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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

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

When starting my 8th Step, it was helpful to review my 4th Step. My list of resentments clearly indicated that there were many people with whom I needed to set the record straight. Despite the fact that I admitted my wrongs to God, myself and another human being, this is the first time in the program I'm going to acknowledge to another the harm I've done.

My immediate family came first. Then people I worked with, some business associates, past girlfriends and male friends. I reviewed the list many times but it didn't seem complete.

Then at a meeting one

night, someone asked me, "Did you put your name on that list?" In many instances I found that though the harm done others has not been great, the emotional harm I've done to myself has. If I am about to ask for forgiveness from others, one and all. Then why shouldn't I forgive myself?

Then at another meeting someone asked, "How about putting God on that list?" What a revelation came over me. I hurt myself not only mentally and physically, but also spiritually. I had been brought up in the tradition of a stern and vengeful God, who was watching every move I made. I could not work up too much love for that type of deity. I had become

convinced that God denied me the breaks in life. How I blamed God for all the things that went wrong in my life.

That was until I learned to believe in a God as we understood Him. With the help of the rooms of A.A., I have found a loving God who cares for me no matter how wrong I am.

Now I felt my 8th Step list was complete, and now I can grow forward to the next Step.

Wonderful Sat. Step Group
Bob L.

Newsletter Article from August 2004

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE

Tradition 8: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

LONG FORM

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recommended. But our usual A.A.

Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for. Our literature states "we have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix."

An A.A. friend had mentioned that maybe humans could be bought but recovery could

"MAKE 12 STEP WORK POSSIBLE"

not. After hearing this it reminded me of my feeling in early sobriety. I was forever waiting to find out what my sponsor wanted from me. Surely, she was not doing this for free. Everyone expected something in return. I just could not understand the concept of freely ye have received, freely give. It took me a long time to understand the paradox that to keep it—you have to give it away.

It was at my first Quarterly where I began to understand the 8th Tradition and the depth it takes in keeping A.A. literature available to all. It was necessary to employ full time workers from secretarial to editors. It was explained to me then (as it states in our

Twelve and Twelve) "that every time we have tried to interject Professionalism into our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, the result has been exactly the same; our single purpose has been defeated. Therefore, the job of these employees was not to do Twelve Step work; it was to make Twelve Step work possible."

Right contacts with the world outside have to be maintained. A.A.'s lifelines have to be tended. So we hire A.A. staff members. We pay them well, and they earn what they get. They are professional secretaries, but they are not professional A.A.'s.

Jeannie M.
Candlelight Beginners

Newsletter Article from August 2004

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Stephani B. - and Helpers

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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herein are not to be attributed to

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indicated.....**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday-10:AM to 5:PM

Saturday-10:AM to 1:PM

Closed: Sunday & Holidays

DONATION ADDRESSES

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INTERGROUP TREASURER

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NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652

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P.O. BOX 692

ELFERS, FL. 34680-0692

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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10063

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| June 1, 2007 Bal. | \$2974.02 |
| Total Donations | \$ 463.47 |
| + Total Sales | \$1124.53 |
| Total Income | \$1588.00 |
| Subtotal | \$4562.02 |
| - Total Expenses | \$1843.26 |
| June 30 Ending Bal. | \$2718.76 |

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Hotline Calls | 113 |
| Office Calls | 181 |
| Walk Ins | 70 |

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET July 2007

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Two Or More | \$400.00 |
| Tropical Attitudes | \$60.00 |
| Recovery Thru the Steps | \$30.00 |
| NPR Kiss Group | \$25.00 |
| Happy Joyous & Free | \$10.00 |
| Intergroup | \$14.00 |
| Wonderful Sat. Step | \$300.00 |
| Unity Meeting | \$195.00 |
| Brown Baggers | \$20.00 |
| New Hope Group | \$20.00 |
| Living Sober | \$40.00 |

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING July 11, 2007

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Keep it Simple Women's Group | Office Coordinator |
| Wonderful Saturday Step Group | Treasurer |
| Tropical Attitudes | Unity Committee |
| How Important Is It | Dist. 15 General Service |
| New Life Group | |
| Easier Softer Way | |
| Pasco Big Book | |
| Missing Link | |
| Men's Lets Talk | |
| Candlelight Beginners Group | |
| Steering Comm. | |
| Secretary | |
| Hot Line | |
| Newsletter | |

Eighth Step Prayer

We pray for Your help in making our list of all persons we have harmed. We are ready to take responsibility for our shortcomings. Fit us to be forgiving of others as You are forgiving to us. Grant us the willingness and goodness to begin our restitution. Make our manner calm, frank, and open, so that we will be gratified with our results. Give us the helpful and forgiving spirit so that this is the end of isolation from our fellows and from You. This we pray.

In this Prayer

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

August : Pickin' up chips

| <u>A.A.WAY</u> | <u>YEARS</u> | <u>LIFE GOES ON</u> | <u>YEARS</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Terry J. | 21 yrs | Eric T. | 10 yrs |
| Peter K. | 2 yrs | John D. | 17 yrs |
| CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS | | Don G. | 31 yrs |
| George R. | 2 yrs | Nancy B. | 16 yrs |
| Bill O. | 5 yrs | LIVING SOBER | |
| COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE | | Walter B. | 29 yrs |
| HAPPIER HOUR | | MEN LET'S TALK | |
| Alan P. | 5 yrs | James D. | 2 yrs |
| Jeff B. | 12 yrs | Frank W. | 2 yrs |
| Last Months | | Thom J. | 2 yrs |
| Dave A. | 5 yrs | Chris D. | 2 yrs |
| Jean C. | 13 yrs | MIRACLE GROUP | |
| Bob S. | 1 yr | Robert W. | 31 yrs |
| HOW IMPORTANT IS IT | | NPR KISS GROUP | |
| Craig T. | 24 yrs | NEW HOPE BEGINNERS | |
| Edie W. | 18 yrs | PASCO BIG BOOK | |
| Harry N. | 15 yrs | Debi D. | 1 yr |
| Roger P. | 2 yrs | Eddie M. | 1yr |
| K.I.S. WOMEN | | Judy G. | 19 yrs |
| Kay H. | 8 yrs | RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS | |
| Barbara S. | 35 yrs | SERENITY GROUP | |
| Mary Lou S. | 26 yrs | Anita H. | 22 yrs |
| Barrie S. | 29 yrs | BACK TO BASICS | |
| Pat C. | 29 yrs | Mike E. | 13 yrs |
| Sandra R. | 27 yrs | NEW LIFE GROUP | |
| WONDERFUL SAT. STEP | | Richard L. | 23 yrs |
| Jeff B. | 12 yrs | Bren P. | 4 yrs |
| Bob C. | 1 yr | EASIER SOFTER WAY | |
| TWO OR MORE | | 3 & 11 STEP GROUP | |
| Randolph D. | 3 yrs | Eleanor | 36 yrs |
| Annie J. | 7 yrs | Larry | 22 yrs |
| SURRENDER GROUP | | | |
| Pauline K. | 21 yrs | | |
| Dave F. | 3 yrs | | |

DON'T FORGET MY 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

NEW MEETINGS

Women's Meeting O D
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, Fl.
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6: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 our readers into 0777 Newsletter through the "Steps" & "Traditions" (articles on page one). We are asking people within District 15 to write these articles. A.A. members with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety can reserve a month-date 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

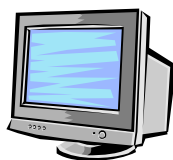
12 STEP CONTACT LIST

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

"Alcoholics Anonymous, may we help you?"

These could be the first words of hope a suffering alcoholic ever hears.

Thousands of times a year a voice on the telephone cheerfully offers understanding and compassion to the alcoholic who has sunk into the throes of despair and hopelessness. Volunteers, who are sober members of A.A. and have a working knowledge of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and who have had experience in 12 Step work, have saved many a life just by proving that in Alcoholics Anonymous *we really care.* Volunteers provide the primary service of the office—carrying the message of recovery to "the alcoholic who still suffers." The voice on the telephone is A.A. to the caller. And it's calm, caring attention assures any alcoholic calling for help that he/she will get it.

Office volunteers is the 12th Step in action. Both the 12th Step and the 5th Tradition concern our primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Please help us to help others by volunteering at your Central Office

Thank You Bill J.

**EDNA AVE. CLUB
CANOE OUTING AND PICNIC**
U.S. 19 NORTH OF ROUTE 50
CHASSAHOWITZKA, FLORIDA
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26th, 2007

LAUNCH TIME — 8:30 AM
PRICE: \$25/PER PERSON - \$30/COUPLES
\$5/PER PERSON PICNIC ONLY
BRING YOUR OWN CANOE OR KAYAK
For information

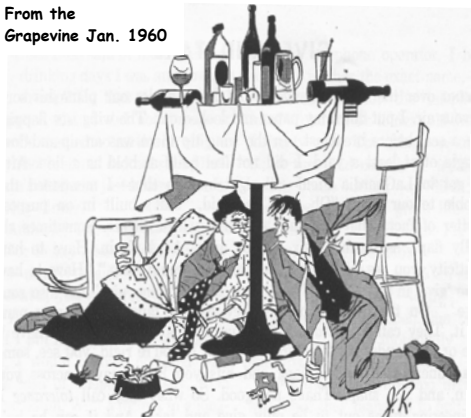
CALL: RICK M. 727-861-2324
OR: LINDA S. 727-255-4011

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**RESENTMENTS
THE POISON WE TAKE
AND HOPE THE OTHER
PERSON DIES.**

From the Grapevine Jan. 1960



"I always know when I've had enough. I had enough about two days ago."

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by

Date

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Tropical Attitudes | August 18th |
| James Gang | Sept. 15th |
| 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.

General Service Report

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Gratitude Dinner

**St. Vincent De Paul Church
Mile Stretch Road
Holiday, Fl.**

Saturday, February 9, 2008

District 15

20th Anniversary Dinner

**St. Vincent De Paul Church
Mile Stretch Road
Holiday, Fl.**

by Kevin Mc.

"Experience, Strength and Hope"

District 15 News: August

The District held it's monthly meeting on July 18th. Nineteen individuals attended. Committee Chairs reported on a number of activities within their specific areas of responsibility. The Intergroup Committee advised that volunteers are needed to staff the phones at the Central Office. The shifts run from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM or if you would rather staff the phones in the afternoon from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM. This is an excellent source of providing your service to those who have yet to discover the power of recovery through Alcoholics Anonymous. Should your schedule permits, please consider contacting the Central Office to offer your expertise.

Jean, of the Grapevine Committee stated that the Committee is going through some routine transition. A meeting of all Grapevine Representatives for groups throughout the District is in the planning stage. Frequently, the Alternate GSR for a group is involved with the District's Grapevine Committee. Is your group represented? Also, Jean indicated that a vacancy now exists for the District Alternate Chairperson on the Grapevine Committee. The only requirement is two (2) years of sobriety and a desire to bring the message of A.A. through its international publication, the Grapevine.

J.D. of the Correction Committee indicated matters are proceeding smoothly. The twice weekly (Tuesday & Thursday) A.A. meetings at the Little Road facility are from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Attendance is excellent. The Committee, as requested, was given several copies of the Spanish version of the Big Book and subscriptions to the Grapevine. J.D. states this literature was immediately put to good use. Volunteer positions are available to take meet-

ings into Correctional facilities both on Little Road in New Port Richey and at Land O' Lakes. J.D. has forms to commence the required background check. Please contact him if you are interested.

Deb, GSR from Pasco Big Book, reports a Picnic celebrating the group's 26th Anniversary, will be held on July 28th, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. The location is at Starkey Park at Pavilion A. Everyone is welcome to bring a covered dish of their favorite food or desert.

Chairperson Doug G. attended the Area 15 Quarterly Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale the weekend of July 7th. A number of procedural motions were proposed, debated and voted on. Doug passed out a report detailing the results of these legislative actions. Area 14 (Northern Florida) and Area 15 (Southern Florida) will be holding a corrections Workshop, In Sanford, for all the Districts throughout the State on September 23rd, from 12:00 Noon until 5:00PM.

The next Area 15 Quarterly Meeting will be held in Boca Raton, the first week in October. Specific details will be reported in next month's issue of the 0777 Newsletter.

Doug stated the District has purchased a lap-top computer for the District at the sanctioned price of \$250.00. Additionally, Doug advised that the computer was delivered with wireless internet service capacity at no additional cost.

Our next month's meeting is scheduled for August 21st. At 6:30PM. At the Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey, Fl. We hope that both you and your group GSR will be there to address your group's needs.

John S.
GSR Newsletter

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), online 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/

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



"MOVIE NIGHT"
Every 4th Saturday of
the month

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety

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.**

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.