

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

DEIG PARTIES DOWN

The date is set. Celebrate seven years of Downeast Intergroup on Saturday, October 14 at the Ellsworth Elks Club, from 12 to 4 p.m. There will be food, a bake sale, a history presentation (maybe with Diller and Willy K.), literature raffles, an open music mic, a video lounge, a pie auction, meetings and games, all in the name of fun and to make people aware of what DEIG does and celebrate it.

Volunteers needed. Come help with the party, whether by bringing food for a pot luck, drinks, helping setting up, donating pies for the pie auction, baked goods for the baked goods sale.

Asking for help. DEIG needs help, of the money kind, to help with the rental cost of the Elks Club and supplies. Send a group donation to Intergroup Treasurer, PO Box 1633, Ellsworth, ME 04605, or talk to someone on the Functions Committee: Betsy S., Willy K., Arlene B., Sonny S. or Phil A. Any proceeds from the event will be used to support the DEIG hotline, newsletter and meeting list costs.

CALENDAR

October 14—DEIG seventh anniversary party, Ellsworth Elks Club, High Street, next to Colonial Inn.

October 19 to 21—Maine Area 28 Fall Assembly. To be held in District 17, Naples at Songo Lock High School. Contact: Charlotte K. 207 310-1438.

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 2 Tuesday Bar Harbor	Pat 31 yrs
Oct. 6 Saturday Stonington	Jimmy 2 yrs
Oct. 23 Tuesday Castine	"Diver" 6 yrs
Oct. 27 Saturday Church Street, Brewer	Kimberly A. 7 yrs

Send anniversaries by Oct. 25 to
editor@downeastintergroup.org

The Orono Spiritual Group celebrated the following anniversaries on September 25 at the Birch St. Senior Center:

Tony T	2 years
Mike D	4 years
Maureen S	29 years
Steve W	29 years

FROM OUR LAST MEETING

May we have some more? DEIG is fielding requests for more meeting lists. Nearly one thousand meeting lists were printed, cut, stapled and delivered in August meeting, and folks are ready for more. Meeting list chair Steve P. reported that MDI didn't get new copies, and District 25 is showing support by bringing back extra meeting lists.

Literature. As always, contact Diller at 266-9486 to purchase AA literature at cost. Beginner packets still available at DEIG meetings, for your group, for free.



Hot line. The hot line is back to running 24/7 with Mona, our new Hotline Chair from District 8. Ten calls came in last month, "mostly out of staters here on vacation, looking for meetings." One call came in from Queensland, Australia. "He just wanted to talk about one particular issue—gossip—and didn't want to talk to anyone in his own country."

Web site. A DEIG meeting list is posted on the site, along with other news and information—downeastintergroup.org. Work on an updatable database for meeting list is ongoing.

Step up. Officer elections are coming up in December. Check out a meeting or two, get involved. Why not?

Hotline 207-479-1179

Next Meeting: Monday, October 15, 6:30 p.m.
Congregational Church, Ellsworth Falls. Buy literature before the meeting—contribute your ideas—hear intergroup news

November 2012 newsletter cutoff is 10/25/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

University of Maine no longer has a meeting.

Report Date 09/17/2012

ACTUAL ENDING BALANCE AS OF 8/31/2012	\$691772	
CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS	Current	YTD
Attitude Adjustment Group		\$10.00
Tuesday, Machias Valley Group		\$20.00
Thursday, Lubec Top of the Hill Gang		\$10.00
Swansville, Sunshine AA Meeting		\$50.00
All Welcome Group		\$0.00
I don't know group		\$75.00
Bangor/Brewer Friendly Group		\$158.25
Big Book Meeting - Your Place		\$52.95
Blue Hill Friday Night Group		\$55.00
Brooklin Bridge to Recovery		\$0.00
Bucksport Unity Group		\$115.00
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		\$100.00
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
District #3	\$53.00	\$128.00
District # 8		\$600.00
District # 16	\$10.00	\$155.00
District # 21	\$21.00	\$189.00
District # 25		\$0.00
Down-n-Back group	\$50.00	\$100.00
Ellsworth Group		\$0.00
Free At Last		\$50.00
Frenchman's Bay Group		\$50.00
Fresh Start Group		\$0.00
Island Serenity Group		\$125.00
*Literature Sales Deposit		\$1,232.30
Orland Riverside AA Group		\$50.00
Penobscot 12 and 12	\$15.00	\$35.00
Quoddy Head Light Group		\$0.00
Serenity by the Bay Group		\$100.00
Stark Raving Sober		\$60.00
Stonington/Deer Isle Group		\$124.00
Sullivan Harbor Group		\$50.00
Tuesday Noontimers		\$0.00
Winter Harbor		\$0.00
Seventh Tradition		\$2.00
TOTAL FOR MONTH	\$149.00	\$3,706.50
OPERATING E X P E N S E S	Current	YTD
Post office box 1633 renewal		\$76.00
Misc Print cartridge for new letter		\$412.21
*Literature Expenses & Beginners Pamphlets		\$1,174.67
Literature Fund Contribution (Expenses - sales) \$256.30 –\$41.00	\$215.30	\$864.00
Meeting Lists Printing Charges		\$481.95
Newsletter + Mailing Expenses (Includes \$98.69 toner purchase)	\$181.14	\$590.40
US Cellular - Hotline	\$53.00	\$470.75
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
Rent for Church Space APR,MAY,JUN	\$30.00	\$120.00
TOTAL FOR MONTH	\$479.44	\$4,139.38
Beginning Balance & Contributions/Deposits for month	\$840.77	
Operating Expenses for Month	\$479.44	
Actual Ending Account Balance:	\$361.33	
Balance (- \$140 reserve & Lit. balance	\$151.33	

LITERATURE ACCOUNT	Current	YTD
Beginning Balance	\$285.30	
Contribution from General Fund		\$0.00
*Literature Sales -	\$41.00	\$854.85
*Literature Expenses	\$256.30	\$1,206.35
Ending Balance	\$70.00	

DISTRICT 16 NEWS

District wasn't crowded; we had six people. We have a new meeting on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the First Church. Attendance is down in some groups, some groups doing a little better.

We still have open positions at District—**HINT, HINT.**

Folks at the district meeting decided to wait until Jan-Feb or March or April to have a workshop and function.

Julie had 22 years and Tanya celebrated her big first in Brooks last Monday meeting. —From Joe M.

DID YOU KNOW?

U.S. sales. Did you know there was 5,552,899 English pieces of combined literature sold in 2011?

Hard cover Big Book: 428,386 copies sold

Living Sober: 127,255 copies sold

AA For You pamphlet: 337,224 pamphlets sold

A Newcomer Asks: 297,478 pamphlets sold

Two-fold wallet cards: 258,660

Foreign sales. French combined sales had a total of 392,014 pieces sold, followed by Spanish literature at 121,895.

Looks like someone is reading and passing it on.

Have you read the Grapevine today? As of April 2012, Maine folks had only 534 subscriptions. That's seven less than last April. Think we could change that total?

Literature champions. There are currently 73 area, 327 district and 18 intergroup/central office literature chairpersons listed with the General Service Organization.

Maine contributes. Maine had 544 groups listed in 2011, with 196 groups sending contributions to G.S.O., with a membership of 8,688. That's about \$2.43 per person. —From Joe M.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send articles, events, corrections, anniversaries, and other group or district news to Newsletter Editor, 11 Schoolhouse Lane, Castine, ME 04421 or e-mail editor@downeastintergroup.org. You can also write to Intergroup Secretary, PO Box 333, Bucksport, ME 04416. Please mail contributions to support this intergroup to Intergroup Treasurer, PO Box 1633, Ellsworth, ME 04605. We ask for your name and AA job title from all who contribute any items printed in this newsletter. Events listed are for your information, and are not necessarily sponsored or endorsed by AA or this intergroup.