



# INTERGROUP-EXPRESS

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Lee County Area Intergroup, 7050 Winkler Rd. #119, Fort Myers, FL 33919  
(239) 275-5111—Email: leeintergroup@gmail.com—Website: <https://leecountyaa.org>

**Office Hours: 10:00am-6:00pm Monday—Friday; Closed on weekends**

Holiday Closures 2026: Monday, May 25; Friday, July 4; Monday, September 7; Thursday & Friday, November 26-27; Friday, December 25

Closing at 2:00pm: Wednesday, November 25; Thursday, December 24; Thursday, December 31



## **\*\* Treasurer Needed \*\***

Minimum of 3 years continuous sobriety  
Working knowledge of QuickBooks  
Available 10-15 hours/month  
Attend 2 committee meetings/month



## **ISO member**

with CANVA experience

## WHAT IT'S LIKE

Have you ever wondered “what it’s like” to work at Intergroup? Well, we have one volunteer who calls this her “happy place.” Another volunteer says she can’t imagine not being involved with service on the front lines. And, it’s well-worth mentioning that half of our office volunteers have been here for over 5 years!

The Intergroup is here to serve the groups and members of AA by providing a hand in Twelfth Step work. By having a phone that is answered 24/7, people in our community have a resource to learn about AA and how it can help ... whether it’s for themselves, a friend, a family member, a patient or a client. In the rooms, stories are often shared how an Intergroup or Central Office helped them get to their first AA meeting. Our publication of the Where & When is also a resource for our community by being in libraries, doctors’ offices, hospitals, and treatment facilities, placed there by members of our District’s committees. We also maintain a website that contains information about AA, links to important resources, access to this newsletter, event information, meeting information, and more. Also, the Meeting Guide app, updated daily, is populated directly from our website.

In addition to being a Service Center, we are a business—a retail store. So, sometimes it’s quiet here ... a good place to read, write, work on your steps, do homework, and enjoy some peace. Other times, there’s plenty to do ... phones to answer, customers to assist, Where & When’s to fold and bundle, merchandise to be received, items to be priced, and other tasks that assist me in doing my job.

We primarily sell AA conference-approved literature and media to individuals, groups, and committees. For an additional source of income, we also sell monthly and yearly coins, as well as miscellaneous plastic and clay poker-type, aluminum, bronze and tri-plate coins. Plus we are your go-to for anniversary cards—the favorite being the one that lists out the number of years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds.

### **I encourage you to get involved with your Intergroup!**

Become a representative for your meeting/group. Volunteer for an event planning committee. Sign up to take 12 Step calls. Add your name to our Speaker list. Write or submit something for this newsletter. Volunteer at the office.

**Visiting, shopping, contributing, or volunteering—you’re making a difference—and we thank you!**

Stephanie H, Office Manager

### **1st Quarter Office Stats**

440 Visitors

409 Calls during Office Hours

12 Step & Newcomer = 37

Spanish = 11

Meeting Info = 134

Treatment & Other 12 Step (Al-Anon, NA, CA, etc) = 20

General Info (hours, location, merchandise, etc) = 139

Management (inquiries that require manager assistance) = 68

# Service

## Good for Your Recovery

### Lee County Area Intergroup

- ⇒ Get involved in our 12 Step Call program, Speaker Exchange, as a volunteer at the office/store, or join a fundraising committee
- ⇒ Attend the monthly meeting—3rd Thursday, 6:30pm, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers
- ⇒ Become an Intergroup Representative for your home group

### District 7

- ⇒ Become a General Service Representative for your home group
- ⇒ Attend the monthly meeting—last Sunday, 2:00pm, YANA Foundation, Fort Myers
- ⇒ Join a committee:

Accessibilities—Bob L—accessibilities@district7area15aa.org

Archives—Kathie W—archives@district7area15aa.org

Bridging the Gap—Henry D

Corrections—Linda S—corrections@district7area15aa.org

**Corrections committee meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm on Zoom\***

Grapevine—Martin C—grapevine@district7area15aa.org

**Grapevine committee meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm on Zoom\***

Literature—Deb F—literature@district7area15aa.org

PI/CPC (Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community)—Shawna C—picpc@district7area15aa.org

**PI/CPC committee meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 7pm on Zoom\***

Treatment—Kyle—treatment@district7area15aa.org

**Treatment committee meets monthly on the 1st Sunday at 2:00pm at YANA**

Website—Nick S—website@district7area15aa.org



**\*ZOOM DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT 7 WEBSITE AT DISTRICT7AREA15AA.ORG.**



### RULE 62: "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."

~ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 149



- ⇒ I think the universe knew I would be too powerful if I could do math.
- ⇒ In every relationship there is one person who stacks the dishwasher like a Scandinavian architect, and one who stacks it like a racoon on drugs.
- ⇒ Forget about "long story short" ... I'm gonna start saying "short story long" and take you on a journey you didn't ask for.
- ⇒ I miss the days when shouting "Not it!" was an effective way of getting out of things you didn't want to do.
- ⇒ I think I may need professional help ... A chef, a butler and a maid should be enough.
- ⇒ I'm pretty sure I was the total package once, but shipping and handling damaged me. Now I'm a scratch-and-dent item, sold as-is.
- ⇒ To quote Hamlet, Act III, Scene III, Line 92, "No."
- ⇒ My dog just got a haircut and now he looks like he gave up drinking and got his life together.
- ⇒ Woo to the Hoo.
- ⇒ I'd be unstoppable if I weren't so distractable.
- ⇒ I don't need a recipe for disaster. I usually just eyeball it.
- ⇒ So, it's okay for a cat to run away and hide under the bed when visitors come, but, when I do it, it's "rude" and "antisocial."
- ⇒ I heard about history repeating itself, but this Monday thing has got to stop.
- ⇒ Well, apparently rock bottom has a basement.
- ⇒ I'm starting to think adulthood is just a long-term joke with no punchline.
- ⇒ Let's all take a few minutes to be thankful that I can't turn people into frogs.

# Office Monthly

In the second appendices in the back of the big book, you find the Spiritual Experience addendum.

It reads, “The terms “Spiritual Experience and “Spiritual Awakening” are used many times in this book which, upon careful reading, shows that the personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism has manifested itself among us in many different forms.”

This writing is concluded with a quotation from Herbert Spencer, a polymath and philosopher from the late 19th century. It reads, “There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. That principle is **Contempt Prior to Investigation**.”

I do not believe that I was unique when I first came into AA and was filled with contempt for the program and the members. I was, however, willing to listen, because I didn't have any answers to address my situation. The change in my attitude came about slowly until someone suggested that I read the Spiritual Experience in the appendices.

Herbert Spencer's remark stuck me. I read it several times and through some self-examination, realized that I was indeed contemptuous. I needed to open my mind. These people convinced me that they have discovered something that I needed and desired. But my dilemma was a lack of contact with a higher power. They told me to pray. I wasn't that I didn't believe in God, I just didn't think that he was available to me. In desperation, I prayed.

The result was immediate. No flash of light or burning bush, just a feeling inside of me that I had not felt in a very long time, if ever. I was still not completely convinced that I would find the answers that I needed, but it knocked a chink in my armor of disbelief. In time a renewal of my belief, lost many years ago, began to develop.

In time, working with a sponsor, attending many meetings and becoming a willing participant in my own recovery, my contempt disappeared. This was the result of opening my mind to taking actions that, at first, I did not believe would work in my life.

There has never been any single event in my life that has had such a positive impact as my acceptance of the AA principles and my willingness to set aside my contempt, along with a willingness to try something new.

Of all the gifts that I have received from my sobriety, and there have been many, is peace. Before I came to AA, it felt that I was at war with the world, and I was losing. My favorite line from the ninth step promises is, “We will comprehend the word serenity, and we will know peace.”

I had to surrender to win. What a concept. And it began with a change of mind and losing my contempt.

May your God be as good to you as mine has been to me.

Tim B., Lee County Area Intergroup Chairperson

## UPDATE: Alcoholics Anonymous Fifth Edition

It was approved for publishing at the Annual General Service Convention in April 2026.

It is expected to be available for purchase in January 2027.

I'm often asked, “Does Intergroup still need money?” The answer will ALWAYS be, “Yes!”

Intergroup is a business and I've never heard *any* business say, “We're good. We don't need any more money.”

I also hear, “If it ain't broke, don't fix it.” Well, continuing to put only \$1 in the basket is antiquated and isn't working!

Our rent, as well as insurance, utilities and payroll, have almost doubled in 10 years. Add to that an increase in the cost of goods and a decrease in sales—likely a result of both the economy and ease of online shopping.

My money doesn't go as far as it used to, either. However, putting an extra dollar or more in the basket is a small price to pay for all that I've been freely given. And by shopping at Intergroup, instead of online, I know who and what I am supporting.

Stephanie H., Office Manager

### Intergroup Steering Committee

Chair: Tim B.; Vice Chair: Casey B.; Treasurer: VACANT.; Secretary: Gale P.; Members-at-Large: Chris D. & Roben D.; Office Manager: Stephanie H.

### Intergroup Office Volunteers

Andrea, Deb, Gary, Gretchen, Janet, Mikki, Roben, Sandy, Tom, Vicki

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**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>YTD</b>
1 2 3 Go Group	50.00	100.00	Cape Reflections Group			Just Show Up Group		
12&12 Step Study			Central Group			Keep it Real Group		
1935 Step Group			Chiquita Bananas Group *			Keep It Simple Group		347.50
5 Alive! Beginners			Clean Slate Big Book Group *			Kickin Butt on the High Side of Life		
5:30 Group			Clear the Air Group		366.00	LaBelle Group *		200.00
CC Beginners Wed Nt			Courage to Change Women's Group *		85.00	Lambda Drummers Group		
7&7 Group			Daily Reprieve Group *		110.00	Lehigh 12&12		
A New Perspective			Depot Park Men's meeting			Lehigh Acres Group		
A to Z meeting		92.00	Digital Drunks Men's Discussion			Lehigh Big Book Study Mtg		
A Woman's View of ABSI Zoom		201.00	Doctor's Opinion Study			Lehigh Happy Hour Group	30.00	30.00
ABC Beginners Group *	160.00	160.00	Dragon Fly Group *			Lehigh Sunday Night		
ABSI by the River Group		200.00	Drunkin Donuts Group			Life Ahead Beginners meeting		
After Hours meeting			Eye on Hope Group *			Light at Heart Group		255.00
Against All Odds Group			F.B.I. (Friday Book Investigation)			Living Sober (ABSI) Group *	97.00	97.00
All Lit Up *			Favorite Passages in AA literature		111.00	Living Sober by the River Group		540.00
Alva A.A. Way Group			First Things First Group	161.00	312.00	Lunch Box Big Book meeting		62.00
Another Peace of Hope *			Footprints in the Sand			Lunch Hour Group		
As Bill Sees It			Fort Myers Beach Men's Group		250.00	Mad Hatters Group		
Attitude Adjustment Group		171.00	Fort Myers Group *			Maintenance Grp (Came to Believe)		
B-Happy Joyous & Free Group	87.00	164.00	Fort Myers Prayer & Meditation		100.00	Meat & Potatoes Group		
Back to Basics Women's Group			Fort Myers Shores Group			Men's Big Book		
Basics Recovery Meeting			Freethinkers of Bonita Springs Group		200.00	Men's Recovery Group		250.00
Beautiful Souls in Recovery			Freethinkers of Fort Myers Group			Men's Stag		
Beginners 123			Fresh Start; Fresh Start Step mtg			Mid Day Miracles Group		120.00
Beginners Big Book Workshop			Friday Night Beginners Group			Mixed Nuts		100.00
Being Convinced			Friday Night Group			Mon. Morning Big Book Study Group		
Beyond Belief			Friday Night Lights	50.00	50.00	Mon. Morning Sanibel Big Book		
Big Book Babes	98.00	98.00	Friends of Bill Group *			Monday Beginners Big Book		
Big Book Connections Group			Garden Group		100.00	Monday Big Book Study *		
Big Book Steppers Group		289.25	Garden Group Zoom		35.00	Monday Living Sober Group		
Big Book Study			Get Well Group			Monday Recovery Group (12&12D)		
Big Book Study Group			Grupo 4 De Julio			Morning After Group	74.00	261.00
Bike Night Group			Grupo Aprendiendo a Vivir			Myana Group		140.00
Bonita Banyan Group	100.00	150.00	Grupo Hispanos de Lehigh			New 7:30 Group	27.00	429.00
Bonita Men's Group		1200.00	Grupo Quinto Paso			No Name	10.00	10.00
Bonita Springs Step Group			Grupo Recuperacion de Immokalee			North Fort Myers Group *		
Bonita Springs Womens Step Group			Grupo Sendero de Vida			Not A Glum Parking Lot Group		100.00
Bonita Unity Group			Happy, Joyous & Free			Nuevo Despertar	220.00	220.00
Book Worms Group		65.00	H.O.W. Group			Nuevo Horizonte		
Bottom of the Barrel Group		100.00	Highsteppers Group			ODAAT		180.00
Brown Baggers Group		400.00	Hotrod Ranch Group			Old Timer's		
Buckingham AA Group		131.00	How It Works			Open Door Group		
Calamity Janes Group			Interesting Topic Group		160.00	Our Primary Purpose Big Book Study	111.60	211.60
Calusa Harbor Bunch			It's 5 O'clock Somewhere		77.00	Parking Lot Meeting		
Cape Connected		50.00	Joe & Charlie Big Book			PI Groupers		150.00
Cape Coral Bookies Group			Just for Today Group			PI Sisters in Sobriety Group		
						Pit meeting		

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Name	Apr	YTD	Name	Apr	YTD
Plan of Recovery Group		658.00	Steps to Sobriety from the 12&12 Group		40.00
Port LaBelle Group *		562.00	Sugarsweet Group		
Precisely How We Have Recovered Group		236.20	Sunday Breakfast meeting		
Primary Purpose Group		200.00	Sunday Morning Serenity Group		
Primary Purpose with Joe & Charlie			Sunday Night Group (ABSJ Lehigh)		
Principles in All our Affairs			Sunday Speakeasy Group		
Private		220.00	Sunlight of the Spirit Group		
Progress Group			Sunshine Sisters Group		
Promises of Cape Coral Group			Support System Group		
Recovery Group	50.00	280.00	Survivors Group		
Recovery Rocks Group		200.00	SWFL Women's Speaker mtg		
Recovery Too Group			T.G.I.F.		
Refuge for Recovery			The Brady Bunch Group		300.00
River (Rats) Reflections Group		30.00	The Islanders		
San Carlos Park Group	500.00	1000.00	The Lunch Break Big Book Meeting		62.00
Sanibel Approved AA Literature			The Nooners Group		600.00
Sanibel Beginners			The Serenity Group		
Sanibel Friday Nite Spkr Group			The Shared Gift		400.00
Sanibel Noon			The Way Out		
Sanibel Speaker Meeting			Toes in the Sand		430.00
Sanibel Step Meeting	50.00	50.00	Tough Love Group		50.00
Sanibel Survivors Beach Meeting			Tuesday Night Step		
Sanibelles			Tuesday Night Young People's Group		106.00
Sat Night Open Discussion Group			Upon Awakening		
Saturday Night Beginners Group			Veterans meeting		150.00
Saturday Night Women's Group *			Walk with Purpose Group		200.00
Serenity Group			Way of Life Group (aka Way of Living)		1000.00
Sermon on the Mount			We Agnostics		
Serving Our Brothers			We Care Group		
Singleness of Purpose Group	175.00	534.00	Welcome Home		
Sisters in Sobriety Group *		240.00	What It's Like		
Sisters Step Study Group			W.I.S.E. Group *		
Sober AF			Women of Willingness Group		
Sober in East L.A.			Women of Worth Group		25.00
Sober on the Shores Group			Women's Big Book Group		
Sobriety at Six			Women's Daily Reflection meeting		
Soul Sisters Group	157.00	369.50	Women's Evening Meditations Group		
Southern Women Group		50.00	Young at Heart Group		
Spiritual Search Group			Zoom Sisters Group		
Step & Grow Group					
Step Sisters Group *		90.00			
Step Sisters in Sobriety Group					
Stepping with the Big Book Group	225.00	225.00			
Stepping with the Girls Group *					
Steps to Awakening Group		100.00			
Steps to Live By					
Steps to Sobriety					

CONTRIBUTIONS	APR	YTD
Group	2,432.60	18,422.05
Individual	873.00	1,282.38
Anniversary	214.00	410.00
Round-Up	20.13	136.98
Surcharge	52.50	270.00
Monthly Business Meeting	59.00	173.00
Miscellaneous Income	15.70	65.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,666.73</b>	<b>20,760.06</b>

**Did you know?**

There are a total of **220** meetings in our area (149 registered as AA groups)

Several meet more than once a week, so there are a total of **363** meetings held every week across Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties and Immokalee (329 in-person and 34 online)

In April, **15** groups and **2** meetings contributed to Intergroup, and **20** representatives\* attended the monthly business meeting.

**New Income Sources**

Surcharge on Credit/Debit Purchases  
Under \$100 = \$1.50, \$100 and above = \$3.00 helping us cover our processing fees

Rounding-Up on Purchases  
Considered an individual contribution

Birthday/Anniversary Club  
Considered an individual contribution

**CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

"There are no dues or fees for membership in A.A., but we do have expenses such as rent, refreshments, A.A. Conference-approved literature, meeting lists, and contributions to services provided by the local intergroup (central office), district and area, and the General Service Office of A.A." (P16 "The A.A. Group ... where it all begins".) Reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S., Inc.

**Suggested contributions:**

**50% to Lee County Intergroup**  
**10% to District 7**  
**10% to Area 15**  
**30% to General Service (NY)**

**Lee County Area Intergroup**

7050 Winkler Rd, Suite 119, Fort Myers, FL 33919

via PayPal at: leecountyaa.org

**General Service District 7**

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**Area 15 Treasurer**

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OR via PayPal at: area15aa.org

OR via Zelle to: Treasurer@area15aa.org

**General Service Board**

PO Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407

OR https://contribution.aa.org

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# June Anniversaries

## ABC Beginners

6/1/08 Troy W  
6/12/06 Gary J

## All Lit Up

6/13/01 Janet Q  
6/28/92 Bob V

## ABSI by the River

6/24/16 Daniel L  
6/22/11 Donna S

## Chiquita Bananas

6/22/02 Michel M  
6/30/04 Beth S  
6/30/86 Claire C  
6/27/14 Jack H  
6/10/89 Peggy M

## Courage to Change

6/9/93 Linda S  
6/28/24 Linda K

## Dragonfly

6/9/19 Alexa B  
6/8/24 Sara S

## Fort Myers

6/1/25 Cody W  
6/7/25 Andrew C  
6/19/89 Mike B  
6/15/81 Kathy M

## FM 11th Step Prayer & Meditation

6/3/91 Mark F

## Fri Nt Beginners

6/28/22 Dave C  
6/13/22 Steve  
6/3/18 Kelly

## H.O.W.

6/15/92 Lynn R

## LaBelle

6/26/88 Matt S  
6/24/08 Pete S  
6/1/24 Lisa B  
6/23/23 Abbey M  
6/25/24 Herb W

## Living Sober ABSI

6/17/08 Kathy M

## Nooners

6/3/18 Sonja M  
6/7/21 Jennifer F  
6/12/01 Dominic L  
6/16/25 Sandro  
6/22/78 Mike D

## North Fort Myers

6/1/90 Kathy F  
6/28/24 Isreal U

## Plan of Recovery

6/20/11 Eric S  
6/27/09 Kurt A  
6/25/18 Ryan S

## Port LaBelle

6/1/25 Lisa B  
6/3/24 Jack P

## Sisters in Sobriety

6/3/94 Beth E  
6/22/12 Brenda R  
6/27/25 Sue B

## Sober in East LA

6/24/25 Daniel  
6/3/25 Sam K

## Stepping with the Girls

6/11/87 Sherron S

## Steps to Awakening

6/8/25 Gabriella R  
6/2/25 Tara B

## And Things We Cannot Change

### R.I.P.

MaryAnn M  
4/28/1947—4/20/2026  
Sober 49 years  
(5/17/1976)  
Courage to Change Group

## Introducing the Birthday Plan!

### “One Year at a Time”

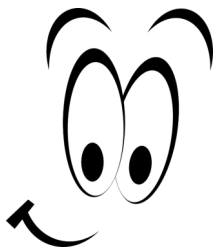
In grateful celebration of their sobriety birthdays, many A.A. members contribute **one dollar or more** for each year of sobriety to their local Intergroup.

Your birthday contribution will go toward helping the Lee County Area Intergroup provide the following “Vital Services” to all Lee, Hendry, and Glades County A.A. Groups and their members:

Answering **phones** 24 hours a day, providing one-stop **shopping**, **publishing** the meeting list and monthly newsletter, keeping an up-to-date listing of meetings on the **website** and through the Meeting Guide **App**, and **supporting** all Lee County Area A.A. Groups and Meetings.

**In April, four members celebrated  
by contributing a total of \$214.00 to Intergroup.**

**THANK YOU!**



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**2026 4th Step Workshop**  
 Hosted by the Meat & Potatoes Group

Saturday, June 27, 2026  
 1:00pm—4:00pm

Cape Coral First Methodist Church  
 4118 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral, FL 33904

**BRING:** Big Book, Notepad, Pen & Snack to Share  
**PROVIDED:** 4th Step Worksheets, Coffee & Water

**Come learn how to work the 4th Step straight from the Big Book!**  
 This **FREE** workshop will walk you through how to do an AA 4th Step and how to guide others through it, too.

GUEST SPEAKERS:  
 Chris R., Scott S., Sean H., Ken F.

**68th Florida State Convention**

August 6-9, 2026  
 Orlando, FL

<https://68.FloridaStateConvention.com>

**36th Annual AFG Florida South Convention  
 with A.A. Participation**

August 21-23, 2026  
 Bonita Springs, FL

[www.southfloridaal-anon.org](http://www.southfloridaal-anon.org)

**—INVITING ALL TO GET INVOLVED—**

**South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly**  
 Hosted by District 7

October 2-4, 2026  
 Westin Hotel, Cape Coral

For more information, contact:  
 Laura 239-218-4518  
 Manny 845-800-8808

**Do you have information about a sober event?** Help us help others.  
 Please call or email the Intergroup Office with the details.

It is **critical** for Intergroup to have information about local sober events:  
 Sober people in the community, especially visitors, call our office for this information.

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## AA MEETING vs AA GROUP

“The main difference between meetings and groups is that A.A. groups generally continue to exist outside of the prescribed meeting hours, ready to provide Twelfth Step help as needed.”

Additionally, “A.A. groups are encouraged to get listed with G.S.O., as well as their local offices: area, district, intergroup or central office.”

“The purpose of all A.A. group meetings, as the Preamble states, is for A.A. members to ‘*share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.*’”

### A.A. Home Group

“This is the group where members accept service responsibilities and try to sustain friendships. With membership comes the right to vote on issues that might affect the group and might also affect A.A. as a whole—a process that forms the very cornerstone of A.A.s service structure.”

### Self-Support: The Seventh Tradition

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### Representatives

“The General Service Representative (GSR) is the group’s link with the General Service Conference, through which U.S. and Canadian groups share their experience and voice A.A.’s collective conscience.”

“The Intergroup (central office) Representative participates in business meetings with other such representatives several times a year to share their group’s experience in carrying the A.A. message.”

### Responsibilities

“If groups want A.A. to be available to the newcomer today and in the future, their participation in the work of GSO (General Service Office) is needed.”

“Although local intergroups operate independently of A.A.’s worldwide service structure, they are a vital part of the Fellowship. The intergroup is supported by contributions from its member groups. Most intergroups function with only one or two paid workers (some have none) and so rely heavily on A.A. volunteers for help. Many A.A.s have found that serving at intergroup greatly enriches their sobriety and broadens their circle of friends.”

All of the above are from *The A.A. Group ... where it all begins.*  
(this pamphlet is available for purchase at Intergroup)

## READERS RESPOND

Merriam-Webster defines INTERGROUP as: Inter: "between, among, mutual, reciprocal" — Group: "a collection of people... classified together with shared characteristics..."

So, Intergroup, defined generally, conveys a shared interest in and among those members of groups, in this case, to further the experience, strength, and hope found through Alcoholics Anonymous. How better to do that than to get involved with the local Intergroup Central Office of AA.?

Anonymous

### YOU ARE INVITED

To share your thoughts, positive or negative,  
with Lee County Area Intergroup on any material in the newsletter.

Send to [leeintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:leeintergroup@gmail.com)