

Glynntergram

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*Serving AA Groups in Glynn, Wayne and McIntosh counties

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Coastal Gratitude Picnic to Mark 73rd Anniversary of AA's Founding

To the newcomers,
 Ever been to a REAL CELEBRATION in recovery? If not, you *must* attend the **23rd Annual Intergroup Gratitude Celebration Picnic on Saturday, June 7, 2008 at Blythe Island Regional Park on Highway 303, Brunswick.**



Fellowship and fun begin at **11 am**. Eating at noon, but your fun can begin at 9, when hands are needed to help set up. Barbecue and beverages will be provided by Intergroup. Members are asked to bring sides or desserts in covered dishes.

Our program/speaker will begin at 1 pm.

Some advice from your chronically late editor: be there on time, better yet early! You'll be glad you didn't miss a thing!

A Note from the Chair



It is truly a pleasure and a privilege to serve the groups of Glynn, McIntosh and Wayne Counties as the Intergroup Chairperson for 2008-10. Exciting things are happening with more to come.

Newsletter: Many, many thanks to Vanessa W. for stepping up to the plate and taking over the tough job of newsletter editor. We look forward to more of her creative ideas and enthusiastic support of all things AA. Please help out by sending her group news, events and articles of interest, etc. to intergroup.editor@gmail.com. Remember this is YOUR newsletter.

PI/CPC: The PI/CPC Committee folks have been really busy. They just completed a mass mailing to all clergy in the area. Each clergy person received a letter, several AA pamphlets, and contact information about how to reach us and how to refer alcoholics to the fellowship in our community.

Telephone: The Telephone Answering Committee is still going strong. Please contact your group rep or Colleen H. if

you are interested in answering the phone or having your name placed on the 12 Step Call list. It is a real thrill to be the first point of contact for a sick and suffering alcoholic who reaches out to AA for help.

Web Site: Our "new and improved" web-site is receiving a lot of interest. If you haven't seen it lately, check it out at <http://www.glynncountyaa.org>. If you have ideas or information for the site, contact Mike L. Remember, you can post your group's events, eatin' meetins', etc. on the web site by sending the information to Mike.

Picnic: And don't forget the Annual Gratitude picnic coming up Saturday, June 7 at Blythe Island Regional Park. The picnic starts at 11:00 and we need HELP, so please show up early to set up, etc.

There's lots more going on at Intergroup. Come check it out. Everyone is welcome at Intergroup meetings: the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Golden Isles Chamber of Commerce.

Love in service,

Peggy L.

HOW TO...Start a New Group

There is a simple recipe to starting a new group:

1. A big book and a coffee pot

Some old timers say it helps to have a resentment too! In the case of the **Union Street Group**, three members of AA wanted a meeting on the South End of Brunswick. One member, known for her big mouth, just kept talking about it, another member actually got behind the wheel of her car and started scouting locations, and the third member picked up the phone, called a local church, arranged to meet with the pastor and got a key! Then we all went to work together.



Now the **Union Street Group** has moved into its 3rd room (we keep getting bigger!), has paid rent consistently, has a prudent reserve consisting of 2 months' rent and \$20 for supplies and is currently applying for a group number.

What impresses me the most about Union Street is our self-supporting attitude. Nobody lets the basket pass them by, we are all aware of the increasing costs of literature, coffee and supplies and we do what we can. We help the church whenever we can, we volunteered for a church clean up day and helped with A/C repair. We show up early to make coffee and we always have volunteers for clean up. It is truly a place where we all belong.

We have good fellowship, often going to the local pizza place after the meeting. So please join us. We meet every **Monday and Thursday at 7pm, 1105 Union Street at the First Presbyterian Church**. Open discussion, non smoking. If we outgrow this room, the church has an unused basement!!!! See you there

In thankful contemplation,

Meg M

(known for her big mouth)

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything."

Live simply.

Love generously.

Care deeply.

Speak kindly.

Leave the rest to God.

Be who you are and say what you feel...

Because those that matter ...don't mind.

And those that mind ...don't matter.

Deborah C.

Group News

Not much news on Jekyll, but we did celebrate George M.'s 25th anniversary last Sunday. It was a surprise party and about 60 folks were in attendance.

We are doing a "12 Step" Study on Tuesday nights and welcome any and all. Will appreciate anyone coming over this summer season, especially, as most of our winter residents have gone back.

Yours in service,
Megan

What's going on in YOUR home group? POST IT HERE!

Happy A Anniversary Birthdays!

As we "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny" together we find more to celebrate than we ever imagined. Our new "birthdays" are precious reminders of where we've been, how far we've come and the many gifts with which we have been graced in recovery. Marking them together gives hope to old-timers and *newbies* alike. Congratulate your fellows below for their continues success!

HAPPY HOUR GROUP BIRTHDAYS:

APRIL
PAM B. 4/01/90
GLORIA K. 4/09/86
CAROL S. 4/12/03
JACK L. 4/22/87

MAY
HARRY R. 5/12/05
WYLIE G. 5/16/02
ROBERT K. 5/17/03
PAUL B. 5/19/92
JOHN L. 5/21/02



TODAY GROUP SOBRIETY DATES:

May
DON G. 25 Years
SAM N. 17
VICKIE 2

Birthdays to be celebrated with cake & ice cream
MAY 30 and JUNE 30.
Open meetings 11:30 AM.

Who is missing? Send your group's list today!



Group History: **St Simons Island Goodwill Group**

The Brunswick GROUP was the first AA group in Glynn County. It had several regular attendees who were still drinking and were loud and disruptive. In the early 1960's some of the members formed the St. Simons Island Group in order to escape the rowdiness. Quickly they were jokingly dubbed "The Silk Stockings Group" by the Brunswick Group's remaining members.

THE SAINT SIMONS ISLAND Group was the first on the Island. They met on Monday night in a real estate office on Ocean Boulevard for over a year before moving across the street to the Methodist Church

BY 1968 THERE WERE SEVERAL members, including the ones who started the group: Ray H., Raymond B., KayKay P., Beanie H., Mary L., Brownie B., Mary H., Bill M., Jean G., Kan (?), and Paul H. Initially, wooden chips were awarded to mark time of sobriety.

IN 1978 THE CHURCH invoked a no-smoking rule, so Rosemary H., George M., and Mary G. Established a new group. Mary, in her eighties and with a year of sobriety named it the Goodwill Group.

THIS GROUP MET in Myrtle Lee's Beauty Shop in Longview Shopping Center and in 1978 moved to the First Presbyterian Church. In 1979, the St Simons Island Group also moved there. One group met on Mondays and the other on Thursdays. Shortly the two became merged and assumed the name St Simons Island Goodwill Group.

ABOUT 1986 members started a noon meeting at the Chamber of Commerce conference room in the Village. When the Clubhouse opened in 2001, this meeting moved and still meets there.

MEANWHILE, THE GROUP HELD a short-lived Friday noon 11th step meeting which existed for some time during the early 1990's.

Today, in 2007, THE GROUP has the three meetings and a membership of more than 50 alcoholics.

[NOTE: This is from the memories of Jean G, Rosemary H., Raymond B, Betty C., and from the book "We Share Our Georgia Experience".]

Submitted and researched
by Gene B.

INTERGROUP INBOX Letters from



Dear Officers and Chairpersons, 2008 -10,

For many years I have tried to adhere to and believe in the 12th Tradition. I know most of you folks and some I love more than others, but as a whole please let me tell you how much I appreciate the new Intergroup newsletter. I love the history of AA and I have had the pleasure of knowing some of the pioneers of this healing movement. I know we do not have rules and regulations since any alcoholic worth his salt would be able to get around them. We do have protocol in Alcoholics Anonymous and protocol is necessary for the stability and unity of the groups. Interesting enough protocol is a "pass it on" from one winner to the next teachable winner. You folks are passing it on and I thank you. My favorite part of the letter is the note about mistakes.

If no one has told you today that they love and appreciate your hard work, I do.

Love ya,
Bill M.

Good Morning.

I am so glad that our email address is still in your address book for Glynn intergroup. I want the people of Glynn County AA to hopefully realize what a gift they have in that community's commitment to the AA way of life (that includes having a news letter). We left the area almost two years ago now and although we enjoy where we live and being around the children and grandchildren, there is no place like Glynn County AA. We lived there for 16 years and the sobriety, meetings, picnics, dances, ball games, bowling....well, you guys have a great "healthy" sober community.

It is amazing when people ask us if we miss the Island or living in a warmer climate, we usually say no. What we tell people is we miss the AA community, the people of AA in that area. Bob and I thought that AA must be like that everywhere, but you guys have something special. We are glad that we had the opportunity to spend as much time in that AA community as we did. You all gave us a great foundation to carry to our new AA community in the Berea/Richmond Kentucky area. We realize that sometimes when things work so well and it feels so good that you can take it for granted, but now we know that many people have to work hard to make a community what you all have in Glynn County. Please keep up the good work and share with one another the gift that you are and that AA is to you and each other.

Much love in sobriety
Bob and Shirley B.

From your editor

Back at ya!

Hello, my Fellow trudgers!

It is my distinct pleasure to return to the Intergroup editorial desk. I was still very new in the program when I used Jay M.'s Mac desktop and literally cut-and-pasted birthday lists to create an earlier edition back in the early 1990's. Though it was a lot of work, I look back on it fondly now. I loved the sense of community and shared goals in those days, and I am eager to participate as YOUR newsletter editor today.

PLEASE – send in your letters, stories, ideas for a name for the newsletter*, cartoons, jokes, etc. This is OUR newsletter; it will be only as good as we choose to make it.

Send your comments, suggestions, opinions (of which we are rarely running short) to me at intergroupeditor@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the rooms and on our "Road to Happy Destiny"!

In loving service,



New Group!

The Union Street Group

Mon OD NS 7pm

Thurs OD NS 7pm

First Presbyterian Church
1105 Union Street
Brunswick

For more info call Meg at
912-266-0092

NAME the NEWSLETTER!

Submissions for NEW newsletter names:

- Fellowship of the Spirit
- The Hand of AA
- Our Common Welfare

Vote for your fav or send your own idea to intergroupeditor@gmail.com

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NOT A GLUM LOT

Speeding Ticket

A Georgia State Trooper pulled a car over on I-95 about 2 miles south of the Georgia/South Carolina state line.

When the Trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver answered that he was a magician and a juggler, and he was on his way to Savannah to do a show that night at the Shrine Circus and didn't want to be late.

The Trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling, and if the driver would do a little juggling for him, that he wouldn't give him a ticket.

The driver told the Trooper that he had sent all of his equipment on ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.

The Trooper told him that he had some flares in the trunk of his patrol car, and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler stated that he could, so the Trooper got three flares, lit them and handed them to the juggler.

While the man was doing his juggling act, a car pulled in behind the patrol car. A drunk good-old-boy from S. C. got out and watched the performance briefly, then went over to the patrol car, opened the rear door and got in. The Trooper observed him doing this and went over to the patrol car, opened the door and asked the drunk what he thought he was doing.

The drunk replied, "You might as well take my ass to jail, cause there's no way in hell I can pass that test!"

(Submitted by Megan J.)

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