

NEWSLETTER



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A.A. HOTLINE: 727-847-0777

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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 One: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol --that our lives had become

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 we were together. And soon I got caught up wanting to go to any length to stay that way.

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

Soon I was spending all my days, time, and monies pleas-

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ing my new found addiction. Wanting at the break of day, and spending all my nights waiting for more. Not showing up at my meetings from time to time. Our desire became greater than the desire to stay sober physically, emotionally, and mentally.

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

When my partner called, I was there in a instant. Wanted to be held, I followed every desire, 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 up and staying together till it was time to sleep became the norm. No one else mattered in the world anymore. It was only

us together with me longing for the lust and excitement.

(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.)

My addiction 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.

(When drinking, 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 One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

personal recovery = UNITY

every friend who looks at AA for the first time is greatly puzzled. They see liberty verging on license, yet they recognize at once that AA has an irresistible strength of purpose and action. 'How', they ask 'can such a crowd of anarchists function at all? How can they possibly place their common welfare first? What in Heaven's name holds them together?'" 12 & 12 p. 130

AA was here and well when I needed it. I didn't know then, but do now, that the reason AA stays well is the Traditions. All twelve of them.

I had been kicked out of some of the sleaziest bars in town. Every time I picked up a drink I turned into an obnoxious pest, a nuisance and a liability. No one wanted me around, and

yes, I felt sorry for myself. Real sorry.

By the grace of God I got to AA still alive, and what do I find?

I find a bunch of drunks just like me, and each of them terminally unique. Just like me. But they were HAPPY. Without a drink! (I wasn't.)

Tradition 5 tells us we have a common purpose- to carry our message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. In order to do that we must maintain unity among ourselves, we can't be fighting and arguing; we are here to HELP! We must keep AA alive. For that to happen, we need unity.

Stephani B.
Rough Road

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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

"The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or AA dies...." 12 & 12 p. 129

Does the individual count for anything? What about ME?

"We believe there isn't a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members ; surly there is none which more jealously guards the individuals right to think, talk, and act as he wishes. No AA can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled." 12 & 12 p.129

"To many minds all this liberty for the individual spells sheer anarchy. Every newcomer,

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Stephani B. - John S. - 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

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P.O. BOX 692
ELFERS, FL. 34680-0692

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% 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

Nov. 1, 2007 Bal. \$3291.50
Total Income \$1813.51
Expenses - \$ 869.22
Nov. 30 Ending Bal. \$4235.79

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls 148
Office Calls 169
Walk Ins 44

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET NOVEMBER 2007

Unity Meeting \$ 93.30
12 & 12 Thur. Nite \$ 94.00
Intergroup \$ 11.00
Came To Believe \$50.00
Brown Baggers Group \$20.00
NPR K.I.S.S. Group \$25.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING
December 12, 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
Candlelight
K.I.S.S.
Men's Lets Talk

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

Group Anniversaries

Email: www.news0777@yahoo.com
Drop off: 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR

First Step Prayer

Today, I hit my bottom and ask for Your help with my addiction to alcohol. Denial keeps me from seeing how powerless I am and how my life is unmanageable.

I pray to become open-minded and admit complete defeat against alcohol. I pray to remember that I have an incurable disease with a mental obsession plus physical allergy.

Help me to know that I am dealing with alcohol—cunning, baffling, and powerful. And that abstinence is the only way to deal with it.

Give me the strength and willingness to straighten out my past and teach me tolerance, patience and good will toward all. Amen.

In this Prayer

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

January: Pickin' up chips

NAME YEARS NAME YEARS

A.A.WAY

Dave F. 21 yrs
Kim R. 18 yrs

CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS

Jim L. 5 yrs
Larry O. 4 yrs
Patricia L. 23 yrs
Anne M. 47 yrs
Doug G. 20 yrs

COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE

HAPPIER HOUR

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT

Steve S. 2 yrs
Doug G. 20 yrs

K.I.S. WOMEN

Kathy M. 28 yrs
Eileen E. 38 yrs
Loretta S. 2 yrs
Carol A. 27 yrs

WONDERFUL SAT. STEP

Karl K. 22 yrs
Carter H. 5 yrs

TWO OR MORE

Russ C. 4 yrs
Frank M. 29 yrs

SURRENDER GROUP

Ruth M. 20 yrs

LIFE GOES ON

Donny M. 13 yrs
Bob H. 15 yrs
Ron G. 2 yrs
Doug G. 20 yrs

WINNERS GROUP

MEN LET'S TALK

Mick V. 17 yrs
Carter H. 5 yrs
Brian S. 4 yrs
Mark H. 2 yrs

MIRACLE GROUP

Bob H. 15 yrs
Mary Ellen G. 20 yrs

NPR KISS GROUP

Matt G. 13 yrs
Ed J. 3 yrs
Brian S. 4 yrs
Mick V. 17 yrs

NEW HOPE BEGINNERS

Noreen K. 23 yrs

PASCO BIG BOOK

David S. 6 yrs
Rich 9 yrs
Robin Mc. 9 yrs

SERENITY GROUP

BACK TO BASICS

Maureen H. 18 yrs
Mike H. 18 yrs

NEW LIFE GROUP

LIVING SOBER GROUP

Wayne G. 32 yrs
Bill T. 15 yrs
Nancy B. 2 yrs

TROPICAL ATTITUDES

Dave F. 21 yrs
Margie R. 26 yrs
Misty S. 2 yrs
Beverly V. 4 yrs

3&11 STEP GROUP

Barbara 17 yrs
Dennis 17 yrs

TRIANGLE GROUP

Babs A. 26 yrs

NEW MEETINGS

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

WE'VE MOVED

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

WANT-AD:

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

**For more information:
COME TO THE DISTRICT
MEETING
JANUARY 15th, 2008 @ 6:30 PM
@ COMMUNITY CONGREGA-
TIONAL CHURCH, 6533 CIRCLE
BLVD., IN NEW PORT RICHEY**

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.....

**The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the**



**Newsletter &
Where & When List**

www.wptsaa.org

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alive.
(When I finally put down the drink this is how the alcohol made me feel. It no longer made me feel good anymore. It turned on me and all I experienced was the insanity, the loneliness, and hopelessness.)

Within myself, I tried to control it with the attack of the "shakes." Fear of losing our relationship becomes too much to handle. All my feelings within me turned bitter. No more did our relationship want to continue. Insanity set in as I fought and tried to hold us together. The way our feelings were for each other were all lost in a moment. Life had sunk pretty low. Now I was broken and life within me was slowly coming to an end.

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

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

(That was the first time in my life I asked God for help.)

I dare not share it with my alcoholic home group. And the insanity of approaching a sponsor about it filled me with a terrible fear. Especially after lying about how great I was doing all along.

(Denial was always my alcohol defense. It played the main part of the drinking relationship when all things went wrong.)

I didn't want to 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 in skirts. I found that to be so true no matter how much time I had in Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

I finally started to go to meeting where I was not known to share about my problem. As I got more comfortable talking about it, I found myself going back to my own meetings and home group.

(I had to open up to someone about my problem or I would had surely die in the bottle.)

Looking back over that time, I failed to apply the 12 suggested Steps of recovery in my life. It nearly lead me to a drink. Through God's help, the fellowship, and praying, I am able to make my life manageable again.

(Those who fail to remember their past are doomed to repeat.)

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

Bill J.

**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**

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**DON'T DRINK
AND GO TO
MEETINGS.
AND
DON'T DRINK
BETWEEN THE
MEETINGS**



UNITY MEETING

Hosted by	Date
Candlelight Group	Jan. 19th
NPR K.I.S.S.	Feb. 16th
Amazing Grace	March 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.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR:
ONE DAY AT A**

District 15 News: December

The District held its final meeting for 2007 on December 18th at the Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd. In New Port Richey. Chairperson-elect Kevin Mc. conducted the meeting as Chairperson Doug G. was out of town. In reference to Committee news three of the District's Committee Chairpersons were rotating out at the conclusion of their two year terms. Those people are Jean from the Grapevine Committee, Virginia from Treatment and John of the Literature Committee. Kevin led the meeting in a round of applause thanking Jean, Virginia, and John for their service to the District. J.D., Chairperson of the Correctional Facility reported that meetings have been temporarily canceled, until further notice, at the Land-O-Lakes jail due to structural damage from a recent storm. However, meetings will continue at the Little Road Facility every Tuesday and Thursday. Also, J.D. advises that a new program is under way in which volunteer A.A. members will assist recently released inmates in attending their first meeting on the outside. He will be providing more information on this program at our next monthly District meeting after attending the Area Quarterly to be held in St. Petersburg during the first weekend in January.

Elections were announced for six (6) vacant positions. Those vacancies are for the Grapevine, Treatment, Literature committees as well as District Committee Members for Sub-Districts 2, 3, and 4. However, Missy of the 1001 Reasons Group was elected to the position of Alternate Literature Chairperson and Kathryn of the Cottee River Group was elected Chairperson of the Treatment Committee.

As to group news, Jean from Sub-District 5 reports the groups at the Dry Dock will be conducting Alkathons on both Christmas eve and New Years eve. Meeting will be held every two (2) hours commencing at 8:00 PM for a twenty-four time frame. The Pasco Big Book Group is holding a New Years Eve Party/Dance at the Lake in Regency Park, at 8330 Civic Drive in Port Richey. Tickets are \$13.00 each or \$25.00 for two. Festivities commence at 7:30 PM. To obtain tickets or information on the party, call Linda S. @727-255-4011.

Virginia, Chairperson of the District's Anniversary Dinner Dance advises preparations are well under way. The affair will be held on February 9th, 2008, at St. Vincent de Paul Hall on Mile Stretch Road in Holiday. Fellowship commences at 5:00PM dinner at 6:00PM. A speaker at 7:00 PM and dancing with a live band starts at 8:00PM. This will be a semi-formal event sponsored by the District. We will be dressing up instead of dressing down. Tickets information will be available shortly for this catered Dinner and Dance.

A personal note, since November 2005, the District opted to have this informational column submitted to the 0777 Newsletter each month in the hope that it would provide a conduit of information to our A.A. members as to the activities of District 15. It has been a pleasure to write this column since that time. My term of office is now ended and I appreciate more than you can know the opportunity to serve the District in this limited capacity.

Thank You
John S.

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

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/

"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**.

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**



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