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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

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**Step 6:** Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

"Wow! What a tall order," I thought. The deep and tangled roots of my character defects were still fresh in mind from doing Step Four and Five.

As with everything A.A. tells me to do, I was willing but expected a major battle with the sullen 14-year-old occupying the space between my ears. Steps Four and Five had shown me that my character defects were the reactions to daily living of that scared and angry kid. To make matters worse, he was immature even for his tender age.

Little Larry, as I call him, had just gotten all resentful when a fishing outing had to be canceled because of some pesky adult obligation. He

**Tradition 6:** An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Money, property, prestige—all those lovely benefits of society. Bill W. stated the pitfall of prestige alone—better we seek to become "a worker among workers." And that goes for the rest of all those glittering things we hope to attain or reclaim after wallowing in the deep, dark, sickening barrel of alcoholism, and finally finding acceptance in the world after being shunned every which way from here to Pluto.

As promising as these dreams are, when it comes to a bottom line drunk, it's a whole other can of worms.

Besides having been stoned out drunks, alcoholics are

## SOBRIETY TOOLS

wanted to throw a tantrum. He always wants what he wants NOW. Postpone pleasure? Get outa here!

But then one of the A.A. tools that helped me stay sober, kicked in. The wonderful slogan, "Expect Miracles," popped into my head. "Desire is prayer," and the beating I'd taken at the hands of substance abuse had given me a strong desire to stay sober. So my initial concern soon was replaced by faith that good things would happen, as long as I maintained a strong desire by working the program.

"That's right," I thought. "Each day has been a miracle in A.A.. I know I'll get the help I need for working Step Six-One day at a time." Yep, another A.A. slogan!

Slogans have been among the best tools for rebuilding my life the A.A. way. They are like life jackets saving me when I'm in danger of being pulled under by the rip tides of emotional immaturity. They can be used immediately and on the spot.

One morning, I was feeling vaguely restless, irritable and discontented. While driving to an appointment, I kept repeating calmly: "Let go and let God." Then each time I'd breathe deeply and, as I exhaled, think: "Easy Does It." Upon arrival, I was feeling great.

So full of power, the slogans have become the positive idea I use to banish nega-

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## MONEY, PROPERTY, PRESTIGE

definitely out and out dreamers. We think big, plan big, and fall on our faces big, too. Somehow we had never learned to NOT "bite off more than we can chew," and we can only learn to do that 'One Step At a Time' after coming through the doors.

Sure we become involved in something fantastic when by the grace of a Higher Power we found A.A. I certainly had, and I could say my pink cloud my first year was ultra super, after I made the decision to live a sober life "One Day at a Time." It was far better than any high I ever had 'out there' without all the miserable, wrenching consequences the following morning. So it only seems natural with great enthusiasm we would, as they had once said during those ancient hippie days—"love to turn the world

on' to what we had in A.A. so joyfully discovered.

But that's when Tradition Six steps in and draws the line with utmost clarity. We cannot afford to plunge the A.A. cause into other business opportunities and then set up shop for ourselves.

Too often issues in question in these ventures are put on the table and get embroiled in never ending debates of inside politics of that particular organization. Also we have seen time and time again once a bundle of money is poured into an enterprise, the objectives can get re-prioritized by the controlling parties. Finally we can create as Bill W. mentioned the plight of too many cooks spoiling the brew. Only this time it would include everyone on the

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**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

Barbara L. - Stephani B. - Bill J.

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any AA activities, events, group histories, etc.. Submit all information by the 15th of the month to: E-mail

**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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**10 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday**

**10 AM - 1 PM Saturday**

**Closed: Sunday & Holidays**

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

May 1, 2007 Bal.	\$ 2457.26
Total Donations	\$ 1016.29
+ Total Sales	\$ 1299.82
Total Income	\$ 2316.11
Subtotal	\$ 4773.37
- Total Expenses	\$ 1799.35
May 31 Ending Bal.	\$ 2974.02



Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00

**CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY**

Hotline Calls	128
Office Calls	195
Walk Ins	68

**HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:**

727-847-0777

**PASS THE BASKET  
May 2007**

Tropical Attitudes	\$60.00
Serenity Group	\$165.00
Recovery Thru the Steps	\$15.00
Steps to New Beginning	\$20.00
Back To Basics	\$37.34
Two or More	\$100.00
New Life Group	\$25.00
Unity Meeting	\$149.95
Living Sober Group	\$60.00
NPR Kiss Group	\$25.00
Saturday Morning BB	\$70.00
Thursday Night 12 & 12	\$60.00
Hoot & Holler	\$50.00
3rd & 11th Step	\$230.00
Came to Believe	\$100.00
Happy, Joyous, Free	\$20.00
Surrender Group	\$11.00

**INTERGROUP  
GROUP ATTENDANCE  
AT MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 9, 2007**

How Important Is It  
New Hope Beginners  
Happier Hour  
New Life Group  
Men's Lets Talk  
Easier Softer Way  
Hoot & Holler  
Wonderful Sat. Step  
Tropical Attitudes

Steering Comm.      Chairperson  
Secretary              Treasurer  
Hot Line                Unity Committee

**Message from the  
OFFICE COORDINATOR**

Let me introduce myself to those who do not know who I am. My name is Bill J. and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Tropical Attitudes Group and I will be here to serve you as Intergroup Office Coordinator at our Central Office.

I need your help to answer the office phone for the still sick and suffering alcoholic. If you can give them just a little bit of your time, (10:AM to 1:30PM) or (1:30PM to 5:PM), one day a week, it would mean that..... we are Responsible....

When anyone, anywhere, Reaches out for help. We want The hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: We are responsible.

I hope to see your smiling face, here at the office, carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Thank You  
Bill J.

**June : Pickin' up chips**

A.A.WAY	YEARS	LIFE GOES ON	YEARS
<b>CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS</b>		Roy T.	37 years
Bob S.	8 years	Ron	29 years
Dan C.	22 years	Sean	15 years
<b>COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE</b>		<b>LIVING SOBER</b>	
<b>HAPPIER HOUR</b>		<b>MEN LET'S TALK</b>	
<b>HOW IMPORTANT IS IT</b>		George M.	29 years
<b>K.I.S. WOMEN</b>		Huey A.	19 years
Donna E.	5 years	<b>MIRACLE GROUP</b>	
Luan H.	15 years	Sally R.	31 years
Eleanor G.	34 years	Don K.	25 years
Ellie M.	2 years	<b>NPR KISS GROUP</b>	
Pat P.	11 years	<b>NEW HOPE BEGINNERS</b>	
<b>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</b>		<b>PASCO BIG BOOK</b>	
Noreen S.	4 years	<b>RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS</b>	
Andrew M.	2 years	<b>SERENITY GROUP</b>	
Jack M.	7 years	Mark	4 years
Wayne J.	9 years	Ed M.	15 years
Peter E.	11 years	<b>BACK TO BASICS</b>	
Rob	2 years	<b>NEW LIFE GROUP</b>	
Dennis W.	4 years	Pete F.	27 years
<b>WONDERFUL SAT. STEP</b>		<b>WONDERFUL SAT. STEP</b>	
<b>3 &amp; 11 STEP GROUP</b>		Chuck L.	6 years
<b>TWO OR MORE</b>		John F.	17 years
Jean S.	28 years	Catherine B.	1 year
Alexis S.	3 years	<b>EASIER SOFTER WAY</b>	
<b>SURRENDER GROUP</b>			

**I DID IT AGAIN**



Forgot to mail my group's Anniversaries to:  
**www.news0777@yahoo.com**

**Central Office Report**

**12th Annual Southeastern  
Woman to Woman Seminar  
July 27 - 28 -29, 2007  
Clarion Hotel Conference Center-  
Jacksonville, Florida**

**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.

# 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](mailto:www.news0777@yahoo.com)**

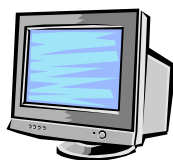
## ANSWER PHONES

At the Central Office and the Overnight Hotline Phone when the office is closed. Contact the Office Coordinator or Bob S. 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](http://www.wptsaa.org)**

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## SOBRIETY TOOLS

tive thoughts as they arise. "My best thinking got me here," so I prefer A.A.'s thinking to mine for keeping my head on straight.

"Live in the Now" helped me understand that for me at least, the HOW of Step Six is in the Now. I needed to be "Honest, Open-minded and Willing" right then, at the moment a defective reaction to daily ups and downs popped into my head.

Another phrase may not be an A.A. slogan, but perhaps should be: "Life is a mind game." Some 2000 years ago, it was said that one who controls his own mind is greater than one who leads an army to victory.

As I work on Step Six I realized that by rejecting each negative thought or impulse as it popped up, by thinking of its positive opposite-usually a slogan- I ruled in my head and stood "entirely ready" in the Now, the only time there really is. That approach reminded me of GOD-Good Orderly Direction. Little Larry could just sulk in his room, and I didn't have to fret about being entirely ready at some future time that might never come.

Unlike ordinary tools, the slogans can't be worn out. The more used, the better they work, which reminds of a saying: "Idle minds are the devil's workshop." The slogans are great as prayers, with meditation, and for repeating during idle times.

Of course, being entirely ready also requires other indispensable sobriety tools. But even those are clarified in slogans. Some I found useful for Step Six (and all steps) include:

"Meeting Makers make it," "Don't drink and go to meetings," "One meeting in seven days makes one weak," "Think, think, think," "Live and let live," "Acceptance is the answer," "This too shall pass," "Turn it over," "Just for today," "Make gratitude your attitude," "Let go of the old ideas," "Sponsors have one, use one, be one," "Help is only a phone call away," There are many more. One e-mail lists 407!

Since this piece has put so much emphasis on using the slogans to help maintain an attitude of being "entirely ready," it seems fitting to end with one:

"Easy does It—but do it."

Respectfully,  
Larry,

## UNITY MEETING

**We are seeking volunteers for one evening per month to help setup with the Unity Meeting.**

**Hosted by**

**Date**

- |                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>New Hope Beginners</b> | <b>June 16th</b>     |
| <b>Bayou Group</b>        | <b>July 21st</b>     |
| <b>Tropical Attitudes</b> | <b>August 18th</b>   |
| <b>James Gang</b>         | <b>Sept. 15th</b>    |
| <b>Happier Hour</b>       | <b>October 20th</b>  |
| <b>Pasco Big Book</b>     | <b>November 17th</b> |
| <b>Men's Lets Talk</b>    | <b>December 15th</b> |

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.

**There are only two months left in 2007 still available on the Unity calendar, September & December.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**

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## MONEY

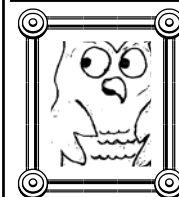
outside as well as A.A. adding their own ideas, inspirations, promos, chalkboard drawings, agendas, etc., etc., until our precious program begotten by too much pain, and far too many tears, becomes so homogenized A.A. is no longer recognizable. The promise of money, property, and prestige is a poor price to pay indeed when we try to spread ourselves out too thin.

Tradition Six stands clear. And it's simple. Stick to what we are good at. And that is helping the sick and suffering alcoholic in the rooms. Then we keep our balance. Then A.A. remains true to its primary purpose.

Eleanor R.  
3 & 11 Group

OLLIE THE

**Identify, don't compare!**



**"THINK, THINK, THINK"**

# District 15 News: JUNE

The District's monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 15th, at the Community Congregational Church, in New Port Richey. Twenty-nine people were in attendance. Treasurer Bob reported that April's beginning treasury balance was \$3722.28. Groups donated \$286.00 and an additional \$25. Was collected at the April 17th District meeting. Expenses totaled \$375.00. As a result, the closing balance for April was \$3658.28. During the meeting, it was clarified that the closing balance reported each month includes a \$3000.00 prudent reserve. The final figures for the Anniversary Dinner reflected a loss of \$362.88. Income received was \$2237. while expenses were at \$2599.88. Other fiscal items involved a request from the Corrections Committee to purchase three Spanish copies of the Big Book for use at institutional meetings. However, the request was referred to the monthly agenda meeting, which is conducted the first Monday of each month. For this reason, the issue will be addressed at next month's meeting.

Another fiscal item involved the proposed purchase of a lap top computer for the District secretary. This possible purchase, capped at no more than \$250.00, was previously deferred such that input could be garnered from the District's groups as to their feelings on the suitability of such a purchase. Some additional debate ensued and the motion to purchase a rebuilt lap top computer for no more than \$250.00 was carried by a vote of 14-4.

Jean M. of the Grapevine Committee, is directing preparations for the Annual Founder's Day Celebration. The festivities commence on Saturday, June 9th, from 12: Noon to 4: PM, at the Community Congregational Church. Tickets purchased in advance at \$3.00 donation or at the door for \$4.00. A side dish, salad, or desert is always appreciated. There will be prizes, a 50/50 raffle, jokes, skits, and a guest speaker. Please stop in for some fun,

fellowship, and good food.

Dan, Chair of the PI/CPC Committee, reported he is available to address groups on the works of the Committee which involves public information and contact with the professional community.

John, of the Literature Committee passed out a flyer to be taken back to the groups of the attendees. The flyer reflected some statistics on the history of A.A. publications. He pointed out that the Big Book was first published in 1939. After approximately thirty years of publication, the millionth copy was given to President Richard Nixon. Over the next twenty-six years, an additional 27 million copies of the Big Book were distributed in various formats.

Kevin, Chairperson-elect, stated an opening for a Chairperson to cover the Gratitude Dinner needed to be filled. The Dinner is set for November 18, 2007. At St. Vincent DePaul Hall, Mile Stretch Road, Holiday. Scott R. of Los Angeles, will be the featured speaker.

Bill Ouchie, Delegate for Area 15, will be stopping in at the "A" Club in New Port Richey on June 2nd at 12:Noon to provide the District with a report on the latest news from the General Service Office. Also, Kevin reported that speaker, Sandy B. of Tampa, has agreed to address our 2008 Anniversary Dinner Dance. Jackie S., the District Registrar, has relocated to Chicago. As a result, she had to resign her position. Many thanks are extended to Jackie for the years of service she has provided the District. She has filled a number of positions during her affiliation with District 15 and has been a source of inspiration and guidance to many members of A.A.

Hearing no request for further discussion, Chairman Doug G. adjourned the meeting. Next month's is set for June 19th. If you can stop by, it would be a pleasure to see you here, helping us to carry the A.A. message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

John S.  
GSR Newsletter Committee

## 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](http://www.aagrapevine.org/gv/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, [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) AND...

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### 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/)

## WE STAY SOBER

## I GET DRUNK

### 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**.