

# 0777 Newsletter



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## 2007 SOBERSTOCK

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FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY  
MARCH 16TH, 17TH, 18TH,

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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 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

When I first came to A.A. and was told about the steps, I thought I had Step Two aced. Since I already had a religion. Then, after working the Steps my way, I drank again... That got my attention. I realized that I needed to do the program the way the Big Book spells it out. "My way didn't work.

I started looking into that Second Step and was told to read the chapter "We Agnostics." One of the first things it told me was to lay aside my prejudice. I didn't really know God at all. My childhood God was The One I said my *set prayers* to, and I was suppose to go to heaven. At no time had we asked what God's will was for us; instead we had been telling Him what it ought to be. No man, we saw, could believe in God and defy Him, too. The pain of drinking again made me willing to open my mind to the God

### Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority-a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Tradition Two is so profound in it's simplicity it's amazing. A LOVING GOD - wow!!! So many of us were raised to fear God - after all, you'd be judged...and probably found wanting.

A loving God, that sounds cool. We'd been searching for love all our lives...in all the wrong places. And this group of drunks seemed to have what we were looking for; unconditional love.

So we join a HOME GROUP and begin to know the personalities involved. We even realize that they are beginning to know US! And STILL they love us. Finally we stay for a business

## CAME TO BELIEVE

of my understanding; a concept that would restore me to sanity. I wasn't really sure anything would restore my sanity. Nothing had worked in the past. I was sure that sanity was something for others and I was a lost soul. I hadn't understood how my old concept of God could help, but the concept of a Power greater than myself started to make sense. I just had to be willing to believe, and nothing more was needed to work Step Two.

I saw other people at meetings and noticed that they were happy. Heard all kinds of stories from people just like me who thought sanity was for normal people. I heard how they became willing to believe in a God of their understanding and how their lives had changed. I became willing to believe that there was a Power greater than me that could restore me to sanity.

In the Big Book it gives us a proposition, "When we became alcoholics, crushed by a self imposed crisis we could not postpone or evade, we had to fearlessly face the proposition that either God is everything or else He is nothing. God either is, or He isn't. What was our choice to be?" It also says, "As soon as we can say that we do believe, or are willing to believe, we emphatically assure ourselves that we are on our way. It has been repeatedly proven among us that upon this simple cornerstone a wonderfully effective spiritual structure can be built." My spiritual structure is progressing well. I still have my organized religion, but A.A. has given me a whole new understanding of God. I am on my way. Step Two is a rallying point to sanity. Right relation to God.

By Nancy A.  
Wonderful Sat. Steps

## A LOVING GOD

meeting and hear reports from the group secretary, the treasurer, someone called a GSR (?) and someone else called an Intergroup Rep. (?) Everything seems to run pretty well until there's a disagreement about money. Or personalities. The group takes a vote and it's close. So the group takes ANOTHER vote! The matter is resolved.

Someone says something about "rotation." What is that all about? We are told that all positions in A.A. are subject to rotation, so everyone can have a chance. Coffee makers, Chairpersons, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Intergroup Reps...Even GSR's are all subject to rotation. No one in A.A. OWNS a position of responsibility. Each position has a term of service, "a limit."

It's been said, "the Twelve Steps keep the alcoholic alive, and the Twelve Traditions keep A.A. itself alive." TRADITION TWO goes on to say "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." That part was brought home to me by Nancy L., at that time our Chairperson at District 15. I was an ACM and relatively new in service. Some people had complained to me about one of the groups in our Sub-District. The DCM and I brought the problem to Nancy. I'll never forget what Nancy said. "We can't make any group do ANYthing; we are but trusted servants, we do not govern.

All Twelve Traditions are amazing. Each of our groups has but one primary purpose. See your 12 & 12.

By Stephani

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

**Bill J. - Bob H. - Donna W. - Kevin M.** The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any AA activities, events, group histories, etc.. Submit all information by the 15th of the month to:

**NEWS0777@YAHOO.COM**  
Or to the newsletter mailbox at:

**AA CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**6611 US 19 ROOM 505**  
**NEW PORT RICHEY, FL.**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**10 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday**  
**10 AM - 1 PM Saturday**  
**Closed: Sunday & Holidays**

**PASS THE BASKET**  
**January 2007**

Pasco Big Book	\$60.00
How Important Is It	\$50.00
KISS Group	\$25.00
New Beginning	\$20.00
Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
Recovery Thru Steps	\$20.00
Amazing Grace	\$66.00
Bayou Group	\$100.00
Back to Basics	\$37.00
Men Lets Talk	\$92.00
Intergroup	\$20.00
Friday Nite Live	\$50.00
Sunday Gratitude	\$100.00
Along Spiritual Lines	\$50.00
Keep It Simple	\$2.00
Christa (Personal)	\$4.00
Beverly (Personal)	\$12.00
Happy Joyous & Free	\$10.00
New Life	\$5.00
Unity Meeting	\$119.00
2 or More	\$150.00
Cotee River Group	\$25.00
Avon	\$2.90

**FEBRUARY : PICKIN' UP**

<u>A.A. WAY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE GOES ON</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Fred S.	30	Peter G.	1
<b>CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS</b>		Robert B.	5
Bob C. 24		Debby F.	14
Jim G.	2	Lewis S.	35
George Sr.	19	<b>LIVING SOBER</b>	
Jeff F.	6		
Johan B.	15	<b>MEN LET'S TALK</b>	
<b>COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE</b>		Bill G..	7
		David M.	4
<b>HAPPIER HOUR</b>		Miller M.	3
<b>JAN</b>		Dick B.	2
Ron L.	2		
<b>FEB</b>		<b>MIRACLE GROUP</b>	
Bob M.	22	George J.	19
Megan G.	6	<b>NPR KISS GROUP</b>	
<b>HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?</b>		<b>JAN OOPS!!!</b>	
		Matt G	12
<b>K.I.S.S.WOMEN</b>		Ed J	2
Karin B.	6	Brian S	3
Susan S.	7	Mick V.	16
Dana F.	3	<b>FEB</b>	
Debbie K.	11	Shelby B	4
<b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b>		Luannw B	2
Daniella Z.	1	Johan B	15
Chuck V. (deceased)	33	Bob C	14
Christine V.	5	Melissa E	1
Larry O.	1	Tom F	2
Jim N.	1	Michael S	4
Cindy B.	2	Randy S	19
<b>WONDERFUL SAT STEP</b>		Louie S	1
Bob C.	24	<b>NEW HOPE BEGINNERS</b>	
Fred	30	Marv A.	3
Barbara	17	<b>PASCO BIG BOOK</b>	
<b>TWO OR MORE</b>			
Vince P.	27	<b>RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS</b>	
Wayne J.	5	Gordon R.	18
<b>SURRENDER GROUP</b>		<b>SERENITY GROUP</b>	
Pat M	28		

**DONATION ADDRESSES**

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS  
INTERGROUP TREASURER  
6611 US 19, ROOM 505  
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652

GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 15  
TREASURER  
P.O. BOX 692  
ELFERS, FL. 34680-0692

GENERAL SERVICE AREA 15  
TREASURER  
P.O. BOX 48243  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL. 33743

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
P.O. BOX 459  
GRAND CENTRAL STATION  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10064

**INTERGROUP**

MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE  
January 9, 2007

Intergroup Chairperson	Bob H.
New Hope Beginners	Chuck S.
How Important Is It	Gary W.
Unity Meeting	Trish
Hotline Rep.	Bob S.
Office Coordinator	Kevin Mc.
Easier Softer Way	Donna W.
Wonderful Sat. Step	Nancy A.
K.I.S.S. Women	Noreen C.
Dist. 15 Liaison	Sue B.
Alt. Dist 15 Liaison	Ed B.
Missing Link	Karl H.
Happier Hour	Jeff B.
Hoot & Holler	Dan J.
Tropical Attitudes	Bill J.
Candlelight Group	Hank B.
Pasco Big Book	Tracy K.
Miracle Group	Mary Ellen C.
Treasurer	Stephani B.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dec. 1, 2006 Bal.	\$ 2846.39
Total Donations	\$ 640.00
+ Total Sales	\$ 916.60
Total Income	\$ 1556.60
Subtotal	\$ 4402.99
- Total Expenses	\$ 1536.28
Dec. 31 Ending Bal.	\$ 2866.71

(Total includes a prudent reserve of **\$2750.00**)



**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY**

Hotline Calls	102
Office Calls	192
Walk Ins	101

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

**OLLIE THE**

*My name is Ollie....*

*I think I might have a problem with alcohol..... and*

*I'm new to A.A.*



**KEEP IT SIMPLE WOMEN'S GROUP**

32nd ANNIVERSARY  
FEBRUARY 14th, 2007

(Founded 02/14/1975)

**Examples of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities:**

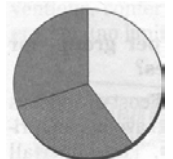
Distribution of funds from Groups that support four (4) service entities.

- 10% to District
- 10% to Area Committee
- 30% to G.S.O.
- 50% to Intergroup/Central Office



If you have no Intergroup/Central Office, distribution of funds from Groups that support three (3) service entities.

- 40% to District
- 30% to Area
- 30% to G.S.O.



# WANT-AD:

## YOUR ARTICLES

We need to get the views of our readers into 0777Newsletter through the "Steps" & "Traditions" articles. We are asking for people within our District to write these articles. People with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety. To reserve your date for a "Step" or "Tradition" article. Please leave us your name, telephone # and/or email address, and which month you would want to write. 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**

## ANSWER PHONES

At the Central Office and the Overnight Hotline Phone when the office is closed. Contact Kevin M. or Bob S. at **(727) 847-0777** & leave your name and phone number where we can reach you.

## ELECTIONS

All Officers, Steering Committee Member, Committee Chairs of the Intergroup and Intergroup Representative will be at the regular Intergroup Meeting, 6:30 PM at Central Office. Copies of the By-laws (and job descriptions) are available at the Central Office during business hours or at the meeting. All of these are great service and growth opportunities. Any AA member is welcome at any Intergroup meeting.

## 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.



**DON'T BE A  
COUCH POTATO  
A.A. NEEDS YOU**

## A Reader's Note

We are going to be making a better effort to improve distribution of our **0777 Newsletter** to all the groups.

We are asking each group to designate one member to pick up their group's supply of newsletters each month.

They will be available at all the Intergroup Meetings, Unity Meetings, District 15 meetings, and at the Central Office. 6611 U.S. 19 S., New Port Richey, Florida 34652. Each "designee" is asked to initial the approximate number of newsletters they pick up, (a form will be available) & also to provide feedback to your **Intergroup Rep** on this or any other area where we may better serve your groups.

In love & service,  
**Your 0777 Newsletter  
Committee**

## Wonderful Saturday Step Group 4th Step Workshop From the Big Book

Saturday, February 24, 2007



**12: Noon — 4: PM**  
Coffee and Snacks provided  
Material provided

**BRING YOUR BIG BOOK**

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
4125 U.S. 19 N.  
New Port Richey, Fl.  
Next to Sun Toyota

# "IT WORKS" IF YOU WORK IT"

## UNITY MEETING

Unity thanks "Jim" for PA system.  
Nancy stepped down for medical reasons, we are seeking someone for one evening per month to help with the Unity Meeting.

Hosted by Date

**Came To Believe Feb. 17th**  
**How Important Is It March 17th**  
**Sat. Wonderful Step April 21th**  
**Serenity Group May 19th**  
**New Hope Beginners June 16th**

Groups wishing to sponsor a Unity Meeting, should attend any Unity Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet with **Trish** to set up a date.

**Next Available Date is July.**  
**Hurry, they are going fast!!**

## OFFICE COORDINATOR NEWS

**MARCH 3RD  
OLD TIMERS DINNER  
AND MEETING  
SHADY HILLS**

**MARCH 10TH  
DISTRICT 15  
ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
St Vincent DePaul Church  
4843 Mile Stretch Drive**

**MAY 12TH  
NORTH FLORIDA  
DELEGATE CONFERENCE  
PLACE—TBA**

**JUNE 2ND  
SOUTH FLORIDA  
DELEGATE CONFERENCE  
PLACE—TBA**

KEVIN Mc

# District 15 News: February

On January 16th, twenty-seven people attended the first District 15 meeting for 2007. The meeting was conducted by our new Chairperson, Doug G.. Treasurer Bob reported that the treasury's December beginning balance was \$4398.08. \$42. was collected from the November District meeting and an additional \$260. was donated by groups during the month of December. Expenses for literature purchases, Secretarial needs, copying, and other miscellaneous expenses totaled \$427.23. This ending balance was \$4297.85. During the course of 2006, twenty-three groups donated a total of \$4546.39. This generosity is sincerely appreciated. Thank You.

Committee Chairs reported a variety of activities. Jean of the Grapevine Committee indicated that she attended the Area 15, January 2007 Quarterly meeting in Sarasota. Of note is the fact that Florida ranks number three in terms of the most subscriptions to A.A.'s International magazine, the Grapevine. New York and California are number one and two, respectively. The Corrections Committee reported that matters are proceeding nicely. Five volunteers are bringing meetings into the Little Road Correctional facility each Tuesday evening. The Correctional Committee is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested. The question was asked if meetings were also being taken into the Land O' Lakes jail. The answer to the question was yes although this service is being provided by District Two as this correctional facility is located within their boundaries.

Jean C. District Committee Member (DCM) for Sub-District 5 reported that groups at the Dry Dock in Tarpon Springs sponsored 24 hour "Alkathons" both Christmas and New

Years eves. The meetings were well attended. Jenna of the Wonderful Saturday Step Group passed out flyers announcing a 4th Step Workshop. The Workshop will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 4125 U.S. 19 in New Port Richey, on Saturday, February 24th, from Noon to 4:PM.

Chairperson Doug G. stated that District Anniversary Dinner is now scheduled for March 10th. He also indicated that this is the 19th year of operation for the District. The District's first meeting was held on January 10, 1988. Previous to 1988, most of the District fell within the boundaries of District One which covers Pinellas County. Kathy, of the How Important Is It Group was unanimously elected Chairperson of the Anniversary Dinner. One of the District's most popular Inter-group social activities. Many thanks go out to Kathy for the donation of her time and energy.

Kevin, who many of you know from his Intergroup work at the Central Office, was unanimously elected to the position of Chairperson-Elect. Positions still open include the Alternate Chair for the Literature Committee in addition to Alternate DCM's for Sub-Districts 2-5. Under other new business, the District opted to pursue the possibility of hosting an Area 15 Quarterly meeting either in April 2008 or April 2009. The District's next monthly meeting will be held on February 20th at 6:30PM in the Andrus Room located in the rear of Community Congregational Church at 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey. If your home group has recently elected you to the position of GSR or Alternate GSR, or if you are just interested in attending a District meeting, please stop by and meet us.

By John S.

## 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/qv/current](http://aagrapevine.org/qv/current)

Also, a new monthly journal, "Emotional Sobriety; The Next Frontier" is now being published by the "AA Grapevine" monthly. You can read a selection from the magazine, as well as the articles above, free Just go on the web to:

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://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), on-line meetings and chat rooms, and lots of other neat stuff, much of it

.....**FREE**.....  
go to:

[www.alcoholicsanonymous.org](http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.org)

and click on the numerous links you will find there. (I knew that the free would get your attention :-)

## 43rd International Women's Conference



February 15 – 18  
2007  
Detroit Marriott  
Renaissance Center

### 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.**

Don't Even kNow  
I Am Lying

### 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.

### New & Moved Meetings

**New, starts January 1, 2007**

**Sober Side Up**, Dry Dock, Room B 1733 Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs Mondays, 5:45 PM, closed BB Wednesday, 5:45 PM, clsd. 12X12

**Pasco Big Book**, 7137 Edna, Hud. Tuesday 6:00 PM, Open G.V.

**Wednesday Afternoon Group**

Wednesday, 1:00 PM Open Disc. Moving to: Unity Church, 5844 Pine Hill