

INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 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

Dawn L., Secretary

Officers Absent:

Tom B., Treasurer

Steering Committee Members present:

Paul S., Central Office Manager

Adele S., Unity Meeting Chair

Sue A., Plain and Straight Chair

Steve C., Helpline Chair

Ed G., Web Site Chair

Lou G., Anniversary Dinner Chair

Melvin F., Gratitude Dinner Chair

Tom H., Liaison to District 1

Steering Committee Members absent:

Mike M., Where and When Chair

Angela L., Picnic Chair

INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

Voting:	47	New Reps:	3	David, Don Vista
				Denise, At the End of the Rainbow
				Randy, Real Happy Hour
Non-Voting:	6	New Alt Reps:	4	Alex, Don Vista
				Betsy, At the End of the Rainbow
				Charlene, Real Happy Hour
				Jill, Walk the Line
Total:	53			

READING OF PREVIOUS MONTH'S INTERGROUP MEETING MINUTES

Fred J, 3rd Tradition Group, made a MOTION to accept the Intergroup Meeting minutes.
Sue Z, Countryside Group, SECONDED the motion
All in favor – the motion PASSED

Jim H., Our Common Problem, clarified his comments under “Old Business.” He suggested the possibility of accepting debit cards, as well as credit cards. In his experience, it’s cheaper to use debit cards on orders over \$15.00.

CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS

Presented by Scott M., Pinellas County Intergroup Chairman
Contact: chairman@aapinellas.org

TREASURER’S REPORT

Woodie S., Vice Chair, presented the report in Tom B.’s absence.
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

Mike M., Where and When Chair, submitted the report.
Contact: whereandwhen@aapinellas.org

HELPLINE REPORT

Steve C., Helpline 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

Lou G., Anniversary Dinner Chair, presented the report.
Contact: anniversarydinner@aapinellas.org

PICNIC REPORT

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

GRATITUDE DINNER REPORT

Beverly B., Gratitude Dinner Co-Chair, presented the report.
Contact: gratitudedinner@aapinellas.org

Jennifer D., announced request for baskets for raffle. 300 Dinner tickets sold so far.

INTERGROUP LIAISON TO DISTRICT REPORT

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

He attended the Area 15 Quarterly in Tampa last weekend. Elections were held for new Officers, Chairs, Delegates and nominated Trustees. Their names are listed on Area 15 website: www.area15aa.org.

ACCEPT/DECLINE ALL REPORTS

Fred J., 3rd Tradition Group, made a MOTION to accept all reports.
Mary, Grow Up Group, SECONDED the motion.
All in favor – the motion PASSED.

OLD BUSINESS

- Vote on Motion to accept credit cards at Central Office: FAILED

NEW BUSINESS

- *Election of Chairperson:*
Tom H., Find Yourself & Jim H., Our Common Problem stood for the position
1st Round: 28 for Tom, 19 for Jim. 2nd Round: 32 for Tom, 13 for Jim.
Tom H. is our new Chairman.
- *Election of Vice Chair:*
Loretta S., Monday Night Speakers & Nanette P., Clearwater Central stood.
1st Round: 18 for Loretta, 25 for Nanette. 2nd Round: 9 for Loretta, 34 for Nanette.
Nanette P. is our new Vice Chair.
- *Election of Secretary:*
Jim H., Our Common Problem, stood alone. He is new Secretary.
- *Election of Treasurer:*
Loretta S., Monday Night Speakers, stood alone. She is our new Treasurer.

Melody B., Find Yourself, made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting.
Dan, Sober Spirits, SECONDED the motion.
All in favor – the motion PASSED.

The meeting closed at 8:41 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

October 7, 2008

This month's report is short and to the point. We are having our elections for the Officers' positions. It is vital that we have people to stand for these positions so that Intergroup will continue to grow and run smoothly. The election committee has been going all around to meetings to find folks to stand for the positions. Even though they have found a few good people to stand, it would be nice to see some of our Intergroup Representatives stand also.

Those of you who have been attending on a regular basis for a while, know the importance of these positions. If you are qualified for any of these Officer positions, please stand up.

I have watched Intergroup grow and change over the years since I have been involved. We have weathered every storm that has come along, and have grown even stronger because of each of them. It is because of all of our different personalities and talents that we survive and grow. Each and every member has something to contribute to the process, no matter how insignificant they think their part may be.

But remember, nothing changes if you just sit on the sideline, instead of getting involved.

Yours in Service,
Scott M

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steering Committee Meeting – October 7, 2008
Report for September, 2008

Main Points

- Time for quarterly contributions to GSO, Area, District

September marked the end of the third quarter, and according to our financials, we will be contributing \$1,694.81 as follows:

District 1	\$ 677.92
Area 15	\$ 677.92
GSO	\$ 338.96

Yours in service,

Tom B.
Treasurer

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2008

	Sep 30, 08
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
103 · Checking Account	12,414.67
104 · Savings Account	12,289.88
Total Checking/Savings	24,704.55
Accounts Receivable	
105 · Accounts Receivable	83.46
Total Accounts Receivable	83.46
Other Current Assets	
102 · Undeposited Funds	-490.36
120 · Inventory Asset	25,228.04
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	24,737.68
Total Current Assets	49,525.69
Fixed Assets	
224 · Furniture & Fixtures	5,711.25
Total Fixed Assets	5,711.25
TOTAL ASSETS	55,236.94
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200 · Accounts Payable	6.27
Total Accounts Payable	6.27
Other Current Liabilities	
305 · Sales Tax Payable	355.05
310 · Payroll Liabilities	
350 · Fica W/H Payable	258.82
351 · Federal W/H Payable	356.98
352 · Suta Payable	-1,800.42
353 · Futa Payable	-20.26
Total 310 · Payroll Liabilities	-1,204.88
Total Other Current Liabilities	-849.83
Total Current Liabilities	-843.56
Total Liabilities	-843.56
Equity	
560 · Opening Bal Equity	1,123.22
561 · Retained Earnings	26,406.62
565 · Fund Balance	31,710.18
Net Income	-3,159.52
Total Equity	56,080.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	55,236.94

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Profit & Loss
September, 2008

	<u>Sep 08</u>	<u>Jan - Sep 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
600 · C.O. Revenue		
601A · Group Contributions	4,314.74	36,272.62
601B · Unity Meeting	292.00	2,257.17
601C · Miscellaneous Contributions	0.00	856.67
601D · Birthday Plan	0.00	125.00
602 · AAWS Sales	3,700.59	35,032.83
603 · Medallion Sales	1,168.70	12,242.95
604 · Where & When Sales	105.20	1,132.80
605 · Grapevine Sales	205.55	2,015.55
606 · Anniversary Dinner		
606B · Anniv. Dinner Income (Tickets)	0.00	5,200.00
606C · Anniversary Dinner - Other	0.00	892.00
Total 606 · Anniversary Dinner	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,092.00</u>
607 · Gratitude Dinner		
607B · Grat. Dinner Income (Tickets)	1,614.00	1,614.00
Total 607 · Gratitude Dinner	<u>1,614.00</u>	<u>1,614.00</u>
608 · Picnic		
608A · Picnic Contributions	0.00	2,381.33
608B · Picnic - Other	0.00	2,583.46
Total 608 · Picnic	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,964.79</u>
609 · Anniversary Cards	105.00	900.00
615 · Miscellaneous	0.00	0.32
Total 600 · C.O. Revenue	<u>11,505.78</u>	<u>103,506.70</u>
Total Income	11,505.78	103,506.70
Cost of Goods Sold		
700 · Cost of Goods Sold		
720 · AAWS Cost	3,174.04	30,329.93
721 · Medallions Cost	478.30	5,077.25
722 · Where & When Cost	229.50	3,330.80
723 · Grapevine Cost	215.88	1,918.19
724 · Anniversary Dinner	0.00	4,307.29
725 · Gratitude Dinner	-230.00	20.00
726 · Picnic Costs	0.00	2,848.84
730 · Anniversary Cards	94.02	815.27
735 · Miscellaneous	-6.75	-58.50
740 · Shipping	39.85	406.57
Total 700 · Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,994.84</u>	<u>48,995.64</u>
Total COGS	<u>3,994.84</u>	<u>48,995.64</u>
Gross Profit	7,510.94	54,511.06

Expense		
656 · Payroll Expenses	2,553.84	23,052.72
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	68.75	617.50
805C · Internet Connection	<u>53.99</u>	<u>351.84</u>
Total 805 · Internet and Web Site	122.74	969.34
807 · Collection Allowance	0.00	-71.22
808 · Discounts Taken	0.00	-161.00
815 · Rent	449.00	4,593.00
816 · C.O. Improvement Expense	0.00	454.11
822 · Plain & Straight	160.00	1,120.00
824 · Answering Service	65.00	585.00
825 · Telephone	182.30	1,537.33
826 · Office Expenses	112.64	1,287.93
831 · Postage	42.00	182.80
837 · Utilities	195.05	935.92
838 · Business Insurance	170.13	1,755.27
839 · Workers' Comp Insurance	0.00	225.74
840 · Cash Over/Short	0.00	-0.27
842 · Repairs and Maintenance	84.00	895.66
844 · Shipping Expense	0.00	-3.00
846 · Licenses and Fees	0.00	61.25
847 · Professional Fees	100.00	900.00
849 · Payroll Taxes		
850 · SS and Medicare	195.37	1,763.53
851 · State Unemploy. Tax (SUTA)	<u>34.56</u>	<u>685.91</u>
Total 849 · Payroll Taxes	<u>229.93</u>	<u>2,449.44</u>
Total 800 · C.O. Operating Expense	1,912.79	36,235.02
890 · Inventory Adjustments	<u>-1,192.82</u>	<u>-1,563.72</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,273.81</u>	<u>57,724.02</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,237.13	-3,212.96
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
620 · Other Income		
621 · Reimbursements	0.00	9.36
622 · Interest-Savings	<u>2.27</u>	<u>44.08</u>
Total 620 · Other Income	<u>2.27</u>	<u>53.44</u>
Total Other Income	<u>2.27</u>	<u>53.44</u>
Net Other Income	<u>2.27</u>	<u>53.44</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,239.40</u></u>	<u><u>-3,159.52</u></u>

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Group Contributions
September, 2008

	<u>Sep 08</u>	<u>Jan - Sep 08</u>
2250 Group	0.00	300.00
3RD Tradition Meeting	0.00	342.00
4th Dimension	0.00	84.40
5th Ave Group	0.00	150.00
A Safe Place	0.00	307.29
AA By The Sea	0.00	218.00
ABC	25.00	25.00
ABES Place	128.05	1,345.39
After Work Bunch	109.96	1,387.00
All Ages	0.00	500.00
Amazing Grace	0.00	31.75
Archangel Group	0.00	250.00
At The End Of The Rainbow	169.14	958.15
Attitude Adjustment	150.00	1,850.00
Back Porch Lunch Bunch	50.00	50.00
BAIGIS	30.00	180.00
Bayou Group	0.00	50.00
Beach Bunch	0.00	375.00
Beacon Group	25.00	50.00
Bill's Bunch	0.00	100.00
Blind Pass Group	0.00	300.00
Center Of Hope	0.00	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	320.00
Common Solution	13.24	73.24
Countryside Group	0.00	200.00
Countryside Men's Group	0.00	300.00
Countryside Women	0.00	95.00
Couples Growing Together	0.00	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	90.00	675.00
Free To Be Me	0.00	50.00
Go After Your Sobriety	0.00	100.00
GOYA	0.00	380.00
Grow Up Group	0.00	150.45
High Noon Daily	75.00	275.00
Highpoint	100.00	410.00
Holiday Isles Group	100.00	300.00
Indian Rocks Beach	0.00	100.00
Intergroup Meeting	46.16	432.31
Into Action	50.00	50.00
Just For Today	0.00	50.00
Keep It Simple	0.00	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	0.00	1,898.20
Maximo Point	0.00	25.00

Monday Night Speakers	250.00	475.00
New Freedom/New Happiness	0.00	200.00
Not So Late Nite	0.00	243.61
Oakhurst	0.00	250.00
Off Your Chest	415.00	415.00
Oldsmar Group	340.25	1,653.00
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	0.00	282.79
Saturday Night Group	400.00	700.00
Saturday Steppin' In	0.00	420.00
Seminole Group	120.00	480.00
Serenity Seekers	148.00	1,012.50
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
Step Up To The Plate	50.00	50.00
Steps For Sobriety	0.00	425.00
Stonewall Men's	69.00	69.00
Sunday A.M. Big Book	0.00	120.00
Sunday Brunch	0.00	90.00
Sunrise Sunset	0.00	1,550.00
Sunset Beach	132.00	980.84
Sunshine City	0.00	50.00
TGIS Women's Meeting	313.00	313.00
THE GOD STUFF	337.00	737.00
The Kirk	107.50	268.00
The Real Happy Hour	99.58	499.43
Thursday Night Speakers	0.00	50.00
Today In Sobriety	50.00	400.00
Triangle	0.00	35.00
Tuesday Night Men's	10.00	10.00
Turner Street Evening	0.00	225.00
Unity Meeting	292.00	2,257.17
We Don't Know Yet	20.00	672.80
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
Wonderful Program	261.86	261.86
TOTAL	<u>4,606.74</u>	<u>38,529.79</u>

Pinellas County Intergroup, Inc.
Prudent Reserve Calculation
September, 2008

	Expenses Per Month	Average of Last 12 Months
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	
January 2008	4,792.89	
February 2008	4,723.08	
March 2008	4,176.09	
April 2008	4,174.10	
May 2008	9,251.23	
June 2008	4,317.58	
July 2008	3,269.65	
August 2008	5,180.19	
September 2008	3,273.81	
Total	69,010.41	5,750.87
Checking Account	12,414.67	
Savings Account	12,289.88	
Total Cash on Hand		24,704.55
Less: Accounts Payable		6.27
Less: One month's expenses		5,750.87
Less: Prudent Reserve (3 * Average Expenses)		17,252.60
Over / (Under)		1,694.81
Available for Distribution		1,694.81
District 1		677.92
Area 15		677.92
GSO		338.96

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.



Pinellas County Intergroup Central Office

Intergroup Minutes Form IM v2.5

CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

October 7th, 2008

- September Statistics

Calls for Information:	344
12 Step Calls:	6
Calls for ALANON:	12
Calls for Other Programs:	12
Other Calls:	76
Hang Ups:	25
Telemarketing:	10
Total Calls:	495
Visitors	186
On Line Orders	

- Slow month
- Thanks Lou D./Buzz returned
- Hurricane preparedness
- HELP!

1. September was an extremely slow month in terms of actual visitors to Central Office. We saw approximately 100 fewer visitors than in August. We anticipate this will change soon as the snowbirds return.

2. I would like to thank Lou D., our District 1 *PI/CPC Chair*, who stepped up to fill in while Buzz was recuperating from his medical distress. I would also like to inform Intergroup that Buzz has returned to us and is in good health.

3. 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.

4. HELP! Central Office and District One need much more of your help than "only" financial contributions. In recent weeks, several 12-Step calls, as well as Special Needs calls, went unfulfilled. We at Central Office and District One (both special workers and volunteers) interact with many alcoholics and professionals. We do this to make "old fashioned," face to face, 12-Step work possible. Without the assistance of your time and support, this will be increasingly difficult, if not impossible. So PLEASE sign up for our 12-Step and Special Needs lists.

Submitted in Love and Service
Bronx Paul
Central Office Manager

UNITY MEETING REPORT

OCTOBER 7, 2008

9/06/2008 49ERS	84	\$83.00		
9/13/2008 PINELLAS POINT STEP	76	\$70.00		
9/20/2008 MONDAY NITE SPEAKERS	73	\$89.00		
9/27/2008 AFTER WORK BUNCH	88	\$86.09		
	321	2440	\$328.09	\$2,333.62

HAPPY FALL EVERYONE,

THE UNITY MEETING IS BEYOND MY WILDEST DREAMS. THE ATTENDANCE IS GREAT AND DONATIONS ARE REMAINING UP.

WE HAVE A NEW GREETER (GARDY). SHE IS DOING A GOOD JOB. OUR COFFEE MAKER (MAURICE) IS ATTENDING SCHOOL AND THEREFORE WE HAVE TO HAVE A FILL-IN EVERY OTHER WEEK. MAURICE HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS HELP TO ME. GAIL K. IS FILLING IN.

PLEASE REMIND YOUR GROUP MEMBERS TO VISIT US ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT 8 PM, AT DEGEORGE PLAZA ON STARKEY ROAD. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY ADELE

- 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 Mid-County Midnight Group
- 11/29/08 Sunrise/Sunset (Alano Beach)
- 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: October 7, 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 November issue of the Plain and Straight, the last day to email the article to me would be October 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 October Anniversaries (which will be in the November issue) is October 31st.
- 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 - click on *Group Submissions* then click on *Anniversary Information* and follow the directions, or email submissions to me directly at 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: 10/07/2008

By: Michael M
whereandwhen@aapinellas.org

- Newest issue is YELLOW
- Don't throw out old issues
- 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

For new meeting:

http://www.aapinellas.org/forms/meeting_add_form.asp

It is important to give us COMPLETE INFORMATION about type and location of your meeting(s). Your meeting will have a greater chance of success if other people can actually find it!

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 info 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

September 2008

Presented for the October Intergroup Meeting

Pinellas County AA Helpline was staffed during the month by:

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

Call Statistics for September 2008

- **Total Inbound Calls :** **363**
- **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.

I have a special request of all Intergroup Reps.

We are putting together a new "12-Step" list of Volunteers to give rides to new AA's, current AA's, and visiting AA's. Please ask at your home groups and other meetings you attend, for volunteers to give rides.

This service is especially needed in this economically difficult time. Paul, our Central Office Manager, will be assisting in collecting information for this list.

Since the last two months have been especially trying for me, I would like to pass along a special **Thank You** to my **Co-Chair Angela**, for her extra assistance during this period of time.

I would also like to thank Dawn, our IG Secretary, for her extra help on the Helpline over the last two months.

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 – October 7, 2008
Report for September, 2008

Main Points

- Statistics below

Web site statistics for the month of September, 2008:

Total visits: (The total number of times people have visited the web site.)	11,163
Total page views: (The total number of web site pages that have been viewed.)	113,488
Total hits: (A request to the web server for a file such as a web page, image, etc.)	181,258
Referred from Alcoholics-Anonymous.org:	98

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.
Web Site Committee Chairman

ANNIVERSARY DINNER REPORT

October 7, 2008

I am happy to report that The HarborView is reserved for Saturday, February 14, 2009. I have selected my committee. My co-chair panel consists of Diane I., of my awesome home group, Blind Pass, and John D., also of The Blind Pass Group.

We are also blessed to have last year's chairperson Lynne, at our disposal. Thank you so much Lynne, for all your support and help with reserving The HarborView. Lynne has graciously agreed to put together a committee to assist in taking tickets at the door and help getting people seated in the right spots. I'm not forgetting Angela, who agreed to form a committee for the raffle baskets. God bless all who are assisting with the Anniversary Dinner.

Tickets will be on sale at the November 17th Intergroup meeting. Please bring a check or cash with you if you plan to purchase tickets. Single tickets are \$26.00. Tables of 8 are \$208.00. Tickets will be available at Central Office starting Tuesday, November 18th.

We have a lot of details yet to iron out, and we look forward to the adventure.

Thanks,

Luciano G

PICNIC REPORT

October 7, 2008

The annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 at Fort Desoto Park. This has always been 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.

SEVEN MONTHS TO GO***Volunteers...Be part of the action!!!***

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.

Camping....Make your reservations now!!!

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.

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 (October 24 or after), you may do so online, in person, or by phone. More information about camping can be found by visiting www.pinellascounty.org/parks or by calling the Fort Desoto Campground at (727)582-2267.

Respectfully submitted by: Angela L.

GRATITUDE DINNER REPORT

October 7, 2008

1. Paul received the contract for the Minnreg Building and has sent them the deposit.
2. 225 Tickets have been sold so far. Good seats are going fast!! Get your tickets today!!
3. The committees are working with Paul at Central Office to use supplies (table coverings, silverware etc).
4. Just a reminder, basket donations would be greatly appreciated. It's only one month away!!!