

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. www.downeastintergroup.org

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS

A new slate of officers stepped into their new roles on the steering committee this month. The transition went smoothly and efficiently. New meeting list will be coming out next month. There was discussion about developing a packet for newcomers. The Literature Committee is researching the cost. The Functions Committee is planning an opportunity for fellowship on March 26th at the Rod & Gun Club in Bucksport. This event will include a speaker, refreshments, and dance with a live band. More info will be provided to groups in the near future.

Donna K, DEIG Secretary

The Secretary's Opinion...

Five years ago, a small group of dedicated AA's started the Downeast Intergroup and have quietly provided many hours of service to the fellowship. I thank Diller B, Bob D, Bill L, Willy K, and Joe M for your efforts that have helped me and many others.

My first meeting as secretary of the Downeast Intergroup has increased my understanding of the service structure in AA and provided an opportunity to serve. It is wicked fun.

Until I started attending DEIG meetings last year, I didn't have a clear idea of the value of having an intergroup. I also didn't understand the difference between what districts do and what intergroups do. Now I know that intergroup provides service to groups in six districts. While some districts are very active and provide support to their groups, others are not as active and those districts especially benefit from the service the intergroup provides.

A monthly newsletter, meeting lists, a local hot-line, social functions. Literature at reduced cost, and a web-site are some of the things DEIG provide. Personally, it has increased my sense of belonging and deepened my connection to AA by giving me the opportunity to get to know AA's in other districts.

With its new slate of offices and increased membership, there is new energy and enthusiasm in the inter-

group and I am looking forward to serve.

In love and service, Donna K

FROM DISTRICT 16 BY JOE M

It's a quiet time at district. PARC meetings are being well supported and looking at starting a call list for those who wish to go to PARC. It was decided to pass on some funds from district to GSO and area. Thank you to all the groups who support our district. We had nine people at the district meeting. Thank you.

A few anniversaries were missed last time. Kathy S had 9 yrs in Belfast 1/26. In Searsport 1/30, Bert had 18 yrs, Linda B 14 yrs, and Tom 5 yrs.

On Jan 15th, there was a great service for one of our friends who went to the Big Meeting in the sky – God bless her.

Heard Around The Tables by Joe M

If you're impatient with the pace of your recovery, think back to that first day...

He asked his sponsor, "What do I do when I finish with the steps?" Sponsor said, "Lie very, very still - because your dead"!

NEW MEETING

On Thursdays at noon in the library at the Episcopal Church across from the YMCA in Bar Harbor, the Freedom and New Happiness Group meets. Please add to the meeting list.

Hotline: 207 – 479 – 1779

Next DEIG Meeting: Monday, February 21 at Ellsworth Falls Congregational Church at 630 PM. Pick up meeting lists and literature before the meeting.

Cutoff date for March Newsletter is February 21.

Do I have your news?

Does your group have an opinion? Do we need a Public Information Committee? What about doing a Beginner's Packet? What about the function?