

# 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.** We've got a full inventory. 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.** Twenty calls last month: 12 for meeting information, eight 12-step calls.

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

**Meeting lists.** Districts 8 and 25 are running low on Downeast Intergroup meeting lists, so another printing is in the works. Come early to our next meeting on August 20 to help staple & bring a dish to pass. Meeting lists cover your area district!

**Functions committee.** How to celebrate the DEIG anniversary? Acting chair Willie will speak to other districts to see what ideas are floating around. A pot luck with speakers? Something more formal? Have ideas? Email Willie or the functions chair Betsy at [downeastintergroup.org](http://downeastintergroup.org).

**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, August 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Congregational Church, Ellsworth Falls. Buy literature before the meeting—contribute your ideas—hear intergroup news

**September 2012 newsletter cutoff is 8/27/12.**

### CALENDAR

August 4: Annual post-round up BBQ & dance; a pot luck with speakers, hosted by **District 25**. Held in memory of Rick, Philip, Adam and Richard "who we lost." 12 p.m.

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

August 12: **District 21** picnic, Blue Hill town Park, 12 to 4 p.m. Two speakers, a reverse sobriety countdown, pot luck and the grill will be on. Rain date is August 19.

August 24: **District 25** 5th annual potluck and bonfire, Bog Lake, Northfield. Speakers meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

*First drunk sitting at the bar says, "I got a new car for my wife." Second drunk: thinks for a minute and says, "Good trade."*  
— Heard from Joe M.

### MEETING SPOTLIGHT

**SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE  
YOUR PLACE - ELLSWORTH  
SATURDAY 6:00**

Our regular business meetings are 5 p.m. the second Saturday of the month. We celebrate anniversaries the third Saturday of each month. Our group has adopted the "kokopelli people" tee shirts as our group shirt. Our motto is "happy, joyous & free" and also appears on our group anniversary cards. We have been known to demonstrate the "aloha spirit" complete with homemade leis. On special occasions we will "pass" along icons of AA long timers. We do demonstrate "Rule #62." We offer a wide variety of AA books and will special order on request. join our group and enjoy the unity of service in recovery.  
— Steve P.

**HAMMOND STREET MEETING  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - BANGOR  
THURSDAY 7:00**

In the town of Bangor, at the Hammond Street Congregational Church; women gather in the upstairs parlor. Everyone brings their favorite beverage; since it's in the evening some of us have learned to stay away from caffeine. The room is inviting with couches and big comfy chairs. At the first of the month we cover a tradition with discussion. We always read a step from the 12x12 and discuss. An open meeting is covered once a month also, so you see it has a variety. The number of women vary with the season. We have some snow birds in the winter and camp dwellers in the summer. We share about our jobs and sobriety; our friends, family, children (young or grown), our parents (with us or passed on) and, yes, sometimes men. We express our experience, strength in hope regarding all these topics. Stop in and check it out some evening; it's well worth the time.

—Terry R.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New meeting:** Blue Hill, Sundays, 1 p.m., Oddfellows Hall. Open discussion meeting; replaces the Surry 5 p.m.

**Request for historical data:** The Thursday night Ellsworth meeting at the Congregational Church is looking for history from long-timers. The first correspondence from this meeting to the GSO dates January 5, 1953!

**Call for cartoons:** The DEIG newsletter is accepting cartoons and cartoon idea submissions at [downeastintergroup.org](http://downeastintergroup.org).

# Down East Intergroup Treasurer's Report

Report Date 07/16/2012

ACTUAL ENDING BALANCE AS OF 6/30/2012	\$490.71	
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS/DEPOSITS</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Tuesday, Machias Valley Group	\$20.00	\$20.00
Thursday, Lubec Top of the Hill Gang	\$10.00	\$10.00
Swansville, Sunday Morning Sunshine AA Meeting	\$50.00	\$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	\$52.95
Blue Hill Friday Night Group		\$30.00
Brooklin Bridge to Recovery		\$0.00
Bucksport Unity Group	\$90.00	\$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		\$50.00
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
District #3		\$75.00
District # 8		\$600.00
District # 16	\$10.00	\$95.00
District # 21	\$21.00	\$147.00
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	\$75.00	\$125.00
*Literature Sales Deposit	\$58.00	\$1,119.30
Orland Riverside AA Group		\$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
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>\$386.95</b>	<b>\$3,236.50</b>
<b>OPERATING E X P E N S E S</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Post office box 1633 renewal		\$76.00
Misc (Stapler purchase)		\$386.91
*Literature Expenses & Beginners Pamphlets	\$14.00	\$1,174.67
Literature Fund Contribution		\$864.00
Meeting Lists Printing Charges		\$245.70
Newsletter + Mailing Expenses	\$123.39	\$409.26
US Cellular - Hotline	\$52.95	\$362.75
DEIG EVENTS		\$0.00
Rent for Church Space APR,MAY,JUN		\$90.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$190.34</b>	<b>\$3,343.39</b>
<b>Beginning Balance &amp; Contributions/Deposits for month</b>	<b>\$877.66</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses for Month</b>	<b>\$190.34</b>	
<b>Actual Ending Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$687.32</b>	
<b>Balance less \$140 reserve &amp; Literature balance</b>	<b>\$375.02</b>	
<b>LITERATURE ACCOUNT</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$114.30</b>	
Contribution from General Fund		\$0.00
*Literature Sales -	\$58.00	\$700.85
*Literature Expenses	\$0.00	\$950.05
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$172.30</b>	

## DISTRICT 16

Six months from now, we will probably wish we had some of this heat.

District meet was well attended. Thanks, folks, for your service and caring. David W. has to pass on the PARC coordinator position; he is moving across the big bridge. Thank you, David, for your help.

There are three open positions in our district. Think about one—service work is passing it on.

Anniversaries we had: Ruth 25 years in Searsport; Justin 2 years and Steve 3 years in Belfast; Out in Brooks, Louise had 23 years and Paula had 30 years. Wow. Thank you all for your years.  
—Joe M.

## DISTRICT 21

There has been some new changes in District 21. I have stepped down as of July of this year. The new D.C.M. is Bill L. He was the alternate D.C.M. The district is in good hands with Bill at the helm. I ask all of you to give Bill all the support that you can. Also we have a new Chip Master and that is Peter B. from Deer Isle. Peter is also the GSR of the Friday night Group in Blue Hill. You can contact Peter at 348-6182 or 348-6217. We also have a new BTG/Jail Coordinator and that person is Betsy S. of Bucksport. If anyone is interested in doing jail service please see Betsy. The new meeting time for District 21 is 6 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Chocolate church in Penobscot.

On a personal note, I want to thank each and every one of you in this district for all of your support. Liz and I will be moving to our new home in Dover-Foxcroft by the end of the month. We still plan to get back as much as possible to see you all. Our love and best wishes to each and every one of you.

— In Love and Service Bill Knight

## ANNIVERSARIES

August 2 Thursday Belfast	Chris 1 yr
August 3 Friday Downeast	Jenny G. 1 yr
August 5 Sunday Sedgwick	Lynn D. 32 yrs
August 9 Thursday Penobscot	Pete 31 yrs
Pot luck 6 p.m.	Chuck 27 yrs
August 16 Thursday Lubec	Mary Lou Q. 24 yr
August 18 Saturday Bucksport	Patrick 7 yrs
August 19 Sunday Sedgwick	Joanne 23 yrs

## 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](mailto: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.