

0777 Newsletter



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Sunday April 27th, 2008

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PAVILION 4

MEETING

8:00 AM

Noon Meeting

4:00 PM

Guest:

Bubbles the Clown Show @11:00 AM

Magic Show @ 2:00 PM

Plan your own Home Group picnic

Fellowship
All day long
Bring a Newcomer
with you

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

I wouldn't fully concede to my innermost self that I was an alcoholic. I held on to my own ideas for a number of years after first coming into A.A. and going back out and in (you get the idea). I was the exception to the rule, unique they called it. I just wasn't as bad as you people were.

My way of thinking led me down a rough road of despair. With also several visits to jail and institutions. It wasn't until I came to a pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization in my life. I now understand what that means. I finally hit rock bottom and could really go no lower. That delusion that I was like other people was finally smashed to

READY FOR A CHANGE

smithereens.

I finally surrendered and honestly and completely admitted that I am powerless over alcohol and my life had become unmanageable.

At this point I became open-minded enough to come to believe that a Power Greater than myself could restore me to sanity.

By this time I could honestly see that I was not doing too good of a job with running my life, that maybe I'd better let someone else help me from here on out.

I had been a negative, defiant person for way to long my whole attitude and outlook toward life was bleak at best. There had to be a better way of living than the way I have been. It became my nature to be the way I've been for so long. I was no longer happy with my life. I

was ready for a change.

I was now willing to go any length to get what I see in the people of A.A.. I was completely ready to discard my old ideas for new ones. I totally believed that this Power could work in my life the way I see it work in others.

I saw others solve their problems by a simple reliance upon the Spirit of the Universe. I had to stop doubting the power of God. My ideas did not work. I saw that the God idea did. I simply had to let go absolutely and make a decision to turn my will and life over to the care of God as I understood Him.

I was convinced that

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

."The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Did that statement say the word "only"? Surely there must be some mistake - Did our founders think this through? Does this mean we can't put a few more restrictions on membership?

What about a belief in a "Higher Power"? What about a requirement that you must not pick up a drink—at least at meetings you must be sober or you can't come in—come in to our orderly, structured, educational confabs we call meetings? What about court-ordered folks? How do we know they have

... a desire ...

a desire to stop drinking? Why should they take up space?

Well maybe they will "acquire a desire".

"C'mon in and acquire a desire". All people whose lives have been shattered by alcohol abuse and have said "No More" should be able to walk in, sit down and be welcomed. The Only requirement is a desire to stop. All the other benefits and rewards come later— if they wish to stop— and need our help, we must be there for them— no restrictions — no "ifs", just a welcome, "have a seat"— we understand.

Dick B.

Overheard

A drunk had to go before the judge. "Haven't I seen you here before?" asked the judge.

"Now and again" replied the drunk.

"Where do you live?" the judge asked.

"Here and there" confessed the drunk.

"When can I get out of jail?" asked the drunk.

"Sooner or later", the judge told him.

(Keep comin' back!)

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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. - Bill J.

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:

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NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652

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Monday - Friday-10:AM to 5:PM

Saturday-10:AM to 1:PM

Closed: Sunday & Holidays

DONATION ADDRESSES

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 1, 2007 Bal.	\$
Total Income	\$
Expenses	- \$
Dec. 31, Ending Bal.	\$

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	151
Office Calls	202
Walk Ins	93

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET FEBRUARY 2008

Intergroup	\$ 8.00
Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
Unity Meeting	\$73.00
Pasco Big Book	\$100.00
Sat. Morning BB	\$90.00
Happy, Joyous, Free	\$10.00
KISS Group	\$25.00
Two or More	\$400.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING February 13, 2008

Back To Basic
How Important Is It
Tropical Attitudes
Pasco Big Book
New Hope Beginners
New Life Group

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

52nd FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION August 13—17, 2008 Harbor Beach Marriott & Spa 3030 Holiday Drive Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Www.flstateconvention.com

Third Step Prayer

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!

In this Prayer

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

March: Pickin' up chips

NAME YEARS NAME YEARS

A.A.WAY

Roger R. 17 yrs
John M. 17 yrs

CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS

Sharon B. 26 yrs
Art C. 9 yrs

COTE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE

HAPPIER HOUR

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT

Robert J. 7 yrs
Benjamin P. 4 yrs
Virginia S. 22 yrs

K.I.S. WOMEN

Donna W. 19 yrs
Carol K. 6 yrs
Pat H. 39 yrs
Virginia S. 22 yrs
Linda O. 21 yrs
Mary P. 1 yr

WONDERFUL SAT. STEP

Virginia S. 22 yrs
Eileen K. 16 yrs
Robin 4 yrs
Nancy A. 3 yrs
Gerry W. 1 yr

TWO OR MORE

SURRENDER GROUP

Jim R. 39 yrs
Toni T. 17 yrs
Rick T. 27 yrs

LIFE GOES ON

Andrew A. 6 yrs

TRIANGLE GROUP

MEN LET'S TALK

Jim W. 45 yrs
John B. 24 yrs
Tim B. 11 yrs
Joe H. 4 yrs

MON. NITE BIG BOOK

MIRACLE GRO

Richard F. 11 yrs

NPR KISS GROUP

Richard F. 11 yrs
Jerry J. 2 yrs

NEW HOPE BEGINNERS

Chuck S. 34 yrs
Gloria H. 3 yrs

PASCO BIG BOOK

Lissa G. W. 19 yrs
Connie L. 3 yrs
David V. 3 yrs
Donna M. 2 yrs
Sandy W. 1 yr
Lisa W. 1 yr
Karen H. 1 yr
Bob A. 20 yrs

SERENITY GROUP

Pat H. 39 yrs

BACK TO BASICS

NEW LIFE GROUP

LIVING SOBER GROUP

John C.

TROPICAL ATTITUDES

Alice A. 14 yrs
Karan A. 1 yr
Craig C. 3 yrs
Ken H. 1 yr
Mike Q. 9 yrs

3&11 STEP GROUP

Dave 10 yrs

Group Anniversaries

Email: www.news0777@yahoo.com

Drop off: 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR

Women's Meeting OD
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, Fl.
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM
Winners Group SD
Christ Fellowship Church 5718 Grand Blvd.
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8:PM
As Bill Saw It OD
Edna Ave. Club 7137 Edna Ave. Hudson, Fl. blk. E of 19, 2 blks. N of 52
SUNDAYS AND SATURDAYS 5:30 PM
Thursday 12x12 CSrTr
Regency Baptist Church
Cor. Pinehill & N. Washington
THURSDAYS @ NOON

NEW MEETINGS

WE'VE MOVED

MIRACLE GROUP

to "A" Club
5650 Missouri Ave.

NPR, FLORIDA

1/ 18/08 SATURDAY: 6:45PM

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.



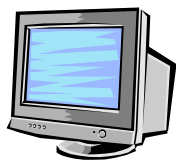
Thank You

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 Vinnie G. 727-247-8334.....

Thank you.

The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the



Newsletter &
Where & When List

www.wptsaa.org

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my life running on self will was hardly a success. I was tired of trying to arrange life to suit myself. I no longer wanted to be as selfish and self-centered as I had become. Or to be driven by fear, self delusion, self-seeking, and full of self-pity.

My troubles were basically of my own making even though I never thought so. I always blamed God for what was going wrong in my life. I was raised Catholic and attended religious school. I believed that God was a punishing God and all the things that happened to me were the direct results of His doing.

Since coming into A.A. I have a different understanding of God. It is now clear to me that I made my own misery. God had nothing to do with it.

I am sure that He wants us to be happy, joyous, and free in His will for us, not restless, irritable, and discontent living in our own self-will.

Today I have a choice, first of all to quit playing God...It didn't work. Next I de-

ecided that God was going to be my director. He is the Father and we are His children.

Since making this life changing decision to turn my will and life over to the care of Good Orderly Direction I am able to follow through with the remainder of the 12 Steps. I started thinking less about myself and more of others. Striving to do the next right thing. Seeing what I can give back to life what has been so freely given to me.

Thank God for helping me find A.A.
 A.A. for helping me find God
 God and A.A. for helping find me

This is the best decision I've made thus far in my life today. It happened when it was suppose to happed and not a moment sooner. But thank God not a moment later.

In loving service
 Back to Basics
 Jak P.

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Sunday, April 27th
Pavilion 4

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WHERE & WHEN COMMITTEE

IS NEEDED AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH ALL OUR GROUPS AND PRINT THE MEETING LIST.
 CONTACT Vinnie G. 847-0777

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by	Date
Amazing Grace	March 15th
Two Or More	April 19th
Wonderful Sat. Step	May 17th
"OPEN"	June 21st
"OPEN"	July 19th

WE ARE FILLING THE CALENDAR FOR 2008. HOPE YOUR GROUP IS ON OUR LIST.

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.

OLLIE THE

"WORRY"

IS LIKE A ROCKING CHAIR. IT GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DO, BUT WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE.



Working the Steps

District 15 News: February

The monthly District Meeting was held on February 19th, 2008, @ 6:30 pm, in the Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey, Florida.

Corrections Chair, JD reported that the Committee g held on January 26th was high in attendance. There are plans for more regularly scheduled meeting, dates to be announced. All correction volunteers are required to attend a re-orientation with the Pasco County Sheriff's Department. The first session was held on February 11th. The second will be held Thursday, February 28th. The session is informative and positive, according to those who attended the first session. JD sends gratitude from the entire Correction committee to District 15 for the continued support.

Kathryn, Treatment Chairperson, has gotten off to an outstanding start in her new service position. District's first Treatment Committee was held on February 16th and attendance was great. The next Treatment Committee meeting will be on Saturday, April 12th, 7:30 pm, at the A-Club in New Port Richey. Kathryn requested \$100.00 for A.A. approved literature and pamphlets for the committee and the motion was passed. In the near future, Kathryn hopes to organize meetings in area hospitals and retirement facilities. Stay tuned.

Dianne, our new District Treasurer, Provided a Profit and Loss statement for January '08, and a balance sheet to date. Additionally, Dianne provided a detailed transaction report. These reports are available anyone who desires to re-

view their contents. Just ask your group's General Service Representative.

The District needs your help. There are several District Chair and Alternate Chair positions still open; Literature, Grapevine, PI/CPC Alternate, Treatment Alternate and Archives Alternate. The position of District Recording Secretary is also open.

Mick, The DCM for sub-district 1 has just stepped down from his position after 2 years of service. He expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve his fellow A.A.'s as a DCM. On that note, District Committee Members (DCMs) for sub districts 1,2,3,4, & 6 are needed.

If you have any questions about these service opportunities, ask your group's GSR (General Service Representative). Or visit the website at <http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.org>, or just ask another A.A. member if they know. Chances are the two of you can get your resources together to find the desired information. Maybe you both can join us at our next District Meeting. We A.A.'s are rather resourceful.

We would all like to express our gratitude for our fellow A.A.'s for stepping up to volunteer their time for service work in District 15. DCM and District Secretary. This work is essential in keeping each group in our District abreast of goings on in A.A. as a whole.

We hope to see some new faces at the next District Meeting, which takes place on March 18th, @ 6:30 pm, at the Community Congregational Church.

In service,
Melissa C.

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/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/

"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 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.

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**.

4th Step Workshop
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 4125 US 19
 New Port Richey, Fl

February 23, 2008
Noon to 4:00 PM

Bring your own Big Book
 We supply paper and
 pencils.

Nancy A.



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

- F.I.N.E.**
(I'm) Frustrated, Insecure, Neurotic, Emotional
- F.E.A.R.**
Face Everything And Recover
- N.U.T.S.**
Not Using The Step
- E.G.O.**
Easing God Out
- D.E.N.I.A.L.**
Don't Even Notice I Am Lying
- H.A.L.T.**
Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired
- H.O.P.E.**
Happy Our Program Exists
- H.O.W.**
Honesty, Open-mindedness, Willingness
- S.P.O.N.S.O.R.**
Sober Person Offering Newcomers Suggestions On Recovery
- G.O.D.**
Good Orderly Direction
Group Of Drunks
- B.I.G. B.O.O.K.**
Believing In God, Beats Our Old Knowledge
- S.L.I.P.**
Sobriety Losing Its Priority
Still Learning I'm Powerless
- A.C.T.I.O.N.**
Any Change To Improve Our Nature
- P.R.O.G.R.A.M.**
People Relying On God Relaying A Message
- S.T.E.P.S.**
Solutions To Every Problem Sober
- K.I.S.S.**
Keep It Simple Stupid
- A.B.C.**
Ashtrays, Brooms, and Chairs

