

TRI STATE INTERGROUP

January 1, 2012

CONTACT INFORMATION

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Intergroup Happenings
- Meeting location
- Literature Cabinet/Locker
- Corrections Committee
- Presidents Corner
- Newsletter Submissions to tristateintergrounews@gmail.com
- Intergroup Representative
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- Where do we send our contributions after Prudent Reserve?

EVENTS

Tri State Intergroup
Meeting
January 11, 2011

Waterloo Sunday Night Meeting at 7:00 PM will be moving back to Waterloo United Methodist Church January 8, 2012

Big Book Weekend
Bob D. & Marilyn S.
Columbus, OH
January 20-22, 2012

32nd Annual NE IN
Convention & 69th
Annual Banquet
"Sobriety Without End"
April 27-29, 2012

WHATS HAPPENING AT YOUR INTERGROUP

Intergroup meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7PM at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola. **January 11, 2012** is our next meeting. All intergroup reps and those just interested, please come.

WANTED:

Service work for those interested in carrying the message into correctional facilities (requirements include: 1 year of continuous sobriety, not on parole or probation & you need to fill out an application for security purposes accompanied with a driver's license.) For more information please contact: Marti R. #260-243-0155 or Rick N. #260-668-9035

The literature locker is located in the large meeting room at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola. The key is located with the church secretary (Judy) and her hours are M-F 8am to 2pm. Be sure to thank her for her time. After church hours you can contact the Four County Transitional Living Center #260-665-7700 and they have a key.

Does your group have an intergroup representative? Get your home group involved and have your group conscience heard at your next intergroup meeting. You only need one individual to represent your group and attend a *once a month* meeting for an hour at the 1st Congregational United Church of Christ. What a great way to get involved in service. We are only as strong as our weakest link.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. It is very exciting to see the fellowship and service grow in the Tri State area.

Please check out our web site for any changes and to read the newsletter. Feel free to print a copy and take to your meeting.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you!!!

SHORT STORY: *The Gift of Participating in Service Work*

The gift that I have received from doing service work has been beyond my wildest dreams. You told me that I had to give it away in order to keep it, to work with others and to put my hand out to the alcoholic who is still suffering if I wanted to stay sober myself. I have been doing just that and have not had to take a drink in a little over 3 short years, that's my gift! I've taken trips to hospitals, jails, institutions, funerals, the 12 step call, and sponsorship. I enjoy it all, except the funerals. I have learned love & tolerance to a new level that I didn't even know that I was capable of. God has taken me down paths that opens my eyes to a life I do not want to go back to or to where it could take me if I let up on my spiritual condition. His plans for me are so much better than my own. I can't, God can, I think I'll let Him.

ANNIVERSARY!!!!

BILL K. 1-4-90 21 YEARS

Happy New Year! At the beginning of the year I always think about how I can make this year better than the last and I was reminded of something I heard in a meeting last week. A man shared about the three legacies of AA and it made me remember how important these three legacies are to my life and to the life of AA as a whole. I then did a bit of research and found the following definition off of District 30's website which sums the whole issue up very simply. I hope you enjoy this New Years encouragement.

“AA'S THREE LEGACIES

The founders of **Alcoholics Anonymous** have given to each of us three great **Legacies**: **Recovery**, **Unity**, and **Service**. Our **First Legacy**, **Recovery**, has given us a second chance to find happiness and freedom; to live useful and productive lives. Our **Second Legacy**, **Unity**, has provided us with a fellowship made up of people who share our own common problem; who give us the love and support necessary to maintain our sobriety.

Our **Third Legacy**, **Service** offers us the opportunity to implement our primary goal “to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers”.

Most important – it is a proven fact – *that those who participate in service have a significantly better chance of remaining sober, than those who do not.*”

Blessings,

Janet B.

7th Tradition (*long form*)

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.” (*Short form*)

WHERE DO WE SEND OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

INTERGROUP: P.O. BOX 583/ANGOLA, IN/46703

AREA 22: P.O. BOX 719/ LaPORT, IN/ 46352

GSO: P.O. BOX 459/ GRAND CENTRAL STATION/
NEW YORK, NY/ 10163

***SELF-SUPPORT**

The 7th Tradition states: “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose-to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

*(Service Material from the General Service Office, 60M-6/09 (PS))



If you would like to have your anniversary date posted for the month or submit a short story, clean humor or your upcoming event; please send to tristateintergroupnews@gmail.com before the 15th of the month.