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A SIMPLE (but not easy) FOURTH STEP GUIDE

by Fr. Bill W.

How to approach the 4th Step inventory is a problem that, sooner or later, all of us in recovery have had to face. Over the years, dozens of different guides have been developed and circulated among our various 12-Step Fellowships. These guides range from simple list-making techniques to lengthy, analytical questionnaires, some totaling fifty pages and more. While all would agree that "a thorough housecleaning" is vital for anyone serious about recovery from addiction; obviously there are a great many opinions about how it should best be done. While I know the field of inventory guides is already overcrowded, for simplicity's sake, and in memory of Dr. Bob, I'm willing to risk one more!

In 1934, when Bill Wilson joined the Oxford Group and found his sobriety, there were no 4th Step guides until 1938 there were no 12 Steps! What did exist was "a word of mouth program" based largely on the Four Absolutes or the Four Moral Standards the Oxford Group had adopted. These Standards were: Honesty, Unselfishness, Purity, and Love. Group members measured their thoughts, lives and actions against these four moral standards and from these and from other related Group practices emerged the 12 Steps.

Back then, the "housecleaning" called for was a fairly simple matter. Newcomers to the Group like Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob, as well as the first one hundred or so of their earliest followers, would likely have been asked to write down these Four Standards on four separate sheets of paper and then write about how they had fallen short in living up to them. They would then share their "moral inventory" with another group member, make restitution for the harms they had done, begin practicing a daily Quiet Time by reading scripture and listening for God's guidance, and begin leading a life of maximum service to God and to others. Interestingly, the A.A. pioneers using this simple inventory tool achieved a recovery rate far in excess of what we see today. In his last major address to A. A. in 1948, Dr. Bob reaffirmed his longstanding commitment to the Absolutes:

"The Four Absolutes, as we called them, were the only yardsticks we had in the early days, before the Steps. I think the Absolutes still hold good and can be extremely helpful. I have found at times that a question arises, and I want to do the right thing, but the answer is not obvious, almost always, if I measure my decision carefully by the yardsticks of absolute honesty, absolute unselfishness, absolute purity, and absolute love, and it checks up pretty well with those four, then my answer can't be very far out of the way." The Cleveland A.A. office still publishes a pamphlet on the Four Absolutes and Old-Timers, both there and around the country, believe they still have a great deal to offer us as a moral compass that can guide us on the way to a new life in recovery.

To help you complete a 4th Step using the Four Standards as a guide, here are a few suggested pointers and questions to get you started. First and foremost, remember that in Step Three you made a decision placing your life and your will under God's protection and care. Now begin benefitting from this by relying on Him to show you the character defects you need to become aware of through your inventory. The 4th Step is not meant to be an in-depth psychoanalysis of ourselves, rather it is asking God to awaken us to seeing where our lives have been out of alignment with His will for us. It's really that simple! So say a short prayer asking to be shown what you need to see; then get on with your writing.

HONESTY:

(Is it true or is it false?)

- How have I been dishonest with others and with myself?
- Have I lied, manipulated, cheated and stolen from others? List the big ones.
- Who was hurt by my dishonesty?
- How did this hurt my relationship with God, remembering that God is Truth?

UNSELFISHNESS:

(How will it affect others?)

- How has self-centeredness shown itself in my life and who has been hurt by it?
- Are there people, institutions or principles that still anger me? If so, is there a role I played – either bringing it about or holding on to my resentment?
- How have I put my own self-interest ahead of God's plan for me to be of service to others?

PURITY:

(Is it right or is it wrong?)

- What past or present behaviors, thoughts or feelings make me feel guilty, isolated, or ashamed?
- What are the areas of my life that I don't want others to see?

THE STEPS & THE TRADITIONS

STEP 4 - "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

TRADITION 4 - "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Remembering that my sex powers are God given and good, where has my sex life strayed from what I believe God's will is for me?

LOVE:

(Is it ugly or is it beautiful?)

- How has fear dominated my life?
- Has my life been isolated a lonely life of "taking" rather than "giving"?
- Now, with God's help, am I ready make "love and service" my code?

The Big Book concludes the inventory section by saying: "If you have already made a decision, (Step 3) and an inventory of your grosser handicaps (Step 4), you have made a good beginning. That being so you have swallowed and digested some big chunks of truth about yourself." Now ask yourself the following question: Have I knowingly omitted writing down anything I have done or left undone that makes me feel guilty, ashamed or separated from God, from people, or from myself? If your answer is an honest, "NO!" then get on to Step 5 as fast as you can; for, the Big Book promises:

"Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing, we are delighted. We can look the world in the eye. We can be alone at perfect peace and ease. Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator. We may have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience. The feeling that the drink problem has disappeared will often come strongly. We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe."

Dr. Bob left his blessing on the Four Absolutes to help us find our way back to God whenever we get lost. He also left a warning to his fellow co-founder, "Bill, let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep it simple." (DR. BOB and the Good Oldtimers, p. 343). I hope this simple guide would make Bob happy and further his wish to keep the Absolutes alive and well.

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP PICNIC **CELEBRATING OUR 31st ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015** 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM **JOHN PRINCE PARK - CENTER DRIVE PAVILLION** LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA PICNIC TICKETS \$10.00 **KIDS UNDER 12 FREE** TO THE OWN BETRUE XXXI RECOVERY SPBCI COME JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT FOR FOOD, FUN, GAMES AND LOTS OF SMILES! 50/50 RAFFLE **BOUNCE HOUSE** FACE PAINTING VOLLEYBALL GAMES LIVE MUSIC CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED

Picnic Tickets available at SPBCI Office - 561-276-4581

<u>PICNIC DIRECTIONS</u> From I-95: Take exit 61 for Lantana Rd 0.4 mi, turn left onto Palm Beach 812/Lantana Rd. 1.5 mi, turn right onto S Congress Ave 1.2 mi, turn right onto Prince Dr 0.3 mi, follow signs to Center Drive Pavilion

New Intergroup Representatives

Boca Men's Jordan S. **Boynton Beach Beginners** Randy A. Downtown Boynton Group Curt E. East Delray Men's Greg S. Journey To Freedom Dave L. Men's Romance & Finance Jav P. Promises Kanon W. Saturday Morning Beginners Hillari H. Serenity On The Beach Linette K. Sobriety In The Wind Zoe G. The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen Trevor H. Welcome Home In Delray Jody K. **Derailroaded Group** Jesus V. Lost Marbles Lisa M. Second Chance Women's Group Laurie Sunrise Beach Meeting John D. West Boynton Group Bruce H.

South Palm Beach County Intergroup - Profit & Loss - February 2015

_	Feb 15	YTD 2015
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Interest Income	0.00	0.00
Cash Discounts	0.00	3.00
Contribution-Non Group		
Anonymous	63.00	111.00
Birthday Club	72.00	163.00
Faithful Fivers	0.00	0.00
Contribution-Non Group - Ot	0.00	0.00
Total Contribution-Non Group	135.00	274.00
Contribution Income	3,053.80	6,615.92
Fund Raising Income		
2014 Alcathon Income	0.00	1,006.85
2015 Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00
2015 Picnic/Raffle	0.00	0.00
2015 Serenity Scramble	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising Income	0.00	1,006.85
Sales		
AAWS Books	3,191.60	7,294.60
AAWS Other	16.25	40.50
AAWS Pamphlets	159.43	430.25
Chips	417.50	969.75
Demdaco Gift Items	120.98	388.74
Gift Items	443.75	869.75
Grapevine Books	270.00	518.00
Grapevine Other Material	17.50	37.50
Hazelden Books	481.10	815.60
Hazelden Other	0.00	0.00
Medallions	1,883.50	3,469.00
Sale of Books	21.00	77.50
Where & When	364.50	805.50
Total Sales	7,387.11	15,716.69
Total Income	10,575.91	23,616.46
Cost of Goods Sold	4,145.95	9,182.41
Gross Profit	6,429.96	14,434.05
Expense	0,120.00	11,101.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Annual Report Fee	61.25	61.25
Bank Service Charges	15.00	30.00
Contributions	0.00	0.00
Fees Credit Cards	379.21	582.59
Fund Raising Expenses		502.00
2015 Gratitude Dinner	0.00	0.00
2015 Picnic Expenses	0.00	0.00
2015 Serenity Scramble	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Raising Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total I and Raising Expenses	0.00	0.00

	Feb 15	YTD 2015
Insurance	303.24	606.48
Inventory Adjusment	0.00	0.00
Quarterlies / Mileage Reimb	0.00	586.61
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses	3,401.17	7,645.40
Postage and Delivery	0.00	98.00
Printing and Reproduction		
SCAAN	191.00	382.00
Printing and Reproduction -	0.00	0.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	191.00	382.00
Professional Fees		
Accounting	0.00	0.00
Computer Technology	0.00	0.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	0.00
Program & Committee Expenses	0.00	0.00
Rent	1,318.16	2,636.32
Repairs		
Building Repairs & Maintena	0.00	0.00
Total Repairs	0.00	0.00
Storage	65.00	130.00
Supplies	103.93	519.93
Telephone	342.75	709.84
Utilities		
Electric	187.34	364.82
Total Utilities	187.34	364.82
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Total Expense	6,368.05	14,353.24

Intergroup Activity Log	Feb 15
12th Step Calls	3
First Call to AA	8
Meeting Inquiries	119
Business Inquiries	78
Business Inquiries	78
Walk-Ins	239
QB Sales Receipts	292

Operating Acct	\$17,267.00	Accounts Receival	\$15.00	Fixed Assets	2,188.71
Prudent Reserve Act	\$28,000.00	Inventory Asset	32,979.00	Other Asset/Rent Dep	2,769.38
Petty Cash	\$150.00	Other Current Ass	2,857.00	TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	4,958.09
TOTAL CASH	\$45,417.00	TOTAL NONCASH ASSETS	81,268.00	TOTAL ASSETS	\$86,226.09

Office Volunteers

Joe, Nancy, Charlie, Adam, Linette, George, Caryl, Samantha, Stan, Dennis, Andrew, Jonathan, Peter, Miles, Erika, Cindy, Peggy, Meredith, Marianne, Linda, Gabriella, Steve, Eveline, Norman, Karen, Kirk and Dan

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS: FEBRUARY 2015 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2015

GROUP NAME(S)	Feb 2015	YTD 2015	GROUP NAME(S)	Feb 2015	YTD 2015	GROUP NAME(S)	Feb 2015	YTD 2015
						Sobriety For Breakfast, W Boca	0.00	0.00
1-2-3 Step, Boca	0.00	00.00	KISS Boynton Beach	00.00	200.00	Sobriety In The Wind, Delray	0.00	0.00
11th Step Group, Lake Worth	0.00	00.0	Lake Worth Tues Nite BBSS	00.00	0.00	SOS (10am), Boca	119.41	119.41
12 O'Clock High,W Boca	0.00	250.00	Lake Worth Young People's	375.00	375.00	Spiritual Awakenings, Boca	0.00	0.00
AA History Group	0.00	0.00	Language Of The Heart, Delray	00.00	0.00	Step Aboard All Traditions	0.00	0.00
Acceptnace is the Answer, Delray	0.00	87.00	Lantana Group	00.00	0.00	Steps & traditions. St Joan of Arc	0.00	200.00
All Aboard	150.00	150.00	Let's Do Lunch, Boca	00.00	0.00	Step by Step, Delray	0.00	0.00
Beach Bums	0.00	320.00	Living Sober Women, Delray	00.0	0.00	Step into the Solution, Boca	0.00	0.00
Big Book Adventure, Boca	70.00	70.00	Lunch Bunch, Boca	354.00	354.00	Steps On Sat, Boca Pines	0.00	0.00
Big Boys, Boca	0.00	0.00	Men's Tuesday Solution, Boca	00.0	0.00	Sunday Morning Spiritual Group	0.00	50.00
Boca Boys, West Boca	0.00	0.00	Men On-Track, Boca	00.0	32.00	Sunday Serenity Group	0.00	0.00
Boca Men's Recovery	0.00	00.0	Men With Solutions, Delray	00.00	0.00	Sunday Night Speaker - Boca	0.00	0.00
Boca Men's, Boca	0.00	0.00	Midday Miracles, Delray	0.00	0.00	Sunny Isles, Lantana	0.00	0.00
Boca Women's Group	0.00	00.0	Morning Medicine, Boca	100.00	200.00	Sunrise Beach Meeting, Delray	0.00	0.00
Boynton Beach Beginners	00.00	0.00	New Beginnings, Wayside	81.00	81.00	Thank God I'm Sober	400.00	400.00
Boynton Beach Group, Boynton	0.00	00.0	New Life Group	00.00	0.00	TGIF	100.00	100.00
Boynton Beach Men's	0.00	00.0	New Life II	100.00	200.00	Too Young to Be Glum	0.00	0.00
Boynton Boat Ramp Group	0.00	00.0	No Matter What Group	00.00	100.00	Tradition Three Group	0.00	0.00
Cardinal Lane, Lantana	49.80	49.80	North Boca Steps & Traditions	00.0	0.00	Tuesday Men's Solutions	0.00	00.0
Cheer Up @1013	0.00	70.47	North Delray Steps & Traditions	0.00	0.00	Tuesday Night BBSS Lake Worth	0.00	0.00
Daily Grace	50.00	100.00	One Day At A Time, Delray	00'0	0.00	We Agnostics, Boca	0.00	00.0
Delray 11th Step Meditation Grp	0.00	00.0	One Page at a Time, Delray Beach	00.00	00.00	We are Not Saints, Boynton	0.00	00'0
Depression and the Alcoholic	0.00	0.00	Open Your Heart, Delray	00.00	100.00	We Believers, Boca	0.00	137.57
Derailroaded Group	0.00	0.00	Page 83	0.00	0.00	Wednesday Night Beginners W Boca	0.00	0.00
Divas at 830 AM	0.00	0.00	People With Time	166.10	166.10	Welcome Home in Delray	0.00	77.64
Double Digit Gang, Delray	0.00	0.00	Primary Purpose, Boca Pines	0.00	0.00	West Boca Beginners	0.00	0.00
Downtown Delray Group	00.00	0.00	Principles and Promises	0.00	50.00	West Boca Friendship Group	0.00	00.0
Downtown, Boynton	0.00	0.00	Principles in Practice	0.00	0.00	West Boynton Group	0.00	263.50
East Delray Men's Group	79.00	295.00	Promises, Lambda North	00.0	0.00	Westside Group, Delray	0.00	0.00
Eastside Women's Group	0.00	75.00	Road To Recovery, Boca	25.00	25.00	Wine Into Water, Delray	0.00	0.00
Experience, Strength & Hope, BB	0.00	68.00	Romance & Finance, W Boca	00.0	175.00	Women's Big Book Study, Boca	0.00	0.00
Eye Opener's, Lake Worth	0.00	0.00	Safe Harbor, Boynton	200.00	200.00	Women's Fourth Dimension, Lantana	0.00	0.00
Five Time Losers Delray	0.00	00.0	Safe Haven	00.0	0.00	Women in Recovery, Boca	252.58	252.58
Fri Night Special/Sat.Eve Post	0.00	0.00	Saturday Night Live @ Five,Boca	242.50	292.00	Women Living Sober, Boca	0.00	0.00
From Steerage	0.00	00.0	Second Chance Women, Delray	0.00	242.07	Women's BBSS , Delray	0.00	0.00
Inside Out Group	0.00	00.0	Seniors In Sobriety, Delray	0.00	0.00	Women's Peace of Mind, Boca	0.00	0.00
Intergroup Meeting	67.00	125.00	Serenity Hour, Delray	0.00	0.00	Women's Step by Step, Delray	0.00	0.00
Journey to Freedom, Boca	0.00	0.00	Serenity on the Beach Lantana	0.00	0.00	Young at Heart, Delray	0.00	0.00
Just Before Dawn	0.00	250.00	Sober Sisters Boca	72.41	108.47	Young at Heart, Delray	0.00	0.00
Just For Now, Boca	0.00	54.31	Sober Sisters, Lake Worth	0.00	0.00	Young People with a Solution	0.00	0.00
Keep It Simple	0.00	0.00	Sober Sunset Group, Boca Pines	0.00	150.00	Total Group Contributions	3.053.80	6,615.92

AA HOTLINE – RELAY PHONE

The Hand of AA is Available 24 Hours a Day!

April - Tradition Three Big Book Study May - Sobriety For Breakfast June - Boynton Boat Ramp Big Book Study July - Carry the Message

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Ron G. - 3/24/85 - 30 yrs. Boca Men's Lyn W. - 4/24/73 - 42 yrs. Step Into The Solution Suzy V. - 10/26/91 24 yrs. Saturday Night Live at Five

BIRTHDAY CLUB SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY! Your donation goes to help the valuable services provided by Intergroup including the AA hotline, meeting schedules, 12 step work, literature inventory, SCAAN newsletter and hospital/institution meetings.

Name	Anniversary Date
Home Group	Contribution* \$
*Recommended contribution is \$1 for every y	ear of sobriety.
If you would like a reminder notice next year, below or provide an email address.	please fill out the address portion

Address City	
State/Zip Email	

MEETING UPDATES

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Saturday Night Speaker Discussion Science of the Mind Church, Boca Raton

Sunday 7:30 PM - OS - New Location

The Big Book Line by Line

Crossroads Club, Delray Beach Saturday 12:30 PM - CWB - New Meeting

Tuesday Night Big Book

Calvary Methodist Church, Lake Worth Tuesday 7:30 PM - MOBT - New Format

Eastside Women's Group

First Methodist Church, 102 N. Seacrest, Boynton Beach Tuesday 6:30 PM - CL - New Format

Eastside Women's Group

First Methodist Church, 102 N. Seacrest, Boynton Beach Tuesday 5:30 PM - OWT - Cancelled

Carry This Message

Science of the Mind Church, Boca Raton Tuesday 8:00 PM - CBD - Cancelled

Carry The Message

Solid Rock Christian Church,, 189 W. Camino Royal, Boca Raton Tuesday 8:30 PM - CBC - Cancelled Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes - February 25, 2015

<u>Chairperson:</u> John S. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. John called for approval of last month's minutes. Bari W. made a motion to approve the January 28, 2015 minutes; motion was seconded and passed unanimously. New group reps were welcomed.

<u>New Group Reps:</u> Derailroaded Group: Jesus V.; Lost Marbles: Lisa M.; Second Chance Women's Group: Laurie; Sunrise Beach Meeting: John D.; West Boynton Group: Bruce H. <u>Vice Chair:</u> Cheryl S. The Intergroup office is working smoothly and is open for all your needs.

<u>Treasurer:</u> Elizabeth B. According to the 7th tradition baskets were passed. The Intergroup is continuing to do well thanks to the office and all who bought items or contributed in December. Intergroup had a net expense of \$172.00 for the month of January; the comparable figure for 2014 was a net revenue of \$3,810.00. A detailed report can be found in the SCAAN.

<u>Secretary:</u> Sarah B. Thanks to all the reps, if your group has a new rep please let them know what to expect, arrive early and get familiar with the back table.

Office Manager: Jeannie G. Thank you to the SPBCI office Volunteer Staff and the Telephone Relay volunteers. SPBCI is blessed with so many AA's willing to serve. The upcoming AREA 15 GSO Assembly is being hosted by District 8 and will be held at the Boca Town Center Marriott - April 10-12. The Saturday Banquet will be a BBQ Buffet. Ticket cost is \$35. All are welcome to attend the Assembly. Please contact SPBCI office for complete details. April 26, 2015 is the date for the Annual SPBCI Picnic. John Prince Park in Lake Worth is the location. Tickets and flyers are available tonight. We ask all Intergroup Reps to be responsible for one package of 10 tickets. Any money collected can be turned in at the March 25 Business Meeting. Please note registration for the 2015 International Convention remains open. For the latest information, please consult the Convention FAQ on (www.aa.org). The General Service Office in New York offers the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) for individuals incarcerated for at least six or more months who are interested in writing to an outside A.A. member to share experience as it relates to problems with alcohol. There is a sizeable waiting list for male inmates. Anyone interested, please contact GSO Corrections Correspondence Service (corrections@aa.org).

Committee Reports:

Archivist: Michael G. No report. Excused absence.

Archives: Michele T. No report.

<u>Bridge the Gap:</u> Bari W. (women): No report. Dave F. (men): Excused absence, report given by Sarah B. Dave has reached out to a few treatment centers to inform them that we are available and willing to help. Please continue to let members in the community know this service is offered.

<u>General Service Liaison:</u> Molly B. These are the highlights from the District 8 meeting on February 8th 2015. Chairperson Kevin D gave opening remarks. Spoke about how there was one motion on the agenda but the person who made the motion did not show up, therefore it has been postponed till the April business meeting.Bob gave the treasurers report. Jaki N who is the special needs committee chair stated that they are still in need of people to volunteer who would be willing to bring meetings to home bound or hospitalized alcoholics. Also people who are willing to give rides to seeing impaired alcoholics. The motion that will be postponed due to the motion maker not being present was as follows: Motion 1: I motion that we delay the payments to GSO and the area until after the April quarterly.Motion made by Bob C.

Group Information: Position Open.

<u>Hospitals and Institutions:</u> Kitty B. and Emily L. Emily L gave the report. Currently, we have 52 meetings per week in 19 facilities. There have only been a few minor changes since last month's report. We are still in need of volunteers for many facilities, the requirements are at least one year of sobriety and it is a one year commitment, unless an alternate is found to share your commitment with you. Our last H&I meeting was held on February 21, 2015 at the Intergroup office in Delray, again with very few people coming out. H&I is desperately important as we are most often the first AA meeting experience for many newly sober people. Those who are willing to volunteer, please feel free to contact Jeannie at Intergroup, Kitty B., or myself. The next monthly H&I meeting will be held at the Intergroup office in Delray on March 21, 2015 at 2pm. Thanks to all of our current volunteers and anyone who wants to join us. This is an extremely wonderful way to give back what has been so freely given to us.

<u>Public Information:</u> Stuart M. Stuart thanked Cheryl S for all her support with the position. Our attendance at the Wellness Fair scheduled for Saturday,February 28th at the Boynton Mall is still undetermined. We won't know if there is any space available at no charge to us until Thursday of Friday. I received a response to my follow up letter from the Vice Principal of Boca Raton HS and dropped off information pamplets to be distributed to the students. We will continue to push to get information into more high schools. District 8 PI/PC committee is holding an "Adopt A Doctor" information social on Sunday, March 8th at 1:30 in the Serenity Room. All volunteers who wish to participate are welcome to attend.

SCAAN: Maryann & John T. John gave report. The SCAAN is doing well, as always articles are always welcome. Please email to the Intergroup office by the 15th of the month. <u>Telephone Relay</u>: Joe M. The telephone relay sits in a good position, with having groups committed through July. We are always accepting new groups to sign up for the relay at any time. I am available to speak to any group about the relay phone and the responsibilities. Something that has come up this month, that hasn't in recent memory of the relay, and that's a group failing to take the phone for the month they have signed up for. We were able to cover the phone for this month but I want to emphasize the importance of this phone and the responsibility that comes with it. Please make sure that your group is aware of the month and has planned for it. If for some reason your group cannot take it for the time committed, please let me know so we can plan accordingly. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about the telephone relay. Where & When: Daniel L. & Kaely L. Kaely gave report. No new updates to the Where & When. Our next printing will be March or April 2015. The cutoff for changes is March 15, 2015. As of today we have 1600 copies . If you have changes or additions please submit them to Intergroup office via email at (southcountyaa@comcast.net).

12th Step Committee: Ginger G. (women): No report. Scott K. (men): Unexcused absence. Liaison to North County Intergroup: Gary K. (selected updates included in this summary) North Palm Beach County Intergroup met on February 11, 2015, 47 People were in attendance including 10 new reps and 2 alternates. Chairman reported they have begun the process of setting up the last event of our Officer's and Committee Chairperson's term of office, The Annual Old Timer's Speaker Event. Next month they will conduct the Third Legacy Procedure where this body will select the Trusted Servants for the upcoming year. Treasurer reported the \$3,000 disbursement to AAWS that was approved several months ago has been sent. Overall the Intergroup's finances are strong. Office Manager Office activity for January was 793. This was 44 less than last month and 39 less than last year. The Intergroup Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 to 5, and on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30. General Service/Intergroup Liaison: District January & February meetings: January - the current practices committee chair was filled. The motion to justify each line item on their budget was denied. February - the Founders Day Dinner will be held 5/30/2015 at a location still unknown. The main speaker with be Clancy. The district is in good financial shape. Public Information "Adopt a Doctor" meeting will be held in the Serenity Room at 2:00 pm on March 7, 2015. Institutions Committee: Institutions Committee currently brings 99 meetings a week to 42 facilities. New volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety and will observe 2 meetings in facilities prior to active service. Unfinished Business: The Archive and Grapevine Committee chairs remain unfilled. One half of the DCM and ACM position remain unfilled. Bridging the Gap position remained open New Business: South County Intergroup Liaison - John M stood and was accepted. Upcoming Events: Old Timer's Speaker Meeting on March 28th.

For a detailed report, contact the Intergroup office.

Old Business:

<u>Website:</u> AA member, Stephanie is continuing to work to make the website mobile friendly, additional suggestions are welcome, she will bring her proposed changes to the March Steering committee meeting.

2015 Intergroup Annual Picnic: The event will be held at John Prince Park on April 26th, 2015. Michele T. made a motion to elect Joe M. as the event chair, motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Tickets are \$10.00, children 12 and younger are free. Volunteers are welcome, committee's will include: set up, break down, food, and games. If you are interested contact the Intergroup office. Donations are also welcome. <u>Group Information</u>: No one stood, position remains open.

2015 Gratitude Dinner: As announced last month a vote for the event would be held tonight. Discussion opened to have or not have the Gratitude Dinner this year, group reps voiced their concerns, suggestions and desires towards event. Purpose of the event is to raise money for Intergroup, the financial commitment to the event at the Embassy Suites is a guarantee of 400 guests, or \$16K. Discussion ended. Bari W. made a motion: Motion to have the Gratitude Dinner at the Embassy Suites on November 7th, 2015, motion was seconded and passed.

New Business:

<u>Speaker Exchange Meetings:</u> Burt R., member of Boca Sunday Speaker Discussion meeting, came forward to discuss the possibility of SPBCI holding speaker exchange meetings. The concept being to hear different speakers from the area, get more involved with the community, and visit groups that members may not otherwise go to. The proposed time/place would be 6:30pm at Central House prior to the Intergroup Business meeting. Encouraged reps to bring back to their groups and see if they would want to participate.

<u>Alcathon Schedule:</u> Chris S., member of the Tuesday Men's Solution meeting, suggested this year the Alcathon group slots be listing the SCAAN, possibly on a separate colored piece of paper to highlight the groups and times.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Sarah B.

April Service Meetings

April 18 SPBC Intergroup H&I Committee Meeting Saturday, 2:00 PM - SPBCI Office April 19 District 8 General Service Business Meeting - Triangle Club 4:00 PM: GSR/DCM SHARING 4:40 PM DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING April 25 SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting Saturday, 9:00 AM - SPBCI Office

April 29

SPBC Intergroup Monthly Business Meeting Wednesday, 7:00 PM - Delray Central House

AA EVENTS

April 10-12 Area 15 GSO Assembly Boca Town Center Marriott <u>www.area15aa.org</u>

June 12-14 Founders Day, 80th Anniversary of AA - Akron <u>www.akronaa.org</u>

July 2-5, 2015 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous Atlanta <u>www.aa.org</u>

July 24-26 Area 15 GSO Assembly Sanibel Island - Harbour Marriott <u>www.area15aa.org</u>

October 2-4 Area 15 GSO Assembly Ft. Lauderdale - Marriott www.area15aa.org

OTHER EVENTS

The Other Events listed below are presented solely as a service to SCAAN readers, not as an endorsement by SPBCI.

April 18 - Delray Central House Group 48th Anniversary Celebration - All are Welcome! Potluck dinner, speakers and fellowship

May 1-3 - The Woodstock of AA - 25th Spring Conference Orlando gyeldell@cfl.rr.com

August 12-16

59th Florida State Convention Orlando <u>www.59.flstateconvention.com</u>

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Anniversary Picnic - April 26, 2015 Joe A	۹.
Serenity Scramble - October 2015 OPE	Ν
Gratitude Dinner - November 7, 2015 West Boca Beginners Grou	ıр