



WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS 0777 NEWSLETTER

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Step One

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol and our lives had become unmanageable

There Will Be Blood

She thought she wasn't alcoholic until the unmanageability got a whole lot scarier.

After attending only a few AA meetings, I felt like my story was boring. Maybe I didn't have a drinking problem; no tickets, no wrecks, no jail, no lost jobs, no wrecked marriages, and no loss of family. I had only been drinking heavily for two years.

I had gotten divorced after 22 years of marriage and I survived the death of my son semi-sober. But when my job was eliminated after 28 years and I was forced to retire, that was the beginning of my downfall. To me, my life was over then. I was useless. My parents and my husband were all alcoholic, but, of course, I was not. I was just distraught, confused, bored and lonely.

However, one morning I woke up and somehow during the night the open dishwasher door had broken and I had a big bruise on my side.

A month or so later, an antique table broke during the night—and my big toe was broken! How did that happen? I must have been walking in my sleep. Then another morning the handle on the nightstand was broken, and I saw blood on my pillow. When I looked in the mirror, there was a four inch—in my forehead. I could actually see my skull! When the doctor stitched it up, he asked me how I did it, and I said I tripped. Following that, I broke a playpen a footstool, some dishes and few plastic rails in the refrigerator and an antique wash bowl and pitcher. Not long after that I woke up and saw the toilet lid was broken and my left arm was dangling “I now have a plate in my arm and horrible 9 inch scare”. I went to rehab for two weeks after that.

But then came that morning when I woke up in the backseat of my car—in the garage. The back of my head was all sticky, and there was blood on the doors, the seats and all over me. I thought I had locked myself in the car and couldn't get out. When I finally could move I saw the front door of the car was wide open and

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a GREAT whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first but individual welfare follows close Afterwards

Please Support your Central Office hotline staff for: 2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri. 10 AM—1:30 PM or 1:30 PM—5 PM Contact Central Office for more

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I was taken to the hospital, where two doctors said I lost a lot of blood and had almost died. I went back to rehab and realized then that the first time I quit, my head told me to. The second time, my head and heart told me to ... quit drinking or die.

That's when I embraced AA. My life had become unmanageable. I now go to five meetings a week and love it. This AA works, it really does. My last drink was August 11, 2010. I don't miss it one bit. I never want to go back to that dark ugly place. The scares will be there always, as a reminder into my decent into insanity.

Deborah G, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

Announcing the 75th edition of the Big Book

A.A. World Services, Inc. announces the publication of the only A.A.W.S.—authorized reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This new edition will be a faithful replica of the original, with the famous “circus cover” dust jacket and bulky paper (which is why it was initially called the Big Book), and is published in the original English-language text only.

Available at Central Office through February 22, 2014 at a cost of \$20.00.





Anniversaries in January

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	<i>Richard W.</i>	1		<i>Judy P.</i>	4
Each Day A New Beginning	<i>Gayle B.</i>	1	12 x 12		
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Join The Intergroup Birthday Club

Celebrate your years of recovery by giving a little something back

Name: _____

EMAIL: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Phone: _____

Home Group: _____

Donation Amount: _____

Suggested donation **\$3.65 or more.**

Birthday Club Member Pin:

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____

For a contribution of \$3.65 or more in Gratitude of Sobriety.

West Pasco AA/ 7119 US 19,



Meeting Changes

Who: Life Recovery

What: Open Discussion

When: Friday 6:00 PM

Where: Covenant Christian Church

6814 Indiana Avenue

New Port Richey, FL

DATE: NOW



**Represented at Intergroup—December
2013**

How Important Is It
Wonderful Saturday Step
NPR K.I.S.S.
Tropical Attitudes
Keep It Simple Women's
Let's Get Better Together
Life Recovery

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$2,331.84
Income	\$2,432.75
Expense	\$2,069.33
Ending Balance	\$2,695.26
Complete report available at Intergroup Office	

Activity at Central Office

Office Calls	72
Walk Ins	67

The Newsletter Committee always welcomes information about any AA activities; group events, dances, picnics, etc.

Submit info by the 25th of the month prior to publication to: 0777news@gmail.com or brett11@verizon.net

Or

Deliver or mail to : Attn: Newsletter Editor, West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652

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Calendar of Events

January 18, 2014 (3rd Saturday of the month) **Unity Meeting** 7 PM at Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Drive, New Port Richey, FL

January 24/25, 2014 SOBERILLA, Big Book Comes Alive, one night/one day, details at SOBERILLA.ORG. St. Mary Catholic Church, 15520 North Blvd., Tampa, FL 33613.

January 25, 2014 Annual Fish Fry—Sponsored by Aripeka Tuesday Speaker Meeting, Noon—whenever. Bring a dish to share, Aripeka Community Center, Osowaw Blvd. and Indian Bay Drive, Aripeka, FL.

January 31, 2014 Pasco Big Book monthly Eating Meeting at 7PM followed by member anniversaries speakers meeting at 8PM Edna Ave. Club , 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson, FL. Bring a dish if you can.

February 7, 8 & 9 2014 In Living Color AA—A Journey Through the Steps. Speaker Sally G. from Stamford, CT at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 2101 Northpointe Parkway, Lutz FL 33558 (813) 792-8400. Registration \$30.00 in the form of a check or money order. For further information contact Jennifer B. (727) 514-0508 or Dawn L. (813) 453.9241.

March 22, 2014 District 15 Dinner at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 8320 Old County Road 54, New Port Richey, FL 34653.

Meetings at Central Office 7119 US

1st Saturday Special Needs Committee
12:00 Noon

4th Saturday Archives Committee Meeting
12:00 PM

1st Tuesday Corrections & Public Info/-CPC Committee Meeting **6:30PM**

2nd Tuesday Treatment Committee Meeting **6:30PM**

3rd Tuesday District 15 Committee Meeting **6:30PM**

2nd Wednesday WPTSAA Intergroup Meeting **6:30PM**



January 28, 2014 6:30 PM at Central Office— **Planning Meeting** for District 15 Dinner. Committee Heads are needed for: Donations, Set-up, Cleanup, Servers, Greeters, Ticket Sales, etc. There will only be **TWO MEETINGS** before the dinner so **PLEASE, PLEASE** come and help plan - get involved with the District 15 event. Only decorating, donations and ticket sales have involvement prior to the event. Most committees are a “day-of” service only.



