

0777 Newsletter



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A Reader's Note

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

We are asking each group to designate one member to pick up their group's supply of newsletters each month.

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

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable

Falling for the lust of another is like taking that first drink all over again. It's smell is enticing and the taste, the smooth taste lures one to want for more. At first glance it makes you feel so young again.

(That first paragraph reminds me of the first good feeling drinking alcohol gave me.)

All in love for the very first time all over again. I found myself wanting more and more every time I was with her. And soon I got caught up wanting to go to any length to get it.

(Once I took the first drink of alcohol I was off to the races, never to look back.)

Soon I was spending all days, time, and monies pleasing each

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other. Waiting at her door at the break of day, and spending all the nights with her. No longer showing up at my meetings from time to time. The desire for her became greater than the desire to stay sober emotionally and mentally.

(When I was drinking, alcohol became my lover. The only thing I wanted in my life.)

When she called, I was there in a instant. When she wanted to be held, I followed her every word and mood. I became a passionate prisoner.

(Alcohol told me what to do, who to hang with, when to sleep, how to act. It took complete control of everything I said and did.)

Picking her up and staying with her till it was time to sleep became the norm.

No one else mattered

in the world around us anymore. It was only us together, forever.

(Alcohol always gave me that world of false fantasies and robbed me of my dreams. For me life was going to be alright as long as I had my booze.)

She set the plans for the rest of our lives and made life look wonderful and exciting. We were going to live happily ever after. Just us living life on our terms.

(Taking back 'my will' and doing everything my way became the way of life for me. Nobody was going to come between me and my drink.)

Then suddenly and without any warning life's dream came to a sudden end.

The nightmare of reality came

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Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

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 they themselves would no longer be available. For this reason, the Traditions were drafted and published in the Grapevine, while drafts for the current service

Mission Statement

structure were made and presented to the membership. Good alcoholics that they were, the membership and Alcoholic Foundation balked. Eventually, reason prevailed over fear of change and we now have A.A. as we know it today. This system has worked very well for the past 56 years.

Personal recovery depends upon A.A. Unity. Without unity, we would have no A.A. Literature, Hotline, clubs, directories, meeting lists or newsletters. No outreach into institutions, alcohol and drug free functions, singleness of purpose or direction. Without Unity, we cannot work the part of the 12th Steps of carrying the message because there would be no single message to carry and no support

beyond ourselves individually to help carry it.

Unity requires individual responsibility. Thousands of people volunteered to keep our service structure working. From the unpaid Trustees who oversee all world wide activities to the newcomer who welcomes another into a meeting. At the local level, none are paid except for the satisfaction of a job well done. But you can't experience that satisfaction unless you do something. How can you say you are working the Steps if you are waiting for someone else to do the work? There are about 10 or more positions vacant at District 15 and Intergroup that have been open for weeks and months. Someone else hasn't stepped up. It's your turn.

Submitted by Bob H.

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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

Bill J. - Bob H. - Donna W. - 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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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Nov. 1, 2006 Bal.	\$ 2777.32
Total Donations	\$ 1615.47
+ Total Sales	\$ 755.90
Total Income	\$ 2391.37
Subtotal	\$ 5158.69
- Total Expenses	\$ 2312.30
Nov. Ending Bal.	\$ 2846.39

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



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	97
Office Calls	230
Walk Ins	67

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET
December 2006

KISS Group	\$25.00
Recover Thru Steps	\$30.00
New Hope Beginners	\$25.00
Brown Baggers	\$20.00
Intergroup	\$23.00
Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
Came to Believe	\$100.00
Unity Meeting	\$129.00
A-Club 12 & 12	\$53.00
A-Club Sat. AM	\$80.00
Candlelight Beginners	\$10.00
Living Sober	\$30.00
Wonderful Sat. Step	\$75.00

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

Happy new year

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.**

JANUARY : PICKIN' UP

A.A. WAY	YEARS	LIFE GOES ON	YEARS	
Dave F.	20	Donny M	21	
Kim R.	17	Doug G.	19	
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS				
Jim L.	4	Ron G		
Larry O.	3	LIVING SOBER		
Patricia L.	22	Wayne G.	31	
Anne M.	46	Bill T.	14	
Doug G.	19	Nancy B.	1	
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE				
HAPPIER HOUR				
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?				
Steve S.	10	Mick V.	16	
Doug G.	19	Carter H.	4	
K.I.S.WOMEN				
Kathy M.	27	Brian S.	3	
Eileen E.	37	Mark H.	2	
Loretta S.	1	Jerry N.	2	
Carol A	26	MIRACLE GROUP		
TROPICAL ATTITUDES				
Beverly V.	3	Bob H.	14	
John S	8	Mary Ellen	19	
Margie R.	25	NPR KISS GROUP		
WONDERFUL SAT STEP				
Ron	32	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS		
Karl K.	21	PASCO BIG BOOK		
Bob S.	10	Rich A.	8	
Cheris S.	10	Kelly T	5	
Carter H.	4	Robin Mc	8	
3 & 11 STEP GROUP				
Barbara L.	16	Dan H.	2	
Dennis	16	RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS		
TWO OR MORE				
Russ C.	3	Janet S.	17	
Frank M.	28	SERENITY GROUP		
AA Word Search Puzzle, from "AS BILLS SEE IT" BY RICH F., NPR KISS GROUP				
WORD LIST				
PAIN	WILL	GOD	PRIDE	HAPPY
SLIP	ENVY	ILLNESS	DRY	FAITH
HATRED	FEAR	UNITY	JOYOUS	SANITY
LOVE	EGO	FAMILY	FREER	MORSE

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

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.

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alive.
(This is how the alcohol made me feel at the end of my drinking. It no longer made me feel good. It turned on me and all I experienced was the insanity, loneliness, and hopelessness.)

Within myself I tried to control the attack of the "shakes." Fear of losing her becomes to much to handle. Her feelings toward me turned off. No more did she want our relation to continue. Insanity set in as I fought and tried to hold it all together. The way our feelings were for each other was all lost in a moment. With her looking another's way. Life had sunk pretty low. Now I was broken and the life within was slowly coming to an end.

(Back when I finally hit my bottom with alcohol I found myself on my living room floor crying. This is exactly the same way I feel now. Just crying, alone and hopeless.)

All happiness was gone along with times, memories, and friends. The hurt feelings of losing ones best friend and lover started to set within. Now at the very bottom, I had nowhere or no one to turn to.

(In my drinking days that was the first time in my life I asked for God.)

I dare not share it with my home group. And the insanity of approaching my sponsor about it filled me with fear. Especially after lying about how great I was do-

ing all along.

(Denial was my alcohol defense. It played a main part of the entire relationship when drinking.)

I dare not bring it up with anyone because I didn't want to hear what I needed to hear about working the program. To this alcoholic it's just like picking up that drink of choice all over again. Early in my sobriety days, it was told to me by A.A.'s old timers that a drink comes in all 'shapes' and sizes. Even with a "skirts" on them. I found that to be so true no matter how much time one has in Alcoholics Anonymous.

(As the bottom is reached it invariably results in taking that drink, which leads, for me, only to all the remorse, terror and unhappiness that follows a binge.)

Looking back over that time, I failed to apply the 12 Suggested Steps of recovery to my life. It nearly lead me to a slip, or slips:

- (1.) I neglected 12th Step work.
- (2.) I omitted contact with a Higher Power.
- (3.) I forgot my personal inventory.
- (4.) I assumed grudges against others.
- (5.) I missed A.A. meetings, and avoided A.A. friends.
- (6.) I gradually lost humility.
- (7.) I fell into self pity.
- (8.) I obsessed about *the things I could not change.*
- (9.) My thinkin' really started stinkin'.
- (10.) I became 'cocky' and over confident.
- (11.) I neglected to ask help from my sponsor.
- (12.) I became an 'isolated' person: staying away from the A.A. rooms.....Through praying, God and the fellowship saved me from a drink.

Submitted by Bill J.

N,U,T,S, NOT USING THE STEPS

UNITY MEETING

<u>Hosted by</u>	<u>Date</u>
Life Goes On	Jan. 20th
Came To Believe	F e b .
17th	
How Important Is It	March
17th	
Sat. Wonderful Step	April 21th
Serenity Group	May
19th	
New Hope Beginners	June
16th	

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.

43rd International Women's Conference



**February 15 – 18
2007
Detroit Marriott
Renaissance Center**

District 15 News: January

Recovery on the Web

The last meeting of the year for the District was held on December 19, 2006 at Community Congregational Church. Attendance was excellent. A new record was set as 36 individuals attended the meeting. Treasurer Bob reported that groups donated a total of \$566.49 during the month of November. The passed basket at last month's meeting brought in \$30.50. The only expense for the month was some residual leftover items from the Gratitude Dinner totaling \$109.72. The beginning balance for the month was \$3841.31. The closing balance, \$4398.05. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

A number of news matters were reported from the District's standing committees. Dottie indicated that the situation at the Intergroup Office is stable. Shifts for phone and office coverage have been met. However, positions for Office Coordinator, Treasurer, and Secretary remain open. Virginia stated the Treatment Committee is doing well. There are enough volunteers to conduct meetings for residents in treatment facilities. Coincidentally, Virginia indicated that she had received inquiries as to the possibility of Treatment Committee service from temporary residents wintering in the 'sunshine state.' Nevertheless, all interested parties are invited to advise of their availability as vacancies due regularly occur. Jeannie from the Grapevine Committee reported that she had two subscriptions to the Grapevine magazine to donate for the District's use. One of those subscriptions was assigned to the Corrections Committee for disbursement at the jails. Gary from the Corrections Committee reported the Little Road jail group, entitled the "Walk Free" group, is doing nicely. Attendance has been at a maximum capacity for the space provided by the correctional personnel at the jail.

A long round of sustained applause

was given to outgoing Chairperson Marion S. for her two years of excellent service as the District's Chairperson. Several individuals made laudatory comments as to the exceptional leadership, hard work, and dedication she has provided to the District. Marion passed the gavel to the District's new Chairperson, Doug G. Several District office vacancies were filled. Joe, with 42 years of sobriety was named the new DCM for Sub-District 4. He has relocated here from Venice, Florida. Ed B. of the Men's Let Talk group became the District's new Intergroup Liaison. Rick, a member of the Pasco Big Book group was chosen as the Alternate Chairperson for the Archives Committee. Positions that remain open include the Chairperson Elect and Alternate Chairperson for the Archives, Literature, and Intergroup committees as well as alternates for all of the District's Sub-Districts. The alternate chair positions provide an excellent opportunity to learn the responsibilities of a committee chair or DCM position. Please consider applying if you are interested in this form of service.

Under new business, Doug G. stated that due to scheduling problems the Anniversary Dinner has been reset from February to March 10th at St. Vincent de Paul hall. Doug also made a presentation on the District's newly elected GSR informational booklet. The booklet has three maps of the District, the boundaries of the Districts located within Area 15 and the geographic boundaries of the areas in the U.S. and Canada. Also, the booklet contains a copy of the District's recently revised operational guidelines. There are a number of pamphlets from the G.S.O. helpful to a newly elected GSR providing information on the responsibilities of the position in addition to suggestions as to how an A.A. group may conduct itself in a positive and productive manner. In closing, District 15 wishes a happy, safe and sober New Year to all of its past, present, and future members.

Submitted by John S

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

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 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

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"WHEN YOU THINK YOU ARE OVERDUE FOR A MIRACLE IN YOUR LIFE, JUST REMEMBER: YOU ARE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF ONE."

From the May 1986 Grapevine

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

Everybody is invited to the

A CLUB

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

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 their item on the agenda; they

All of us at the West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup & General Service District 15 of Alcoholics Anonymous wish each of you a safe and sober:

Happy New Year

