

# 0777 newsletter



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## 22 Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup

**Aug. 29th - Sept. 1 2008**

**Crown Plaza Tampa East—Sabal Park**  
10221 Princess Palm Ave.  
Tampa  
(813) 623-6363

Details at Central Office !

**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

## **AS WE FORGIVE THOSE**

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 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 had 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 understand Him. With help of the rooms of AA, 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 toward the next Step.

Wonderful Sat. Step Group  
Bob L.

(reprinted from 0777 August 2004)

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

## **"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 began to understand the 8th Tradition and the depth it takes in keeping AA 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 inter-

ject 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 12 Step work; it was to make 12 Step work possible."

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

Jeannie M.  
Candlelight Beginners

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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**

**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 recompensed. 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

**Newsletter  
Committee**

Karen R.  
Stephani B.

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting info about any AA Activities- group events, dances, picnics etc. Submit all info by the 20th of the month preceding publication to:

news0777@yahoo.com  
OR

Drop off at :

**West Pasco/  
Tarpon Springs  
InterGroup @**

6611 US 19  
Suite 505

New Port Richey, Fl. 34652  
(727) 847-0777  
M-F 10AM- 5 PM

**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

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TREASURER  
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**

June 1 '08 Bal. \$ 5928.06  
Income + 1490.18  
Expenses - 2590.77

Ending Balance \$ 4827.47

Balance should  
include Prudent  
Reserve of  
\$2750.00

**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY**

Hotline Calls 132  
Office Calls 181  
Walk Ins 74

**HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:**  
727-847-0777

**PASS THE BASKET  
JULY 2008**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Easier Softer Way .....   | \$ 37.50         |
| Sat. Morn. Big Book ..... | 20.00            |
| Tropical Attitudes .....  | 40.00            |
| KISS Group .....          | 25.00            |
| Not A Glum Lot .....      | 20.00            |
| InterGroup .....          | 14.00            |
| Wonderful Sat. Step ..... | 50.00            |
| Noon High .....           | 25.00            |
| In The Beginning .....    | 20.00            |
| Life Recovery .....       | 5.00             |
| Danielle .....            | 11.00            |
| Happy Joyous & Free ..... | 30.00            |
| Unity Mtg. ....           | 75.00            |
| Brown Baggers .....       | 20.00            |
| Two Or More .....         | 250.00           |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$ 567.50</b> |

*Volunteers  
Needed for an  
Amazing  
Opportunity*

*At Central Office, One year sobriety re-  
quired, Nightline 2 yrs. Please call  
847-0777*

*Gratitude Is Service !*

**AUGUST: Pickin' up chips**

| NAME          | YEARS  |
|---------------|--------|
| <b>AA WAY</b> |        |
| Terry J. .... | 22 yrs |
| Peter K. .... | 3 yrs  |

| NAME                         | YEARS |
|------------------------------|-------|
| <b>CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS</b> |       |
| Bill O. ....                 | 2 yrs |

| NAME                        | YEARS  |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| <b>HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?</b> |        |
| Craig T. ....               | 25 yrs |
| Edie W. ....                | 19 yrs |
| Harry N. ....               | 16 yrs |
| Roger P. ....               | 3 yrs  |

| NAME                | YEARS  |
|---------------------|--------|
| <b>K.I.S. WOMEN</b> |        |
| Kay H. ....         | 9 yrs  |
| Barbara S. ....     | 36 yrs |
| Mary Lou S. ....    | 27 yrs |
| Barrie S. ....      | 30 yrs |
| Pat C. ....         | 30 yrs |

| NAME                      | YEARS |
|---------------------------|-------|
| <b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b> |       |
| Jackie F. ....            | 4 yrs |
| Lisa K. ....              | 4 yrs |
| Caroline N. ....          | 4 yrs |
| Michael T. ....           | 3 yrs |

| NAME                       | YEARS  |
|----------------------------|--------|
| <b>WONDERFUL SAT. STEP</b> |        |
| Brenda P. ....             | 5 yrs  |
| Jeff B. ....               | 13 yrs |
| Bob C. ....                | 2 yrs  |

| NAME               | YEARS |
|--------------------|-------|
| <b>TWO OR MORE</b> |       |
| Randolph D. ....   | 4 yrs |
| Annie J. ....      | 8 yrs |

| NAME                   | YEARS |
|------------------------|-------|
| <b>SURRENDER GROUP</b> |       |
| <b>NOON HIGH</b>       |       |
| Bill R. ....           | 1 yr  |

| NAME                         | YEARS  |
|------------------------------|--------|
| <b>3 &amp; 11 STEP GROUP</b> |        |
| Eleanor .....                | 37 yrs |
| Larry .....                  | 23 yrs |

| NAME                | YEARS  |
|---------------------|--------|
| <b>LIFE GOES ON</b> |        |
| Eric T. ....        | 11 yrs |
| John D. ....        | 8 yrs  |

| NAME                | YEARS  |
|---------------------|--------|
| <b>LIVING SOBER</b> |        |
| Walter B. ....      | 30 yrs |

| NAME                  | YEARS |
|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>MEN LET'S TALK</b> |       |
| Frank W. ....         | 3 yrs |
| Thom J. ....          | 3 yrs |
| Chris D. ....         | 3 yrs |

| NAME                 | YEARS  |
|----------------------|--------|
| <b>MIRACLE GROUP</b> |        |
| Robert W. ....       | 32 yrs |

| NAME                  | YEARS  |
|-----------------------|--------|
| <b>NPR KISS GROUP</b> |        |
| Dick B. ....          | 13 yrs |
| Debbie C. ....        | 16 yrs |
| Helen F. ....         | 11 yrs |
| Bill O. ....          | 6 yrs  |
| Michael W. ....       | 3 yrs  |
| Bob W. ....           | 27 yrs |
| Richard N. ....       | 9 yrs  |
| Eddie Mc. ....        | 3 yrs  |

**NEW HOPE BEGINNERS**

| NAME                  | YEARS |
|-----------------------|-------|
| <b>PASCO BIG BOOK</b> |       |
| Eddie M. ....         | 2 yrs |
| Kathleen D. ....      | 3 yrs |

**RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS  
SERENITY GROUP**

| NAME           | YEARS  |
|----------------|--------|
| Barrie S. .... | 30 yrs |
| Norris R. .... | 21 yrs |
| Anita H. ....  | 23 yrs |

**BACK TO BASICS  
NEW LIFE GROUP**

| NAME            | YEARS  |
|-----------------|--------|
| Mike E. ....    | 14 yrs |
| Richard L. .... | 14 yrs |
| Bren P. ....    | 5 yrs  |

**TRIANGLE GROUP**

**52nd Florida**

**State Convention**

**August 13-17, 2008**

**Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

**www.52flstateconvention.com**

**(Details at Central Office)**

# 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

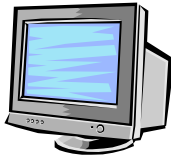
**At the Central Office  
Contact: Office Coordinator  
Stephani B.  
at (727) 847-0777 & leave your  
name and phone number where we  
can reach you.**

## 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**

# WORD SEARCH

**Eighth Tradition**

## WORD LIST

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
NONPROFESSIONAL SPECIAL  
FOREVER RECEIVED  
SPIRITUALITY SERVICE  
WORKERS CENTERS GIVEN  
RECOVERY SHOULD DECRY  
MONEY MAY MIX EMPLOY  
REMAIN**

Find the above words to the right - up, down, diagonal - Forwards or backwards !

By Rich K., NPR KISS Group

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

# OLLIE THE OWL

**BE A "PART OF"**

**GET A HOME  
GROUP**

**AND GET  
ACTIVE**



**24 HOURS**

**A DAILY REPRIEVE**

# UNITY MEETING

Hosted by

Date

**Tropical Attitudes Aug. 16th  
Sat AM Bk Club Sept. 20th  
Women's KIS Oct. 18th  
Pasco Big Book Nov. 15th**

Groups wishing to sponsor a Unity Meeting, should attend a Unity Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet with **Mary Ellen** 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.**

# 52nd Annual Florida State Convention

See page 2 for details !

## 2008 Suncoast Roundup

St. Pete Beach, Florida  
Fri., Sat., Sun. October 3, 4, 5 2008  
www.suncoastroundup.org  
DOLPHIN BEACH RESORT  
(more details at Central Office)

**"A CLUB MOVIE NIGHT"**  
Every 4th Saturday of the month  
At 8:00 PM

But Do It !

Easy Does It . . .

### 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**

### *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](http://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](http://www.aagrapevine.org) AND...

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.....**FREE**.....

[www.aa.org](http://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/](http://www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current/)