



## **INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

September 15, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

### Officers Present:

Scott M., Chairman  
Woodie S., Vice Chair

Tom B., Treasurer  
Dawn L., Secretary

### Steering Committee Members present:

Paul S., Central Office Manager  
Adele S., Unity Meeting Chair  
Sue A., Plain and Straight Chair  
Ed G., Web Site Chair

Tom H., District Liaison  
Melvin F., Gratitude Dinner Chair  
Angela L., Picnic Chair

### Steering Committee Members absent:

Michael M., Where & When Chair  
Lou G., Anniversary Dinner Chair

Stephen C., Helpline Chair

### **INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Voting:	44	New:	5	Shane, Common Solution
Non-Voting:	4			James, Back to the 40s
Total	48			John, Palm Harbor Group
				Matt, Mixed Nuts
				Jack H., Free Spirits

### **READING OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES**

George, 301, made a MOTION to accept the Intergroup Meeting minutes.  
Melody, Find Yourself, SECONDED the motion  
All in favor – the motion PASSED

### **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Presented by Scott M., Pinellas County Intergroup Chairman  
Contact: [chairman@aapinellas.org](mailto:chairman@aapinellas.org)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

*Tom said we received a new letter from the IRS after our Steering Committee meeting. They will give us a detailed response with 45 days.*

## **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

*Woodie asked IG Reps to inform her (webmaster) if their web site (anniversary and/or group changes) submissions are not being added as requested so she can check to see if the emails are going through to the appropriate Chair.*

## **WHERE AND WHEN REPORT**

Scott M., presented the report in Michael M.'s absence.  
Contact: whereandwhen@aapinellas.org

## **HELPLINE REPORT**

Angela L., Helpline Co-Chair, presented the report.  
Contact: helpline@aapinellas.org or centraloffice@aapinellas.org, 530-0415

## **WEB SITE REPORT**

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

## **ANNIVERSARY DINNER REPORT**

Anniversary Dinner Chair, Lou G., not present: no report.  
Contact: anniversarydinner@aapinellas.org

## **PICNIC REPORT**

Angela L., Picnic Chair, presented the report.  
Contact: picnic@aapinellas.org

## **GRATITUDE DINNER REPORT**

Melvin F., Gratitude Dinner Chair, presented the report.  
Contact: gratitudedinner@aapinellas.org

*Melvin requested volunteers to help set up at 9:00 PM at Minnreg on Saturday, Nov 15.*

## **INTERGROUP LIAISON TO DISTRICT REPORT**

Tom H., Intergroup Liaison, presented the report.

## **ACCEPT/DECLINE ALL REPORTS**

Dan, Sober Spirits, made a MOTION to accept all reports.  
Loretta, Monday Night Speakers, SECONDED the motion.  
All in favor – the motion PASSED.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Woodie explained QuickBooks and BB&T charges/fees associated with accepting credit cards @ Central Office (see attached). The IG Reps are to take this back to their groups for a vote to be held in October.

*Much discussion ensued: Jim H., Our Common Problem, mentioned possibility of accepting only debit cards, as it may be less expensive. He also reminded us that it is our responsibility to keep records for at least 6 months, in case of disputes.*

*Woodie reminded everyone that the credit card customers would be responsible for additional fees, therefore the only additional expense to PCI would be the “one-time” fees.*

- Scott reminded everyone that Officer elections will be held next month, October 20, 2008.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Woodie explained the new procedure for the sale of dinner tickets. This system was devised at the request of IG Reps to help prevent the problems that have happened in the past. These problems included missing money, unsold tickets not being returned and disconnected phone numbers of Reps who had taken tickets, therefore giving us no way to contact them for the return of tickets. This

is effective immediately and applies to Gratitude Dinner tickets on sale tonight. No tickets are to be given to anyone without payment at time of receipt.

- Woodie will post the seating chart on the web site.
- Deadline to return unsold tickets to Central Office for refund is end of business Friday, October 31.
- The new system works like this:
  - IG Reps are given a “Gratitude Dinner Ticket Request” form to fill out during the meeting.
  - After the meeting, the IG Reps take their form to a Dinner Committee member.
  - The Committee member gives them an envelope containing their tickets and printed with their ticket numbers on it.
  - The IG Rep selects the table they want and the Committee member writes the table number and ticket numbers on the Ticket Request form for Central Office’s record.
  - The IG Rep verifies the tickets are all there and pays for them.

*Much (heated) discussion ensued. Some Reps were upset that there was no notice given about the new procedure because they were not prepared with cash or checks to purchase tickets.*

*Unfortunately, the Gratitude Dinner had a rocky start and the original Chair stepped down, causing a new election for a Chair and delaying the start of preparation of the dinner by 2-3 months. Now, with the dinner only 2 months away, the Gratitude Dinner Committee was concerned there wouldn’t be enough time to get the tickets out there and sold, thus causing the implementation of the new system tonight. In the future, the announcement of ticket sales will be made one month in advance of the actual sale of tickets, giving the IG Reps plenty of time to prepare.*

*In light of the short notice this time, IG Reps will be given exclusive rights to purchase tickets at Central Office by end of business Friday, September 19. Tickets will then be available to anyone on a first come, first served basis.*

[name and group], made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

[name and group], SECONDED the motion.

All in favor – the motion PASSED.

The meeting closed at [time] PM with the Lord’s Prayer.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Steering Committee Meeting – September 2, 2008  
Report for August, 2008

### **Main Points**

- Small loss this month, but getting back on track
- No word from IRS

We are still showing a small loss this month of \$676.64 but we should be back to normal next month and start reducing our YTD loss. Contributions have been a little low these last two months, which has caused our loss this month.

There has been no response from the IRS on the 2001 Form 990 yet.

Yours in service,

Tom B.  
Treasurer

**Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of August, 2008

Aug 31, 08

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
103 · Checking Account	8,940.95
104 · Savings Account	12,287.28
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>21,228.23</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
105 · Accounts Receivable	34.57
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>34.57</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
102 · Undeposited Funds	-510.36
120 · Inventory Asset	24,525.90
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
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>24,015.54</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>45,278.34</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
224 · Furniture & Fixtures	5,711.25
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>5,711.25</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>50,989.59</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
200 · Accounts Payable	83.48
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>83.48</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
305 · Sales Tax Payable	278.30
310 · Payroll Liabilities	
350 · Fica W/H Payable	286.72
351 · Federal W/H Payable	363.98
352 · Suta Payable	-1,834.98
353 · Futa Payable	-20.26
<b>Total 310 · Payroll Liabilities</b>	<u>-1,204.54</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-926.24</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-842.76</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-842.76
<b>Equity</b>	
560 · Opening Bal Equity	1,123.22
561 · Retained Earnings	26,406.62
565 · Fund Balance	31,710.18
Net Income	-7,407.67
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>51,832.35</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>50,989.59</u></u>

**Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Profit & Loss**  
August, 2008

	<u>Aug 08</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 08</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>600 · C.O. Revenue</b>		
<b>601A · Group Contributions</b>	3,045.59	31,957.88
<b>601B · Unity Meeting</b>	226.45	1,965.17
<b>601C · Miscellaneous Contributions</b>	444.67	856.67
<b>601D · Birthday Plan</b>	10.00	125.00
<b>602 · AAWS Sales</b>	3,061.24	31,332.24
<b>603 · Medallion Sales</b>	1,251.90	11,074.25
<b>604 · Where &amp; When Sales</b>	80.80	1,027.60
<b>605 · Grapevine Sales</b>	176.90	1,810.00
<b>606 · Anniversary Dinner</b>		
<b>606B · Anniv. Dinner Income (Tickets)</b>	0.00	5,200.00
<b>606C · Anniversary Dinner - Other</b>	0.00	892.00
<b>Total 606 · Anniversary Dinner</b>	0.00	6,092.00
<b>608 · Picnic</b>		
<b>608A · Picnic Contributions</b>	0.00	2,381.33
<b>608B · Picnic - Other</b>	0.00	2,583.46
<b>Total 608 · Picnic</b>	0.00	4,964.79
<b>609 · Anniversary Cards</b>	97.50	795.00
<b>615 · Miscellaneous</b>	0.00	0.32
<b>Total 600 · C.O. Revenue</b>	<u>8,395.05</u>	<u>92,000.92</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	8,395.05	92,000.92
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
<b>700 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
<b>720 · AAWS Cost</b>	2,712.53	27,155.89
<b>721 · Medallions Cost</b>	550.28	4,598.89
<b>722 · Where &amp; When Cost</b>	348.07	3,101.30
<b>723 · Grapevine Cost</b>	166.11	1,702.31
<b>724 · Anniversary Dinner</b>	0.00	4,307.29
<b>725 · Gratitude Dinner</b>	0.00	250.00
<b>726 · Picnic Costs</b>	0.00	2,848.84
<b>730 · Anniversary Cards</b>	88.93	721.25
<b>735 · Miscellaneous</b>	-1.80	-51.75
<b>740 · Shipping</b>	27.38	372.93
<b>Total 700 · Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<u>3,891.50</u>	<u>45,006.95</u>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<u>3,891.50</u>	<u>45,006.95</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	4,503.55	46,993.97

Expense

656 · Payroll Expenses	2,736.30	20,498.88
800 · C.O. Operating Expense		
801 · Contributions	0.00	18,466.14
803 · Bank Charges	0.00	51.58
805 · Internet and Web Site		
805A · Web Site - PCI	193.75	548.75
805C · Internet Connection	53.99	297.85
Total 805 · Internet and Web Site	247.74	846.60
807 · Collection Allowance	-8.32	-71.22
808 · Discounts Taken	0.00	-161.00
815 · Rent	449.00	4,144.00
816 · C.O. Improvement Expense	0.00	454.11
822 · Plain & Straight	120.00	960.00
824 · Answering Service	65.00	520.00
825 · Telephone	154.75	1,355.03
826 · Office Expenses	153.46	1,175.29
831 · Postage	0.00	140.80
837 · Utilities	152.87	740.87
838 · Business Insurance	562.68	1,585.14
839 · Workers' Comp Insurance	28.33	225.74
840 · Cash Over/Short	0.00	-0.27
842 · Repairs and Maintenance	84.00	811.66
844 · Shipping Expense	0.00	-3.00
846 · Licenses and Fees	0.00	61.25
847 · Professional Fees	200.00	800.00
849 · Payroll Taxes		
850 · SS and Medicare	209.32	1,568.16
851 · State Unemploy. Tax (SUTA)	25.06	651.35
Total 849 · Payroll Taxes	234.38	2,219.51
Total 800 · C.O. Operating Expense	2,443.89	34,322.23
890 · Inventory Adjustments	0.00	-370.90
Total Expense	5,180.19	54,450.21
Net Ordinary Income	-676.64	-7,456.24
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
620 · Other Income		
621 · Reimbursements	0.00	9.36
622 · Interest-Savings	0.00	39.21
Total 620 · Other Income	0.00	48.57
Total Other Income	0.00	48.57
Net Other Income	0.00	48.57
Net Income	<u>-676.64</u>	<u>-7,407.67</u>

**Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.**  
**Group Contributions**  
August, 2008

	<u>Aug 08</u>	<u>Jan - Aug 08</u>
2250 Group	0.00	300.00
3RD Tradition Meeting	0.00	342.00
4th Dimension	0.00	84.40
5th Ave Group	150.00	150.00
A Safe Place	0.00	307.29
AA By The Sea	0.00	218.00
ABES Place	0.00	1,217.34
After Work Bunch	195.63	1,277.04
All Ages	0.00	500.00
Amazing Grace	0.00	31.75
Archangel Group	0.00	250.00
At The End Of The Rainbow	0.00	789.01
Attitude Adjustment	150.00	1,700.00
BAIGIS	0.00	150.00
Bayou Group	0.00	50.00
Beach Bunch	0.00	375.00
Beacon Group	0.00	25.00
Bill's Bunch	0.00	100.00
Blind Pass Group	0.00	300.00
Center Of Hope	20.00	100.00
Central Group	0.00	128.72
Circle Of Friends	0.00	100.00
Clearwater Central	0.00	250.00
Clearwater Group	30.00	290.00
Common Solution	0.00	60.00
Countryside Group	0.00	200.00
Countryside Men's Group	0.00	300.00
Countryside Women	0.00	95.00
Couples Growing Together	39.34	118.13
East Lake Group	0.00	384.98
Feelings Group	0.00	156.80
Find Yourself	0.00	375.00
Forty Niners	0.00	300.00
Free Spirits	0.00	585.00
Free To Be Me	0.00	50.00
Go After Your Sobriety	0.00	100.00
GOYA	80.00	380.00
Grow Up Group	0.00	150.45
High Noon Daily	0.00	200.00
Highpoint	50.00	310.00
Holiday Isles Group	0.00	200.00
Indian Rocks Beach	0.00	100.00
Intergroup Meeting	42.80	386.15
Just For Today	0.00	50.00
Keep It Simple	60.90	521.72
Ladies' Beach Serenity Break	0.00	50.00
Ladies Night	0.00	50.00
Lake Seminole Speakers	0.00	177.00
Last Call Group	0.00	407.00

Living Sober	0.00	172.80
Love And Tolerance	0.00	25.00
Lunch Bunch	610.31	1,898.20
Maximo Point	0.00	25.00
Monday Night Speakers	0.00	225.00
New Freedom/New Happiness	0.00	200.00
Not So Late Nite	123.61	243.61
Oakhurst	0.00	250.00
Oldsmar Group	265.60	1,312.75
One For The Road	0.00	187.00
Open Door	0.00	500.00
Our Common Problem	0.00	225.00
Ozona Group	0.00	703.80
Palm Harbor Group	0.00	725.00
Philippe Park	0.00	37.50
Primary Purpose	0.00	308.25
Rivera Group	0.00	25.00
Saturday Morning Men's Step	282.79	282.79
Saturday Night Group	0.00	300.00
Saturday Steppin' In	240.00	420.00
Seminole Group	0.00	360.00
Serenity Seekers	108.00	864.50
Shore Acres Gratitude	0.00	426.43
Snowbirds	0.00	142.00
Sober In Paradise	0.00	655.00
Sober Spirits	0.00	75.16
Spirit Group	0.00	576.04
St Pete Beach Young Peoples Group	0.00	98.40
St Pete Group	0.00	40.00
Steps For Sobriety	125.00	425.00
Sunday A.M. Big Book	40.00	120.00
Sunday Brunch	0.00	90.00
Sunrise Sunset	300.00	1,550.00
Sunset Beach	0.00	848.84
Sunshine City	0.00	50.00
THE GOD STUFF	0.00	400.00
The Kirk	0.00	160.50
The Real Happy Hour	99.11	399.85
Thursday Night Speakers	12.50	50.00
Today In Sobriety	0.00	350.00
Triangle	0.00	35.00
Turner Street Evening	0.00	225.00
Unity Meeting	226.45	1,965.17
We Don't Know Yet	20.00	652.80
Weds Nite Men's Step	0.00	25.00
What's Your Motive	0.00	77.88
Women In Step	0.00	60.00
Women Stepping Up	0.00	31.00
Women With Freedom	0.00	360.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,272.04</u></b>	<b><u>33,923.05</u></b>



## CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

- July Statistics

Calls for Information:	331
12 Step Calls:	6
Calls for ALANON:	6
Calls for Other Programs:	10
Other Calls:	42
Hang Ups:	12
Telemarketing:	10
Total Calls:	417
Visitors	243
On Line Orders	4

- Slow month
- New special worker
- Hurricane preparedness

1. August was an extremely slow month, both in terms of actual visitors to Central Office and in sales. We are anticipating an upturn in our numbers this coming month.

2. I have spoken to Buzz, who many of you know. He is resting comfortably, but would like to get out of the house and do some fishing. In his absence, Lou D. who is presently the Chairman of District 1 PI/CPC Committee, has stepped up and is filling in until Buzz can return to work.

. Hurricane season (not the football 'Canes) is once again upon us. We at Central Office desperately need volunteers to physically show up and help prepare the office and its contents against possible storm damage. In case of a serious "hit," Central Office may be the only lifeline some alcoholics have to 12 step help! Please, if you are able, we need help cutting and installing plywood "shutters" to protect the front window and both first floor doors. Other help is also needed. Again, this is your Central Office. Please help make it a safe haven during hurricane season.

Submitted in Love and Service  
Bronx Paul  
Central Office Manager

UNITY MEETING REPORT

SEPTEMBER, 2008

8/2/2008 CLEARWATER CENTRAL	62		\$52.00	
8/9/2008 REAL HAPPY HOUR	120		\$76.35	
8/16/2008 OPEN DOOR	68		\$58.40	
8/23/2008 OUR COMMON PROBLEM	65		\$52.50	
8/30/2008 ST PETE BEACH YPG	70		\$53.33	
	385	2119	\$292.58	\$2,005.53

HI EVERYONE!

THE UNITY MEETING IS EXCEEDING ALL EXPECTATIONS. The CO-OPERATION OF THE GROUPS IS EXCEPTIONAL. AS SEEN ABOVE ONE WEEK ATTENDANCE WAS 120. THE ROOM WAS PACKED.

THE SIGN-UP LIST FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2009 IS ON THE WEB SITE SO BE SURE TO SIGN UP BEFORE IT IS FULL.

WE HAVE ONE VACANCY FOR THIS YEAR AND THAT IS NOVEMBER 22.

RESPECTFULLY  
 SUBMITTED  
 BY ADELE S.

- 09/20/08 Monday Night Speakers
- 09/27/08 After Work Bunch
- 10/04/08 Not So Late Nite
- 10/11/08 Hopeful Group
- 10/18/08 Countryside Group
- 10/25/08 Find Yourself
- 11/01/08 Open Door
- 11/08/08 Pinellas Point Step
- 11/15/08 Oldsmar Group
- 11/22/08 ???
- 11/29/08 Sunrise/Sunset
- 12/06/08 Primary Purpose
- 12/13/08 San Martin
- 12/20/08 Unity "Thank-You" Meeting
- 12/27/08 Lunch Bunch

## **Plain and Straight Report**

Date: September 2, 2008

- Submit articles!! Tell us about your Homegroup. Is it a new group that can use some support? Or has your group been around for a long time? Fellow AA's from around Pinellas County would like to know!
- Suggestions: Circulate the Plain and Straight at your Homegroup! Maybe place them on chairs around the room before the meeting starts. Make an announcement that the "new" Plain and Straight issue is available.
- What do you want to read about? Email me ideas for topics. The Plain and Straight is YOUR monthly newsletter. What types of topics would you like to see in future issues?
- Do you have a "Wow" sobriety story? Or one you've heard? Pass it on! Tell me about it or email it to me and I'll publish in the Plain and Straight.
- Articles should be submitted no later than the last day of the previous month. For example: to submit an article for the October issue of the Plain and Straight, the last day to email the article to me would be September 30th
- Email articles to [plainandstraight@aapinellas.org](mailto: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 September Anniversaries (which will be in the October issue) is September 30th.
- There are 3 ways to submit group members Anniversaries: fill out the *Anniversary Submission Form* and hand it to me before or after the Intergroup meeting, follow the link on the website - [www.aapinellas.org](http://www.aapinellas.org) - click on *Group Submissions* then click on *Anniversary Information* and follow the directions, or email submissions to me directly at [plainandstraight@aapinellas.org](mailto:plainandstraight@aapinellas.org) and please type "Anniversary Submissions" in the subject line.

In peace and service,

Susan A.  
Plain and Straight Chairperson

## **WHERE & WHEN REPORT**

Date: 09/02/2008

By: Michael M  
[whereandwhen@aapinellas.org](mailto:whereandwhen@aapinellas.org)

- Newest issue is YELLOW
- Don't throw out old issues
- Adding Spanish Speaking Tri-County Intergroup
- Activity for last month
  - 2 Group requests
  - 1 Additions
  - 1 Changes
  - 0 Deletion

The best and most efficient way to present additions or changes to the Where and When is to fill out the form on the website.

For changes:

[http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting\\_change\\_form.asp](http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting_change_form.asp)

For new meeting:

[http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting\\_add\\_form.asp](http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting_add_form.asp)

Please include a contact Name, Phone #, and Email address in case we have questions. If there is no access to a computer, please call the Central Office to make the addition/correction. If you have provided an Email address, a notification will be sent asking that you check your updated meeting information on the web site. If it is not correct, respond back and I will make the necessary changes.

It is important to inform me or the Central Office if a group stops meeting. We want the Where & When to be as accurate as possible. Please convey this at all meetings you attend. Even if the group does not have an Intergroup Representative, they should keep us aware of their meeting status.

Regards,  
Michael M.

# Helpline Report July 2008

Presented for the August Intergroup Meeting

Pinellas County AA Helpline was staffed during the month by:

- 40 volunteers
- And 2 AA twelve step groups

## Call Statistics for July 2008

- **Total Inbound Calls :** **424**

**Total Inbound Calls** equals the number of inbound messages left by individuals seeking helpline assistance when Central Office was closed or their phone lines were engaged (when Central Office's phone lines are in use calls roll over to the answering service). Calls not accounted for are calls to volunteers from the answering service.

As discussed at Intergroup, I am revising the Policies and Procedures for the Helpline. Due to my personal health issues I have not yet finished the revisions. They should be ready for review for the November Steering Committee.

As discussed last month, I again want to remind everyone of the change in the requirements for helpline volunteers. Unfortunately all volunteers must now have a local area code (ie: 727, 813, 941). This is a requirement of Answer Florida. Pasco County and other "local" area codes are considered long distance and we cannot afford the additional charge that would be applied to our bill.

Here are the actual Helpline shifts:

Monday-Friday 7 am - 10 am,  
Monday-Friday 10 am - 6 pm, A.A. Central Office is open, dispatches to office number  
Monday-Friday 6 pm - 7 am,  
Saturday & Sunday 7 am - 2 pm,  
Saturday 2 pm - 6 pm,  
Sunday 2 pm - 6 pm,  
Saturday & Sunday 6 pm - 7 am,

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service,**

Stephen C.  
Helpline Chair

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.

**Helpline Report**  
**August 2008**  
Presented for the September Intergroup Meeting

Pinellas County AA Helpline was staffed during the month by:

- **40** volunteers
- And **2** AA twelve step groups

Call Statistics for August 2008

- **Total Inbound Calls : 405**

***Total Inbound Calls*** equals the number of inbound messages left by individuals seeking helpline assistance when Central Office was closed or their phone lines were engaged (when Central Office's phone lines are in use calls roll over to the answering service). Calls not accounted for are calls to volunteers from the answering service.

As discussed at Intergroup, I am revising the Policies and Procedures for the Helpline. Due to my personal health issues I have not yet finished the revisions. They should be ready for review for the October Steering Committee.

I again want to remind everyone of the change in the requirements for helpline volunteers. Unfortunately all volunteers must now have a local area code (ie: 727, 813, 941). This is a requirement of Answer Florida. Pasco County and other "local" area codes are considered long distance and we cannot afford the additional charge that would be applied to our bill.

**Here are the actual Helpline shifts:**

Monday-Friday 7 am - 10 am,  
Monday-Friday 10 am - 6 pm, A.A. Central Office is open, dispatches to office number  
Monday-Friday 6 pm - 7 am,  
Saturday & Sunday 7 am - 2 pm,  
Saturday 2 pm - 6 pm,  
Sunday 2 pm - 6 pm,  
Saturday & Sunday 6 pm - 7 am,

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service,**

Stephen C.  
Helpline Chair

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.

**WEB SITE REPORT**

Steering Committee Meeting – September 2, 2008  
 Report for August, 2008

**Main Points**

- Statistics

Web site statistics for the month of August, 2008:

Total visits: (The total number of times people have visited the web site.)	17,009
Total page views: (The total number of web site pages that have been viewed.)	171,993
Total hits: (A request to the web server for a file such as a web page, image, etc.)	247,018
Referred from Alcoholics-Anonymous.org:	142

**HITS FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS**

(The statistics server was upgraded and I could not get the graph for August, but will have it next month.)

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](http://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.  
 Web Site Committee Chairman

# **PICNIC REPORT**

(September 2008)

The annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at Fort Desoto Park. This is always been such a fun event and I am excited to serve as the Picnic Chair for 2009! Volunteers are the core of every event we put on. An event of this size (approximately 2000 people) does not happen by itself. There are many opportunities and ways to get involved.

We have several months before the event, but there are a few items of interest to report:

## **Volunteers**

Sub-committees will be formed in the months ahead to help with promotion, clean-up, beverages, etc. **PLEASE**, let me know if you are willing to help. I can be reached at (727) 455-6091. The idea is to get groups to help with a specific committee and have one person from that group serve as the head that committee. Committee meetings will start in January.

## **Camping**

Although the actual event takes place on Sunday only, many participants enjoy camping at Fort Desoto for the whole weekend. It's a wonderful time for fellowship and fun! **The campground sells out fast, so make your reservations early!**

Campsites range from \$33.60 to \$39.20 per night. **Camping fees must be paid in full when making your reservation.** Cash, check or Visa are acceptable payment methods.

**Pinellas County residents may reserve sites up to seven months ahead of time** (as early as September 24 if you plan to camp on Friday and Saturday). You must make your reservation in person to take advantage of the early registration. You will also need to show proof of residency (A Florida driver's license and a utility bill). These reservations may be made at the Fort Desoto Campground (7 days a week, 8 to 5) or at Pinellas County Parks Department located at 631 Chestnut in Clearwater (M-F from 8 to 5).

If you make reservations less than six months ahead of time, you may do so online, in person, or by phone. More information about camping can be found by visiting [www.pinellascounty.org/parks](http://www.pinellascounty.org/parks) or by calling the Fort Desoto Campground at (727)582-2267.

Respectfully submitted by: Angela L.

## Gratitude Dinner Report

**Sept 2, 2008**

1. The committee visited the Minnreg Building on Sept. 6. It's a very nice facility. We signed the contract. Paul is going to give them the deposit.
2. It has been determined that we can sell 550 tickets maintaining a comfortable experience for all guests and having dinner service in a timely fashion.
3. Budget and flyers were approved by the Steering Committee. They are attached.
4. Tickets were also approved and are being printed. They will be distributed at the Intergroup meeting this month.
5. Flyers for the dinner and requests for baskets were submitted to the Plain and Straight to be included in the next issue.
6. We have been given permission to set up the room on Saturday evening at 9PM. Anyone who would like to pitch in, please let Melvin know.
7. Just a reminder, basket donations would be greatly appreciated. There will also be cash prizes as part of the raffle.

### 2008 Gratitude Dinner Budget (preliminary)

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>500 guests</b>	<b>600 guests</b>
<b>Food/Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 1,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<b>\$ 1,155.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,155.00</b>
<b>Decorations</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>
<b>Raffle Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Speaker Gift</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Misc.</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b><u>Printing (tickets/flyers)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 50.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 50.00</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,495.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,845.00</b>

### Income

<b>Ticket Sales @ \$8</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>
<b>Raffle (baskets)</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,700.00</b>

<b>Projected Profit</b>	<b>\$ 1,305.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,855.00</b>
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