



TRUSTED SERVANTS

Intergroup

Chairman—Don W—Northside
Co-chairman—Ron L—Northside
Secretary—Craig F—
Treasurer—Greg S—
Literature—Pat C—Crawfordville
Website—Rob K—Pathfinders
Activities—Vacant
Membership—Vacant
Newsletter—Larry H—Central

District 5

DCM—Kathy Lynn S—Pathfinders
Alternate DCM—Joe D—Downtown
Secretary—Jamie M—Downtown
Treasurer—Lisa F—Downtown

Standing Committees

PI-CPC—Kevin K—Central
Treatment—Allison B—Central
Corrections—Vacant
Grapevine—Tracey T—HappyHour
Intergroup—Joe D—Downtown
Accessibilities—Kayce M—Downtown
Archives—Bob S—Southside

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The Message

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

INTERGROUP 5, INC.

February, 2005

TALLAHASSEE, FL

Area 14 Assembly

January 7, 8, and 9, 2005 - Gainesville

Sunday Morning Business Meeting

Groups represented: Central, Downtown, Home Group, Night Owl, Pathfinders
6 eligible voters: 1 Alt. GSR, 3 GSRs, 1 Alt. DCM, and 1 DCM
Treasurer, Rick B.

- 4th quarter contributions and receipts = \$8,826.36
- 4th quarter expenses = \$10,761.23
- Donations less expenses resulted in a loss of \$1,934.87 in 4th quarter
- 2004 contributions and receipts = \$37,140.31
- 2004 expenses = \$41,184.28
- Donations less expenses resulted in a loss of \$4,043.97 in 2004
- Cash in bank as of 12/31/04 is \$5,238.48
- \$11,550.88 cash is invested in CD with 09/11/05 maturity date

Due to expenses exceeding income for the last two years, the prudent reserve has dropped. We need to make an effort to increase contributions in order for budgeted expenses to be met.

Make checks payable to NFACAA. Include Group name and District number on all donations and mail to:

Rick Baker
P. O. Box 4933
Winter Park, FL 32793

Delegate, Michael S.

- Attended Southeast Regional Forum in Louisville, Kentucky, 12/03/04 – 12/05/04
- General Service Board Chair, Elaine McDowell is rotating out.
- Box 459, Oct/Nov 2004 issue includes an article of how the effort of Area 14 PI Chair, Al B. with the help of his alternate and members from Spanish District 33 resulted in two Spanish television stations, Telemundo in Orlando and Univision in Altamonte Springs, making decisions to run the PSA, “Ya Sabemos Cómo Es” (“We Know What It’s Like”) for a full year.
- Joint statement from North and South Florida Area Delegates regarding the Florida State Convention
- 1st motion – The areas assume 100% oversight and responsibility, or 2nd motion – The areas remove themselves completely. The statement and motions will be printed in the Area minutes and mailed to GSRs.

Southeast Regional Trustee Report, Dick G.

- AA Quarterly Report November 2004 from GSO (Period End 09/30/04): Expenses exceeded revenue; Grapevine had a loss of \$8,748 in first 9 months of 2004; 2005 budget is considering a price increase on books; Zulu Big Book translation
- International Convention registrations have reached over 15,000

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

District 5 News

Accessibilities, Gregory S., Chair

· Chair and Alternate Chair offered to help districts establish a special needs/accessibilities committee or be a resource if district already has an established committee

Archives, Scott L., Chair

· Offered to take Area archives to A.A. events

Cooperation with the Professional Community,

Pauline N., Chair

· North Florida CPC will be participating in four conferences this year, the first to be in Amelia Island, 01/11/05 – 01/13/05 for County Judges in Florida

Corrections, Chaz H., Chair

· 28 out of 54 state correctional facilities currently have A.A. meetings

· Literature purchases based on needs of volunteers; check facility libraries for needed literature

· Joe D. from Tallahassee compiling volunteer list.

Grapevine, John J., Chair

- Grapevine Representatives were asked to discuss with their groups why subscriptions were not being resubmitted

Intergroup, Nancy B., Chair

- Yes, Intergroup is a part of A.A.

Literature, Ken S., Chair

- Offer to attend district conference, workshop, or home groups to discuss the importance of literature
- Literature pamphlets are divided up into four categories: Newcomer, Service, Unity, and Professional; designed to be easily recognized in the literature racks

Public Information, Al B., Chair

- Anonymity discussed

Treatment Facilities, Ed V., Chair

- Read service materials available: TF Workbook, A.A. Guidelines for TF & CPC
- Remember, we are quests in Treatment Facilities
- Invite Treatment professionals to A.A. workshops
- Practice steps 10, 11, and 12 daily (can't carry a message we don't have)

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Finance Committees, Beth J.

· Budget for rental space for Archives was reduced from \$4,200 to \$1,500 annually

· Ad Hoc Committee requested \$320.95, a one-time expense for computer hardware/software to be used for simultaneous Spanish translation at the Assembly

Site and Agenda, Tina C-L., Chair

· 2007-2008 hotel bid process underway

Growth, Fred H., Chair

· The motion that the North Florida Area create a Bridging the Gap Coordinator was discussed and a vote taken. Voted not to recommend this motion.

SPECIAL REPORTS

FCYPAA, Keri L.,

· 05/06/05 – 05/08/05 in Jacksonville. People who have registered are in the database, but need to register again. Website is www.fcypaa.org

49th Annual Florida State Convention, Ann P., Event Chairperson

· 08/03/05 – 08/07/05; Registration forms are now available; volunteers needed

· Website is flstateconvention.com

Florida State Convention

· Motions made, and seconded (to be printed in the minutes)

· Discussion followed (to be printed in the minutes)

· Motions tabled

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

Motion (regarding the elimination of the inactive districts) that District 26 go to District 7 and District 29 go to District 12, with the elimination of the lines between those and the elimination of the numbers 26 and 29.

· MOTION PASSED.

Motion that Structures and Guidelines be changed so that the Grapevine Chair shall become Grapevine/La Viña Chairperson.

· MOTION PASSED.

Motion that Area assume responsibility for the State Convention.

· SECONDED AND TABLED.

Motion that Area not affiliate with the State Convention.

· SECONDED AND TABLED.

In Love and Service,

Report submitted by Kathy S, District V DCM

Wakulla Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$1,599.02

Contributions

Alligator Point Group	\$	40.00
Central	\$	10.00
Apalachicola Bay	\$	66.00
Powder No Puff	\$	29.00
Men's Faith Group	\$	52.00
Total	\$	197.00

Expenses None Total

12/31/04 Checking Account Ending Balance: \$ 1,796.02

Items Outstanding

Kathy S. - Drinks/Tickets	\$	53.41
Total	\$	53.41

Contributions Received/Deposited After 12/31/04

Came to Believe	\$	17.96
Central	\$	10.00
Northside	\$	43.00
Total	\$	70.96

Wakulla Checkbook Balance as of 01/19/05: \$ 1,813.57

Note: District V Prudent Reserve is the total of the 3 months with the highest expenses (01/04, 03/04 and 10/04)

Amount Over Prudent Reserve \$ 2,152.07 \$ (338.50)

Intergroup 5 News

January 2005

Intergroup 5 Meeting

Groups Represented: Capital City, Central, Crawfordville, Home Group, Living Sober, Northside, Pathfinders, Powder No Puff, Singleness of Purpose [There were a total of 13 people in attendance with 9 groups represented].

Don W. called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Secretary's report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's reports for the month of December and for the year 2004 were read and accepted.

Office report: 60 calls received by volunteers in December.

Web committee: no report.

Old Business: Carol inquired as to the status of getting information published in the Monday listings of the Health section in the Democrat; Phyllis has gone to the paper and filled out the necessary paperwork.

Kathy reported that the holiday party was a success; she handed over our contract with the Masonic Lodge to Larry.

New Business: Phyllis announced that Pat got a certified letter from Isabelle M.'s estate stating that she has left Intergroup 5 the sum of \$500 in her will; check is forthcoming.

Larry will be stepping in as the new office coordinator; this was confirmed by a unanimous vote. Larry requested clarity on the flat-fee reimbursement of \$220/month. Phyllis explained that for tax purposes, we can not provide a flat-fee as a stipend without providing information to the IRS; money may only be provided to Larry as reimbursements for expenses. Larry is willing to submit a mileage log to this end. As we are entering uncharted territory with this exploration of rigorous honesty, Annette moved that we allocate \$220/month for office expenses and see how things work out. We will revisit topic in three months time. Activities chair is open. Leisa has resigned from the position. Gratitude was expressed for Leisa's enthusiasm and she will be missed. Rob brought the idea of having a coffee-house/talent showcase social activity in the future. Will intergroup want to sponsor such an event?

The trailer with the grill needs a tag. Don suggests that we table it until next month. Take these options back to the groups: 1) sell it or 2) tag it. Annette makes this motion. We will decide in February.

Don asks if we can list the groups present at this meeting in the minutes. We can.

Don asks for a round of gratitude for those involved with the Holiday Party.

Kathy asks if donations to Intergroup intended for literature must be earmarked as such. They do.

Larry asked about the situation with the Intergroup accounts and who will be on the signature cards. The officers will be on the main account and Pat and Greg will be on the Literature account. Intergroup Officers for 2005:

Chairperson – Don W – DeWould@aol.com

Vice-Chairperson – Ron L – rplauver@comcast.net

Secretary – D. Craig F – filare30@hotmail.com

Treasurer – Greg S – xtexas@comcast.net

Submitted by D. Craig F secretary

January 2005 IG5 (Intergroup - District 5)

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Beginning 12/31/2004 Balance \$1,936.26

Contributions:

	Northside	233.00	
	Central	50.00	
Came to Believe	89.81	Men's Faith	
259.00	Singleness of Purpose	175.00	
	Lake Jackson	140.00	
IG5 meeting	19.25		
Total			966.06

Expenses:

	Rent	236.50	
	Answering service	129.35	
	Telephone	42.60	
	Office coordinator travel & related exp	220.00	
	Supplies	9.25	
Total		637.30	
Ending 1/31/2005 Balance			\$ 2,265.02

Literature Account

Beginning 12/31/2004 Balance	\$	763.11
Literature sales	291.48	
Sales tax collected	21.81	
Total		313.29
Less:		
Interest paid	1.21	
Sales tax paid (2004 12 months)	111.13	
Total	112.34	
Ending 1/31/2005 Balance	\$	966.47

NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles, anniversary notices or announcements for "The Message" to the Intergroup office or send email to message@intergroup5.org by the last Wednesday of each month. If you have questions, call (850) 391-4077.

WANTED INTERGROUP Office Volunteers

If you are willing to be of service, please contact (850) 224-1818.

January Phone Report (77 Calls Received by Volunteers)



37—Meeting Information
11—Miscellaneous
1—Speakers
6—Agency
5—Al-anon
17—AA Info

Events and Happenings

Current Events

Feb 16—District 5 monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.
Mar 2—IG 5, Inc. monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

Future Events

The Eighth Annual Flint River Roundup of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Bainbridge, Georgia's starting Friday March 11 and will end Sunday March 13, 2005. A Friday afternoon workshop will be held at 4:00 PM on steps ten thru twelve and will be done by Bob O. of Colorado Wallace B. will be the Kickoff speaker on Friday evening, Wallace bring a lot of country humor in his talk that includes some time in prison. Regena I., of Tallahassee will be featured on Saturday morning at 9:30 Am. Regena born in Pensacola brings her alcoholism full turn to Tallahassee. Sara Jane B of Milledgeville, GA. will be the Al-anon speaker.

Saturday night Bob O. who has been off the circuit for a few years will tell of tales of alcoholism throughout his life as a bill collector and a General Sales managing. On Sunday morning, Judy P. of Ellijay, Ga. will be the speaker and take us all home. A Renown raffle will be held and a FREE Fish fry on Saturday afternoon for all attendees. A sobriety countdown will be held for the oldest and newest member of AA. Registration is \$18 per person and can be sent to PO Box 7461 Bainbridge GA 39818.

Happy A.A. Anniversary January

Central Group
 Adam 1, Aimee 1, Jeff D. 1, Joel 1, Stacey 1,
 Barbara L. 2, Nathan 2, Brad 3, Bob G. 6, Grant
 13, Electa 15, Sue E. 15, Buster 19

Living Sober & Happy Hour
 Kris D. - 1, Sandra - 1
 Julia S. - 2 Richard S. - 2
 Michelle Y. - 2, Veronica - 2
 Alicia S. - 14, Roberto V. - 20

WHEN DID YOU CELEBRATE YOUR
 AA ANIVERSARY? LET US KNOW!!!

SouthSide **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
DINNER AND DANCE
 Saturday, March 19th 9:30pm
 At 4 Points Auto Sales
"DETOX" TERRY WILL PROVIDE
MUSIC
 Covered dish, sodas/tea or desserts would
 be appreciated, but not required
 For directions, information or to volunteer
 with setup
 Please call Sheila H 264-7007 or email
 4pointsauto@comcast.net



The first Tallahassee Area Alk-A-Non was very successful with almost 100 members attending and enjoying a entree of Chili, many good covered dishes and lots of desserts. The evenings al-anon speaker was Jimmie S. from Pensacola, she realized just how unmanageable her life was and chose to do something about it. She shared some humor, experience, strength, and hope. The AA speaker Johnny Paul D. could never make important dates in his life and was shown to AA by his minister. Today he celebrated 26 years and attends many meetings a month. A Raffle, and a 50/50 was held and center pieces donated by Roberto were given to many people seated at the tables. James was the youngest person there and received a BIG Book signed by most members. Jim O was the MC and kept things rolling as we were there for three hours. The evening was hosted by the Mustard Seed and Open Door groups. Many thanks to all who helped set up and clean up.

The next quarterly Alk-A-Non is scheduled for April 15 and will be hosted by Living Sober.