

## Singleness of Purpose - An Interview with Dr. Paul

Dr. Paul's story, "Acceptance is the Key," begins on page 407 in the Fourth Edition of the Big Book. It was first published as an article in The Grapevine in May 1975 under the title "Bronzed Moccasins." It then was published in the Third Edition, under the title "Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict." His remarks on acceptance have been helpful to many AA members over the years. He was 27 years sober when interviewed by The Grapevine for a July 1995 article. Part of this interview is reprinted below (with permission of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.). You can go to the Grapevine's digital archive to read the full article.

**Grapevine:** "Is there anything you regret having written in your story?"

**Dr. Paul:** "Well I must say I'm really surprised at the number of people who come up to me and ask me confidentially if what they've heard on the very best authority - usually their sponsor - is true: that there are things in my story I want to change, or that I regret having written it, or that I want to take it out because it says so much about drugs, or that I've completely changed my mind that AA is the answer or even that acceptance is the answer. I've also heard - on the best authority! - that I've died or gotten drunk or on pills. The latest one was that my wife Max had died and that I got so depressed I got drunk. So, is there anything I'd like to change? No. I believe what I said more now than when I wrote it."

**Grapevine:** "Do you think that your story might help those who are dually addicted?"

**Dr. Paul:** "I think it does. I think the story makes clear the truth that an alcoholic can also be an addict, and indeed that an alcoholic has a constitutional right to have as many problems as he wants! But I also think that if you're not an alcoholic, being an addict doesn't make you one. The way I see it, an alcoholic is a person who can't drink and who can't use drugs, and an addict is a person who can't use drugs and can't drink. But that doesn't mean that every AA meeting has to be open to a discussion of drugs if it doesn't want to. Every meeting has the right to say it doesn't want drugs discussed. People who want to discuss drugs have other places where they can go to talk about that. And AA is very open to giving the Steps and Traditions to other groups who want to use them. I know this from my own experience, because I wrote to the General Service Office and got permission to start Pills Anonymous and Chemical Dependency Anonymous. I did that when I was working in the field of chemical dependency. We started groups but I didn't go to them because I get everything I need from AA. I don't have any trouble staying away from talking about drugs, and I never introduce myself as an alcoholic/addict."

"I'm annoyed - or maybe irritated is a better word - by the people who keep insisting that AA should broaden to include drugs and addictions other than alcohol. In fact I hear it said that AA should change its name to Addicts Anonymous. I find that a very narrow-minded view based on people's personal opinions and not on good sense. History tells us that the Washingtonians spread themselves so thin they evaporated. Jim B. says the greatest thing that ever happened in AA was the publication of the Big Book, because it put in writing what the program was and made it available all over the world. So wherever you go it's the same program. I don't

see how you could change the program unless you changed the book and I can't see that happening."

**Grapevine:** "It's a question of singleness of purpose?"

**Dr. Paul:** "That singleness of purpose thing is so significant. It seems to be working; why would we change it? I can't think of any change that would be an improvement."

**Grapevine:** "In your Big Book story, you say that acceptance is the key to everything. I wonder if you've ever had a problem accepting what life hands you."

**Dr. Paul:** "I think today that my job really is to enjoy life whether I like it or not. I don't like everything I have to accept. In fact, if everything was to my specifications and desires there would be no problem with acceptance. It's accepting things I don't like that is difficult. It's accepting when I'm not getting my own way. Yes, I find it very difficult at times. Grapevine: "Anything specific?" Dr. Paul: "Nothing major, though it sometimes seems major that I have to accept living with my wife Max and her ways of doing things! She is an entirely different person than I am. She likes clutter, I like things orderly. She thinks randomly and I like structured thinking. We're very, very different. We never should have gotten married! Last December (1994) we were married fifty-five years."

**Grapevine:** "What's the most important thing you've gotten from AA?"

**Dr. Paul:** "This whole thing is so much more than just sobriety. To be sober and continue the life I had before - - that would have driven me back to drink. One of the things I really like about AA is that we all have a sense of direction, plus a roadmap telling us precisely how to get there. I like that. All I want out of AA is more and more and more until I'm gone."

### If we collapse we cannot help anyone

In 1958, Bill W. wrote an article for the Grapevine titled "Problems Other Than Alcohol." The General Service Office later made this a pamphlet, available at your Intergroup Office. In the article, Bill wrote: "Our first duty, as a society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activities... Sobriety - freedom from alcohol - through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an A.A. group... We have to confine our membership to alcoholics and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone." (Reprinted with permission of The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.)

### TELEPHONE RELAY

Boca Men's.....August  
 Happy Hour Boca.....September  
 Downtown Boynton Group.....October

*Groups who take a telephone relay commitment help insure the hand of  
 AA is available 24hrs a day!  
 Thanks to all groups who participate!*

## THE STEPS & THE TRADITIONS

**STEP 8:** "Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all."

**TRADITION 8:** "Alcoholics Anonymous should forever remain nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."



## It Happened In August

**August 8, 1879** - Robert Holbrook Smith, Dr. Bob, was born in St Johnsbury, VT to Judge and Mrs. Walter Perrin Smith.

**August 1934** - Rowland H. and Cebra G. persuaded a Vermont court judge (Cebra's father Collins) to parole Ebby T into their custody. Ebby had first met Rowland only shortly before. In the fall, Rowland took Ebby to NYC where he sobered up with the help of the Oxford Group at the Calvary Mission. That fall, Ebby met with Bill as one alcoholic sharing his experience, strength and hope with another alcoholic, setting the AA process in motion.

**August 26, 1935** - Bill W returned to NYC after his travels to Akron, his work with Dr. Bob and securing with Dr. Bob Alcoholic # 3, Bill D. Meetings were held at his house at Clinton Street on Tuesday nights. His home also became a halfway house, of sorts, for drunks

**August 11, 1938** - The Alcoholic Foundation was established as a charitable trust.

(Source: AA Timelines - www.silkworth.net)

## Heard at Meetings



If you go to enough meetings, you hear some interesting things. The following were reported by members in the A.A. Grapevine (Reprinted with permission from The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.)

A member reports hearing this at a meeting: "God grant me the serenity to expect the things I cannot change."

The literal-minded new comer heard during a reading of "A Vision for You" at an afternoon meeting that "the answers will come if your own house is in order." She raced home and worked for hours, breathlessly cleaning house. She returned to the evening meeting announcing that she was ready for those answers now.

From the First Step, the following was heard at a meeting: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unimaginable."

The following was heard at a topic meeting on the Third Step. The Speaker announced that he'd turned his will and his wife over to the care of God.

The chairperson asked at a discussion meeting for a topic. Several long seconds passed in silence. Finally, a young newcomer raised her hand tentatively and said, "I'd like to talk about the loneliness that comes from being the only one in this room who needs help."

A new misreading of the First Step: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmentionable."

One member noted that "We all stop drinking sometime. It's just nice to do it while you're still alive."

"Alcoholics Anonymous is an exit ramp on the interstate of insanity."

### ON MAKING AMENDS

"In making amends, it is seldom wise to approach an individual, who still smarts from our injustice to him, and announce that we have gone religious. This might be called leading with the chin. Why lay ourselves open to being branded fanatics or religious bores? If we do this, we may kill a future opportunity to carry a beneficial message"

(As Bill Sees It, page 187, reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)

## South Palm Beach County Intergroup Gratitude Dinner

**Who:** South Palm Beach County Intergroup

**What:** 21st Annual SPBC Intergroup Gratitude Dinner

**Where:** Embassy Suites, 661 NW 53 Street, Boca Raton (561) 994-8200

**When:** Friday, November 20, 2009 from 6 - 10 p.m.

**Why:** To show our gratitude and raise funds for our Intergroup office for the many ways they support our local groups with: meeting lists; 24-hour hotline; monthly newsletters; medallions; chips; conference approved books and pamphlets; website; and, for being responsible for keeping the hand of AA available to anyone, anywhere, anytime

**Tickets:** There will be 450 tickets at \$36 each (tables of 10) and will be sold at the September 30th Intergroup Business Meeting.

Diane S. and Snow P, Co-Chairs,  
and hosted by the Sober Sisters Group, Boca Raton.

## Traditions Checklist - Tradition Eight

*"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."*

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward - even if not money - for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition - How It Developed?

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"I've discovered I'm unique - Just like everyone else!"  
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*We* ARE self-supporting  
through our own contributions



**Group Contributions - June 2009 & January thru June 2009 vs. 2008**

Group	Jun-09	Jan-June 2009	Jan-June 2008	Group	Jun-09	Jan-June 2009	Jan-June 2008
1 2 3 Step Group,Boca	0	0	0	Let's Do Lunch, Boca	0	354	224
11th Step Group, Lake Worth	0	0	0	Living In Sobriety. Boca Raton	0	0	137
12 O'Clock High, W Boca	100	540	1,210	Living Sober Women, Delray	0	0	150
AA Oldtimers Group, Delray	0	100	205	Living Sober, W Boca	0	0	0
AA Oldtimers, Boynton Beach	0	0	0	Lunch Bunch, Boca	0	555	689
All Aboard, Boca	10	10	205	Men On Track, Boca	420	840	602
Big Book Adventure, Boca	0	0	0	Midday Miracles, Delray	0	700	1,150
Boca BB Step Study Group	0	0	0	Morning Medicine, W Boca	0	480	1,262
Boca Boyz, W Boca	12	427	334	New Beginnings Womens BBSS	0	0	0
Boca Friendly, Boca	0	0	0	New Beginnings, Delray	0	122	142
Boca Men's Central	0	186	360	New Life Group, B Beach	200	1,050	775
Boca Men's Recovery, Boca	0	75	0	North Boca Steps & Traditions	0	0	315
Boca Men's, Boca	0	0	800	North Delray Steps & Traditions	98	125	0
Boca Raton Speaker Group	50	50	30	One Day At A Time, Delray	0	400	2,594
Boca Study Group, Boca	95	214	0	One Page At A Time, Delray	99	169	112
Boca Women's Group	0	200	138	Open Your Heart, Delray	0	100	45
Boynton Beach Beginners	0	25	50	Page 112 at 12, Delray	0	172	0
Boynton Beach Group	0	839	491	Page 83 Group,Promises of A.A.	0	0	0
Boynton Beach Men's	0	400	400	Peace of Mind Womens Group	0	0	0
Boynton Boat Ramp BB Group	0	0	0	People With Time,Boynton	20	40	0
Boynton Boat Ramp Group	0	0	0	Practicing These Principles	0	0	0
Cardinal Lane Group, Lantana	0	0	0	Primary Purpose, W.Boca	229	229	0
Central House, Delray	400	500	600	Principles in Practice,Boynton	0	0	0
Depression & the Alcoholic	100	170	40	Re-Entry Group, Boynton	0	0	0
Derailroaded Group, Boca	0	0	0	Right to Sobriety, Lake Worth	0	0	0
Divas Group, Delray	0	189	81	Road to Recovery, Boca	25	25	0
Double Digit Gang, Delray	120	120	0	Romance & Finance, W Boca	260	260	334
Downtown Boynton Group	0	250	299	Rule 62 Group, W. Boca	0	0	0
Downtown Delray Group	890	1,358	558	Safe Harbor, Boynton	0	0	0
Drop The Rock, Boynton	0	0	0	Saturday Evening Post, Boynton	0	0	0
East Delray Men's	440	613	558	Saturday Night Double Speaker	0	0	150
Eastside Women's Group	0	200	150	Saturday Night Live at Five, Boca	0	54	214
Experience, Strength & Hope	0	0	0	Second Chance Women's Group	0	115	0
Five Time Losers, Delray	150	900	125	Second Street Sobriety,Delray	0	0	0
Friday Night Special, Boynton	0	450	0	Serenity Hour, Delray	0	1,140	1,500
Friendship Group, W Boca	75	175	300	Serenity On Saturday, Delray	0	0	0
Grub and Gratitude Group,Boca	0	50	0	Serenity On The Beach, Lantana	140	270	320
Happy Hour, Boca	0	350	225	Singleness of Purpose, W Boca	0	0	50
Hopeless Variety Group, W.Boca	0	0	0	Sober Friday Night, W Boca	0	0	0
Inner Voice Candlelight, Boca	0	0	250	Sober Sisters of Boca Raton	66	375	461
Inside Out Group, Boca	0	0	0	Sober Sunset Group, W Boca	0	400	600
Journey to Freedom, Boca	0	448	398	Sobriety for Breakfast, W Boca	54	207	128
Just Before Dawn, Delray	0	0	100	Sobriety In The Wind, Delray	0	1,055	438
Just Do It, Boca	0	0	0	Sobriety On Sunday (SOS)	0	570	310
Just for Now, Boca	202	1,160	631	Spiritual Awakenings @ 7AM	126	1,076	726
KISS Group, Boynton	0	0	0	Step & Tradition, W Boca	0	0	0
Language of the Heart, Delray	268	489	0	Step Aboard All Traditions,Boca	10	10	0
Lantana Group, Lantana	86	160	21	Step Into the Solution, Boca	0	0	0

<b>Group Contributions (Continued)</b>			
Group	Jun-09	Jan-June 2009	Jan-June 2008
Steps On Saturday, Boca Pines	0	0	0
Sunday Men's Roving BB, Delray	100	200	100
Sunday Morning Spiritual Group	0	200	230
Sunday Night Speaker, Boca	0	0	200
Sunday Serenity, W Boca	0	50	25
Sunny Isles Group, Lantana	0	124	1,050
Sunrise Beach Meeting, Delray	0	2,550	1,950
Sunset Group, W Boca	0	0	0
TGIF, Delray	0	100	100
Take the AA Train (CANCELLED-'09)	0	0	60
Thank God We're Sober, Boca	0	0	0
Thurs Big Book Step Study, Boynton	0	0	0
To Thine Own Self Be True, Boca	0	227	662
Today Not Tomorrow, Boca	0	201	50
Tues Nite BBSS Grp, Lake Worth	0	0	0
We Agnostics, Boca	15	30	15
We Are Not Saints, BoyntonBch	0	116	273
We Believers, Boca	0	0	112
Wednesday Night Beginners	0	11	0
Welcome Home in Delray	0	296	0
We're Just Beginners, W Boca	0	0	0
West Boca Ask It Basket, W. Boca	0	0	0
West Boca Beginners, W. Boca	50	290	600
West Boca Big Book Group	0	0	0
West Boca Jaywalkers	0	0	100
West Boynton Group, Boynton	0	460	762
Westside Group of Delray Beach	300	500	505
Wine Into Water, Delray	0	600	300
Women's Big Book Study, Boca	0	25	14
Women In Recovery, Boca	0	35	250
Women Living Sober, Boca	0	125	50
Women's Big Book Step Study	0	78	110
Women's Fourth Dimension, Lantana	0	0	0
Women's Step By Step (CANCEL-'09)		0	22
Young At Heart Big Book, Delray	0	0	100
Young People With A Solution, Delray	0	252	162
<b>Total Group Contributions</b>	<b>\$5,210</b>	<b>\$28,011</b>	<b>\$29,789</b>

<b>Hospitals &amp; Institutions Account</b>	
<b>Balance Forward 5/31/09</b>	<b>\$848.20</b>
New Beginnings Group, Delray	\$11.14
One Page at a Time, Delray	\$39.50
Sunny Isles, Lantana	\$107.89
Road to Recovery, Boca	\$15.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$173.53</b>
June Book Distributions	-\$308.70
<b>Balance 6/30/09</b>	<b>\$713.03</b>

**We Cannot Scrimp!**

"Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility - one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid."

(From the pamphlet "Self Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix," reprinted with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.)

<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>		
	June '09	YTD 2009
Group Contributions	5,209	28,010
Non Group Contrib./Anonymous	190	2,459
Alcathon Income	-	1,044
Birthday Club	62	506
2009 Anniversary Picnic	-	7,208
Vendor Discounts	9	147
Sales	9,965	48,330
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 15,435</b>	<b>\$ 87,704</b>
Less Cost of Goods Sold	(6,759)	(29,647)
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 8,676</b>	<b>\$ 58,057</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Annual Report Fee	-	70
Bank & Credit Card fees	75	574
Insurance	560	2,800
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	3,045	19,033
Postage & Shipping	-	198
Printing	335	1,879
Professional Fees (Accountant)	-	750
Program & Committee Exp	189	804
Rent	1,313	7,875
Supplies	322	1,257
Telephone	184	2,149
Utilities/Electric	276	1,331
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,299</b>	<b>\$ 38,720</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,377</b>	<b>\$ 19,337</b>

<b>Accounts &amp; Balances as of 6/30/09</b>	
Operating Account	\$ 8,340.51
Prudent Reserve*	\$ 18,643.51
Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
<b>Account Balances</b>	<b>\$ 27,134.02</b>
<b>Liabilities Due</b>	
Deposit for Gratitude Dinner	\$ (3,630.00)
Sales Tax/PR Tax	\$ (1,385.37)
H&I Fund	\$ (713.03)
Liability Insurance	\$ (1,089.75)
<b>Liabilities Due @ 6/30/09</b>	<b>\$ 6,818.15</b>
<b>Accounts minus Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 20,315.87</b>

\* **Note:** Prudent Reserve is currently \$5,356.49 short of established goal of \$24,000 (three months average operating expenses).



## Intergroup Minutes – June 24, 2009

**Chairperson:** Al A. – Meeting opened with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from May 27 approved. Efforts of Joe P. and committee in assembling and printing the new Where and When format applauded.

**Welcome New Group Rep's:** Maria M. – West Boca Beginners; Dave G., Dave H. (Alt's.) – Downtown Delray; Matt K. – West Boca Big Book; Jared A. – North Boca Steps & Traditions.

**Treasurer:** Ed T. – Monthly group contribution income: \$4,144 (\$23,039 YTD) down 15.3% from last year; sales: \$5,885 (\$38,365 YTD) up 7.6% from last year; gross profit: \$6,446 (\$49,608 YTD) up 33.3% from last year; expenses (we need \$8,000 monthly to keep up with expenses): \$8,606 (\$35,061 YTD); net income: \$-2,160 (\$14,547 YTD); account balances: \$26,066; prudent reserve: \$22,688. Prudent reserve goal is \$24,000.

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

**Archives:** Pam T. – No report.

**Bridge the Gap:** Barry W. – Inquiries consistently accommodated; thanks to all volunteers and responders.

**General Service:** Upcoming Dates: July 10-12 – Area 15 Quarterly at Hutchinson Island. Schedule available at [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org). Delegates Report on June 14 extensive; printed version will be available end of Aug./early Sept.

**Group Information:** Pat C. – Absent. No report.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Ken F. – New meetings at Alternatives in Treatment and Wayside House. So. County Mental Health. Coord. in place. Some Watershed meetings moved between Boca and Boynton. Chairpersons list well updated. Rotation has occurred; volunteers from database filled vacancies. Volunteer list verified for continued interest. Per DAF, all meetings there suspended until chairs attend DAF orientation and report to H&I.

**Public Information:** Bill J. – Excused absent.

**SCAAN:** Ray D. – Thanked Dave G. and Jane F. for assistance. Encouraged anyone with knowledge of Traditions, Steps, journalism and design (specifically Adobe InDesign) to consider SCAAN editor position for July elections.

**Special Events:** Lucas H. – First event tentatively planned for Aug.; flyers will be available for distribution as soon as date and time verified. Please email Pam at the office with old timer volunteer suggestions.

**Telephone Relay:** Willy B. – Relay phone commitments through Dec. (see SCAAN for schedule). Volunteer groups still welcome; please encourage 12 Step list participation.

**12th Step Committee:** John E. & Nicola L. – Desperate need of women for 12 Step list weekdays. Requested that women's meeting attendees vocalize the need.

**Where and When:** Joe P. – Thanked Kristen D. and anonymous friend for their help; new format results in 10,000 print run every 6-9 months. One change not printed: Happy Hour group moved from 5:30 to 5:15 pm Fridays.

**Serenity Scramble:** Sandy B. – Oct. 18 at the Delray Beach Golf Club; flyer/registration form available. Groups requested to donate \$10 in order to offer valuable prizes. Participant gift bags, sponsorship booklet, \$10,000 hole in one cash prize, raffles before the event planned. Treasurer and committee chairs/volunteers needed: 276-4581.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm with the Lord's Prayer.  
In Love and Service, Liz S.

## Office Manager Report - June 24, 2009

Our new Price lists – effective July 1, reflects our cost increase directly from AAWS. Most versions of the Big Book have increased by \$2; and most versions of the 12&12 increased by \$1; other books by a quarter to \$.75. "Experience-Strength & Hope" has decreased in cost. This book offers 56 stories from the previous three editions of our beloved book and is available for \$6.00. (that's a \$3 savings from our regular prices.) This is a great gift idea, especially for the newer members because they haven't had the opportunity to read these original oldtimer stories. I have several copies here tonight for anyone wanting to view or purchase it.

I'm sure all of you have now seen the new W&W.... isn't it great! Many hours of work went into this project – and Joe will share this "labor of love" with you during his report.

After all our announcements and requests for meeting changes – we still have one change that came through literally hours after being sent to the printer. The Happy Hour Group that meets on Fridays at the Lion's Club in Boca has changed their meeting time from 5:30 to 5:15, to eliminate parking conflict with another group coming in after them. This is our fourth tradition in action! Thank you Happy Hour.

The office will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on Friday July 3rd & Saturday July 4th. As always, our phone lines will be answered 24/7 by volunteers over this holiday week end.

Respectfully submitted in love and service, Pam T.

## DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR 6TH ANNUAL SERENITY SCRAMBLE

**Remember that unlike other golf tournaments, we in AA are self-supporting through our own contributions.** We cannot approach businesses or individuals outside of AA. The goal is to have a minimum of 150 individuals or Groups donate \$10 each towards the cost of the merchandise and prizes for the Tournament. Donations received above and beyond the cost of merchandise will go directly to Intergroup. And, if you can't donate money, donate your time by volunteering.

Please give your \$10 donation to your Intergroup Representative, or drop it off at the Intergroup Office by the end of August. Call the Intergroup Office if you want to volunteer. Thanks so much!

## Meeting Changes

### Boca Raton

**Time Change:** Happy Hour Group, Lion's Club, Fridays. Now 5:15 pm

**Remove:** 9th Chapter Group at Glades Pres. – Saturdays, 8 pm – all meetings cancelled

**New Location:** Grub N' Gratitude, Wednesdays, 12:15 pm  
Tiramisu Restaurant, 170 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton 33432

**New Group:** Thank God We're Sober - Fridays, 12:15 pm – Open Speaker - Tiramisu Restaurant, 170 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton 33432

**New Group:** Principles & Promises – Wednesdays, 7 pm - beginning August 5 – Closed Speaker/Lead. Regents Park Nursing Home, Cafeteria/C Wing 6363 Verde Trail, Boca Raton

### Boynton Beach

**Add:** Friday Night Special – Fridays, 8 pm – Open Speaker/Discussion continues to meet at Ascension Church, 2929 S. Seacrest Blvd.

**Change:** Safe Harbor Group – Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Now at JCC West Boynton, 8500 Jog Road – Just north of Gateway.

# A.A. Service Meetings

- August 9      **District 8 General Service Meeting** – 5 p.m. @ Triangle Club.
- August 15     **SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting** @ 12:30 p.m. in Intergroup Office.
- August 22     **SPBC Intergroup H&I Committee Meeting** @ 2 pm in Intergroup Office
- August 26     **SPBC Intergroup Business Meeting** @ 7 pm at Delray Central House
- October 23-25 **South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly.** Hosted by District 3 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Sebring, FL. Hotel Registration: [www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/reservations](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/reservations). For information: [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org) Call: (863) 446-0583.

# A.A. Conventions & Events

- July 29-August 2    **53rd Annual Florida State Convention,** Jacksonville, FL. Info & Registration forms @ [www.53.flstateconvention.com](http://www.53.flstateconvention.com)
- August 15          **FCYPAA Delray DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT** @ Lake Ida Dog Park – Noon – 5 pm – Dodgeball, BBQ & more . . donation \$5
- August 28-30      **FCYPAA 09 Treasure Coast Convention** – “Why Should We Laugh?” Hutchinson Island Marriott. Info & registration @ [www.fcypaa.org](http://www.fcypaa.org).
- July 1-4, 2010      **2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous,** San Antonio, TX. Registration begins Sept 1, 2009 on line – first come/first served – no room lottery. Go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or [www.aainpalmbeach.org](http://www.aainpalmbeach.org). More information in September SCAAN.

# OTHER EVENTS

*Listed below solely as a service to SCAAN Readers, not as an endorsement by South Palm Beach County Intergroup*

- August 13–16      **The 65th Southeastern Conference & Area 1 54th Annual Convention** – Mobile Alabama, Conference and accommodation information @ [www.riverviewmobile.com](http://www.riverviewmobile.com)
- August 21-23      **20th Annual South Florida AFG Convention** (Al-Anon & AA participation) = Hilton Palm Beach Airport. Hotel registration: [www.hiltonpalmbeachairport.com](http://www.hiltonpalmbeachairport.com). Convention r registration @ [www.southfloridaal-anon.org](http://www.southfloridaal-anon.org).
- September 4-7     **23rd Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup** “The Language of the Heart.” Registration & info: [www.tampabayfallroundup.com](http://www.tampabayfallroundup.com).
- October 23 - 25    **Suncoast Roundup 2009** – Dolphin Beach Resort in St. Pete Beach. Registration \$25 before Sept. Info: [www.suncoastroundup.org](http://www.suncoastroundup.org)

Note: Contact the Intergroup Office if you need additional information on any of the events listed

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Literature, Medallions, Chips, Meeting Lists, Cards, & Gifts

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| Chairperson.....Al A.      | Archives .....Pam T.                              |
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|                            | Twelve Step Committee..... John E.<br>/ Nicola L. |
|                            | Webmaster .....David R.                           |
|                            | Where & When .....Joe P.                          |
|                            | Serenity Scramble .....Sandy B.                   |
|                            | Intergroup Gratitude Dinner.....Diane S.          |



## Birthday Club

Paula E.....07/06/1997.....12 yrs.....Delray Central House
Eileen H.....06/05/1988.....21 yrs.....One Day at a Time
Eric L.....08/22/1988.....21 yrs.....Spiritual Awakenings
Betty M-H.....09/24/1984.....25 yrs....Alcoholics Anonymous
Marion S.....07/08/1974.....35 yrs.....Boca Women's
Arlene D.....07/29/1974.....35 yrs.....Happy Hour, Boca



## JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!



If you, or your Group, is celebrating an AA Anniversary and would like to be added to the list of celebrants, clip and mail this to Intergroup with a suggested donation of \$1 for each year of sobriety. This money is used to carry the message to all alcoholics in South Palm Beach County.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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