

# DOWNEAST INTERGROUP NEWS

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The Downeast InterGroup Committee is a group of AA members coming together in the spirit of fellowship to help carry the AA message by publishing a newsletter, sponsoring AA-oriented social events, and distributing AA literature. We support communication and participation between AA members, groups, and districts. [downeastintergroup.org](http://downeastintergroup.org)

### FROM OUR LAST MEETING

**Literature.** Beginner packets have proved popular. Thanks to everyone who helped put together another batch at the June DEIG meeting. Available at the July intergroup meeting! Contact Diller at 266-9486 to purchase AA literature at cost.

**Web site.** A DEIG meeting list is posted on the site, along with other news and information—[downeastintergroup.org](http://downeastintergroup.org).

**Still waiting.** Step up and become the DEIG chairperson. Why not?

**Hotline 207-479-1179**

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 16, 6:30 p.m.** Congregational Church, Ellsworth Falls. Buy literature before the meeting—contribute your ideas—hear intergroup news

**August 2012 newsletter cutoff is 7/25/12.**

### NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

We had a good district meeting—about nine attended. Thank you for your service.

We will be accepting applications for our corrections position. Greg M. is stepping down. Thank you Greg for your time and service.

Wow, we had a slug of anniversaries this month: Leona had 8 years; Annette had 13 years; Meredith had 37 years; Mary T. had 25 years; Bill P. had 16 years; Deanna had 6 years; and Peg W. had 12 years. Good going, folks! Thank you and God bless you all.  
—Joe M.

### DISTRICT 21

The district is working hard to be available to all of the groups to answer questions and for support in their needs. If any group member has a question or request from the district or a member of the district committee we meet at the chocolate church in Penobscot on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

### CALENDAR

July 13: Sullivan Harbor Humility Group 30th Anniversary; 6 p.m. meeting and barbecue.

July 20-22: Round-up, Sugarloaf. Visit [roundup.area28aa.org](http://roundup.area28aa.org) for info, online registration, schedule.

August 5: Maine Area Committee Meeting. Standing committees 9 a.m.; MACM 10 a.m. Waterville Grand Hotel, Waterville

September 8: District 8 annual picnic, Lamoine State Park. Rain date of Sept. 9. Volunteers needed.

### MEETING SPOTLIGHT

**ALL WELCOME GROUP  
BLUE HILL HOSPITAL  
SUNDAY 7:00**

This meeting gathers in the cafeteria in the hospital's basement. When I started going to it three or so years ago, it drew a mostly different crowd than it does now, but the meeting hasn't changed its format. Each week of the month, we do something different: read out of the Big Book, or Living Sober or As Bill Sees It or — my favorite — hold a stick meeting. For those, we blindly draw a Popsicle stick with an AA phrase or word on it, like One Day At a Time or Serenity or what-have-you, then go round the table and talk about our stick words. If you don't like your stick, you can put it back and take another. Trades have been known to happen. It all works out in the end, though.

These days, John makes the coffee and opens and runs the meeting. He does a really good job and keeps the lollipop bowls filled. In the winter, sometimes only a half-dozen show up; in the summer, it can get pretty crowded. Good anniversary cakes, too.

There's an Al-Anon meeting upstairs at the same time, which works out well for some couples. There's that guy who says every now and then: "My wife's got a black belt in Al-Anon." Pretty cool.  
—Editor

### NEW MEETING

**Women's Meeting:** Thursday evenings from 6 to 7: p.m., an open, non-smoking, women's, step meeting. It will be held in the MacBride Conference Room in the MacBride Building at Down East Community Hospital.

### ANNIVERSARIES

July 7 Sat. 6 p.m. Bucksport	Fran 23 yrs
July 8 Sun. 4:30 p.m. Bucksport	John O. 2 yrs
Everything Chocolate Party	
July 9 Mon. Orland 7 pm.	Jennifer 20 yrs
	Peggy 32 yrs
July 11 Wed. 6 p.m. Sedgwick women's mtg.	Marie P. 26 yrs
Italian ices and Jellybeans	
July 25 Wed. Bucksport	Earl 8 yrs

*One of the best ways of eliminating fear is to stay in today. Tomorrow will wait for you.*  
—Heard from Joe M.

# Downtown InterGroup Treasurer's Report Report Date 06/19/2012

ACTUAL ENDING BALANCE AS OF 5/31/2012	<b>\$319.01</b>
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CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS	Current	YTD
All Welcome Group		\$0.00
I don't know group	\$50.00	\$75.00
Bangor/Brewer Friendly Group		\$158.25
Big Book Meeting - Your Place		\$0.00
Blue Hill Friday Night Group	\$30.00	\$30.00
Brooklin Bridge to Recovery		\$0.00
Bucksport Unity Group		\$25.00
Bucksport B.Y.O.B.		\$0.00
But For The Grace of God Group Dover-Foxcroft		\$10.00
Came to Believe Group (District 3)		\$0.00
Castine Shipshape Group		\$50.00
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
District #3	\$50.00	\$75.00
District # 8		\$600.00
District # 16	\$20.00	\$85.00
District # 21	\$21.00	\$126.00
District # 25		\$0.00
Down-n-Back group		\$50.00
Ellsworth Group		\$0.00
Free At Last		\$50.00
Frenchman's Bay Group		\$0.00
Fresh Start Group		\$0.00
Island Serenity Group		\$50.00
*Literature Sales Deposit	\$197.55	\$1,061.30
Orland Riverside AA Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Penobscot Big Book		\$20.00
Quoddy Head Light Group		\$0.00
Serenity by the Bay Group		\$100.00
Stark Raving Sober		\$60.00
Stonington/Deer Isle Group	\$124.00	\$124.00
Sullivan Harbor Group		\$50.00
Tuesday Noontimers		\$0.00
Winter Harbor		\$0.00
Seventh Tradition		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$542.55</b>	<b>\$2,849.55</b>

OPERATING EXPENSES	Current	YTD
Post office box 1633 renewal		\$76.00
Misc (Stapler purchase)		\$386.91
*Literature Expenses & Beginners Pamphlets	\$265.90	\$1,160.67
Literature Fund Contribution		\$864.00
Meeting Lists Printing Charges		\$245.70
Newsletter + Mailing Expenses		\$285.87
US Cellular - Hotline ( May & June)	\$104.95	\$309.80
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
Rent for Church Space APR,MAY,JUN		\$90.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$370.85</b>	<b>\$3,153.05</b>

<b>Beginning Balance &amp; Contributions/Deposits for month</b>	<b>\$861.56</b>
<b>Operating Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$370.85</b>
<b>Actual Ending Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$490.71</b>
<b>Balance less \$140 reserve &amp; Literature balance</b>	<b>\$236.41</b>

LITERATURE ACCOUNT	Current	YTD
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$182.70</b>	
Contribution from General Fund		\$0.00
*Literature Sales -	\$197.50	\$642.85
*Literature Expenses	\$265.90	\$950.05
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$114.30</b>	

## RANDOM QUOTE

This is what you shall do; Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks, stand up for the stupid and crazy, devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, take off your hat to nothing known or unknown or to any man or number of men... re-examine all you have been told at school or church or in any book, dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body.

— Walt Whitman

*"My sponsor says I suffer in silence louder than she can complain."*  
—Heard from Joe M.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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