

A Letter of Gratitude from Cape Atlantic Intergroup

5.20.26

Dear Groups, Reps and Members,

We want to take a moment to reflect on our *genuine gratitude for blessings received* and say “Thank You” for your continued support of Cape Atlantic Intergroup (CAIG). Without you, we would not be able to succeed in our vital efforts to carry the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

NOW, HOWEVER, THERE IS A NEED TO ASK FOR MORE. We are asking all groups and members to now generously increase their level of support for CAIG and all we do.

CAIG is 100% run by volunteer members of our great fellowship, and ***our work is solely funded by the groups who contribute a portion of their 7th Tradition on to support our efforts – and individual contributions.*** Our work is important work, and we are making great progress in passing on the gift of sobriety.

On the reverse side of this letter is a list of the primary responsibilities and accomplishments that the volunteer panel and committees of CAIG work to achieve every day on your behalf. However, *having enjoyed several years of a generous operating account, we have come to a crossroads.* At your request we've spent down this operating account by raising budgets to host better and more events like GSO bus rides for \$10 per person; more CAYPAA activities than ever; as well as keeping event attendance and literature costs down for you.

We are now asking more from you. Our ability to continue this vital work depends on it.

Currently we have \$25,000 over our prudent reserve. Of that \$7,000 is earmarked for the literature account so that we may keep our inventory stocked for book purchases.

Contributions are currently at or below a break-even point to help us cover our monthly expenses – and it's not enough. After our pending office move to a new location – which we estimate will cost around \$5,000 (for overlapping rents in June, truck rental, setting up new internet and other costs), our operating expense will be depleted to less than \$13,000. ***Without an increase in contributions, we expect our current operating account to carry us through only another 3-4 months, at which point serious discussions regarding event cancellations and other measures to cut expenses will regrettably need to be discussed.***

Yes, we have our prudent reserve of \$32,000 to fall back on – but that is considered an emergency fund that we need to hold on to in the event of an occurrence such as the pandemic of 2020.

Every group and every member can do something to help us carry our message of hope to the alcoholic who still suffers — If you haven't yet, please join us at our next meeting to see how you can help, and to those who have helped - **thanks again for all you do!**

CAIG is so grateful for the work you've helped us to achieve!
With *You're Financial Support* we can continue to provide these services and events – and more – well into the future!

CAIG maintains a well-promoted and well-attended 24-hour phone hotline (609-641-8855) with message service – as well as our website www.CapeAtlanticAA.org – so that anyone reaching out for help will find the hand of A.A. We have the Phone Coordinator and dozens of members who volunteer for two-hour slots to thank for its continued success!

CAIG maintains a conveniently located office presently located at 1418 New Road, Suite 4, Northfield NJ 08225, at which monthly Steering and Intergroup Meetings are held; and also serves as a meeting Space for Areas 16 & 17 and the Roundup Committee. It is the hub of activity for volunteers to carry the message of A.A. to the alcoholic.

Meeting lists are maintained and updated 2-3 times a year by CAIG. Meeting changes are also updated promptly on our **website and on The Meeting Guide app**. We thank the AWESOME group of dedicated volunteers on our literature and website committees who keep this info fresh, and to all who make sure they're made aware of changes!

CAIG also sells A.A. Conference-approved literature for the convenience of local groups and individuals. Purchasing from our office saves groups and individuals money, as we buy at a discounted bulk rate for many items; and saves you from paying shipping and handling fees. AA pamphlets (many free), signs, and other support materials may also be obtained at our office.

Our monthly Business Meeting is open to all members, and each group is encouraged to send a representative (Intergroup Rep) to vote on business matters. We meet both in-person and on ZOOM! A great deal of information is exchanged, including group events and meeting changes as well as Intergroup's report to the groups on the month's service efforts. Thanks to ALL who participate!

Cape Atlantic Intergroup holds their monthly business meeting at 7:30PM on the Third Wednesday of every month at the Intergroup office and via ZOOM: 8329 6233 517 / No password.

Our PI/CPC Committee coordinates our commitment to provide information about A.A. to our community. Informational meetings are brought to Schools, Health Fairs, Police Stations, Doctors Office and other events. We also work with Area 45 in implementing the Bridging the Gap program. We thank the committee and all who volunteer to give the talks and man the tables!

Our Hospitals and Institutions Committee (H&I) coordinates numerous meetings per month to be brought to our area treatment centers and outpatient programs. We are grateful for the committee, for the groups for taking these commitments and of course for the members who fulfill them!

CAIG hosts most of our area's notable sober events such as our Yearly Picnic, the Roundup, New Year's Eve Party, Resentment Bonfires and so much more. Our Unity and Cape Atlantic Young People in AA Committees prove we are not a glum lot! We thank the committee members who help plan them, the volunteers who help set up and the people who attend - especially those who stick around to help clean up!

CAIG's Newsletter, *Pass It On* has been published bi-monthly for decades, and we thank our editor, the committee, the members who contribute articles; the groups who help us distribute it, and all of our readers!

In sincere gratitude,
Cape Atlantic Intergroup
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