

IAC May/June 2006 E-Newsletter

Firstly, we wish to welcome our new web-master and developer Mark J. Mark has created a wonderful web-site for the IAC. If you wish to view it, please visit www.iac-aa.org. Please remember the triple w in the address.

Our former web-master, Marty S. is now an Advisor for the IAC. Thank you Marty for all of your help and support!

We would like to thank our Treasurer, Kevin S. for recruiting Mark J. as the new webmaster. We simply could not have accomplished this without your efforts!

I wish to apologize for the lateness of this letter. I was transitioning from a job as a hospital executive to teaching school; doing both at the same time was quite time consuming.

In an attempt to make this monthly e-newsletter more appealing, I wish to ask you to send me the history of how your local groups/roundups/activities began and the challenges you faced. How you overcame them and how you made your meetings successful.

I will use myself as an example. Fifteen years ago, I was living on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. I worked with the public and did not wish for anyone to know about my lifestyle. I attended local AA meetings and never mentioned my homosexuality.

I attended an YPAA convention in 1990 near Bristol, Virginia. It was there that I purchased my first IAC meeting directory. I learned that a GLBT meeting existed in Charleston, South Carolina. For one year, almost every Saturday, I would make the 2.5 hour drive to Charleston to attend meetings.

I finally discovered that a small GLBT meeting existed on Hilton Head Island, SC on Sunday afternoons in the local clubhouse. I became very active in this group and held different positions like Treasurer, etc. The meetings were at times attended solely by me or perhaps two people. Sometimes up to 15 attended. Attendance was sporadic. Oddly enough, all of the attendees (except for one) moved to other States (including me) and the meeting, to the best of my knowledge, no longer functions.

Once I began to attend the local meetings, some persons in the regular AA meetings started pulling away from me because of my homosexuality. It was tough, and I heard rumors about me, but I continued to place my trust in my Higher Power.

14 years ago, I moved to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas near South Padre Island. There are no GLBT meetings here at all. I attempted to start one 12 years ago, but the attendance was so small and finally no one showed up except for me. I was the Brownsville IAC representative and would attend local conferences and display IAC literature; there were no "takers."

So please, if you wish to send your stories about your groups and conferences to me, please do so at: stanleyiac@yahoo.com or to iac-aa@iac-aa.org.

Kevin S., IAC's Treasurer report follows:

Balancing with the statement dated April 30, 2006:

Ending Balance: 8,997.70

Outstanding checks:

#1257 U.S. Post Office (39.00)

#1258 Mark Johnson (112.50)

Outstanding Deposits:

5/18/06 144.38

Checking Account Balance as of this date: \$8,990.58

The IAC Executive Committee is meeting in August at the 24th Ohio Roundup. The details are listed at the end of this writing.

Once again, I'm asking that you please write to me or the IAC email address with the history of your groups, how they started, and the like. If you have any other comments on how we can make the monthly e-newsletter more inviting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In-Service,
Stan L.
Deputy Chair

Happy 24 Hours - One Day At A Time

18, 19, 20 August 2006, Cincinnati, OH

24th Ohio Roundup

"The Family Afterward"

Holiday Inn

4501 Eastgate Blvd

Cincinnati, OH 45245

513 752-4400

\$85.00 per night, mention Roundup

Basic Registration: \$40.00

Full Package before July 20, \$75.00

Full package after July 20, \$85.00

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