

**IAC February Newsletter**  
**6 February 2006**

**Dear IAC Members,**

I have been asked about the IAC and what we do. I researched material on the Internet and discovered some rather insightful information. I hope and pray that you are willing to read, because I am providing you with about 19 pages of information. **(NOTE from Holly: I have reduced the article to a hyperlink.)**

**International Advisory Council** <http://www.iac-aa.org/>

The International Advisory Council (IAC) serves the gay and lesbian members of A.A.. Our sole purpose for existing is to provide our experience, strength and hope to any arm of A.A. when called upon to do so, and to work in the spirit of UNITY and SERVICE with A.A. for the betterment of the gay and lesbian members, and A.A. as a whole. Our function is not that of a policy or decision-making board in matters affecting gay and lesbian members of A.A., nor is our function to isolate or separate ourselves from the mainstream of A.A.

That which follows has been requested of the IAC during the month of January:

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2006 01:10 PM

**To:** iac-aa@iac-aa.org

**Subject:** meetings

*Hello,*

*I am looking for a gay al-anon support group. I live in Salisbury, Md. 21804. Do you know of anything within 50 miles of me?*

*thanks,*

*Joy K.*

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Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2006 02:45 AM

To: iac-aa@iac-aa.org

Subject: So glad to find you!

Hi. My name is Jeff P. and I found out about you from the 12 step coffee shop for GLBT drunks and junkies in recovery. I live in a small, military town in Southwestern Oklahoma called Lawton, OK, USA. I feel isolated from my gay brothers and sisters. I can drive 90 miles to Live and Let Live in Oklahoma City and do from time to time. I am curious as to the "gay friendliness" of the advertised round-ups. I know we are trained to look for the similarities rather than the differences. However, I am still a work in progress (Thank God). Is there something I can do to help? XO, Jeff P.

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I found the following article at

<http://www.barefootsworld.net/aaspecialgroups.html>

I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did. It clearly defines how special interest groups became recognized by the GSO and AA World Services.

**[SPECIAL COMPOSITION GROUPS IN A.A.](http://www.barefootsworld.net/aaspecialgroups.html)**

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(From AAHistoryLovers On-Line Discussion)

Thank you all for your generous contributions. Without you, we would not exist.

Our current bank balance is: \$3,018.28

May your life be blessed one day at a time, and may you find happiness in sobriety with the beginning of each new day!

In-service,

Stan L.

Deputy Chair - International Advisory Council for Homosexual men and women in Alcoholics Anonymous.