

# 0777 Newsletter

West Pasco / Tarpon Springs Intergroup



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**A.A. HOTLINE: 727-847-0777**

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## A Note To our Readers

We are going to be making a better effort to improve distribution of the **0777 Newsletter** to the groups.

Starting in **December**, we are asking each group to designate one member to pick up their group's supply of newsletters.

They will be available at all Intergroup Meetings, Unity Meetings, District 15 meetings, and at the Office. Each "designee" is asked to initial the approximate number of newsletters they pick up, (a form will be available) & also to provide feedback to your **Intergroup Rep** on this or any other area where we may better serve your groups.

In love & service,  
Your **0777 Newsletter**  
Committee

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**If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider they are there for a reason. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes. Mark Twain**

**The Al-Anon Hotline  
1-(352)-697-0497**

**Could live Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.**

There are many different types of spiritual awakenings. Each & every one is unique. Practicing these principles in all our affairs means just that: we practice them in every part of our lives, not just in the rooms of AA. Due to these principles, we are able to live much better lives; for many, much better than any we could have imagined.

Carrying the message is a very important part of the program for many reasons. "When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there, & for that I am responsible."

It is our responsibility to give to

**Tradition 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.**

## Suddenly personal publicity became a strange and disquieting wine

Recently, I was invited to participate in a non-AA function at which a number of prominent 'recovered alcoholics' stood up and identified themselves during a press conference and dinner. The purpose of this function was to give the general population and the so-called hidden alcoholic an opportunity to better understand the wide spectrum of society that is afflicted by alcoholism.

It was explained to the AA's among those appearing that our anonymity as AA members must be strictly protected, and that the good we do would be of great value to those still in a state of misunderstanding about the illness and disease of alcoholism.

All these intentions were carried out. The organization sponsoring the affair did an excellent job in presenting the

## Giving What Was Given to Us

others as they have freely given to us. Many of us never thought we could ever live well without drinking or be a part of AA, but we are & are grateful for it today. It is our responsibility to share our experience, strength, & hope with each other to prove to others that this program works, if we work it!

Twelfth Step work involves showing up. When the newcomer with problems arrives at a meeting, they need to be able to look around the room & feel comfort in knowing there are people who will understand. We show we care by reaching out to the newcomer, attending & sharing at meetings, greeting people before meetings, helping set up & clean up at meetings & functions, making coffee, & picking up the anniversary

chip. Later we sponsor people, chair meetings, get involved with Intergroup, District, & organizing functions, take meetings to jails & institutions, & go out on 12th step calls to the alcoholic who is still suffering.

Helping others also helps ourselves by helping us grow & getting us out of ourselves. We remember, "...that probably no human power could relieve our alcoholism..." , so we need not be discouraged if someone we are helping just does not get it. Helping them reminds us of how long it took us before we were ready.

God wants us to deliver the message; He does not expect us to be able to deliver it.

anonymous

## The Alcoholic Celebrity

recovered alcoholic so that the fact of AA membership was completely protected at the level of press, broadcast, and film. The official publicity emanating from the affair was definitely within the boundaries of our Eleventh Tradition.

Yet afterward, I had an intense feeling that something was wrong. It was not that I had been misled in any way, or that any of the proposed goals of the function had not been reached. Rather, something within my own conscience indicated all was not well with me.

I have been intermittently examining this feeling of unrest; attempting to understand what made me feel so uncomfortable. One night, while talking at an AA meeting, I was describing these emotions when suddenly the matter came into focus.

Clearly, nothing within my activities had violated the Eleventh Tradition, which specifically states that our names and pictures as AA

members should not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. While all these media had been used, in no instance was I identified as an AA member. And the publicity itself was not the cause of my unease. In the nature of my work I have received and become accustomed to personal publicity at most levels of the media. Heretofore, however, such publicity had not been related to the field of alcoholism or alcoholic recovery. The problem turned out to be on a deeper and more personal level. It was buried in the concept within the Twelfth Tradition (long form) explaining, 'that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance...that we are to place principles before personalities...that we are actually to practice a genuine humility.' For me and perhaps only in my own AA experience, this was the nagging burr under the blanket. In no way

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**Celebrity**

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

Bill J. - Bob H. - John S. - Kevin M. The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any AA activities, events, group histories, etc.. Submit all information by the 15th of the month to:

**NEWS0777@YAHOO.COM**  
Or to the newsletter mailbox at:  
**AA CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**6611 US 19 ROOM 505**  
**NEW PORT RICHEY, FL.**

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Opinions expressed herein are not to be attributed to AA as a whole and does not imply endorsement by AA or the Intergroup office, except where indicated.

**OFFICE HOURS**

**10 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday**  
**10 AM - 1 PM Saturday**  
**Closed: Sunday & Holidays**

**PASS THE BASKET**  
**November 2006**

Tropical Attitudes	\$ 40.00
NPR Kiss	\$ 25.00
Candlelight Beginners	\$ 40.00
Intergroup	\$ 16.00
Recovery Thru the Steps	\$ 30.00
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Happy Joyous & Free	\$ 10.00
Cotee River Young People	\$ 5.00
Unity Meeting	\$ 162.00
Two or More	\$ 100.00
Keep it Simple Women	\$ 50.00
KISS Group	\$ 757.47
7-UP Group	\$ 350.00
Month Total	\$1615.47

WE AT THE INTERGROUP THANK ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO OUR EFFORTS THIS MONTH.

**SEASON GREETINGS**

**BRIDGING THE GAP**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW**

...for **Basic 12th Step Work** taken to a new dimension in Pasco and Pinellas Counties. The hand of A.A. will reach out to the alcoholic newcomer upon their discharge from treatment and correction facilities.

Please announce at all meetings & post on all Clubroom Bulletin Boards.

Intergroup, General Service Rep's and all trusted servants, please make our fellowship aware of this new service opportunity.

Please get your group a sign up sheet from your GSR Rep or at the Central Office. For more information leave message for **Kathryn @ 727-847-0777**.

**CALLING ALL GROUPS**

**The Archives Committee**

would like any information having to do with District 15's History.

- When was it formed?
- Who was involved?
- Where did we hold the first meeting?
- What was the order of business?
- How many groups were represented?

Please write it up and leave it at Central Office on the file cabinet behind the Archive display. Thank You. **Donna W.**

**DECEMBER: PICKIN' UP**

**A.A. WAY**

Fausto P. 10 yrs

**CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS**

Willie 2 yrs

John S. 21 yrs

Jim B. 33 yrs

Hank B. 25 yrs

Pat B. 1 yr

**COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE**

Sal 15 yrs

Katherine

**HAPPIER HOUR**

Barbara S. 1 yr

Dale D. 23 yrs

Debi L. 12 yrs

Janet W. 17 yrs

Rick M. 1 yr

**HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?**

Harold G. 10 yr

**K.I.S. WOMEN**

Noreen C 31 yrs

Jeanne T. 20 yrs

Roni G. 3 yrs

**LIFE GOES ON**

**LIVING SOBER**

Kathleen S. 2 yrs

**MEN LET'S TALK**

Kent T. 11 yrs

Charlie G. 11 yrs

**MIRACLE GROUP**

**NPR KISS GROUP**

Bill 4 yrs

Cathy B. 12 yrs

Jim B. 33 yrs

Paul C. 3 yrs

Marc H. 4 yrs

Regina O. 8 yrs

Gina 2 yrs

**NEW HOPE BEGINNERS**

**PASCO BIG BOOK**

Kathryn 4 yrs

Kristen 1 yr

**RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS**

Mare B. 15 yrs

**SERENITY GROUP**

Buddy R 19 yrs

Neil O 17 yrs

**SURRENDER GROUP**

Tim P. 21 yrs

Mark C. 36 yrs

Roger 14 yrs

**TROPICAL ATTITUDES**

John S. 21 yrs

John O. 8 yrs

Christine N. 5 yrs

**TWO OR MORE**

**WONDERFUL SAT. STEP GROUP**

**Lets start the New Year off right - Ask your group to submit their members yearly Anniversaries so that we can include them in our 0777 Newsletter each month.....**

**E-Mail address is: News0777@yahoo.com**

Thank you Rich, for contributing these puzzles for the past 3 years. You're efforts are appreciated.

**TRADITION TWELVE** BY RICH F., NPR KISS GROUP

**WORD LIST**

PERSONALITY	SPIRITUAL	GOOD	ALL
ANONYMITY	ESSENCE	PLACE	OF
PRINCIPLES	COMMON	SECRET	OUR
FOUNDATION	TRADITIONS	SOCIETY	AIMS

Y	Y	T	I	L	A	N	O	S	R	E	P
T	G	O	O	D	E	N	O	M	M	O	C
I	A	S	N	O	I	T	I	D	A	R	T
M	I	M	F	U	E	C	N	E	S	S	E
Y	E	I	P	R	Y	T	E	I	C	O	S
N	C	A	B	A	S	T	E	R	C	E	S
O	A	L	S	P	I	R	I	T	U	A	L
N	L	N	O	I	T	A	D	N	U	O	F
A	P	S	E	L	P	I	C	N	I	R	P

**DONATION ADDRESSES**

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS INTERGROUP TREASURER  
6611 US 19, ROOM 505  
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652

GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 15 TREASURER  
P.O. BOX 692  
ELFERS, FL. 34680-0692

GENERAL SERVICE AREA 15 TREASURER  
P.O. BOX 48243  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL. 33743

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 459  
GRAND CENTRAL STATION  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10064

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Oct. 1, 2006 Bal.	\$ 3111.38
Total Donations	\$ 808.00
+ Total Sales	\$ 1065.18
Total Income	\$ 1873.18
Subtotal	\$ 4984.56
- Total Expenses	\$ 2207.24
Oct. Ending Bal.	\$ 2777.32

(Total includes a prudent reserve of **\$2750.00**)



**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY**

Hotline Calls	58
Office Calls	200
Walk Ins	57

**HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE**  
**727-847-0777**

# WANT-AD:

## YOUR ARTICLES

We strive to get the views of our readers into the Newsletter with the "Steps" & "Traditions" articles. We are looking for people within our District to write these articles, generally people with 1 or more years of continuous sobriety. To reserve your space & date for a Step or Tradition article, please leave us your name, telephone # and/or email address, and which article you would want to write. Messages can be left for the committee from:

**10 am – 5 PM weekdays at  
(727) 847-0777 or email us at  
www.news0777@yahoo.com**

**Your newsletter committee.**

## ANSWER PHONES

At the Central Office and the Overnight Hotline Phone when the office is closed. Contact Kevin M. or Bob S. at **(727) 847-0777** & leave your name and phone number where we can reach you.

## ELECTIONS

All Officers, Steering Committee Member, and some Committee Chairs of the Intergroup will be nominated on October 11 & November 8 at the regular Intergroup Meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office. Elections will be held on December 13. Office Coordinator candidates need 5 or more years of continuous sobriety; Secretary, Treasurer, & Steering Committee members 2 years, & Committee Chairs 1 year. Copies of the By-laws (and job descriptions) are available at the Central Office during business hours or at the meeting. All of these are great service and growth opportunities. Any AA member is welcome at any

## 12 STEP CONTACT LIST

If you are interested in **12 Step** work and have at least 2 years sobriety, have I got the opportunity for you! **The 12 Step List.** It is a list that is confidential and kept at Central Office. When a person calls seeking help, the volunteer will look at the list and call to get help for that person. It may just be a phone call, it may be to meet the person at a meeting, or you may need to pair up with someone and go to that person. It's a wonderful way to give back what has been so freely given to you. Contact your Intergroup Rep. or Central Office to get on the list. If you have any questions please feel free to call Nancy A. @992-2024..... Thank you.

## From GSO in NY

### Reaching Out: Inmates Needing Help

There is an urgent need for AA members on the "outside" to correspond with AA members in correctional facilities. There is a backlog of men waiting to participate in the Corrections Correspondence Service. Linking is done in the order received & can take between 2 weeks & 6 months, depending on the volume of inmate requests.

Most correspondents use their home address or PO Box, or, with permission, the Intergroup, District, Area, or individual group mailing address.

If you are either an AA member on the outside or on the inside, wishing to correspond with an AA member on the other side. Contact:

Corrections Desk at GSO  
PO Box 459  
New York, NY 10163  
Email: corrections@aa.org  
Phone: (212) 870 – 3400



### Cont. from page 1 **Celebrity**

should this personal feeling be construed as disapproval of the actions of any other person or persons, or of the goals of the function itself. Rather, it should be viewed as an introspective analysis by only one member, who concluded the spotlight personal publicity as alcoholics regardless of the virtues of its motivations, can for some of us become a strange and disquieting wine indeed. For me, it created a sense of uneasy 'importance' as an alcoholic. I could intellectually defend my role in this public occasion on the basis that my identity as an AA member had not been revealed and that therefore I had in no way compromised Tradition Eleven. What was ignored by me, however, was Tradition Twelve as it applied to my own ego and pridefulness, surely the greatest stumbling blocks in my efforts to achieve at least a limited humility as an AA member.

The Traditions are clear on this. I must surely be true to my understanding of

## UNITY MEETING

Hosted by

Date

**Grapevine Committee Dec. 16th**  
**Life Goes On Jan. 20th**  
**Came To Believe Feb. 17th**  
**How Important Is It March 17th**

Groups wishing to sponsor a Unity Meeting, should attend any Unity Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet with **Trish** to set up a date.

**Next Available Date is June.  
Hurry, they are going fast!!**

## Gratitude...

...is more than a donation in November. It must be an ongoing part of our lives. For a lot of Aas, service is gratitude in action. We sincerely thank all the volunteers that keep the Intergroup, office, & phone lines working. They cover 11 shifts a week at the office & keep a live alcoholic available on the phone 24 hours a day to talk with & help the still suffering alcoholic who wants help. We also wish to thank the Intergroup reps who carry information back & forth to their groups which helps us better serve all the groups in the area. In addition, thank you to all the groups & individuals who support the office financially. Finally, thank you all for giving us the opportunity to be of service.

Thanks. Kevin

them, no matter how I can rationalize or find technical reasons for a compromise.

It is fortunate that there are actions we can take in almost any sober situation to regain a misplaced feeling of integrity. In this case, it seems to require the Tenth Step, a painful effort for a self-centered person like me. Thus, permit me to admit I was wrong (when we were wrong promptly admitted it) in overlooking this spiritual concept of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Again, let me stress that my feelings should be recognized as applying to myself only, not to any other group of people or organization. And it must be applied to me so that (quote our Twelfth Tradition in its long form) "...our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

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Submitted by: Joe R.

# District 15 News: November

## Recovery on the Web

The monthly meeting for the District was held in Andrus Fellowship Hall at Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey on November 21, 2006. Twenty-eight people attended. Treasurer Bob reported that the District's treasury beginning balance was \$3969.81. Expenses included \$110.00 liability insurance for the Gratitude Dinner, \$875.00 for seven people to attend the Area 15 October Quarterly Meeting in Boca Raton, \$31.50 for secretarial supplies, \$84.00 Linda O. Quarterly expense and a total of \$547.00 donated in reference to the Gratitude Dinner. The ending balance was \$3841.31.

A number of standing committees had news to report. Sue from the Intergroup Committee advised that assistance is needed in the filing of tax exempt status for the Intergroup Office. Should you have any expertise in this area, please give the Intergroup Office a call as your service would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are needed to perform a number of duties including manning the phones as well as general filing and record keeping. Elections for Intergroup Officers will be held on December 13th at 6:30 PM. Please stop by if you are interested in providing service in this capacity. Virginia from the treatment committee reported all is proceeding satisfactorily. The number of volunteers is excellent, meetings are going nicely and the Bridge the Gap program is performing well. Gary from the Corrections Committee indicated that the situation is equally positive in reference to the District's efforts to take meetings into correctional institutions. There are an adequate number of volunteers and the response from inmates attending the meetings has been very gratifying. John from the Literature Committee explained that the

G.S.O. has recently published a new catalogue of A.A. Approved Service Literature. There have been revisions in eight of the most commonly used pamphlets listed in the new catalogue. Should your group be interested in obtaining this most recent catalogue, contact the G.S.O. at 212-870-3312 and request publication #200M9/06 (SP). The Grapevine Committee will be hosting the monthly Unity Meeting at 5330 Whippoorwill Drive in Holiday on December 16th at 7: PM. The meeting will host a special guest speaker, Catherine from District One's Grapevine Committee. In reference to other business, expenses unanimously authorized at the meeting included funds for Big Books for the Treatment and Corrections Committees in addition to subscriptions to the Grapevine.

Chairman-elect Doug conducted a number of administrative election procedures. The District's revised guidelines were unanimously adopted. Doug thanked all of the members of the Ad Hoc Guideline Revision Committee for their services. Additionally, Joe of the Candlelight Group was elected to serve on the PI/CPC Committee. Doug requested that the attendees at the meeting advise their groups that a number of District positions still remain open. Volunteers are needed for those positions. Should you be interested in providing service to the District, please stop by at next month's meeting to be held at our regular location at Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you all there.

John S. Dist 15

Bill W. called the Grapevine,"... the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement." Today you can download and hear all the stories, the Editor's Note, PO Box 1980, & "Ham on Wry" from each current issue. Go to:

[aagrapevine.org/qv/current](http://aagrapevine.org/qv/current)

Also, a new monthly journal, "Emotional Sobriety; The Next Frontier" is now being published by the "AA Grapevine" monthly. You can read a selection from the magazine, as well as the articles above, free Just go on the web to:

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) AND...

For a lot of AA information, online meetings, world wide AA news, other GSC approved resources, as well as downloads & links to various speakers, newsletters, recovery merchandise and literature, downloads (CDs, DVDs, screensavers, wallpaper), online meetings and chat rooms, and lots of other neat stuff, much of it

.....FREE.....  
go to:

[www.alcoholicsanonymous.org](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.org)

and click on the numerous links you will find there. (I knew that the free would get your attention :-)

### New & Moved Meetings

**New, starts January I, 2007**  
Sober Side Up, Dry Dock,  
1733 Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs  
Mondays, 5:45 PM, closed BB  
Wednesday, 5:45 PM, clsd. 12X12

Pasco Big Book, 7137 Edna, Hud.  
Tuesday 6:00 PM, Open G.V.

Wednesday Afternoon Group  
Wednesday, 1:00 PM Open Disc.  
Moving to: Unity Church, 5844 Pine Hill Rd. , Port Richey

### District 15 Agenda Meeting

The first Monday of every month, the agenda is set for the regular meeting, (held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month). The Agenda Meeting takes place at the Central Office at 6:30 PM. Any AA member who wants to put an item on the agenda for the district meeting, they are welcome to attend and place

## ALKATHONS

### DRY DOCK

December 24 & Dec. 31 All Night

### A CLUB

December 24 & Dec 31 All Night

Groups , Please sign up for meeting times at the clubs

=====  
**Everybody is invited to the**

### A CLUB

for

**Tex- Mex Night at the Club**

**Admission \$2.00**

**No Side Dish Needed**

And also for a

**New Year's Eve**

**Dinner Dance**

**Dinner at 9 PM, Dance Till When Ever AM- No Side Dish Needed**

**\$8:00 Admission**

**MUSIC, by GEORGE**



All Of Us At The  
Central Office Wish  
All Of You A  
Happy, Safe, & Sober  
Holiday Season

