

NOVEMBER 2011**IS IT ODD OR IS IT GOD?**

Having lived 27+ years by the grace of a loving God in our beloved fellowship, I am still overwhelmed by the miracles that fill my life and the lives of others around me. Yes, today I call them miracles; countless blessings, answers to prayers.

That was not always the case. In my life out there, I was a high-powered, fast-tracked, frantic professional rushing around NYC, and worshipping at the altar of power, money and greed. I was convinced that God and miracles were nothing but excuses for losers who needed fantasies. Having grown up on Jiminy Cricket and "When you Wish Upon a Star", only to have all my dreams crushed, I scoffed at those who believed such nonsense. In the bitterness and brokenness of my addiction, I suffered from contempt prior to any further investigation.

But then, on March 3, 1984, my death was interrupted by the precious gift of sobriety and I have never been the same. As I began showing up in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous and hearing the constant references to "miracles" happening in the lives of fellow seekers, my mind began to slowly open.

In musty church basements, climbing the winding stairways leading to smoky rooms, I heard the desperate openly share their deepest fears, tragedies and victories with total strangers...and my heart softened. Time and again, these newcomers and long-timers back from the edge of darkness, sat next to me on uncomfortable metal folding chairs and shared remarkable stories of deliverance. Clearly, they were extraordinary happenings that in an instant changed the course of their lives.

I became increasingly aware of the many, many moments, when solutions to the things that seemed unsolvable got solved; just in the nick of time. "WHY, HOW", I asked? They claimed, that seemingly out of nowhere (and at the exact moment when all seemed lost), they would be cured, jobs would be found, financial woes would be taken care of, the right answer would suddenly appear, and yes, even parking places would be provided. Stuff, good stuff, happened!! Living to see, hear and experience this phenomena, they credited the God they had found in A. A. claiming that He had always been by their side. New hope and faith sprang eternal in their hearts and I watched in awe as they gained a genuine intimacy with the Almighty.

Though skeptical, my curiosity got the best of me as I watched ordinary events take on extraordinary results. I came to believe that, perhaps, it could be true. Not fully convinced, I began my own personal investigation. My quest was to resolve the question in my mind, "Is it odd or is it God?" Intrigued, I followed their suggestions holding on to their guarantee that, "The miracles surround us; wait and watch for them...and don't quit before the miracle happens."

Through the desperate, difficult challenges I faced while trudging the road to happy destiny, I began to notice very subtle and questionable occurrences; things without rational basis. Then I was barraged with amazing, unexpected, and even astonishing happenings. Is it odd or is it God you might be wondering, as I once did? Truly, for me, it is none other than the unimaginable, everlasting, unfailing God of my understanding that I found in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Today, from my sober window, I can see His fingerprints all over my life, both then and now. In fact, the longer I live in recovery, the more my vision and mind come into focus. I am now able to see the times, so many times, I was so lost I should have died. Except, I was saved by uncanny God-incidents. As these memories rise to the surface, the puzzling fragments from the past fall into place like pieces in a kaleidoscope and suddenly I grasp the significance.

- In college, I was nicknamed the "Black-out Princess". While driving home drunk one night, I had a blow out. I attempted to phone AAA but instead I reached A. A. Intergroup.

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- Then there was the gray, dreary NYC day, in late February of 1984 when I cried out to God. "Please, help me. Please God, save me from myself. What is my problem? Why do I keep screwing up?" It was then I heard the shocking response, clear as a bell, that jolted my being, "Alcoholism". Was I hallucinating or was this the answer to my prayer. Nonetheless, light filled the darkness and the walls of denial came tumbling down. I knew, I was an alcoholic and three days later I attended my first A. A. meeting.

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So much of my life is filled with "God-incidents"; too many to include. Still, I can tell you that not only am I now able to capture the long forgotten, never realized pieces of my existence that occurred while living in the "gray out" of this deadly disease, I am present in my life and tuned into the hundred million miracles that happen every day. My days are best spent fully aware that God is always in the mix.

Often times I am jolted by these awareness while taking care of the simple chores of living.

- Waiting on the checkout line daydreaming about my child in Heaven, a baby reaches out his small hand and grabs my finger.

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THE STEPS & THE TRADITIONS

STEP ELEVEN~ "Sought through pray & meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry it out."

TRADITION ELEVEN~ "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always to retain anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

INTERGROUP MINUTES

INTERGROUP MINUTES- SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

Chairperson: Sheryl S. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from August 31, 2011 were approved. Introduced new group reps. Baskets were passed according to the 7th Tradition.

Welcome New Group Reps:) Darlene C.- Sober Sisters Lake Worth; Dana B. - Divas, Kim E.- Women's Piece of Mind; Heather C.- Downtown Boynton Group; Keri E.- Step into the Solution; Zach T.- North Delray Steps & Traditions; Megan S. - Sober Sisters, Boca; Kathryn S. - Lunch Bunch.

Vice Chair: Liz S. Excused Absence

Secretary: Cheryl S. Excused Absence - Sarah P. will take minutes.

Treasurer: Sarah P. gave report. Gave breakdown of income and expenses for September, calculated through 9/26/11. Sarah explained that the group contributions are vital to sustaining the Intergroup office. Sarah asked all Intergroup reps to remind their groups how important and appreciated the group contributions are to Intergroup.

Office Manager: Pam T. Excused Absence to attend the 26th Annual Intergroup/Central Office/AAWS/GV Seminar Deanna gave report. "Wake up Little Suzie" was a successful event at DAF and they donated some of the proceeds to SPBC Intergroup. The two largest annual events that help support Intergroup are coming up and information and tickets are available to purchase during the meeting or at the intergroup office. Where and Whens are available for purchase at the back table and SCAANS are free to take back to your groups.

Archives: Nick L. All materials still being converted to digital format. Gratitude for the many donations continuing to come in. Committee is preparing a booth to display at the Gratitude Dinner. The Intergroup has a fully-functioning industrial sized coffee maker to donate to a new start-up group. Contact intergroup if interested. Thanks to all committee members, material donors, and helpers.

Bridge the Gap: Willy B. Willy is currently restructuring committee. He is trying to create new Bridge the Gap volunteer list. He explained what Bridge the Gap does and has new sign-up sheets for those willing and able to be of service through the Bridge the gap committee.

General Service: Jerry W. - Has the minutes from the meeting if anyone is interested. Nothing new discussed or voted on. Next Quarterly is October 28 - October 30th in Sebring, FL. Theme= "Let It Begin With Me".

Group Information: Jim S. North Boca Steps and Traditions which met Thursdays at 7pm at Advent Lutheran Church will be moving after October 15th. The meeting will be held at the Congregational Church- same time and format. The Boca Friendly Group which met at Advent Lutheran Church at 7pm on Mondays will no longer be meeting at Advent; no alternate location has been decided yet. Please keep this committee notified of any changes in group meeting status or meetings that are not in existence any longer.

Hospitals and Institutions: Carey A.- All chairperson positions are filled. Committee is running smoothly. Meetings are always held on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Carey apologized for missing September committee meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Volunteers are always needed.

Public Information: Kathleen H.-Delray Beach Library now has a community table stocked with AA literature. They have been supplied with copies of Big Book, 12 and 12, and Living Sober. Sergeant Guierro of Delray Beach Police Dept. has agreed to take and distribute literature from AA throughout the department. She will make literature, such as Where and Whens and pamphlets available to the officers to distribute to the community. She will also keep some literature in the jail facility. Kat met with Kisa Permenter, guidance counselor at Atlantic High School and is enthusiastic about bringing information about AA to the High School. Kat and Kisa are currently organizing a closed, unlisted AA meeting on campus for Atlantic High School students only. Their media center has been supplied with copies of Big Book, 12 and 12, and Living Sober.

SCAAN: Beverly W. - excused absence.

NPBC Intergroup Liaison: Andrew H. Treasurer position still open. Quarterly announced. Concepts Workshop will be held October 29th through 30th.

Telephone Relay: Zach S. North County AA hotline is still out of service. Groups taking the phone relay should be aware they may get additional phone calls due to the North County outage. Journey to Freedom group has the phone in October. Telephone relay has groups booked until April 2012, but is always looking for groups to volunteer.

Where and When: Todd L - Absent

12th Step Committee: Bari W. and Bill J. Bill J. is currently going through the men's list to verify numbers are correct and volunteers are still willing to participate. Bill calls each volunteer on the list up to 3 times, leaving messages for the volunteer to call back. If he does not get any responses after 3 calls, the volunteer is removed from the list. Bari W was absent but relayed to Bill that the Women's 12 step call list is fine.

Serenity Scramble: Sarge. Scramble will be held on October 16, 2011. Sarge reports that there is still room for more golfers. Sign-up sheets are at Intergroup office or at the back table. Sarge held Volunteer meeting and has plenty of willing volunteers ready to be of service. Scramble still needs and wants raffle prizes- gift certificates from local business run by AA members, individual donations, or group contributions are welcome.

Gratitude Dinner: No report. Tickets for the event to be held on November 19, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in Boca were sold throughout the SPBC Intergroup business meeting 9/28/2011. Reps were allowed to buy 1 table at a time for 10 people for \$500.00. Group were allowed to buy a second table after all groups had opportunity to buy 1st table. Individual tickets will be sold after the meeting at \$50.00 a ticket- primarily in the Intergroup Office.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Meeting ended at 7:40 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by **Sarah P.**

→ Southeast Regional Forum ←

We have exciting news! Our Area will be the local host committee for the 2012 Southeast Regional Forum, November 9-11, 2012.

Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris (non-alcoholic) then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. trusted servants and introduce newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

As you know we need volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are interested in learning about Forums, please visit our GSO website (www.aa.org) under the For Groups and Members area and click on the tab Regional Forums. If you would like to get involved, please visit our Area 15 website at www.area15aa.org and click on the 2012 Southeast Regional Forum Volunteer box where you can read about where we could use volunteers. The opportunity of hosting a Southeast Regional Forum only happens once every 26 years, so let's make this count and get involved!

INTERGROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

SPBC INTERGROUP OFFERING

FINANCIAL REPORT	Sept 2011	Y-T-D
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Alcathon 2010-2011	\$ -	\$ 1,168.64
Anonymous	\$ 82.05	\$ 955.26
Birthday Club	\$ 108.00	\$ 687.45
Faithful Fivers	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,549.00
Florida Round UP		\$ 378.58
Group Contributions	\$ 2,780.24	\$ 40,572.64
Journey To Freedom- Movie Night	\$ -	\$ 337.00
Non Group Income	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,488.00
Picnic Income	\$ -	\$ 6,577.22
Unity Breakfast:	\$ -	\$ 756.98
Total Contribution Income	\$ 5,400.29	\$ 55,470.77
Insurance Claim: Flood loss		\$ 500.00
Gross Sales Income	\$ 7,018.47	\$ 72,555.94
Cost of Goods Sold	\$ (4,056.68)	\$ (44,725.52)
Net Sales & Other Income	\$ 2,961.79	\$ 28,330.42
Total Income	\$ 8,362.08	\$ 83,801.19
Office & Program Expenses	\$ (10,875.42)	\$ (97,073.18)
Balance	\$(2,513.34)	\$ (13,271.99)
Accounts and Balances:		
Operating Account		\$ 8,078.99
Reserve Account		\$ 26,703.16
Petty Cash		\$ 150.00
Balance at 9/30/2011		\$ 34,932.15

Serenity Scramble 2011

The Serenity Scramble, held on Sunday Oct 16th at Delray Beach Golf Club was a huge success! We had 83 golfers and nearly 130 for lunch and prizes. This event was created in 2004 to assist SPBC Intergroup in a time of need, and has continued to provide our much needed funding and support. WE are grateful to the loyal golfers who participate every year; to the volunteers who greet and register golfers; to those who sell Mulligans, 50/50 tickets, and Gift raffle tickets; to those who sit at the Par 3 holes as spotters for the Hole in One prizes and to offer chances to double their money; for those who shop, deliver, set up, and clean up our gifts tables; to all the individuals and groups who supported this event by sponsoring a hole or providing assistance to purchase gifts; and to our Chair Sarge and his assistant Debbie for all their time, talent and dedicated service! (continued on page 7)

QUANTITY DISCOUNT PRICING!

Big Book Hard Cover:
Per Case of 20: \$7.50/each \$150.00

12 & 12 Hard Cover:
Per Case of 20: \$7/each \$140.00

SPBC BOOK OF THE MONTH
Experience Strength & Hope

Stories from the first three Editions of Alcoholics Anonymous:
Special price \$ 6.00

SPBC INTERGROUP GIFT SHOP!
NEW items available for the holidays!

Please visit Intergroup for your Holiday & Recovery gifts!

NOTE: PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Office Manager's Report:

I attended the 2011 Intergroup - Central Office AAWS/AAGV Seminar in Tucson, AZ from Sept 28-Oct 2. It was a great exchange of information, new ideas, and interesting experiences shared by all the Intergroup managers in attendance.

We had daily General Sessions with presentations by GSO staff & GV staff. 15 workshops included everything from "AA Meetings-Are They Really AA Meetings?" to "Volunteers - How to Entice Them!" It was unanimously decided that "FOOD" was the way to attract volunteers.

Interestingly, GSO does not "research" groups asking to be listed. That is "our" job. However, they will not list Groups that have names that connect them to another program or entity ~ i.e.; Double Winners (which is AA + Al Anon) or Double Trouble etc. We also discussed the danger of placing **ONLY**" by a group - such as "Men **Only**" or "Women **Only**".

Other concerns were discussed regarding a lack of communication between the Area Committee and the Intergroups/C.O.'s, and voting that affects us all.

A committee is structuring an Intergroup/C.O. version of the 12 Concepts for use by any who wish to do so. GSO has given permission for it's use by and for our needs.

I have a full report for anyone wanting to read it, or I'd be happy to share my experiences with you anytime you would like to visit the office .

I am most grateful for the opportunity to meet with other AA Special Workers from all over the country. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted in love and service, Pam T.

Budget Overview ~ January through September 2011

	2011 Annual Budget	Year To Date Actual	Budget Balance
Annual Report Fee	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -
Bank & Merchant Services Fees	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 1,370.93	\$ 319.07
AAWS Seminar	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 559.03	\$ 540.97
Area 15 Assemblies/Quarterlies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 506.99	\$ 693.01
Insurance:			
Liability	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,158.56	\$ 41.44
Medical	\$ 9,720.00	\$ 8,190.12	\$ 1,529.88
Workers Comp	\$ 1,200.00		
Total Insurance:	\$ 12,120.00	\$ 9,348.68	\$ 2,771.32
Payroll Expenses: (2 Employees)	\$ 70,960.00	\$ 57,341.03	\$ 13,618.97
Professional Fees:			
Accountant	\$ 750.00	\$ 820.00	\$ (70.00)
IT & Intuit	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,758.00	\$ (758.00)
Total Professional Fees:	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,578.00	\$ (828.00)
Program Expenses:			
Archives	\$ 250.00	\$ 238.87	\$ 11.13
Bridge The Gap	\$ 50.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 21.00
Group Information	\$ 50.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 34.25
H&I	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 809.25	\$ 2,590.75
Public Information	\$ 50.00	\$ 245.59	\$ (195.59)
SCAAN	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,765.00	\$ 335.00
Telephone Relay (Cell Phone)	\$ 900.00	\$ 653.31	\$ 246.69
Twelve Step Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 138.50	\$ (38.50)
Webmaster (Domain)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Where & When (Donated copies)	\$ 1,948.80	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 328.80
Special Events & Open House	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Total Program Expenses	\$10,148.80	\$ 6,515.27	\$ 3,633.53
Rent	\$17,798.00	\$ 13,167.97	\$ 4,630.03
Repairs: Building & Maintenance	\$ 235.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 55.00
Supplies:			
Commissary	\$ 750.00	\$ 749.15	\$ 0.85
Computer Software & Supplies	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,131.21	\$ 493.79
Office Supplies	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,143.30	\$ 656.70
Total Supplies	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 3,023.66	\$ 1,151.34
Telephone: Office phones, fax, DSL	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,362.17	\$ 737.83
Utilities: Electric	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,538.16	\$ 1,361.84
Total Expenses:	\$127,246.80	\$ 98,561.89	\$ 28,684.91

NOTE: All Literature & Gift Store items are paid from sales of those items and are not included in the Budget.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Group	Sept	YTD	Group	Sept	YTD	Group	Sept	YTD
1-2-3 Step, Boca	0	0	Lake Worth Tues Nite BBSS	8	8	Sobriety For Breakfast, W Boca	0	846
11th Step Group, Lake Worth	0	0	Language Of The Heart, Delray	0	427	Sobriety In The Wind, Delray	0	1,059
12 O'clock High,W Boca	0	925	Lantana Group	0	176	Sobriety In The Wind, Lk Worth	0	0
AA Oldtimers Group	0	150	Let's Do Lunch, Boca	0	236	SOS (10am), Boca	92	772
All Aboard	0	679	Living In Sobriety,Boca	0	50	Speak Easy	0	0
Big Book Adventure, Boca	0	191	Living Sober Women, Delray	0	100	Spiritual Awakenings, Boca	136	241
Boca Big Book Step Study	0	0	Living Sober ,W. Boca	0	0	Step Aboard All Traditions	0	0
Boca Boyz, West Boca	10	123	Lost Marbles	0	0	Step By Step, Delray	0	0
Boca Friendly	0	0	Lunch Bunch, Boca	0	120	Step Into The Solution, Boca	0	0
Boca Men's Recovery	0	0	Men's Tuesday Solution, Boca	0	408	Steps On Sat, Boca Pines	0	0
Boca Men's, Boca	242	2,442	Men On-Track, Boca	0	450	Sunday Men's Roving BB, Delray	0	26
Boca Raton Speaker Group	0	100	Men With Solutions, Delray	0	105	Sunday Morning Spiritual Group	0	200
Boca Study, Boca	0	118	Midday Miracles, Delray	0	1,008	Sunday Night Speaker, Boca	0	100
Boca Women's Group	50	100	Morning Medicine, Boca	14	866	Sunday Serenity Group	0	50
Boynton Beach Beginners	0	50	New Beginnings Women's BB	0	0	Sunny Isles, Lantana	0	471
Boynton Beach Group, Boynton	0	160	New Beginnings, Wayside	136	136	Sunrise Beach Meeting, Delray	0	2,100
Boynton Beach Men's, Boynton	0	0	New Life Group	200	3,200	TGIF, Delray	0	200
Boynton Boat Ramp Group	25	25	North Boca Steps & Traditions,	0	397	The West Boca Ask it Basket	0	0
Cardinal Lane, Lantana	40	180	North Delray Steps & Traditions	0	0	Thursday Night BBSS	0	0
Central House Delray	0	0	One Day At A Time, Delray	0	1,709	To Thine Own Self Be True	0	0
Daily Grace	0	0	One Page at a Time, Delray	51	207	Too Young to be Glum	0	0
Delray 11th Step Meditation Grp	0	140	Open Your Heart, Delray	0	200	Tradition Three Group	0	0
Depression and the Alcoholic	0	300	Page 83 Group	0	0	Tues Night BBSS, Lake Worth	0	0
Derailroded Group	0	0	People With Time	29	950	Untitled Group	0	86
Divas at 830 AM	293	1,106	Practicing These Principles	0	0	We're Just Beginners	0	0
Double Digit Gang, Delray	0	88	Principles and Promises	0	112	We Agnostics, Boca	0	60
Downtown Delray Group	360	1,635	Principles in Practice	0	0	We are Not Saints, Boynton	109	287
Downtown, Boynton	0	0	Re-Entry Group, Boynton	0	0	We Believers, Boca	0	440
Drop The Rock Today	0	0	Right to Sobriety, Lake Worth	0	0	Wed. Morning 11th Step Group	0	0
East Delray Men's Group	296	1,000	Road To Recovery, Boca	0	125	Wednesday Night Beginners W	0	0
Eastside Women's Group	0	0	Romance & Finance, W Boca	0	200	Welcome Home in Delray	0	250
Easy Does It, Boca	0	0	Safe Harbor, Boynton	0	0	West Boca Beginners	0	330
Experience, Strength & Hope, BB	0	0	Safe Haven	0	450	West Boca Big Book Group	0	0
Five Time Losers, Delray	0	550	Saturday Night Double Speaker	0	0	West Boca Jaywalkers	0	0
Fri Night Special/Sat.Eve Post	0	700	Sat. Night Live @ Five ,Boca	0	136	West Boynton Group	0	1,240
Friday Night Live	0	0	Second Chance Women, Delray	0	186	Westside Group, Delray	0	596
Friendship Group, West Boca	0	150	Second Street Sobriety, Delray	0	172	Wine Into Water, Delray	0	300
Grub & Gratitude	0	0	Seniors In Sobriety,Delray	0	150	Women's Fourth Dimension,	0	93
Happy Hour, Boca	0	258	Serenity Hour, Delray	0	1,045	Women's Peace of Mind, Boca	0	68
HP Breakfast Club	0	0	Serenity On Saturday, Delray	0	0	Women In Recovery, Boca	0	220
Inner Voice Candlelight	0	0	Serenity On The Beach	0	480	Women Living Sober, Boca	0	180
Inside Out Group	0	50	Singleness of Purpose	0	0	Women Seeking The truth BBSS	0	0
Intergroup Meeting	80	470	Sober Fri Night ,Boca Pines	0	100	Women With a Solution	0	0
Journey to Freedom, Boca	0	801	Sober Sisters Lake Worth	0	0	Women's BBSS, Delray	33	209
Just Before Dawn	150	400	Sober Sisters, Boca	0	763	Young At Heart, Delray	0	100
Just Do It, W Boca	0	0	Sober Sunset Grp, Boca Pines	175	1,407	Young People with a Solution	0	427
Just For Now, Boca	252	651	Total Group Contributions @ 9/31/11				2,780	40,573



Service Meetings & Events

Call The Intergroup Office for Tickets

November 8

SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee
Tuesday @ 5pm-Intergroup Office

November 13

General Service District 8 Business Meeting
Sunday @ 5 pm-Triangle Club

November 19

Intergroup H & I Committee Meeting
Saturday @ 2pm-Intergroup Office

November 30

SPBC Intergroup Business Meeting
Wednesday @ 7pm-Delray Central House

Upcoming Events

November 2011

November 19

SPBC Intergroup 23rd Annual Gratitude Dinner
"Happy, Joyous, & Free"

Location: Embassy Suites 661 NW 53rd St. Boca Raton FL.
Doors open at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm.
Individual ticket cost: \$50

November 24-27

*45th Las Vegas Round-up "Sober Fun in the Sun"
Location: Riviera Hotel and Casino 800-634-6753.

Events Include: Banquet Night, Marathon Meetings, Golf, 5k/2k
Run-Walk, Childcare, and Dancing!!
Online Registration: www.lasvegasroundup.org

December 2011

December 3

Holiday Open House at SPBC
Hosted by: The SPBC Intergroup Staff
Time: 11am-3pm
Buffet Luncheon

Location: Intergroup Office
2905 S. Federal Hwy Suite C-15 in Delray Beach

**December 24th—December 25th
&**

December 31st—January 1st

SPBC ALCATHON 2011-2012

Time: Noon until 11 pm

Location: Delray Central House
2170 West Atlantic Ave. , Delray Beach, FL
(SW corner of Atlantic & Congress)

January 2011

January 28

Bowling for Big Books

Location: Strikes Bowl, Boca Raton

For more information: Call Jay 561-674-6200

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not an endorsement by SPBC Intergroup.*



**South Palm Beach County
Intergroup Gratitude Dinner
*Happy, Joyous, and Free***

**Saturday Nov. 19, 2011 6:00 pm
Embassy Suites Hotel, Boca Raton**



**Fun & Fellowship
to support
SPBC Intergroup**

Tickets: \$50 Per Person

***Hosted by: Women Living Sober
Boca Raton***



Did You Know



Are You a Faithful Fiver?

The "FAITHFUL FIVERS" is an individual's pledge to contribute \$5 or more each month directly to support the 12th Step services made possible by your support of the South Palm Beach County Intergroup in your local A.A. community.
This is not a Group contribution.

You may choose to send in your contribution monthly/quarterly/annually, and you will receive a receipt in your name if requested. The total amount received each month will be listed in our financial reports; and a "Faithful Fivers" membership list will be printed in our newsletter, the SCAAN.

Even though this is an individual commitment to contribute, we are asking our Group Representatives and Contacts to assist in getting the word out. Please help us by announcing this at your meetings.

SPBC INTERGROUP SERVICE
4 HOUR SHIFTS/1 DAY PER WEEK
REQUIREMENTS: LOVE, TOLORANCE,
WILLINGNESS TO LEARN & SERVE.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SPBC ALCATHON 2011-2012

**AA Meetings on the Even Hours
AA Fellowship on the Odd Hours**

- PLEASE:** Be a part of this annual event that provides our recovery community 72 hours of continuous meetings and fellowship over the Christmas and New Year season!
- WHEN:** First meeting begins:
December 24th at 12 Noon until 11 pm December 25th
AND
December 31st at 12 Noon until 11 pm January 1st
- WHERE:** Delray Central House 2170 West Atlantic Ave.
(SW corner of Atlantic & Congress)
- WHO:** ALL SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY AA GROUPS are invited to host a meeting.
- HOW:** ONE Time Slot per Group please! Drawings for time slots at the October 26th, 2011 SPBC Intergroup meeting
- WHAT:** A TWO HOUR commitment that requires the group to:
*Chair a 1 hour meeting
format of chosen by the group) on the even hours
PLUS
*Food and fellowship for the following hour.
- FOOD:** Some groups bring entire meals, others bring deserts or fruit and snacks.
- EXTRA:** SPBC Intergroup & Delray Central House will be providing the coffee/coffee supplies. Contributions are appreciated!

Respectfully, Your SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee

**VERY IMPORTANT SERVICE POSITIONS
NEED TO BE FILLED for the ALCATHON!**

**This is a A.A. event requiring individuals
to serve on 4 hour shifts as Meeting Room Monitors.
The role of the Monitor includes:**

- Supervise the 7th Tradition collections during their shift
- Manage & take part in the set-up/clean-up of the meeting room & food area
- Serve as a greeter and all around "go-to-guy/gal"

(Serenity Scramble continues from page 3)

MANY THANKS TO OUR HOLE SPONSORS:

SOS, Boca, Sobriety for Breakfast, Boca Pines, Men's Romance & Finance, Boca Pines, All Aboard, Boca, Saturday Night Live at Five, Boca, Hank M. & Barbara P., Big Book Adventure Group, Boca, Boca Men's Recovery, Boca, We Are Not Saints, Boynton Beach, Anonymous, Sober Sunset, Jim Hartman, Adam J.

WITH GRATITUDE TO THE GROUPS & INDIVIDUAL AA MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTED GIFTS AND MONEY:

Ann G., Jennifer J., Liz S., Sober Sunset, Zack W., Maryann & Lou M., Cindy & Ray, Tank & Belle, Dion D., Tony S., Susan S., Barbara Y., Jerry C., "The Team", Suzy V., Women in Recovery, Armando M., Hank M., Audrey A., Sheryl & Mike S., North Boca Steps and Traditions.

Is It Odd or Is It God? (continued from page 1)

- Sobbing as I rush to my dying mother's bedside, suddenly the song my dad, long since deceased, sang to mother comes on the radio.

Is it odd or is it God?

- Flying standby, I am assigned the last seat. It is next to a woman who is trembling in fear; on her way to an treatment center in my home town.

Is it odd or is it God?

Some of the most, tender God-incidents occur while sitting in a meeting or listening to a 5th Step. There I can reach out with insight, encouragement, and hope. Sharing my brokenness that has been restored, I can confirm that, in what seems like a "lucky" moment, God is working in my life. He has never left or deserted me. He has been waiting for me to invite Him in. It is NOT odd, it IS God.

P.S. While wrestling with a closing for this article, praying for His inspiration, I received a phone call asking if I could help a woman with ten years of sobriety visiting her very ill father in South Florida. He died, she drank, and now she was in a coffee shop looking for the hand of A.A. That woman would become a woman I sponsor.

Is it odd or it God? There is NO doubt in my mind. He has a plan and I am blessed to hear His call on my life...odd as it may seem.

Beverly W.

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Suzu V.	Tevie K.	Tom W.	Tony F.
Willie B.	★	☉	☺

With Gratitude for Their Service in the Intergroup Office during the Month of September

Andrew H.	Bari W.	Clark A.	Dana C.
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Lynn E.	Michael G.	Michael S.	Mr. Bo Jangles
Nick L.	Rich W.	Scott G.	Stan R.
Steve S.	Theresa C.	Trevor T.	Zach T.



BIRTHDAY CLUB!



Anonymous Contribution	—/—/—	—/—/—	—/—/—
Mr. Bo Jangles	Intergroup	11/11/2011	8 years
Maryann	Sat. Night Live At Five	10/15/2009	2 years
Tony F.	Sober Friday Night	10/16/2002	9 years
Diane C.	Boca Happy Hour	10/10/1999	12 years
Sharon K.	Road to Recovery	09/27/1994	17 years
Susan S.	Sat. Night Live At Five	10/22/1985	26 years

Meeting Changes & Updates

New Location:

- **North Boca Steps & Traditions** – will now be holding their meetings at Congregational Church, 251 SW 4th Ave. Boca Raton @ 7pm on Thursdays.

T.B.A.

- **The Boca Friendly** group has lost their location at Advent Church on Mondays @ 7pm. At the time of this publication there is no new location for this group.



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