

# 0777 newsletter

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AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777

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**Step Two:** "Came to Believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity".

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

### Unity Meeting

**4th Dimension Group** hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, February 18, at Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Come and enjoy fellowship, two speakers & dessert while supporting AA work.

March Unity Host: **A Club Saturday Big Book Study Group**, Saturday, March 17, same time and place.

Will your group sponsor a Unity meeting? Call John C., Unity coordinator, (727) 597-0418.

### January Central Office

Niteline calls.....	54
Office calls.....	103
Walk-ins.....	49

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## District 15 News

### 24th Anniversary Dinner Is Set For March Third

District 15's annual Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 3 at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday.

Dinner Committee Chair Lynda G., of the Came to Believe Group, is asking groups and individuals to help make the fundraising event a success by donating items and gift baskets to be raffled.

"Our Primary Purpose" is the theme. Paul L., Brooksville, will speak. Doors open at 3 pm and an all-you-care-to-eat dinner of baked ziti, meatballs and salad will start at 4 pm. The event will end at 7 pm.

Tickets at \$10 are available from District Committee Members or by calling Lynda at (727) 277-3857.

Donations of raffle items or of money to buy such items may be made by calling Laura at (727) 847-1591.

**Leaders Needed:** Nominations for District 15 Committee recording secretary and committee chairperson-elect are being invited. The persons holding those positions had to step down because of other priorities.

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**Bill B.** of the **Wonderful Saturday Step Group** shares his experience with Step Two.

**Step Two- Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.**

When I first read this, I couldn't see how any of this could possibly help me. I was raised in a traditional organized religion and then followed that up later on with more spiritual churches. So, when I saw the words "power greater than...", I thought how inferior your knowledge of God was that you could not even refer to Him as such in this step. How holier-than-thou and egotistical that same thought appears to me now. I also felt that I just wanted to be restored to "sobriety"- there was nothing wrong with my "sanity". So I just felt I would "play along"- as long as it stopped me from drinking.

Through numerous failed attempts at sobriety, doing it my way, both in and out of the rooms, Step Two had to take on an entirely different meaning for me. I realized that I had to abandon my pre- conceived notions and work this step the right way. I learned that my insanity was that even though I went through problem after problem with alcohol, I continued to think that I could drink safely and normally—that somehow, some way

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The Newsletter Committee is soliciting info about any AA Activities; group events, dances, picnics etc.

# February Anniversaries

Submit info by 20th of the month prior to publication to:

news0777@yahoo.com

Or deliver or mail to West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup 6611 US 19 Suite 505 New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

(727) 847-0777

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
<b>3 &amp; 11 STEPS</b>		<b>KIS WOMEN'S</b>		<b>NOON HIGH</b>		<b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b>	
KEVIN	4	ED N.	12	BRENDA R.	4	KEN C.	33
CHENELL	3	KARIN B.	11	MARK N.	1	JIMBO	23
<b>COTTEE RIVER</b>		SUSAN M.	3	<b>PASCO BIG BOOK</b>		DAVE T.	23
VINCE P.	32	<b>LIFE GOES ON</b>		CHUCK E.	2	BOBBY MC.	12
JOHN D.	7	LEWIS S.	40	SCOTT R.	20	MEGAN	11
VICKI M.	3	DEBBY F.	29	JOE F.	15	SUSAN	6
<b>HAPPY JOYOUS FREE</b>		ROBERT B.	10	ROBIN M.	3	DANIELLA Z.	6
BILL M.	31	PETER G.	6	<b>Two Or More</b>		LARRY O.	6
<b>HOOT-N-HOLLER</b>		<b>LIVING SOBER</b>		Buddy C.	33	DONNIE E.	5
DICK S.	48	ROGER M.	3	Randy S.	24	PATTY	5
<b>NPR KISS</b>		<b>SERENITY GROUP</b>		VINCE P.	32	AMY F.	4
LORRETA	34	TIM	31			JOEL	4
JIM	27	<b>TRIANGLE GROUP</b>				FRANK R.	3
SUSAN	3	DICK S.	48			TAMARA S.	3

See Page 5 for details about five 2012 retreats, Super Bowl party, SoberStock, conferences and other events for AA and Al-Anon Family Group members.

Donation Addresses

West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup

TREASURER  
6611 US 19 Suite 505  
New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

District 15 General Service

TREASURER  
P.O. Box 692  
Elfers, FL 34680-0692

Area 15 General Service

Area 15 Treasurer  
PO Box 650699  
Vero Beach, FL 32965-0699

AA General Service Office

PO Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, New York  
10163

## Volunteers Needed At Central Office!

Sunday Hotline  
Office Staff for:  
2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri.  
10 AM - 1:30 PM  
Or  
1:30 PM- 5 PM  
1 shift Sat. 10 AM - 1 PM

Finance Committee  
Treasurer  
Office Coordinator Trainee  
Call (727) 847-0777

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**Al-Anon Hotline**  
**352-697-0497**

20th Annual  
4th Step Workshop  
Sponsored By  
The Wonderful Saturday Step Group

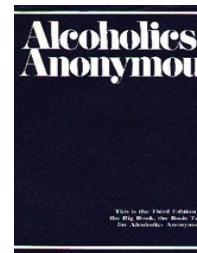
Saturday Feb 18 2012

NOON—4 PM

COFFEE & SNACKS PROVIDED



NO COST FOR WORKSHOP



MATERIALS PROVIDED

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
4125 US 19 NORTH  
NEW PORT RICHEY



**Groups Represented at  
Intergroup 1/9/2012**

**NEW HOPE BEGINNERS**

**NEW LIFE**

**4TH DIMENSION**

**LIFE RECOVERY**

**TWO OR MORE**

**BACK TO BASICS**

**NOT A GLUM LOT**

**WHY IT WORKS**

**HAPPIER HOUR**

**HOW IMPORTANT IS IT**

**MIRACLE GROUP**

**NOON HIGH**

**District 15 Opportunities**

**Alt. Chairs Most Committees.**

**DCM for Sub-district 1.**

**Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts**

**3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM. See calendar Pg. 5**

**Treasurer's Report**

**December 2012**

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,998.87
Income .....	\$1,013.26
Expenses .....	\$1,203.01
Ending Balance .....	\$2,809.12

**Bill on Step 2, continued from Pg. 1**

**THIS** time will be different. I was very forgiving of myself for my past deeds- all the remorse gone and it seemed like drinking again would be okay. I tried to beat this on my own and I came to realize that God-yes a power greater than myself was necessary to do so. I realized that I had to channel this higher power rather than just believing that one existed.

Also- that no other human power could relieve my alcoholic mind. No wife, no friend, no brother, child or parent could do this, nor could I stop drinking for their well-being.

It happened in following the guidance from the principles and people of AA.. I would have never thought I could learn anything about God from the people in the rooms ... and yet it happens every meeting.

**I'M YOUR DISEASE**

(Author Unknown)

I hate meetings. I hate your Higher Power. I hate anyone who has a problem. To all who come in contact with me I wish you death and suffering.

Allow me to introduce myself...I'm the disease of active alcoholism and addiction. Cunning, baffling, and powerful. That is I.

I have killed millions, and I am pleased.

I love to catch you with the element of surprise. I love pretending that I am your friend and lover. I have given you comfort, have I not? Wasn't I there when you were lonely?...When you wanted to die, didn't you call me? I was there.

I love to make you hurt. I love to make you cry. Better yet, I love when I make you so numb that you can neither hurt nor cry! You can't feel anything at all. This for me is true glory.

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**Continued: I'm Your Disease**

I will give you instant gratification. All I ask from you is long-term suffering. I have always been there for you always...When things were going right in your life, didn't you call me? You invited me. You said you didn't deserve good things and I was the only one who would agree with you. Together we were able to destroy all good and well things in your life.

People don't take me seriously...They even take diabetes, liver and kidney malfunction seriously....Fools that they are! They don't know that without my help, most of those diseases would not be possible.

I am such a hated disease and yet I don't come uninvited. You choose to have me. So many have chosen me over reality and sanity. More than you hate me, I hate you, your meetings, your program, and you're Higher Power....For you see, all these things weaken me and I can't function in the manner I am accustomed to.

Now I must lie here comfortably and quietly...You don't see me, but I am growing bigger than ever.

When you only exist....I live. When you live...I only exist.

I am here always. Until we meet again...If we meet again, I wish you death and suffering.

**More District 15 News**

**District 15** is busy planning to help host the **56th Florida State AA Convention**, to be held at Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor, August 1-5.

"Many volunteers are needed," said Barbara R., District 15 Committee chairperson.

To discuss volunteering, call Barbara at (727) 992-5175.

Flyers with details about attending the convention are available at Central Office and on line at:

[www.56.flstateconvention.com](http://www.56.flstateconvention.com).

February 2012

Mystery Phrase

Puzzle

Step/Tradition Two

**Directions-**

Find all the words listed and use the remaining letters to solve the *mystery phrase*. (Hint— circle individual letters that you find to make it easier to see the leftover letters.)

Mystery Phrase:

„Insanity: doing the same thing  
and expecting different results“

By Rain S., Noon High

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



**Word List**

Authority believe came conscience

Could express god govern greater

Group himself leaders loving ourselves

Power purpose restore sanity servants

Step there tradition trusted two ultimate

**Office Coordinator To Be**

5 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term

**Finance Committee**

2 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

**Treasurer**

2 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

Call Central Office @

727-847-0777)

Nominations accepted at In-

tergroup Meeting 2nd

Wednesday, 6:30 PM

At Central Office.

**BE THERE!**

**Tips For Newcomers For Working Step Two**

1. PLEASE IN THE MORNING AND THANK YOU AT NIGHT
2. BELIEVE THAT WE BELIEVE
3. KEEP AN OPEN MIND

## Calendar of Events

**Feb. 4: District 15 Special Needs Committee**, noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and help alcoholics with physical limitations.

**Feb. 5: Dry Dock Center Super Bowl Party**, 6:30 pm, 1733 Alt. US 19, TS. Multiple big screens. Tailgating, grills, kitchen available. "Bring a covered dish."

**Feb. 8: WPTSAA Intergroup Meeting**, 6:30 pm, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR. Send a representative of your group.

**Feb. 11: District 15 Treatment Committee**, noon, A Club. Join & carry the message into hospitals, detox & ACTS. Female members acutely needed..

**Feb. 18: 20th annual 4th Step Workshop**, Wonderful Saturday Step Group, Noon-4 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4125 US 19, NPR. Bring your Big Book, a newcomer, sponsee, sponsor. Big Books for sale. See Pg. 2 for more details.

**Feb. 18: Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Redeemer Community church, 7540 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: **4th Dimension Group**. Speakers, fellowship, snacks.

**Feb. 18: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/-CPC Committees** both meet at noon at A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and volunteer.

**Feb. 21: District 15 Committee meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., NPR. Come & learn. Every group should be represented. All AAs welcome.

**Feb. 26: Pasco Big Book monthly Eating Meeting** at 7 PM, followed by Member Anniversaries Speakers Meeting at 8 PM, Edna Ave. Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

## Looking Ahead

**March 3: District 15 24th Anniversary Dinner**, 3-7 pm, St. Vincent De Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Dinner at 4 pm. Paul L., of Brooksville, will speak. Tickets \$10. Groups and individuals are asked to donate gift baskets to be raffled at this fund-raising event for District 15. See Page 1 for details.

**August 1-5: 56th Florida State Convention** Innisbrook Golf Resort, 36750 U.S. Hwy. 19 North, Palm Harbor, FL. For more details, visit [www.56.flstateconvention.com](http://www.56.flstateconvention.com).. **Many volunteers are needed**. Call Barbara R., District 15 chair, (727) 992-5175. Flyers available in Central Office.

## What's Happening Around the Globe

**Feb. 11: Hernando Unity Meeting** 7:30-9 pm, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way (US 19), Spring Hill. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**Feb. 11: Tri-County Central Office 37th annual dinner**. Dinner 6 PM, two speakers 7 PM. Christ the King Church, 821 Dale Mabry Hwy S., Tampa. Tickets \$10 at Tri-County Central Office or at door. For info call (813) 933-9123.

**Feb. 11: Young People In AA Sock Hop & Roll**, 11 pm-1am, Astro Skate & Fun Center, 10001 66th St. N., Pinellas Park. \$10. Info: (813) 400-3429

**Feb. 18: Pinellas County Intergroup 67th Anniversary Dinner**, Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Bl., Ste. 201, Pinellas Park. Dinner 6 pm. Speaker, dancing. \$30.

**Feb. 24-26: Steps to Sobriety**. Three days of 12 Steps workshops and speakers. Calvary Episcopal Church, 1615 1st Street, Indian Rocks Beach. Early registration of \$25 includes Saturday lunch. Info at [www.stepstosobriety.com](http://www.stepstosobriety.com)

**March 9-12: Annual Housecleaning spiritual retreat** for AA & Al-Anon, Yale Lake Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg, FL. Info on line: [retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://retreatforaa-alanon.com)

**March 10: 28th annual Women's Day**, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Fort Myers, FL. Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, 1380 Colonial Blvd. \$26 cost covers breakfast & lunch. For info call (239) 770-4619 or (239) 218-4518.

**March 14-17: Seniors In Sobriety International Conference**, Hilton Garden Inn, Yuma, AZ. Info on line at [seniorsinsobriety.org](http://seniorsinsobriety.org) or call (928) 247-0395.

**March 16-18: Recovery Retreat**, St. Leo Abby, St. Leo. AA, Al-Anon, Alateen. 2-person room, meals \$150. Retreat will repeat Oct. 5-7. Contact Bob, (239) 470-4351 or email: [bob@theretreat.org](mailto:bob@theretreat.org).

**March 16-18: Soberstock 8** camping weekend of speakers, meetings, bands. Camp Brorein, 16901 Boy Scout Rd., Odessa. Tickets include meals: Adults weekend \$40, 1 day \$20. Info at [www.soberstock.com](http://www.soberstock.com)

**March 23-25: Quest Retreat**, St. Leo Abbey. AA, Al-Anon. \$146 includes 2-person room, meals, meditation lesson. Will repeat on Oct. 19-21. Call Cliff at (727) 546-2239 or Google: Quest Retreat.

**Group Contributions 2012** (Those received too late for a month will be posted the next month.)

GROUP DONATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
647471	\$35.00												\$35.00
678675													\$0.00
1001 REASONS													\$0.00
2 FOR 1 WOMEN'S GROUP													\$0.00
3 & 11 GROUP	\$20.00												\$20.00
4TH DIMENSION	\$185.00												\$185.00
7 & UP GROUP													\$0.00
A CLUB 12 & 12													\$0.00
A CLUB BIG BOOK													\$0.00
A CLUB JOE & CHARLIE													\$0.00
A CLUB SAT AM BIG BOOK													\$0.00
A CLUB SUN AM GRATITUDE													\$0.00
AA WAY GROUP													\$0.00
ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES													\$0.00
AMAZING GRACE													\$0.00
ANONYMOUS													\$0.00
AS BILL SEES IT													\$0.00
BACK TO BASICS													\$0.00
BAYOU GROUP	\$65.00												\$65.00
BEACH GROUP													\$0.00
BROWN BAGGERS	\$20.00												\$20.00
CAME TO BELIEVE													\$0.00
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS													\$0.00
COR, ROPE, HOPE													\$0.00
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE													\$0.00
DISCOVER THE TRUTH													\$0.00
DISTRICT 15													\$0.00
DOUG GRAAT	\$24.00												\$24.00
DRY DOCK													\$0.00
EACH DAY NEW BEGINNING													\$0.00
EASIER SOFTER WAY													\$0.00
EDNA AVE JOE & CHARLIE TAPES													\$0.00
EDNA AVENUE CLUB 12&12													\$0.00
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE													\$0.00
FRIDAY NIGHT SERENITY													\$0.00
GRAPEVINE													\$0.00
GRAPEVINE													\$0.00
HAPPIER HOUR													\$0.00
HAPPY JOYOUS FREE	\$23.50												\$23.50
HAPPY JOYOUS FREE													\$0.00
HOOT N HOLLER	\$0.50												\$0.50
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT	\$110.00												\$110.00
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT													\$0.00
IN THE BEGINNING	\$0.40												\$0.40
INTERGROUP	\$19.00												\$19.00
INTERGROUP													\$0.00
JAMES GANG													\$0.00
KIS WOMEN'S GROUP													\$0.00
L.I.F.E. RECOVERY													\$0.00
LET'S GET BETTER TOGETHER													\$0.00
LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP													\$0.00
LIFE RECOVERY	\$5.00												\$5.00
LIVING SOBER													\$0.00
LIVING SOBER STUDY GROUP													\$0.00
MEN ONLY													\$0.00
MEN'S LETS TALK													\$0.00
MIRACLE GROUP													\$0.00
MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK													\$0.00
MORNING INVENTORY													\$0.00
NEW HOPE													\$0.00
NEW HOPE BEGINNERS													\$0.00
NEW LIFE GROUP													\$0.00
NOON HIGH													\$0.00
NOT A GLUM LOT													\$0.00
NPR KISS GROUP													\$0.00
PASCO BIG BOOK													\$0.00
PASCOBIG BOOK	\$0.85												\$0.85
SERENITY GROUP													\$0.00
SUNDAY MORNING GRATITUDE													\$0.00
SURRENDER GROUP													\$0.00
THURSDAY 12&12													\$0.00
TRIANGLE GROUP													\$0.00
TROPICAL ATTITUDES	\$40.00												\$40.00
TWO OR MORE													\$0.00
UNITY MEETING													\$0.00
WHY IT WORKS	\$20.00												\$20.00
WHY IT WORKS													\$0.00
WONDERFUL SATURDAY STEP GROUP													\$0.00
TOTALS													\$568.25

**Please keep in mind the seventh tradition: Every A. A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.**

**That means Central Office is supported by your group contributions. Thanks for your support!**