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AA HOTLINE 727-847-0777

January 2010

6th Annual SoberStock

2010

March 19, 20, & 21

Friday- Sunday

Speaker Meetings

Campfire Meetings

Fishing (license req'd.)

Karaoke

Live Bands!

Food, Drinks Included!

Tents Only

For info:

www.SoberStock.com

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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."

**The Al-Anon Hotline
1-(352)-697-0497**

"My Last Hope"

He came to

AA

for one reason only

When I came to AA, I did so voluntarily— but only because I believed it was my last hope. I did not come because of my wife and children; I had made promises to them and had failed too many times before. I did not come because an employer threatened to fire me, although I certainly deserved it. I did not come because a judge ordered me, although it could have happened. I didn't come because a psychiatrist recommended it, although he should have. I didn't even come to stop drinking, I had done that on my own several times. I came through those door for only one reason— to get the help I had to have to keep from picking up that first drink.

Soon after my typically unspectacular entrance into the Fellowship, I began to hear people saying "I am a recovering alcoholic." I knew some of them had many years of sobriety. Surely, they were recovered, weren't they? But I came to learn that the disease of alcoholism is incurable. I was told that I could arrest it and prevent the visible manifestation by not drinking alcohol, but the disease would continue to develop. This explained why, after each period of dryness, succeeding binges had gotten worse and my behavior got uncontrollable.

Next, I realized some members were referring to themselves as "grateful alcoholics." Of course I thought they were *really* sick. How could anyone of reasonably sound mind be grateful for an incurable disease. Then I found that they were grateful for having

found AA and its entirely new way of life, a style of living usually more gratifying than anything they had known, drunk or sober— in some cases far better than in pre-alcoholic days. And I began to reach my own "pink cloud".

As each passing twenty-four hours linked into weeks and months, I came to understand myself a little better. Life was difficult at times; I still had problems— some more trying than anything I had ever faced— but I not only survived, I grew. Maturity began to develop; memory returned. With the regaining of memory came the loss of the "I nevers." I identified more with speakers. Each time I spoke or reflected on my past, I became aware of something that had been carefully

See "Last Hope" on page 6

Step 1

"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable."

Tradition 1

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity."

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Newsletter

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 :

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Donation Addresses

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS INTER-GROUP

TREASURER

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DISTRICT 15 GENERAL SERVICE

TREASURER

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ELFERS, FL. 34680-0692

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TREASURER P.O.BOX 561715

MIAMI, FL. 33256-1715

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

P.O. BOX 459

GRAND CENTRAL STATION

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dec. 1 Balance...	\$ 4631.74
Income	+ 1643.90
Expenses ...	- 1457.77
Ending Balance	\$ 4817.87

Dec.—Central Office

Niteline calls ... 87

Office calls 167

Walk-ins 83

Pass the Basket
December 2009

Anonymous	\$ 3.60
Tropical Attitudes	60.00
NPR/KISS	31.00
Noon High	20.00
New Hope Beginners	25.00
KIS Women's	13.00
InterGroup	11.00
Cotee River	10.00
Two Or More	100.00
Sun. Morn. Gratitude	150.00
Happier Hour	179.17
Came To Believe	100.00
In The Beginning	10.00
Life Recovery	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 717.77

Thank You for your Support!

***** UNITY *****
MEETING

***** Every 3rd Saturday! *****

Jan. 16__ Sat. AM AClub Big Book

Feb. 20__ Central Office!

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 show-easing your home group at the same time.

Meeting @ 7 PM!

River Ridge Presbyterian Church

7540 Ridge Rd. — East of Little Rd.

South Side of Road

January— Pickin' up chips!

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
AA WAY		MEN LET'S TALK	
Dave F.	23 yrs	Mick V.	19 yrs
Kim R.	20 yrs	Carter H.	7 yrs
CAME TO BELIEVE		Brian S.	6 yrs
Lyn F.	28 yrs	Mark H.	5 yrs
Debra M.	6 yrs	Jerry N.	5 yrs
Julie M.	2 yrs	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
James L.	1 yr	Noreen K.	25 yrs
Russ C.	1 yr	NPR KISS GROUP	
HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE		Matt G.	5 yrs
Mary Ellen	23 yrs	Michelle G.	5 yrs
HOOT 'N HOLLER		Brian S.	6 yrs
Cy K.	1 yr	Mick V.	19 yrs
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?		Debbie P.	2 yrs
Steve S.	4 yrs	Scott B.	1 yr
Doug G.	22 yrs	Mike E.	1 yr
K.I.S. WOMEN'S		Danny L.	1 yr
Kathy M.	30 yrs	Paul K.	2 yrs
Dianne D.	1 yr	NOON HIGH	
Eileen E.	40 yrs	Mark G.	1 yr
LIFE GOES ON		Kent S.	6 yrs
Donny M.	25 yrs	PASCO BIG BOOK	
Ron G.	34 yrs	Carter H.	7 yrs
Doug G.	22 yrs	David S.	10 yrs
LIVING SOBER		Robin Mc.	11 yrs
Wayne G.	34 yrs	Rick A.	11 yrs
Bill T.	17 yrs	Vern W.	18 yrs
Nancy B.	4 yrs	Margie R.	28 yrs
		Gord H.	31 yrs
		TROPICAL ATTITUDES	
		Margie R.	28 yrs
		Dan C.	2 yrs

If your group anniversaries are not listed here, be sure to have them @ Central Office by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

District 15

Special Needs Committee

The Special Needs Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with taking meetings to homebound AA members and help any members with special needs. If you have only a couple hours a month, that is enough to help us out. We meet the 1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ 12 Noon at the A Club. Any questions call Donna E. @ 727-375-2489 or Email me @ d15specialneeds@hotmail.com. The AClub is at 5650 W. Missouri Ave., NPR.

46th I.W.C.

Orlando, Florida

Feb. 11-14 - 2010

46th



International

Women's Conference

Language of the Heart

Spoken Here

www.internationalwomensconference.org

Volunteers Needed

We are pleased to announce that District 15 (West Pasco, Tarpon Springs) and District 1 (Pinellas) are privileged to host the January 2010 South Florida Area General Service Quarterly. The weekend quarterly will be held at the St. Petersburg Hilton on Jan. 8, 9, and 10th. We need your help as Greeters, at Registration desk, and in the Hospitality Room. Please see your GSR or Barb to see how you can help.

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Women's Conference

February 11-14, 2010

Register Online @

<http://www.internationalwomensconference.org>

**Check Out
our
Web Site!**

wptsaa.org

* current meeting list

* current 0777



"In my other life, I used to blow alto sax."

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WORD SEARCH**STEPS 1-12**Directions-

Find all the words listed and use the remaining letters to solve the puzzle. The answer contains 33 letters. (Hint- circle individual letters that you find to make it easier to see the leftover letters.)

Good Luck !

By Rain S. - Noon High Group

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

Word List

admitted alcohol amends asked awakening believe care carry character
 conscious contact decision defects direct entirely exact fearless god greater
 harmed human humbly injure
 inventory list lives meditation message moral nature our ourselves
 over persons possible power powerless prayer
 promptly ready remove restore sanity searching shortcomings spiritual
 that them turn understood unmanageable will willing wrongs

Group Contributions to
InterGroup - 2009

"Last Hope" from page 1 - cont'd.

concealed in the recesses of my mind or rationalized so well that it was hard to recognize.

It was then that I came to the basic reality: I am a "typical" alcoholic. If I had read the case histories in the Big Book and used them as a guide to achieving alcoholism, I could not have followed the trail any better. None of us did it all, but we all did it. It doesn't matter how much we drank, what we drank, where we drank, or what we did when we were drunks. The significant thing is what happened to me when I drank.

And so I have learned that, while I am recovering and grateful and typical, the important thing to remember is that I am an alcoholic.

J.R., Brick Town, N.J.

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Groups Represented

at InterGroup 12/9/09

K9S Women's Wonderful Group

Tropical Attitudes New Hope Beginners

Happier Hour How Important Is It?

Back To Basics Your Group?

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 is welcome to attend and place their item on the agenda; they must do so at this meeting.

INTERGROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Treasurer-

2 yr. term, 2 yrs. sober required

Steering Committee-

1 needed- 18 month term, 2 yrs. sober

Finance Committee

1 needed- see Stephani B., Pete F. or Tom C. if interested

ALL NOMINATIONS accepted at
INTERGROUP-

Recovery

JEWELRY

Now At

Central Office

6611 US 19 Suite 505

New Port Richey, Florida 847-0777



Dist. 15 Treatment Committee

will meet Sat. Oct. 10th @ Noon @ the AClub.

BRIDGING THE GAP

for B a - 12th
s i c 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 a message for **Kathryn @**

847-0777

Whenever anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,

I want the hand of AA to be
there—

And for that

I am responsible.

District 15

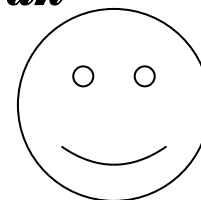
Opportunities

Treatment Committee

Chair-2 yr. term, 2 yrs. sober

Nominations accepted at District 15

Here's an Idea-



Give a buck for those who can't.

District 15

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Meets every last Saturday of the
month at Central Office

at 12 PM-

Come get involved!

~District 15~

Corrections

Committee

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at
the AClub @ Noon.

Come and get involved! This month Jan. 16th

AClub is at 5650 W. Missouri Ave., NPR