

IAFC NEWS—January 2024

IAFC is a service organization that involves partnerships among Fairfield County AA groups- just as the groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. Its purpose is supporting the groups in the common goal of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

As a benefit to AA groups, IAFC runs the phone hotline, produces the website, sponsors the Thanksgiving Alcathon and other social events, and provides AA literature at quantity discount prices and \$15 of free pamphlets per group. Intergruop also manages the flow of accurate information about alcoholism to the media and public.

IAFC is supported by contributions from the AA groups and others.



INTERGROUP BOARD HOLDS FIRST MEETING OF 2024

On January 3, 2024, IAFC's board met for its first session of the new year. The organization is off to a great start with all, but two board positions now filled. As Chair, Michele states, "We have not had these many members ready to bring IAFC's goals to fruition since before Covid". The highest priority is to fill the Phone Service Chair.

Meeting Highlights

Bylaws Revision--After lengthy consideration held over the past months, the Board voted unanimously to update the Bylaws section that details trustee job descriptions. Laura B, who worked on the project said, "We needed to do this ultimately so we can improve service to our member groups." The Board of Trustees' descriptions can be seen on the IAFC website (IAFC-AA.org/bylaws).

Semi-Annual Financial Audit will take place on January 18th. Per the bylaws, the Treasurer, Chair, Recording Secretary, and the Representatives Chair will participate.

Looking Ahead to 2024.

The Board continued its discussion about program planning for the coming year. Core activities such as the Hot Line, website and social media, and fellowship events remain high on the list. Due to reduction of contributions in 2023, the Board is focused on high impact activities on a tight budget.

Biggest Challenge this month:

Volunteer for PHONES CHAIR IS DEPERATELY NEEDED!!!
Contact chair@iafc-aa.org for info.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 16-18
CAME 2 BELIEVE CONFERENCE
(www.came2believeaa.org)
STRATFORD HARTFORD HOTEL 1 BRADLEY
INTERNATIONAL WAY WINDSOR LOCKS

February 17
45th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
Recovery Unlimited
Christ Church
2 Emerson St, Norwalk
5-11 pm

February 22-25, 2024
NERAASA (NE Regional Alcoholics
Anonymous Service Assembly.
(www.neraasa.org)
Hershey Lodge, Hershey PA.

MORE EVENTS:

**SPEAKERS EXCHANGE March 3
ST CECELIA'S STAMFORD 7 AM**

**APRIL 12, 2024
BECAME WILLING 12 STEP RETREAT—
Narcotics Anonymous
Incarnation Retreat Center 253 Bushy Hill
Deep River CT**



Who's who on the INTERGROUP BOARD

- CHAIR**
Michele—Fairfield Woman's
- RECORDING SECRETARY**
Laura—New Canaan Early Birds
- TREASURER**
Anne—New Life
- PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIR**
Chris—Common Solutions
- LITERATURE CHAIR**
Maude—New Canaan Early Birds
- SPEAKERS EXCHANGE CHAIR**
Jamil—Common Solutions
- GROUP LIAISON**
Tara—Common Solutions
- TREATMENT-CORRECTIONS CHAIR**
Paul—Common Solutions
- ANNIVERSARY CHAIR**
Tracy

Treasurer's Report

This is the "short version" full budget available contact secretary@iafc-aa.org
Total Income/Contributions \$900/\$19,954

Total Operating Expenses \$3745/32133
Total Occasional Expenses 156/1813
Special IAFC Function Expenses 667/2617

Net Income Operating Expenses \$-3668/-16609
Total Expenses = \$4568/\$36,564

Starting Balance \$19,726
Ending Balance = \$16,594

Trivia, tidbits, tall tales

Which of the following artists has not performed a song entitled "Sober"?

1. Pink
2. Kelly Clarkson
3. Demi Lovato
4. Madonna
5. Selena Gomez
6. Lorde

**RECOVERY UNLIMITED
GROUP ANNIVERSARY—all are welcome!**

	45 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES	RECOVERY UNLIMITED GROUP ANNIVERSARY
SPEAKER MEETING FOOD FELLOWSHIP	SATURDAY FEB 17 5-11 PM	Christ Church 2 Emerson Street Norwalk CT
Contact Rick at	201-6796218	For information

Internal Pubs temporarily Laura

WEBMASTER

Doug—New Canaan Early Birds

FELLOWSHIP

Brian—Common Solutions

REPRESENTATIVE CHAIR

Bill-News Canaan Early Birds

INTERGROUP NEEDS A HOT LINE CHAIRPERSON

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR THE GOOD OF AA

AND IN CLOSING, A NOTE FROM the NEWSLETTER "EDITOR-IN-CHIEF"

Hello all, I hope you are enjoying this monthly newsletter. It is a labor of love for me. As the "editor in chief" (aka only editor and only reporter) I need your help. It is easy to write but time consuming to find content.

I GLADLY welcome submissions of events, interviews, topics on Fairfield County recovery, tasteful jokes, local history, inspirational quotes, artwork, photos.

In grateful service,
Laura B
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