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Activities—Laura A—

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District 5

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CPC—Steve H—Central

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The Message

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

BTG QUIZ

1. What is Bridge the Gap?
 - a. A shortcut to a clothing store.
 - b. Dental device to bring teeth together.
 - c. A committee in AA acting as a "Welcome Wagon" for people with a desire to stop drinking who are recently released from correctional or treatment facility.
 - d. All of the above.
 - e. None of the above.
2. What is a Temporary Contact?
 - a. The type of glue used on Post-it Notes.
 - b. The sober alcoholic who takes a newly released person to their 1st AA meeting.
 - c. An AA 12th stepper.
3. Who can become involved in Bridge the Gap?
 - a. Any AA member who wants to help another alcoholic.
 - b. Your local dentist.
 - c. Anyone with an advanced degree in mechanical engineering.
4. Who is most helped by Bridge the Gap?
 - a. The newly released inmate or treatment facility resident.
 - b. The sober AA participating in this committee.
 - c. Society in general.
 - d. All of the above.
5. What is the excuse most often used when explaining why one cannot do this type of service work?
 - a. Too busy.
 - b. Too tired.
 - c. Already sober enough, thank you very much.
 - d. My dog ate my homework.
 - e. All of the above.

5 Correct Answers: Genius

4 Correct Answers: Quite Intelligent.

3 Correct Answers: Not bad, but better call your sponsor.

2 Correct Answers: Sigh.

1 Correct Answer: OUCH.

0 Correct Answers: Go back to Step 1 and start over.

(Correct answers are in another section of the newsletter. Look for them!)

***If you are working on your New Years resolutions please volunteer!
There will always be a need for helping alcoholics. Call the office if you
can't think of a way to help!***

District 5 News

DISTRICT 5 DCM Report – December 20, 2006

I attended my very first Southeast Regional Forum on December 1-3, 2006 in Atlanta. It is one of those sober "yets" that enhance my experience as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have a whole new appreciation for our service structure and the help we receive from Class A (non-alcoholic) trustees. I will receive a final report of the forum for anyone who would like to review it.

I have visited the following groups this past month: Capital City Group, Carrabelle Group, Central Group, Grateful Group, Happy Hour Group, Home Group, Lake Jackson Group, Living Sober Group, Monticello Group, Mustard Seed Group, Northside Group, Pathfinders Group, Open Door Speakers Group, Quincy Group, Southside Group, St. Marks Group, Willing Group, (New) A.A. Meeting on Appleyard Drive...now known as The Reaching Out Meeting.

I am grateful to God, the GSRs, the Standing Committee Chairs and District Officers for the opportunity to serve as the DCM in District 5. In the last two years I have formed many wonderful memories of people, events, and places. I would like to thank all the members who have served while I have been DCM, and let them know how much I appreciate all the service they have given.

with gratitude,
Kathy

TO ALL MEMBERS

Greetings On Our 10th Christmas, 1944

Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World .

How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing it's full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

Great indeed, our blessings!

And so,-- Merry Christmas to you all-- from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Bill Wilson

The Open Door Speakers meeting of Alcoholics' Anonymous that meets Saturdays at 7:30 PM at the Tallahassee United Methodist Church will cease meetings at the end of January 2007. The reasons are no steering committee or person responsible for meetings and responsible to the church, plus the low attendance and donations necessary to contribute to the church and AA organizations. Should any one be interested in keeping this meeting going, call Joe D. the District Five chairperson.

Professional opinion on the usefulness of Alcoholics Anonymous is divided. Some psychiatrists think the group is making a mistake in not leaning more heavily on medical guidance. Others feel that it gives something that psychiatry does not, should be encouraged to the fullest extent. From the Feb. 19, 1940 issue of TIME magazine

This can be your opportunity to contribute to the next message! Send your stories, jokes, ideas, events, criticisms to message@intergroup5.org In fact you are welcome to volunteer to edit the entire newsletter! See what that can do for your ego!!!!

Intergroup 5 News

Intergroup 5 Minutes 6 December, 2006

Groups Represented: Downtown, Home Group, Lake Jackson, Living Sober, New Hope, Northside, Pathfinders [There were a total of 8 people, representing 7 groups.]

Secretary's Report: Accepted.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$8.84 above our prudent reserve. Accepted.

Office Report: In *The Message*, p.4. Accepted.

Literature Report: Accepted.

Activities Report: Benson W. will be here for the Holiday Party at around 6pm on the 9th of December to tell his story. Benson wanted no reimbursement for expenses (hotel, etc.), so Matt applied the money that was allocated for this purpose to more tables (to bring the total number of tables we are renting to 12). The budget for the Holiday party should come in around \$1,000. The meat will be ready on Saturday at around 5pm. Matt has numerous volunteers working with him to help pull everything together. A recording o Benson's talk will be made based on his permission. Accepted.

No Web Report.

District: Still needs a Secretary for 2007 (they do have an interim Secretary that has stepped in for the short term). There will be a Twelve Traditions Extravaganza in January 2007 (more on this forthcoming).

Old Business: Greg S. reports that everything is OK as it is with the insurance situation. TALCOR does not have the claim to the insurance that they suggested.

New Business: IG5 has received a \$1,000 check as a bequest. According to Tradition 7, we can accept bequeathments from alcoholics. A sister, on behalf of her brother, has sent the money to us. The question is raised as to whether or not the bequest is from an alcoholic. We believe the alcoholic to be a member of our fellowship. The point is also raised that any money donated to us is not tax deductible. A discussion ensues about how to proceed with the money. It is recognized that the letter sent to us by the deceased's attorney is sent regarding the estate of the donor. Therefore the gift is determined to be from an alcoholic, as part of his last will and testament. Money is accepted.

Laura A. wants to be the new Activities Chair, taking over from Matt C. The Executive Committee recommends her to the position. A vote is held. Laura A. is elected as the Activities Chair. The Incoming Executive Committee needs to meet at the Capital City Bank on Capital Circle North East in January to sign the new signature card. A tentative date is scheduled for Jan. 15 (Secretary's note: Jan. 15 has since been recognized as Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, so the bank will be closed. The following Monday, January 22, will be offered as a new time for this at January's IG meeting.)

Submitted in grateful service,

Craig F.

December 2006 Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
Checking: Beginning 11/30/2006 Balance	\$8.89
<u>Contributions:</u>	
Apalachicola serenity	20.00
Central	200.00
Mustard seed	120.00
Quincy	50.00
Total Contributions	390.00
Less: <u>Disbursements:</u>	
Answering Service	0.00
Office coordinator travel & related exp	220.00
Printing: newsletter	0.00
Rent	248.36
Telephone	46.31
Total Expense Disbursements	514.67
Operations sub total	\$(115.78)
Holiday Party	
Meal donations	899.00
Raffle tickets sold	366.00
Total Receipts	1,265.00
Party expenses this month	
Meat	767.73
Tables	83.85
Tablecloths	32.25
Literature cost	14.34
Beverages	76.62
Coffee pot repair/replacement	170.13
Name tags	9.65
Total Disbursements	1,154.57
Holiday Party net proceeds(cost)	110.43
Anonymous Estate bequest	1,000.00
Ending 12/31/2006 Balance	994.65
Prudent Reserve Savings:	
Ending 12/31/2006 Balance	2,003.56
Literature Fund	
Beginning 11/30/2006 Balance	\$1,292.06
add:	
Literature sales	152.75
Sales Tax collected	10.28
Total receipts	163.03
less:	
Purchases	0.00
Total expenditures	0.00
Ending 12/31/2006 Balance	\$1,455.09
Total accrued 2006 sales tax liability	(374.09)

Intergroup 5 General Fund December 28, 2006

Year to date receipts 10,389.85

Year to date expenses 11,234.10

Contributions must exceed expenses!

Events and Happenings

Current Events

January 12-14, 2007—Next Area Assembly:
Location: Paramount Resort & Conference Center, 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608. (352) 377-4000 or 877-992-9229 When making reservations, be sure to say you want a room in the “North Florida Area block.” (\$64/night, register at least one month in advance!)

Overflow hotels:

Comfort Inn, 2435 SW 13th Street 352-373-6500
Econolodge, 2649 SW 13th Street 352-373-7816
Super 8, 2000 SW 13th Street 352-373-3654

January 14— Corrections—Treatment —Bridging the Gap 3 PM At Central 909 N Gadsden St

January 17—District 5 monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

January 21, 2007—Traditions Extravaganza 2-5PM
Bethel United Methodist, 1470 Bethel Church Rd.
Call Susan at 264-6962 for more info on participating.

February 7—IG 5, Inc. monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

The Bradfordville Group (Bradfordville First Baptist Church, the older annex)
6494 Thomasville Rd. Mondays, Thursdays 6:15 pm,
Open, NS, Wheelchair Accessible, Discussion

December Phone Report (45 Calls Received by Volunteers)



- 2—12th Step
- 2—AI-anon
- 9—AA Info
- 33—Meeting Information
- 1—Agency
- 1—Miscellaneous

We need more Volunteers!
Please call Larry H 567-8407

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in Spanish!
Where? Calvary United Methodist Church
2145 W. Pensacola Street Tallahassee, FL 32304
When? Mondays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Driving Directions: From Tennessee Street:
Take Ocala Rd., turn right onto Pensacola, take left onto Ausley Rd., take a right after the Animal Hospital Coming from Hwy 20, traveling East: Pass Appleyard Dr., turn right onto Ausley, take right after Animal Hospital Traveling West on Pensacola from Doak Campbell Stadium Pass Ocala Rd., take next left onto Ausley Rd., take a right after the Animal Hospital

We have had some discussion about an online calendar. Here is a link to a potential calendar.
<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=message%40intergroup5.org>
No, it is not finished. Yes, it is long. No, you won't have to remember it, just remember www.intergroup5.org
Do you want to help? Let me hear from you at message@intergroup5.org

The Reaching Out Meeting
Open Meeting
Wednesday Evenings
7:00pm—8:00pm
1002 Appleyard Drive
(New Life Ministries and Community Church)
(Located at the intersection of Appleyard Drive and Mission Road)

New open meeting, Advent Church, Piedmont Road, Mondays 6:00 PM BB. Traditions, Steps, Speaker alternates n/s

The Saint Marks Group Open Discussion
Monday and Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm
Sunday Mornings
Location: First Baptist Church (Annex)
14 Shell Island Road
St. Marks, Florida
Contact: John B. 925-7735

Happy A.A. Anniversary

Central Group
Bill M 1, Jim M 1, Kevin S 2, Sallie 2, Steve H 2,
Debbie S 4, Rachel S 4, Georgeann 8, Joe D 8,
Sue E 17, Peter S 21, Ali H 36, Bill Wilson 72 (he was not able to make a personal appearance)
No Report from any other group!

Correct answers: 1-c, 2-c, 3-a, 4-d, 5-e from page 1. Participation can help add to your years of sobriety!

*WHEN ANYONE IN
DISTRICT 5 MAKES IT
FOR A YEAR OR ANY
MULTIPLE
PLEASE LET ME KNOW
224-1818!*



Celebrate!