



# Intergroup News

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The monthly newsletter for the Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup Association of Fairfield County.

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### Contact Us:

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If your group would like to contribute to Intergroup, please send checks to the mailing address.

### Phone Orientation:

First Monday of every month. Come in between 7pm – 10pm.

Individuals & groups welcome! Please contact Heath:

[officesecretary@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org](mailto:officesecretary@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org) with any questions.



**We can't keep it unless we give it away**

### Phone Shifts

If you or your group would like to take a phone shift please contact

[schedules@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org](mailto:schedules@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org)

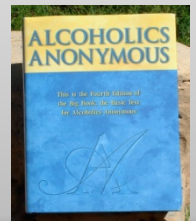
## Help Wanted

The Intergroup Board is looking for a **Schedule's Chair** and **Business Manger**. Please come to an Intergroup meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the each month to learn more about these open positions. For these positions you must have two years of sobriety. There are more than 600 intergroup offices functioning through the world performing vital A.A. services. Although local Intergroups operate independently of A.A.'s worldwide service structure, they are a vital part of the Fellowship.

### Need Literature?

Contact Literature Chair: Meghan B. at [literature@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org](mailto:literature@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org).

Intergroup has A.A. conference approved literature & pamphlets.



### Speaker Exchange:

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 p.m., Star Facility at 182 Wolfpit Avenue, Norwalk, immediately following the Intergroup Rep meeting.

All newcomers and EVERYONE should know what Intergroup (central office) is. Contact a board member for information or visit [www.fairfieldcountyintergroup.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyintergroup.org)

Happy Anniversary September Celebrants!



## Common Solution

Chris P. 1 yr., Ron A. 9 yrs. and Vicky C. 18 yrs.

## Steps to Recovery

Carl M. 1yr. and Geoffrey K. 2yrs.

## Recovery Unlimited

David P. 1 yr., Keith B. 3 yrs., John F. 3 yrs., Ward P. 3yrs.,  
Edwin D. 4 yrs., Jed J. 4, Bill W. 14 yrs., Otis D. 15 yrs.,  
Rodney G. 26yrs. and Norman K. 31yrs.

Have your group anniversary listed in the newsletter! Please send your group member anniversary list by the 15th of each month to [newsletter@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org](mailto:newsletter@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org).



**"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."**

**LOL**

You might be an alcoholic if: 1. The vodka your drinking reminds you of the taste of a fine aftershave. 2. You're lying in your waterbed all warm and comfy when you remember you don't have a waterbed.

*District 6 cordially invites you to the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Legacy Breakfast on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Italian Banquet & Conference Center 1620 Newfield Ave. Stamford, Ct. Coffee & fellowship 9a.m. buffet breakfast 10 a.m., program and 11 a.m. keynote speaker Tickets are \$25. Make checks payable to District 6-Legacy Breakfast. To order a ticket please email [district6legacybreakfast@ct-aa.org](mailto:district6legacybreakfast@ct-aa.org)*

## Slogans!

- Keep an open mind
- Willingness is the key
- More will be revealed
- You will intuitively know
  - First things first
  - This too shall pass

## Upcoming Events in our Area

- **Sober Bowling Night:** Last Sunday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield on Kings Highway. \$10.00 per person; includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza & soda! Please get there at 5:45p.m. so lanes can be counted. \*Started by Club 12 St. Emery's Fairfield\* Contact Emily K. 203-383-9756 or Lindsey 203-952-6229 if you have any questions about this event.
- **53rd Area 11 A.A. Convention:** September 9-11, 2011 Crowne Plaza, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT. Keynote speakers Friday and Saturday and dance in the evening. Sunday morning spiritual speaker. There will be a play, marathon meetings, Al-Anon participation, also handicapped assessable. Contact George N. (203) 792-5976
- **Area 11 CT Bus Trip to General Service Office** for tour and AA speaker meeting in NYC on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> Please email [ALT-DELEGATE@CT-AA.org](mailto:ALT-DELEGATE@CT-AA.org) for all the details. The cost is \$33.00. Bus picks up in Waterbury & Westport.
- **Steps to Recovery 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party** on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-8:30p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church 1848 Post Road Darien, Ct. Dinner at 5:30, open speaker meeting at 6:30p.m. also coffee, dessert & fellowship to follow. All are welcome!
- **The District 5 Area 11 Annual Pasta Dinner** on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00p.m. (speaker 7:30p.m.) at Jesse Lee Methodist Church 25 Flat Rock Road Easton, Ct
- **CSCYPAA XXVI** (Thanksgiving Weekend) Fri-Sun, Nov. 25-27 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. For tickets or to get involved please email [csypaa@ct-aa.org](mailto:csypaa@ct-aa.org). Pre-register now for \$15 or pay at the conference for \$20. ALS and Spanish translation available, also handicapped assessable.

The Fairfield County Intergroup July phone percentages were not available for the newsletter due to the many power outages. We apologize and hope to have the problem corrected.

## *New Meeting!*

**Alive Again Group** has a new meeting "Open Discussion" on Monday nights from 7-8p.m. at the Norwalk United Methodist Church  
718 West Avenue

**Did you know?** Intergroup uses AA volunteers to answer the phones between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. in three hour time slots, 7 days a week. Groups can be scheduled to fill these shifts on a monthly basis. This is a great way to do 12 step work! An answering service (not an alcoholic in recovery who "has been there" like you and me) answers the phone all the other times. They contact members on a 12 step call list that is maintained by Intergroup. Please be of service sign up for a phone shift. Thank you!

If you would like to receive an Anniversary Card in the mail from Intergroup, please email [anniversaryclub@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org](mailto:anniversaryclub@fairfieldcountyintergroup.org).

## **A.A.'s Single Purpose**

**Tradition Five:** Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

"There are those who predict that A.A. may well become a new spearhead for spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of A.A. must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us – that is if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of A.A. and if we commenced to behave accordingly."

"Our society will therefore prudently cleave to its purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody."

– Bill W., co- founder of A.A. 1955 (excerpt taken from conference approved literature / pamphlet *The A.A. Group, Where it all Begins*)