

# 0777 newsletter



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**AA HOTLINE 727-847-0777**

July 2009

*Pasco Big Book's 28th-*

***Anniversary***

***Picnic!!!***

**Saturday**

**July 18th**

**11am-4pm**

**Starkey Park**

**Pavillion A**

**Bring a covered dish  
and join the fun!**

**Hot Dogs and Hamburgers!**

**Horseshoes! The infamous  
EGG TOSS! MUCH  
MORE!**

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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**

## Lack of Meetings equals Negative Attitudes

I have been sober in AA for nearly five years, and a great deal has happened since my first meeting.

I tried to follow the steps to the best of my ability for the first few years. I was working at a menial job, which yielded a menial paycheck. I was single and living with three other people in a run-down house in a university town. My car was old and barley running. My social life outside of AA was nonexistent, and my future looked pretty grim.

But I was told to get on my knees each day and thank God for a sober day. I was told that the lively social life, the new cars, the fancy apartment, the prestigious jobs did not matter. What did matter was that I did not pick up one drink for one day and was grateful for my newfound physical, mental, and spiritual sobriety.

I practiced being grateful each day. I say "practiced" because, when I was an active alcoholic, my attitude and disposition had never been predisposed to being grateful and positive. So I practiced saying the words, and pretty soon I began to believe them.

Several years went by, and my life took amazing turns. I returned to school and, by the grace of God, was able to earn my masters degree. Again, by the grace of God, I met and married a wonderful man who is also a recovering alcoholic. I acquired a new job, and I went to live in the house that I had always wanted.

I wish I could say that I lived happily ever after. But I soon encountered severe problems, all of which were a consequence of my attitude. I allowed my job to take precedence over AA principles, and in a short time, I was returning from work with self-pity and negative attitudes reminiscent of my old drunken self. I put the job and other materialistic elements above my sobriety. I

snapped at my husband, cut back on meetings, closed the Big Book, and refrained from calling my sponsor.

One day, I came home from work with extreme anxiety, a nervous stomach, and a desire to escape. Translated, all of that means "drink" Then, I remembered something that my husband once said at a meeting: "Anything you put before your sobriety, you are going to lose."

Thank God, I remembered that. ( If I hadn't, my husband would have reminded me.) I see now that mundane things are nice, but certainly not necessary to make me kind, serene, and sober. My priorities were surely out of whack. I forgot from whence I came.

I hope that from now on I will be able to maintain the proper attitude and order of business in life: AA first, all else second.

*L.C., South Deerfield, Mass.*

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### Step 7

**"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."**

### Tradition 7

**"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."**

**0777  
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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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

June 1 Balance ... \$	5683.64
Income .....	+1880.46
Expenses .....	-2801.15
Ending Balance ... \$	4762.61

**Central Office - June**

Niteline calls .....	163
Office calls .....	143
Walk-ins .....	54

**Pass the Basket  
June 2009**

NPR/KISS Group .....	\$ 40.00
Tropical Attitudes .....	60.00
Serenity Group .....	350.00
Not A Glum Lot .....	20.00
Amazing Grace .....	50.00
Dist. 15 -Founders Day .....	56.45
Noon High .....	25.00
InterGroup .....	12.00
12 x 12 .....	60.00
Brown Baggers .....	20.00
Unity Meeting .....	57.01
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>750.46</b>

Thank YOU for your Support!

**\*\*\* UNITY \*\*\*  
MEETING**

July 18- Along Spiritual Lines

Aug. 15- Tropical Attitudes

Sept. 19- Open

Oct. 17- Noon High

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.

**Starts @ 7 PM!**

*River Ridge Presbyterian Church  
7540 Ridge Rd. — East of Little Rd.*

**July- Pickin' up chips**

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
<b>AA WAY</b>		<b>MEN LET'S TALK</b>	
Greg McC. ....	10 yrs	Larry K. ....	30 yrs
<b>BACK TO BASICS</b>		John S. ....	7 yrs
Bruce P. ....	29 yrs	Chris F. ....	5 yrs
<b>CAME TO BELIEVE</b>		Tom M. ....	5 yrs
<b>CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS</b>		Peter M. ....	4 yrs
Liz O. ....	5 yrs	Thom F. ....	4 yrs
Joe G. ....	6 yrs	Bud W. ....	4 yrs
Geoff B. ....	12 yrs	<b>MIRACLE GROUP</b>	
Fran G. ....	26 yrs	Fran G. ....	27 yrs
<b>COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLES HAPPY JOYOUS AND FREE</b>		<b>NEW HOPE BEGINNERS</b>	
Jim B. ....	22 yrs	Beverly S. ....	35 yrs
Jeff .....	13 yrs	<b>NEW LIFE GROUP</b>	
<b>HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?</b>		Jon B. ....	24 yrs
Gary W. ....	11 yrs	Jim B. ....	22 yrs
Christine D. ....	4 yrs	Greg H. ....	4 yrs
Ethel D. ....	5 yrs	<b>NOON HIGH</b>	
<b>K.I.S. WOME</b>		Margaret C. ....	17 yrs
Lorrie W. ....	33 yrs	Mark H. ....	5 yrs
Jean S. ....	4 yrs	MaryAnn W. ....	4 yrs
Barbara H. ....	2 yrs	<b>NPR KISS GROUP</b>	
Judy B. ....	23 yrs	Tim F. ....	3 yrs
Rita R. ....	1 yr	Chris F. ....	5 yrs
<b>SUN. MORN. GRATITUDE SURRENDER GROUP LIFE GOES ON</b>		Joe G. ....	7 yrs
Rick Thompson .....	6 yrs	Fran G. ....	27 yrs
Wally G. ....	29 yrs	Diana P. ....	10 yrs
Tom C. ....	42 yrs	Bud W. ....	27 yrs
Ron P. ....	3 yrs	<b>PASCO BIG BOOK</b>	
<b>WONDERFUL SAT. STEP GROUP</b>		MaryAnn W. ....	4 yrs
Web S. ....	25 yrs	Michelle P. ....	8 yrs
Larry J. ....	2 yrs	Fred O. ....	18 yrs
Jim B. ....	22 yrs	George N. ....	27 yrs
Jenna B. ....	15 yrs	Larry K. ....	30 yrs
<b>3 &amp; 11 STEP GROUP</b>		<b>SERENITY GROUP</b>	
<b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b>		Rebecca .....	8 yrs
Henry J. ....	3 yrs	Geoff .....	3 yrs
Paul Y. ....	25 yrs	Wally G. ....	29 yrs
Maria G. ....	2 yrs	<b>3 &amp; 11 STEP GROUP</b>	
Jack D. ....	1 yr	<b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b>	
Santos T. ....	3 yrs	Henry J. ....	3 yrs
Gloria H. ....	27 yrs	Paul Y. ....	25 yrs
Diana C. ....	1 yr	Maria G. ....	2 yrs
		Jack D. ....	1 yr
		Santos T. ....	3 yrs
		Gloria H. ....	27 yrs
		Diana C. ....	1 yr

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](mailto:d15specialneeds@hotmail.com). The AClub is at 5650 W. Missouri Ave., NPR.

**This is**  
**YOUR NEWSLETTER**

We need to get the input of our readers into 0777 Newsletter. We are asking people within District 15 to contribute articles to this newsletter. A.A. members with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety can reserve a month-date for their 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](mailto:www.news0777@yahoo.com)**

**AA CD's**

**TO LEND!!!**

District placed a number of CD's at Central Office to speakers, Steps, Traditions, Concepts and history cd's to sign out. The only thing asked is that you sign for them so that others will know where they are. Archives Committee meets on the last Sat. of the month @ 12 Noon. All are invited. Questions? Call Nancy A. @ 992-2204

**WORD SEARCH**

**STEP SEVEN**

**WORD LIST**

ADMISSION ASKED  
DEFECTS FAILURE  
FEAR FREEDOM HIM  
HIUMAN HUMBLE HUMILITY  
LIFE MISERY OUR PAIN  
PRICE REMOVE SPIRIT  
STRENGTH TRANSFORMED  
TRUE WEAKNESS SURVIVAL  
SHORTCOMINGS

**Directions-**

Find the above words in the puzzle forwards, backwards, up, down, diagonal.

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

Last Months Challenge: What was Bill Wilson's occupation? Last Month's Chal-

By Rich F., NPR KISS Group



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**\* current meeting list**

**\* current 0777 newsletter**

**ONCE OVER LIGHTLY**

Bill S. of New York sent in a story about a fellow who worked in a brewery and fell into a 400-gallon vat of beer. A friend of the unfortunate victim asked, "Did he drown?"

"Not right away," was the answer. "He got out twice to go to the Men's Room."

TWO DRINKERS were bending their elbows in a saloon one day and chatting about this and that. "Have any of your boyhood dreams come true?" one asked the other.

"Only one I can think of" answered his friend. "I had curly hair, and when my mother used to comb it, I wished I didn't have any."

... ..  
THAT WAS THE SORT of a case of imagination versus reality, which brings back a story about a teacher who asked her 8th grade class to give an example of the difference between those two words.

When a young girl spoke up. "When you get stung by a bee" she said, the 1/16 inch stinger is reality. The other 2 inches is imagination."

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# There are No Ordinary MOMENTS

Some stuff I think I know. One thing I know is that from me, humility is admitting my faults and vulnerabilities to another human being, or asking another human being for *HELP*. That's humbling! In early sobriety it was easier for me to ask someone I knew, or I knew somewhat, rather than asking someone I didn't know for help.

I try and remember this when I talk to someone new at a meeting. A kind word, or just spending a few minutes talking to a new-comer helps break the ice and helps create that small bridge of trust for when the day comes that every new-comer is going to experience ( falling off the pink cloud) and is forced to decide if they're going to drink, or ask for help, whether in a meeting, the meeting after the meeting, or a phone call in the middle of the night.

The other night it was one of those nights I got a phone call from someone I've only met once at a meeting. He needed to talk. Moments before, I felt like being selfish and just turning off the phone so I wouldn't be disturbed while I was putting pen to paper, but I didn't. I left the phone on and was able to help a fellow Alcoholic. I don't know if he stayed sober, I do know that he helped me that night.

AS LONG AS I'M PAINSTAKING in my recovery, meaning

*"Suit Up, Show Up, Face Up, and DON'T Give Up"*, and keep "Spiritually Fit", I'm amazed how I find myself in just the right place at the right time to be of maximum service to others. Today I believe my HIGHER POWER works through people and me and that means there are No Ordinary Moments!

*Gratefully Sober Today. Thank You  
Tarpon Springs*

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### ... I am responsible

Whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there..

### **Groups Represented**

#### At InterGroup 6/10/09

*RIS Womens, Noon High, Happier Hour,*

*Back To Basics, New Hope Beginners, Wonderful,*

*Happy Joyous and Free, How Important Is It?*

*Tropical Attitudes. Is your group represented?*

### 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.

### Dist. 15 Treatment Committee

**will meet Sat. July 11th @ Noon @ the A Club.**

## 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 @**