# The Sober Times Newsletter December 2021

Intergroup Office hours are Wednesday 10-4, Thursday and Friday 9-2

# **Notes from the editor**

Hello all,

I hope you all had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. As we look forward to Christmas, I am reminded of service work and the looking out for others. I am thankful and fortunate to be sober today and I will do whatever I can to help those still sick and suffering to achieve that gift of serenity and sobriety. Make sure to include those less fortunate in our festivities. Offer a ride when you can, volunteer at an alkathon or some other service oriented happening. Staying involved in the program helps us stay sober. We all have busy lives and sometimes we forget about others. Even just a simple smile, a nod or a hello can make someone's day and maybe just maybe reconsider picking up that drink. From everyone at Intergroup we want to wish you a safe and joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

Chuck T.

#### Service Committee Meetings

Intergroup Reps Meeting Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 on the Zoom platform. Meeting ID: 833 6954 2618. Text Constance S. 508-274-7797 for password

Newly elected GSR's are requested to meet at Cape Cod Covenant Church every 2nd Tuesday At 6:30 pm for a welcoming orientation.

### General Service Districts

**1&2**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Cape Cod Covenant Church, Setucket Rd. In Brewster.

District Zoom ID is 306-270-5910

Barbara F. is contact for District 1 & 2 774-836-8830

## **Cape Cod Intergroup**

Phone- 508-775-7060 www.capecodaa.net

Just what is Intergroup doing for your group?

How does your group benefit from Intergroup?

How can your group have a voice in what Intergroup does?

Why not invite us to share with your group at your next business meeting and answer these questions?

A member of our Steering Committee will be glad to make a presentation at your business meeting. Contact us today.**508-775-7060** 

It is suggested the 12th Tradition be read at each meeting in December:

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities"

> The Intergroup Steering Committee meets the last Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. On Zoom. Meeting ID 872 2028 8723 Text Constance S. 508-274 7797 for password

Your Intergroup is not a governing body and does not attempt to, nor can it, rule any AA Group.

Its sole purpose is to act as a clearinghouse for the convenience of members and groups desiring assistance, and to extend the Twelve Step Work of "carrying the message."

#### Did you.....

- Begin your morning with prayer?
- Talk with another alcoholic?
- Call your sponsor?
- Are you doing service

#### **Meeting Updates**

#### <u>Meeting</u> Changes

If anyone has meeting updates ie: in person rather than Zoom etc. These changes can be made to the website meeting list by the responsible member of the group. Please call the office and update your meeting status as soon as it changes. WE WANT TO GET THE WORD OUT!!!!!!

#### Would you like to serve your group?

AA gives us many ways to be of service to our fellowship. One of those is to represent your group as an Intergroup Representative (IGR). Does your group have an IGR? If not, why not volunteer to represent your group? Volunteer to serve at your next business meeting. Does your group have a General Service Representative? (GSR) The GSR is the link between your group and AA as a whole. Your Intergroup Office is always looking for volunteers to staff the office during vacations,

illness, etc. Please contact the office if interested.

#### <u>Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our</u> <u>Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.</u>

- 1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- 2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- 3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- 4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- 5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
- 6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition-or belie it?
- 7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?

#### Is Cape Cod Intergroup a part of A.A.?

Cape Cod Intergroup is entirely dependent on the AA groups and individuals for its continuing operation.

Your group can participate by selecting an Intergroup Representative to represent your group.

IG Reps meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. Any AA member can attend.

As an A.A. member you can support CCIG by volunteering. While CCIG has one paid staff worker, many of the services are provided by volunteers.



#### Updated Policy Regarding Shipping and After Hour Calls.

Outgoing shipments from the office will be made once a week (Friday) instead of daily until further notice. The office is only open 16 hrs a week. Wed, Thurs, and Fri. Non emergent calls will be handled during business hours only. Messages can be left with the answering service and business will be handled on next business day.

#### **Birthday Plan**

On their sobriety birthday, many AA members contribute one dollar or more for each year of sobriety to any or all of our four service entities: District, Area, GSO and your local Intergroup

# A Christmas Message from Bill W.

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.

A Great indeed, our blessings! And so, Merry Christmas to you all--

from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Bill Wilson

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