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West Pasco/ Tarpon Springs

District 15
Presents
2007

GRATITUDE DINNER SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2007

at:

St. Vincent DePaul Church
4843 Mile Stretch Road
Holiday, Fl.

Please Bring A Covered Dish
This event is self-supporting
Volunteers are needed:

To donate a turkey or ham
Please contact Chairperson
Diana F. 845-4791

Guess Speaker
Nancy B.
From Spring Hill

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

This Step was a struggle for me because I was always in such a hurry. I was told in the very beginning to pray "Please" in the morning and "Thank you" at night. That seemed to be the only thing I had time to do. When I worked some of the other steps and realized just what "please" really meant, I started saying the 3rd Step prayer and the 7th Step prayer. I was willing to turn my will over in the 3rd Step. The 7th Step prayer was more specific and said that He now can have all of me

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

It is my opinion that there is no such thing as anonymity within the fellowship. I may use my last name at any meeting or anytime I am asked to speak at other groups, conventions, or when doing service work. We can be so anonymous no one can find us!! Can you imagine trying to visit a fellow member who is hospitalized and not knowing his or her last name? Having said that, I must remind myself that I may never identify anyone else who is in the fellowship. This gives each member the comfort of knowing his anonymity will always be protected.

CONSCIOUS CONTACT

of me... The good and the bad, whatever it takes for me to be of maximum benefit to God and to others. Then my Sponsor told me to be still and meditate. I really had no idea what she was talking about. I said things like "I meditate when making coffee or eating breakfast." I just really didn't get it. Then my sponsor told me to just be still for 5 minutes after my prayers. I took awhile but I was finally able to be still for 5 minutes and the results were amazing. Suddenly I wasn't in such a hurry. My day seemed to have more time in it. There really are only 24 hours in a day but somehow things didn't

as long and I had even more time for others and for God. Then the more time I spend on this prayer and meditation, the more things I am able to do. I don't struggle to get everything done— it just gets done. God does for me what I cannot do for myself. Not too long ago I was asked what I do on a day-to-day basis to improve my attitude and live happy. As I went over the list of things I do, the commitments I keep, and the service work I do, I began to wonder how I had the time for anything. God makes it possible!

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Attraction, not promotion

Our twelve traditions also can be called the biggest mistakes that we dare not make again!! In the early days when our members were doing whatever they pleased, they were appearing on radio and in the press and identifying themselves as AA members. Their motives were pure but since they were baseball players and movie stars, it was disastrous when they got drunk. This prompted Bill W. to coin the phrase "Sometimes the good is the enemy of the best."

There is also the temptation to place personalities before principles and thus encourage the star system in AA.

If a members choose to appear on radio or TV, they may use their name and identify themselves as a recovering or recovered alcoholic, but not that they are a member of AA. It is imperative to remember that no member speaks for AA. This tradition is a constant and practical reminder that personal ambition has no place in this God-given program. Interestingly, in a fellowship of promoters, we are asked not to promote the fellowship; but to personally be an attraction to others who suffer from our disease. Under the grace of God, we have ceased drinking and have become useful members of society.

Jack F., NPR KISS

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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

Stephani B. - John S. - Bill

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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herein are not to be attributed to

A.A. as a whole and does not

imply endorsement by A.A. or the

Intergroup office, except where

indicated.....**OFFICE HOURS**

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

DISTRICT 15 GENERAL SERVICE

TREASURER

P.O. BOX 692

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GENERAL SERVICE AREA 15

TREASURER

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8240 LINGER LODGE RD.

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GRAND CENTRAL STATION

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10063

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sept. 1, 2007 Bal. \$2,791.26

Total Income \$1216.20

Expenses - \$1352.03

Sept. 28 Ending Bal. \$2655.43

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls 138

Office Calls 172

Walk Ins 86

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:

727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET OCTOBER 2007

Easier Softer Way	\$60.00
Recovery Thru Steps	\$20.00
How Important Is It	\$100.00
Intergroup	\$13.00
Triangle Group	\$30.00
Keep It Simple Women	\$50.00
Monday Nite BB Group	\$50.00
Happy Joyous & Free	\$10.00
NPR K.I.S.S. Group	\$25.00
Happier Hour Group	\$50.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING
October 10, 2007

Keep It Simple Women's
How Important Is It
Tropical Attitudes
New Life Group
Pasco Big Book
New Hope Beginners
Wonderful Saturday Step
Back To Basics
Easier Softer Way
12x12
Keep It Simple Women

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

Triangle Group -12 Noon -Port Richey
Regency Baptist Church - N. Washington St.
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Eleventh Step Prayer

Make me a channel of thy peace- that where there is hatred, I may bring love- that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness- that where there is discord, I may bring harmony- that where there is error, I may bring truth- that where there is doubt, I may bring faith- that where there is despair, I may bring hope- that where there are shadows, I may bring light- that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted- to understand rather than be understood- to love, than be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life. Amen.

In this Prayer

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

November : Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
A.A.WAY			
Fausto P.	11 yrs		
Ed R.	3 yrs		
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS			
Roger H.	27 yrs		
Bob C/T	16 yrs		
Tim K.	3 yrs		
Sue B.	4 yrs		
Tony	23 yrs		
Alison Z.	3 yrs		
Rosie H.	3 yrs		
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE			
HAPPIER HOUR			
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT			
Kevin Mc.	23 yrs		
K.I.S. WOMEN			
Rita O.	25 yrs		
LJ (October)	25 yrs		
Josephine T.	25 yrs		
(October)			
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP			
TWO OR MORE SURRENDER GROUP			
LIFE GOES ON			
Ed H.	8 yrs		
Kevin M.	23 yrs		
WINNERS GROUP			
MEN LET'S TALK			
Rob R.	2 yrs		
MIRACLE GROUP			
Ed R.	3 yrs		
Jill L.	25 yrs		
NPR KISS GROUP			
Darcy G.	5 yrs		
Tim K.	3 yrs		
Joe S.	20 yrs		
NEW HOPE BEGINNERS			
Bruce K.	14 yrs		
Sarah K.	14 yrs.		
PASCO BIG BOOK			
RECOVERY THRU THE STEPS			
Erna P.	21 yrs		
SERENITY GROUP			
Terry D.	19 yrs		
Joe H.	11 yrs		
BACK TO BASICS			
NEW LIFE GROUP			
LIVING SOBER GROUP			
Walter W.	6 yrs		
TROPICAL ATTITUDES			
Bob C.	4 yrs		
Jill L.	25 yrs		
Walter W.	6 yrs		
Eddie W.	2 yrs		
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE 3 & 11 STEP GROUP			

DON'T FORGET YOUR GROUP'S ANNIVERSARIES

E-Mail them to: www.news0777@yahoo.com

Drop them off at: **6611 U.S. 19 Room 505**

New Port Richey, FL. 34652

Recovery Thru The Steps -12 Noon - Thursday
Unity Truth Church - 5044 Pine Hill Road, Port Richey
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

NEW MEETINGS

Women's Meeting O D
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, Fl.
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM
As Bill Sees It O D
A-Club 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR, Fl.
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 8:PM
Winners Group S D
Christ Fellowship Church
5718 Grand Blvd. NPR, Fl.
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8:PM
Ask It Basket O B
A-Club 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR, Fl.
EVERY SATURDAY AT 2:30PM
Followers of the Way O S D
All Saints Episcopal Church
1700 Keystone Road Tarpon Springs, Fl.
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 7:PM
As Bill Saw It OD
Edna Ave. Club 7137 Edna Ave. Hudson, Fl.
1 blk. E of 19, 2 blks. N of 52
SUNDAYS AND SATURDAYS 5:30 PM



WANT-AD:

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**

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 Nancy A. @992-2024.....

Thank you.

The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the



Newsletter &
Where & When List

www.wptsaa.org

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Without His help and guidance I get overwhelmed by the numerous tasks I have to complete and I begin to struggle to get them all done and I begin to get frustrated that I can't do it all. Then I call my Sponsor who reminds me that I need to spend some time with my Higher Power. I take the time out, say my prayers, pause, and the rest of the day seems to fill up with time. Prayer and meditation are one of the most important things today, and believe me, without it I am nothing and in an unending frustration of despair.

Nancy A.
Wonderful Sat. Step Group

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by Date
Pasco Big Book November 17th
Men's Lets Talk December 15th

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.

G.O.Y.A Group's 10th Anniversary
December 1, 2007 @6:00PM
St. Michael Church 8014 SR 52 Hudson
Dinner/Dance—In Parish Hall
Guest Speaker

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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**HOW DO I
KNOW WHEN I'M
BLACKING OUT?**

When is enough, enough?

Message from the **OFFICE COORDINATOR** **WHAT IS INTERGROUP?**

Intergroup or Central Office is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community—just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. An Intergroup is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups, which are best handled by a centralized office—and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups (**volunteers**) in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Intergroup or Central Office is often where the sick alcoholic first calls or shows up for A.A. help. The phones are covered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by **volunteers** willing to carry the message of A.A. to the still suffering alcoholic. Hotline is the system we use to answer calls from alcoholics in need of help when the Central Office is closed.

Our Intergroup covers the area of District 15 in West Pasco/Tarpon Springs. We coordinate 12th Step calls, print your up to date Where and When meeting list, print the monthly Newsletter to inform groups of events, District news, along with Anniversaries, donations, new groups, or changes of group meeting locations.

We have an Intergroup website (www.wptsaa.org). The purpose of the website is to provide general information about Alcoholics Anonymous in the West Pasco/Tarpon Springs area of Florida. The website includes a regularly updated Meeting list and Newsletter.

Bill J.

17th Anniversary Life Goes On Group Celebration

Crews Lake Wilderness Park
16739 Crews Lake Drive
Shady Hills

Saturday December 1st
10 AM– 2PM

Bring a covered dish to share
Hot Dogs 'n Hamburgers
Provided

District 15 News: October

The District 15 monthly meeting was held on October 16th at the Community Congregational Church. Nineteen people attended. Treasurer Bob advised that five groups donated a total of \$175. The gifts are gratefully received. The monthly opening balance for the District's Treasury was \$3733.59. The closing balance was \$3829.25. Rick from the Archives Committee reported that a presentation of District archival material will be on display at the November Gratitude Dinner. The Gratitude Dinner preparations are proceeding nicely according to Dinner Chairperson Diana. She advised that several groups within the District have volunteered to assume responsibility for various tasks such as desserts, kitchen work, set up, and paper goods. At the time of the District meeting, commitments have been made for the preparation of five turkeys and five hams. Diana advises that five more turkeys and hams need to be cooked for an ample supply of food to be on hand. J.D. of the Corrections Committee indicated that meetings continue to be held under the auspices of the District at Little Rd Jail. Routine volunteer turnover has occurred and vacancies need to be filled for this excellent source of service work. If you are interested in volunteering for this very rewarding work, please contact J.D. or your GSR on how to make application for one of these positions.

Chairperson Doug reported that eight representatives from the District were able to attend the October Quarterly in Boca Raton. Chairperson-elect Kevin Mc. stated that the August State Convention held in Orlando was a financial success. As a consequence, the Area was able to distribute \$1,000.00 for the purchase of A.A. literature including Big Books and subscriptions to the Grapevine.

Doug explained that elections for the District's Standing Committees are split between odd and even years. In odd years, elections are conducted for the PI/CPC (Public Information/Contact with the Professional Community), Corrections' and Archives Committees. A request was made for individuals to stand for election to these Committees. However, there were no volunteers. Ethel from How Important Is It Group did stand and was elected to the position of District Registrar. The service is appreciated.

Next month's meeting is set for Tuesday, November 20th. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. As indicated, the District is in need of personal for a number of positions and Committee Chairs. Your service is needed. Please consider stopping by to provide support to the District. Thanks.

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 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/

YOUR G.S.R. (GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE)

By choosing a G.S.R. for your group you help secure your group's future and the future of A.A. as a whole. You are linking your group with all the groups in your District. As General Service Representative, you have an even bigger responsibility. At District meetings, you join with the other G.S.R.'s from other groups. You can see to it that your group's conscience on matters of importance to all A.A. becomes a part of the consensus when these matters are discussed at the annual Conference meeting. You can help when your group faces a problem involving one of the Traditions. You can bring to your group the news of upcoming local events, meetings, and Conventions. This commitment as a G.S.R. is a two-year term of service to your group. Two or three years sobriety is generally the required minimum. Active membership in your group is also recommended.

Bill W. on General Service Representative... "an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us reach a fellow sufferer. Whether performed by individuals or groups or areas or A.A. as a whole, these activities are vital to our existence and growth. The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the General Service Representative (G.S.R.). I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance."



An evening of Dancing at the "A Club" 3rd Saturday of the month

"MOVIE NIGHT" Every 4th Saturday of the month

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.

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.