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CJI NEWS

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Welcome?

When a wet drunk shows up at a meeting

A drunk showed up at an AA meeting holding a can of beer, and he was told, unequivocally, that he could not come in. He left, but showed up outside a few days later, yelling that even AA wouldn't let him in. A member went out to talk to him and calm him down. The police arrived and our member assured them that the man was, indeed, going into the AA meeting.

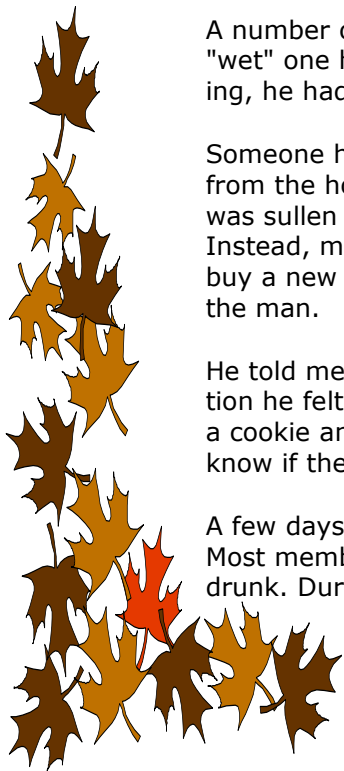
A number of people at the meeting started whispering, visibly upset that a "wet" one had disrupted the meeting. Again, the drunk left. Outside the meeting, he had a seizure and collapsed. Paramedics were called.

Someone heard that the man tried to commit suicide. When he was released from the hospital, he showed up at our meeting the same day. This time, he was sullen and reclusive. Not one male member in the room went over to him. Instead, members talked about their troubled relationships, whether or not to buy a new house, and their job problems. Silently, I got up and went over to the man.

He told me about how sick he was and about the incomprehensible demoralization he felt. He wanted to stop drinking and couldn't. I got him some water and a cookie and then quietly asked a couple of male AAs to take over. I do not know if the man is sober today, or if he is even alive.

A few days later, I brought up the topic of having a wet drunk at our meeting. Most members felt that the common welfare of the group came before the wet drunk. During the discussion, members said various disparaging things: "He

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doesn't want it," and "Meetings need to be about recovery issues, not about some wet one that won't hear anything, anyway." I wondered if a recovery issue was divorce, a lost job, and a new house, or was it getting someone off booze long enough to find a Higher Power that can solve all those other issues? To me, the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is helping the still sick and suffering alcoholic, and not just the cleaned-up-detoxed-and-sober-twenty-eight-days new person that walks through the doors.

When I arrived in the rooms of AA, I was not sober, cleaned up, or detoxed. I had not brushed my teeth in weeks. However, not a single person told me to leave. On the contrary, they welcomed me. Not one person sat in judgment.

Have some AA meetings become social groups, with membership requiring that you already be sober so that you can have a free therapy session and discuss your issue of the day? My Big Book says I must work with the still sick and suffering alcoholic if I want to stay sober and live a happy, joyous, and free life.

Today, I may not be popular in my home group because I talk about the Traditions, the responsibilities of sobriety, and welcoming and reaching out to the wet drunk. But I do what was done for me--I share my spiritual experience in finding a Higher Power, whether the drunk I'm addressing is coming in for the first time or for the tenth time. For that, I am responsible.

C.G.

Crystal Springs, Florida



IT IS NOW SUGGESTED TO PLEASE CALL AHEAD

Literature Sales at CJI

The CJI Office has established hours for literature sales. Currently, the hours are:

- Sunday-12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- Monday—6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
- Tuesday—1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Thursday—3:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Friday—1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.
- The first Wednesday of every month at the CJI Body Meeting.

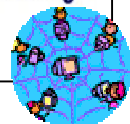
**Call Tony G. at
(609) 298-7785 on
Wednesdays between 1:00
and 4:30 P.M. for litera-
ture deliveries at the Body
Meeting**

As more folks volunteer to help out, the hours will be expanded.

The Body Meeting is held at the Hamilton Twp. Library, Whitehorse-Mercerville Rd., Hamilton Twp.

Web Site Addresses:

Cape Atlantic Intergroup -
www.capeatlanticintergroup.org
Central Jersey Intergroup -
www.centraljerseyintergroup.org
South Jersey Intergroup -
www.aasj.org
Area 45 -
www.njja.org
Area 44/Northern New Jersey -
www.nnjaa.org
AA World Services -
www.alcoholics-anonymous.org



A Day of Sharing

Three Intergroups - One Area

When: Saturday, October 18, 2008
Registration begins at 9:00 A.M.
Program begins at 9:30 A.M.

Where: Carslake Community Center
209 Crosswicks Street
Bordentown, NJ

Lunch will be provided

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Officers

2008-2009

Chair – Chuck D.

Co-Chair – Laurie L.

Treasurer – Maureen R.-R.

Financial Secretary – Connie Y.

Recording Secretary - Jan H.

Committee Chairs

2008-2009

Answering Service – Mat M.

Computer— Open

Correctional Facilities -

Cholly K./Roseanne

Hospitals & Institutions – Jake T.

Literature - Tony G.

Meeting List – Doug

Newsletter – Jami M.

Public Information – Thom O.

Steering – Mike Z.

Unity – Doug R.

Web Site— Thom O.

Trustees

Nancy R.

Thom O.



A.A. Meeting Opportunity

St. Michaels's Church, 140 N. Warren St., Trenton is multi-ethnic and multi-lingual and has contacted Central Jersey Intergroup to let us know that they have space available for a morning or lunchtime meeting. Anyone interested in starting a meeting at St. Michaels can contact Father Barry or Brother Christopher at (609) 392-8086 or email at st.michaels.trenton@verison.net.

*“Our leaders are but trusted ser-
vants. They do not govern.”*

Tradition Two

Group Contributions

July 2008 Contributions

Group	Contribution
TGIF	20.00
Tues. Cranbury 123 Beginners	40.00
Allentown Tuesday Nite Big Book	200.00
Keep the Faith	25.00
Lawrenceville 8:00 A.M.	180.55
Happy Hour Friday 5:15	200.00
Serenity in Recovery at Rider	268.00
Live and Let Live Paxton Ave.	500.00
TGIF Came to Believe	15.00
Tues. Noon Big Book	50.00
Princeton Alternative	160.00
Traditions First Group	117.00
Hightstown Early Birds	371.00
Day by Day	130.00
Mon/Thurs Noon Cranbury Group	40.00
Alice T. (Anniversary)	31.00
Maureen R-R (Anniversary)	10.00
T.W.	100.00
Total	2457.55

August 2008 Contributions

Group	Contribution
Hightstown How It Works	101.30
Steps of Life	68.00
Reality Group	50.00
Believing!	100.00
Wed. Noon Happy Hour	150.00
Crispy Critters	75.00
Sat. 2:00 P.M. St. Francis	300.00
One Day at a Time	150.00
Wed. Nite As Bill Sees It	18.00
Phoenix	125.00
Steps to Serenity	170.00
Fri. Night Women's Meeting in Plainsboro	115.00
Total	1422.30

Call Forwarding and Nightwatch

Call forwarding will have two shifts daily and on weekends. The first will be from 10:00 A.M. until 4:55 P.M., and the second shift will be from 5:00 P.M. until 9:55 P.M. These shifts will not take the place of existing office commitments and the office commitment will take precedent.

Nightwatch will begin at 10:00 P.M. and run until 9:55 A.M. the next morning; however, the Hotline can be turned over to the answering service earlier if necessary (for work, etc.). Groups are encouraged to participate and can sign up for a weeks' worth of coverage.

Each person who participates will have a folder with all the contact numbers and lists they will need to assist callers.

If you or your group is interested contact me at (609) 468-5779 or Lori at the office at (609) 298-7785, we will be happy to train you. Thanks. Mat M.

CJI Daytime Phone Commitments							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	10:00am Open	To 4:55am Clay 9-12	Clay 9-12	Tony 1-4:30	Tom 9-11:30 Don 12:30- 5:00	Open	Open
2nd	Open	Clay 9-12	Clay 9-12	Tony 1-4:30	Tom 9-11:30 Don 12:30-5	Open	Open
3rd	Open	Clay 9-12	Clay 9-12	Tony 1-4:30	Don 12-5 Tom 9-11:30	Open	Open
4th	Open	Clay 9-12	Clay 9-12	Tony 1-4:30	Don 12-5 Tom 9-11:30	Open	Open
5th	Open	Clay 9-12	Clay 9-12	Tony 1-4:30	Tom 9-11:30 Don 12:30-5	Open	Open

CJI Nighttime Phone Commitments

5:00 to 10:00pm

If you are interested in a phone commitment email me at Munclemex@msn.com or call 468-5779

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1st	Open	Allentown Men's	Casalan	Open	Open	Open	Live and Let Live
2nd	Open	Open	Monday night Yard- ville	Nancy R	Tom H	Steve H	Doug R
3rd	Open	Mat M Phone chair	Center Group	CJI Steering	Pennington Wed. Night	Open	Greg C
4th	Open	Bordentown Wed. Night	Hightstown Early Birds	Bordentown Sunday Night	Rocky Hill	Larry V	Open
5th	Open	Bordentown Grapevine Thur. night	Tom O'R	Steve H	Maureen RR	Open	Open

Thanks Mat M. Answering Service Chair

Anniversaries

Orville H.- 46 years

Dorothy B. - 28 years

Ann Z.- 26 years

Nancy - 26 years

Joe J.- 24 years

Art - 24 years

Bob P. - 23 years

Peg - 23 years

Matt F. - 22 years

Beth T.- 22 years

Curt K.- 21 years

Jim N. - 21 years

Sonia N. - 21 years

Paul B. - 21 years

Randy S. - 20 years

Anthony V. -20 years

Louise R. - 19 years

Glen M. - 19 years

David K. - 18 years

Kristen K.- 18years

Tom L. - 17 years

Anthony B. - 15years

Dan D. - 15 years

Jeff L. - 12 years

Sue F.- 12 years

Matt F. - 12 years

Lori L. - 11 years

Tony J. - 11 years

James B. - 11 years

Andy A. - 11 years

Lisa B. - 11 years

Pat H. - 9 years

Steve H. - 9 years

Matthew A. - 9 years

Tony O. - 7 years

Bob G. - 7 years

Robert P. - 6 years

Ray - 5 years

Randi J. - 5 years

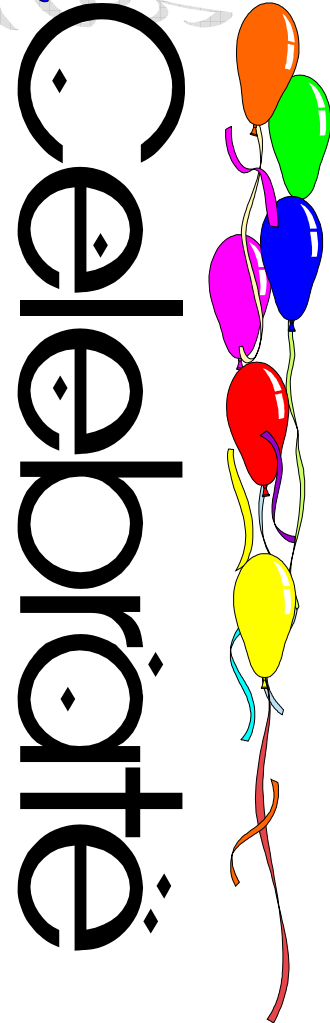
Doug - 4 years

Tom R. 4 years

Matt K.. - 4 years

Gary M.. - 4 years

Chris R—4 years



Intergroup Phone Numbers

Cape Atlantic Intergroup

609-641-8855
24 Hour Hotline
1-800-604-HELP(4357)
Toll free not available with all
cell phones.

South Jersey Intergroup

Toll free: 866-920-1212
Local: 856-486-4444

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(609) 298-7785 office
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Northern New Jersey

800-245-1377 hotline
(908) 687-8566