



**BALTIMORE
INTERGROUP
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OF ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS, inc.**

*What is
Intergroup?*

**A pamphlet on the purpose of Our
Intergroup Council and Office**

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is the official title of what is more commonly known as Baltimore Intergroup.

The Intergroup Council exists to serve and unify the activities of A.A. groups in the Baltimore Metropolitan area and to uphold the Twelve Traditions of A.A. The Council consists of one representative from each of the more than 500 groups in the Baltimore area who desire to participate.

Through representatives working together, the Intergroup Council is able to accomplish tasks individual groups could not do alone.

THE INTERGROUP OFFICE

The Intergroup Office is an extension of the Intergroup Council and employs one full-time Administrator and several part-time assistants, (all A.A. members) who coordinate necessary services for A.A. members and groups.

Answering the hot line, facilitating the work of the committees and serving as a clearinghouse of information, the Intergroup Office also houses a bookstore for the convenience of the groups. The A.A. bookstore stocks a variety of pamphlets, books and supplies used by groups to carry the message.

DIRECTORIES & BULLETINS

For those seeking an A.A. meeting, the Intergroup Office publishes area directories and maintains a Web site that lists over 800 meetings with times, days and locations. Additional updated information about new or discontinued meetings, council and contributions are also made available on a monthly basis in the bulletin.

12 STEP LIST AND ANSWERING SERVICE

A call to the Intergroup hotline is often the first contact a suffering alcoholic has with A.A. For this reason, it is essential to have a twenty-four-hour service available to respond to calls for help. Intergroup has an organized schedule of volunteers to answer the A.A. hotline at the Intergroup Office as well as at their homes when the Office is closed.

When needed, the answering service volunteers refer to a 12th Step list compiled by the Intergroup Office containing the names and telephone numbers of A.A. members who have agreed to be available for help. In this way, Intergroup is a direct link between the still-suffering alcoholic and A.A. members and groups, where more help can be found.

THE INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Institutions Committee of Intergroup cooperates with the many institutions by arranging meetings in prisons, detention centers, detoxification units and hospitals in the Baltimore area. The committee secures sponsors for such meetings and prints a monthly schedule of dates and times for groups that participate. The Institutions Committee also purchases A.A. literature for inmates and patients in these institutions.

This committee, which meets the third Friday of every month, is always open to members who would like to learn more and become involved.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Intergroup Council informs the community about A.A. through three committees: the Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), the Public Information Committee and the Speakers Committee. The CPC Committee provides information about A.A.'s purpose and function to those who have contact

with alcoholics through their professions, including physicians, nurses, clergy, lawyers, social workers and those working in the field of alcoholism.

ACTIVITIES

The Activities Committee organizes, conducts and promotes all social affairs that are held by the Baltimore Intergroup Council. These include the Bull Roast, Gratitude Breakfast, Banquet, Sobriety Show and Sober in the Woods. Besides providing fellowship for A.A. members, these events help raise funds for the Intergroup Council so vital 12th Step work can continue.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service work is a fulfilling way of showing gratitude. Here are some ways to give back by joining as volunteer:

- Answering Service
- CPC Committee
- Institutions Committee
- Intergroup Office
- Meetings on Wheels
- Outreach Committee
- Public Information Committee
- Speakers Committee

Or, become involved in your Home Group as a secretary, coffee maker, Intergroup Representative, Institution Representative or GSR. Call the Intergroup Office for more information.

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SELF-SUPPORTING

The Seventh Tradition states, "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

For support, our Intergroup relies on the contributions of its groups, members, and planned activities, so the real work of carrying the message can continue. Groups contribute monthly to Intergroup, while members may make tax-deductible donations of up to \$5000 yearly, through the Birthday Plan, In Memoriam, and individual contributions. A contribution list is published monthly as part of the bulletin, and detailed financial reports are presented monthly at the Intergroup meeting. Support of your group demonstrates gratitude for sobriety, and a willingness to share with the alcoholic who still suffers.

"To people familiar with the endless drives for charitable funds, A.A. presented a strange and refreshing spectacle. Approving editorials here and abroad generated a wave of confidence in the integrity of Alcoholics Anonymous.

They pointed out that the irresponsible had become responsible, and that by making financial independence part of its tradition, Alcoholics Anonymous had revived an ideal that its era had almost forgotten." (P.165, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.)

INTERGROUP MEETING

2nd Monday of each month
Episcopal Cathedral
St. Paul St. & University Pkwy
(entrance on St. Paul Street)

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

3rd Friday of each month
University Baptist Church
34th and Greenway
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Meets Thursdays as
scheduled at the
Intergroup Office

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Meetings are scheduled monthly
at the Intergroup Office

ANSWERING SERVICE

Evenings and weekend shifts are
available. AA members answer calls from their
own home.

For more information call 410-663-1922

INTERGROUP OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed in office. There are 2 shifts
daily 9:00-1:00 pm and 1:00 -5:00 pm. For more
information call 410-663-1922