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Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

I have learned a lot putting the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous in my life...How to live a sober life...Life on life's terms. I have learned that I cannot change people or the world. I cannot make all people like me. And it is none of my business what they think of me. Using the 12 Steps I can definitely change how I react to a situation. This I owe to the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12 Steps.

When I was out there drinking I was under the impression that I could control the world and people around me. When this would fail to happen I would get upset and angry. I would medicate these bad feelings the only way I knew how by drinking alcohol and taking drugs. The alcohol was always there. In the early years of my drinking it seemed

Tradition 3: The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

We cannot refuse anybody membership if they have a desire to stop drinking. It does not say they have to stop, but that they want to stop. WOW!!! Think about that.

You can be a A.A. member the minute you declare yourself. Nobody can keep you out.

In the beginning, every A.A. group had many membership rules. Only high class people were allowed in. Tramps, prisoners, crazy people, and the 'too poor' were out. If you were too short, too tall, too thin, the wrong color, speech was wrong, say bad words, or could not read, you were kept out. WOW!!! Think about that. We only wanted high class people.

Finally this all changed.

SO YOU THINK YOU TURNED IT OVER?

to help. If I did not feel good a few drinks would make it so much better. Then I liked it so much that I tried to feel better all of the time. But that didn't last.

I hear at a lot of meetings some one saying they did Step 3 and turned it over. I learned in A.A. that I did not turn it over by doing Step 3. The third Step reads "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him." In making a 'decision' I come to a conclusion of the mind. I have not taken any action yet. The action is taken when I do Steps 4 through Step 10. The action Steps. Nothing short of continuous action upon these Steps as a way of life can bring the much-desired result. Then, I have truly turned it over.

So how, exactly, can the willing person continue to turn his will and his life over to the Higher Power? He made a beginning, we

have seen, when he commenced to rely upon A.A. for the solution of his alcohol problem.

Today, thanks to my nearness to my Higher Power who I choose to call God, the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and all the sober alcoholics around me, I am able to stay sober another 24 hours. Today, this is my medication.

In times of emotional disturbance I can pause and simply say: "God, I offer myself to Thee—to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always.

By Ed J
Tropical Attitudes.

"She Did Come

We did not want to take away the alcoholic's chance. We had to let them in or they could DIE!!!

Harold's story had him at four years of sobriety. Before A.A., while with the F.B.I., he was involved with the killing of children during a raid in Tennessee somewhere. He could never get over this and went out drinking again. We asked him to come back, and he did for a while, but he eventually went back to the drinking. He could not get over the loss of those children. He finally shot himself in the head and died.

With Barbara's story, we took her to meetings for over a year. When we dropped her off after the meeting, she would head for the bar across the street from where she

lived. Every week, the same thing, A.A. would welcome her to the meeting, back to the bar afterwards. She could not stop drinking. She finally stopped coming to the meetings at all. Later, after a few months had past, she did come back to the rooms. She got a sponsor and she stayed. She now has over 20 years of sobriety.

This means that I can come into A.A., still drinking, but I want to quit. This means that I don't have to be a high school graduate. This means I don't have to talk as good as other people. This means that I can come to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting if I want to and when I say so. WOW!!! Think about that.

by George V.
Tropical Attitudes

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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

PASS THE BASKET
February 2007

Easier Softer Way	\$30.00
Candlelight Group	\$10.00
Jill L.	\$ 5.00
Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
K.I.S.S. Group	\$25.00
Candlelight Group	\$15.00
Recovery Thru. Step	\$20.00
Back to Basic	\$20.00
New Life Group	\$15.00
Happy Joyous Free	\$10.00
Life in Recovery	\$10.00
K.I.S.S.	\$ 8.75
Intergroup	\$13.00
Happier Hour	\$200.00
Sunday Nite Grapevine	\$10.00
Pasco Big Book	\$40.00
Came To Believe	\$100.00
Steps to a New Beginning	\$20.00
Pasco Big Book (personal)	\$25.00
Unity Meeting	\$153.00

DONATION ADDRESSES

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS
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6611 US 19, ROOM 505
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P.O. BOX 692
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TREASURER
P.O. BOX 48243
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P.O. BOX 459
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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10064

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 2007 Bal.	\$ 3241.96
Total Donations	\$1075.90
+ Total Sales	\$1089.54
Total Income	\$2165.44
Subtotal	\$5407.40
- Total Expenses	\$ 3673.34
Jan. 31 Ending Bal.	\$ 1810.33

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



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	102
Office Calls	188
Walk Ins	67

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE
727-847-0777

INTERGROUP

GROUP ATTENDANCE
AT MONTHLY MEETING
February 14, 2007

- CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS GROUP
- HOW IMPORTANT IS IT
- WONDERFUL SAT. STEP GROUP
- DRY DOCK HAPPIER HOUR GROUP
- KEEP IT SIMPLE WOMEN'S GROUP
- MEN LETS TALK GROUP
- PASCO BIG BOOK
- COTTEE RIVER CAMEL GROUP

Along with:
Steering Committee
Chairperson
Office Coordinator
Secretary
Treasurer
Hot Line

OLLIE THE

It's that first drink that gets you drunk.

Ah, come on, you can have just one drink.



March : Pickin' up chips

<u>A.A. WAY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE GOES ON</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Roger R.	16	Andrew A.	5
John M.	16	LIVING SOBER	
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS			
Sharon B.	25	MEN LET'S TALK	
Art C.	18	Jim W.	44
Richard F.	20	John B.	23
COTTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE			
HAPPIER HOUR			
Bob R.	2	Tim B.	10
Sue S.	7	Joe H.	3
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?			
K.I.S.S.WOMEN			
Donna W.	18	MIRACLE GROUP	
Carol K.	5	NPR KISS GROUP	
Pat H.	38	Art C.	8
Linda O.	20	Richard F.	10
Gail S.	18	Jerry J.	1
TROPICAL ATTITUDES			
Mike Q.	8	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
Marcia D.	10	PASCO BIG BOOK	
Alice A.	13	Lissa W.	18
WONDERFUL SAT STEP			
Virginia S.	21	Connie L.	2
Robin	3	David V.	2
Nancy A.	2	Donna	1
3 & 11 STEP GROUP			
SURRENDER GROUP			
Jim R.	38	RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS	
Toni T.	16	TWO OR MORE	
Rick T.	26	Robert J.	6
BACK TO BASICS			
NEW LIFE			
Feb:			
Johan			15
Maureen			22

I DID IT AGAIN

Forgot to mail my group's Anniversaries to:
www.news0777@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 15
ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE
MARCH 10th, 2007
(ST. VINCENT DePAUL CHURCH)

Central Office Coordinator Report

My name is Danny J. and I've just received the honor of being elected the Central Office Coordinator. I just want to say 'hello' and thank the Intergroup Representatives who voted me in. I'm looking forward to working at the Central Office and watching this District grow. And God willing, be a part of that growth.

I would like to invite everybody to stop by the Central Office just to say 'hi' and maybe talk awhile. Hope to see ya at the meetings.

On Saturday, March 10th, at 11:AM we will hold a meeting with all the office volunteers. Please show up for your input.

Danny J.

WANT-AD:

YOUR ARTICLES

We need to get the views of our readers into 0777Newsletter through the "Steps" & "Traditions" articles. We are asking for people within our District to write these articles. People with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety. To reserve your date for a "Step" or "Tradition" article. Please leave us your name, telephone # and/or email address, and which month you would want to write. Messages can be left for the 0777Newsletter Committee from:

**10 am – 5 PM weekdays at
(727) 847-0777 or email us at
www.news0777@yahoo.com**

ANSWER PHONES

At the Central Office and the Overnight Hotline Phone when the office is closed . Contact Danny J. or Bob S. at **(727) 847-0777** & leave your name and phone number where we can reach you.

ELECTIONS

All Officers, Steering Committee Member, Committee Chairs of the Intergroup and Intergroup Representative will be at the regular Intergroup Meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office. 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 Intergroup meeting.

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.



**DON'T BE A
COUCH POTATO
A.A. NEEDS YOU**

"One Day At A Time"

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry. Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday, with its mistakes, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word said.

Yesterday is gone!

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with its possible burdens, its large promise and poor performance.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow. For it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day. Today! Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when you and I have the burdens in those two awful eternities...Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of Today that drives us mad. It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but One Day At A Time.

FCYPAA MIAMI 2007

"I guess the Old Folks were right after all"

June 15th, 16th, 17th, 2007
Pre-registration \$15.00

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For more information please call:
Carissa (Outreach): 305-498-3842
Laura (Chair): 786-253-1178
Barbara (Events): 305-606-6163

"Let Go and Let God"

UNITY MEETING

**Unity thanks "Jim" for PA system.
Nancy stepped down for medical reasons, we are seeking someone for one evening per month to help with the Unity Meeting.**

Hosted by

Date

**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.

**Next Available Date is July.
Hurry, they are going fast!!**

A Reader's Note

We are going to be making a better effort to improve distribution of our **0777 Newsletter** to all 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 the Intergroup Meetings, Unity Meetings, District 15 meetings, and at the Central Office. 6611 U.S. 19 S., New Port Richey, Florida 34652. 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**

District 15 News: March

The February 20, 2007 District 15 meeting was held at the regular location, Community Congregational Church, in New Port Richey. 35 people were in attendance. Treasurer Bob reported that the January beginning balance was \$4297.85. Total expenses for the month came to \$678.40. Contributions included \$28.00 collected from last month's District meeting and \$257.36 donated from groups within the District. The ending balance was \$3904.81. Bob advised the attendees that during the calendar year 2006. Out of 51 groups within the District, 23 groups, only 45%, made donations during the year. The donations are sincerely appreciated. Thank You.

Rick, Chairperson of the Archives Committee, indicated the committee was in the process of creating a display for presentation at the District 15 Anniversary Dinner Dance, scheduled for March 10, 2007. Kathy, who is heading up the District 15 Anniversary Dinner Dance, advised us that everything is going well and due to the fact that the food ran a little short last year, she reported that extra quantities of food have been ordered for this years dinner. Incidentally, please contact your groups GSR for tickets if you are planning on attending. Sue, from the Intergroup Committee, indicated that the Hotline is in need of volunteers. If you can spare some time to assist, please contact the Central Office. 727-847-0777. Sue advised us that the Website is being updated and near completion. Jeannie, Chairperson of the Grapevine Committee, stated that matters are stable as 10 representatives from various groups are active with the committee. She explained that, traditionally, alternate GSR's usually represent their group on a District Grapevine Committee. If you are an alternate GSR, please contact Jeannie if you are interested in working on this invaluable source of information on the power of A.A. in dealing with a drinking problem.

Dan, Chairperson of the PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee, reported that

a workshop is in the making and scheduled for March 24th, from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM at the Central Office. The topic of the workshop is "How to address a non-A.A. group." Also, PI/CPC is conducting a survey of local libraries to ascertain how many have the Big Book available for patrons. Corrections Committee Chairperson J.D. stated that the Tuesday and Thursday jail meetings at the Little Road County Jail continues to have excellent attendance. However, please contact J.D. or your groups GSR if you have a Big Book or other literature which you wish to donate for use at the jail meetings. Any edition of the Big Book is more than welcome.

Two vacant positions were filled. Robin M., a member of the Pasco Big Book group, volunteered to become the alternate Literature Committee Chairperson. Barbara R., who just relocated from Pinellas County, volunteered to become the Recording Secretary for the District. Both Robin and Barbara were voted in by acclamation. Thanks and welcome are extended to both of them for offering their time and energy in service work to the District.

Other business included items such as allocating \$25.00 to the Grapevine Committee and \$300.00 annual payment to the Central Office for space to house the District's Archives material. Kevin, alternate Chairperson, reminded everyone that a Regional A.A. forum is scheduled for the first weekend in May on the Island of St. Thomas. More information on this incredible A.A. get-a-way can be found on the Area 15 Website. Debbie, GSR for the Pasco Big Book group, advised that her group is now providing space for the Edna Avenue Group of A.A.. Also, she indicated that parking has been expanded on both sides of the building at Pasco Big Book. Attendees no longer need park on the street. Chairperson Doug G. adjourned the meeting with a recitation of The Lord's Prayer. Next months meeting is set for March 20th. Same time. Same place. Please stop by if your schedule permits.

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:

www.aagrapevine.org/gv/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,

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**.....
www.alcoholicsanonymous.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/

New & Moved Meetings

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

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 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 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 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

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.**