

West Pasco / Tarpon Springs Inter-Group

0777 newsletter



STAY ON THE PATH

AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777

AL-ANON HOTLINE 352-697-0497

Step Four: "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

Tradition Four: "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."

Unity Meeting

3 & 11 Group, hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, April 21, 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. May Unity host: **NPR Kiss Group**, Saturday, May 19, same time and place.

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

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THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting's called to order
 And you look about the room;
 You're sure to see some faces,
 That from the shadows loom
 They are always at the meetings
 And they stay till it is through
 The ones that I would mention
 Are **THE ALWAYS FAITHFUL FEW**

They fill the vacant chairs
 As they're always on the spot
 No matter what's the weather
 Though it may be awful hot
 It may be dark and rainy
 But they are tried and true
 The ones that you rely on
 Are **THE ALWAYS FAITHFUL FEW**

There's lots of worthy members
 Who will come when in the mood
 When everything's convenient
 They can do a little good
 They're a factor in the order
 And are necessary too
 But the ones who never fail us
 Are **THE ALWAYS FAITHFUL FEW**

If it were not for these faithful
 Whose shoulders at the wheel
 Keep the order moving onward

Without a halt or reel
 That would be the fate of others
 Who have so much to do?
 They surely would go under But
 for **THE ALWAYS FAITHFUL FEW**
Author Unknown

A Members Experience With Step Four:

Feeble attempts at A.A. left me in open discussion meetings with much fear surrounding the fourth step. Through a series of bad breaks and misunderstandings I found myself back in A.A. willing to do anything to stay sober.

I found a sponsor with experience in working the steps out of the Big Book. Within a few weeks of meeting up with him to read, I found myself kneeling with him praying the Third Step Prayer. As soon as we got up from our knees he showed me the directions on writing an inventory as it's outlined in the Big Book.

As I began writing that evening I found, much to my surprise, that it was not as hard as people made it sound. The first two columns were easy. I knew the people I was resentful at, and certainly I knew why I was mad at them. Then my sponsor explained that we were going to look

"EACH MEMBER OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IS BUT A SMALL PART OF A GREAT WHOLE. AA MUST CONTINUE TO LIVE OR MOST OF US WILL SURELY DIE. HENCE OUR COMMON WELFARE COMES FIRST. BUT INDIVIDUAL WELFARE FOLLOWS CLOSE AFTERWARDS."

PICKIN UP CHIPS

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
AA WAY		HOW IMPORTANT		SERENITY GROUP		TROPICAL ATTITUDES	
KURT W.	12	IS IT?		Joe F.	23	TOM R.	34
BACK TO BASICS		Thomas C.	43	Two Or More		BRET L.	27
NANCY L.	32	KIS WOMEN'S		Siri H.	2	VINNIE G.	8
EMMA JEAN F.	30	Nancy M.	32	Tim W.	1	JIM B.	5
DON C.	2	Dory E.	25	LIFE GOES ON		ALAN R.	3
HAPPIER HOUR		Betsy H.	21	Linda K.	10	COTTEE RIVER	
LARRY A.	34	HAPPY JOYOUS		MIRACLE GROUP		BRENDA	7
JAY L.	8	& FREE		CAROL J.	22	WONDERFUL GROUP	
SUZANNE	3	DON C.	2	PASCO BIG BOOK		Carolyn M.	33
CHAD F.	2			LARRY A.	16	Joanie K.	1

District 15 Opportunities

Alt. Chairs Most Committees

Minimum 3-5 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term (Please refer to the AA service manual for information on specific committees and responsibilities)

DCM for Sub-district 1

4-5 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term (Please refer to the AA service manual for duties and responsibilities)

Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts

The Alternate is backup for the DCM. The alternate is encouraged to assist, participate, and share in the DCM's responsibilities at district and area meetings. (Please refer to the AA service manual for more information)

Finance Committee

2 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

Reviews the budget and financial reports of A.A. World Services and The Grapevine, and reviews or initiates Conference recommendations that involves finances. Since it first convened in 1951, the committee has kept abreast of the movement's needs by looking into annual budgets, and concerns with income needed to carry out service work and recommending the expansion of services to groups and to the public. (For more information refer to the A.A. Service Manual)

Treasurer

2 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

The treasurer keeps financial records for the area and reports regularly to the assembly. In most cases, the treasurer is responsible for encouraging contributions support for area and G.S.O. services. The treasurer should be organized enough to keep good records, and some accounting or bookkeeping experience is useful.



Central Office Opportunities

Office Coordinator Trainee

5 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term
Sunday Hotline

Office Staff for:

2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri.

10 AM - 1:30 PM

Or

1:30 PM- 5 PM

1 shift Sat. 10 AM - 1 PM

Nominations accepted at
Intergroup Meeting the 2nd
Wednesday of the month,
6:30 PM At Central Office.

BE THERE!!

Groups Represented at

Intergroup 3/14/2012

3 & 11 STEPS

HAPPIER HOUR

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT

LET'S GET BETTER TOGETHER

NEW HOPE BEGINNINGS

NEW LIFE GROUP

NOON HIGH

NPR KISS GROUP

TROPICAL ATTITUDES

WONDERFUL GROUP

I AM RESPONSIBLE

**When Anyone, Anywhere,
Reaches Out For Help, I Want
The Hand of A.A. Always to
Be There. And For That I Am
Responsible**

WE NEED YOU!!



Step Four cont.

at this from an entirely different angle. We were going to find out what I did to start the ball rolling. We were going to find out what my part was. This was not as easy as the first three columns because I was so used to looking at the situation through my eyes and every time I looked at it through my eyes I was less at fault, if any at all. I believed the other person was always more to blame. That's when the magic started to happen. As we started going through these resentments one by one, I got to see where these problems were caused by me.

I wrote a fears list and my sponsor showed me the fear prayer on page 68 in the Big Book that I still use today.

I then created a sex inventory which had little to do with sex and much more to do with relationships.

My sponsor gave me two weeks to complete this work. For the first time in my sobriety I felt like I wasn't stealing from A.A., that I was a real A.A. member and these papers proved it. That being said, I swallowed some big chunks of truth about myself. I was immediately ready to do my Fifth Step.

Today I believe that all the people that were making such a big deal about the Fourth Step had never taken one. It was not that hard at all. Sharing it with my sponsor was the most freeing thing I had done in my sobriety. I didn't know how much stuff I was carrying around until I was free of it.

**there's MORE to QUITTING DRINKING
than QUITTING DRINKING**

BY DR. PAUL O.

"The Committee In My Head"

Any time I'm alone with my mind, I'm outnumbered. Unsupervised, my mind consists of a talkative, rowdy,

unorganized group of personalities with no apparent plan or sense of direction. Until recovery, I hadn't realized that, at birth, I was expected to assume the role of chairman of the group. We the personalities and I, traveled through life like a crowded tour bus with no driver. One of the passengers drove for a while in any direction. After a while, another passenger took over without talking to the first. Later a third drove wherever he wanted until someone took over from him. Later, we all wondered why we never got anywhere. We had a similar problem with drinking. In the morning, one of us would decide to quit drinking forever. In the evening, another of us, without talking to the first, would have a drink. I had a serious communication problem in that the different parts of my brain weren't talking to each other.

Few concepts have been more important to my long-term, total sobriety than the realization that my mind is composed of multiple personalities.

District 15 News

District 15 is busy planning to help host the **56th Florida State AA Convention**, to be held at Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor, August 1-5. "Many volunteers are needed," said Barbara R., District 15 Committee chairperson. To discuss volunteering, call Barbara at (727) 992-5175. Flyers with details about attending the convention are available at Central Office and on line at: www.56.flstateconvention.com.

Treasurer's Report

February 2012

Beginning Balance.....	\$3,171.58
Income	\$2,492.51
Expenses	\$1,183.34
Ending Balance	\$4,480.75

**April 2012
Mystery Phrase
Puzzle**

Step/Tradition Four

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 leftover letters.)

Mystery Phrase:

By Rain S., Noon High

*Relinquish unwanted
List the good,*

Donation Addresses

**West Pasco/Tarpon Springs
Intergroup**

TREASURER

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New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

District 15 General Service

TREASURER

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Elfers, FL 34680-0692

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Area 15 Treasurer

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Vero Beach, FL 32965-0699

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New York, New York 10163

O N E T N O I T I D A R T
G N I H C R A E S H I Y N
N S G A W E T M A D E R O
I O U I N P P U O R G O A
T S F O E O G T S O O T L
C C E C M R N R L S T N C
E E X A O O E Y H A H E O
F E R U R T N O M T E V H
F H P E T L U O W O R N O
A S R A E L E C T K U I L
A G M E D O F S T U H S I
E P E L O H W A S S A T C
H C A E O U R S E L V E S
F O U R L A R O M P E T S

Word List

Affecting	fearless	made	searching
Alcoholics	four	matters	should
Anonymous	group	moral	step
Autonomous	groups	other	tradition
Each	inventory	ourselves	whole
except			

Tips For Newcomers For Working Step Four

- 1. Act on the decision!**
- 2. Don't get hung up on doing it right, just do it!**
- 3. If you skip this VITAL step you may not overcome drinking.**

Obituary: Ivan L. passed away March 11 at Bayonet Point Hospice after about 37 years of sobriety. He belonged to two groups, Back to Basics and Hoot N Holler, and helped start the Surrender Group In Tarpon Springs. Our condolences to his wife, Nancy, and family.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Items and Ideas on Area Gatherings for A.A.s—

Apr. 7: District 15 Special Needs Committee, noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and help alcoholics with physical limitations.

Apr. 11: WPTSAA Intergroup meeting, 6:30 pm, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR. **Send a representative of your group.**

Apr. 13-15: South Florida Area 15 Quarterly Assembly, USF Embassy Suites, 370 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa. Meetings and workshops will fill the weekend. Info at www.area15aa.org.

Apr. 14: District 15 Treatment Committee, noon, A Club. Join & carry the message into hospitals, detox & ACTS. Female members acutely needed.

Apr. 14: Hernando Unity Meeting: 7:30-9 pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6193 Spring Hill Dr., Spring Hill. Doors open at 6:30.

Apr. 17: District 15 Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle, Blvd., NPR. Come & learn. Each group should be represented. All AAs welcome.

Apr. 21: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/-CPC Committees both meet at noon at A Club and need members.

Apr. 21: Unity Meeting, 7 PM Redeemer Community church, 7540 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: 3rd & 11th Steps Group. Two speakers, fellowship, snacks. Doors open at 6:30.

Apr. 26: Pasco Big Book monthly Eating Meeting at 7 pm, followed by member anniversaries speakers meeting at 8 pm. Edna Ave. Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

On Line Updates

eBook versions of the Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition) and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are now available at www.aa.org.

Free eNewsletters about AA history, news and activities from AA members in the U.S, Canada and around the world are also available at www.aa.org.

Plenty of useful information is available on our website, www.wptsaa.org. It includes events, the monthly newsletter, updated Where & When meeting lists, a video for persons interested in AA, literature and links to other Intergroup websites

FUTURE EVENTS

May 4-6: Cocoa Beach, Florida. 22nd Spring Conf., "the Woodstock of AA," International Palms Resort. Write: Ch., 3822 Oyster Ct., Orlando, FL 32812; www.woodstockofaa.com

May 22-24: Tallahassee, Florida. Founder's Day Florida Style. Write: Ch., Box 38034, Tallahassee, FL 32315-8034; www.foundersdayflorida.org

May 25-28: Summer Kickoff Classic, Memorial Day Weekend, Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park. Speakers, workshops, dancing & more. \$30 before May 1, then \$35. Info: www.summerkickoffclassic.org

June 8-10: Great Events Will Come to Pass, celebrating the 77th anniversary of A.A., presented by Sandy B., Tampa, and Bob B., St. Paul, MN. History, steps & stories. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 111 West Fortune St., Tampa, FL. \$30 until May 8, then \$35. Flyer at leestapesandcdds.com (407) 333-4330.

August 1-5: 56th Florida State Convention Innisbrook Golf Resort, 36750 U.S. Hwy. 19 North, Palm Harbor, FL. For details visit www.56.flstateconvention.com. **Many volunteers are needed.** Call Barbara R., District 15 chair, (727) 992-5175. Flyers in Central Office.

NON-AA EVENTS

Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the Newsletter Committee or General Service Office. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.

Apr. 19-22: Annual Springtime in the Ozarks Convention, Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, AR. \$20 at door. Alateens free. www.nwarkaa.org/springtime.html

May 17-20: Tri-State Roundup, Laughlin, NV. AA, Al-Anon, Alateen meetings, Mardi Gras costume banquet & much more. www.Tri-StateRoundup.com.

May 25-27: Annual Florida Conference of Young People in AA, World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine. Pre-registration \$20. Info on line at fcypaa2012.com.

June 8-10: Founder's Day weekend, Akron, OH, the birthplace of A.A. Activities are held at the University of Akron. Packages of lodging, meals & registration are offered. Bus tour to Dr. Bob's home and other sites. Info on line at akronaa.org.

Group Contributions 2012 (Those received too late for a month will be posted the next month.)

GROUP DONATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
647471	\$ 35.00												\$ 35.00
678675	\$ -												\$ -
1001 REASONS	\$ -												\$ -
2 FOR 1 WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
3 & 11 GROUP	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00										\$ 60.00
4TH DIMENSION	\$ 185.00												\$ 185.00
7 & UP GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB 12 & 12	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB JOE & CHARLIE	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB SAT AM BIG BOOK	\$ 50.00												\$ 50.00
A CLUB SUN AM GRATITUDE	\$ -												\$ -
AAWAY GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES	\$ -												\$ -
AMAZING GRACE	\$ -												\$ -
ANONYMOUS	\$ -												\$ -
AS BILL SEES IT	\$ -												\$ -
BACK TO BASICS	\$ -												\$ -
BAYOU GROUP	\$ 65.00												\$ 65.00
BEACH GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
BROWN BAGGERS	\$ 20.00												\$ 20.00
CAME TO BELIEVE	\$ -												\$ -
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS	\$ -												\$ -
COR, ROPE, HOPE	\$ -												\$ -
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE	\$ -												\$ -
DISCOVER THE TRUTH	\$ -												\$ -
DISTRICT 15	\$ -	\$ 340.00											\$ 340.00
DOUG GRAAT	\$ 24.00												\$ 24.00
DRY DOCK	\$ -	\$ 0.70											\$ 0.70
EACH DAY NEW BEGINNING	\$ -	\$ 15.00											\$ 15.00
EASIER SOFTER WAY	\$ -												\$ -
EDNA AVE JOE & CHARLIE TAPES	\$ -												\$ -
EDNA AVENUE CLUB 12&12	\$ -												\$ -
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE	\$ -												\$ -
FRIDAY NIGHT SERENITY	\$ -												\$ -
GRAPEVINE	\$ -												\$ -
GRAPEVINE	\$ -												\$ -
HAPPIER HOUR	\$ -												\$ -
HAPPY JOYOUS FREE	\$ 23.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 38.75										\$ 72.25
HOOT N HOLLER	\$ 0.50												\$ 0.50
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT	\$ 110.00												\$ 110.00
IN MEMORY OF RAY	\$ -	\$ 250.00											\$ 250.00
IN THE BEGINNING	\$ 0.40												\$ 0.40
INTERGROUP	\$ 19.00		\$ 17.01										\$ 36.01
JAMES GANG	\$ -												\$ -
KIS WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
L.I.F.E. RECOVERY	\$ -												\$ -
LET'S GET BETTER TOGETHER	\$ -												\$ -
LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
LIFE RECOVERY	\$ 5.00												\$ 5.00
LIVING SOBER	\$ -												\$ -
LIVING SOBER STUDY GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
MEN ONLY	\$ -												\$ -
MEN'S LETS TALK	\$ -												\$ -
MIRACLE GROUP	\$ -		\$ 50.00										\$ 50.00
MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
MORNING INVENTORY	\$ -												\$ -
NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	\$ -		\$ 27.00										\$ 27.00
NEW LIFE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
NOON HIGH	\$ -	\$ 228.06											\$ 228.06
NOT A GLUM LOT	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00										\$ 40.00
NPR KISS GROUP	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00										\$ 20.00
PASCO BIG BOOK	\$ 0.85	\$ 60.00											\$ 60.85
SERENITY GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00											\$ 50.00
SOBER NOT DEAD			\$ 13.55										\$ 13.55
SUNDAY MORNING GRATITUDE	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00										\$ 100.00
SURRENDER GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
THURSDAY 12&12	\$ -												\$ -
TRIANGLE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
TROPICAL ATTITUDES	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00										\$ 140.00
TWO OR MORE	\$ -												\$ -
UNITY MEETING	\$ 46.40		\$ 33.27										\$ 79.67
WHY IT WORKS	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 52.36										\$ 92.36
WONDERFUL SATURDAY STEP GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 714.65	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 381.94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,170.35

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!