

The Sober Times Newsletter June 2022

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

Cape Cod Intergroup

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Notes from the editor

Hello all,

It's crazy that the unofficial start of Summer, Memorial Day has come and gone as we head into another Summer on Cape Cod. Elections for Steering Committee will be held on the 1st Tuesday of this month, and you must be present at the meeting to be elected. Being involved with Intergroup is a great way to do service work. The building we are currently in has been sold and will be changing hands soon. The new owner is honoring the lease, of which we have two more years on. Its never too early to start thinking about alternatives for Intergroups next landing spot. Work is continuing on the new meeting list format, and it is my hope to get that finished before the end of the month.

The Intergroup office will be closed June 8th, 9th, and 10th so please make a note of that and get any needed supplies early. Volunteers are still welcome at the office, another great way to get involved with the program. A big thank you to Heather, Bill and of course Constance for all their help in the office. With a limited schedule they help keep things going here. Stop by and say hello if you're in the neighborhood.

Chuck T.

Service Committee Meetings

Intergroup Reps Meeting Every 1st Tuesday at 7:30 on the Zoom platform.
[Meeting ID: 833 6954 2618.](#) Text Constance S. 508-274-7797 for password

General Service Districts 1&2 Every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the Cape Cod Covenant Church, Setucket Rd. In Brewster.
District Zoom ID is 306-270-5910

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

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

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**

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."

It is suggested the 6th Tradition be read at each meeting in June:

"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."

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

Did you.....

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

Meeting Updates

Meeting Changes

District has a new web address and a new mailing address. The new website is capecodaa.org
Their new mailing address is
P.O. Box 1270
South Dennis
Mass 02660

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.

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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 1st 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

Congrats to Cindy B on her 45th AA anniversary!!!!
AA works !!!!

What purpose does the right of appeal serve?

There came to this country some hundred years ago a French Baron whose family and himself had been wracked by the French revolution, De Tocqueville and he was a worshipful admirer of democracy. And in those day's democracy seemed to be mostly expressed in people's minds by votes of simple majorities. And he was a worshipful admirer of the spirit of democracy as expressed by the power of a majority to govern. But, said de Tocqueville, a majority can be ignorant, it can be brutal, it can be tyrannous - and we have seen it. Therefore, unless you most carefully protect a minority, large or small, make sure that minority opinions are voiced, make sure that minorities have unusual rights, your democracy is never going to work, and its spirit will die. This was De Tocqueville's prediction and, considering today's times, is it strange that he is not widely read now?

So that is why in this Conference we try to get a unanimous consent while we can; this is why we say the Conference can mandate the Board of Trustees on a two - thirds vote. But we have said more here. We have said that any Delegate, any Trustee, any staff member, any service director - any board, committee or whatever - that wherever there is a minority, it shall always be the right of this minority to file a minority report so that their views are held up clearly. And if in the opinion of any such minority, even a minority of one, if the majority is about to hastily or angrily do something which could be to the detriment of Alcoholics Anonymous, the serious detriment, it is not only their right to file a minority appeal, it is their duty.

So, like de Tocqueville, neither you nor I want either the tyranny or the majority, nor the tyranny of the small minority. And steps have been taken here to balance up these relations. (**Bill W.GSC©**, 1960)

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