

# 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

**New meeting lists.** We had a nice potluck that was well attended. Jambalaya, roast beef sandwiches and cookies, is what I heard. The folks there put together close to 1,000 meeting lists.

**Literature.** Beginner pamphlets packs are a huge success, so we're making 100 more. Pick them up at the monthly DEIG meeting. District 3 placed a large literature order. Contact Diller at 266-9486 to purchase AA literature at cost.

**Web site.** Thanks to Willy, the website got a facelift and now has a nice new look. He welcomes feedback and suggestions. A DEIG meeting list is posted on the site—[downeastintergroup.org](http://downeastintergroup.org).

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

**Hotline 207-479-1179**

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 21, 7 p.m.** Congregational Church, Ellsworth Falls. Buy literature before the meeting—contribute your ideas—hear intergroup news

**June 2012 newsletter cutoff is 5/27/12.**

### MEETING SPOTLIGHT

#### CASTINE SHIP SHAPE GROUP

*Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Unitarian Church, Court Street, Castine*

This is a group that's been around a long time. I started going a decade or so after it started. It used to be in the Trinity Church, but after dwindling away, it reformed at Maine Maritime Academy. We kept getting moved to a different building every six months or so, which was a drag. Now we have a home at the Unitarian church. We've got a good group of people who attend, from the Peninsula, the Island and sometimes from across the Verona bridge. The format is basic qualify and discuss. Coffee quality varies from week to week. If no one offers a topic, the chair brings out the dreaded list. That usually brings a suggestion from the table. Maybe the next time someone celebrates an anniversary here, we'll throw a pot luck. After all, we can't live on cake alone.

—Anne B.

### NEWS FROM DISTRICT 16

We had a good district meeting, with nine members—one was a new GSR, her first district meeting, good for her. Beth stepped up to take the C.P.C. coordinator position, a first for our district. Thank you all for your service work.

At the assembly, Beth attended the C.P.C. committee meeting. She listened and became interested, and now we know the rest of the story. Thanks to all who attended the assembly. It was a good weekend.

Beth celebrated nine years last month. Good going.

Profanity at meetings.....Easy Does It.

—Joe M.

### NEWS FROM DISTRICT 21

District 21 is growing and doing well. At the district meetings we are averaging 20 to 25 attendees. We have a lot of new GSR's that are willing to carry the message from their groups to district and then back to their home groups.

Everyone at the district meetings is working real hard to do their best to carry the message of love and service throughout the district. Without their support, my job would be very difficult. I am so honored to be the D.C.M. of District 21 and to carry the conscience of the groups in District 21 to the Area 28 meetings.

—In fellowship, Bill Knight, DCM, District 21

### NEWS FROM DISTRICT 3

The Spring Fling was a success. All enjoyed the pie auction and laughter was contagious. We had some good dancers on the floor in the evening to burn off the delicious spaghetti Diesel Bill served up. Thank you, Kimberly especially, and all who made this happen. We netted \$927.00 after expenses. This will be used for the deposit for the 2013 round-up. DEIG showed up and \$24.62 made it into the can for literature.

All is well and we have a blessed township to have so many meetings available.

—Terry R.

### AREA MEETING CHANGES

District 3 sent in a slew of meeting changes. Thanks, Terry R.

- The Daily Reflections group has moved out of the BARN to The Brewer Congo Church at 35 Church St., Brewer. They have a Monday through Friday meeting at noon called Daily Reflections. They have at Beginners Meeting on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and a Friday night Serenity meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- The Barn has a Monday through Saturday nooner called "Heard It Thru the Grapevine"; a Monday "Living Sober Book" meeting at 6 p.m.; a Tuesday 6 p.m. discussion meeting; a Thursday 6 p.m. discussion meeting; and a Friday 12 X 12. Meeting at 6 p.m.



# Downeast InterGroup Treasurer's Report

## Report Date 03/18/2012

ENDING BALANCE AS OF 2/20/2012

\$475.30

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### CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS

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YTD

All Welcome Group		\$0.00
Anonymous Contribution		\$0.00
Bangor/Brewer Friendly Group		\$0.00
Big Book Meeting - Your Place		\$0.00
Blue Hill Friday Night Group		\$0.00
Brooklin Bridge to Recovery		\$0.00
Bucksport Unity Group		\$0.00
Bucksport B.Y.O.B.		\$0.00
But For The Grace of God Group	\$10.00	\$10.00
Came to Believe Group (District 3)		\$0.00
Castine Shipshape Group		\$0.00
District #3		\$0.00
District # 8	\$600.00	\$600.00
District # 16	\$45.00	\$45.00
District # 21	\$42.00	\$63.00
District # 25		\$0.00
Down-n-Back group - NEW		\$25.00
Ellsworth Group		\$0.00
Free At Lat - NEW		\$50.00
Frenchman's Bay Group		\$0.00
Fresh Start Group		\$0.00
Island Serenity Group		\$50.00
*Literature Sales Deposit	\$73.00	\$0.0
Orland Riverside AA Group		\$0.00
Penobscot 12 and 12		\$20.00
Quoddy Head Light Group		\$0.00
Serenity by the Bay Group		\$0.00
Seventh Tradition		\$0.00
Stark Raving Sober		\$60.00
Stonington/Deer Isle Group		\$0.00
Sullivan Harbor Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tuesday Noontimers		\$100.00
Winter Harbor		\$100.00

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS

FOR MONTH

\$747.00

\$973.00

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### OPERATING EXPENSES

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YTD

Post office box 1633 renewal	\$177.49	\$253.00
Supplies: stapler, ink, labels		\$65.44
*Literature Expenses -- pamphlets	\$88.00	\$88.00
Literature Fund Contribution		\$374.20
Meeting Lists Printing Charges		\$0.00
Newsletter + Mailing Expenses	\$52.69	\$112.47
US Cellular - Hotline: Feb, Mar	\$101.68	\$49.00
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
Rent for Church Space: APR MAY JUNE	\$30.00	\$60.00

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH

\$449.85

\$937.16

BEGINNING BALANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS \$1,611.29

### OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH

\$449.85

### ACTUAL ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE:

\$1,161.44

ACCOUNT BAL LESS PRUDENT RESERVE \$140.00 LESS LIT RESERVE \$863.94

### LITERATURE ACCOUNT

CURRENT

YTD

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$306.00	
Contribution from General Fund		
*Literature Sales -Winter Harbor & Sullivan	\$564.70	\$5136.70
*Literature Expenses	\$213.20	\$213.20
ENDING BALANCE	\$157.50	-\$76.50

"What's going on in there?"

"An AA conference."

"Oh, I thought it was wrestling."

—Heard outside the Spring Assembly in Bucksport

## CALENDAR

May 13: Post-conference Assembly, Bath

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 .am.; MACM 10 a.m. Waterville Grand Hotel, Waterville

## ANNIVERSARIES

May 5 Sat., Stonington, 7 p.m. Thomas M. 17 yrs.  
Potluck at 6 p.m.

May 9 Wed., Belfast Jeffrey M. 30 yrs.

May 11 Fri., Blue Hill, 7 p.m. Farmer Dan 1 yr.  
Pot luck at 6 p.m. Joe B. 1 yr.  
Bill K. 32 yrs.

May 13, Sun., Belfast. Mildred, 41 yrs.

May 19 Sat., Belfast, 12 p.m. Jeffrey, 30 yrs.

May 23, Wed., Bucksport, 7 p.m. Betsy 2 yrs.  
Pot luck at 6 p.m. James, 18 mths.

May 25, Fri., Stockton Springs Laura 3 yrs.  
Jamie C. 15 yrs.  
Joe M. 30 yrs.

*Alcoholics think that the bluebird of happiness is just another swallow*

—Heard from Joe M.



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