



## TRUSTED SERVANTS

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Treasurer—Matt N—Central

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Treatment—Kevin T—Happy Hour  
Corrections—Mike L—Lloyd  
Grapevine—Vern D—Northside  
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# The Message

## A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

INTERGROUP 5, INC. OCTOBER, 2006 TALLAHASSEE, FL

The phone rings, "Hi, I'm with Bridging the Gap. Are you available to take a newcomer coming out of treatment or corrections to their first meeting when they get home next week?" "Sure, what's their name, and number?" That's a typical simplified version of a conversation between a BTG phone coordinator, and an AA volunteer of BTG.

It starts when a couple of BTG committee members take a short presentation, including a video produced by the General Service Office NY, into a treatment facility and offer the clients a confidential contact card to fill out. The clients are told they can help another alcoholic stay sober by allowing the AA volunteer help them. The opportunity to reach out the hand of AA to a newcomer before it gets shaky, introducing them to those members of the fellowship who have experienced the gifts of Alcoholics Anonymous, are the keys to this program.

Sometimes the client is going home out of the area or even out of state. The hand of AA is there waiting. Sometimes requests come to us from out of our area and/or state.

BTG in North Florida, District 5, needs your help. Could you be the person calling the volunteer, the volunteer connecting with the newcomer, or the committee member taking a first contact presentation into a facility?

This important 12<sup>th</sup>- step work can make the all difference in how a newcomer experiences and perceives Alcoholics Anonymous. Is your hand out?

Our monthly Corrections/Treatment/Bridge the Gap meeting is held at 3 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at "909", located at 909 Godson Street, Tallahassee, Florida. This is a great opportunity to find out more and get your questions answered.

(Paraphrased from Santa Rosa, California Bridge the Gap Committee)

For more info contact:

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# District 5 News

## DISTRICT 5 DCM Report – August 16, 2006

A short time before this past April, the Mustard Seed Group asked that I visit their group once a month and lead a study-discussion on the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you Mustard Seed Group...I appreciate this opportunity for using A.A. Conference-approved literature to delve into the history of the Traditions and see how they can be applied to the issues that arise among us today. While serving as the District 5 alternate DCM, I went through the Traditions with my service sponsor, and therefore, felt prepared to pull together a monthly presentation. This has been a wonderful experience for me and I feel a great need to share it! I am making myself available to any group that wants to take time to focus on this very important part of Alcoholics Anonymous. Just call me at 322-5173 if you are interested...and thank you!

This month I focused on pulling together study material for the Twelve Traditions study-discussion materials mentioned above. Therefore, I was able to visit a limited number of groups: Apalachicola Bay Serenity Group (Eastpoint meeting), Central Group, Crawfordville Group, Happy Hour Group, The Home Group, Lake Jackson Group, Living Sober Group, Lloyd Group, Monticello Group, Mustard Seed Group, Nightowl Group, Northside Group, Pathfinders Group, Quincy Group and Singleness of Purpose Group (Woodville) with gratitude and appreciation, Kathy

TRADITION TEN (Long Form) No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever. *Reprinted from The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages 192, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.* (Short Form) "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy." *Reprinted from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 176, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.*"

CONCEPT X Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws. *Reprinted from The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W. 2005-2006 Edition, page 43, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.*

## DISTRICT 5 AA ARCHIVE REPORT 9-20-2006

Greetings! After a long absence, the archive report has returned – my apologies but life has become very busy indeed. I was appointed area 14 archives service coordinator (committee chair) at the last assembly and now have the area's traveling road show of archives in local storage. Additionally, I traveled to Baton Rouge for the AA National Archives Workshop. The event was very educational and informative. In attendance was the newly hired Archivist from GSO, Amy F. She spoke to our group several times emphasizing her willingness to work closely with all of us to facilitate retrieval of information from the GSO archives about our local/regional AA history and any other general/specific AA history inquiries.

CD's of the Traditions workshop held at St. George Island on 4/29/06 have been created and are available to the presenters. A copy of that workshop and more speaker CD's have been created for storage at the intergroup office offering volunteers answering the phone some listening material. More CD's to come in the near future.

The archives mailbox has changed addresses – it is now: [district5archives@earthlink.net](mailto:district5archives@earthlink.net)

Please feel free to write with questions, comments, to schedule a display or volunteer for the committee.

Speaking of committee, I would like to give heartfelt thanks to all who have helped so far in making the district's archives what they are today. Jennifer W., Rebecca R., Carla Mc.

Thanks for your assistance in getting this off the ground – I have received many positive comments for which you deserve the credit. In grateful service rob k

I've received some inquiries about another Big Book Workshop like the one we did at the Pumpkin church a couple of years ago. This is an informal meeting where we read through the Big Book, discuss what it says, then actually do the steps by following the directions therein. It involves both study and action. It requires only willingness and a Big Book I suggest a weekly meeting at the Pumpkin Church (Mahan & Capital Circle NE), say on Mondays at 7:00 PM If anyone has a better idea, I'm open. Please ask around, and let me know. If you have any questions, holler back at (850) 410-1886 Sincerely: Ed V.

*It's amazing how well I feel when I'm not thinking about myself.*

A guy passes a bar and sees a sign in the window,  
"All you can drink \$10".  
He stops and asks the bartender,  
"You mean I can have as much alcohol as I want  
for only \$10?"  
The bartender replies, "Yes, Sir!"  
"Great," says the man, "then give me \$20 worth"

*Why is it called Alcoholics Anonymous when the first  
thing you do is stand up and say, 'My name is Peter  
and I am an alcoholic'?*

# Intergroup 5 News

## Intergroup 5 Minutes 6 September 2006

**Groups Represented:** Central, Crawfordville, Home, Lake Jackson, Living Sober, New hope, Northside, Pathfinders [There were 11 people present representing 8 groups].

**Secretary's Report:** Accepted **Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

**Office Report:** We still need volunteers esp. on Tues. and Thurs.

**Literature Report:** Accepted

**Activities Report:** The Masonic Lodge has been paid to reserve the space for the Holiday Party. The Set-up Committee will meet in October. Benson W. has been contacted about being the speaker, we are awaiting official confirmation. Matt C. will step in as the new superstar DJ for the Holiday party.

**District report:** Elections will be held this month for the new DCM and Standing Committee Chairs. Mike L. has asked for back issues of *The Message* to send to Charlie H. as part of a prison outreach (numerous volunteers have offered to bring in copies).

**Old Business:** The reported problems with the answering service have proven to be unfounded.

**New Business:** Greg asks if we will be charging \$5 for the Holiday Party. We will be asking for a suggested \$5 donation. The October IG meeting will need to address the issue of a budget for the food stuffs for the Holiday Party.

Larry asks about the small cabinet in the IG office. **Motion Made:** to donate the cabinet to the Singleness of Purpose Group in Woodville. **Motion Passes.**

Lisa the Webmaster has moved out of state. We need a new Webmaster to assume responsibility for the IG website. Debbie C., Central group, has volunteered to take over in a temporary capacity. Brought to a vote: Debbie is approved as the new Webmaster. She will also be working on the *Where and When*. Nominations are made for the IG Executive Committee for 2007 (nominations will remain open at the next meeting on Oct. 4, to be followed by the elections):

Nominations for Chair: Mike L.

Nominations for Vice-Chair: Craig F.

Nominations for Secretary: None (although Carol M.'s name is mentioned for the position, and this has since been mentioned to her. She is interested).

Nominations for Treasurer: None.

Submitted in grateful service,  
Craig F.

Debbie will now be updating the Web Site and the Where&When Contact her from [www.intergroup5.org](http://www.intergroup5.org) These are the stats from our current host.

1. Host name intergroup5.org
2. Host URL <http://www.intergroup5.org>
3. Program start time Oct 1, 2006 03:49
4. Time of first request Sep 23, 2005 01:45
5. Time of last request Oct 1, 2006 00:08
6. Time last 7 days lasts until Oct 1, 2006 03:49
7. Successful server requests 84,463 Requests

## September 2006 Treasurer's Report

### General Fund

Checking:  
Beginning 8/31/2006 Balance \$530.15

#### Contributions:

Apalachicola Bay Serenity	20.00
Central	400.00
Havana	40.00
Mustard Seed	60.00
Anonymous	2.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>522.00</b>

Less:

#### Disbursements:

Answering Service	204.15
Office coordinator travel & related exp	220.00
Printing: newsletter	77.75
Rent	248.32
Supplies	22.52
Telephone	45.28
<b>Total Expense Disbursements</b>	<b>818.02</b>
Ending 9/30/2006 Balance	\$234.13

### Prudent Reserve Savings:

Ending 9/30/2006 Balance 2,003.06

### Literature Fund

Beginning 8/31/2006 Balance	\$2,168.84
add:	
Literature sales	806.35
Sales Tax collected	60.51
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>866.86</b>
less:	
Purchases	1,040.96
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,040.96</b>
Ending 9/30/2006 Balance	\$1,994.74
Total accrued 2006 sales tax liability	(289.04)

## Intergroup 5 General Fund

Year to date receipts \$6,182.15

Year to date expenses \$7,787.00

8. Successful requests in last 7 days 1,721
  9. Successful requests for pages 27,475
  10. Successful requests for pages in last 7 days 706
  11. Distinct files requested 87 Files
  12. Distinct files requested in last 7 days 64 Files
  13. Distinct hosts served 5,197 Hosts
  14. Distinct hosts served in last 7 days 213 Hosts
- Some of these are contacts we would not have made without a web site. Lisa F deserves a great deal of credit for making it possible for an IG5 site. Thanks!*

# Events and Happenings

## Current Events

**October 8**— Corrections—Treatment —Bridging the Gap  
3 PM At Central 909 N Gadsden St

**October 13-16**—Next Area Assembly: *{Motion to amend tradition Eleven to read as follows: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films and new media technology such as the Internet. Postponed until the Oct 2006 meeting.}*

Location: Paramount Resort & Conference Center, 2900 SW 13<sup>th</sup> 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

**October 18**—District 5 monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

**November 1**—IG 5, Inc. monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

**November 11**—Delegate’s Report to District 5 10–11:00 am Tallahassee Heights UMC 3004 Mahan Drive—Join us for coffee and donuts! Michael S., North Florida Area Delegate Reporting on the 2006 General Service Conference

### 2006 Gratitude Dinner & Speaker Meeting

Bring a covered dish to pass - \$5 suggested donation – Grapevine Raffle 2818 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee Jackson 1, F & AM Lodge 5:00pm-Fellowship 6:00pm-Dinner 7:00pm – Michael S., Speaker

**Dec 1-3** Southeast Regional Forum Atlanta, GA register at: [http://www.aa.org/en\\_services\\_for\\_members.cfm](http://www.aa.org/en_services_for_members.cfm) PageID=96&SubPage=106

**Dec 9**—Holiday Party

The Bradfordville Group (Bradfordville First Baptist Church, the older annex)

6494 Thomasville Rd. Mondays, Thursdays 6:15 pm, Open, NS, Wheelchair Accessible, Discussion

CASA is getting the new location ready. Please help if you can. No report on current status!

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

## September Phone Report

(44 Calls Received by Volunteers)



1—12th Step

2—AI-anon

6—AA Info

29—Meeting Information

1—Agency Info

5—Miscellaneous

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

Two churches in the area have expressed an interest in having AA meetings at there facilities. Contact Sandra Carter at 893-0893 Ext 201 or her cell phone 445-7594 at Bradfordville First Baptist. Also George Potter at Bethel United Methodist called about having an AA meeting. If your group needs space contact them. If you’re tired of your group and want to start another group that will “Do it right”! Find some other people who agree with you, get a coffee pot, get some big books and literature; then you’re ready to have a meeting. This will provide an enormous opportunity! The responsibility of starting a new meeting will be great!

## Happy A.A. Anniversary

### Central Group

Mark T 1, Jerrod B 1, Scott H 2, Stephanie A 2, Scott 2, Tamara 3, Rebecca 3, Ronnie 6, Bruce C 10, Jane 10, Norman 14, Suki 16, Marianne 16, Logan 16, Lila F 19, Susan 21, Marybeth 21

### Crawfordville Group

**July:** Ann B 3 years

Nancy J 2 years

**August:** Anthony A 3 years

Joann R 3 years, Antje S 1 year

Henry Mac 1 year

### Downtown

**Group Mike 1**

**Living Sober &**

**Happy Hour**

Mike H. - 2 years

Bill E. - 3 years

Jeff G. - 3 years

Kay-Cy - 6 years

Mike G. - 6 years



# Celebrate!

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