

The Alternative

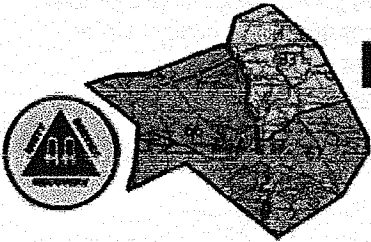
Monthly Newsletter of the Reading - Berks Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

PO Box 184, Reading, PA 19607

Serving Districts 33, 66 & 67 of Delegate Area 59, Eastern Pennsylvania

Meeting Lists are available at Schedules@readingberksintergroup.org

September 2005



Reading Berks Intergroup

Greetings to all,

We here at Reading/Berks Intergroup are very grateful to each and every group that supports us monetarily. It is this type of support that keeps Reading/Berks Intergroup able to service the groups as we do. Reading/Berks Intergroup has other functions to provide to the Reading and Berks County area and one very crucial service is in a very desperate need of support.

Relax this is not another plead for money, although that is always needed and appreciated very much, but a plead for groups and or members that would like to carry the message of A.A. into our Institutions that we currently are servicing. This past Intergroup meeting their were 21 unfilled 12 Step Commitments. When this happens it gives A.A. as a whole a black eye. It says to us as A.A. members we are not fulfilling our Responsibility Pledge, Which states, "When Anyone Any Where, Reaches Out For Help, I Want The Hand Of A.A. Always To Be Their, And For That, I Am Responsible."

If any group or member would like to fulfill any of these open commitments listed on the last page of this Alternative Please contact either Bob C. at 484-332-4660, or Roger M. at 610-582-3534, or Stan S. at 610-375-1441.

If any Group does not have an Intergroup rep won't you please consider appointing one or have a Home Group Member attend our monthly meeting once a month? This way Your group can be informed with what all is going on and Intergroup can also find out how we can better serve Your Group.

Thank- you.
Reading/Berks Intergroup

The Archives Corner

OOPS. I forgot to contact the Committee for a group to feature this month. I've been told that when it is time to rotate on from any A.A. service position, you will know how to do that to the "T". Proof of the old saying that God does not choose the qualified; He qualifies the Chosen. Thank fully I have learned that growing up is always about progress, not perfection and that "beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with myself"

If your group hasn't recently (within the last couple of years) updated your group history, please consider doing it soon and pass on a copy to your DCM as well as the Archives Chairperson.

Archives Committee meets at 2900 Grandview Bl. (corner of Dwight & Grandview) In West Lawn. On the Third Monday of each month. All members considering joining the committee are encouraged to drop in at any meeting.



IT HAPPENED AT INTERGROUP;

Unity Committee Planning is in the final frantic stages for the annual **Unity Picnic**, Sunday **August 28, 2005 at the Gibraltar Park, Rt 724 and Gibraltar Road. 11:00 AM to 6:00PM** The main courses (Hot dogs, Hamburgers and buns) will be provided. Everyone is welcome to bring their favorite "Pot Luck" dish and/or dessert. For questions, contact Unity Chair at WWW: readingberksintergroup.org. Please remember **NO PETS, Park Rules.**

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: The literature packets for the institutions commitments were welcomed by the personnel. Replacements were passed out for this month.

Web Site: Please continue to submit an accurate street address to the Web Servant so that map links can be added to the site to help people to get to your meeting.

The latest version of the Reading-Berks Intergroup is on the site and available to be downloaded and printed out.

Hotline committee: Chairperson Bill R. was forced to resign due to a "luxury problem of sobriety." Having a job, and being responsible enough to keep it even when things change. Jack-of-all-trades Roger M. will add this hat to his extensive assemblage until a replacement steps up to the plate.

Alternative Committee: In that there is a small but viable committee with a place to meet, we will be relieving the intergroup ad hoc committee of one, Roger M. of one of his multiple missions that of Alternative Mailer, in the near future. **The committee meeting will be moved to the First Monday of each month starting in October at 7:00 PM-West Lawn U. M. C Penn & Woodside Aves, West Lawn, PA All help will be gratefully accepted.**



Donations and income to the General Fund: Wires Group \$15.00 Walnut Street Recovery Group \$50.00

Contributions to the Activities Fund: G.O.Y.A. Group \$200.00; Books & People Group \$50.00; Spirit of Recovery Group \$25.00 Walnut Street Recovery Group \$50.00



The Following Group Intergroup Representatives were Present: Book & People, Boyertown, Come As You Are Group, Gibraltar Group, Hilltop Group, Leesport Group, Morgantown Group, New Millennium Group, Robisonia Group; Spirit of Recover Group, Walnut Street Recovery Group, Wilshire Group, YASNY Group: Districts 66 and 67



**DISTRICT 66
OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, September 8, 2005
St Peters UCC, 2901 Curtis Road (Corner of Dwight & Curtis)
West Lawn

- District Meeting Demonstration
- Speaker Gary L. Area Delegate Topic: Singleness of Purpose
 - Ask It Basket

ALL A.A. MEMBERS FROM ALL DISTRICTS INVITED

We exist as a central office to serve A.A. groups in the Reading-Berks Intergroup. We have no outside affiliations.

Intergroup Staff

Chairperson: Bob C. 484-332-4660 **Alternate Chair:** Roger M. 610-582-3534
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12 Step Commitments

Caron Adolescent Extended Care-MEN Sunday @ 7PM	Caron Adolescent Extended Care-WOMEN Sunday @ 7PM	St Joseph's Mental Health Unit 5 th floor, 13 th & Walnut Streets, Reading Mondays @ 7:00 PM
8/28/05 Book & People Group	8/28/05 Boyertown Group	8/01/05 Walnut St. Recovery Group
9/11/05 Walnut St Recovery Group	9/04/05 Walnut St. Recovery Group	9/05/05 OPEN
9/18/05 OPEN	9/11/05 OPEN	9/12/05 Walnut St. Recovery Group
9/25/05 OPEN	9/18.05 Books & People Group	9/19/05 OPEN
10/02/05 YASNY Group	10/02/0 YASNY Group	9/26/05 Walnut St Recovery Group
		10/03/0 OPEN
Wernersville State Hospital See Guard in Bldg. 34 Mondays @ 7:00 PM	Reading Detox Unit Tuesday @ 8:00 PM	Reading Detox Unit Thursday @ 8:00 PM
8/29/05 <u>Albright College Group</u>	9/06/05 District 66	09/1/05 Walnut Street Recovery Group
9/05/05 OPEN	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	9/08/05 Shoey Group
9/12/05 OPEN	9/20/05 Come AS You Are Group	9/15/05 Morgantown Group
9/19/05 OPEN	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	9/22/05 Leesport Group
9/26/05 Robisonia Group	10/04/0 Come As You Are Group	9/29/05 Boyertown Group
10/03/05 OPEN		10/06/0 Courage to Change Group
Caron Foundation Thursday @ 8:00 PM	Wernersville State Hospital Thursday @ 11:00 AM	Conewago D&A Unit Building 19, Wernersville State Hospital Friday @ 6:30 PM
9/02/05 Book & People Group	9/01/05 OPEN	08.05/05 Hilltop Group
9/08/05 Robisonia Group	8/11/05 OPEN	09/09/05 District 33
9/15/05 YASNY Group	8/18/05 OPEN	09/18/05 Intergroup Treasurer
9/22/05 Spirit of Recovery Group	8/25/05 OPEN	09/22/05 Boyertown Group
9/29/051 Books & People	9/01/05 OPEN	09/29/05 Hilltop Group
10/06/05 Wilshire Recovery Group		10/06/05 Wilshire Recovery Group

Please notify anyone at Intergroup if you cannot make your commitment. If you take one for your group, make sure the person scheduled to go has a substitute. For particulars on the Caron Meetings contact Glen Goodman at 610-678-2332 Ext. 2206. When sending group members to commitments, it is great to double up. Send a newer and older member and everyone will benefit.

Please make sure that someone honors your group's commitment. This could be the only exposure to the fellowship that these people have.