

# The Alternative

Intergroup newsletter for the Reading-Berks County Area

Nov/Dec 2011

[ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](http://ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

The Alternative is published monthly by the Reading-Berks Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous.  
Serving Districts 33, 66, and 67 of Delegate Area 59—Eastern Pennsylvania. Reach us by mail at P.O.  
Box 12157, Reading, PA 19612, or you can email us at  
[Alternative@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org](mailto:Alternative@ReadingBerksIntergroup.org)

\*\*\*\*\*

## On the Alkathon 2011

Once again we approach the end of another year, most of us grateful for our sobriety, some of us learning to be grateful and some of us just not ready yet, but still keep punchin' at it.

I remember getting sober in Philly and around every holiday multiple groups and clubhouses would have alka-thons. Sharing time and helping each other out with food, soft drinks and 12 step calls made it easy to get through another day. Those memories are very special, I wouldn't trade them for anything, they allowed me to learn more about getting into "the middle of the bed of AA" so it would be harder to fall out.

We are already set this year for our own traditional alkathon and once again, Thanks to the Unity Committee of READINGBERKS INTERGROUP it will be New Years Eve at the Atonement Parish Center.

May God bless you and keep you,  
Bob C.

This years Alkathon will be held on Dec 31- Jan 1 hours TBA @ The Atonement Parish Center State Hill Rd & Penn Ave., West Reading, PA

## Next Intergroup Meeting: November 22, 2011

\*\*\*\*\*Reading Intergroup has no outside affiliations. We exist as a central office to serve Alcoholics Anonymous groups in the Reading area\*\*\*\*\*

***ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND INTERGROUP MEETINGS.***  
Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm, at Calvary Baptist Church 510 Park Ave. (intersection of Grace & Park). Please come out and show your support. See your group's representative for Intergroup meeting minutes. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, Nov 22, 2011.**

## 12<sup>th</sup> Step Commitments

Caron Adolescent Extended Care – <b>MEN</b> Sunday @ 7:00 PM		Caron Adolescent Extended Care – <b>WOMEN</b> Sunday @ 7:00 PM		St. Joe's Hosp. MH Unit 3 <sup>rd</sup> FL Reed & Walnut Entrance Mondays @ 7:30 PM	
11/6	Oley Group	11/6	Twin Valley Group	11/7	French creek Group
11/13	611 Washington	11/13	French creek Group	11/14	Walnut St. Group
11/20	Shoey Group	11/20	Happy Hour Group	11/21	Jacksonwald Group
11/27	Advent Men's Group	11/27	Nolde Forest Group	11/28	French creek Group
12/4	Hilltop Group	12/4	Oley Group	12/5	Nolde Forest Group
				11/7	
Wernersville State Hosp. See Guard in Building 34 Monday @ 7:00 PM		Reading Detox Unit Every OTHER Tuesday Tuesday @ 8:00 PM		Reading Detox Unit Thursday @ 8:00 PM	
11/7	Nolde Forest Group	11/1	-----	11/3	New Millennium Grp
11/14	Women Living Sober	11/8	Walnut St. Group	11/10	Lang. of the Heart
11/21	Walnut St. Group	11/15	Boyertown Group	11/17	Alpha Group
11/28	Jacksonwald Group	11/22	-----	11/24	New Life Speakers
12/5	Sun AM Speakers	11/29	-----	12/1	Leesport
		12/6	-----		
Caron Foundation Young Adult <b>Female</b> Friday @ 7:00PM					
11/4	Women Living Sober				
11/11	Hilltop Group				
11/18	Boyertown Group				
11/25	Oley Group				
12/2	Wilshire Group				

Step 11- Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition 11-Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

Step 12- Having had a spiritual awakening as THE result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principals in all our affairs.

Tradition 12-Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principals before personalities.

Victor E.





<b>Officer</b>	<b>Service Position</b>	<b>E-Mail Address</b>
Mic M.	Intergroup Chairperson	Chairperson@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
John H.	Intergroup Alt. Chairperson	Alt-Chair@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Gary H.	Intergroup Treasurer	Treasurer@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Mark S.	Intergroup Secretary	Secretary@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Ted L.	Hotline Chairperson	Hotline@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Henry H.	Archives Chairperson	Archives@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Terry C.	Men's Prison Chairperson	MensPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Barbara	Woman's Prison Chairperson	WomansPrison@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Mike M.	Literature Chairperson	Literature@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Stephanie B.	Schedules Chairperson	Schedules@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
David C.	Institutions Chairperson	Institutions@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Grace C.	Newsletter Chairperson	Alternative@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Sharyn W.	Unity Chairperson	Unity@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Terry Mc F.	Bridging the Gap	BridgingGap@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org
Greg G.	Website	Info@ReadingBerksIntergroup.Org

## **Announcements:**

**New Life Speakers Group** (meets Friday nights @ 8pm @ St James , Penn & 7<sup>th</sup>) is having their Anniversary on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 . Guest Speaker is Joe R. from Philadelphia, PA.

## **The Circle of Hope Roundup Committee's Annual Winter Dinner Dance** (featured speaker: Bill M.)

Benefiting the committee's annual speaker conference, the dinner dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Recovery Community Center, 1300 Hilltop Rd., Leesport from 6 to 11 pm. Individual tickets are priced at \$20 and a table of eight can be reserved for only \$150. Groups are encouraged to sponsor a table for their members. Tickets can be purchased from any Circle of Hope Roundup committee member as well as many home group Intergroup representatives. Dinner Dance goers will get the additional benefit of being able to purchase tickets for this summer's speakers conference for only \$25 (\$5 off the regular price). And because the speaker's conference is limited to 300 people, buying tickets early is encouraged. The Circle of Hope Roundup Speaker Conference is scheduled for May 18-20, 2012 at Penn State/Berks and will feature a number of notable speakers as well as open AA meetings throughout the day.

Holiday Dinner Events @ Wilshire  
St. Peter's UCC, Curtis and Dwight Sts., West Lawn, PA

- Men's Unity Dinner  
Friday, December 16th, 2011 @ 6:30 PM  
Dinner with 3 speakers on Gratitude
- Women's Unity Dinner  
Sunday, December 18th, 2011 @ 6:30 PM  
Also white elephant, please bring a small yet humorous gift to participate in the "white elephant" (gift swap)

We are asking \$5.00 to help defray the cost of the event. Feel free to bring appetizers or any dessert or refreshment you may want also.

g	e	o	s	t	a	e	i	s	e	e	p
e	c	n	a	n	e	t	n	i	a	m	n
o	p	i	l	o	e	o	i	o	b	w	v
e	x	p	e	r	i	e	n	c	e	i	s
i	g	c	s	t	r	e	n	g	t	h	e
h	o	i	a	g	p	b	o	g	n	r	g
f	e	l	l	o	w	s	h	i	p	e	p
a	e	b	h	d	p	o	n	g	i	y	u
r	d	u	e	e	r	i	e	o	r	a	e
h	m	p	e	n	i	v	e	p	a	r	g
i	n	l	e	g	a	c	y	y	d	p	g
d	c	n	o	i	t	a	t	i	d	e	m

meditation  
public  
relations  
fellowship  
maintenance  
experience  
god  
strength  
hope  
legacy  
grapevine  
prayer