

South Mississippi Intergroup Newsletter

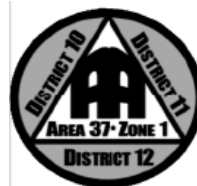
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**Central Office
Hours of Operation
10 am-2pm**

**Monday, Wednesday,
& Friday**

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Next MS Area Assembly

November 4th, 2023
Pearl, MS

Gratitude Roundup
Thanksgiving Weekend
November 24-26, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn
Pascagoula, MS

Greetings from your Intergroup Chairperson:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chairperson since October 2021. These past two years have been quite a growing opportunity for me and for Central Office. As with most service positions, we get a whole lot of on-the-job training, and this was no exception. I really appreciate the patience and guidance I received along the way. When I came into this position, we were still struggling to get back on our feet from Covid. There were only a handful of us at the committee meetings. Now, the room is full and the Zoom screen as well. We've been through some changes - changes for the better in my opinion. The office has been updated both physically and technologically, and the energy is inviting and positive. Your patience and support are very much acknowledged and appreciated.

Our next Intergroup Meeting will be on September 10, at 5:00 at Central Office. We desperately need people to stand for the three service positions, which will be voted on at our October 1 meeting. The positions are Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. I will remain as the Chairperson at Large, (Co-Chair) for the next two years. If these service positions are not filled, I really don't know what the future holds for Central Office. Please prayerfully consider standing for a position.

Our website, aagulfcoast.com, and our newsletter are both full of information about AA on our Mississippi Gulf Coast. There is plenty of excitement around the Gratitude Roundup coming up on Thanksgiving weekend. It will be held in Pascagoula this year for the first time. Please register early and plan to enjoy a weekend of great speakers, workshops and fellowship.

In love and service,

Jeanie M.

(Heard in a meeting – service is love with legs)

Should We Have a Central Office Or Not?

The following is a copy of the South MS Intergroup Minutes from the Intergroup meeting dated December 11, 1988
Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m.

Purpose tonight is to discuss the Central Office.

Don gave brief summary of what it is for and how we hope it will operate, Annual Budget of \$5000. We need fundraisers to reach this. We can assign groups periods of time to run office, or just put the word out, and ask for volunteers. Details need to be worked out. We want all groups to think about the 60-30-10 plan for contributions.

Questions:

Q: What will be the markup on literature?

A: Any increase will be done by Intergroup. May be less than current 20%.

Q: What about phones?

A: Maintain answering service and have basic phone line.

Report from Hancock County DCM (Mark)

They thought of opening an office but it didn't get off the ground. They want to cooperate with Intergroup and will support it in any way they can. Money may be short.

Randy-Camel Group-will support Central Office, but not as much as 60-30-10. Extended area phone could include all three counties.

Edgar-Lambda Group-Lambda Group can donate. Good idea to have a call forwarding with members taking after hours calls instead of paying an answering service.

Bob-Biggest Single advantage is that there is a recovering alcoholic on the other end when a call comes in.

Virgil-Gulf View Group- Group has voted not to join Intergroup.

Royce- is \$1 donation really our fair share (in basket)

Jim-Keesler Group- likes 60-30-10. There is no need for groups to hold on to money that they are not using. It needs to be put into action by putting it into Intergroup.

Frank-If there had been an Intergroup when his group first started they would have been better off. They needed a source of information.

Bob-Feels like that Roundup Committee will be willing to contribute on a one time basis.

Mark-As Roundup is not A.A. that may violate the Traditions.

Vote-Do we go into the Central Office?

Larry-Chip In Group-yes
Dan-Home Port Group-yes
Dan-New Hope Group-yes
Bill-Long Beach Group-yes
Frank-Nugent Group-yes
Royce-Guest
Diane-Long Beach Group-yes
Kathy-Gulf View Group-yes
Virgil-Gulf View Group-yes
Mark-District-yes
Randy-Camel Group-yes
Randy-Chip In Group-yes
Edgar-Lambda Group-yes
Art-Gulf Coast Group-yes
Buddy-Chip In Group-yes
Cliff-Pass Christian Group-yes
Bob-visitor-yes
Kurt-Keesler Group-yes
Ken-Camel Group-yes
Pat-Sunset Group-yes
Biloxi Group-abstain
Bob-Monday Beach Group-yes

There will be an office committee meeting Wednesday Dec. 14, 1988 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office (Hewes Building)

Reports from Groups:

Chip In will have 2nd Anniversary Party January 7th. The Chip In Group starts at 7:30-9:00 after New Years.

Gulf Coast Group has Bingo on Saturday night.

Kurt-The Newsletter will be out by the end of the month. Send in your announcements and information.

New meeting at Sand Hill Recovery Center, Hwy. 49, starting Sunday 12-18 at 8:00 p.m. 3 Speakers 2-10 and 1-4.

Long Beach Non-Smoking meeting at 8:00 Thursday, C.D. Oceanwave Fellowship.

Meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.

AA August Anniversaries

Picayune Group

Jojo R	8/25/82	41 Years
Kim P	8/26/15	8 Years
Chip C	8/29/20	3 Years

Chip In Group

Karen O	8/1/92	41 Years
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Little Yellow House

Veronica D	8/28/21	2 Years
Mike H	8/24/93	30 years
Chelsea T	8/18/21	2Years
Monroe B	8/18/21	2 Years
Christina	8/18/20	3 Years
Robert	8/8/22	1 Year

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

Gulf Coast Group

Gracey	16 th	2 years
Beth S	10 th	1 year
Ben B	8 th	5 years
Herman S	1 st	33 Years
Hank R	9/23/03	20 years

Long Beach Group

Debbie C	9/9/22	1 year
Steven G	9/16/22	1 Year
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The Original Circle Triangle Medallion

Have you ever wondered how the custom of handing out raised center medallions began?

The story of behind the tradition is a story of innovation and strength of the recovery fellowship.

One of the brightest highlights in Wendell's history is our role in support for the millions of people worldwide who have fought and are still fighting the battle of addiction. In early 1973, Bill Westman, a recovering alcoholic wanted to do something to fortify the will of groups and individuals he spoke with. Bill designed and had Wendell's to produce a coin bearing two large A's on one side of the medallion and the Serenity Prayer on the reverse. His advice was to "carry this in your pocket or purse and when temptation is great, reach into your pocket and feel the medallion and remember your struggle to get this far." Thousands of the medallions were given to individuals and attendees of his Founders Group. Always thinking of his fellow members, Bill decided he wanted a design that would have individual meaning for each person who carried one. He knew the medallion as originally designed would feel much like other coins in the purse or pocket so he changed the design by adding a raised center with the actual time the person had been sober.

Groups with September Birthdays-Happy Birthday!

Mustard Seed Group	Bay St. Louis	9/19/1979
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Woolmarket Group	Woolmarket	9/01/1998
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This is from the current By Laws for the Intergroup. Since the positions of the board are going to be voted on in October, I was asked once again to place the positions and duties in this month's newsletter. The minimum requirement of Sobriety for these positions is three years.

1. IG Board Duties and Responsibilities:

a. Chairperson:

1. The Chairperson shall conduct meetings and preserve order in accordance with these by-laws, Roberts Rules of Order, and other such rules and procedures as may be adopted by the Intergroup.
2. The Chairperson shall have the authority to appoint Special, Standing, and Temporary, and Standing Committees or positions, and shall be ex-officio member) member of all committees.
3. The Chairperson shall assist the Central Office Manager

b. Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall provide the previous meeting minutes at each IG Committee and Board Meeting.
2. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all IG Committee and Board Meetings.
3. The Secretary shall provide minutes of the IG Committee meetings for publication in the Newsletter.
4. The Secretary shall notify the appropriate person of all IG Board, Committee, Standing, and Special Meetings.
5. The Secretary shall assist the IG Board and Committee members as needed.

c. Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer shall insure adequate bookkeeping records are maintained, all account payables and receivables are processed in a timely manner.
2. The Treasurer shall give a financial report at each regular IG Committee meeting and submit records to any audit agency as may be utilized by the IG Committee.
3. Two Signatures will be required on all checks one board member and the Central Office Manager or two Board Members.
4. The Treasurer shall act as Chairperson in the absence of both the Chairperson and Associate Board Member/Co-Chair.

INFORMATION SOURCES FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

**Hotline answered by AA members 24/7
228-575-9225.**

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**Please call Central Office to set appointment if
you wish to see.**

National AA Website: AA.org National AA
General Service Office (G.S.O) Phone Number:
212-870-3401

AA Grapevine Website:

Aagrapevine.org

AA National Newsletter Box 459:

aa.org/box-459

South MS Intergroup

Meets at Central Office 19021
Commission Road Long Beach,
MS 39560
First Sunday of each month at 5 p.m.

District 10 serving Hancock and Pearl River Counties

Meets 3rd Wednesday each month 7 pm
Location TBD monthly

District 11 serving Harrison and Stone County

Meets 2nd Sunday each month.
24th Avenue Clubhouse
2516 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS

District 12 serving Jackson & George Counties

Meets 3rd Sunday
of each month.
Location rotated.

**Planning Meeting for Gratitude Roundup
meets 4th Sunday at 4 p.m. at 3-2-1 Meeting
Place
15900 LeMoyne Blvd
D'Iberville, MS**

Gratitude Roundup will be held at Hilton
Garden Inn in **Pascagoula, MS** Thanksgiving
Weekend- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
November 24-26th

Heard at a meeting:

Our Program is not for people who need it, people who want it, it is for people who work it.

Don't work my program I may get you drunk!

Y E T. You're eligible too