

0777 NEWSLETTER



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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 Ten: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Why are we doing the Newsletter?

Because our message could be a lifeline for our area and District members. We need to reach out and touch each and every A.A. member of all the groups through some means of communication. This is why we decided to take a continuous inventory of our Newsletter this month.

Do the articles catch the interest of our readers?

Using Step Ten as a guide, we commence to put the A.A. principles to practical use. Concerning our Newsletter, a continuous look at our assets and liabilities are necessary for us to put together the best A.A. message for our readers. For the wise have always known that no one can make

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

When We're Wrong Promptly Admit It

much of anything until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until they are able to admit and accept what is found, and until they patiently and persistently try to correct what is wrong.

Are we carrying the A.A. message with our articles?

Our front page tries to reach out to our members through the Step and Tradition articles written by our members with one or more years of continuous sobriety. On page two we show a list of our members yearly anniversaries. Where to send donations and a Treasurer's report. Along with new meetings, Intergroup and office activities from the office Coordinator and District Chair. And now something new has been added. A spiritual experience. A prayer for the month. On page

three we talk about service through our want-ads. How important Unity is through our Unity Meetings. Page four tells us what is going on in District 15 and what's the latest news from the Grapevine. Throughout the Newsletter we fill in spaces with flyers of events and happening going on around the greater Tampa Bay and Pasco area. We are watching our cartoon "Ollie" as he tries to get sober. And we don't want to forget about our many group events. Dancing, boating, BBQ's, and movies.

Are we putting Principles before Personalities?

Only our readers can answer this question for us. So

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CONTROVERSIES

Controversies will always be in Alcoholics Anonymous cause we are all human and have feelings and opinions. We should never bring them up at the public level though. This mistake was made by an early fraction of A.A. known as the "Washingtonians." They allowed their people to use their group as a platform to voice their opinions on a hot topic at the time (abolitionism). Also they tried to reform America's drinking habits (temperance movement), it just did not go over well and they lost their effectiveness. Alcoholics Anonymous was able to see and learn where they had gone wrong and knew we needed to be kept out of the public eye.

Witnessing some of these controversies, even being

a part of some of them, happens in A.A.. A sale to raise money for the good of A.A., praising God at meetings, or selling non-A.A. articles are just a few that come to mind. They all have different dynamics involved but our society of A.A. (anonymity), (public controversy) is more important than these outside matters. Recovery from alcoholism is the point we never express ourselves at the public level. Privately we can argue and challenge all points, hopefully with compassion. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues. "We conceive the survival and spread of A.A. to be something of far greater importance than the weight we could collectively throw back of any other cause." 12 Steps and 12 Tradition. p. 177

Mary Ellen

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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

Having been around A.A. for awhile, the benefit of not taking sides on issues in Alcoholics Anonymous and in my own life, has been realized. The slogan "Live and Let Live" comes to mind. Very often new comers to the program want advice, "should I leave my husband?" "Should I stay with my wife?" "Should I stay home with the kids or get a job?" These are things I can give no opinion on because I am not an expert or consoler on these matters. I can tell them what my experience in a similar situation has been. But I should never tell them what they should do. Using the Steps, getting a sponsor, and not drinking one day at a time, seem to lead me and most of us in the right direction.

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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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
ELFERS, FL. 34680-0692

GENERAL SERVICE AREA 15 TREASURER
% KATHY GUTIERREZ
8240 LINGER LODGE RD.
BRADENTON, FL. 34202-9082

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
P.O. BOX 459
GRAND CENTRAL STATION
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10063

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 2007 Bal. \$3792.96
Total Donations \$ 876.90
+ Total Sales \$ 501.16
Total Income \$1378.06
Subtotal \$5171.02
- Total Expenses \$ 932.32
August 31 Ending Bal. \$4238.70

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls 171
Office Calls 160
Walk Ins 71

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET SEPTEMBER 2007

Pasco Big Book	\$60.00
Life In Recovery	\$10.00
The James Gang	\$20.00
Recovery Thru Steps	\$20.00
Tropical Attitudes	\$60.00
Intergroup	\$15.00
In The Beginning	\$16.00
Life In Recovery	\$ 8.00
Unity Meeting	\$149.95
K.I.S.S. Group	\$25.00
New Hope Beginners	\$25.00
Happy Joyous & Free	\$10.00
Surrender Group	\$15.00
Two Or More	\$400.00
Friday Night Live	\$100.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING
September 12, 2007

Keep It Simple Women's	
How Important Is It	
Tropical Attitudes	
New Life Group	
As Bill Sees It	
Pasco Big Book	
New Hope Beginners	
Wonderful Saturday Step	
Back To Basics	
Steering Comm.	Office Coordinator
Secretary	Treasurer
Hot Line	Unity Committee
Newsletter	Dist. 15 General Service

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

Tenth Step Prayer

We pray to You to help lead us out of temptation. We pray to correct our mistakes and have a willingness to admit our faults. We pray to take responsibility for all our actions. We ask for Your help with our liabilities as we take a daily spot check inventory. Help us with our anger, resentments, jealousy, self-pity, and fears As we correct these shortcomings, teach us to live in harmony and to do the next right thing. Give us the strength to do unto others as we would have them do to us. Keep our willpower in check and keep love and tolerance in our hearts and minds. Teach us courtesy, kindness, justice, and love. Amen.

In this Prayer

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

October : Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
A.A.WAY			
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS			
Art S.	34 yrs		
Jen L.	2 yrs		
Raola B.	12 yrs		
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE			
HAPPIER HOUR			
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT			
Brenda K.	8 yrs		
K.I.S. WOMEN			
Marianne L.	4 yrs		
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP			
Linda C.	25 yrs		
Stacie M.	5 yrs		
Janet C.	2 yrs		
TWO OR MORE			
Keith H.	3 yrs		
Arthur S.	34 yrs		
Elaine	3 yrs		
Michael B.	3 yrs		
SURRENDER GROUP			
Jim S.	37 yrs		
Ivan L.	27 yrs		
Tom	7 yrs		
Sean	4 yrs		
LIFE GOES ON			
Terri B.	4 yrs		
WINNERS GROUP			
MEN LET'S TALK			
Lloyd K.	3 yrs		
Drew B.	2 yrs		
MIRACLE GROUP			
Tony C.	21 yrs		
NPR KISS GROUP			
Tom C.	8 yrs		
Stacy M.	4 yrs		
Roger S.	35 yrs		
Kevin T.	2 yrs		
Bill W.	11 yrs		
Bob W.	5 yrs		
Mike G.	1 yr		
NEW HOPE BEGINNERS			
PASCO BIG BOOK			
RECOVERY THRU THE STEPS			
David H.	20 yrs		
Shirley J.	15 yrs		
SERENITY GROUP			
BACK TO BASICS			
Clare D.	10 yrs		
Paul M.	17 yrs		
NEW LIFE GROUP			
LIVING SOBER GROUP			
TROPICAL ATTITUDES			
Gail E.	2 yrs		
Milton M.	2 yrs		
Joseph M.	1 yr		
Rob C.	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 - Port Richey
Unity Truth Church - 5044 Pine Hill Road
NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

NEW MEETINGS

Women's Meeting O D
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, Fl.
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM
REGULAR THURSDAY NITE MEETING AT: 7:30 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



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 0777Newsletter 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

Message from the OFFICE COORDINATOR

I would like to give my personal "Thank You" to Pasco Big Book Groups for stepping in and helping us to fill some of the empty spots on our office phone calendar. There are still more opening available at the office if you would like to help us cover the phones or volunteer on one of our many committees. Steering Committee, Newsletter, etc.

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by Date

**Happier Hour October 20th
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.

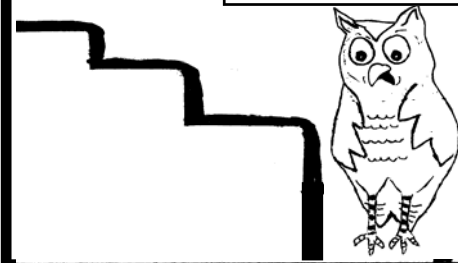
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

WHERE & WHEN COMMITTEE

**IS NEEDED AT THE CENTRAL
OFFICE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS
WITH ALL OUR GROUPS AND PRINT
THE MEETING LIST.**

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**THE FIRST STEP
IS THE HARDEST**



"One Step at a time"

Continued from page 1: **ADMIT IT**

we are asking you, our readers, "how are we doing when it comes to the principles of A.A.?" Tell us if we are carrying the message of A.A. or if we are not doing a good job of it. We need to know it from all of you. Experienced people in all times and places have practiced unsparing self-survey and criticism.

Is the Newsletter bringing our A.A. groups together?

We try to carry the A.A. message to the groups and we keenly realize that we need to continue taking an inventory on our message as we pass it on. As we sit here in the office throughout the day we must listen to our groups, not only to receive something ourselves, but to give the reassurance and support which our Newsletter should bring throughout our District. Whether our audience is one or many, it is still service work (spreading the message) in action.

The Newsletter should include not only office news and events, but similar information about the groups and committees served by our Intergroup office. Such as new groups, or changes of group meetings. Many of our publications quote from A.A. literature such as the Big Book, the Twelve and Twelve, or Conference-approved pamphlets.

Communication is the key to working together. It is important to share ideas and discuss activities between all the groups. We would like our readers to have a voice in the Fellowship through our existing service structure and Newsletter. So write us and let us know how we can do a better job of it.

0777 NEWSLETTER STAFF

COMING ATTRACTION

**37th Gulf Coast Roundup
"SOS" Sharing Our Serenity
November 2, 3, 4, 2007**

**Fort Walton Beach Ramada
1500 Miracle Strip Parkway
Fort Walton Beach, Florida**

For Hotel Reservations call:
(800) 447-0010
Registration: \$20.00

**For information: send e-mail to:
Gulfcoastroundup2007@gmail.com**

District 15 News: September

The District held its meeting on the 18th of September at Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey. Treasurer Bob reported three groups made donations in the amount of \$85.00. An additional \$16. was contributed by attendees at the August meeting. The only expense for the month consisted of a payment of \$250. for the District's lap top computer. In Bob's report it was noted rent for the use of the meeting room was paid through the end of 2007. The opening balance for the District was \$3882.59. The closing balance is \$3733.59

Grapevine Chairperson Jeannie, advised us that 12 group representatives met on Sunday, the 16th of September, to discuss distribution and other issues within the District related to the internationally recognized magazine of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Diane advised us that the K.I.S.S. Group of New Port Richey would be celebrating their 45th anniversary with a Dinner Dance on October 10th at the River Ridge Presbyterian Church, 7540 Ridge Road, commencing at 5:PM.

Jeannie stated that The Candlelight Beginners Group will be celebrating their groups 21st anniversary on October 17 ,2007. Specific details will be provided in a firth coming flyer.

Vinnie, a member of the "Came to Believe Group" at the A-Club, reported that the group will be hosting a costume party on October 27th at the A-Club. Festivities begin at 7:PM

Chairperson Doug G. in his remarks to the attendees, stressed the importance to the district of the upcoming October meeting. October is the month in which interested parties stand for election to the various Committees

and Offices within the District. District committee Members from Sub-District 2, 4, and 6 will be elected. Also, The Chairperson terms of Office for the Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment Committees ends in 2007. Anyone interested in filling any of these positions are asked to please stop by at next month's meeting which is scheduled for October 16, 2007. Doug explained the only requirement is two years of continuous sobriety for a Chairperson position and one year of continuous sobriety for an alternate position. In relation to the end of year business, Doug asked that Committee Chairs submit budgets for anticipated expenses in 2008 at the November meeting.

Diane provided details on the 2007 Gratitude Dinner which will be held on Sunday, November 18th, at St Vincent DePaul Church. 4843 Mile stretch Road in Holiday. If you can donate a turkey, ham or other foods for the dinner, Please contact Diane at 845-4791. Doors will open at 1:PM and dinner will be served at 2:PM. Additional information can be obtained at the Central Office (727-847-0777). In closing, just a reminder to stress the importance of October's Elections. The District is in genuine need of volunteers for the various Committee and liaison positions with the groups located in the district. This election is an opportunity to provide service for the support of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in West Pasco/Tarpon Springs. If you feel this occasion is a time to provide service work, or if you are simply interested in learning about the structure and activities of the District, please stop in on next month's meeting, set for October 16th at the Community Congregational Church located at 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey. The meeting is held in Andrus Hall in the rear of the church across the street from the parking lot. Meeting time com-

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 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

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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/

HUMILITY is perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all about is seeming in trouble.
A Sign on the Desk of Dr. Bob



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

"MOVIE NIGHT"
Every 4th Saturday of the month

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.