# The Sober Times Newsletter June 2015

Intergroup Office hours are from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm Monday - Friday as of May 1st,closed Saturday and Sunday

## Cape Cod Intergroup

# **Notes from the editor**

Hopefully you all enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend!!! Things are certainly busy here at your Intergroup office. The new meeting lists have gone to the printer, upgrades to the office have been completed and we have the store geared up for the busy summer season. As the busy season for the Cape approaches I am looking forward to meeting new folks and seeing familiar faces. This a great time to be on Cape Cod, enjoying what the Cape has to offer, including great AA meetings. I hope you all have a safe and prosperous Summer and I look forward to seeing you.

Chuck T.

Would you like to be on our 12 step volunteer list? We don't give out your number; we call our volunteers and they call the person needing help.

If you would like to volunteer to be on our 12 step volunteer list, just call us at 508-775-7060 Actually, your Intergroup has many volunteer opportunities.

#### **Service Committee Meetings**

Intergroup Reps Meeting Every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 Federated Church Resource Room 320 Main Street (Front Door Hyannis, MA. General Service Districts 1&2Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 pm behind St David's Church in Nelson's Hall 205 Old Main So, Yarmouth

Newly elected GSR's are requested to meet at St. David's Church every 2nd Tuesday At 7:00 pm in Nelson's Hall for a welcoming orientation. Stephanie D. is contact for District 1 & 2

508-771-4143

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 6th Tradition be read at each meeting in May: An A.A group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

> District 1 & 2 Round up June 13th from 11am - 3pm At the Church of St. Mary of the Harbor 517 Commercial St. Provincetown, Ma Call the office for details.

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 work

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#### Meeting Updates

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

Women's 12&12 Thursday 10 AM meeting has moved to St. Christopher's Church 625 Main St. Chatham.

#### Sandwich

Wednesday night closed 12 step 159 Main St. now meets from 7:30pm-8:30pm was 8-9pm

#### <u>Meeting</u> <u>Requests</u>

The Stephen S. French Youth Camp in Brewster is looking for a weekly or biweekly commitment. Please contact the Intergroup office for details



#### **Would you like to serve your group?** AA gives us many ways to be of service to our fellowship.

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.

### Finding the Way

I was born and raised in Fall River, MA and came from a great family. I always did very well in school and received highest honors. I played varsity basketball all four years of high school and was the captain of the team for two of those years. In my senior year I tore my ACL & MCL and I had to have emergency surgery. Up until this point I had never had a problem with alcohol. I started drinking heavily and my addiction took off from there. For once in my life I felt acceptance and good enough. For a while everything looked good on the outside. I had an apartment, a car, I was going to college to get my Bachelor's, and a great boyfriend. 4 years later, I found myself sitting in a jail cell, after never being arrested in my life, and then getting sentenced to 3 years. While incarcerated, I realized the damage I was doing not only to myself but my family and friends as well. So I decided to do something different for a change and I went to a program instead of going back home. My life today consists of at least 2 meetings a day, having a sponsor and working the steps. I'm starting to build back relationships with my family based on trust and honesty which I was never able to do while using. Today I can admit that I am powerless over my addiction and if I don't stay upfront, honest, and work the program - I know how fast I can lose everything I've worked hard to get back. I just recently celebrated my 1 year anniversary and I can honestly say it was one of the best feelings of accomplishment. I am very grateful for this fellowship and for the amazing network I have built.

Anonymous

#### 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.

#### We Have Increased Our Inventory Of Books And Supplies to serve you better

Do you have a special anniversary coming up? Does your group need a bulk order of books or other materials? Would you like to order from the comfort of your home or meeting space? Well, look no further. We have increased our inventory and are now pleased to offer painted medallions, the bronze "Boston" medallions, and 24 hour bronze medallions. Send us your email orders. There is no limit on books or other merchandise. No order too big or too small. If you are looking for specialty items we will be happy to order them for you. Come in and check us out. We would love to see and get to know you. We always try to have coffee available and have time for good conversation. Also, feel free to check out the website for info on meetings and other related information.

#### "The Promises"

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past or wish to close the door on it. We will comprehend the word "serenity" and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves. I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that I am responsible.

74th Annual Dinner Dance and Meeting Sponsored by CENTRAL SERVICE COMMITTEE, A.A.

Saturday, June 6th, 2015

Grand Ballroom Lantana, Randolph Dinner 7:00 P.M. Sharp Contact the office for details

Alcoholics Anonymous pgs. 83&84

#### SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR INTERGROUP STEERING COMMITTEE

Nominations for steering committee members are now being accepted. There are currently three vacancies on the steering committee. Nominations will be accepted up to the election which will be held at the Intergroup reps meeting in June. Please call the office for more information.

#### **AAA's NEEDED @ BARNSTABLE COUNTY FAIR**

We need you to offer this very Public Service to cover the AA Information Booth for a 3 hour shift at the Barnstable County Fair! Friday and Saturday, July 24th and 25th Noon to 10:00PM Sunday, July 26th, Noon to 9:00PM Please have 2(+) years of sobriety Contact: Mike C. <u>508-685-9289</u> or Brenda C. 508-539-3204 Please Update Our Group Records

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