth Golf Club. \$90/person includes golf, cart fees, prizes, and lunch. Please register early, see flyer and registration form in this SCAAN.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-** Please call Rick G. at 954.675.1948.  
**SPONSOR A HOLE:** \$100.00 (100% goes directly to SPBC Intergroup)

**INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS:** Golf balls, clubs, head covers, gift certificates, etc.

**Nov 21 Annual Intergroup Gratitude Dinner** Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton, \$36.00, tables of 10 are \$360.00, paid in advance. Tickets will be available for sale at the August 27<sup>th</sup> Intergroup Business Meeting. Each Group Rep will pick a number before the business meeting starts and when their number is called, they will have an chance to purchase up to three tables worth of tickets. Once all groups have had an opportunity to purchase tickets, another round of ticket purchases will be held if tickets are available. Individual tickets and tables will be available.



### NON - AA EVENTS

**Aug 13-17 52nd Florida State Convention**  
 Ft Lauderdale Beach. Info and registration available at [www.52flstateconvention.com](http://www.52flstateconvention.com). Volunteers Needed! Contact Gloria G. (Volunteer Chair) at 561-929-9795 or email [Gloria@love2workout.com](mailto:Gloria@love2workout.com).

**Aug 23-25 21st Annual Sunset Round Up**  
 in Key West, FL. Info and registration: [www.sunsetroundup.com](http://www.sunsetroundup.com). Registration required for any events. Make hotel reservations directly to Casa Marina Hotel (800-626-0777) or [www.casamarinaresort.com](http://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.

**Aug 29-Sept 1 22nd Annual Tampa Ball Fall Roundup 2008**  
 over Labor Day Weekend at the Crown Plaza Tampa East (813-623-6363).

**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.

*Disclaimer - According to the Group Conscience of our participating Groups in South Palm Beach County: The events listed here are presented solely as a service to our local Fellowship and not as an endorsement by the South Palm Beach County Intergroup Association.*

When, therefore, we AAs look to the future, we must always ask ourselves if the **spirit** which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. . . Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials.

For examples, the Twelve Steps of our AA program are not crammed down anybody's throat. They are not sustained by any human authority. Yet we powerfully unite around them because the truth they contain has saved our lives, has opened the door to a new world. **Bill W.**

## Intergroup Officers & Committees

We would like to THANK each of the Officers and Committee Chairs for their service during this term. Please look for the newly elected Officers and Committee Chairs in the September SCAAN.

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.....	OPEN
SCAAN.....	Rick R.
Special Events.....	Lucas H.
Telephone Relay.....	Tyler F.
Website.....	Drew M.
Where & When.....	Janet B.

Intergroup Gratitude Dinner.....	John S.
Serenity Scramble.....	Rick G.

### 2008 Business Meetings

**SPBC Intergroup, Delray Central House, 7PM-** August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, November 26th, (December meeting to be determined).

**H&I Committee, Delray Central House, 6:30 PM-** August 27th, September 24th, October 29th, November 26th, (December to be determined).

## Birthday Club

- Kathy 08-13-2007 (1yr) Living in Sobriety, Boca**
- Tom R. 06-26-2001 (2 yrs) Sobriety in the Wind, Delray**
- Donna O. 08-16-1987 (20 yrs) Happy Hour, Boca**
- Dorothy T. 08-1987 (20 yrs) Women in Recovery, Boca**
- Elizabeth B. 07-14-1987 (20 yrs) Happy Hour, Boca**
- Eric N. 08-1988 (20 yrs) Spiritual Awakenings, 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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