



# 0777 newsletter

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AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777

November 2011

## Unity Meeting

**Pasco Big Book Group** hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, Nov. 19, at Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Come and enjoy fellowship, two speakers & dessert while supporting AA work.

December Unity Host: **Wonderful Saturday Step Group**, Saturday, Dec. 17, same time & place.

Will your group sponsor a Unity meeting? Call John C., coordinator, (727) 597-0418.

**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.

**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.

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## Make Gratitude YOUR Attitude

# This is Gratitude Month

## Gratitude Dinner

**Saturday, Nov. 5**

**2:30--6:30 PM**

**St. Vincent de Paul Church**

**4843 Mile Stretch Rd.**

**Holiday**

**Speaker: Stacy E., Lakeland**

Bring a side dish if you want. Door prizes & gift baskets will be raffled. Basket will be passed for this District 15 fun(d)raiser.

## On Gratitude

*God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say "thank you?"*

*~William A. Ward*

*Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone. ~G.B. Stern*

*If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. ~Meister Eckhart*

*When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs? ~G.K. Chesterton*

*The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. ~John E. Southard*

*Gratitude is the best attitude. ~Author Unknown*

*Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. ~William Arthur Ward*

## District 15 News

**Volunteers** are still needed for important events.

**Gratitude Dinner** needs people willing to come early or stay after to help with setup and cleanup.

**"Many volunteers"** will be needed when our district co-hosts with District 1 the first **2012 South Florida Area 15 Quarterly** Jan. 13-15 at the St. Pete Hilton. "District committee members have signup sheets or you may contact me," said Barbara R., District 15 chair.

Her phone is (727) 992-5175. Email is district15chair@area15aa.org.

**See More D-15 News page 5**

0777 Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting info about any AA Activities-group events, dances, picnics etc. Submit info by 20th of the month prior to publication to: news0777@yahoo.com

Or deliver or mail to  
**West Pasco/Tarpon Springs InterGroup**  
 6611 US 19 Suite 505  
 New Port Richey, Fl. 34652  
 (727) 847-0777

**November Anniversaries**

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
<b>AA Way</b>		<b>How Important Is It</b>		<b>Pasco Big Book</b>		<b>Tropical Attitudes</b>	
Ed R.	7	Kevin Mc	27	Bonnie F.	21	Jill L.	29
<b>Cotee River</b>		<b>KIS Women's</b>		<b>Serenity Group</b>		John S. 26	
Joy G.	24	Rita O.	29	Terri D.	23	Walter W.	10
Rosemarie	3	<b>Life Goes On</b>		Joe H.	15	Eddie W.	6
Mark A.	3	<b>Happier Hour</b>		<b>3 &amp; 11 Steps</b>		Chuck T. 4	
Mary G. (Oct.)	7	Kevin Mc.	27	Lorri P.	4	<b>Two or More</b>	
Doug. D.(Oct.)	7	Ed H.	12	Meghan F.	2	Augie 12	
<b>Wonderful</b>		<b>Living Sober</b>		<b>Miracle Group</b>		<b>Noon High</b>	
Kevin Mc.	27	John S.	27	Kathy F.	1	Mike E. 1	
Janet C.	6	<b>Miracle Group</b>					
Debi D.	2	Dana F.	8				

**Donation Addresses**

West Pasco/Tarpon Springs InterGroup

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**Volunteers Needed At Central Office!**

Office Staff for:

2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri.

10 AM - 1:30 PM,

1:30 PM- 5 PM

1 shift Sat. 10 AM - 1 PM

Call (727) 847-0777

Please announce at meetings. We need help to keep the door open and the phone answered when somebody needs AA.

Sincere thanks to Stephani B., Noon High Group, for volunteering to serve as Nightline Coordinator.

**Al-Anon Hotline**

**352-697-0497**

"A grateful heart will never drink," Todd M., Wednesday Night Men's Group.

**Meeting Updates**

**Let's Get Better Together**

Group celebrates its first anniversary Monday, Nov. 7, with ice cream sundaes and cake at 6:30 PM and its **Open Grapevine Meeting** at 8 PM. Spirit of Life MCC Church, 4133 Thys Rd., NPR.

**Pasco Big Book Group's** monthly **open Eating & Member Anniversary Speaker Meeting** will be on Thursday, Nov. 24. Edna Ave. Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. Potluck at 7PM. Meeting at 8.

**Support, Please**

Three meetings would like more participants. They are:

**NPR KISS Group's** Open Beginners Meeting, 6:45 PM Mondays, Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., NPR;

**Pasco Big Book Group's** Saturday night Open Speaker Meeting wants speakers. Call Bob T., 727-819-9427. 8 PM meetings at Edna Ave. Club (address above).

See More Meeting Updates pg. 5

**October Central Office**

Niteline calls .....53

Office calls.....111

Walk-ins ..... 55

**Groups Represented at InterGroup 10/12/2011**

***New Hope Beginners***

***2 for 1 Women's***

***Back to Basics***

***Why It Works***

***New Life***

***Noon High***

***Amazing Grace***

***Not a Glum Lot***

***Life Recovery***

***Happier Hour***

**More Meeting Updates**

**Why It Works** Group wants more ladies at its **Open Steps Discussion** meetings 8 PM Wednesdays at Edna Ave. Club. Ladies willing to chair are especially welcome.

See your group's news in the *0777news*. Contact info is on page 2.

**District 15 Opportunities**

Alt. Chairs Most Committees.

DCM for Subdistrict 1.

Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts

*3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM. See calendar Pg. 3*

**Treasurer's Report**

September 2011

Beginning Balance.....	\$4,096.59
Income .....	\$1,484.97
Expenses .....	\$2,346.23
Ending Balance .....	\$3,235.33

**More District 15 News**

The **Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (PI/CPC)** is appealing to AA members for help in an effort to inform professionals about the fellowship. The plan is aimed at informing clergy and medical professionals.

"One meeting has been held with a clergyman who has agreed to help by inviting us to a local meeting of ministers," said Jim S., committee chair. "We have reached out to other clergy. It would be helpful if members of AA could provide contact info for clergy within the district, particularly clergy that currently allow AA meetings at their facilities."

Jim thanked Christine B. for providing contact information leading to three meeting with hospital personnel this month: North Bay in NPR Nov. 10, Mease Countryside Nov. 18 and Dunedin Hospital Nov. 30. In all, at least 50 hospital workers are expected to attend. District 1's PI/CPC will be involved in Pinellas County.

"We will have to load up on literature for these meetings, and we are open to any suggestions that will help us carry the message into those facilities," Jim said.

More committee members are always welcome. PI/CPC and the Corrections Committee meet jointly on the third Saturday of each month at Noon at the A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR.

If interested, attend a meeting or contact Jim S. Leave him a message at Central Office (727) 847-0777 or email him at [District15CPC@yahoo.com](mailto:District15CPC@yahoo.com).

Other District 15 committees also need members. **Treatment Committee** has been asked to hold more meetings at Community Hospital and has an "acute" need for female members. See calendar on pg. 3 for meeting times or contact Central Office for a call-back.

**Bridging-the-Gap Committee** seeks more members to help people get to meetings after release from facilities. Phone or email Central Office with a message for Don C., Bridging-the-Gap chair. Contact info on pg. 2, upper left corner.

**Concluded from Pg. 4: Biker's Miracle**

"**The next week** I went back to the meeting looking for that fellow to thank him for his help. He wasn't there. I asked a friend if he had seen the fellow who was sitting with me after the meeting. He said, 'When I left the meeting, you were sitting by yourself.'

"**The experience** was real, but I am not sure about the friend that saved my life. Was he an angel sent to 'do for me what I could not do for myself?'

"**I know that** my beliefs today are much different than what they were before this happened.

"**Thank you God for never giving up on me.**"—John L., Nature Coast Journal, Nature Coast Intergroup

**November 2011**  
**Mystery Phrase**  
**Puzzle**  
*Step/Tradition Eleven*

**Directions-**

Find all the words listed and use the remaining letters to solve the **mystery phrase**. (Hint- circle individual letters that you find to make it easier to see the left-over letters.)

**Mystery Phrase:**

**Honest, Willing, Open**

*By Rain S., Noon High*



**Finance Committee**

***2 yrs sober, 2 yr term***

**Treasurer**

***2 yrs sober, 2 yr term***

***(Call Central Office @  
727-847-0777)***

***Nominations accepted at  
InterGroup Meeting 2nd  
Wednesday, 6:30 PM***

***At Central Office.***

***Send a representative of  
your group.***

Y S R E V O R T N O C D  
H Y L T P M O R P T I R  
P E R S O N A L H N L A  
O T N G N O R W N I B W  
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C A I E E S T O D S P Y  
I D N E O D U P M U N R  
L I I K E G I E I E E O  
O T P A H N M S T S V T  
H I O T E A N W T W E N  
O O I H N L L I E U R E  
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**Word List**

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|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| admitted    | alcoholics | anonymous | continued |
| controversy | drawn      | hence     | into      |
| inventory   | issues     | name      | never     |
| opinion     | ought      | outside   | personal  |
| promptly    | public     | step      | take      |
| tenth       | tradition  | were      | when      |
| wrong       |            |           |           |

## November Calendar

**Nov. 5: Gratitude Dinner** 2:30-6:30 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Speaker will be **Stacy E., of Lakeland**, with 29 years in AA.

**Nov. 4-6: Quest Retreat** for AA & Al-Anon, St. Leo University campus. Shared room & meals \$142. Google quest retreats st. leo or call Connie 352-460-2224 or Cliff 727-546-2239.

**Nov. 7: Let's Get Better Together Group's** first anniversary at 6:30 PM with cake and ice cream sundaes. Open Grapevine Meeting follows at 8 PM. Spirit of Life MCC Church, 4133 Thys Rd., NPR.

**Nov. 9: WPTSAA InterGroup Meeting**, 6:30 PM, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Suite 505, NPR. Send a group representative.

**Nov. 12: District 15 Treatment Committee.**, Noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Join & help carry the message into hospitals, Detox and ACTS. Women members acutely needed.

**Nov. 15: District 15 meeting**, 6:30 PM, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., NPR. Come & learn.

**Nov. 19: Unity Meeting**, 7 PM at Redeemer Community church, 7540 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: **Pasco Big Book Group**. Speakers, fellowship, snacks, dessert.

**Nov. 19: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/ CPC Committees** both meet at noon at A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and volunteer.

**Nov. 24: Pasco Big Book monthly Eating Meeting** at 7 PM, followed by **Member Anniversaries Speakers Meeting** at 8 PM, Edna Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

**Nov. 24-27: 45th Las Vegas Roundup**, Riviera Hotel/Casino. Four days of marathon & speaker meetings & workshops for AA, Al-Anon & Alateen, English & Spanish. Fun includes a walk/run, golf, dances nightly & banquet (\$58) with show & speaker. Save \$5 by registering for \$35 on line at [www.lasvegasroundup.org](http://www.lasvegasroundup.org). Volunteers needed. Rooms from \$61. Call 1-800-634-6753 to reserve.

**Nov. 27: Archives Committee** meeting, Noon, Central Office. Come get involved with AA history.

### *Looking Ahead*

**Jan 13-15: South Florida Area 15 Quarterly**, St. Pete Beach Hilton. Our District 15 is co-host and many volunteers will be needed. Contact Barbara R., District committee chair, (727) 992-5175. Any AA member may attend.

**Feb. 11: Tri-County Central Office 37th annual dinner.** Dinner 6 PM, two speakers 7 PM. Christ the King Church, 821 Dale Mabry Hwy S., Tampa. 250 person limit. Tickets \$10 at Tri-County Central Office or at door. Email [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org) or call (813) 833-9123.

**March 9-12: Annual Housecleaning** spiritual retreat for AA & Al-Anon, Yale Lake Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg, FL.

## Gratitude For an AA Miracle

With three years under his belt, John L. thought it was time for a relationship.

"I did not realize just how impulsive and needy I really was at that time. I looked around the rooms and found what I thought was the perfect girl for me.

"The attraction was magnetic. Within a month we were engaged and a month later married. It was a very rocky start as she was off her medication and my res-cuing was in high gear. Fifty-two days into the marriage she was admitted to a psychiatric hospital and filing for divorce. She was in love with her therapist.

"Desperate for the pain to stop, I planned a suicide by crashing my motorcycle into a bridge. It would appear to be an accident and the insurance would pay double indemnity to my children. I thought somehow that would be the amends that I needed to make before dying.

"One more AA meeting and it would be over. The meeting of course was at the psych hospital where my wife was a patient. I thought I might see her for the last time, but that wasn't to be as she didn't attend the meeting that night.

"All I heard was the last sentence of the last speaker, which saved my life. He said, 'What a shame it would be if you ended it tonight when tomorrow was the day when things started getting better.'

"I sat quietly after the meeting and thought how those words might be right. I knew in my heart that I would somehow get through this and those words gave me the courage to do it.

"There was a fellow sitting next to me after the meeting. I told him that speaker might have saved my life. His response was, 'me, too.' It turned out he had a loaded pistol on his kitchen table and was going home to end his life as well. His wife was in the same hospital and she too had filed for divorce. She was in love with another woman as well.

"We both were totally powerless over our situations, amazed at how similar our stories were, and that only God could have put us next to one another in that meeting. After talking some more we hugged and parted ways. I don't know about his final outcome, but mine was to continue recovery and find a closeness to God that I never imagined. There is no possible way that two people could have been sitting next to one another with exactly the same story without a Higher-Power's intervention.

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Group Contributions 2011													
(Those not in by the 21st each month will be posted the next month.)													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
000617577-015	37.80												37.80
678657								50.00					50.00
1001 Reasons						25.00							25.00
2 for 1 Women's Step Study		20.00		15.00					12.76				47.76
3 & 11 Group				20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00			140.00
4th Dimension							100.00			101.00			201.00
7 & Up Group	50.00								25.00				75.00
A Club 12 & 12													-
A Club Big Book													-
A Club Joe & Charlie Tapes													-
A Club Saturday AM Big Book	30.00			50.00									80.00
A Club Sunday AM Gratitude	100.00			100.00			50.00						250.00
AA Way Group													-
Along Spiritual Lines													-
Amazing Grace			32.50										32.50
Anonymous	11.65		3.90	0.50	0.50		1.15	1.40	0.80	2.20			22.10
As Bill Sees It				25.00						25.00			50.00
Back to Basics							90.00						90.00
Bayou Group													-
Beach Group							37.40						37.40
Brown Baggers	20.00			20.00	20.00				20.00				80.00
Came to Believe	25.00			25.00									50.00
Candlelight Beginners													-
COR Rope & Hope													-
Cotee River Young People													-
Discover the Truth													-
District 15													-
Dry Dock					24.00								24.00
Each Day New Beginning			20.00						25.00				45.00
Easier Softer Way													-
Edna Ave. Club 12 & 12													-
Edna Ave. Joe & Charlie Tapes													-
Friday Night Live													-
Friday Night Serenity													-
Grapevine													-
Happier Hour					250.00				325.00				575.00
Happy Joyous & Free													-
Hoot n Holler Group													-
How Important Is It	48.00			48.00			56.00			80.00			232.00
Intergroup	22.00		20.00	18.00	15.50	13.00	15.00	16.00		16.50			136.00
James Gang				10.00									10.00
KIS Women's Group							60.00			25.00			85.00
Let's Get Better Together				102.00		103.00							205.00
L.I.F.E. Recovery			12.00										12.00
Life Discussion Group					70.00		40.00						110.00
Living Sober					70.00			50.00					120.00
Living Sober Study Group				25.00									25.00
Men Only													-
Men's Lets Talk									80.00	4.50			84.50
Miracle Group									50.00				50.00
Monday Night Big Book		25.00						50.00					75.00
Morning Inventory													-
New Hope Beginners	25.00		25.00		25.00			25.00		0.90			100.90
New Life Group													-
Noon High		60.00	30.00			40.00	35.00			55.00			220.00
Not a Glum Lot	10.00	10.00	10.00		10.00	20.00		20.00					80.00
NPR KISS Group		10.00	20.00	10.00		10.00	10.00		20.00				80.00
Pasco Big Book	40.00			60.00			60.00						160.00
Serenity Group					178.00								178.00
SOS Group													-
Surrender Group													-
Thursday 12 & 12													-
Triangle Group													-
Tropical Attitudes	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00	60.00	60.00		25.00			445.00
Two or More	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	95.00		200.00		150.00	80.00			925.00
Unity Meeting	20.00	45.25	52.13		59.20	16.10	42.16	23.90	38.51	37.70			334.95
Why It Works						10.00		20.00					30.00
Wonderful Step Group									50.00				50.00
TOTALS	\$599.45	\$330.25	\$385.53	\$688.50	\$837.20	\$317.10	\$876.71	\$386.30	\$767.07	\$472.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,660.91

*Please keep in mind the seventh tradition: Every A. A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. That means Central Office is supported by your group contributions. Thanks for your support!*