

News0777



Meeting Updates:

New meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM, 10534 Little Rd., Gulf Coast Worship Center, NPR, OS, New Beginnings Group.

The Meeting Rm 12X12 located at 7119 U.S. 19, NPR is changing times from noon on Fridays to 10:00 am. Format will be open speaker meeting.

District 15 Corrections & Public Info/CPC Committees meet at 7119 US 19, NPR at 6:30 pm. First Tuesday of the month. Members needed.

Treatment Committee will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, 7119 U. S. 19, NPR.

3 & 11 Step Group will be hosting the Unity meeting this month (see pg. 5) events calendar.

Groups needed to host unity meetings, please contact Unity Coordinator, Vinney B. at 727-534-5646 for more info.

Step Four

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves,”

The top paragraph of page 64 tells us: “Though our decision was vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless **at once** followed by a strenuous effort to **face, and to be rid of**, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions.” This important paragraph not only tells **when** to begin Step Four, it tells **why** we are to do Step Four!

When?: I found it vitally important to begin Step Four **at once** per instructions because if delayed the enthusiasm will begin to wane. Depending on the outcome of the Friday night high school football game I would be either elated, talkative and cheerful . . . or sad. But a few days later this “great effect” would disappear (see page 63 – bottom). Immediately following the Third Step Prayer I was willing to be as honest as I could be, but a few days later, Well, you know how it is . . . emotions wax and wane.

Why?: Perhaps the most important of the wonderful rewards of Step Four is that we learn tools explaining how

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Tradition Four:

“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A. A. As a whole.”

AUTONOMY is a ten dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A. A. as a whole is threatened. Comes not the same question raised in Tradition One. Isn’t such liberty foolishly dangerous?

Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Traditions has been tried. That was sure to be, since we are so largely a band of ego-driven individualists, Children of chaos, we have defiantly played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think, wiser. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

When A. A. was still young, lots of eager groups were forming. In a town we’ll call Middleton, a real crackerjack had started up. The townspeople were as hot as fire-crackers about it. Stargazing, the elders dreamed of innovations. They figured the town needed a great big alcoholic center, a kind of pilot plant.

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“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.”

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Step Four cont.

to *face and be rid of the things in ourselves which had been blocking us* (Remember in the Third Step Prayer we asked to be relieved of the bondage of self?). In the following few pages we learn tools to help rid us of **resentment** and needless, illogical and dangerous **fear**. We also come across tools that teach us to discover when we have been **selfish** and **dishonest**. This great news should encourage all of us to look forward to this step with glee, rather than the usual interpretation we so often hear around the tables from newcomers. This is one reason that never let sponsees do Step Four alone. They always need personal guidance right from the beginning!

Bob S.

Tradition Four cont.

A. A. groups could duplicate everywhere. Beginning on the ground floor there would be a club; in the second story they would sober up drunks and hand them currency for their back debts; the third deck would house an educational project—quite noncontroversial, of course. In imagination the gleaming center was to go up several stories more, but three would do for a start. This would all take a lot of money— other people’s money. Believe it or not, wealthy townfolk bought the idea.

But alas, this bright scene was not long in darkening. Confusion replaced serenity. It was found that some drunks yearned for education, but doubted if they were alcoholics. The personality defects of other could be cured maybe with a loan. Some were club-minded, but it was just a question of taking care of the lonely heart.

Then came the inevitable explosion—a chill chokedamp of fear and frustration fell over the group. When that lifted, a wonderful thing had happened. The head promoter wrote the Foundation Office. He said he wished he’d paid some attention to A. A. experience. Then he did something else that was to become an A. A. classic. It all went on a little card about golf-score size. The cover read: “Middleton Group #1 Rule #62” Once the card was unfolded, a single pungent sentence leaped to the eye: “Don’t take yourself too damn seriously.”

Thus it was that under Tradition Four an A. A. group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for alcoholics Anonymous, because it had been simply willing to apply the lessons it learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself—and that is the very acme of humility.

*Can be read in its entirety
pgs. 146-149
Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*

God, I offer myself to Thee To build with me & 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 & Thy way of life .
May I do Thy will always.

Amen

Treasurer’s Report

February 2013

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,760.79
Income	\$ 872.95
Expenses	\$ 989.78
Ending Balance	\$2,643.96

**REPRESENTED
AT INTER-GROUP
MARCH 2013**

- NEW HOPE BEGINNINGS**
- HOW IMPORTANT IS IT**
- MIRACLE GROUP**
- AMAZING GRACE**
- BAYOU GROUP**
- NPR KISS**
- LIFE RECOVERY**
- JAMES GANG**
- TWO OR MORE**

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Or
1:30 PM– 5 PM 1 shift Sat.
10 AM - 1 PM
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727-847-0777**

Activity at Central Office

Nightline calls.....	30
Office calls.....	87
Walk-ins.....	83

The Miracle Man

For nine years I went to Catholic School, learning about church, prayer and God. The following three years were a blur as I entered the public school system and was introduced to all the things that would eventually take over: girls, drinking and drugs...a way of life I found exciting and fun.

As the years passed, I became extremely dependent on drinking. It made me feel stronger, braver and willing to try just about anything. My family owned a big business and always provided me with money. My father ran the company and my older brothers helped me learn the business. I took complete advantage of my access to money, which later turned out to be my worst enemy.

My drinking grew worse as the years went by and I slowly started losing the things in life I treasured. My friends left first. They couldn't help or change me, so they let go and went on with their lives. Family members went next as I couldn't be trusted and stole everything that wasn't locked in or tied down. Then my job was taken away and my means to get money disappeared. I started doing illegal things to get alcohol and ended up in prison. After getting out, I promised my family and second wife I could change, and off to my third rehab I went. When my second wife moved out, I was left feeling devastatingly alone, lost and hurt. I turned to God with a desperate plea; Please help me and let me become the man you want me to

be.

When I met Faith Ann, she didn't drink and would eventually become the person God sent to save my life. On May, 28, 2005, Faith moved me to West Virginia, away from the trouble that always seemed to track me like a shadow.

Not long after the move, I snuck a bottle of vodka out of the house and decided to take a ride on the new all-terrain vehicle Faith had bought for me. The next thing I knew, it was September and I was coming out of my coma, hearing the news that I'd never walk, talk or see out of my left eye again. Tubes were sticking out all through my body. The pain was like nothing I'd ever felt before.

My Sponsor from AA appeared and spoke these words: "David, I love you, Have you had enough yet?"

I'd been to prison, three rehabs and even paid a visit to the "other side" I shook my head yes and my new life started. Today, I'm sober more than five years because of this program, my Higher Power (whom I choose to call God), my wonderful sponsor and my AA friends.

Oh, yeah, I'm also walking, talking and sharing my story any chance I get. They call me the West Virginia Miracle Man where I live, but the real miracle is one drunk helping another to not take a drink today.

David B.
Augusta, W. Va.
Reprinted from the
April 2011 Grapevine

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered:

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

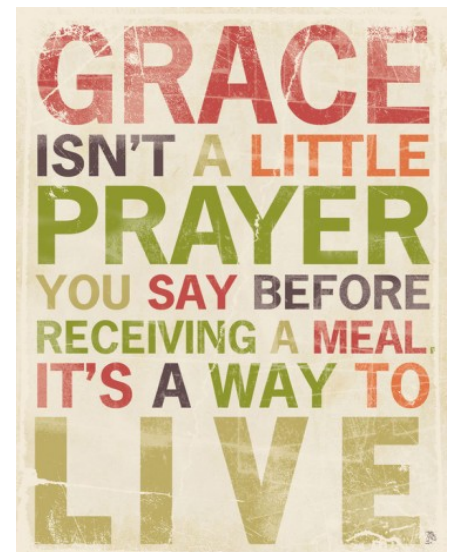
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa



BRIDGING THE GAP

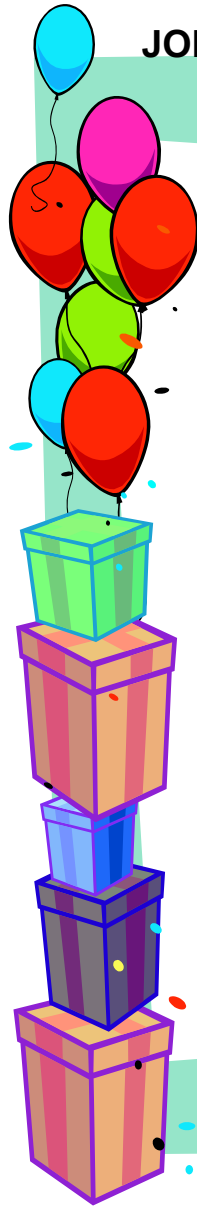
Help bridge that precarious gap between a treatment center and the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

It works like this:

1. The potential AA calls the "Bridging the Gap" voice mail and leaves their name, phone number, gender, and zip code.
2. An assigned AA checks the voice mail each day and retrieves the messages.
3. They then pair up the potential AA with a "Volunteer AA" in their zip code with their matching gender on the "Bridging the Gap" Volunteer List.
4. The "Volunteer AA" receives a phone call notifying them of the information on the potential AA. They call the potential AA back and set up a time to meet when they get out.
5. The "Volunteer AA" takes them to their first outside meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and introduces them to the fellowship in their area.

And like magic, the Gap is Bridged!

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Complete this form and mail to:
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\$3.65 per year of sobriety (a penny a day) suggested contribution.

NAME: _____

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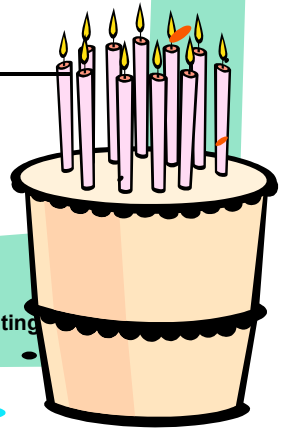
Home Group: _____

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Phone: _____

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Deadline for news submissions for 0777news printing
is the 20th of month prior to sobriety month.



IT WORKS IT REALLY DOES!!!

CELEBRATING THIS MONTH:

TWO OR MORE

SIRI 3
VITO 1

AA WAY

KURT W. 13

4TH DIMENSTION

CHRIS C. 12

Kis WOMENS

NANCY M. 33
EMMA JEAN F. 31
DORY E. 26

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT

THOMAS C. 44
KAREN H. (MAR) 6

LIFE GOES ON

LINDA K. 11

NPR KISS

MIKE C. 23
JIM B. 19
CHRIS F. 15
VINNEY B. 9

TROPICAL ATTITUDES

TOM R. 35
BRET L. 28
VINNIE G. 9

COTTEE RIVER

BRENDA 8
THE MIRACLE GROUP 1
CAROL J. 13

PASCO BB

RAY T. 32
MARGARET N. 30
GEORGE W. 16
DAVID C. 5
CINDY M. 4
RALPH S. 1
RON L. 1

To update your group anniversary list email to: igu50@yahoo.com subject: Anniversaries (please include last initials when possible).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Non AA 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/phone numbers provided.

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

Apr. 2: Corrections & Public Info/-CPC Committees

both meet at Central Office, 7121 US 19, NPR. 6:30 pm. Members are needed.

April 6, 2013: Open House, 7121 U. S. 19, New Port Richey, 34652, come join us for hot dogs, soft drinks, fellowship and some history about the AA community.

Apr. 6: Hernando Unity Meeting 7:30-9 pm, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way (US 19), Spring Hill. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Apr. 9: Treatment Committee meeting 6:30 pm , 7119 U. S. Hwy. 19, New Port Richey.

Apr. 10: WPTSAA Intergroup meeting, 6:30 pm, Central Office, 7121 US 19, NPR. **Send a representative of your group.**

Apr. 19: District 15 Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, Central Office, 7121 U. S. 19 NPR. Come & learn. Each group should be represented. All AAs welcome.

Apr. 20: Unity Meeting, 7 PM Redeemer Community Church, 9230 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: 3 & 11 Step Group. Two speakers, fellowship, snacks. Doors open at 6:30.

Apr. 28: 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."

Future Events

May 24-27, 2013: Summer Kickoff Classic, St. Petersburg, FL. Speakers, workshops, entertainment, Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park. Info & updates summerkickoff-classic@verizon.net

June 21-23, 2013: A Spiritual Weekend, 78th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous with Sandy B., Tampa, FL and Bob B., St. Paul, MN, Hilton Airport West shore, 2225 N. Lois Ave, Tampa, FL 33607. Call Lee Y. 407.333.4330 or email: gyeldell@cfl.rr.com

July 24-28, 2013: 57th Florida State Convention, 225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL, 32202, <http://57.flstateconvention.com>

Elsewhere Around the Globe



April 27, 2013: Attitude of Gratitude Cruises Jewel of the Seas, Cozumel and Key West, Cruising with other "friends of Bill" aboard the best ships in the Caribbean, multiple daily meetings, travel and fellowship with a sober group. More info: www.goallouttravel.com/Gratitude_Cruises.php

May 10- 12, 2013: Big Book Workshop Weekend Holiday Inn Fort Myers, 9931 Interstate Commerce Dr. Fort Myers, FL, (239) 561-1550 www.serenityclubswfl.org

May 31, 2013: FCYPAA239, Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers, FL, 33908 for info: FCYPAA2013.com

Sep. 5-8, 2013 : Seniors in Sobriety 8th International conference, San Diego, CA, more info sandiegosis2013@gmail.com or 855-713-2300.

Sept. 6-8, 2013: Sisters by the Sea, Waldorf Astoria, Naples, 475 Seagate Drive, Speaker Meetings, Open Discussion Meeting, Workshops, Ask It Basket, featuring Polly P. from Jacksonville, FL. Info: Peggy 239-269-7654.

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:

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Subject: Newsletter

**Or deliver or mail to: Attn: Newsletter Editor
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If you find mistakes in this newsletter, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.

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!

GROUP DONATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1001 Reasons			20.00										\$20.00
2 For 1 Women's Step													\$0.00
3 & 11 Group	20.00		30.00										\$50.00
4th Dimension													\$0.00
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AA Way Group													\$0.00
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Aripeka													\$0.00
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Ask It Basket													\$0.00
Back to Basics													\$0.00
Bayou Group													\$0.00
Black Book	13.00												\$13.00
Brown Baggers		20.00											\$20.00
Came to Believe													\$0.00
Candlelight Beginners													\$0.00
Central Office Noon Meetings	188.85	54.00	58.00										\$300.85
Cotee River Young People													\$0.00
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Each Day a New Beginning													\$0.00
Easier Softer Way													\$0.00
Friday Night Men's Group													\$0.00
Grapevine Meeting													\$0.00
Happier Hour													\$0.00
Happy Joyous & Free													\$0.00
Hoot n Holler Group													\$0.00
How Important Is It	180.00												\$180.00
In the Beginning													\$0.00
Intergroup	27.00	16.00	18.00										\$61.00
James Gang													\$0.00
KIS Women's Group		70.00											\$70.00
Life Discussion													\$0.00
L.I.F.E. Recovery													\$0.00
Let's Get Better Together			104.00										\$104.00
Living Sober Group	20.00												\$20.00
Miracle Group													\$0.00
MISC.		11.50											\$11.50
Monday Night Big Book													\$0.00
Morning Inventory													\$0.00
New Hope Beginners	35.00												\$35.00
New Life Group			20.00										\$20.00
Noon High	48.32												\$48.32
Not a Glum Lot													\$0.00
NPR KISS Group	10.00		10.00										\$20.00
Primary Purpose	20.00	40.00	10.00										\$70.00
Pasco Big Book	120.00												\$120.00
Serenity Group		75.00											\$75.00
Sober Not Dead		62.25											\$62.25
Thursday Noon													\$0.00
Tropical Attitudes	60.00		60.00										\$120.00
Two or More	61.00												\$61.00
Unity Meeting	22.50	28.00											\$50.50
Why It Works		50.00											\$50.00
Wonderful Step Group			110.00										\$110.00
Young Sobriety		32.00	40.00										\$72.00
TOTAL:	1,499.67	484.50	621.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,605.48

Any groups who mail in your contributions, please remember to put the group name on the check or money order.