

# 0777 Newsletter



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## A Note To our Readers

We are going to be making a better effort to improve distribution of the **0777 Newsletter** to the groups. Starting in December, we are asking each group to designate one member to pick up their group's supply of newsletters. 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 IG Rep on this or any other area where we may better serve your groups.

In love & service,  
Your 0777 Newsletter

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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**

**Step 11:** Sought through prayer & meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us & the power to carry that out.

I'm such a unique alcoholic! I needed AA to improve my life, not because I was a drunk. I was ready to try a new way of life when I came to the rooms. My life was going downhill fast. Alcohol may have been a catalyst, but I didn't drink enough to be an alcoholic. Yet controlling my drinking failed. Trouble found me & I finally faced the fact it was a result of my own choices. I resolved not to drink again until I could find the answer to what was wrong with me.

I had been aware of a higher

**Tradition 11:** Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, & films

When I first came into the rooms of AA, I was so confused! I cried a lot & didn't know what to expect.. Especially, I didn't know anything about anonymity. When I had to, I took my children to the meetings. They were surprised to see some of their teachers & others that they knew. When my oldest saw one of his teachers there, he was shocked. Of course he wanted to tell all his friends, but I told him, "Who you see here & what you hear here does not leave the meeting rooms." By then I had learned something about anonymity

The AA program is one of attraction, rather than promotion. Being

## Conscious Contact to Find God's Will for Us

power since preschool. Where I got that notion, I don't know since I hadn't learned about God in church or at home. At age 12, I began to realize that no religion was big enough for my God. Discontent, restlessness, risky behavior including substance abuse pushed God out of my life. My will power failed me as I envied the serenity & good judgement others had, but I could not obtain.

Once into AA I found what I needed. In "The Doctor's Opinion" I realized I really was an alcoholic who is allergic to alcohol. As I began to identify with others in the rooms, I learned the importance of honestly sharing my own experiences &

fears. I got a sponsor, attended 17 meetings a week, & started working the steps. The fellowship & Steps began to show me the way to find that personal relationship with God that I so badly wanted & needed.

Step 11 is my begin-my-day, end-my-day, & walking-around-with-God step. Morning meditation and prayer keeps me open. I need to 'be still' in the morning so I can hear what He wants me to do: examine my motives, listen, clear the old thinking from my head, ask to do His will. If I skip this morning meditation, my irrational, emotional, egotistical 12 year old girl

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God's will...

## Don't Tell Me, Show Me

sober for nine years now, I understand much more. It bothers me when I see and hear famous alcoholics being interviewed shortly back into recovery, talking about the program in interviews with radio, press and television people about how they now had the "cure". Then they go out and drink or use again. The public, hearing what they said earlier, believe the program does not work. If it did, these people would still be sober, right? Also people tend to think of alcoholics as low-lives, or weak people. If only these people "would stiffen their backbones, they could quit easily."

By sticking with the winners, going to many meetings, and wanting to get and stay sober

is what it is all about. Working and living the steps and traditions the best I can got me where I am today.

I went to my first AA meeting out of sheer desperation, being "husband" ordered. Evidently he had heard good things about how well AA worked. Evidently he really had no idea just HOW well it would work because he has been griping ever since. Still, since that first meeting, I have been attracted to the program. I just wanted what all the happy, sober people had, a day at a time. It did not take any promotion for me to keep coming, and I am careful to be an example to attract others. And it is still working very well.

Vicki M. NPR KISS

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

**Bill J. - Bob H. - John S. - 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**  
**October 2006**

Tropical Attitudes	\$ 40.00
District 15 Agenda (rent)	\$ 7.00
Two or More	\$ 100.00
Brown Baggers	\$ 15.00
N.P.R. KISS	\$ 25.00
Happier Hour	\$ 200.00
Living Sober	\$ 50.00
How Important Is It	\$ 105.00
James Gang	\$ 50.00
Life In Recovery	\$ 10.00
1001 Reasons	\$ 20.00
Happy, Joyous, & Free	\$ 10.00
Unity Meeting	\$ 156.00
October Total	\$ 788.00

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

**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.**

**NOVEMBER : PICKIN' UP**

<b>A.A. WAY</b>		<b>LIVING SOBER</b>	
Ed R.	2 yr	Joe H	10 yr
<b>CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS</b>		Walter W	5 yr
Roger H	26 yr	Mike W	2 yr
Tony	20 yr	<b>MEN LET'S TALK</b>	
Bob C/T	15 yr	Rob R	1 yr
Sue B	3 yr	<b>MIRACLE GROUP</b>	
Tim K	2 yr	Jill L	24 yr
Alison Z	2 yr	<b>NEW HOPE BEGINNERS</b>	
Rosie H	2 yr	Bruce K	13 yr
<b>COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE</b>		Sarah K	13 yr
Katrina	1 yr	<b>PASCO BIG BOOK</b>	
<b>HAPPIER HOUR</b>		Bonnie F	16 yr
Matt	11 yr	Todd T	5 yr
Chris P	7 yr	<b>RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS</b>	
Ron B	5 yr	Erna P	20 yr
Trish M	2 yr	<b>SURRENDER GROUP</b>	
<b>HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?</b>		<b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b>	
Kevin M.	22 yr	Pat M	18 yr
<b>K.I.S. WOMEN</b>		Robert C	3 yr
Rita O	24 yr	Eddie W	1 yr
<b>LIFE GOES ON</b>		<b>TWO OR MORE</b>	
Ed H	6 yr	<b>WONDERFUL SAT STEP GROUP</b>	
		Kathleen	12 yr

*I Keep Coming Back,  
So I Can Keep Coming Back.*

**GOD...**

**Grant me the serenity to  
Accept the things I cannot change  
Courage to change the things I can, &  
Wisdom to know the difference.**

**TRADITION ELEVEN** BY RICH F., NPR KISS GROUP

**WORD LIST**

ATTRACTION	MAINTAIN	PRESS	BASED
PROMOTION	RATHER	RADIO	LEVEL
PERSONAL	ALWAYS	FILMS	THAN
ANONYMITY	LEVEL	NEED	OUR

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

**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**

Sept. 1, 2006 Bal.	\$ 3049.33
Total Donations	\$ 658.25
+ Total Sales	\$ 766.95
Total Income	\$ 1425.20
Subtotal	\$ 4474.53
- Total Expenses	\$ 1363.15
Sept. Ending Bal.	\$ 3111.38

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



**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY**

Hotline Calls	106
Office Calls	211
Walk Ins	86

**HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE**  
**727-847-0777**

# 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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God's Will

Contact with God through the day keeps me practicing the steps. I constantly need to remember to trust your higher power to tell you what you need to know. I am often reminded to do the next right thing, usually after trying to assert my will on you. I need to remember to be God's puppet, not your puppeteer, & I need to remember the duct tape in my purse is for my mouth, not yours. My thinking is still sick when I know what is best for you. I need to be still to remember it is, His will, not mine be done. Darn it!!

At night, being still again, I go back over the day, remembering what God & I did well & where I forgot the duct tape when I needed it. And I thank God for another day of growth and sobriety.

I may be late, my prayers feel stale, I'm frazzled. I do it anyway, and it works. I have hope of becoming the woman God wants me to be after being a brat for 50 years. My grip on self will is relaxing. Progress is slow but sure. I am amazed to see God work through me when I have nothing to do with it except to ask for His will.

At a meeting recently, a speaker said he'd heard that alcoholics have an abnormal need for God in their lives. I guess I am not so unique after all; I am just like you.

**Trish M. Happier Hour**

# UNITY MEETING

Hosted by

Date

**Pasco Big Book Nov. 18th**  
**Grapevine Committee Dec. 16th**  
**Life Goes On Jan. 20th**

Groups who wish to sponsor a Unity Meeting, go to any Unity Meeting (3rd Saturday of every month) and meet with **Trish** to set up a date.

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



"Hello, AA? If I join, can I keep at least one resentment?"

March 1977

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## Cunning, Baffling, Powerful

*There is a monster,  
who lives in my head.  
He talks to me softly,  
he wants me dead.  
He tells me,  
"This time I'll stay in control!"  
He tells me,  
How wonderful I'll feel!  
He convinces me,  
That no one cares.  
He tells me he loves me,  
And it is real!  
He promises, I can do it,  
"just ONCE, this time!"  
And it'll be fun!  
My heart starts to race!  
He whispers,  
"The pain is too much to bear."  
Who is this monster,  
That calls me by name?  
Relapse! He's waiting to  
"Start up the Game!"*

John  
Men's Let's Talk

## Individual and group participation will help us "Carry the Message."

Your Intergroup/Central Office depends upon the local members and groups in West Pasco and Tarpon Springs for the necessary support to carry out its responsibilities. This support comes from volunteer help and financial contributions. Our efficiency and the continuation of services offered are related to the level of support received from the groups. What can you do?

\*Visit Central Office - Drop in. Introduce yourself. Have a cup of coffee. Chat with a volunteer.

\*Volunteer at Central Office - Volunteers needed Monday-Friday 10-1:30 or 1:30-5 PM in the office. Or after 5 PM on the Hotline from your home.

\*12 Step Work - Volunteers sign up at the office.

\*Communicate with Central Office - With your help, your Central Office maintains current information about meeting times, locations and special events.

\*Intergroup Reps. Represent your group at the monthly Intergroup business meetings.

\* Intergroup Committees - Steering Committee, Meeting List, Hotline, Phone, Secretary, Finance, Newsletter.

**Kevin M,  
Office Coordinator**

### District 15 News: October

There was no attendance report for the District 15 meeting held October 17. Treasurer Bob reported Sept. 1 balance = \$3916.43, group donations = \$240, plus 2 groups donating \$90 toward the Gratitude Dinner. Paid expenses included secretarial, rent, & seed money toward the Gratitude Dinner, leaving a month end total = \$3969.81. Bob also announced GSO is establishing a method to make donations on-line, which should be ready in about 6 months.

Kevin M announced elections for Intergroup Officers would be held Dec 13 at the regular Intergroup meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office. All candidates should be present at that meeting. Kevin was also elected Alternate Chairperson of the Area 15 Intergroup Committee at the Boca Raton quarterly Oct 6. Congratulations, Kevin. We know you will do a good job.

Treatment Chair, Virginia, stated the district's treatment efforts are proceeding nicely, with regular meetings being held at ACTS near Tarpon Springs. Corrections Chair, Gary, reports many discharged inmates from the jails have made contact with AA since their release. This would not be happening without exposure to AA Meetings in the jails.

Most of the meeting was devoted to election of officers & committee chairs. Doug G rotated into a 2 year term as District 15 Chairperson. Also elected were Chris of the Men's Step group elected to Archives Chair, Sue B of Candlelight Beginners elected as Intergroup Liaison, JD of Hoot n Holler to chair Corrections & Gary Z as Alternate, Jean C from Happier Hour is now DCM for Sub District 5 (TS). John S, chair of Literature & Dan L of PI/PCP were retained as each had served less than half a term. We wish to give heartfelt thanks to Marion S (District chair), Gary Z (Corrections), Dottie I (Intergroup Liaison), & Donna W (Archives) for their service to AA as they leave office.

Items tabled until the November 21 meeting, 6:30 PM at The Community Congregational Church Annex, NPR, are the election of Alternate District 15 Chair & Special Events Coordinator, Alternates for Archives, Literature, PI/PCP, Intergroup Liaison, 5 of 6 Alternate DCM positions, and DCM for Sub District 4. Also, discussion & approval of the draft for the revision of District 15 Guidelines was tabled. All A.A. members are welcome.

John S Dist 15

### 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/qv/current](http://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](http://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), on-line meetings and chat rooms, and lots of other neat stuff, much of it

.....FREE.....

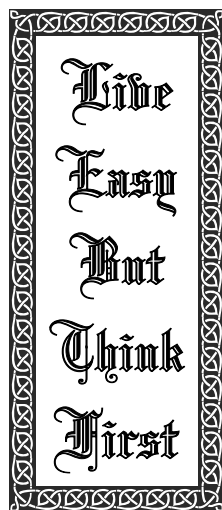
go to:

[www.alcoholicsanonymous.org](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.org)

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

### 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 must do so at this meeting.



## I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.