

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Wed. October 19, 2022

Opening: Opened at 8:00pm with “Serenity Prayer”

New Members: Tom-I am Responsible; Cindy-Underground Basement; Todd-How Did I Get Here; Chris P- Ashland Men's.

Trustee Reading: Rick-Step 10.

Anniversaries: Patty H., 12 years on 10/20; Bill T., 25 years on 9/30; Cletus C., 34 years on 10/1; Steve 38 years.

Group Announcements: Lifeline in Collingswood 10/31, food at 7, speakers at 8; Hemingway Group Nov. 9, Food at 6, speakers 7-8 Gibson House.

Tradition 11: Joe C.
Concept 11: Andy E.

next month Tradition 12:
next month Concept 12:

Chair: Frank C.

chairperson@aasj.org

It's Fall, it's beautiful and it's a wonderful time to be sober! I recently attended the Day of Sharing event with Area 45, Central Jersey IG, SJIG, and Cape Atlantic IG. Attendance was light but the discussions were spirited. Thank you to CJIG for hosting!

The Gratitude Dinner Dance is coming up quick on November 18, 2022 at the Indian Springs Country Club. Tickets are \$35 and will **NOT** be sold at the door. Come and enjoy some great food and fellowship! There are also a lot of anniversary meetings and group events. Don't forget to check the calendar on the SJIG website.

Intergroup continues to serve the individuals and meetings of the South Jersey area by filling H&I commitments, coordinating speakers for groups, educating law enforcement and medical professionals, taking calls from alcoholics and much more. Come join us at Intergroup if you'd like to get involved!

Frank C - SJIG Chair

Vice-Chair: Christian B

vchairperson@aasj.org

Thank you to everyone for bearing with me as I ran the previous intergroup meeting. Feel free to reach out if any committee assistance is needed. As a reminder, I will not be present at this month's intergroup meeting.

- Christian B, SJIG Co- Chair

Treasurer: Jay D

Asst. Treasurer: Vacant

treasurer@aasj.org

Hello All,

Hope this email finds you doing well.

Attached, please find the Sept 2022 Treasurer's Report. There aren't any unusual items to report.

We continue to see receipts exceeding expenses thanks, in part, to the contributions from the groups throughout South Jersey.

For that we are grateful. Take care, Jay D

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Pete R

Co-Chair: Theresa B

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Total number of calls received by Answering Service in September 2020: 69

Of calls serviced by Volunteers 46

Of calls serviced by Answercom 9

% Of calls serviced by Volunteers = 66.65%

% Of calls serviced by Answercom = 13.43%

******Please see page 5 & 6 for the FULL Report, thank you******

Archives Chair: Damon M

Co-Chair: Rob P

archives@aasj.org

No Report.

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

bookers@asj.org

No Report.

Budget Finance Chair: Ryan K

Co-Chair: Jennifer H.

budget@asj.org.

Hi all,

I submitted my proposed 2023 budget at September's meeting. Make sure you bring it back to your groups so you can come back with any questions/comments. If your home group has any concerns, they can be brought up in November's intergroup meeting. The vote to approve the budget will then take place in December. Ryan K.

H&I Chair: John S

Co-Chair: Brian L.

southjerseyhandi@gmail.com

H&I continue to deal with Covid protocols at different facilities. Currently Ancora and Jefferson West Pavilion are suspended. All commitments at Maryville Post House as well as Maryville Williamstown are held outdoors (weather permitting). Cooper is still suspended as well until some legality is figured out. I had to reschedule last month's H&I (September) meeting and the makeup was held this past Sunday on 10/9. If any reps did not make it to the meeting feel free to review the emailed commitment packet and send me an email if you would like to take any open positions.

I am happy to say that by the October H&I meeting, which will be held on **SUNDAY October 30th at 7pm**, not our usual Monday, there will be a few new facilities that we can bring our shared experience, strength, and hope to! I thank all of the Intergroup & H&I Reps for their continued support and efforts and for allowing me to serve as H&I Chair.

In Service,
John S
SJ H&I Chair

Literature Chair: Carl S.

Co-Chair: Joe C

literature@asj.org

Hello Everyone,
Good News! Supply-Chain disruptions that have led to many books being out of print seem to be on the wane. The major sellers are currently back in stock.

Some of the slow sellers are out of stock. At present our supply of the large print "Came to Believe" and the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions about A.A", both of which are o.o.p., are low so if you're in need of these items please call first.

We are currently in need of a Literature Volunteer for the Wednesday morning 10-noon shift. If you have the time and are interested in service as part of the Literature Committee please call the office at 856-486-4446 or email us at literature@aasj.org with your name and phone number.

Coming up is a Literature Road Show: On Wednesday November 9th we will be at the Hemmingway Group Anniversary at 6pm at the Gibson House located at 535 E. Main Street in Evesham, NJ. We will also be at the upcoming Fall Assembly on Nov. 20th also at the Gibson House. If you'd be interested in helping out at upcoming Literature Road Shows please contact us. It's a great opportunity to meet people and become familiar with the available A.A. literature!

Opening Balance	\$ 9,497.76
Deposits	\$ 1,729.61
Debits	\$ 4,071.00
Closing Balance	\$ 7,156.37

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.

Co-Chair: Vacant

meetinglist@aasj.org

The Meeting List Committee is still being supported by the Tech Committee, which is much appreciated. The Mtg List Committee has slowly begun adding, subtracting, and changing meetings as they are requested, again with the assistance and guidance of the Tech Committee. Kevin L

Newsletter Chair: Cletus C

Co-Chair: Bill T

newsletter@aasj.org

No Report.

Public Info Chair: Bryan C

Co-Chair: Chelsea

publicinfo@aasj.org

Public information continues to support IDRC. I (Bryan) am the chair of public info and Eileen has moved on to a different role. I've asked Chelsea to help with scheduling speaking commitments at High Schools and Literature distribution. She will be the new co-chair of public information.

Social Events Chair: Joanne M

Co-Chair: Sherrill B.

socialevents@aasj.org

Gratitude Dinner Dance tickets were disbursed at the Sept Intergroup meeting and sales are underway. We've requested monies and all unsold tickets be returned to Sherrill and me at the intergroup meeting on Oct 19. Sherrill provided requested info to the DJ and I've received tentative table arrangement from the venue. Current configuration is 8 seats per table.

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

tech@aasj.org

No problems with the website for the month of September 2022. We updated the website, plugins, security as needed – controlled spam as was received. We also continued DNS record updates, making aasj.org emails stricter to alleviate spam flagging for our recipients. The Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID, updating meetings as updates are received. We processed 20 meeting updates and seven new meeting requests. Please make sure your meetings are current on our website <https://aasj.org/meetings> and the A.A. Meeting Guide App. If you change your format (indoor, outdoor, online, or hybrid), please find your meeting at <https://aasj.org/meetings> and click the "Hosts: click here to update" link to update your meeting so that AAs can find you easier. Following is the SJIG meeting setting breakdown as we have it. Please note that once your meeting is updated, it may take up to 12 hours for the AA Meeting Guide mobile app to update as it crawls AA websites around the world, hitting each AA website every 12 hours.

of Meetings: 488

of Suspended Meetings: 82

of Online* Meetings: 88

of Indoor* Meetings: 357

of Outdoor* Meetings: 6

***may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.**

Unity Chair: Eileen T.

Co-Chair: Steve K.

unity@aasj.org

The Unity Chair position is filled.

Eileen T is now the chair of Unity. I look forward to learning the new role and thank you for allowing me to be of service. She will meet with Patti to go over expectations.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Patti S Rick M Andy E Joey H Joe M

trustees@asj.org

No Report. Patti S. says she'll have something on Day of Sharing at next meeting.

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Wendy M

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No Report.

Office Manager: Karen B.

sjintergroup@verizon.net

No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Chair says Wendy M. emailed him about SJIG contributing to the expenses for the Day of Sharing. He says they've done it in the past. Discussion followed. Jay D. made a motion to increase line item for Day of Sharing to \$200 in the new budget. Seconded and approved. They will also contribute \$200 for this year's day of sharing. Ryan K. will make the adjustments to the proposed 2023 budget, and Jay D. will see that this year's \$200 is paid.

Eileen T. appointed as Unity Chair by Steering Committee. The IG reps voted unanimously to approve Eileen T. as Unity Chair.

Adjournment at: 8:45 pm: with the *"Declaration of Unity"*

Secretary: Alex L

Assist. Secretary: Patty H

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Answering Service Committee Report:

The committee Chair and Co-Chair are going to connect with the Chair and Co-Chair of Cape-Atlantic Intergroup to discuss the possibility of a cost saving measure, which reduces the need for Answercom by routing phones after hours. The Committee Chair approached the Vice-Chair to receive permission to explore this option, and bring the findings back to the Intergroup Steering Committee meeting upon learning all of the details. In addition to this the Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs will exchange ideas on training for the members of the Answering Service Committee members.

The committee Chair and Co-Chair are exploring an in-person “get-to-gather, and training event for the committee members. This training is being assisted by a retired Executive Assistant to the CEO, and Board of Directors of Glaxo, Smith-Kline, a position she held for 20 years prior to her retirement in 2018.

The Committee chairman is also working on compiling a quick reference guide of some of the most commonly requested phone numbers, such as neighboring Intergroups, as well as other 12 step recovery groups, and other important phone numbers.

The committee welcomes two new Volunteers to the Answering Service committee, and bid a fond farewell to one of our long-time members who recently relocated to Georgia. The Committee still has several vacant positions, which we are attempting to fill. The Committee Chair will prepare an article for the newsletter for the October publication, and will also prepare a flyer to be dispensed at the intergroup meeting in October.

A number of Committee Volunteers have observed that the calls being received by the hotline have significantly decreased as compared to the number of calls received over the summer months, when we were receiving well over 100 calls per month. Many of the Committee Volunteers that I have discussed this with believe that there may be two distinct possibilities. The first being, that the individuals who are seeking meetings are either tech savvy, or have tech savvy family members, or if the individuals are being discharged from an inpatient program, that the staff are telling the patients about the Meeting Guide app.

The trend of calls appears to be older, and less tech savvy, or do not have family who are able to assist them in locating a meeting.

In closing my report, the committee Chair and Co-Chair along with one, or two other committee volunteers, are trying to cover the overnight shifts to reduce the number of calls that Answercom are receiving. The Committee Chair and Co-Chair have divided the week between us to try to ensure that a caller will speak to a person in recovery, while that would be great in a perfect world, we try our best to make this happen.

Yours in the Fellowship,
Peter S. R.
Chairman Answering Service Committee SJIG