

SOUTH JERSEY INTERGROUP MEETING & IG REP MEETING UPDATES

Date: Wed. November 16, 2022

Opening: Opened at 08:00 pm with “Serenity Prayer”

Attendees: Twenty-Eight members/intergroup reps. in attendance and at least 10 On-Line.

Trustee Reading: Patti S (Step 11)

Anniversaries: Carl S. celebrated 13 yrs. on Nov. 2nd; Charles will have 10 years this month.

Group Announcements: No announcements or group anniversaries.

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

next month Tradition 12: Brian
next month Concept 12: Cletus

Chair: Frank C.

chairperson@aasj.org

Gratitude Dinner Dance is this Friday 11/18/2022 @ 7:00 pm at Indian Springs Country Club 115 S Elmwood Rd. Marlton NJ 08053. The event is Sold Out! There are some committees within SJIG that need support: Archives Chair and Co-Chair, Treasurer needs Co-Chair.

Vice-Chair: Christian B.

vchairperson@aasj.org

No Report.

Treasurer: Jay D.

Asst. Treasurer: Vacant

treasurer@aasj.org

Hello Trusted Servants,

October shows a loss: (\$1,262). The loss is attributed to Tax Preparation fee, US Postal Office box rental and the final payment for the Disc Jockey at our Gratitude Dance. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Please include your town and AA group name when sending in contributions. Thanks much.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ans. Service Chair: Pete R.

Co-Chair: Theresa B.

answeringservice@aasj.org

Answering Service Committee Report for October 2022

Total of All Calls received by Answering Service =	76
Total calls serviced by Volunteers	70
Total Calls Serviced by Answercom	6
% calls serviced by Volunteers =	92.10%
% of calls serviced by Answercom =	7.89%

***** See rest of Report on the last page!!**

Archives Chair: Vacant

Co-Chair: Vacant

archives@aasj.org

No Report.

Bookers Chair: Traci K.

Co-Chair: Beverly M.

bookers@aasj.org

South Jersey Intergroup Bookers Report **November 2022 :**

The Bookers meeting was held on November 3, 2022, at St. Bart's in Cherry Hill, NJ. The meeting was attended by 34 groups and 193 speaking commitments were filled. Thank you to everyone who attended, and for helping to fill every commitment needed.

The next Bookers Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 8 PM at St. Bart's, 1989 Route 70, Cherry Hill, NJ.

We would like to welcome Donna C. and Nilda as our new replacements. We are happy to turn over the Bookers committee to volunteers who we know will do an amazing job.

We would also like to thank Intergroup for allowing us to serve. It was truly a joy!

Thank you, Traci and Beverly

Budget/ Finance Chair: Ryan K.

Co-Chair: Jennifer H.

budget@aasj.org.

No Report.

H&I Chair: John S.

Co-Chair: Brian L.

southjerseyhandi@gmail.com

Frank C. attended the last H&I meeting; he says committee still working with Cooper to get members cleared to go in. They also still need volunteers.

Literature Chair: Carl S.

Co-Chair: Joe C.

literature@aasj.org

Our supply of major sellers is good. Last month we intentionally over-ordered the hardback Big Book and Twelve and Twelve so we (hopefully) won't be caught short. However specific items continue to change status in their availability. At present our supply of the large print "Come to Believe" is low but will be ordered soon as the item is now back in print. The pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions about A.A" is also low and out of print and are expected to be available in January of next year. If you're in need of either item please call first to be sure we have sufficient for your needs.

Welcome to Lysa our newest Literature Volunteer who has filled the vacant Wednesday morning 10-noon shift. If you have the time and are interested in service as part of the Literature Committee (perhaps you might consider being a fill-in volunteer) please email us at literature@aasj.org with your name and phone number.

The Literature Road Show will be at the upcoming Fall Assembly on Nov. 20th at the Gibson House located at 535 E. Main Street in Evesham, NJ. 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 our A.A. literature!

Opening Balance	\$ 7,156.37
Deposits	\$ 2,349.80
Debits	\$ 4,987.40
Closing Balance	\$ 4,518.77

Meeting List Chair: Kevin L.

Co-Chair: Vacant

meetinglist@aasj.org

There are no updates with the Meeting List Committee at this time. Thank you.
Kevin

Newsletter Chair: Cletus C.

Co-Chair: Bill T.

newsletter@aasj.org

No Report.

Public Info Chair: Bryan C.

Co-Chair: Chelsea

publicinfo@aasj.org

No Report.

Social Events Chair: Joanne M.

Co-Chair: Sherrill B.

socialevents@aasj.org

Gratitude Dinner Dance **is sold out!** DJ is paid. Menu has been picked & we decided to purchase sheet cake through Marcos; it was \$150. Final count is due 11/7. Total tickets sold are 160. They should clear \$5600.00, with Intergroup covering the difference.

Founders Day Picnic:

Sherrill confirmed NO food trucks are allowed in Smithville. We're looking at other options.

Technology Chair: Richie M.

Co-Chair: Josh V.

tech@aasj.org

No problems with the website for the month of October 2022. We updated website, plugins, and security as needed – controlled spam as was received. Carolyn M., Web chair for Cape Atlantic Intergroup called for and organized a Zoom meeting of Intergroups and Area. A web centered day of sharing. SJIG attended with Pam R. who manages both Central Jersey Intergroup and Area 45 websites. It was a great first meeting and we look forward to more. The Tech Committee continues to support the Meeting List Committee post COVID, updating meetings as updates are received. We processed 17 meeting updates and three 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: 492

of Suspended Meetings: 81

of Online* Meetings: 88

of Indoor* Meetings: 358

of Outdoor* Meetings: 6

*may be combined in a hybrid meeting style.

Unity Chair: Eileen T.

Co-Chair: Steve K.

unity@asaj.org

We had one new group attend Intergroup in October. We are putting together a Unity Committee to reach out to various groups if anyone is interested in doing service.

I look forward to this role and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Eileen T, Unity Chair; Steve, Unity Co-Chair

SPECIAL REPORTS

Trustees: Patti S, Rick M, Andy E, Joey H, and Joe M.

trustees@asaj.org

Hi Everyone! Welcome to fall! It is a beautiful time of the year.

We do not have a report this month.

Yours in love and service Patti SJIG Trustee

Area 45 Alternate Delegate: Wendy M.

altdelagate@snjaa.org

Hi, I'm Wendy, and I am an alcoholic and currently serving as the Area 45 Alternate Delegate. I have just a few things this month:

1. A big thank you to Central Jersey Intergroup for hosting the 2022 Day of Sharing. We were a small but mighty group, and the conversations were fruitful for all attendees.
2. Amended from last month: The 72nd General Service Conference Report is out digitally. The Area 45 Secretary will send it out, or you can send secretary@snjaa.org for a copy. The printed Conference reports will be mailed when we receive them and will be mailed out by request. Otherwise, we hope they will be available at the November 20th Conference.
3. We know the proposed 73rd Conference Agenda items, but we are awaiting the final agenda items and the background material.
4. As a reminder, Area 45 has a new website and URL:
<https://area45snjaa.org/>
5. The next Area 45 General Assembly is on 11/20 at **The Gibson House** 535 E. Main St. Evesham, NJ 08053. It will be a hybrid, and the Zoom ID and password Meeting ID: 731 120 5649 Password: SNJAA45.

6. The agenda items for the next assembly are: 1. \$1000 for a laptop for the registrar position and 2. \$500 for Archives to attend the National Archive Convention.

7. NERAASA is February 23rd - 26th, 2023 in New Albany, NY. For the first time, Area 45 has a Scholarship program. They have a budget to reimburse \$250 for up to 50 people so they can attend the weekend. Suppose we receive more interest than we have spaces available. In that case, the committee behind this initiative will select scholarship winners, with special consideration for those "new to service" and "new to AA." Here is the Google Form to fill out:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPps81Um1jBipnUrXaHT7if1cLn7wIWZnhefcQQVTedMAaFg/viewform>

Wendy M. Area 45 Panel 72 Alternate Delegate

Office Manager: Karen B.

sjintergroup@verizon.net

Karen will be out of the office next week Tuesday, Wed. and Thursday 12-3pm. Please always call before coming to the office to buy literature and make sure you actually speak to someone. Thanks!

Old 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.

New Business:

K.I.S.S. Club @ 1960 Delsea Dr. Sewell NJ is having a Thanksgiving Day Alcathon from 6pm Wednesday Nov. 23rd to Thursday Nov. 24th @6pm. Vineland Group is also having a Thanksgiving Day Alcathon, not sure of time? The Pemberton 449 Club's Alcathon is 12:30-4:15 pm, Break, then 7-8 pm. The clubs are not informing Intergruop of any events/alcathons to announce.

Adjournment at: 8:42 pm: with the "Declaration of Unity."

Secretary: Alex L.

Assist. Secretary: Patti H. secretary@aasj.org

Report

The Committee Chair has been contacted by the Chair of the Answering Service Committee for Cape-Atlantic Intergroup. We are exchanging ideas on training for our Volunteers, and the possible creation of "Scripts" to be used by Volunteers when servicing calls. The Chair and Co-Chair are both fundamentally opposed to using a script when servicing a call for assistance. All of our Volunteers are in recovery, and the Committee Chair, and Co-Chair believe that when a caller hears a more natural, conversational tone from the other end of the phone, that our Volunteers come across as more caring, and genuine. This is especially important if the caller is the least bit resistant regarding beginning a life of recovery.

We are continuing to develop a Quick Reference Guide for our Volunteers use. This Quick Reference Guide will contain the Hotline numbers for the surrounding Intergroups, Al-anon, Al-ateen, and also the new mental health hotline number, which is **988**. This number is a nationwide hotline, which includes the National Suicide Prevention Hotline, the operators who answer these calls can also provide information, and assistance for mental health concerns, for a loved one's as well as information on Detox & Rehabilitation facilities, and/or services.

Keeping in mind our traditions I do not see where this is in any way a conflict with our tradition with respect to referring to a specific facility.

Our Volunteers simply provide the family, or the caller with the number (988), and that is the extent of our interaction.

The committee Chair and Co-Chair are actively discussing the possibility of having an in-person training/getting to know you event. We are unaware of this ever being done with the Answering Service Volunteers. With respect to the in-person training aspect of this gathering we are considering inviting our surrounding intergroups (Cape-Atlantic, and? Central Jersey) Committee Chair and Co-Chair to join in the training event.

The Committee Chair has a friend who has retired from the pharmaceutical industry however; prior to her Retirement she was the Executive Assistant to the CEO of a major pharmaceutical company, as well as the as Board of Directors when they met. She will be discussing the importance of proper telephone Etiquette, and the importance of developing good listening skills.

We are still working to fill several openings in our schedule. This is being done through both word-of-mouths advertising by our current Volunteers, as well as placing articles in the newsletter. We are also continuing to seek Volunteers for the 12 step list especially in Salem County, and Cumberland, and parts of Gloucester County, again this is being requested through the newsletter.