

# 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

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

Tickets will be available in  
mid-December

**Step Two:** Came to believe that a Power greater than our selves could restore us to sanity.

Having admitted complete defeat in Step 1, they now wanted me to admit I was insane. In the same way I initially had the perception of an alcoholic as the guy living under the bridge drinking from a bottle in a brown paper bag; my perception of insanity was "One Flew Over The Cookoo's Nest"

In a meeting I heard someone say "I came, I came to, I came to believe." Today I realize I took Step 2 in stages. I came to meetings. I came to,, as I stayed sober one day at a time the fog in my brain started to clear. Came to believe... In meetings I heard things like "believe that we believe." "If you don't have a higher power,

**Tradition Two:** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority— a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

What is "ultimate authority"?... Incapable of further analysis, division, or The first Tradition is the Mission Statement for the rest of the Traditions. In the mid 40s, the glue that had kept A.A. unified came primarily from Bill & Dr. Bob as the founders and spiritual leaders. They had been responsible for the creation of the service network, relying heavily upon feedback from the groups.

But this system was breaking. Dr. Bob was unknowingly, terminally ill from cancer, and both men recognized that A.A. needed a structure to maintain that unity for the time when

*...restore us to  
sanity...*

you can borrow mine." My Sponsor told me "If you hear something in a meeting that you don't agree with, put it in your hip pocket because you might not understand it right now; and then later understand and be able to use it".

The people in the rooms of AA gave me hope. They were staying sober and seemed happy. I took their suggestion and borrowed their higher power until I could find my own. Then I heard a definition of insanity that I could relate to- Doing the same things over and over again; and expecting different results.

One day I was at a meeting and the topic was "The first drink gets you drunk." A man shared a story where he poured 10 shot glasses of whiskey and started with the 10th one. After drinking 9 shots,

he left the first one on the table and filled the 9 shot glasses again. As he refilled them he said "See it's not the first drink that gets you drunk!" I thought that story was ridiculous and so I put it in my hip pocket.

A couple weeks later, I was sitting at a stop light in front of a liquor store and the sign said "Buy 1-Get 1 Free". I thought for a moment, "If I drank the free one first, it might be ok." At that moment, I took the story from my hip pocket and realized the insanity of my thinking. Today I know that my Higher Power was leading me to sobriety. Came... Came to... Came to believe.

Anonymous AA  
Back To Basics Group

## Group Conscience

they themselves would no longer be available. For this reason, the Traditions were drafted and published in the Grapevine, while drafts for the separation! Wow! The final word. But how is this to come about? Not by you... Not by me... but through a Loving God as He expresses Himself through US.

We all have ideas, and most of mine have to do with changing things to suit me. Our Big Book tells me that. This Group conscience is new to me, and I might not like their view of my idea.

I ask God to give me an open mind on any matter. This is the beginning of "Principles Before Personalities". If I don't get my way, my nature tells me to quit (take my marbles and go home). This Tradi-

tion tells me to support what is good for the good of all, without personal authority over any.

However there is one requirement in order to express our views: participation.

In Love and Service,  
Doug. G.

### 4th Step Workshop

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
4125 US 19  
New Port Richey, Fl

February 23, 2008  
Noon to 4:00 PM

Bring your own Big Book  
We supply paper and pencils.

Nancy A.

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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. - Bill J.

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**

**6611 US 19 ROOM 505**

**NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652**

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**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**

Dec. 1, 2007 Bal. \$  
Total Income \$  
Expenses - \$  
Dec. 31, Ending Bal. \$

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



**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY**

Hotline Calls 151  
Office Calls 202  
Walk Ins 93

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

**PASS THE BASKET JANUARY 2008**

James Gang	\$50.00
Candlelight Beginners	\$10.00
How Important Is It	\$100.00
Intergroup	\$11.00
New Hope Beginners	\$25.00
Easier, Softer, Way	\$77.70
Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
New Life Group	\$50.00
K.I.S.S. Group	\$25.00
In The Beginning	\$10.00
Life Throu. Recovery	\$5.00
Followers of the Way	\$20.00
Unity Meeting	\$43.32
General Service Archives	\$300.00

**INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING January 9, 2008**

- Back To Basic
- How Important Is It
- Tropical Attitudes
- Kiss Women's Group
- Pasco Big Book
- New Hope Beginners
- Wonderful Saturday Step
- Came To Believe
- K.I.S.S.
- Men's Lets Talk
- Steering Comm. Dist. 15 Gen. Svc.
- Secretary Treasurer
- Hot Line Unity Committee
- Dist. 15 General Service

**Second Step Prayer**

Increase our faith so that we come to believe in a Power greater than ourselves. Help us to clean house so that Your grace could enter us. As we receive Your gift of faith, perhaps we choose our group as our higher power.

We do not wish to be insane any more. Teach us how to have the soundness of mind. When all our score cards read "zero" we had to look for Your faith to restore us to sanity.

We pray for Your will for us. We pray for good health, a good life, and success. We pray for reliance not defiance of Your will toward us.

**In this Prayer**

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

**February: Pickin' up chips**

NAME YEARS NAME YEARS

**A.A.WAY**

Fred S. 31 yrs

**CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS**

Bob C. 25 yrs  
Jim G. 3 yrs  
George Sr. 20 yrs  
Jeff F. 7 yrs  
Johan B. 16 yrs

**COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE**

**HAPPIER HOUR**

**HOW IMPORTANT IS IT**

**K.I.S. WOMEN**

Karin B. 7 yrs  
Susan S. 8 yrs  
Dana F. 4 yrs  
Debbie K. 12 yrs

**WONDERFUL SAT. STEP**

Bob C. 25 yrs

**TWO OR MORE**

Vince P. 28 yrs

**SURRENDER GROUP**

Pat M. 29 yrs

**LIFE GOES ON**

Peter G. 2 yrs  
Robert B. 6 yrs  
Debby F. 25 yrs

**TRIANGLE GROUP**

Dick S. 44 yrs

**MEN LET'S TALK**

Jim D. 22 yrs  
Mike F. 5 yrs  
Miller M. 4 yrs  
Tom J. 2 yrs

**MIRACLE GROUP**

Dana F. 4 yrs  
George J. 20 yrs

**NPR KISS GROUP**

Shelby B. 5 yrs  
Johan B. 16 yrs  
Bob C. 25 yrs  
Tom F. 3 yrs  
Michael S. 5 yrs

**NEW HOPE BEGINNERS**

**PASCO BIG BOOK**

Chuck E. 18 yrs  
Jack D. 53 yrs !  
Scott R. 16 yrs  
Bob Mc. 8 yrs

**SERENITY GROUP**

Tim 27 yrs

**BACK TO BASICS**

Bill L. 33 yrs  
Miller M. 4 yrs

**NEW LIFE GROUP**

**LIVING SOBER GROUP**

**TROPICAL ATTITUDES**

Ron 1 yr  
Daniella Z. 2 yrs  
Larry O. 3 yrs

**3&11 STEP GROUP**

Noreen 23 yrs  
Fred 31 yrs

**MON. NITE BIG BOOK**

Bob T. 34 yrs

**Group Anniversaries**

Email: [www.news0777@yahoo.com](mailto:www.news0777@yahoo.com)  
Drop off: 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR

Women's Meeting O D  
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, FL.  
**EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM**  
Winners Group S D  
Christ Fellowship Church 5718 Grand Blvd.  
**EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8: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**  
Thursday 12x12 CSrTr  
Regency Baptist Church  
Cor. Pinehill & N. Washington  
**THURSDAYS @ NOON**

**NEW MEETINGS**

**WE'VE MOVED**

**MIRACLE GROUP**

to "A" Club  
5650 Missouri Ave.  
NPR, FLORIDA  
1/18/08 SATURDAY: 7:15PM

# 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.**



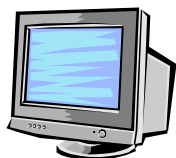
Thank You

## 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**

# RECOVERY SAYING

### F.I.N.E.

(I'm) Frustrated, Insecure, Neurotic, Emotional

### F.E.A.R.

Face Everything And Recover

### N.U.T.S.

Not Using The Step

### E.G.O.

Easing God Out

### D.E.N.I.A.L.

Don't Even Notice I Am Lying

### H.A.L.T.

Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired

### H.O.P.E.

Happy Our Program Exists

### H.O.W.

Honesty, Open-mindedness, Willingness

### S.P.O.N.S.O.R.

Sober Person Offering Newcomers Suggestions On Recovery

### G.O.D.

Good Orderly Direction  
Group Of Drunks

### B.I.G. B.O.O.K.

Believing In God, Beats Our Old Knowledge

### S.L.I.P.

Sobriety Losing Its Priority  
Still Learning I'm Powerless

### A.C.T.I.O.N.

Any Change To Improve Our Nature

### P.R.O.G.R.A.M.

People Relying On God Relaying A Message

### S.T.E.P.S.

Solutions To Every Problem Sober

### K.I.S.S.

Keep It Simple Stupid

### A.B.C.

Ashtrays, Brooms, and Chairs

## ATTENTION:

**Treatment Committee Meeting  
Saturday, February 16th, 2008  
12 noon at the "A" Club  
BE THERE!!!**

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

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**BE A "PART OF"**

**GET A HOME  
GROUP**

**AND GET  
ACTIVE**



## UNITY MEETING

<b>Hosted by</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>NPR K.I.S.S.</b>	<b>Feb. 16th</b>
<b>Amazing Grace</b>	<b>March 15th</b>
<b>Two Or More</b>	<b>April 19th</b>
<b>Wonderful Sat. Step</b>	<b>May 17th</b>
<b>"OPEN"</b>	<b>June 21st</b>
<b>"OPEN"</b>	<b>July 19th</b>

**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.**

# A DAILY REPRIEVE

# District 15 News: January

## INTERESTED IN TREATMENT/DETOX

COME TO THE TREATMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU  
CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

**WHERE:** The "A" Club

**WHEN:** February 16, 2008

**TIME:** 12:00 Noon



**TOPICS:** Detox Schedules, Commitments,  
Establish a Meeting Format,  
Bridging the Gap, ACTS



Please help our first Committee Meeting be a success.

**GRAPEVINE CHAIRPERSON  
LITERATURE CHAIRPERSON  
DCM'S  
SUB-DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 4  
0777 NEWSLETTER LIASON**

**For more information:  
COME TO THE DISTRICT  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19th, 2008 @ 6:30 PM  
@ COMMUNITY  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH,  
6533 CIRCLE BLVD., IN NEW  
PORT RICHEY**

## ANNUAL FORT DeSOTO PICNIC

**Sunday, April 29th  
Pavilion 4**

### MEETINGS:

8:00 AM

Noon Meeting

4:00 PM

Plan your Home Group Picnic

**Bubbles the Clown  
Show at 11:00 AM  
Magic Show at 2:00 PM**

Fellowship all day long.

**Good "SOBER" Fun  
Bring a Newcomer with you**

## 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.**

## 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:  
**[aagrapevine.org/gv/current](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current/)**

**"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.



**An evening of Dancing  
at the "A Club"  
3rd Saturday of the month  
SEE YOU THERE**

