



Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. "...there is a long period of reconstruction ahead."

Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, page 83

Overeaters Anonymous PO Box 6202 Clearwater, FL 33758	September, 2010 www.oapinellas.org
Pinellas Traditions Intergroup meets every third Friday of the month. EVERYONE is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be:	
Friday, August 20 at 6:30PM Morton Plant Hospital 1st Floor – Tuttle D Auditorium 300 Pinellas Street/off Ft. Harrison Clearwater, FL 33756	
Our Trusted Servants Are:	
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PTI Chairman

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“OA groups create service boards, such as intergroups, to meet and conduct the business of coordinating local public information activities, operating service offices, publishing newsletters, and planning special events.”

Attending Intergroup for the last 7 years I have seen the commitment and service from meeting representatives, board members, and attendees. There have been as many as 20 people and as few as 5. The work of Pinellas Traditions Intergroup has carried on no matter. Not all meetings send reps to the once a month Friday meeting. Those who do attend are willing to do service to get the message of OA to those who still suffer. Decisions are made for the good of OA and we actually have fun. Our newspapers has gone green, with downloading capability. We are going to put a bid in for Region 8 Assembly this November for 2011, and we are going to have a garage sale in October. We work for all the meetings and fellowship. If you have never been to Intergroup, please join us. As the BB says” We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge he Road of Happy Destiny.”

Karen C.

Chairman PTI



PTI JULY 2010 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting began with the Serenity Prayer at 6:41 pm
- In attendance: Karen, Linda H, Claudia, Linda Mc, Diane, Judy, Jan, Sam
- OA concept of the month and OA tradition of the month read
- Last month meeting minutes: motion approved to accept the minutes - all in favor
- No corrections to treasurer's report - motion approved to accept - all in favor
- News pages downloading: can come to intergroup to get one or can download the news pages
- PTI is going green and paperless with the news pages: either subscribe to it or download online to save paper
- Old business:
- New tri-fold meeting list: suggestion to put a graphic design on the front; Karen will email it out for touch-ups
- Weekend garage sale; need to ask Friendship United Methodist church if we can use their facility; Saturday October 2, 2010; Diane will contact the church regarding space and fees; discussion on what time to start and if it should be indoors/outdoors
- Will start a sign up sheet for help with garage sale
- Corrections/suggestions made to meeting list
- P&P revised and in folders - table until next month; Judy volunteered to look into cost of printing the copies of the manual
- Discussion regarding November 2011 business assembly: Clearwater Hilton \$159 non negotiable; Tradewinds \$139 standard room with fridge and microwave- any hotel will request that we sign a contract - we are unable to sign a contract until we know we have the bid for the November 2011 business convention; Tradewinds Hotel most promising in our area; group discussion; Motion made to go with the Tradewinds Hotel-all in favor
- New Business:
- Discussion regarding October 8-10, 2010 retreat at Bethany Center in Lutz; we are working with Freedom Intergroup (Tampa); \$160 includes lodging and meals; one night and 3 meals will be \$100; HATS - honesty, abstinence, traditions and steps
- November 5-7, 2010 business convention registration flyers passed around; can also download online; pass on to groups to encourage people to attend; held at a nice resort
- Scholarship recipients (who went to New Orleans) will need to send in a report of their experience of being able to attend the New Orleans business convention for the news pages
- Discussion about creating a flyer/form with requirements when someone is awarded a scholarship
- Claudia's rep report from New Orleans business convention; Claudia discussed the minutes of the business convention; report passed out to PTI members
- Sam made the announcement about selling the SOAR 8 sweatshirts; Karen and Diane modeled the sweatshirts; I will be taking orders for November's business assembly
- Announcement made by Linda Mc about a step work meeting starting August 3, 2010 from 6 pm to 6:50 pm on Tuesdays; flyer passed out by Linda Mc
- Name tag drawing done by Karen with gifts from New Orleans!!!
- 7th tradition collected
- Motion to close meeting; all in favor; meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm with the serenity prayer



PINELLAS TRADITIONS INTERGROUP

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2010

*Beginning Balance		\$2,283.47
Receipts		
Meeting Donations		\$531.87
	Total	\$531.87
Disbursements		
OAPinellas Website fee		\$29.97
Linda H (Region 8 delegate room)		\$59.38
Reg. for Nov SOAR(delegates)		\$125.00
Freedom IG Phone split		<u>\$16.00</u>
	Total	\$230.35
Beginning Balance		\$2,283.47
Receipts		<u>\$531.87</u>
Sub Total		\$2,815.34
Disbursements		<u>\$230.35</u>
Ending Balance		\$2,584.99

Meeting Donations for July 2010						
#	Day	Name	Amount	PTI	WSO	Region 8
47788	Mon.	Focus on Abstinence	\$ 207.87	\$124.72	\$62.67	\$20.78
27235	Sat.	Sat. Serenity	\$ 201.00	\$120.60	\$60.30	\$20.10
46182	Mon.	Just for Today	\$ 40.00	\$ 24.00	\$12.00	\$ 4.00
42426	Sat.	First Fellowship	\$ 35.00	\$ 21.00	\$10.50	\$ 3.50
9412	Fri.	PTI	\$ 13.00	\$ 7.80	\$ 3.90	\$ 1.30
46183	Thurs.	First Fellowship	\$ 35.00	\$ 21.00	\$10.50	\$ 3.50
Total			\$ 531.87	\$319.12	\$159.57	\$53.18

PTI Scholarship Fund	\$104.44
Donation	<u>81.96</u>
	\$186.40
Disbursed	<u>170.00</u>
	\$ 16.40





September 23–26 Amelia Island, Florida: Northeast Florida Intergroup recovery convention, “Finding the Treasure,” Amelia Hotel at the Beach, 1997 South Fletcher Avenue; Ethel 1-904-477-6313; email: ehamelia@gmail.com; Web site: www.oanortheastflorida.com



DO YOU HAVE H.A.T.S?

HONESTY ABSTINENCE TRADITIONS STEPS

Suncoast and Pinellas Traditions Intergroup

Presents

2010 Fall Retreat

October 8-10, 2010

Bethany Center

18150 Bethany Center Dr.

Lutz, Florida 33558

Bethanycenterfl.org 813 960-6300

- Take I-275 North to Tampa Take Exit Ramp for Tampa International Airport
- Follow signs for SR-60 West / SR-589 (toll) / Veterans Expwy
- Take right center lane onto SR-589 (toll) Veterans Expwy (about 14 Miles), including stops for (2) toll booths. Road name change to Suncoast Parkway the last mile before you exit the road
- Take Exit 14 RIGHT toward Van Dyke Rd / CR-685A (.3 miles)
- Turn RIGHT (east) onto CR-685A / Van Dyke Rd (1.4 miles)
- Turn LEFT (north) onto Lake Reflections Blvd (.6 miles)
- Turn LEFT (south) onto Fall Creek Dr (.1 miles)

- Turn LEFT (west) onto Pheasant Woods Dr (.1 miles)
- Turn RIGHT (north) at 18150 Bethany Center Drive Lutz, Florida 33558

Bring your best or funniest hat and come join us for a weekend of reading, writing, understanding and fun!

Special speakers, workshops, meetings, 50/50 drawing, re-sale boutique*, experience, strength, and hope!

Registration for complete week-end (5 meals plus 2 nights lodging) \$160.00

Day Trippers

Individual meals: Friday night dinner \$20.00

Saturday breakfast \$10.00

Saturday lunch \$14.00

Saturday dinner \$20.00

Sunday breakfast \$10.00

Love Donation \$10.00

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WATCH FOR THE REGISRATION FLYER AT MEETINGS!

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Save the Date:



Christmas Under the Oaks, Coachman Park, Sunday, November 14.



Why We Were Chosen

God in His wisdom selected this group of men and women to be purveyors of His goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous, or the brilliant. He went instead to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate. He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world. Well might He have said the following words to us:

“Unto your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which has been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives and mothers, not even to my priests or ministers

have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you.”

“It must be used unselfishly; it carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long; no demands upon your time can be too urgent; no case can be too pitiful; no task too hard; no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed, and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect; lack of appreciation will be common; ridicule will be your lot; your motives will be misjudged. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection, and remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact from you beyond your capabilities.”

“You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always, if success attends your efforts not to ascribe to personal superiority that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of my gift. If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, this power would have entrusted to the physician and scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would be available. You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world and your long experience as drunkards has made or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere.”

“Keep ever in mind the admission you made on the day of your profession in AA – namely that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will unto My keeping that relief came to you.”

-Anonymous

