

November 2006 Assembly Reports

Delegate: Jimmy S.

Area 45

Warmest greetings and a happy autumn to one and all. This has been a busy and exciting quarter in Area 45, Southern New Jersey. I am pleased to report that your Alternate Delegate, Julie and I have been making the rounds to some of your **District meetings**. September was a particularly busy month for us, as we dropped in on districts from Ewing (north of Trenton) to Absecon; "down-the-shore". If we haven't been to your district meeting yet, we hope to visit sometime in the future. I want to thank everyone who has welcomed us at these meetings; especially the DCM's, all of whom have been very gracious. We are there to support the work that you all do and lend a hand when we are able. It is also an opportunity to keep the GSR's and DCM's abreast of the goings-on in Area 45 and New York between assemblies.

Northeast Region

We will be holding a "Third Legacy Procedure" election today to choose the Area 45 candidate for Class B, **Northeast Regional Trustee**. The candidate we elect today will be standing for the trustee position along with nominees from most, if not all, of the 17 other areas in our region. The actual election for NERT will be held at the 57th General Service Conference in April. It will be my privilege to present our candidates qualifications to the voting members of that body. The candidates themselves will not be present at the conference. The Class B Trustees are members of your General Service Board and serve a four year term. In addition to other responsibilities, the Northeast Regional Trustee guides, with love, the Delegates of the Northeast Region and acts as mentor during the General Service Conference and at Regional events. This is a vitally important service position and requires much time and travel.

GSO

The Final Conference Reports are available for you to take back to your groups with you. If you turn to pages 72 and 73 and peruse the "Contributions" chart, you will see that Area 45 has regained the number two position in per capita **contributions to GSO**. We have notched a rate of \$6.91 which places us second only to Area 12, Delaware. GSO states that a figure of \$6.14 per capita would be needed from every AA member on an annual basis in order for GSO to be 100% self-supporting. (Literature would be free!) This chart shows that Area 45 is indeed fully self-supporting with respect to contributions to GSO. Please thank your groups and keep up the great work!

While you're picking up Final Conference Reports, why not grab some **Birthday Plan** envelopes and **GSO Contribution** envelopes to take back to your home group. There are also some **Spanish-Language** items on the same table. (La Vina, etc.) If you know of an individual or group who might enjoy any of these items, please help yourself.

Preliminary eight-month financials indicate a positive upswing in net **literature sales** in August; net literature sales were below budget by approximately 8% through August. Voluntary contributions from A.A. groups are 10.5% more than budget through August and 12.5% greater than during the same period last year. Expenses and net income are reasonably close to budget.

The General Service Board has suspended the printing of the 2006-2007 **A.A. Directories** including the three regional Directories, the International Directory, the domestic Central/Intergroup Office Directory, and the Overseas Directory of A.A. Offices. G.S.O. will send letters to all listed groups sharing that, regretfully, they are unable to print/distribute 2006 Directories; there was a problem with the print vendor and issues with our GSO staff being able to make corrections to the preliminary directories provided by said vendor. A simpler and less costly solution is being investigated. Everyone's patience and understanding is appreciated.

In late January 2007, I will be in New York City attending the January **quarterly meeting of the General Service Board**. This meeting is to help familiarize the Delegate Committee Chairs with the preliminary agenda items for the 2007 General Service Conference. The board extends the invitation to the delegates who were elected to chair their respective conference committees at the 2006 General Service Conference. I am looking forward to this learning experience and am eager to see some of my friends from the 2006 conference. The board meetings are a four day event and are held at the same hotel as the General Service Conference.

Some Quick Facts

- ❖ The Grapevine magazine is now available in audio format. Subscribe, download and listen to stories, letters and jokes. Go to www.aagrapevine.org and listen to a free sample.
- ❖ Area 45, Southern New Jersey, is one of 93 Delegate Areas in the United States and Canada.
- ❖ Did you know that the theme of the 57th General Service Conference in April, 2007, will be “Our 12th Step Responsibility – Are We Going to Any Length?”
- ❖ In October 1954, The Alcoholic Foundation was renamed the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Jimmy S., Panel 56 Delegate

Alternate Delegate: Julie W. (read by Joey H. in Julie's absence.)

Aloha! Please accept my apologies I could not be there today with you. Right now I am on some plane that started yesterday and will arrive around noon today. I was in Hawaii at the AA Convention. Sorry that you have to bear with Joey reading my report. Since the last Assembly I have attended almost all of the Central Jersey Intergroup's business meetings and will still rotate between Southern New Jersey and Cape Atlantic because they fall on the same third Wednesday of the month. I would like to take this time to thank all the liaisons for the great jobs they are doing carrying the Area message to the Intergroups; Jeff, Bonnie, and Michelle – keep up the great work!

In September I attended and participated in the Area Inventory. It was a great in-depth look at what we think we are doing, then referenced to the Service manual to see what we should be doing. We went over the structure, trusted servants, and communication. I love all types of inventories. They are an opportunity to look at and improve things. I am sure Laurie E. will be giving a full report. I also attended the Cape Atlantic Unity Breakfast in Wildwood. Otto was a wonderful speaker. Thank you Cape Atlantic Unity for another wonderful event. I also attended the PI meeting at Tom O's. We tied up some loose ends.

I attended Area's 44's 50th Convention. I still have to say ours is the best. They did have a lot of fun skits on service. I think our Area Committee would have enjoyed the one put on by their own Area Committee. In October, I attended a half-day at the CTF Conference. It was my first one and I enjoyed it thoroughly. I learned a great deal too.

The 12th Annual Day of Sharing, hosted by Cape Atlantic Intergroup, was a real success. The theme was “We are All in This Together.” We heard the Area Chair and the Three Intergroup Chairs give their “State of the Union” so-to-speak. It was staggering to hear that we have 467 groups in Area 45, with only 12% attendance at Assemblies. Everyone shared on their strengths and weaknesses. We played Sobriety Jeopardy and finished with a round table discussion. Over the holidays, I plan to revisit the information and make some suggestive changes. You know, if nothing changes, nothing changes.

In Love and Service,
Julie W.

Area Chair: Elaine McA.

As Jimmy stated already, this has been a busy quarter for most of us. I've been able to attend our Area Convention Committee meetings and I can tell you they are an enthusiastic group and they are going all out to provide us with another great convention next March. It's really great to look forward to something at the end of the winter as winter months are approaching us now, we can think about the convention coming up. Just as a heads up to you, those of you who may have missed coming to the Panel's workshop at the convention in the past few years, you're going to really want to attend it this year because we're planning a great surprise for you, and I personally am going to be taking acting classes just so that I can really dazzle you.

I want to thank all of you who came out to our September 10th Inventory. It was hosted by Section IV and run by Laurie E., who did a great job. It was really a wonderful learning experience for all of us. I want to thank you for sharing your concerns with us and let you know that we are taking them seriously. I have asked our Policy & Charter Chair to please take the tapes and the minutes from that day and see if any agenda items should come out of the suggestions that were made, and he has accepted that duty; so I want to thank Joe for that. One of the things that did come up was sort of a complaint, I guess, that we use a lot of acronyms; we say a lot of abbreviations for things, and we just assume that everybody knows what we are talking about. I heard that and to that end I have made a list, and there's two on each table. If you want more, I have more, or you can just share them at the table if you want, and we'll try to make them available at every Assembly. They explain what this "alphabet soup" things are that we throw out. I also will make an effort in my report to say what the acronym states whenever we give a report and I've asked the rest of the Panel to please try to do that also.

I have set the Area calendar for 2007. That is this form that has the Area seal on top. There are available out at the registration desk and Joey kindly had them printed up for me. Please consult the Area calendar when you are planning your District events so that we don't have conflicts, because we like to get to all the events that we can. And it serves us all well that we don't have conflicts. Please note that the place for the Spring Assembly is incorrect. The date & time are correct, but the place will be corrected on the calendar at the February Assembly. It is going to be held at the fire hall in Pitman, New Jersey. Also, the Area Convention dates are wrong. It is March 30th, 31st, and April 1st, so if you don't get there until the 31st, you'll have missed the first day.

In September, I attended the Newsletter Committee meeting. I'd like to thank District 16 for inviting your Delegate and myself to participate in your District Night Out on September 23rd. At the end of September, I was in attendance with most of the Panel at Area 44's convention. It was a wonderful event. I agree that ours is still the best. On October 7th I opened the 11th Annual Corrections and Treatment Conference in Sewell. I want to thank everyone who attended. I think it was the best conference ever. If you're missing that, please don't miss it in the future. And I am done....

Treasurer: Fred E.

Hi everybody, I'm Fred and I'm an alcoholic and I serve as your Area Treasurer. I did attend the Convention Committee meetings in September and October, and then I attended the Corrections and Treatment Facility meeting in September. I had the pleasure of being present at the Correctional Treatment conference held on October 7th that was in Sewell, New Jersey. I was present and performed at the September 10th Area General Service Inventory chaired by our past Delegate, Laurie E., who did a superb job. I was in attendance at the annual Day of Sharing hosted by Cape Atlantic Intergroup in Seaville on October 21st.

For the business, our website domain name has been renewed for 5 years. This covers the period from March 2007 to March 2010, and we made notes in our records so that we know in the future to expect that and to budget properly for it. I attended the CTF Conference meeting yesterday held in Camden. And I want to thank all the groups for their contributions and ask that you include your group name, your group number, and most important, your return address when you send me your contributions. We are not that anonymous.

And now for your treasurer's report: we had a beginning balance of \$22,020.15 plus a prudent reserve of \$18,000.00, which gave us a balance available of \$40,020.15. Contributions and returns to the Area were \$7,108.00; expenses for the quarter were \$4,956.63, giving us an ending balance of \$41,787.10. Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer.

Secretary: Joe H.

My name is Joey and I'm an alcoholic. I am proud to serve you as the Area 45 Secretary. Since the last Assembly I have been quite busy. I attended the Area Inventory in Seaville hosted by Laurie E., the Immediate Past Delegate. What a fabulous job she did. She added humor plus business into a long day. I also attended the Cape Atlantic Intergroup's Unity Breakfast, which was held in Wildwood at the Wildwood Convention Center. Thank you Robbie W. for including me in his entourage. I also attended the CTF Conference in Sewell, New Jersey on October 7th. On October 14th I attended the District 19 workshop "Freedom from Bondage" in Green Creek, New Jersey. It was an in-depth study on Steps Four, Five, Six, and Seven, followed by a

character defect/resentment burning bonfire, and since I don't have any, I simply roasted marshmallows and ate s'mores. My next endeavor was the annual Day of Sharing hosted by Cape Atlantic Intergroup, also in Seaville. Boy, am I getting sick and tired of going to Seaville – I should really invest in an EZ Pass! On October 28th I attended the South Jersey Young People's Halloween dance in Cherry Hill. A good time was had by all. I also had the privilege of attending the Hawaii State convention in Honolulu, where I represented you guys very well.

Another thing, I would like to wish my sponsor, Frank Z., our Area Registrar, Happy Anniversary. Today is his 11th Anniversary. Happy Anniversary, cuz!

Registrar: Frank Z.

My name is Frank, and I'm an alcoholic. I'm proud to serve you as your Area 45 Registrar. Since the last Assembly I have been quite busy, like Joey. I also attended the Cape Atlantic Intergroup's Unity Breakfast, which held at the Wildwood Convention Center. Thank you Robbie W. for including me in his little "Rocky" skit. My next endeavor was the annual Day of Sharing hosted by Cape Atlantic Intergroup. On October 28th I attended the South Jersey Young People's Halloween dance. I was a hot dog seller. A good time was had by all. Also had the privilege of going to Hawaii where the AA convention was held. Didn't go to the convention, but I went to Hawaii....There wasn't any time to do anything, I was too busy snorkeling with Julie.

New GSR's, if you haven't filled out your forms, please do so and bring it up to me at lunchtime. And if there are any corrections that need to be made on the contact sheets that you picked up at the front table, please let me know what they are so that I can have them corrected for the next Assembly. And any DCM's, if you could go over your spreadsheets that you got this morning and go through your lists, we can weed out any incorrect data; old GSR's, new GSR's – anyone who graduated AA, we want to get them out of there. Any corrections on the spreadsheet, please let me have them by the end of the day. If not, my e-mail address is on the contact sheet so you can e-mail me the corrections.

I'd like to thank Joey for announcing my anniversary. Julie text messaged me this morning at 6:30 with bold letters: HAPPY ANNIVERSARY. It was pretty neat. 11 years one day at a time, all I can say. Thank you.

NERASSA 2008: Laurie E.

No report.

Archives: Stella J.

Hi everybody, my name's Stella, and I'm an alcoholic. Good to see you all here, I'm glad. I'd like to thank you for letting me chair and be of service to Area 45. I want to thank Section II for hosting today's meeting. Today's archives display is pictures and descriptions of early AA history. If you have a chance, come look at it. There are some descriptions of the pictures and if you browse through the books you'll see how AA handled it in the early days when you had to wear a mask in order to go somewheres. And there are also some handouts that you can take too with you. Please fill out the group history form. There's a list there of the group history forms I have so far. If your group is not listed, please take one home and mail it back to me.

We are in the process, Karen G. and I have been given approval from GSO, from the Archives Trustees Committee, to go to the archives and begin to all your histories of all your groups, which is my goal. It's going to take a while – 487 groups is a long time to do this – but we're taking two laptops from the Area and we're going to try to get as much done as we can. It won't be done in one day, it will probably take me a few days to be up there, but that's my goal to have a history of every single group. I want to attach the form that you give me and I want to compare it.

I kept busy too, I'll tell you: we're not a glum lot in Area 45. We are not a glum lot and there are lots of things to do. If you're sitting back and saying, "Oh, I'm bored..." come with me for a week, I'll keep ya busy. I attended the Convention Committee, which is also so dear to my heart. Area 44's convention is good, but not like ours. I participated in the Day of Sharing, attended the Correctional and Treatment conference (I should of, my sponsor is the Correction and Treatment Chair, I gotta be there), and also attended the District 19 workshop. Let me tell ya a little about that. Excellent workshop, my comments to Heather Anne and her committee. I'm not a camping person, but I'm out there in the cold on one night, and it's cold, I have my dungarees, my

sweatshirt, I have an afghan, I have gloves, around a campfire underneath the stars, and when Rob was giving his presentation, we had God's gift of a shooting star. You can't get much better than that. Thank you District 19.

Audio: Ray H.

I'm an alcoholic, my name's Ray. I am the GSR of the South Shore Group in Somers Point, New Jersey and I'm your Audio chair. These aren't in chronological order. I attended and recorded the Area Inventory in Seaville. I attended and recorded our Annual Day of Sharing, which was also at Seaville. I attended and recorded our conference for prisons and institutions. I also attended the Atlantic City Young People's anniversary and I recorded that. I attended South Jersey Young People's here for Joey at their Halloween gig and speaker meeting and I did record that. A Night out with District 16, which is my District, I recorded that. We had a great speaker. I attended Cape Atlantic Intergroup's function and 30th Anniversary gathering. I brought my sound equipment, but it wasn't needed. I was there as a request from Robbie as a backup. I also attended the Stagecoach Annual barbecue in the same fashion just as a backup in case of any no-shows. And I attended our annual breakfast at the Wildwood Convention Center just as a representative for Area 45. That's all I got, thanks.

Budget & Finance: Joe D.

It is with much regret and heaviness of heart that we must inform you that our Budget and Finance Chair Joe D. passed away in October. We thank him for his tireless dedication in service to Area 45. He will greatly be missed by all.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Maria M.

Thank you for the honor of allowing me serve as the chair for CPC of Area 45. Area 45 and Area 44 joined to spread the message by giving out literature at the teacher's convention on November 9th & 10th. Special thanks to Cape Atlantic Intergroup, especially Eve, Beth, and Barbara for their help and support at the convention. CPC plans to attend the nurse's convention in February of 2007 along with Area 44. We are very much looking forward to spreading the message and joining forces with Cape Atlantic Intergroup at more conventions.

Respectfully,
Maria M.

Correction and Treatment Facilities: Janet C.

Good morning, my name is Janet and I am an alcoholic, Chairperson for Correction and Treatment Committee. On October 7th, 2006 the CTF Committee had its annual conference at Lamb Road Assembly Hall in Sewell, New Jersey. There were 84 attendees, a continental breakfast, a great lunch, and plenty of fellowship. The literature table that day brought in \$721.00. The CTF committee continues to have its regular monthly business meeting. Bridging the Gap has not been as active as it has been in the past. We receive more letters now than phone calls. John S. will also answer them. The CTF committee wishes to thank the Crossing Serenity Group, Tuesday Night Magnolia Saturday evening, and Ocean City Sunday Night for their generous contributions for literature into the institutions. Thank you notes are being sent to these groups.

On November 11th, the CTF committee had its regular monthly business meeting, where it was discussed if we should hold meetings at different locations in order to attract more participation. Our Area Chairperson, Elaine McA. Volunteered to investigate. More information will be given at the next Area Assembly meeting.

Our treasury has \$380.80 in the checking account.

Thank you Section II for your hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet

GSR/DCM Orientation: Julie W. (Robbie W. conducted orientation in Julie's absence.)

Good morning, I'm Robbie and I'm an alcoholic. Hi everybody, welcome to all the new GSR's and DCM's in attendance. This morning there were 14 new GSR's and 3 new DCM'S. Welcome aboard. Again, welcome, and remember, we are all here to help you. I'm giving this for Julie, who as we all know is coming back from the Hawaii convention. The last thing we want for you is to feel lost and get discouraged with your commitment. You will get a call from Julie when she gets back so please fill out the sign in record when you came in. The Delegate Jimmy and Julie were extremely busy last quarter visiting as many districts meetings as they could. Their main goal was to actually see how the district meetings were going and for the Delegate to personally meet with the GSR's. They have been to the following Districts: Districts 25,30, & 31 in Princeton, District 16 in Absecon, District 12 in Williamstown, District 24 in Trenton, District 26 in Collingswood, they went to the Section II meeting, and of course, to the District 19 workshop in Green Creek (which was outstanding, by the way). If we did not make your District, we will. Please invite us. The GSR orientation remains the same: Julie gives the new GSR an introduction to their job and a survival kit for almost any group problem. There are two of those left downstairs on the bench. I hope all new GSR's meet with their DCM's before the end of the day; we talked about that in the orientation. The DCM workshop has evolved into its own mini-workshop where they exchange ideas on what's working and how to improve on ways to keep the GSR's and the groups informed.

This has been one of her best service jobs to date. Thank you.

Grapevine: Joe McA.

Morning everybody, I'm Joe and I'm an alcoholic. The sales for the August Assembly totaled \$165.00 and that money was returned to the Area treasury. We're doing better today. Last quarter was a quiet one for the Grapevine. The Grapevine purchased products that came to a total of \$576.00. I have new Grapevine material on hand that will make great Christmas gifts for your sponsor, sponsee, and don't forget you. Take a look at a book called "Emotional Sobriety", but only do that if you can trip Tom O., 'cause he bought 'em all. We also have two new CD's: "The Story of AA" and "What it was Like". I also have a limited supply of "Best of Bill" in a gift edition soft cover in large print for people like me. The 2007 calendars are in as well as the pocket planners for next year. Pocket planners are almost gone. Order forms are here for the monthly Grapevine. October had great stories on ICYPAA and November's issue had a Native American story I related to called "Colorblind" and they had a lot of old AA jokes and cartoons. It was a great issue – it still is.

Did you know that 73% of all Grapevine readers are over 50 years old? We need to get the message out that Grapevine has a lot to offer everyone in recovery, both young and not so young. How do you ask? Well, a great gift idea is a subscription to the Grapevine. At only \$18.00 a year, it is very affordable as a gift that keeps on giving all year long, and you can see me for forms for that. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

JALCON: Mike R.

Hi everybody, my name's Mike and I'm an alcoholic. I am the JALCON chair and yesterday I attended the first meeting. If people don't know, JALCON is Jersey Al-anon Convention, it has nothing to do with jail or convicts or anything, and it is on that list of acronyms. If you look in the Area 45 newsletter, I wrote a letter on JALCON 2006 and I found it a very rewarding service commitment, and you can too. I am taking volunteers for help. I do have e-mail; I have finally come into the 20th Century. If you want to write it down on the contact list, it is mikerou@comcast.net. And if you want to get involved and enjoy a great weekend in July, it's held in Somerset at the same hotel it was last year. We have to put on about 8 AA meetings and last year they were well attended by AA's and Al-anon to boot and it was a great time. So I'm looking forward for all those e-mails to pour in, hopefully I can get some people from the other Sections further south and make this a true Area 45 commitment. Thank you.

Newsletter: Kathy S.

No report.

Policy & Charter: Joe O'N.

Good morning everyone, I'm Joe O'N. and I'm an alcoholic. Due to logistic problems, the committee has been unable to meet. Despite the lack of meetings, I have been approached by individual members on a variety of topics. Some of these issues I intend to bring to the Area Committee meeting this afternoon for the Area's consideration as possible agenda items for the February 2007 Assembly. I have also been informed by the beloved Chair, and as she has mentioned, that the committee will be taxed with viewing the results of the Area

Inventory held September 10th and crafting proposals to respond to the concerns raised. I was going to ask all the committee members to meet with me during the lunch break, however, since several of them are DCM's and there is a meeting for DCM's, I will say lets try to talk after the committee meeting closes.

Public Information: Thom O.

Hi everybody, I'm Tom and I'm an alcoholic. The PI committee met in September at my house and we had a good turn out. We had so many people there I didn't have to count my dogs this time. We discussed hosting a booth at the school district's annual convention in Atlantic City. That would be cooperative with Area 44 and all of South Jersey Intergroups: Cape Atlantic, Central Jersey, and South Jersey Intergroup. I did go to the Area 44 convention to try to talk with the PI people there. We also discussed outreach strategies; meeting list distribution, mailings, and websites. Karen C., who is from our Area, hosted a Black American health fair on September 16th at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel and I chaired the CPC/PI round table discussion at the Area 45 Day of Sharing, and that was it. Thank you.

Registration: Brenda B.

Hi, I'm Brenda, registration chair. We had 5 Panel members, 3 Section Leaders, 10 Committee Chairs, 3 Intergroup Chairs, 13 DCM's, 62 GSR's, 16 visitors, and 1 past Delegate for a total of 113.

43rd Convention: Kathy R.

Hi everyone, I'm Kathy R. and I'm an alcoholic and I'm honored to be the convention chair for the 43rd annual convention. Again, the dates are March 30th, 31st, and April 1st, so I expect everybody to be there. Please remember though that the hotel is no longer the Hilton, it is the Crowne Plaza, but it's still at the same place. I hope everyone remembers that. Don't pull up and see Crowne Plaza and think you're at the wrong place, 'cause you're at the right place. As you know, our theme is "The Promises " – couldn't get any better than that. I have a great committee; they're all out there working really hard. Our speakers are all anxious and ready to come down. I was lucky enough to meet our Sunday morning speaker. I attended the Area 44 convention and they had our Sunday morning speaker as their Saturday night speaker and she's fabulous! You're all going to love her. I was glad to get a sneak preview, so I was lucky at that. The Area 44 convention was fun. I was glad to get a chance to see how other Areas put on their convention, of course I'm prejudiced, I think ours is going to be a lot better. I had the pleasure of meeting their Delegate at the time, Debbie, and invited her to our convention. Of course, she graciously accepted. The committee this weekend is getting ready for the Wilson House so we're all excited and geared up for that, to go up there and just kind of relax before we get really, really busy in December. I brought plenty of fliers; they're out there on the table back by registration. I want everyone to grab some, take them out, and spread the word to all the home groups and meetings that you go to; just spread them out to everyone and lets have a really great attendance. I have a little billboard out there; I thought maybe a great idea would be to buy a registration for your sponsee. I'd like to thank everybody for all your hard work and support and once again thank the Panel and thank you for letting me serve as your convention chair.

Special Needs: Bob W.

Hi everybody, my name is Bob and I am an alcoholic and I'm chairman of the Special Needs Committee. There has been no activity or requests for assistance in the Special Needs Committee this quarter. If anybody is aware of an alcoholic or any group who needs assistance that the Special Needs Committee should provide, I'd certainly like you to contact me and let me know on that. I've been considering looking into the possibility of getting a signer for some of the meetings. If anyone has heard of a deaf person or persons who have need of a signed meeting, please let me know and I'll be working on that. I don't even know if there's a need, but I would like to find out if there's a need so that we could fill it. And that's it, thank you.

South Jersey Young People's Committee: Joey H.

My name's Joey, I'm an alcoholic. I'm proud to serve you as your South Jersey Young People's chair. Since our last Assembly, we have been moving along with great momentum. We hosted a dance with speakers before that was very well attended by members in Area 45. Thank you all for your support. We hope to have by the next Assembly a location for our conference, which will be held in 2007. Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. We will be planning our next activity at the next meeting. Come along and join the fun. Thanks for allowing me to serve Area 45.

Website: Dave MacD.

We would like to receive notices of group anniversaries, workshops, and functions that you'd like to have put online. Please go to www.SNJAA.org and send a note to helpandinfo@snjaa.org or just email me at davemacd21482@comcast.net. You must submit the announcements to us if you want them online. It's very tempting for us to post announcements we hear in meetings, but not all groups want wide dissemination of their announcements, so we don't post them unless you submit them.

This week, we added the "Convention Registration" link to the opening page of our website. You are invited to click on this link for information and on-line registration for our 43rd Annual Convention, in Cherry Hill, at the end of March.

Since our last meeting, we have averaging about 400 to 420 visits per day to our website. The following grid shows the monthly statistics for our website for December, 2005 to November 8, 2006. Take the numbers with a "grain of salt" because they probably represent some part of activity from "spider" programs which troll websites looking for data. This could be something as innocent as Google adding to it's data base or spammers looking for email addresses.

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Summary by Month										
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Oct 2006	3284	2458	1313	399	4241	676427	12376	40712	76207	101831
Sep 2006	3012	2299	1154	423	4913	749009	12701	34645	68971	90379
Aug 2006	3746	2929	1652	414	4711	827333	12022	47916	84945	108656
Jul 2006	6421	3809	4362	578	4627	767404	13889	104707	91424	154126
Jun 2006	3918	3037	1872	560	5270	809546	16812	56178	91118	117566
May 2006	3914	2987	1935	483	5165	1995480	14991	59994	92627	121364
Apr 2006	2891	2230	1672	338	3585	2906774	10161	50167	66905	86758
Mar 2006	5224	4216	2910	628	5340	6340902	19471	90236	130700	161963
Feb 2006	5613	4576	3417	1021	4788	6089538	28608	95677	128143	157182
Jan 2006	16246	10016	13932	1944	24568	12899238	60288	431892	310525	503642
Dec 2005	24206	14459	22348	807	3849	7394976	25024	692809	448232	750410
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Hits: Represent the total number of requests made to the server during the given time period (month, day, etc.)

Files: Represent the total number of hits (requests) that actually resulted in something being sent back to the user.

Sites: The number of unique IP addresses/hostnames that made requests to the server.

Visits: Occur when some remote site makes a request for a page on our server. As long as the same site continues to make requests within a given timeout period, they will all be considered part of the same visit (default is 30 min.).

Pages: Those URL's (Uniform Resource Locators) that would be considered the actual page being requested and not all the individual items that make it up (such as graphics and audio clips).

Kbyte: A Kb is 1024 bytes (1 Kilobyte). Used to show the amount of data that was transferred between the server and the remote machine.

Ad hoc Committee for Convention 2008-2009: John K.

I'm an alcoholic, my name is John. I'm assigned the duty of securing the Crowne Plaza hotel for the next two conventions after this one coming up. The hotel is interested; Rich H. and I are going to visit with them shortly. They are anxious to have our business, they didn't seem that way at first, but I think they've taken a look that we are a good customer. Thanks.

South Jersey Intergroup: Jennifer S.

Good morning, my name is Jennifer, I'm an alcoholic. Our Intergroup currently has 12 service committees, five elected officers, and a board of five trustees. We hold our steering committee meeting every second Wednesday in our Pennsauken office and our regular Intergroup meeting on the third Wednesday in Audubon. About 65 group representatives attend the Intergroup meeting.

Our Answering Service and 12 Step List Committee has been doing a great job. We have 24 phone coverage by AA's. Over 95% of our phone volunteers use the Ultra Call forwarding system. The 12th Step list was recently reviewed and thanks to strong involvement by the Intergroup reps, increased from 250 to over 1000 names, all of which were verified by the committee. Beverly M. continues to conduct monthly training.

Our newest committee, Archives, has cataloged all existing material and has begun an oral history interview program with long-timers, 30+ years in our locale. We plan to go to GSO and review South Jersey material in archives. Maybe we can coordinate with Stella as well. I also believe, in looking back at our minutes, that South Jersey Intergroup registered with GSO in October of 1957 and we should be coming up on our 50th anniversary in October of '07.

Our budget and finance committee has prepared and presented our 2007 budget for review by groups. Literature committee has expanded its inventory to include many large type books and has sales hours 6 days a week. We have just printed our latest meeting list. We presented a Gratitude Dance on November 4th. Website continues to improve, recently adding maps in our online meeting list. Meeting list coordinates with website so that all information is current. Thank you.

Central Jersey Intergroup: Matt M.

Hi everyone, my name is Matt and I'm an alcoholic. I am the Central Jersey Intergroup Chairman. Central Jersey Intergroup is operating, for the most part, very well. The Panel and the Chairpersons recently conducted an inventory using the Traditions as a guide and we found that Central Jersey Intergroup is running in accordance with the Traditions. Contributions have been consistent, so we've been able to meet our operating expenses for the year. At every body meeting we ask for suggestions on how to improve carrying the message, which is one of the main reasons we exist. We printed a new meeting list and we were able to distribute them without cost to the groups. I also attended the Day of Sharing and found it not only to be fun, but also informative. Sharing our collective knowledge and experience helped me to see what Central Jersey Intergroup was doing well, and what could be changed for the better.

This past year has been a learning and growing experience for me; I've had no previous service experience when I stood for this position. So I needed guidance, and I got it from my service sponsor, Tom, and others who have come before me. I've learned to look at criticism as suggestions. I've adopted a new acronym: Q-Tip, which stands for Quit Taking It Personal. I use this for myself, and it's also cool for my friends and sponsees when they start complaining. I think we need to be constantly aware of Tradition Two, "Our ultimate is a loving God as It may express Itself; we do not govern, we are here only to serve." Some of my ideas may be good, but as Bill W, wrote, "sometimes the good is the enemy of the best." Thanks.

Cape Atlantic Intergroup: Robbie W.

Good morning, I'm Rob, I'm an alcoholic. It's a privilege and honor to serve Cape Atlantic Intergroup as the chairman until December of '07. Forgive me for my attire, but I am attending the Eagle's home game directly after this report. Let's all now have a moment of silence for Joey H.'s Cowboys. Okay, thank you.

An update from our Intergroup: each month our Intergroup meetings are getting bigger and better. By that I mean the attendance is increasing and the enthusiasm is getting to be at an all-time high. I'm happy to report that our 11 standing committees are doing a fantastic job of carrying the message. Here are some examples:

Our newest committee, the Archives committee, is compiling histories of the Intergroup and working in harmony with our Unity Committee. Our Bonita is here, and she is awesome. Our CPC and PI committees, a gal named Eve, is really fired up. She and her committee are attending conventions and workshops, you heard about her earlier - just doing a great job. Our H&I Committee, Larry, is working diligently to ensure all our outside commitments are covered. We have groups fighting for commitments at our Intergroup when it comes up for commitment time, and that's exciting; I mean, not real fighting.....well, sometimes....Our Literature chairwoman is doing her normal job selling a tremendous amount of literature, which is really keeping us solvent. Our phone coordinator Mark is a dynamo. We haven't had a phone slot for four months. He now has a waiting list for people to do phone slots, so I'm just excited. Our brand new newsletter has made its inaugural printing and distribution. This has honestly been a long and arduous process, but it's off the ground. Our website committee is getting 16 dozen hits a month, and our Unity Committee is doing well.

Last but not least, November 7th-9th, get ready next year – we're going to vote on it next month – our Intergroup is probably going to have a Roundup in Wildwood, New Jersey! Stay tuned.

AGENDA ITEM FOR VOTE:

1. The Convention Committee is asking that the Assembly approve a \$1,000.00 increase in their seed money. **PASSED UNAMIOUSLY**

VOTE FOR NORTHEAST REGIONAL TRUSTEE NOMINEE FROM OUR AREA:

As a follow up to the Delegate's report, we had a third legacy vote on our nominee for the open position of Northeast Regional Trustee. Joe O'N. and John K. ran for the position. **John K. won the nomination.**