

In the Spirit of Rotation

New Officers and Committee Chairs were elected at the July 30 Intergroup Business Meeting. Congratulations to the new Officers and Chairs - detailed in the July 30 meeting minutes (p. 5), and on page 6. Al A., our new Chairperson and all of the new Officers thank the previous Officers and Chairs for their outstanding, unselfish, and dedicated service to the Groups of South Palm Beach County. Officers serve for two years, and Committee Chairs serve for one year.

At the 1955 Convention in St. Louis, Bill W. passed on to the fellowship the responsibility for the Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Just imagine how difficult it must have been for Bill to let go of the reins!

Loren B, the Panel 51 Delegate from Montana, at the 52nd General Service Conference in April 2002, stated that "the benefits of rotation are very real and practical. The benefits to the individual are beyond our imagination because we know that anything God has in store for us will be better than anything we could have

planned for ourselves . . . We can't move forward if we are still clinging on to our present conditions . . . In effect we are saying to our Higher Power that we have finished the job laid out for us and are ready for what He wants us to do next."

From the pamphlet, "The AA Group - Where It All Began," it states that "*rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. "status" at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise - we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed.*"

Rotating out of a service position does not mean getting out of service, but rather seeking new service opportunities for learning and giving. *Get out of yourself, and into service!*

It Happened in September!

In South Palm Beach County - The First Gratitude Dinner was held on September 11, 1988 at Central House. Tickets were \$8.00 and it was a Pot Luck affair.

Pre/Early AA - In September, 1927 Bill W. wrote in a letter to Frank Shaw, his then current boss at a Wall Street Firm: "*I have never said anything to you about the liquor question, but now that you mention it and also for the good reason that you are investing your perfectly good money in me, I am at last very happy to say that I have had a final showdown (with myself) on the matter. It has always been a very serious handicap to me, so that you can appreciate how glad I am to be finally rid of it. It got to the point where I had to decide whether to be a monkey or a man.*" ("Pass It On," p. 80).

Bill W., like many alcoholics, made many promises to stop drinking. He wrote his last promise to stop drinking in the family Bible in September 1930. After that, he gave up making promises in despair. (AA History Timeline: www.Silkworth.net).

Bill was admitted to Towns Hospital September 1934 for the third time. Dr. Silkworth pronounced Bill a hopeless drunk. In "Pass it On," pp. 108-109, Bill describes his experience. . . "The old man (Dr. Silkworth) told her . . . 'I thought at first that Bill might be one of

the exceptions. Because of his very great desire to quit, because of his character and intelligence, I thought he might be one of the very few. But this habit has now turned into an obsession . . . ' "Then Lois asked, 'Just what does this mean, doctor?' . . .

'It means that you will have to confine him, lock him up somewhere if he would remain sane, or even alive.'

"This was my sentence, though neither of them told me in so many words," Bill recalled. "But I didn't need to be told. In my heart, I knew it. This was the end of the line . . . This time, I left the hospital really terror-stricken."

In September 1939 Liberty Magazine, headed by Fulton Ousler, carried a piece titled *Alcoholics and God*. It generated about 800 inquiries from around the nation. Ousler later served as a Trustee and member of the Grapevine editorial board (AA History Timeline: www.Silkworth.net).

On September 12, 2001, AA trusted servants in NYC organized AA meetings 24 hours round the clock near Ground Zero for AA members engaged in rescue and emergency work at the World Trade Center.

The Step & The Tradition

Step Nine

"Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."



Tradition Nine

"AA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

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Giving Back Opportunities In October, November and December

... he has struck something better than gold . . . He may not see at once that he has barely scratched a limitless lode which will pay dividends only if he mines it for the rest of his life and insists on giving away the entire product (Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 129).

We are blessed in South Palm Beach County to have a full plate of fellowship and service opportunities in the last 3 months of the year.

October - The 5th Annual Serenity Scramble - On October 12th a large group of volunteers and golfers will join together for the 5th Annual Serenity Scramble at Lake Worth Golf Club. It's a beautiful day of fellowship while also benefiting South Palm Beach County Intergroup, who serves all the Groups by maintaining a 24-hour AA hotline, publishing meeting schedules in print and online, facilitating meetings in hospitals and non profit institutions, stocking AA literature, and so much more. The cost is \$90 and includes golf, carts, lunch, prizes, and fun and fellowship. Deadline for registration is Saturday, October 4th, so hurry and get your group(s) together!

Individuals who are not golfers can contribute by volunteering, or contribute prizes or cash donations including a Hole Sponsorship. Groups can pass a second basket and Sponsor a Hole, for a minimum \$100, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting SPBC Intergroup. Groups and individuals who contribute will be recognized at the event. *Thanks to Rick G. for Chairing.*

5th Annual Serenity Scramble October 12, 2008



Get involved in fellowship, golf, food, and prizes while supporting South Palm Beach County Intergroup. See your Intergroup Rep, or go to www.aainpalmbeach.org for a registration form.

Location: Lake Worth Golf Club, One 7th Avenue North, Lake Worth Florida 33460.

When: Sunday, October 12, 2008 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start.

Get Involved: Your Group can sponsor a golf hole, for a minimum \$100 contribution. Individuals can also Sponsor a hole. 100% of the proceeds go to SPBC Intergroup. Groups and individuals can also donate prizes.

Volunteer Opportunities: Our list of volunteers is growing fast. Email Intergroup (southcountyaa@bellsouth.net) providing your name, phone, and email address. Opportunities are filling quickly so we will notify you if there are spots still available.

Registration Deadline: Saturday, October 4th. Hurry!

Contact Rick G @ 954.675.1948.

November - The 20th Annual Gratitude Dinner - Friday, November 21st is the day for the Annual Gratitude Dinner, with the theme "Gratitude in Action." Held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Boca Raton, it has become a *must-attend* tradition. Tickets, which go fast, went on sale at the Business Meeting on August 27th.

(*Gratitude Dinner continued*) Many Groups purchase a table or tables. Check with your Intergroup Rep, or you can purchase individual tickets (\$36) or tables of 10 (\$360) at the Intergroup office while they last. *Thanks to John S. for Chairing.*

GRATITUDE IN ACTION!

20TH Annual Gratitude Dinner Friday, November 21, 2008 Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton



Intergroup Reps present at the August 27th Intergroup Business Meeting had an opportunity to purchase tables of 10. Check with your Intergroup Rep to see if your Group has a table(s).

Tables and individual tickets are sold on a first-come first-served basis, with individual tickets at \$36 and tables of ten for \$360. You must pay in advance. *Don't miss the 20th year of this very special event.*

Tickets available at the Intergroup Office as long as they last.

December/January - Alcathon - Held at Central House, the Alcathon serves AAs throughout South Palm Beach County ("You are not alone!"). Alcathon days are December 24-25, 2008, and December 31 - January 1, 2009. Most Groups participate by committing to Chair a meeting in their format, and provide food and fellowship in a 2- hour commitment. Groups who want to participate should make certain their Intergroup Rep attends the September 24 business meeting. Group time slots are determined by a lottery, and the schedule is published in the November SCANN.

Tradition Nine Checklist

Tradition Nine: *A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.*

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program - even if no one makes me do so - with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully - and profit thereby - when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

The Traditions Checklist was originally published in the Grapevine with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971.

Intergroup Minutes - July 30, 2008

Chairperson: Diane S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She stated that the 5th Annual Serenity Scramble 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 (*see information on Volunteers on page 2*).

Welcome New Group Rep's: Last Call - **Adam F**; Women Living Sober - **Peggy W**; Boca Men's Recovery - **Jeffrey B**; Take the AA Train - **Mike N**; Women's BB Step Study, Delray - **Sahra L**; and, Boca Men's Group - **Thomas C**.

Vice Chair: Al A. No Report.

Treasurer: Sheryl S. reported that June contributions were low in June at \$3,346, sales were \$6,474, income was \$9,820 with a total of \$12,040 in expenses putting Intergroup in a negative balance for the month.

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

Diane S. requested that we forgo committee reports to hold the elections and then explained the election procedure. The new Officers are:

Chair: Al A.
Vice-Chair: Ray D.
Treasurer: Ed T.
Secretary: Liz S.

The new Committee Chairs are:

Archives: Pam T.
Bridge the Gap: Tyler F.
General Service: John E.
Group Information: Pat C.
Hospitals & Institutions: Ken F.
Public Information: Bill J.
SCAAN: Lucas C.
Special Events: Rob A.
Telephone Relay: Marielle H.
Where and When: Joe P.

Old Business: None

New Business: Walker K. requested support for his Thursday night home group meeting: Welcome Home in Delray at St. Mary's Anglican Church at 7 pm - Atlantic & Homewood.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.
In Love and Service, Alex K.

Multiple Choice Test For Alcoholics

" . . . if we had passed into the region from which there is no return through human aid, we had but two alternatives. One was to go on to the bitter end, blotting out the consciousness of our intolerable situation as best we could; and the other, to accept spiritual help."

Alcoholics Anonymous, page 25

Office Manager Report - July 30, 2008

Tonight we elect new Officers and Chair people for our Committees, so I will be brief . . . Our volunteer staff is full, and I will continue to take back up names for special projects. Please bear in mind that many of our office volunteers step down after a few months, and others are offering service while unemployed or for the summer, or other various reasons - so this is constantly changing. I have two Part time women who share the part time slot, which is working out for now.

Drew has placed the Group History Forms online for you to download, or complete online and email to the office. Thank goodness and thank you - our sales and contributions have picked up during this current month (July). My ability to order at discounts and so we can continue to provide AAWS literature at the current pricing depends on steady monthly support.

Diane has been an officer since I began with Intergroup which is over 4 years now. Al - after Chairing the Where & When position for several years became our Vice Chair 2 yrs ago, and has been my day to day contact person - every single day. Sheryl - who volunteered at the Intergroup office for 3 years - become our Treasurer over 2 years ago when the existing Treasurer had to step down; and, Alex stepped up to fill the Secretary position when vacated and then was elected 2 years ago. This reflects YEARS of service here! I am constantly reminding myself that these are people who have lives and jobs and families and still give hours and hours of their time every month to this Intergroup and to all of us.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you and God bless you to our Intergroup Officers - and all of the Committee Chair's for your dedication and service to Intergroup and Alcoholics Anonymous. I would like to present our Chair, Diane with a special gavel, that will be a constant reminder of her many meetings, and hours, and years of service.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,
 Pam T.

Meeting Updates

New Groups

Boca Raton: **The DeRailRoaded Group** - Sat. 7:30 p.m., Double Speaker, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1495 NE 5th Avenue.

Boynton Beach: **Principles in Practice** - Friday 7:00 p.m., Closed Living Sober Meeting. Church of Our Savior, 2011 S. Federal Highway.

Delray Beach: **"Last Call" Group** - Mon. - Fri. @ 10:00 p.m. M/W/F meetings are Speaker meetings - Tues. / Thurs. are Big Book Meetings. Crossroads Club, Delray Beach.

Delray Beach: **Page 112@12** - Mondays @ midnight (e.g., Tuesday 12:00 a.m.) - 316 S.E. 3rd Ave.

Relocated

Boynton Beach: **The Downtown Group** - Thursday 7:00 p.m., Closed Meeting. Church of Our Savior, 2011 S. Federal Highway.

Renamed

Boynton Beach: **The Neighborhood Group** has changed their name to the **Boynton Boat Ramp Group**. They continue to meet on Monday, 6:00 p.m., at the Boynton Boat Ramp, US-1 South of Gateway Blvd.

Upcoming Events

South Palm Beach County Intergroup

- Oct. 12 **5th Annual Serenity Scramble**, sponsored by your SPBC Intergroup Assn. Lake Worth Golf Club. See page 2 for details. \$90/ person includes golf, cart, prizes, lunch and unlimited fellowship and fun. Register by Saturday, October 4th.
- Nov. 21 **20th Annual Intergroup Gratitude Dinner** for SPBC Intergroup. Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton. Tickets are \$36 each. See page 2 for details.
- Dec. 24-25 **South Palm Beach County Alcathon** - Sponsored by Intergroup & hosted by Delray Central House. See page 2 for more information.
- Dec. 31-Jan 1 '09 **South Palm Beach County Alcathon** - Sponsored by Intergroup & hosted by Delray Central House. See page 2 for more information.

Other Events

- Sept. 19-21 **8th West Coast Sponsorship Weekend** - Sarasota, FL. Hyatt Hotel, 1000 Blvd. of the Arts, Sarasota, FL (\$119/ night - 800-233-1234).
- Oct. 3-5 **Suncoast Roundup '08** - St. Pete Beach, FL - www.suncoastroundup.org

The Other Events listed here are presented solely as a service to SCANN readers, not as an endorsement by South Palm Beach County Intergroup.

SPBC Intergroup Business Meetings

SPBC Intergroup Business Meetings @ 7 p.m. last Wed. of each month - Delray Central House: Aug. 27th (secure tables for Gratitude Dinner); Sept 24th (time slot lottery for Alcathon); Oct. 29th; Nov. 26th; Dec. meeting to be discussed at August Business Meeting.

SPBC H&I Committee Meetings @ 6:30 p.m. last Wed. of each month preceding SPBC Intergroup Business Meetings - Delray Central House.

SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee meets @ 12:30 p.m. the second Sat. of each month at the Intergroup Office: Sept. 13th; Oct. 11th; Nov. 8th; Dec. 13th.

District 8 General Service Business Meetings

District 8 General Service meets at the Triangle Club, West Palm Beach. GSR / DCM sharing @ 5 p.m. and District Business meetings @ 5:45 p.m. on Sundays: Sept. 14th; Oct. 12th; Nov. 9th; Dec. 14th.

South Florida Area 15 Quarterly

So. Fl. Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly meets Oct. 17-19 @ Doubletree Hotel Westshore, 4500 W. Cypress St., Tampa 33607 (813-879-4800). Sat. Banquet tickets must be received by 9/30 and cost \$30. Make checks payable to District 2, PO Box 20623, Tampa, FL 33622.

Look for our Holiday Store information in the next SCANN, and plan to support your Intergroup while doing your Holiday shopping!

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Office Hours	
Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	
Literature, Medallions, Chips, Meeting Lists, Cards, and Gifts	
Officers & Steering Committee	
Chairperson	Al A.
Vice Chair	Ray D.
Treasurer	Ed T.
Secretary	Liz S.
Office Manager	Pam T.
Committee Chairs	
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Telephone Relay	Marielle H.
Webmaster	Drew M.
Where & When	Joe P.
Intergroup Gratitude Dinner	John S.
Serenity Scramble	Rick G.

Birthday Club

Michelle W.	9/21/2006	2 Yrs	Sobriety in the Wind **
Russ C.	9/29/2006	2 Yrs	Inside Out Group
Tom R.	6/26/2001	7 Yrs	Journey To Freedom **
Jeri V.	8/9/1989	19 Yrs	Welcome Home Group
Donna O.	8/16/1987	21 Yrs	Happy Hour Group **
Dorothy T.	8/1987	21 Yrs	Women In Recovery **
Elizabeth B.	7/14/1987	21 Yrs	Happy Hour Group **
Betty M.H.	9/24/1984	24 Yrs	Alcoholics Anonymous!
David R.	9/17/1981	27 Yrs	Boca Boyz

**Note: Corrections from August SCAAN *with apologies*



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, clip and mail this to Intergroup 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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