

## **IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS... WE ALL WORK TOGETHER!**

All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, conferences, and group jobs — have one joint purpose: **to help that one newcomer who has a drinking problem.**

But in order for AA to run itself, we have to have a systems for finding out how AA as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate.

We need constant, honest communications from one part of AA to every other, furnishing a wide cross section of AA experience. The General Service Conference makes that possible.

You and I may not need a General Service Conference today, to insure our own recovery. But what about the millions of sick alcoholics still stumbling out there in the dark?

When they come trying to find us, we want each of them to get the same loving help we all had. The Conference — and the whole general service system has that responsibility: **to keep AA alive and well for those yet to come.**

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### **A Declaration of Unity**

This we owe to A.A.'s future:  
To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives;  
And the lives of those to come.



**Central Office maintains a 12th Step Call list and a Speakers list available for non-AA and AA meetings**

## **In Summary about your AA Central Office**

On page S41 of your AA Service Manual it recommends that we...

1. Receive, arrange and follow up on 12th Step calls
2. Answer inquiries about AA
3. Cooperate with District PI Committees
4. Maintain information about local hospitals and recovery facilities for alcoholics
5. Publish local meeting schedules
6. Provide a newsletter
7. Order, sell and distribute AA Conference Approved literature

Communication is key to any successful organization and your local Central Office strives to keep the lines of communication open either by email, telephone or internet...

### **RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE**

*I am Responsible. When Anyone,  
Anywhere Reaches Out For Help,  
I Want The Hand Of A.A.  
Always To Be There. And For That,  
I Am Responsible !*

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## **The Facts about your Central Office**

**If you want to drink that's your  
business -- If you want to STOP  
drinking -- that's ours --  
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## **TRI-DISTRICT INTERGROUP – WHAT IS IT?**

**General Description** - Tri-District Intergroup is a not for profit corporation formed in 1997 to provide a variety of services to the three AA Districts of 13, 21 and 22.

### **Our Tri-District Area in Area 1**

**District 13** covers the Downtown Pensacola, Gulf Breeze and south Santa Rosa County areas.

**District 21** covers the North Pensacola, Pace, Milton and NE Escambia and north Santa Rosa County areas.

**District 22** covers the West Pensacola, Perdido Beach, Jay and NW Escambia County areas.

All three districts have separate service committees that work together to meet the needs for corrections and treatment meetings. Each of the three districts have a number of autonomous AA groups and these groups and the three districts make up Tri-District Intergroup. The corporation is governed by the Intergroup Representatives (“IGRs”) elected by the individual AA groups in the three districts. These IGRs elect four officers: Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. The Officers and IGRs meet monthly to administer the business of Tri-District Intergroup in helping to meet the needs of individual AA groups and their membership.

**Central Office** – Foremost among the services offered by Intergroup is the day to day operation of the Central Office which is run by a Manager employed by Tri-District Intergroup. The Central Office:

**Operates a book store** which offers at cost a variety of AA books, pamphlets and other AA conference approved materials. These materials are regularly purchased from the AA General Service Office so that Big

Books and other publications are readily available to the AA community for purchase.

**Maintains a 24 hour telephone hot line** and answering service so that those seeking information about AA generally, the location of an AA meeting or help in dealing with issues related to alcoholism. The hot line provides an immediate connection to individuals in the area seeking information.

**Maintains an internet web site** which contains links to the central AA web site, to other AA websites throughout the Country and the world, as well as specific information about Tri-District AA groups including meeting dates, times and locations. An archive is being developed to provide historic information about AA in general and about the Tri-District. A variety of documents concerning AA and the Tri-District will be available on line via the web site.

**Is the “go to” place for AA information.** Spreading the message is an all encompassing goal of the central office.

**Gratitude Banquet** – Tri-District Intergroup organizes and delivers an annual AA “Gratitude” Banquet for all AA members and their guests in the Tri-District area. This offers an ideal opportunity for AA members from different groups to meet and network so that new friendships may be established and the message of AA spread throughout the community. An annual speaker tells her or his story which further carries the AA message. The Banquet is “the” event for AA members to see people they ordinarily would not see at their individual meetings throughout the area.

**Workshops** – The Intergroup also organizes and helps to deliver periodic workshops on topics of interest to the AA community. Intergroup also helps to support individual AA groups in spreading the word about any workshops they may be offering in the community.

**How Is Intergroup Financially Supported?** – Every effort is made to operate the bookstore on a breakeven basis so that books, pamphlets and other materials may be provided to groups and individuals at cost. The bulk of Intergroup’s other expenses such as rent, manager’s salary, office operating

expenses, etc. are covered via donations to Intergroup as are provided on a monthly basis by the individual groups in the Tri-District area. Intergroup operates on a Budget and finances are reviewed on a monthly basis at the regular Intergroup IGR meetings. Given the cost of running the Central Office, the Manager works only on a part time basis. Intergroup relies upon a number of volunteers to staff the central office during ordinary business hours during the week. This helps to keep the office open while limiting the ongoing operating expenses which might otherwise be incurred.

**What is Intergroup’s Biggest Challenge?** – Perhaps the biggest challenge faced by the Tri-District Intergroup is apathy. It is difficult to obtain active participation of IGRs from all, or even from a majority, of groups the area. This not only makes it difficult for Intergroup to operate in an efficient manner but also somewhat limits our ability to carry the AA message. A variety of efforts are being made to increase participation and your support in meeting this challenge is greatly appreciated.

To get involved, call your Central Office today

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