

0777 NEWSLETTER



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**District 15
West Pasco/
Tarpon Springs
20th**

**Anniversary
Celebration**

February 9th, 2008

@:

**St. Vincent DePaul Church
4843 Mile Stretch Road
Holiday, Fl.**

**Semi-Formal CATERED Dinner
Live Music and Dancing
Looking for Committee members
Please contact Chairperson
Virginia
Wonderful Sat. Step Group**

**Guest Speaker
Sandy B.
Tampa, Florida**

Tickets will be available in
mid-December

Step Twelve: 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.

Try (tri) v. To make an attempt to accomplish, undertake, endeavor.

I once asked a New York City police officer, "How do I get to Carnegie Hall?" His reply was, "practice, practice, practice."

We **tried** to carry this message to alcoholics, and to **practice** these principles in all our affairs.

Trying requires action on our part. We must be entirely honest if we expect to help ourselves and others. When we discover a prospect for Alcoholics Anonymous, find out all you can

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

It's funny, when I first saw this Tradition, all I felt was relief (that nobody would be telling who I was outside the meeting rooms). Now, after these many years, I probably don't think enough about this Tradition. I now really don't care who knows I'm an alcoholic. Many A.A.'s are younger than my last drink (at least it was, I HOPE, my last drink). Now I am free to contemplate the rest of the Tradition, placing principles before personalities. To me, that means that I Must love all of my fellow A.A.'s, but I don't have to like all of you. I love your hearts, your alcoholic, often rusty, sometimes still empty or bitter, hearts. I love what God is doing for your heart on a daily basis, Because

TRY & PRACTICE

about them. Get an idea of their behavior, Problems, and background. You need this formation to put yourself in their place.

Remember when we first came into A.A.? It was agreed at the beginning that we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol. Always remember, we are here to sweep off our side of the street, realizing that nothing worth while can be accomplished until we do so. When we share with a newcomer, their faults are not discussed. We stick to our own experiences.

At first engage in general conversation with the new sponsee. Then turn the talk to some phase of drinking. Tell them about your drinking habits to encourage the newcomer to speak of themselves. Let them draw their own conclusion. Always speak of alcoholism as an

illness, a fatal malady. Explain that many are doomed who never realize their predicament.

What about the **practice** of these principles? Can we actually carry the A.A. spirit into our daily lives? Yes, all of these things are possible if we work for them. We know this because we see monotony, pain, and even calamity turned to good use by those who keep on trying to practice A.A.'s Twelve Steps.

We go to our meeting on a daily basis. We choose and join a home group. We get ourselves active in service work. We get a sponsor. We tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tropical Attitudes
Bill J.

OUTSIDE THE MEETING ROOMS

sooner or later, I will see God's work coming out of you. God does this for me, renewing my heart on a daily basis. Where there was only emptiness, bitterness, hatred, resentment, self-loathing, and loneliness, now God has taken over and won't let all that stuff around. My spiritual fitness, my heart, is renewed every day as a free gift from God as long as I hit my knees, pray in the morning, and thank Him at night. I'm not perfect, nor entirely "well" yet, and don't think I will achieve that lofty complete and total serenity in my lifetime. But I get periods of serenity, periods where I feel pretty good about things, periods where I don't rent any space in my head to anybody else, where depression isn't there, anger isn't there, and where I can really be of

some use to my fellows. The Promises are working in my life, many of them more slowly than I want them to (RIGHT NOW!!!). Remember, it's not "economic insecurity," it's "FEAR of economic insecurity." Big difference, I always want MORE (money, love, etc.) because I am an alcoholic, but today, just for today, things are OK, and I know that things WILL get better if I work the 12 Steps, go to meetings, and take it One Day At A Time. I love you all. You are me, and I am you. Together we will walk, crawl, slither, or whatever we have to do to walk that Road to Happy Destiny.

Sally R.
NPR KISS

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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**

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Stephani B. - John S. - Bill

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any A.A. activities, events, group histories, etc..

Submit all information by the 20th of the month to: **E-mail NEWS0777@YAHOO.COM**
Or to the newsletter mailbox at:

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS INTERGROUP

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A.A. as a whole and does not imply endorsement by A.A. or the Intergroup office, except where indicated.....**OFFICE HOURS**

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

DONATION ADDRESSES

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

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

GENERAL SERVICE AREA 15 TREASURER
% KATHY GUTIERREZ
8240 LINGER LODGE RD.
BRADENTON, FL. 34202-9082

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
P.O. BOX 459
GRAND CENTRAL STATION
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10063

TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 1, 2007 Bal.	\$2,655.43
Total Income	\$2,119.55
Expenses	-\$1,483.48
Oct. 31 Ending Bal.	\$3,291.50

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of **\$2750.00**



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	149
Office Calls	150
Walk Ins	61

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET NOVEMBER 2007

10/20/07 Unity Meeting	\$265.25
Cotee River Young People	\$100.00
Two or More	\$300.00
Wonderful Sat. Step	\$100.00
Intergroup	\$12.00
Unity Meeting	\$175.16
Bayou Group	\$150.00
KISS Group	\$25.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING
November 14, 2007

Keep It Simple Women's
How Important Is It
Tropical Attitudes
New Life Group
Pasco Big Book
New Hope Beginners
Wonderful Saturday Step
Easier Softer Way
12x12

Steering Comm. Dist. 15 Gen. Svc.
Secretary Treasurer
Hot Line Unity Committee
Dist. 15 General Service

Triangle Group -12 Noon -Port Richey Regency Baptist Church - N. Washington St. NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Twelfth Step Prayer

Unfold our spiritual awakening and give us the ability to do, feel, and believe in Your strength. We pray, as we try to carry our message, for a degree of honesty, peace of mind, and love. As we awaken to the presence of a loving You, we ask for Your inner strength and wisdom to practice these principles in all that we do and say. We pray to You, for our fellowship and this program, for a better way of life.

Help us to listen and give the reassurance and support which our presence can bring. "Freely ye have received; freely give..."

As our heart and soul awakens to a new life, give us true faith in those who have been infected by our illness. For we are problem people accepting and solving our problems to get right with You who presides over us all. Amen.

In this Prayer

Be inspired to fill in the name of a Higher Power of your own understanding.

December : Pickin' up chips

NAME YEARS NAME YEARS

A.A.WAY
Fausto P. 11 yrs
Ed R. 3 yrs

CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS
Willie 3 yrs
John S. 22 yrs
Jim B. 34 yrs
Hank B. 26 yrs
Pat B. 2 yrs

COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE

HAPPIER HOUR

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT
Harold G. 11 yrs

K.I.S. WOMEN
Jeanne T. 21 yrs
Roni G. 4 yrs
Noreen C. 32 yrs
Sandy P. 1 yr

WONDERFUL SAT. STEP
Jerry S. 14 yrs

TWO OR MORE

SURRENDER GROUP
Tim P. 22 yrs
Mark C. 37 yrs
Roger 15 yrs

LIFE GOES ON

WINNERS GROUP

MEN LET'S TALK
Kent T. 2 yrs
Charlie G. 2 yrs

MIRACLE GROUP
NPR KISS GROUP
Jim B. 34 yrs
Regina F. 9 yrs
Gina P. 3 yrs
Willie G. 3 yrs

NEW HOPE BEGINNERS
PASCO BIG BOOK
Fred A. 2 yrs
Kristen K. 2 yrs
R. Michael 6 yrs
Tom Mc. 26 yrs

SERENITY GROUP
Larry 3 yrs
Buddy R. 20 yrs
Neil O. 18 yrs

BACK TO BASICS

NEW LIFE GROUP
LIVING SOBER GROUP
Kathleen S. 3 yrs

TROPICAL ATTITUDES
Steven C. 3 yrs
Patty F. 1 yr
Christine N. 6 yrs
John O. 9 yrs
John S. 22 yrs
Joelle W. 1 yr

3&11 STEP GROUP
TRIANGLE GROUP
Babs A. 26 yrs

DON'T FORGET YOUR GROUP'S ANNIVERSARIES

E-Mail them to: www.news0777@yahoo.com
Drop them off at: **6611 U.S. 19 Room 505 New Port Richey, FL. 34652**

As Bill Sees It OD
A-Club 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR, FL.
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ 8:PM

Women's Meeting OD
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, FL.
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM

Thursday 12 & 12 CSTTR
Regency BAPT. Church Pinehill & Washington
THURSDAYS AT NOON

Winners Group SD
Christ Fellowship Church 5718 Grand Blvd.
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8:PM

Ask It Basket OB
A-Club 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR, FL.
EVERY SATURDAY AT 2:30PM

Followers of the Way OSD
All Saints Episcopal Church 1700 Keystone Road Tarpon Springs, FL.
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 7:PM

As Bill Saw It OD
Edna Ave. Club 7137 Edna Ave. Hudson, FL. blk. E of 19, 2 blks. N of 52
SUNDAYS AND SATURDAYS 5:30 PM

NEW MEETINGS



WANT-AD:

YOUR ARTICLES

We need to get the input of your ideas into 0777 Newsletter through the "Steps" & "Traditions" (articles on page one). We are asking members within District 15 to write these articles. A.A. members with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety can reserve a date-month for their "Step" or "Tradition" article. Please leave us your name, telephone number, or email address, (with the month you would like to do your article). Messages can be left for the 0777 Newsletter Committee from:

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

HELP ANSWER THE PHONES

At the Central Office
Contact: Office Coordinator Bill J.
at (727) 847-0777 &
leave your name
and phone number
where we can reach
you.



Thank You

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 Vinnie G. 727-247-8334.....

Thank you.

The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the



Newsletter &
Where & When List

www.wptsaa.org

Dry Dock Alcothons

Christmas Eve, New Years Eve

Meetings can be led by
Sponsor and friends, or by a
group.

Call Dry Dock to reserve a time.
934-6638

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by **Men's Lets Talk** Date **December 15th**

**WE ARE FILLING THE CALENDAR
FOR 2008. HOPE YOUR GROUP IS
ON OUR LIST.**

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

You'll be glad you did because not only will you be supporting West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup, but you'll be showcasing your home group at the same time.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

WE'VE MOVED

MIRACLE GROUP
to CAROL'S RESTAURANT
5421 MAIN STREET
NPR, FLORIDA
12/15/07 SATURDAY: 7:PM

**WHERE & WHEN COMMITTEE
IS NEEDED AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO
MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH ALL OUR
GROUPS AND PRINT THE MEETING LIST.
CONTACT Bill J. 847-0777**

OLLIE THE



HELP!!!

I cannot do this
alone. I need your
help. I am ready
to listen.

Please send in your
ideas on how we can
help "Ollie" stay
sober in 2008

Message from DIANA

I am sending this to everyone involved in the Gratitude Dinner whom I have the e-mail address for—PLEASE pass this on to the others involved.

I am truly humbled for all the work, time, money, and awesome attitude everyone put into our Gratitude Dinner. At one point in the beginning when the decorations were up I was standing there staring—not moving—and Kevin walked up and asked me if I was all right. I could not get any words out (ready to cry) and words seemed feeble to explain how I felt—overwhelmed is I guess the closest with my heart ready to burst with Love because of all of you and for this amazing, life saving program.

I would like to let everyone know that our speaker was exceptionally impressed with everyone. She wished she could take pictures or video tape the event to show everyone in Hernando County an example of an Awesome Gratitude Dinner and hopefully they would learn something from us. God forgive me but I do Love hearing how we do something so much better than another District.

With all I am, I truly Thank each and everyone of you and please forward to all A.A. members in your group.

God Bless
Thank You All
Diana

Alcothons

Christmas Eve, New Years Eve
At the A-Club 10 PM- 6 AM

Meetings can be led by
Sponsor/ sponsees, 2 or more friends, or a
group.
Call A-Club @846-7822 to reserve a time.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND DANCE

Presented by
Pasco Big Book Group

At the Lakes In Regency Park
8330 Civic Dr., Port Richey

\$13 ea. or 2 for \$25
Must purchase tickets by Dec. 23, 2007

For ticket info call
727-255-4011

Willing to go to any

District 15 News: November

The monthly meeting for the District was held on November 20th at the Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey. Treasurer Bob reported that the opening balance for the District's checking account was \$3654.25. Expenses came to a total of \$1155.00. Of that total, \$160.00 involved cost associated with the Gratitude Dinner. The remainder involved travel and housing expenses for the District attendees at the October Area Quarterly Meeting in Boca Raton. Seven groups donated a total of \$275.00. The donations are gratefully received. \$25.00 check was collected at last month's District Meeting. A \$50.00 donation was made to be utilized specifically for the Gratitude Dinner. The closing balance was \$2849.25.

Virginia, Chair of the Treatment Committee, reported that the District takes 16 meetings each week into treatment facilities. These include three weekly meetings at the ACTS facility located off of Keystone Road. She explained that there has been some stress in maintaining a "singleness of purpose" in the meetings in terms of attendees addicted solely to controlled substances or individuals predominately suffering from mental health issues. Virginia added that this issue, confining discussion to matters associated with alcoholism, is one experienced by many Districts in Area 15 (South Florida). Jean, Grapevine Committee, advised that the informational display at the Gratitude Dinner was very well received. Dan, PI/CPC Committee, reported on a number of activities. Verification was made that each public library within the District's geographic boundaries does have a Big Book on file. Also efforts are

underway to have A.A. informational racks on display at the library branches. If all goes as planned, Pasco County deputies will be carrying lists of local A.A. meetings for purposes of referral in appropriate situations. A.A. informational contact has also been with the local health department and a number of Pasco County schools.

Several groups had announcements: The Pasco Big Book group is planning a New Year's Eve celebration at the Embassy Park Community Center. The A-Club is planning Alkathon meetings for both Christmas and New Years. The Dry Dock will also be having Alkathon meetings for the Holidays season. The District's 20th Anniversary will be celebrated on February 9th, 2008 at St Vincent De Paul Church in Holiday. Preliminary plans involve a catered dinner, semi-formal attire and live music. Tickets will be available after 12/01/07.

District attendees were advised of a recent crackdown by law enforcement on 50/50 raffles conducted by non-profit groups. These raffles are not legal. As a result, a motion was passed that the District would not hold this type of raffle at any future District activity. Chairperson Doug G. stated multiple positions remain vacant which include District Committee positions for Sub-district 2, 3, and 4; Chairperson for Treatment, Grapevine Chair, Literature Committee as well as a number of Alternate Chair positions. Next month's meeting is scheduled for December 18th at 6:30 PM.

Chairperson Doug G. reported that the Recovery Through the Steps Group is dissolving.

John S.
GSR

Recovery on the Web

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: www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current

Also, a new publication, "Emotional Sobriety; The Next Frontier" is now being published by the "AA Grapevine". You can read a selection from the magazine, as well as the articles above @ www.aagrapevine.org AND...

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

.....**FREE**.....
www.aa.org

AudioGrapevine Subscription Price Reduction

The international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as "Our Meeting in Print," announces a price reduction for AudioGrapevine subscriptions beginning February 1, 2007.

\$20.00 for (12 issues)
\$3.95 for a monthly subscription
Each month, AudioGrapevine, the audio version, offers two months of the Grapevine magazine to download and listen to anytime, anywhere. From a desktop, MP3 player or CD, you can hear new stories of hope, personal recovery, and spiritual growth from A.A. members.

AudioGrapevine is entirely portable. Members can listen to it on the road, in the gym, or when making a meeting isn't possible. It's also helpful to A.A.'s who have difficulty reading or simply don't have enough time to read. It doesn't cost anything to try it. There is always a free sample from the current issue available to download and hear at www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current/



An evening of Dancing
at the "A Club"
3rd Saturday of the month

"MOVIE NIGHT"
Every 4th Saturday of the month

District 15 Agenda Meeting

The first Monday of every month. The Agenda Meeting takes place at the Central Office at 6:30 PM. Any AA members who want to put an item on the agenda for the District Meeting are welcome to attend and place their item on the agenda; they must do so at this meeting.

BRIDGING THE GAP



...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 newcomers upon their discharge from treatment and correction facilities. Please announce at all meetings & post on all Clubroom Bulletin Boards.

Intergroup & General Service Reps
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.**