Where Does Intergroup Fit In?

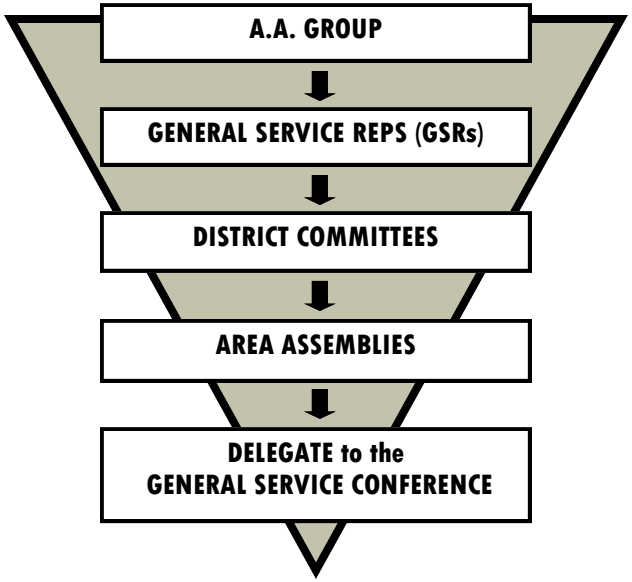
General Service Structure of AA maintains the link of communication between AA groups and GSO (General Service Office) in New York. Florida is divided into two areas ~ ours being North Florida Area No. 14, which is divided into a number of districts. Our local districts are:

- District 12 (Melbourne/Palm Bay area)
- District 15 (Cocoa/Titusville area)
- District 23 (Beachside area)

Groups elect a GSR (General Service Rep) who attends District meetings. Districts attend the North Florida Area Assembly which is held quarterly. At both the District and Area levels we find the following committees: Archives, Accessibility, CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community), Corrections, Grapevine, PI (Public Information), and Treatment.

While fulfilling separate functions, Districts and Intergroups work closely in the spirit of unity for the purpose of carrying the message. Intergroups are ***not*** a part of the General Service Structure, an organizational arrangement that might imply they aren't a part of AA. Unlike clubs, Intergroups are in AA ~ they are assigned group numbers and may donate to the General Service Office.

General Service Structure of Alcoholics Anonymous



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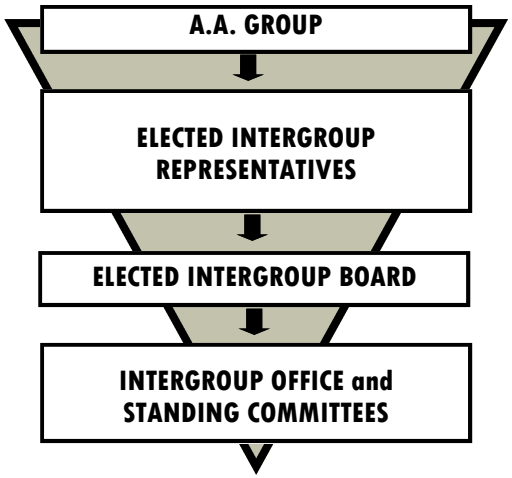
This Is Your Brevard Intergroup!

EVERYTHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT INTERGROUP *

* BUT WERE NOT SURE WHO TO ASK!

What Is An Intergroup?

Intergroups or Central Offices are created to provide a variety of services which are not practical for an individual AA group to provide. Some Intergroups serve the entire state, some serve only one district ~ this Intergroup serves Brevard County which includes three districts, over seventy-five groups that generate over three hundred meetings a week at last count! Our Intergroup, like AA as a whole, is structured as an inverted pyramid.

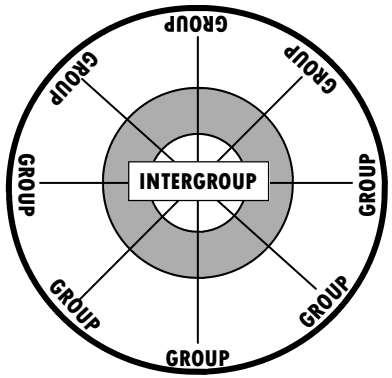


The group is served by an elected Intergroup Representative. These Reps collectively form a large bunch, each voicing their group's conscience. The Reps guide the elected Board Officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Events Director and Phone Army Director) who have a more hands-on role in the operation of Intergroup. The Board oversees several Standing Committees and the Intergroup Office with its volunteer staff managed by a paid professional. From the top down, it's the group conscience at each level making decisions. For more information, look over these pamphlets ~ ***The AA Group***, ***Circles of Love and Service*** and the ***AA Service Manual*** available at, you guessed it, your Intergroup Office!

Our Intergroup is a business like the General Service Office in New York, only a lot smaller. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation registered with the State of Florida since June 10, 1984. As a business, Brevard Intergroup Inc. is governed not only by the applicable laws of the land, but by the Traditions and Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is completely funded by donations, and special events/sales profit.

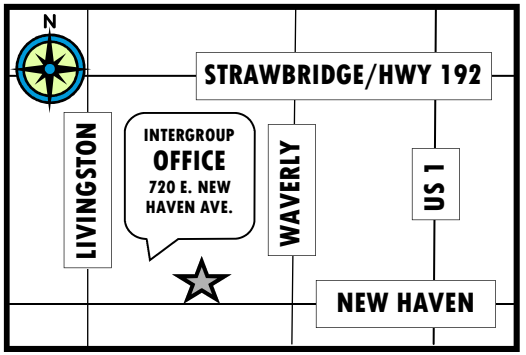
What Does Intergroup Do?

Of all the services provided by Intergroup, answering the phone is surely one of the most important. This Intergroup Office receives approximately 4,000 calls a year ~ to arrange for the still-suffering alcoholic to receive a 12-Step call, provide directions to a meeting, or answer general questions about AA. Once the Office closes the Phone Army answers that same phone from the comfort of their home or on-the-go with their cell phones, allowing us to claim having a 24-hour hotline. Intergroup publishes the meeting schedule known as the ***Where & When*** and the ***Unifier***, our monthly newsletter. This Intergroup Office stocks AA and Grapevine books and literature, conference-approved and otherwise, along with a wide assortment of recovery-related items for the convenience of both groups and individuals. We also house a collection of newsletters/flyers covering recovery-related events from far and near along with a lending library of video and audio tapes. Brevard Intergroup acts like a hub on a wheel, connecting Alcoholics Anonymous groups in a centralized way.



The Office functions as a clearinghouse for District service workers: passing along Public Information requests, providing pamphlets for Cooperation with Professionals, making one-to-one connections for Treatment's "Bridge the Gap" program, collecting used Grapevine magazines for Corrections to take to local inmates or displaying Archive materials in a corner cabinet. On any given day, the Office serves as a visitor center for out-of-towners, a starting point for newcomers or fills an order for group supplies ~ making a total of 2,400 visitors to the office last year alone. The coffee pot is almost always on. Stop by!

Where Is the Office?



MONDAY thru FRIDAY 9AM ~ 4:30PM

Located in downtown Melbourne across from the Ambulatory Surgery Center - One block east of the Post Office.

Two annual events are hosted by Brevard Intergroup: A New Year's Dance and the Spacecoast Round Up in February. Each event is unique in character and brings sober fun to the fellowship while raising funds for Intergroup. If you want a front-row seat to all the action, sign up to help on one of these special events!