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WE CAN LOOK THE
WORLD IN THE EYE

JUNE 13-15, 2008

Downtown St. Pete Hilton
333 First Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Registration \$20.00

Registration Forms Available
at
Central Office

June 7th
Founder's Day
Celebration

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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 Six: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

The spiritual principle of Step Six is willingness. At first, this step seemed to be an impossible undertaking until we realized that we were talking about a lifelong process. Our newfound awareness of our defects of character, as well as the realization that the removal of them might take the rest of our lives, was, for some of us, difficult and painful. But all that was required was to become entirely ready to let go of the defects of character that were blocking our relationship with a Higher Power.

Tradition Six : 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 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 could chew," and we can only

ENTIRELY READY

What we needed was a readiness to let go, and an openness to allow our Higher Power to do deep and lasting work in our hearts and minds. Character defects are, by their very nature, expressions of self-will. We realized that by practicing them it was impossible to practice spiritual principles. We could no longer afford to deny or suppress our character defects with alcohol or self-will. We became responsible for our recovery and for letting our Higher Power work within us. For many years, we did not recognize our defects of character as such. In fact, we often relied on them in much

the same way that one relies on a crutch. They were coping mechanisms. For example, rather than dealing with issues of intimacy, we would often sabotage relationships by using our character defects to push people away. We lied, cheated, and manipulated as a way not only to get what we wanted, but also to allow us to project a false image that we had of ourselves, an image which we wanted others to perceive as well.

Karen R.
Easier, Softer Way

Money, Property, Prestige

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 AA. 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 that 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 AA so joyfully discovered.

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

Too often issues in question in these ventures are put on the

ble 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 outside of AA adding their own ideas, inspirations, etc., etc. until our precious program, begotten by so much pain and fare too many tears, becomes so homogenized AA is no longer recognizable.

Tradition Six stands clear. And simple. Stick to what we are good at- helping drunks get and stay sober.

Eleanor R.
3 & 11 Group

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Karen R. Stephani B. Bill J.

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any A.A. activities, events, group histories, etc..

Submit all information by the 20th of the month to: news0777@yahoo.com

Or to the newsletter mailbox at: **WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS INTERGROUP**

6611 US 19 ROOM 505 NEW PORT RICHEY, FL. 34652
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Monday - Friday-10:AM to 5:PM
Saturday-10:AM to 1: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

GENERAL SERVICE AREA 15 TREASURER
% KATHY GUTIERREZ
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

April 1, 2007 Bal. \$ 5086.07
Total Income \$ 2100.66
Expenses - \$ 2212.41
May. 1, 2008 Bal. \$ 4974.32

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls 136
Walk Ins 69

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET May 2008

Contributions to Central Office

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?.....	\$ 180.00
BAYOU GROUP	100.00
BACK TO BASICS.....	138.00
HAPPIER HOUR.....	200.00
NEW LIFE GROUP.....	25.00
HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE	10.00
NOT A GLUM LOT	10.00
INTERGROUP	13.50
TRIANGLE GROUP	50.00
KIS WOMEN'S.....	50.00
UNITY MTG.....	69.90
NPR/KISS GROUP.....	25.00

Thanks !!! \$ 871.40

INTERGROUP

ATTENDANCE

AT MONTHLY MEETING MAY 14, 2008

Wonderful Saturday New Hope Beginners
Easier, Softer Way Pasco Big Book

Dist. 15 Gen. Service District
Unity Committee
Inter Group Chair
Inter Group Treasurer

52nd FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
August 13—17, 2008
Harbor Beach Marriott & Spa
3030 Holiday Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

[Www.flstateconvention.com](http://www.flstateconvention.com)

Sixth Step Prayer

I am ready for Your help in removing from me the defects which I now realize are obstacles to my recovery. My own willpower just won't work. Help me to be entirely ready and honest with myself and guide me toward spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental health.

In this Prayer

Be inspired to fill in the name of a Higher Power of your own understanding.

June: Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
AAWAY			
CAME TO BELIEVE			
Bobby	1 yr	NPR KISS GROUP	
Brendon	1 yr	Don C.	15 yrs
Dan C.	23 yrs	Sally R.	32 yrs
Karen L.	1 yr	Brendan Mc.	1 yr
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS			
Dan C.	23 yrs	BACK TO BASICS	
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT ?			
K.I.S. WOMEN			
Donna E.	6 yrs	HAPPY, JOYOUS, & FREE	
Luan H.	16 yrs	John F.	18 yrs
Eleanor G.	35 yrs	Ron B.	26 yrs
Ellie M.	3 yrs	NEW HOPE BEGINNER	
Pat P.	12 yrs	Diane D.	22 yrs
Jackie S.	1 yr	PASCO BIG BOOK	
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP			
John F.	18 yrs	Rick Mc.	10 yrs
Lorenzo	9 yrs	Deb C.	3 yrs
TWO OR MORE			
Alexi S.	4 yrs	Sally R.	32 yrs
SURRENDER GROUP			
LIFE GOES ON			
Ron	30 yrs	Mary Ann H.	32 yrs
Roy T.	33 yrs	Rain S.	1 yr
Sean	16 yrs	Huey A.	20 yrs
TRIANGLE GROUP			
Dick T.	28 yrs	SERENITY GROUP	
MEN LET'S TALK			
George M.	30 yrs	Mark	5 yrs
Don K.	26 yrs	Ed N.	16 yrs
Hugh A.	20 yrs	NEW LIFE GROUP	
MON. NITE BIG BOOK			
SURRENDER GROUP			
LIVING SOBER GROUP			
TROPICAL ATTITUDES			
John C.	1 yr	3&11 STEP GROUP	
Brenda Mc.	1 yr	NOON HIGH	
Noreen S.	5 yrs	Lori G.	1 yr
MIRACLE GROUP			
Sally R.	32 yrs	Rain S.	1 yr

Group Anniversaries

Email: www.news0777@yahoo.com
Drop off: 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR

Women's Meeting O D	NEW MEETINGS
Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, FL.	
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM	
Winners Group S D	
Christ Fellowship Church 5718 Grand Blvd.	
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8:PM	
Noon High	
Edna Ave. Club 7137 Edna Ave. Hudson, FL. blk. E of 19, 2 blks. N of 52	
EVERY MONDAY-FRIDAY NOON	
Thursday 12x12 CSrTr	
Regency Baptist Church	
Cor.. Pinehill Rd. & N. Washington	
THURSDAYS @ NOON	

WE'VE MOVED

BACK TO BASICS

To Community Congregational Church
6533 Circle Blvd.
NPR, FLORIDA
MONDAY: 7:30 PM

WANT-AD:

YOUR ARTICLES

We need to get the input of your ideas into 0777 Newsletter through the "Steps" & "Traditions" (articles on page one). We are asking members within District 15 to write these articles. A.A. members with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety can reserve a date-month 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 0777 Newsletter 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 Bill J. at (727) 847-0777 & leave your name and phone number where we can reach you.



Thank 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 Vinnie G. 727-247-8334.....
Thank you.

BIG BOOK ON THE BEACH

August 22, 23, and 24, 2008
1500 Pass-a-Grille Way
St. Pete, FL
727-360-4754

An in depth study of the first 164 pages of the Big Book.

(Lot's of food, fun, and fellowship for all.)

Registration Fee: \$20.00

Pick up Flyer at Central Office

WORD SEARCH

Sixth Tradition

Word List

Alcoholism
Endorse Lend Enterprise
Experience Divert
Facility Money Meritorious
Finance Matter Prestige
Ought Purpose Property
Group Outside Primary
Related Never

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

By Rich F., NPR KISS Group

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

Founders Day Celebration !

When - Sat. June 7th

12:30 - 3:00 pm

Where - Community Congregational Church on Circle Dr. @ Orange Lake , NPR.

**FOOD, fun
FELLOWSHIP, GAMES
SPEAKER
*** ALL INVITED *****

Suggested donation \$ 2

COVERED DISH APPRECIATED

WHERE & WHEN COMMITTEE

NEEDS HELP AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH ALL OUR GROUPS AND PRINT THE MEETING LIST.

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by	Date
How Important Is It?	June 21st
Cotee River	July 19th
Tropical Attitudes	August 16th
Sat. a.m. BB AClub	Sept. 20th
Women's Keep It Simple	Oct. 18

WE ARE FILLING THE CALENDAR FOR 2008. HOPE YOUR GROUP IS ON OUR LIST.

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.

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.

...In all our affairs

District 15 News: June 2008

The monthly district meeting was held on May 20th, 2008, 6:30 PM at the Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey.

The Area Quarterly was held on April 18th through the 20th at the Doubletree Westshore in Tampa and was hosted by District 3. Many from our district attended and brought back their reports from the Committee meetings there.

First, here are several events within District 15 which can be announced within your groups. Founder's Day is on June 7th at the Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The final meeting for the planning committee will be at the A-Club on May 30th at 6:30 pm and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Don't forget the Delegates report will be out on May 31st. Our Area Delegate will be visiting the A-Club in New Port Richey on Saturday, May 31st, at noon. Our Delegate brings us news and updated from New York.

District Chairperson, Doug, reports that there will be a change in guidelines regarding the appointment of ADCM's. That issue will be addressed at the next District Agenda Meeting. This meeting will be held on June 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Central Office- 6611 US 19N in New Port Richey.

Corrections chair JD announced the continued success of the Walk Free Group, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at the West Detention Facility on Little Road. The Corrections Committee is always looking for volunteers. JD is willing to come speak to your group about the Corrections Committee and answer your questions. The next committee meeting will be announced soon. At the next Agenda Meeting, Corrections will be submitting a request for a new batch of Living Sober books. JD is happy to announce that Big Books and 12 & 12's are in ample supply.

Archives chair, Rick, attended the Area Quarterly and several workshops there. He also met with other Archives Chairpersons and was informed that some of the smaller districts have combined resources of the Archives, Literature and Grapevine Committees. Rick is hoping that this may be a possibility for our district.

Treatment Chair, Kathryn, attended the Area Quarterly where she received several pamphlets and a HOPE video which Treatment can bring to the facilities. Treatment is currently bringing 11 meeting per week into The Harbors and 6 per week into ACTS. Additionally, Treatment is bringing 1 BGT (Bridging The Gap) meeting into CRC per month and 2 per week into Community Hospital. Kathryn is waiting to hear back from the hospital's facilitator in reference to bringing in more meetings Each week. Kathryn was happy to announce that our Treatment Committee has successfully helped to Gap 10 Bridges through the BTG program in the last few months! The next Treatment Committee meeting will be held at the A-Club in New Port Richey on June 14th at noon. Treatment will be submitting the budget for the remainder of the year at the next Agenda Meeting.

Literature Chair, Christine, attended the Area Quarterly where she had the opportunity to talk to other Committees

Committee Chairs. She also voted on the reinstatement and changes to some of AA's pamphlets. Christine is looking forward to putting together a Literature Committee meeting soon. Stay tuned for details.

Our new Intergroup Liaison, Karen, attended the Intergroup meeting on May 14th and provided a report at the District meeting. Following are some of the highlights: Gary, Intergroup Chair, is stepping down and Dottie will be taking his place. Pete, Treasurer, found an incorrect \$ 70 charge in the Verizon bill and had it corrected. Trish, Unity Chair, is stepping down and there is a need for a volunteer to take over this position (min 2 yrs. Sobriety). The Unity meeting format will change as of the May 17th meeting; there will now be no intermission and announcements will be read from 7:25—7:35 pm, then a second speaker will be announced. Intergroup is giving a \$ 50.00 literature donation to the Founders Day event. Thank you again, Karen, for volunteering as our Intergroup Liaison at District 15! Your service is greatly appreciated!

District 15 Treasurer, Dianne, provided the Profit and Loss reports for March 2008 and April 2008. Reports were handed out to all in attendance. This information is available to anyone who is interested. Please see your group's GSR (General Service Representative), or visit a monthly District meeting.

The District still needs your help! There are several district chair and alternate chair positions still open; Grapevine, PI/CPC, PI/CPC Alternate, and Archives Alternate. DCM's for sub-districts 2,3,4 and 6 are needed. The position of District Recording Secretary is also open. Each of these positions has guidelines (years of sobriety). Please visit our next District meeting if you are interested.

We all hope to see new faces at the next District Meeting, which takes place on June 16th at 6:30 pm, at the Community Congregational Church- 6533 Circle Blvd. New Port Richey. Remember, the District Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We hope to see you there!

We would like to thank all the volunteers for the various Committees in District 15. Our fellowship depends greatly on your reaching out to alcoholics in the service work you provide. Thank you all for your service. You are all appreciated!

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

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 AND...

For a lot of AA information, online meetings, world wide AA news, other GSC approved resources, as well as 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.....
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/

OLLIE THE OWL

Identify, don't compare!



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 newcomers upon their discharge from treatment and correction facilities. Please announce at all meetings & post on all Clubroom Bulletin Boards.

Intergroup & General Service Reps
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.

"A CLUB MOVIE NIGHT"
Every 4th Saturday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

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 members who want to put an item on the agenda for the District Meeting are welcome to attend and place their item on the agenda; they must do so at this meeting.

4th Step Workshop
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 4125 US 19
 New Port Richey, Fl

February 23, 2008
Noon to 4:00 PM

Bring your own Big Book
 We supply paper and
 pencils.

Nancy A.



An evening of Dancing
at the "A Club"
 3rd Saturday of the month
SEE YOU THERE

- F.I.N.E.**
 (I'm) Frustrated, Insecure, Neurotic, Emotional
- F.E.A.R.**
 Face Everything And Recover
- N.U.T.S.**
 Not Using The Step
- E.G.O.**
 Easing God Out
- D.E.N.I.A.L.**
 Don't Even Notice I Am Lying
- H.A.L.T.**
 Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired
- H.O.P.E.**
 Happy Our Program Exists
- H.O.W.**
 Honesty, Open-mindedness, Willingness
- S.P.O.N.S.O.R.**
 Sober Person Offering Newcomers Suggestions On Recovery
- G.O.D.**
 Good Orderly Direction
 Group Of Drunks
- B.I.G. B.O.O.K.**
 Believing In God, Beats Our Old Knowledge
- S.L.I.P.**
 Sobriety Losing Its Priority
 Still Learning I'm Powerless
- A.C.T.I.O.N.**
 Any Change To Improve Our Nature
- P.R.O.G.R.A.M.**
 People Relying On God Relaying A Message
- S.T.E.P.S.**
 Solutions To Every Problem Sober
- K.I.S.S.**
 Keep It Simple Stupid
- A.B.C.**
 Ashtrays, Brooms, and Chairs

**Identify, don't
compare!**

