

South Palm Beach County Intergroup Association, Inc. Serving A.A. Groups in Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and Lantana 30 Years of Service ~ 1984-2014 The Hand of AA

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# ANNUAL SOBER HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

Holidays, families and alcoholics. A potent combination, be it for feeling gratitude or copping an attitude. As the old joke goes, no one knows how to push your buttons like your family — after all, they installed them. With that said, here is some of the best I can offer when it comes to holiday parties, family visits, and this whole wonderful/terrible time of year:

- 1. Remember, you don't have to go. Yes, yes, maybe you should go. Maybe it's a bad idea for your career, or it would be hurtful or disappointing to someone if you don't go those can be compelling reasons to get on a plane or show up at a party but you don't have to go. Because if you really are an alcoholic then your alcoholism really is trying to kill you and you may have taken the holiday off, but it hasn't.
- 2. Remember, you can leave. In the middle of a sentence, in the middle of a toast, in the middle of the cutting of a cake, you can, without drama, without a scene, excuse yourself and leave. If the occasion or the moment seems to indicate a reason should be offered, just say you suddenly feel ill and step out. It's not even a falsehood, though you may mean emotionally or spiritually ill and others may think the artichoke dip didn't agree with you. In fact, it doesn't matter if people in the moment believe you or not, or if you have to explain a little more later, or make amends after the fact it is better to leave quietly and stay sober than remain at an event and relapse because if you relapse, they'll most likely wish you had left.

- 3. **Remember, if at all possible, drive yourself** and don't give anyone a lift not out of selfishness, out of self preservation. If you have to leave because you are freaking out and you think you might not be able to stay sober then you need to *leave*.
- 4. Remember, you can leave and then return. Leaving doesn't have to mean leaving the whole event and going home or back to the hotel or wherever go for a walk, get some of that aforementioned air, sit in the car and scream (though the valet may look at you funny) and then once you've gotten your equilibrium again go back in with an eye on the Exit for Round 2, if you have to.
- 5. Remember, don't expect Program responses from people who aren't in the Program. There you are, flush with recovery and armed with a whole new language to identify how you feel and communicate it with people. Remember that the family dinner table is not a 12 Step Meeting, and if you start "sharing" rather than talking you may be met with "That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard."
- 6. Remember, for most alcoholics, maybe = yes. If you think you *might* drink if you visit certain people or places then that's just a prelude to actually doing so. Be sure of yourself. If you're not sure, the stakes are too high to play a people-pleasing game and place yourself at risk.

# **Special Events**

# **Alcathon**

December 24 & 25 December 31 January 1

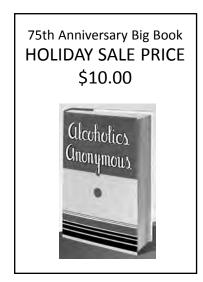
### THE STEPS & THE TRADITIONS

**STEP 12** - "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

**TRADITION 12** - "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

- 7. Remember, other people find the holidays difficult and emotionally charged as well you're not the only one having a tough time of it watch for ego and hypersensitivity, and rather than sit in your own upset, see who and how you can help wherever you may be or whomever you may be with. Short answer: Want to feel better? Be of service.
- 8. Remember, "Please pass the gravy" is not code for "Please, now that you're sober, unload all of your pent up anger and frustration you've been stuffing for the past X years, right here right now, during dinner."
- 9. Remember, Alcoholics Anonymous suggests when dealing with resentments, we set them on paper. Even for those of us who are learning that we are not doormats it is not necessarily smart to immediately confront a situation head on. In fact, by writing out a quick inventory and organizing your thoughts and feelings you can then confront something and talk about the actual thing that caused your resentment, rather than get all tripped up talking about your feelings and anger. It's a very different thing to say "Please don't make jokes about my job" instead of "I feel angry when you make jokes about my job." The latter will just create a discussion about your feelings, and that's not what you're trying to do - you're setting a boundary, not inviting opinions on your emotional sensitivity level. If you write out your resentment you can get clarity in your head before you open your mouth — I've tried it the other way, to spectacularly poor results, I assure you. And all that is said with a giant IF in front of the idea that it is wise for you to "confront" anyone at all. Most of the time it probably isn't.
- 10. Remember, it is possible to look like you're listening intently to someone while you are actually saying The Serenity Prayer over and over in your head.
- 11. **Remember, "love and tolerance is our code."** If your family, or your boss, or your employees, or whomever, actually *could* do any better they probably would. For particularly difficult, toxic or challenging people try to consider that it is much worse to *be* them than to deal with

- them keep at the forefront of your mind that those who trouble us are spiritually sick themselves, and are deserving of our compassion (as difficult as it may be to summon for some) more than our criticism.
- 12. Remember, you may not have been such a winner yourself on past occasions it may take a while for people to "see" who you are today. Be patient, show who you are now rather than tell who you are now, and things will eventually change.
- 13. **Remember, miracles** *do* **happen** damaged relationships heal, wounded parties forgive, shattered families come back together ... it doesn't happen the way we may envision it, or with a clever soundtrack and excellent lighting as in your favorite independent film, but it really does happen.
- 14. **Remember**, *breathe*. Just three deep breaths before speaking can save a life. I am not exaggerating.
- 15. Remember, it is not your family's job to understand alcoholism or Alcoholics Anonymous it's yours.
- 16. Remember, it's not your job to diagnose everyone in your family with your magical new sober powers, nor is it your job to whip out your spiritual took kit and try to fix anyone around you. AA is a program of attraction, not promotion. When in doubt, keep your mouth shut. If you're being an example you don't have to explain, and if you find yourself doing a lot or explaining you're probably doing a poor job of being an example.
- 17. Remember, AA is a "design for living" and what that means in the real world is that other people's behavior does not dictate my behavior you can't make me yell or behave badly, only I can make me do that. I am not a doormat, but I don't have to go to every fight I'm invited to, either. A smile and shrug is an excellent strategy for quietly deflecting things.
- 18. And finally, remember, **bring your Higher Power with you** you're not going in there alone.





The SPBCI Committee would like to express gratitude to the

WEST BOYNTON GROUP

The committee chairs and volunteers performed many hours of AA service before, during and after the Gratitude Dinner 2014.

The event was enjoyed by all.



## South Palm Beach County Intergroup - Profit & Loss - November 2014

	Nov 14	YTD Nov 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Interest Income	0.00	3.17
Cash Discounts	0.00	168.50
Contribution-Non Group		
Anonymous	56.00	2,010.75
Birthday Club	0.00	452.00
Faithful Fivers	0.00	225.00
Contribution-Non Group - Ot	0.00	507.69
Total Contribution-Non Group	56.00	3,195.44
Contribution Income	4,043.90	41,410.56
Fund Raising Income	1,010.00	711,710.00
2013 Alcathon Income	0.00	1,100.00
2014 Gratitude Dinner	19,908.00	19,908.00
2014 Graditude Diffier	0.00	5,049.00
2014 Fichicikanie	0.00	10,772.00
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Total Fund Raising Income Sales	19,906.00	36,829.00
AAWS Books	2 624 40	44 E00 4E
	2,634.40	44,588,45
AAWS Other	10.25	1,000.58
AAWS Pamphlets	104.89	2,094.99
Chips	168.50	4,709.75
Demdaco Gift Items	6.00	1,024.00
Gift Items	246.90	5,103,70
Grapevine Books	103.00	2,115.00
Grapevine Other Material	32.50	365.50
Hazelden Books	252.20	5,549.70
Hazelden Other	.0.00	0.00
Medallions	1,154.00	18,808.00
Sale of Books	36.00	379.00
Where & When	240.50	4,305.50
Total Sales	4,989.14	90,044.17
Total Income	28,997.04	171,650.84
Cost of Goods Sold	3,058.66	56,685.07
Gross Profit	25,938.38	114,965.77
Expense		
Advertising	0.00	0.00
Annual Report Fee	0.00	122.50
Bank Service Charges	15.00	152.07
Contributions	0.00	500.00
Fees Credit Cards	200.53	2,469.98
Fund Raising Expenses		
2014 Gratitude Dinner	17,103.70	17,103.70
2014 Picnic Expenses	0.00	1,617.08
2014 Serenity Scramble	0.00	7,008.60
Total Fund Raising Expenses	17,103.70	25,729.38

	Nov	YTD Nov 14
Insurance	303.24	3,201.20
Inventory Adjusment	0.00	0.00
Quarterlies / Mileage Reimb	0.00	2,611.77
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00
Payroll Expenses	3,312.30	40,179.65
Postage and Delivery	0.00	110.75
Printing and Reproduction		
SCAAN	0.00	1,910.00
Printing and Reproduction -	0.00	80.00
Total Printing and Reproduction	0.00	1,990.00
Professional Fees		
Accounting	0.00	900.00
Computer Technology	0.00	61.31
Total Professional Fees	0.00	961.31
<b>Program &amp; Committee Expenses</b>	0.00	105.00
Rent	1,318.16	14,187.70
Repairs		
Building Repairs & Maintena	0.00	60.00
Total Repairs	0.00	60.00
Storage	65.00	650.00
Supplies	178.79	2,811.13
Telephone	101,24	3,406.09
Utilities		
Electric	226.78	2,474.86
Total Utilities	226.78	2,474.86
Total Expense	22,824.74	101,723.39
Net Income	3,113.64	13,242.38

# SPBCI HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OFFICE CLOSED

December 24 & 25 ~ Christmas December 31 ~ New Year's Eve January 1, 2015 ~ New Year's Day

Intergroup Activity Log	Oct 14
12th Step Calls	8
First Call to AA	4
Meeting Inquiries	98
Business Inquiries	95
Walk-Ins	228
QB Sales Receipts	344

Operating Acct	\$13,574.88	Accounts Receival	\$0.00	Fixed Assets	2,188.71
Prudent Reserve Act	\$28,000.00	Inventory Asset	36,416.91	Other Asset/Rent Dep	2,769.38
Petty Cash	5150.00	Other Current Ass	3,164.63	TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	4,958.09
TOTAL CASH	\$41,724.88	TOTAL NONCASH ASSETS	81,306.42	TOTAL ASSETS	\$86,264.51

# Office Volunteers

Joe H., Randy, Kelly, Nancy, George, Caryl, Ken, Petti, Stan, Dennis, Andrew, Charlie, Alexandra, Samantha, Adam, Linette, Jonathan, Peter, Marianne, Linda, Sarah and Steve

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS: NOVEMBER 2014 AND YEAR-TO-DATE 2014

GROUP NAME(S)	Nov 2014	YTD 2014	GROUP NAME(S)	Nov 2014	YTD 2014	GROUP NAME(S)	Nov 2014	YTD 2014
1-2-3 Step, Boca	300.00	340.00	Lake Worth Tues Nite BBSS	0.00	00.0	Sobriety in The Wind, Delray	0.00	430,11
11th Step Group, Lake Worth	00'0	0.00	Lake Worth Young People's	00.00	87.54	SOS (10am), Boca	0.00	838.24
12 O'Clack High,W Boca	100.00	280.00	Language Of The Heart, Delray	0.00	250.00	Spiritual Awakenings, Boca	167,50	564.00
Acceptnace is the Answer, Delray	00'0	63.00	Lantana Group	0.00	16,012	Step Aboard All Traditions	0.00	00.00
All Aboard	0.00	67.50	Let's Do Lunch, Boca	000	270.00	Step by Step, Delray	00:00	0.00
Big Book Adventure, Boca	05'68	730.56	Living Sober Women, Delray	0.00	00.00	Step into the Solution, Boca	0.00	100.00
Big Boys, Boca	00'0	150.00	Lunch Bunch, Boca	0.00	1,008.30	Steps On Sat, Boca Pincs	00'0	20.00
Boca Boys, West Boca	0.00	150.00	Men's Tuesday Solution, Boca	0.00	0.00	Sunday Morning Spiritual Group	0.00	100.00
Boca Men's Recovery	0.00	150.00	Men On-Track, Boca	0.00	178.00	Sunday Serenity Group	00'0	100.00
Boca Men's, Boca	00'0	346.00	Men With Solutions, Delray	0.00	280,50	Sunday Night Speaker - Boca	0.00	300.00
Boca Women's Group	47.50	170.00	Midday Miracles, Delray	0.00	208.80	Sunny Isles, Lantana	0.00	1,136.00
Boynton Beach Beginners	0.00	300.00	Morning Medicine, Boca	100.00	850.00	Sunrise Beach Meeting, Delray	0.00	3,000.00
Bayntan Beach Group, Bayntan	00'0	180.00	New Beginnings, Wayside	00.0	0.00	TGIF, Delray	0,00	200,00
Boynton Beach Men's	0.00	0.00	New Life Group	0.00	100.00	The Gathering	0.00	200.00
Boynton Boat Ramp Group	0.00	2,00	New Life II	100.00	1,447.14	Too Young to Be Glum	0.00	0.00
Cardinal Lane, Lantana	80.00	254.60	No Matter What Group	100.00	100.00	Tradition Three Group	0.00	68.11
Cheer Up @ 1013	00'0	24.00	North Boca Steps & Traditions	0.00	0.00	Tuesday Men's Solutions	0.00	639.00
Daily Grace	00'0	327.50	North Delray Steps & Traditions	508,29	1,397,17	Tuesday Night BBSS Lake Worth	0.00	110.22
Delray 11th Step Meditation Grp	000	450.00	One Day At A Time, Delray.	1,444.00	1,444.00	We Agnostics, Boca	0.00	80.00
Depression and the Alcoholic	0.00	115.00	One Page at a Time, Delray Beach	0.00	184.40	We are Not Saints, Boynton	0.00	128.85
Derailroaded Group	00'0	00'0	Open Your Heart, Delray	0.00	100.00	We Believers, Boca	0.00	261.00
Divas at 830 AM	0.00	328.80	Page 83	0.00	0.00	Wednesday Night Beginners W Boca	0.00	0.00
Double Digit Gang, Delray	00.00	102.60	People With Time	263.53	1,118.40	Welcome Home in Delray	0.00	606.44
Downtown Delray Group	000	1,468,00	Primary Purpose, Boca Pines	000	00.0	West Boca Beginners	00'0	100,00
Downtown, Boynton	100.00	100:00	Principles and Promises	0.00	150.00	West Boca Friendship Group	0.00	250.00
East Delray Men's Group	0.00	625.30	Principles in Practice	0.00	0.00	West Boynton Group	0.00	1,447.00
Eastside Women's Group	000	150.00	Road To Recovery, Boca	00:00	325.00	Westside Group, Delray	0.00	2,161.65
Experience, Strength & Hope, BB	0.00	91.00	Romance & Finance, W Boca	0.00	450.00	Wine Into Water, Delray	0.00	300.00
Eye Opener's, Lake Worth	0.00	0.00	Safe Harbor, Boynton	00'0	275.00	Women's Big Book Study, Boca	60.47	121.39
Five Time Losers Delray	0000	900.009	Saturday Night Live @ Five, Boca	187.00	652,50	Women's Fourth Dimension, Lantana	0.00	25.00
Fri Night Special/Sat.Eve Post	0.00	400.00	Second Chance Women, Delray	0.00	00'0	Women in Recovery, Boca	0.00	132.26
From Steerage Journey to Freedom, Boca	00.0	50.00	Seniors In Sobriety, Delray Sober Sisters Boca	0.00	200.002	Women Living Sober, Boca Women's Step by Step, Delray	0.00	130.00
lust Before Dawn	0.00	1,650.00	Sober Sisters, Lake Worth	0.00	32.57	Young at Heart, Delray	0.00	0.00
Just For Now, Boca	155.00	706.00	Sober Surset Group, Boca Pines	200.00	1,645,00	Voung at Heart, Delray	00.00	0.00
Keep It Simple	0.00	119.44	Sobriety For Breakfast, W Boca	0.00	485.55	Young People with a Solution	0.00	807.00
KISS Boynton Beach	0.00	0.00				Total Group Contributions	4,043.90	41,410.56

### **AA HOTLINE – RELAY PHONE**

The Hand of AA is Available 24 Hours a Day!



December - Five Time Loosers January - Just For Now February - Boca Big Book Step Study Group March - Inner Voice Candle Light April - Tradition Three Big Book Study May - Sobriety For Breakfast

### FAITHFUL FIVERS

With Gratitude for their support:

Stan R. - Just Before Dawn Michael G. - Sobriety for Breakfast Bari W. - Welcome Home in Delray Linda P. - West Boca Friendship Group

### BIRTHDAY CLUB SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERGROUP

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY! Your donation goes to help the valuable services provided by Intergroup including

ŭ i	2 step work, literature inventory, SCAAN petings.
Name	Anniversary Date
Home Group *Recommended contribution is \$1 fo	Contribution* \$ r every year of sobriety.
If you would like a reminder notice notice notice notice an email address.	ext year, please fill out the address portion
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State/Zip E	Email

### **MEETING UPDATES**

12 O'Clock High

Boca Pines Club, Boca Raton - Tuesday 12:15 PM - CL

Downtown Delray Group

Crossroads Club, Delray Beach - Friday 10:00 AM - OL

Downtown Delray Group

Crossroads Club, Delray Beach - Saturday 10:00 AM - OS

Too Young To Be Glum

Boca Pines Club, Boca Raton - Saturday 2:00 PM - OSD

New Beginnings Women's Big Book Study Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton Monday 7:30 PM - CBW

Saturday Night Special Chabad of Boca, Boca Raton - Saturday 9:30 PM

### Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes - October 29, 2014

Chairperson: John S. Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting were approved. New group reps were welcomed. John announced the Serenity Scramble was a great event, a detailed report will be given by the chair. Gratitude Dinner tickets are still available for purchase this evening as well as at the Intergroup office, a detailed report will be given by the chair. John announced the Alcathon slots are being selected this evening, information on remaining time slots will be available at the Intergroup office. The 7th tradition baskets were passed.

New Group Reps: All Aboard - Jacob M.; Boynton Beach KISS - Emily L.; Boynton Beach Mens - Phil N.; Carry The Message - Choomie; Easy Does It - John H.(Alt); Happy Hour Group - Renee S.(Alt); Journey to Freedom - Nick G.(Alt); Lost Marbles - Andrew E.; Sober Sisters - Diane S.; West Boca Beginners - Hillari H.

Vice Chair: Cheryl S. No report.

Office Manager: Jeannie G. Jeannie thanked the SPBCI office volunteer staff & welcomed Michele T. as the new archives chair. Gratitude Dinner tickets will be available for purchase through November 12, 2014 at the Intergroup Office, they can be purchased individually or as a full table. Jeannie thanked Sarge, the 2014 Serenity Scramble chair, as well as all who attended and volunteered at the event. There were 92 golfers and 16 lunch attendees. The 2014 Serenity Scramble raised \$3758 for SBPCI. Jeannie noted in the November SCAAN you will find the Intergroup office holiday scheduled as well as the new format for AA/Other Events.

Treasurer: Elizabeth B. As of September SPBCI has a net revenue of \$5667.00, for a detailed report see the SCAAN insert.

Archivist: Michael G. No Report. Excused absence.

Archives: Michele T. Michele contacted the Gratitude Dinner chair, Ginny. D. and a table with archival materials will be set up at the dinner. Michele thanked Derek, the former Chair for his assistance in this event. Michele spoke with the Archivist, Michael G. He is at home recuperating and is looking forward to his return.

Bridge the Gap: Bari W. (women): No report. Dave F. (men): No report.

General Service Liaison: Molly B. These are the highlights from the district meeting on October 19, 2014. Chairperson Tom opened the meeting and welcomed all new GSRs and alternates. Stated that we will be having elections for officers and committee chairs. The quarterly in Hutchinson Island had a great turn out and we all learned a great deal about the third legacy procedure. The next quarterly will be January 9th -11th 2015 in Sarasota. Bob M The treasurer spoke and relayed that the district is doing great financially. Elections for Disctrict 8 Panel 65 were held, elected servants will serve from January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2016. Only half of the positions were filled. Next month they will continue elections, including ACMs and DCMs. New Business: They had two floor motions that were deemed time sensitive and voted on. First Motion presented by Alex A: That District 8 postpones discussion on new Legacy of Service until all District 8 Officers and Committee positions are elected. Motion passed. Second Motion presented by Bob M: That the treasurer increase the budget for Quarterly Lodging by \$500.00. to \$11,500.00 to cover lodging at the 4th quarterly of 2014; Background: Due to the great attendance at the quarterlies, the payments have exceeded the budget. Motion passed. There was no old business. For a detailed report, contact the Intergroup office.

Group Information: Elliott R. No calls this month. Elliott obtained the info sheets from the Intergroup office and is available to any group in need.

Hospitals and Institutions: Kitty B. and Emily L. Emily L gave the report. Currently, we have 47 meetings per week in 19 facilities. There been a few minor changes since last month's report. There was no turn-out at this month's regularly scheduled H & I Meeting. We were able to accommodate the new volunteer chairs that attended with the few openings that were available. November's H & I meeting will also be cancelled due to the Gratitude Dinner. If any assistance is needed or interest in volunteering comes up, please contact myself or Kitty B.

Public Information: Position Open.

SCAAN: Maryann & John T. Articles are always welcome. Please email to the Intergroup office by the 15th of the month.

Telephone Relay: Joe M. The telephone relay has volunteer groups through February 2015. If there are any groups interested in taking on the relay, I would like to make myself available to come to your group to discuss the relay responsibilities. Where & When: Daniel L. - Unexcused absence; Kaely L. There have been a few changes to the Where & When as of this month: New Meeting: Delray Central House Friday Midnight, Open Chair Choice. Meeting Changes: Downtown Delray Friday 10:00AM Literature Lead; Downtown Delray Saturday 10:00AM Speaker Meeting; Delray Central House Monday 7:00PM Open; and Delray Central House Wednesday 8:30PM

12th Step Committee: Ginger G. (women): No report. Scott K. (men): No Report Liaison to North County Intergroup: Gary K. Highlights from the NPBCI meeting held on October 8, 2014. 42 People were in attendance including 4 new reps. Chairman informed the group that anyone who wishes to place a motion on the November Meeting Agenda should submit them to the chair by Wednesday October 15, 2014. Next month they will conduct the drawing for the time slots for the Christmas and New Year's Alcathons. The Christmas Alcathon will be held in the Triangle Club and the New Year's Alcathon will be held at the NPBCI Office. Alt Chairman let the group know that he will be looking to set up a committee for the upcoming Alcathons. The Treasurer reported deficit for the month and that overall NPBC Intergroup's finances are strong. The Office Manager reported that the Total Office Activity for September was 698. Activity-wise, it has been a very quiet month. Public Information rep made literature runs to five locations. Attended

September's 'Voices for Recovery' - 'Speak Up & Reach Out" event at the South Florida Fairgrounds. The event drew a crowd of 300 attendees. The A.A. table was the only 12-Step substance addiction recovery fellowship in attendance. Also attended the 27th September Delray Beach Veteran's Stand-Down at the Pompey Park Community Center in Delray. TODAY Newsletter: This month 650 copies of the newsletter were printed, which is Halloween themed. Website: Since the last business meeting a number of updates and changes were made. July Stats: Total Visits 6,130; First time 4,837; returning visits 1,293. Bridging the Gap: There have been no referrals for BTG this month. Institutions: Currently brings 99 meetings a week to 42 facilities - with two new ones in the past month. There are still plenty of opportunities for all interested in this rewarding service. The Big Book Ball is going to be a New Year's Eve celebration. The Ball will be held December 31,2014 at the Borland Center on PGA Blvd in Palm Beach Gardens from 7pm to midnight. Tickets will cost \$20 and include a light dinner. For a detailed report, contact the Intergroup office.

<u>Serenity Scramble:</u> Sarge (chair). Sarge thanked everyone that made this year's Serenity Scramble a success. Through the service of the Volunteers, Office Manager & Steering committee members, hole sponsors, prize donors, photographers and supporters that came for the luncheon and players this was truly a wonderful Sober event. Congratulations to all of the winners! The 50/50 was \$596.00 and was won by golfer Fran R. Overall Winners: 1st Place at 57 (Joe E., Russ B., Joe D. and Nike K), 2nd Place at 59 (Jeff S. Pat M. Shane H. and John H.), Last Place (Honesty Award) at 78 (Bruce T. Byron K. Gary F. and Andrezt S). Additional awards: Men's Long drive - Joey P.; Women's long drive - Anne G.; Men's closest to the hole - Bill D.; Women's closest to the hole - Kristine.

Gratitude Dinner: Ginny D. (chair) West Boynton Beach Group. All raffle basket monies have been collected, there will be three baskets raffled. The 50/50 raffle chair met with Jeannie and two colored sets of tickets will be ordered, as well as six aprons for raffle volunteers. The set up committee is all ready with 12 volunteers; they will meet at 2:30 then head to the hotel at 3pm to start setting up. All those chosen to speak and read items, will have an outline and go over with John for any suggestions and consistency in the delivery that night. All decorations are ready except for greens under the centerpiece; last get together for decorations will be on Nov 8th. Two items remain: The tables/floor plan, Jeannie to help the week of event to confirm plans. Entertainment and sound set up will need to be firmed up with hotel. The group is looking forward to the event and is grateful to be of service!

Old Business:

Elections: Public Information - Stuart M

<u>Archivist:</u> Michael G. is home from the hospital and doing much better. There is not a specific return date but he is looking forward to resuming his responsibilities. <u>AAWS Book Price Increase:</u> The cost of AAWS books increased in October 2014, SBCPI purchased a large order at the previous cost and will implement a price increase effective January 1, 2015. An email will be sent to all group reps on November 7, 2014 with three suggested price increases. The vote for the price increase will take place at the Intergroup Business meeting on December 17, 2014. <u>New Business:</u>

Alcathon 2014: The Christmas Alcathon will be held from noon Christmas Eve to midnight Christmas Day. The New Years Alcathon will the held from noon New Years Eve to midnight New Years Day. Both Alcathons will be held at Delray Beach Central House. Meetings will be held on the even hours with fellowship on the odd hours. Central House rep. Billy went over a few responsibilities for groups hosting meetings. Groups are responsible for holding the meeting (chair, speaker, etc), the meeting slot is two hours, 30 minutes prior, hour meeting, 30 minutes after. Groups may bring food and drinks for fellowship, they are responsible for the set up and clean up. Delray Beach Central house will have members assisting with the event as well.

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

# **December Service Meetings**

### December 20

SPBC Intergroup H&I Committee Meeting Saturday, 2:00 PM - SPBCI Office

### December 14

District 8 General Service Business Meeting - Triangle Club 4:00 PM: GSR/DCM SHARING 4:40 PM DISTRICT 8 BUSINESS MEETING

### December 6

SPBC Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting Saturday, 9:00 AM - SPBCI Office

### December 17

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

### **AA EVENTS**

December 24-25 SPBCI Alcathon Delray Central House

December 31-January 1, 2015 SPBCI Alcathon Delray Central House

January 9-11, 2015 Area 15 GSO Assembly Hyatt Regency, Sarasota www.area15aa.org

July 2-5, 2015

2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous Atlanta <a href="https://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>

### **OTHER EVENTS**

561-655-5700

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

December 31
The Big Book Ball - Palm Beach Gardens
\$20 tickets & details available @ NPBCI office

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