



Pinellas County Intergroup Central Office

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INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Woodie S., Vice Chair at 7:05pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Officers Present:

Woodie S., Vice Chair

Tom B., Treasurer

Officers Absent:

Scott M., Chairman

Dawn L., Secretary

Steering Committee Members present:

Paul S., Central Office Manager

Lynn C., Anniversary Dinner Chair

Adele S., Unity Meeting Chair

Lou G., Picnic Chair

Sue A., Plain and Straight Chair

Where and When Chair - vacant

Steve C., Helpline Chair

Gratitude Dinner Chair - vacant

Steering Committee Members absent: Ed G., Web Site Chair

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Voting:	42	New:	9
Non-Voting:	8		
Total	50		

Woodie S. asked the Intergroup Reps if anyone could take minutes or if they had any objection to Tom B., Treasurer, chairing the meeting, so she could take minutes. There were no volunteers to take minutes and no objections to Tom chairing, so Woodie turned the meeting over to Tom.

READING OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Steve C., Keep It Simple, made a MOTION to accept the previous month's Intergroup Meeting minutes.

Ian, San Martin, SECONDED the motion

All in favor – the motion PASSED

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Scott M., Pinellas County Intergroup Chairman absent – no report
Contact: chairman@aapinellas.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom B., Treasurer, presented the report.
Contact: treasurer@aapinellas.org

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul S., Central Office Manager, presented the report.
Contact: centraloffice@aapinellas.org, 727-530-0415

UNITY MEETING REPORT

Adele S., Unity Meeting Chair, presented the report.
Contact: unitymeeting@aapinellas.org

PLAIN AND STRAIGHT REPORT

Sue A., Plain and Straight Chair, presented the report.
Contact: plainandstraight@aapinellas.org

WHERE AND WHEN REPORT

Where and When Chair position vacant. Report submitted by Dawn L., past Chair.
Contact: whereandwhen@aapinellas.org or

HELPLINE REPORT

Steve C., Helpline Chair, presented the report.
Contact: centraloffice@aapinellas.org, 530-0415

WEB SITE REPORT

Ed G., Web Site Chair, absent. Woodie S. presented the report.
Contact: webmaster@aapinellas.org

ANNIVERSARY DINNER REPORT

Lynn C., Anniversary Dinner Chair, presented the report.

Contact: anniversarydinner@aapinellas.org

PICNIC REPORT

Lou G., Picnic Chair, presented an oral report.
Contact:

GRATITUDE DINNER REPORT

Gratitude Dinner Chair, Position vacant - no report.
Contact:

INTERGROUP LIAISON TO DISTRICT REPORT

Tom H., Intergroup Liaison, presented an oral report.

ACCEPT/DECLINE ALL REPORTS

Fred J., 3rd Tradition, made a MOTION to accept all reports.
Angela, Last Call, SECONDED the motion.
All in favor – the motion PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Gratitude Dinner Chair – No one stood for the position so all Reps were asked to take it back to their groups.
- Election of Where and When Chair – Mike M. stood for the position and stated he had two years sobriety and 1 year IG Rep experience. No one else stood for the position and Mike was elected by acclamation.

Loretta, Monday Night Speakers, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting.
Tom H., Pinellas Beginners, SECONDED the motion.
All in favor – the motion PASSED.

The meeting closed at 8:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steering Committee Meeting – January 8, 2008
Report for December, 2007

Main Points

- 2007 ended on a very high note
- Accountant is working on clearing up tax overpayments and refunds
- Getting material ready for year-end income tax return
- Contribution will be made to District, Area, and GSO

Well, 2007 has come to an end and our financial position for the year is excellent! We ended the year with \$8,845.11 in the black, a good portion of which will be sent as contributions to District 1, Area 15 and GSO. I, and the entire Steering Committee, want to thank all of you and your groups for making this possible. By being financially sound, Pinellas County Intergroup is able to continue with our primary purpose -- to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

To recap 2007 financially, we received over \$61,000 in contributions and sold over \$47,000 in AAWS literature and \$18,000 in medallions and other approved literature. Our annual events - the picnic, the Anniversary Dinner and the Gratitude Dinner - netted us over \$5,000 in income. With our fourth quarter contribution, we will have given over \$22,000 to help support our other AA entities. These are all very impressive numbers and they show what can be accomplished when we put principles before personalities and strive for the good of AA as a whole. From the bottom of my heart, I thank all of you for your trust and support of Pinellas County Intergroup and the Steering Committee.

On to other business...

Erin Ray, our new accountant, is in the process of reviewing the tax refund postings in the past and correcting them as necessary. This will not change our bottom line, but will clear up the balances in the tax liabilities accounts in QuickBooks. In addition to the normal monthly work, she is also getting the material together for the year-end income tax return, which is due March 15, 2008.

As I stated above, our groups have enabled us to make a substantial contribution to District, Area and GSO. For the fourth quarter of 2007, \$7,073.93 will be split as follows: 40% - \$2,829.57 to District 1, 40% - \$2,829.57 to Area 15 and 20% - \$1,414.79 to GSO. With this contribution, we will have given over \$22,000 in 2007!

Yours in service,

Tom B.
Treasurer

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2007

	Dec 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
103 · Checking Account	16,244.08
104 · Savings Account	12,251.72
Total Checking/Savings	28,495.80
Accounts Receivable	
105 · Accounts Receivable	80.00
Total Accounts Receivable	80.00
Other Current Assets	
120 · Inventory Asset	24,586.37
222 · Equipment & Machinery	386.50
228 · Leasehold Improvements	1,245.93
233 · Accumulated Depr.Equip&Mach	-386.50
239 · Accum.Amort.Leasehold Improve	-1,245.93
Total Other Current Assets	24,586.37
Total Current Assets	53,162.17
Fixed Assets	
224 · Furniture & Fixtures	5,711.25
Total Fixed Assets	5,711.25
TOTAL ASSETS	58,873.42
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200 · Accounts Payable	6.27
Total Accounts Payable	6.27
Other Current Liabilities	
305 · Sales Tax Payable	266.11
310 · Payroll Liabilities	
350 · Fica W/H Payable	269.32
351 · Federal W/H Payable	194.48
352 · Suta Payable	-944.83
353 · Futa Payable	18.19
Total 310 · Payroll Liabilities	-462.84
Total Other Current Liabilities	-196.73
Total Current Liabilities	-190.46
Total Liabilities	-190.46
Equity	
560 · Opening Bal Equity	1,123.22
561 · Retained Earnings	16,875.01
565 · Fund Balance	32,220.54
Net Income	8,845.11
Total Equity	59,063.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	58,873.42

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Profit & Loss
December, 2007

	<u>Dec 07</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 07</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
600 · C.O. Revenue		
601A · Group Contributions	5,102.48	52,035.32
601B · Unity Meeting	249.13	3,247.04
601C · Miscellaneous Contributions	4.00	6,088.39
601D · Birthday Plan	0.00	160.00
602 · AAWS Sales	3,286.43	47,128.90
603 · Medallion Sales	803.60	15,125.50
604 · Where & When Sales	67.00	1,507.00
605 · Grapevine Sales	264.55	2,856.10
606 · Anniversary Dinner		
606A · Anniv. Dinner Contrib. & Raffle	0.00	55.00
606B · Anniv. Dinner Income (Tickets)	3,900.00	7,382.00
606C · Anniversary Dinner - Other	0.00	684.00
Total 606 · Anniversary Dinner	3,900.00	8,121.00
607 · Gratitude Dinner		
607B · Grat. Dinner Income (Tickets)	0.00	3,815.00
607C · Gratitude Dinner - Other	0.00	1,225.00
Total 607 · Gratitude Dinner	0.00	5,040.00
608 · Picnic		
608A · Picnic Contributions	0.00	1,691.50
608B · Picnic - Other	0.00	2,543.04
Total 608 · Picnic	0.00	4,234.54
609 · Anniversary Cards	77.50	1,262.82
Total 600 · C.O. Revenue	13,754.69	146,806.61
Total Income	13,754.69	146,806.61
Cost of Goods Sold		
700 · Cost of Goods Sold		
720 · AAWS Cost	2,961.47	40,192.17
721 · Medallions Cost	377.10	6,494.97
722 · Where & When Cost	423.84	4,426.65
723 · Grapevine Cost	286.28	2,468.30
724 · Anniversary Dinner	0.00	5,704.61
725 · Gratitude Dinner	0.00	2,424.52
726 · Picnic Costs	0.00	2,184.61
730 · Anniversary Cards	32.72	509.14
735 · Miscellaneous	0.00	-42.30
740 · Shipping	60.60	113.67
Total 700 · Cost of Goods Sold	4,142.01	64,476.34
Total COGS	4,142.01	64,476.34
Gross Profit	9,612.68	82,330.27

Expense		
656 · Payroll Expenses	2,368.00	33,340.00
800 · C.O. Operating Expense		
801 · Contributions	0.00	15,143.66
805 · Internet and Web Site		
805A · Web Site - PCI	35.00	1,409.72
805B · Web Site - District	0.00	50.00
805C · Internet Connection	26.99	315.70
Total 805 · Internet and Web Site	<u>61.99</u>	<u>1,775.42</u>
807 · Collection Allowance	-9.42	-113.45
808 · Discounts Taken	-264.00	-391.00
815 · Rent	499.00	5,940.00
821 · Where & When	1,250.00	1,250.00
822 · Plain & Straight	158.00	1,598.00
824 · Answering Service	65.00	780.00
825 · Telephone	161.13	1,911.31
826 · Office Expenses	225.96	2,124.20
831 · Postage	41.00	286.25
837 · Utilities	48.50	1,255.19
838 · Business Insurance	170.41	2,497.17
839 · Workers' Comp Insurance	29.75	277.25
842 · Repairs and Maintenance	84.00	1,527.72
844 · Shipping Expense	0.00	457.42
847 · Professional Fees	200.00	1,200.00
849 · Payroll Taxes		
850 · SS and Medicare	181.12	2,514.02
851 · State Unemploy. Tax (SUTA)	12.80	175.69
852 · Federal Unemploy. Tax (FUTA)	0.00	-46.17
Total 849 · Payroll Taxes	<u>193.92</u>	<u>2,643.54</u>
Total 800 · C.O. Operating Expense	<u>2,915.24</u>	<u>40,162.68</u>
890 · Inventory Adjustments	0.00	-2.00
Total Expense	<u>5,283.24</u>	<u>73,500.68</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,329.44	8,829.59
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
620 · Other Income		
622 · Interest-Savings	0.00	15.52
Total 620 · Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.52</u>
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.52</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.52</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,329.44</u></u>	<u><u>8,845.11</u></u>

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Group Contributions
December, 2007

	<u>Dec 07</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 07</u>
1-2-1		100.00
2250 Group		250.00
3RD Tradition Meeting		507.00
4th Dimension		176.40
7 and Up		50.00
AA By The Sea		277.50
ABES Place	246.45	2,197.55
After Work Bunch	128.34	1,703.47
Alive Again Group		150.00
All Ages	150.00	700.00
All For One		186.00
Amazing Grace		58.00
Archangel Group		65.00
At The End Of The Rainbow		1,494.27
Attitude Adjustment	250.00	2,810.00
Back Porch After Work Bunch		506.86
Back Porch Lunch Bunch		947.79
BAIGIS	30.00	280.00
Bayou Group		179.50
Beach Bunch	325.00	625.00
Beacon Group		25.00
Blind Pass Group		687.50
Cash Customer		82.75
Central Group		409.95
Circle Of Friends		400.00
Clearwater Central		100.00
Clearwater Group	30.00	390.00
Common Solution	11.00	53.32
Countryside Group		535.20
Countryside Men's Group		400.00
Countryside Women		100.00
Couples Growing Together		142.59
Daily Reflections		200.00
Don Vista Group	600.00	900.00
Dunedin Group		103.50
East Lake Group		463.28
Endless Series		261.48
Faith In Serenity		20.00
Feelings Group		1,110.00
Find Yourself		750.00
Forty Niners	200.00	850.00
Free Spirits	90.00	875.00
Free To Be Me		50.00
Getting It Together	120.00	120.00

Go After Your Sobriety		280.00
GOYA		530.00
Group contribution		39.82
Happier Hour		40.00
High Noon Daily		150.00
Highpoint	100.00	525.00
Holiday Isles Group		100.00
Honesty Group		287.00
Hopeful Group		350.02
Humility Group	285.00	285.00
Indian Rocks Beach	100.00	300.00
Intergroup Meeting	54.00	634.74
Into Action		56.00
Joy Of Living		75.00
Just For Today		50.84
Keep It Simple		1,148.83
KOINONIA Group		100.00
Last Call Group	240.00	307.00
Love And Tolerance		25.00
Lunch Bunch		2,429.78
Monday Night Speakers		500.00
New Beginnings Womens Meeting		100.00
New Freedom/New Happiness	104.00	722.00
New Hope		100.00
New North		167.00
Not So Late Nite	60.00	800.00
Oakhurst		400.00
Off Your Chest		434.20
Oldsmar Group	270.00	1,020.00
Open Door		1,000.00
Our Common Problem	75.00	425.00
Palm Harbor Group		1,000.00
Palm Harbor Young Peoples		40.00
Philippe Park	75.00	175.00
Pinellas Beginners Group		160.00
Primary Purpose	25.87	344.16
Sat.AMWomen's Big Book		120.00
Saturday Morning Men's Step		146.00
Saturday Night Group		200.00
Saturday Steppin' In		510.00
Seminole Group		720.00
Serenity Seekers		1,254.91
Sober In Paradise	100.00	200.00
Spirit Group		457.00
St Pete Beach Young Peoples Group		56.45
Start Here		25.00
Step Sisters		50.00
Step Takers Make It		238.00
Step Up To The Plate		60.00

Steps For Sobriety		600.00
Still Standing	70.64	70.64
Sunday A.M. Big Book		200.00
Sunday Brunch		303.00
Sunday Night Largo Group		50.00
Sunrise Sunset	980.00	4,430.00
Sunset Beach	122.90	1,452.58
Sunshine City	25.00	350.00
Surfside Group		250.00
Survivors Meeting		25.00
The Kirk		388.00
The Real Happy Hour		425.66
Thursday Morning Break		20.00
Thursday Night Big Book		45.00
Thursday Night Speakers	25.00	175.00
To The Max		520.00
Today In Sobriety	50.00	450.00
Triangle		56.00
Tuesday Night Step		20.00
Turner Street Evening		75.00
Unity Meeting	249.13	3,247.04
We Don't Know Yet		100.00
Weds Nite Men's Step		25.00
What's Bug'in You		50.00
What's Your Motive		20.00
Women In Step	20.00	130.00
Women With Freedom		120.00
Wonderful Program	139.28	251.78
TOTAL	<u>5,351.61</u>	<u>55,282.36</u>

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Prudent Reserve Calculation
October, November, December - 2007

	Expenses Per Month	Average of Last 12 Months
January 2007	4,627.95	
February 2007	5,535.99	
March 2007	5,521.73	
April 2007	8,209.97	
May 2007	3,762.08	
June 2007	5,368.65	
July 2007	5,368.65	
August 2007	3,954.48	
September 2007	4,304.54	
October 2007	7,260.42	
November 2007	5,049.11	
December 2007	5,283.24	
Total	64,246.81	5,353.90
Checking Account	16,244.08	
Savings Account	12,251.72	
Total Cash on Hand		28,495.80
Less: Accounts Payable		6.27
Less: One month's expenses		5,353.90
Less: Prudent Reserve (3 * Average Expenses)		16,061.70
Over / (Under)		7,073.93
Available for Distribution		7,073.93
District 1 – 40%		2,829.57
Area 15 – 40%		2,829.57
GSO – 20%		1,414.79

Motion passed at February 27, 2006 Intergroup meeting defining the Prudent Reserve amount and policy:

To redefine Prudent Reserve as an amount equal to the average monthly operating expense for past 12 months, times three. The checkbook balance at the 1st of the month is maintained at one month's operating expenses separate from the prudent reserve. Any excess funds from the checking account will be distributed quarterly with 20% to General Service Office in New York, 40% of Area 15 South Florida, and 40% to District 1 within Area 15.

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

January 8th, 2008

Main Points:

1. Statistics
2. End of Year Report
3. Area 15 Quarterly

1. Statistics:

Phone Calls Total:	385	Hang ups:	11
Information:	354	Other calls:	23
12 Step:	1	Referrals back to web site:	19
Al-Anon:	3	Online orders:	5
Other Programs:	4	Visitors	279

2. Your continued support of Central Office through your purchases of AA literature and other items, especially medallions, has been wonderful. A brief summary shows that you purchased over 4570 **Big Books** and 1570 "**12 and 12**" of all types. Medallion sales topped 13,000 units; 6700 aluminum, 3080 bronze, 1800 plastic and 425 of the fancy tri-plate type. Also, over 500 anniversary cards were purchased. We look forward to another great year.

3. I attended the South Florida Area 15 Quarterly held at the **St. Pete. Hilton**. There I met with other Intergroup Central Office Managers from around the state. Overall, we are doing quite well in both our financial and service work. Additional comments are on an addendum.

As productive as we were financially, this would be of little consequence if we were remiss in fulfilling, "*Our Primary Purpose*," to carry the message. In this, the staff and volunteers at Central Office responded to approximately 4,500 phone calls during regular business hours. Of these, at least one per day is a call for help from a still suffering Alcoholic, seeking refuge from the disease of Alcoholism. Without your support, these calls would go unanswered and the light of recovery would dim. If you have the time and the inclination, come and join us on the "firing line." Our twelve-step list always has openings for those who wish to give back what was so freely given to them.

On behalf of myself, "Buzz," and all the volunteers at Central Office, "Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. We look forward to an even more productive and fulfilling year in 2008."

Submitted in Service,
Paul S.
Central Office Manager

South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly
Pinellas County Intergroup
Central Office Manager's Report

As we begin 2008, I have been in service only nine months and has it been a steep learning curve! I had no idea just how much more there is to AA's service structure than what I've witnessed at the Home Group level.

I would like to review the two main areas of responsibility here at P.C. I. Central Office: finances and service. However, please keep in mind that this is my first year and I do not have guidelines by which to judge progress.

P.C.I.'s revenue for 2007 may be broken down into three categories:

- A. Sales of AAWS and Grapevine Literature and medallions.
- B. Contributions from various sources, particularly from our groups.
- C. Fund raising activities such as our Annual Picnic, Anniversary and Gratitude Dinners.

In terms of sales, all our **AAWS** and **Grapevine** literature is sold at the suggested prices set by these service entities. However, since we purchase many items in quantity, we receive the suggested discounts and also save on shipping and handling. As a result, we are able to generate some "profit" without burdening our members, yet we are still able to cover some of our expenses.

Medallions and Anniversary Cards are also much in demand. With these we follow more traditional "retail" practices regarding pricing. However, our prices are well below those offered by non-AA businesses and our members appreciate this very much.

While we are pleased with the sales of such well-received merchandise, Central Office would soon close its doors if it were not for the extremely generous nature of our many groups and individual members. From this traditional source, Central Office received almost 75% of its total income!

However generous our membership has been in terms of money, none of this would matter if Central Office was remiss in fulfilling our organization's "Primary Purpose" to carry the AA message. This past year, P.C.I. Central Office substantially increased the number of people available for service. In addition to myself and one other 'special worker', we now have at least six regular volunteers without whom we could never provide the help to those still sick and suffering Alcoholics whose sometimes poignant and often desperate pleas come over the phones.

In 2007, during regular business hours we answered over 4,500 calls; some from as far away as London, England. They requested everything from a printed meeting guide to help finding a bed in a rehab or detox. Sometimes, frantic family members who do not fully comprehend the true nature of Alcoholism, needed comforting and were suggested

to call our "sister" program, Al-anon. For these contingencies, we have a prepared list of co-operating agencies to which we can refer those in need.

There remains one more area of service. While last on my report is truly first in the hearts of Alcoholics everywhere: the 12th Step call. To insure that this cornerstone of AA service is solid in Pinellas County, we at Central Office are constantly requesting our individual members and our groups to sign up for, and be part of, our 12-Step contact list. Our 12-Step list is arranged by zip code, gender and language proficiency. Members make themselves available to do any and all of the following: return phone calls from other alcoholics, make house calls, and provide rides (when appropriate,) visit homebound or institution-bound members, take calls at Central Office, and occasionally, meet visitors at the airport.

Based on my limited experience, I am anticipating that 2008 will see even greater levels of service from our members here in Pinellas County.

Submitted in love and service,

Paul S.
P.C.I. Central Office Manager

Addendum to Central Office Manager's Report

These were some of the general issues which were reviewed at the meeting. They are listed in the order in which they were presented.

1. Maintaining Group contact information; e.g. a name and phone number was considered vital. One Intergroup actually created a committee to visit groups to verify their continued meeting schedule.
2. Broward and So. Palm Beach/Miami rely on volunteers to cover sales, as well as phones.
3. Those groups that sell "drunk junk" find it problematic.
4. Creative Arts is a problem around So. Florida Area 15 Central Offices.
5. Other Intergroups have been having trouble with churches dropping meetings. The reasons include parking, smoking, overcrowding, especially when rehab/detox patients arrive, and a general dissatisfaction with AA cooperation in maintaining the facilities.
6. Several Intergroups maintain Archives at their Central Office.
7. In order to forestall traditions related problems, some Intergroups ask new meetings if they intend to, "Follow the Traditions?"

8. Several Intergroups have discovered “competing” websites using variations on the AA name or their local name. This may cause confusion and lead potential new alcoholics to professional treatment centers or counselors.

9. Some of the Intergroups have put the AA P.S.A. on their website.

UNITY MEETING REPORT

JANUARY, 2008

DATE TO DATE	HOST GROUP	# ATTENDEES	TO DATE	COLLECTION	TO DATE
			2902		\$2703.09
11/3/2007	2250 GROUP	80		\$69.50	
11/10/2007	FIND YOURSELF	70		\$61.68	
11/17/2007	49'RS GROUP	69		\$64.19	
11/24/2007	BLIND PASS	65		\$52.76	
		284	3186	\$248.13	\$2,950.22
12/1/2007	NEW NORTH	65		\$58.00	
12/8/2007	KITCHEN TABLE	60		\$51.56	
12/15/2007	FRIENDS OF UNITY	73		\$52.07	
12/22/2007	OLDSMAR	80		\$61.51	
12/29/2007	CLWTR CENTRAL	54		\$57.50	
		332	3518	\$280.64	\$3,230.86

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!!
WE HAVE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR. WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL OF \$3000 AND ARE ON OUR WAY TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR. MELODY B. IS OUR NEW ALT. CHAIRPERSON AND I BELIEVE WILL DO A GREAT JOB. MELODY IS ALSO THE PLAIN & STRAIGHT REPORTER. WE HAVE GROUPS SIGNED UP UNTIL MARCH 22. PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR GROUP AT THE INTERGROUP MEETING OR ON LINE AT WWW.AAPINELLAS.ORG UNDER (FIND A MEETING)

03/01/08 Blind Pass

03/08/08	Real Happy Hour
03/15/08	Into Action
03/22/08	San Martin
03/29/08	----- Available -----
04/05/08	----- Available -----
04/12/08	----- Available -----
04/19/08	----- Available -----
04/26/08	----- Available -----
05/03/08	----- Available -----

**WITH GREAT THANKS,
 ADELE S**

PLAIN AND STRAIGHT REPORT

Date: January 8, 2008

Just some reminders:

- I can use articles. I encourage all to email submissions. Any topic relating to the disease of alcoholism and/or Pinellas County Intergroup.
- Articles should be submitted no later than the last day of the previous month. For example: to submit an article for the February issue of the Plain and Straight, the last day to email the article to me would be January 31st.
- Email articles to plainandstraight@aapinellas.org and please type "Article submission" in the subject line.
- Anniversary submissions have the same deadline – the last day of the month. Example: the last day to submit January Anniversaries (which will be in the February issue) is January 31st.
- There are 3 ways to submit group members Anniversaries:
 - o fill out the *Anniversary Submission Form* and hand it to me before or after the Intergroup meeting,
 - o follow the link on the website – www.aapinellas.org – click on *Group Submissions* then click on *Anniversary Information* and follow the directions,
 - o or email submissions to me directly at plainandstraight@aapinellas.org and please type "Anniversary Submissions" in the subject line.

In peace and service,

Susan Apel
Plain and Straight Chairperson

WHERE & WHEN REPORT

Date: 01/08/08

By: Dawn Laine
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- Newest issue is GREEN & available @ Jan 21 Intergroup Meeting and @ Central Office.
- Don't throw old issues out.
- This is my last Where & When report
- I will not be at the Jan 21 Intergroup Meeting. I will be enjoying the simple life in Costa Rica!

Big thanks to everyone who submitted updates.

PLEASE do not discard old Where & Whens just because the new ones are out. Either give away your old ones before you start handing out the new ones, OR bring your old copies to Central Office. For every two "old" issues you return, they'll give you a new issue for free! What a great deal.

Please remind everyone that the best way to present changes to the Where & When is to fill out the form on the Website. Updates should be submitted as soon as they are known. Please include a contact phone number and/or email address in case we have any questions. Thank you! If you don't have access to a computer, please call Central Office to make your corrections.

PLEASE ask ALL groups to let me or Central Office know if they stop meeting – as soon as they stop! There is really no reason for our meeting list not to be (practically) perfect. Please stress this at ALL meetings you attend. Even if the group doesn't have an Intergroup Rep, they should still keep us aware of their meeting status.

It has been an honor & a pleasure to serve as your Pinellas County Intergroup Where & When Chairperson for the past few years. Please join me in welcoming our new chairperson & wishing him all the best on his new adventure!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Dawn ☺

HELPLINE REPORT

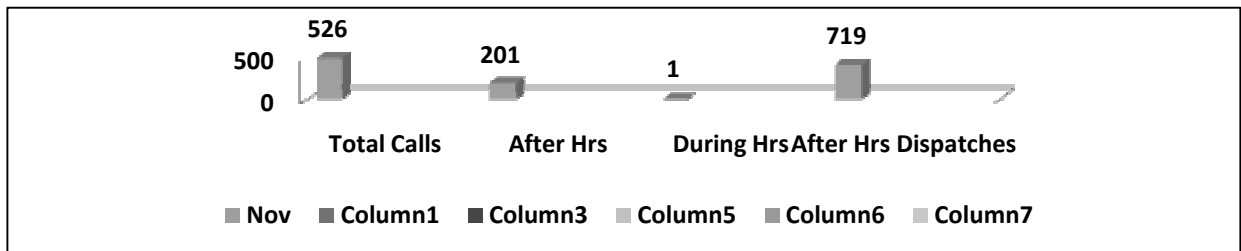
January 8, 2008

Pinellas County AA Helpline was staffed during the month by:

- 33 volunteers
- And 1 AA twelve step group

Call Statistics for December 2007

- Total calls : 526
- After hours messages: 201
- During hours messages: 1
- After hours dispatches: 719



Total Calls - total number of calls received during period.
After Hours Messages - messages left by individuals seeking helpline assistance when Central Service is closed.
During Hours Messages - messages left while Central Service is open.
After Hours Dispatches - calls from service to volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Chair Person, for the Intergroup Helpline (Area 15, District 1). I consider it an honor and hope to continue the successes of my predecessors.

When I took this position it was simply an attempt to further practice the Twelve Steps, in all my affairs.

I first became involved in service below the Group level, as a GSR, because I firmly believe in the *Responsibility Pledge*. I know others were there for me and I want to make sure that the same is true for the *Newcomer*.

Therefore:

I am responsible...
 When anyone, anywhere,
 reaches out for help, I want
 the hand of A.A. always to be there.
 And for that: I am responsible.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Stephen C.

WEB SITE REPORT

Steering Committee Meeting – January 8, 2007
 Report for December, 2007

Main Points

- Pictures of new sign posted
- AA Public Service Announcement posted
- Statistics for December

Thanks to Ed G. and Scottie S., there are some great pictures of our new Pinellas County Intergroup sign posted on the web site. On the home page, under the right-hand “Breaking News” box, click on the link to take a look at them.

Also in the “Breaking News” box is a link to the latest GSO AA Public Service Announcement. To view all the PSAs on GSO’s site, visit:

http://www.aa.org/en_media_resources.cfm?PageID=42

Web site statistics for the month of December, 2007:

Total visits: (The total number of times people have visited the web site.)	12,968
Total page views: (The total number of web site pages that have been viewed.)	47,402
Total hits: (A request to the web server for a file such as a web page, image, etc.)	108,865
Referred from Alcoholics-Anonymous.org:	133

Don’t forget:

To submit anniversaries, events, and meeting changes, or to sign up for the Unity Meeting, 12-Step List, or Helpline, go to www.aapinellas.org and click on “Group Submissions” in the left-hand navigation. Then click on the form you need.

Yours in service,

Ed G.

Anniversary Dinner Report
December 4th, 2007

Co chair is Steve C
Secretary- Francis N
Publicity Chair- Inntergroup Reps
Raffle Chair- Anne & Jim K
Raffle Tickets – Susan K
Speaker liaison- Johnny K

Must meet the minimum of 270 tickets to be sold!

As of 12/18 , Tickets are sold= 201

Monies:

1) 10,920.00 Total to be sold = 420 tickets @26.00 = 10,920.00

2) 6,526.00 Tickets accounted for = 251 tickets accounted for all of which 201 are sold

4,394.00 Outstanding tickets = 160 tickets unaccounted for who did not show up at last Intergroup meeting.

Attempts have been made to call ALL Intergroup reps with outstanding tickets.

Note: Policy is that "HarborView Center needs a count by January 28th

Inntergroup Reps have 1 week to turn the unaccounted tickets either to Paul 530-0415 (Central office), Steve C. 543-4488 (co chair) or myself Lynn C 443-7424

If these tickets are not turned in before or on Monday January 28th, theses ticket numbers will be void and not accepted at the door. Even if they are sold.

District 1 will be displaying Archives

Badges have been donated

Scholarship donations collected from the Area Assembly totaled \$17.00

Speaker's itinerary is confirmed

Again, we would like to thank everyone for allowing us the opportunity to be of service for such a special event that holds a place in our hearts for AA in Pinellas County.

In Love and Service,
Lynn C
Anniversary Chairman
Steve C
Co-chair