

0777 newsletter



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AA HOTLINE 727-847-0777

June 2009

Founders

Day

2009!

When- Sat. June 6

1- 3:30 PM

**Where- Community
Congregational
Church**

**6533 Circle Blvd.
NPR**

Group Contributions

Appreciated!

Bring a covered

dish or dessert!

Games, FUN!

Volunteers Needed!

Call 847-0777

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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**

Just How Welcome ARE You ?

Are gay men welcome to attend meetings for men only? Recently, after a distressing day spent battling the desire to drink again, I braved the cold and gratefully parked myself at one of our tables with a cup of hot coffee and awaited the start of a much needed meeting. I'd recently moved to this city, and I selected this meeting because of its close proximity to my new home. The schedule indicated a meeting for men only. "No problem," I thought. "I'm a man.

In the five minutes before the Serenity Prayer, however, two vulgar and insulting jokes about "faggots" were told, and most of the men reacted with boisterous laughter. I felt shock and panic. Was I safe in that room? Would I be physically harmed if I objected? I decided to remain silent and seated, since I desperately needed a meeting and was afraid of what I would do if I left with a bitter resentment. The men telling the jokes were tactless, to be certain, but I believed that once the meeting began, the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous would bring us all together compassionately in our quest for sobriety and serenity. Naturally they practiced our principles in all their affairs. Surely they carried out the First Tradition and practiced the Twelve Steps collectively.

I couldn't have been more mistaken. During the discussion, one man made a detestable, unrepeatable comment about AIDS and gay men, as if no heterosexual had ever died in the epidemic. Again, I made excuses to myself in order to stay at the meeting: "I'm HIV-negative: he isn't talking about me. These men have no idea I'm gay or even who I am; these comments aren't directed at me personally."

As if in response to my absurd rationalization, toward the end of the meeting, another man stated un-disguisedly that he hated "all those damned gays." At that point I ran out of excuses for the group. Thankfully, the meeting was nearly finished.

I stopped at a service station after I left to call my new sponsor, a straight man free of hatred and bigotry. He invited me over to his place for a hug and a chat with him and his wife, both of whom are longtime AA members. They always have time to share with those of us in need of love or advise. Pa-

tiently, they waited out my angry raving and guided me back to serenity and sober reasoning. My sponsor suggested that I cool off for a week and pray for serenity. Now, with his blessing and with the guidance of my Higher Power, I would like to make a suggestion for the men's meetings in our city and elsewhere: take a group inventory.

Are you carrying the message to *all* alcoholic men?

Are you practicing the principles of AA in your meeting? Do you intentionally use vicious, excluding language before, during, or after the meeting? Are you remembering that we are all just one drink away from a fatal slip? Might your gay-hating comments be driving away newcomers?

In many cities, groups for gay men do exist. When a straight man unknowingly walks into an AA meeting primarily for gay men, I would hope the group conscious would encourage him to stay, as long as he respects us and our anonymity. Will your heterosexual men's group be able to extend the same courtesy to gay men in desperate need of a meeting?

Hank S., Lafayette, Ind.

From June 1996-

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Step 6

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

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."

**0777
Newsletter**

John L.
Stephani B.

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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Springs InterGroup**

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1 Balance ... \$	5649.92
Income	1515.10
Expenses	1755.14
Ending Balance ...	5409.88

Central Office - May

Niteline calls	108
Office calls	119
Walk-ins	45

**Pass the Basket
May 2009**

Tropical Attitudes	\$ 60.00
New Hope Beginners	20.00
Wonderful Sat. Step	140.00
Sun. Morning Gratitude	10.00
Happy, Joyous and Free	30.00
In The Beginning	10.00
Life Recovery	5.00
2 For 1 Women's	25.00
InterGroup	14.90
Noon High	35.00
Unity Meeting	39.30
Steps To A New Beginning	25.00
Two or More	70.00
Total	\$ 484.20

Thank YOU for your Support!

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

Hosted by:

June 20th...Wonderful Sat. Step Group

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.

River Ridge Presbyterian Church

7540 Ridge Rd. — East of Little Rd.

South Side of Road

June- Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
AA WAY		MEN LET'S TALK	
BACK TO BASICS		Don K.	27 yrs
Mark M. (in May)	2 yrs	Hughie A.	21 yrs
CAME TO BELIEVE		MIRACLE GROUP	
Jean S.	30 yrs	Sally R.	33 yrs
Dan C.	24 yrs	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
Rick B.	21 yrs	Diane D.	23 yrs
Bobby J.	2 yrs	NEW LIFE GROUP	
Brendan M.	2 yrs	Pete F.	29 yrs
Karen L.	2 yrs	Ron B.	26 yrs
Ruthie B.	1 yr	NOON HIGH	
Mary W.	1 yr	Lori G.	2 yrs
Cesar A.	1 yr	Rain S.	2 yrs
Wes K.	1 yr	Herb D.	1 yr
Dani P.	2 yrs	NPR KISS GROUP	
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS		Don C.	16 yrs
Dan C.	24 yrs	Sally R.	33 yrs
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLES		Brendan Mc.	2 yrs
Jim	2 yrs	PASCO BIG BOOK	
Nicki	2 yrs	Rain S.	2 yrs
HAPPY JOYOUS AND FREE		Deb C.	4 yrs
John F.	19 yrs	Rick Mc.	11 yrs
Ron B.	27 yrs	Hughie A.	21 yrs
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?		George M.	31 yrs
K.I.S. WOMEN		Sally R.	33 yrs
Donna E.	7 yrs	SERENITY GROUP	
Luan H.	16 yrs	Mark	6 yrs
Eleanor G.	36 yrs	Ed. N.	7 yrs
Ellie M.	4 yrs	3 & 11 STEP GROUP	
Pat P.	13 yrs	TRIANGLE GROUP	
Jackie S.	2 yrs	Dick T.	29 yrs
SUN. MORN. GRATITUDE		TROPICAL ATTITUDES	
SURRENDER GROUP		Sue S.	2 yrs
LIFE GOES ON		John K.	1 yr
Ron	31 yrs	Christine L.	1 yr
Roy T.	34 yrs	Jack H.	1 yr
Sean	17 yrs	Tommy S.	1 yr
LIVING SOBER		TWO OR MORE	
		WONDERFUL SAT. STEP GROUP	
		John F.	19 yrs

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

email : news0777@yahoo.com

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.

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

Notice

Prices for all AA literature are increasing this July from AA World Services, Inc. Stock Up Now Beat the Increase! At YOUR Central Office Call 847-0777



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* current meeting list
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WORD SEARCH

STEP SIX

WORD LIST

ABANDON	PERFECTION
ALL	READY
BEING	REBELLION
CHARACTER	REMOVE
DANGEROUS	SPIRITUAL
DEFECTS	STRIVING
DELAY	THESE
ENTIRELY	TOWARD
FATAL	WERE
GOD	
GROWTH	
HAVE	
LIMITED	
MOVE	
OBJECTIVE	

Directions-

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

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

Challenge: What was Bill Wilson's occupation?

Last Month's challenge answer is between a rock and a hard place

By Rich F., NPR KISS Group

Founders' Day Florida Style
June 5 – June 7
2009

www.foundersdayflorida.org

AT THE
RESIDENCE INN MARRIOTT
600 W. GAINES ST.
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303
1-800-922 3291
1-800-850-329-9070

~Pasco Big Book's 28th~

~Anniversary Picnic~

Saturday July 18, 2009

Starkey Park – Pavilion A

11 AM - 4 PM

Bring a covered dish and join in the fun!

Hot dogs and Hamburgers provided!

Horseshoes, the infamous "Egg Toss"

And much more!

We will need some folks to help with a little set up and clean-up. Breakfast for all volunteers

Sign Up Sheet at Pasco Big Book!

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS INTERGROUP

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Minutes of Meeting on May 13, 2009

Ralph O. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

The Traditions were read.

Those present recited the Responsibility Pledge.

The attendance sheet was passed.

Roll call.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the April 8, 2009 meeting were distributed. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was distributed. Pete M. noted that income for 2009 is running about the same as that for 2008, and all the bills are paid so all is fine for our financial position. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Office Coordinator's Report: Central Office will start carrying book covers, jewelry, and magnetic lists. More staffers are needed to take the places of snowbirds who have returned to the north. One year of sobriety is required to volunteer. Reps were requested to take this back to their groups.

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee: No report.

Steering Committee: No report.

Hot Line: Winnie reminded everyone that the phone numbers of those on the 12 step list should never be given out to callers on the Hot Line. The correct procedure is that the person who receives the incoming call on the Hot Line:

- takes the incoming caller's phone number
- tells the caller that someone will phone him/her back
- calls a volunteer on the 12 step list,
- gives the volunteer the caller's phone number

and then the 12 step list volunteer returns the phone call.

Newsletter: All is going well.

Finance Committee: No report.

District 15 Liaison: Several Grapevine subscriptions will be raffled off on Founders' Day, June 6th. The following committees meet at noon at the A Club: Special Needs 1st Saturday of the month; Treatment 2nd Saturday of the month; Corrections 3rd Saturday of the month. On June 3rd our delegate will be giving his report in Seminole. There will be carpooling for those interested in attending. District is looking for someone to fill the position of Alternate Chair. Karen H. our district liaison announced that she has accepted the position of secretary for District and therefore is resigning the district liaison position.

Unity Committee: The New Port Richey KISS Group is hosting the May Unity Meeting. The Wonderful Saturday Step Meeting has volunteered to host the June meeting. New groups or those who haven't hosted recently are encouraged to sign up at any time to host a Unity meeting for any future month; reps were asked to take this back to their groups.

Newsletter: All is going well with the newsletter.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Intergroup and District are cosponsoring our district's Founders Day celebration for the 74th anniversary of AA on June 6th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Community Congregational Church. Donations by groups to offset expenses are requested; reps were asked to take this back to their groups.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne T.

Recovery on the

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/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

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... I am responsible

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

Will Your Group

Sponsor the Unity Meeting?

Groups are needed to sponsor the Unity Meeting on June 19, July 18, and August 15. If **YOUR GROUP** is interested see Mary Ellen @ the Unity Meeting or leave a message at Central Office.

847-0777

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. June 13th 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 @**