

West Pasco / Tarpon Springs Inter-Group

0777 newsletter



AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777

AL-ANON HOTLINE 352-697-0497

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

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

Unity Meeting

Living Sober Study Group, hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, Jun 16, at Redeemer Community Church, 9230 Ridge Rd., NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Come and enjoy fellowship, two speakers & dessert while supporting AA work. June Unity host: **Tropical Attitude Men's Meeting**, Saturday, June 16, same time and place.

Will your group sponsor a Unity meeting? Call Lorraine K., Unity Coordinator, (727)935-5543.

April Central Office

- Nightline calls.....45**
- Office calls.....119**
- Walk-ins.....56**

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Step Six:

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Several years ago I had a vivid personal example of Step Six. I had a sponsor at that time to whom I was devoted, one reason for which, possibly, was that she and I shared common characteristics or, as some would say, defects. One of them was a quick temper. Restraint of tongue and pen didn't come easily to either of us.

One day, after a brisk altercation on the phone, she hung up on me. Indignation swelled up inside me. That was absolutely no way for a sponsor of many years' sobriety to behave! Indignation was followed by a delicious sense of grievance, of having been profoundly wronged.

For the next twenty-four hours I fed and watered that delightful sense of victimhood. I would not, of course, have admitted for one moment to myself or anyone else how much I was enjoying it, or my discovery, that being a victim was not four removed from a consummation devoutly to be wished. In my own mind I replayed the incident on the phone over and over, brushing aside my recollection of what I might have said or done to bring on my sponsor's action, And each time her hanging up on me grew more heinous. I was innocent, and in a case like this innocence is power.

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Giving Newcomers Short Shrift

Reprinted from June 1992 Grapevine

The following are what I see as AA's real, top- priority problems. The influx of complex pop-psychology is smothering the simplicity of the Twelve Steps. Newcomers are not given the attention I was given only three years ago, and certainly nowhere near the attention our old-timers received when they came in. We're not giving much of our time or our phone numbers to the newcomers and we're threatening our own sobriety by neglecting the all important Twelfth Step. When was the last time an AA member got the newcomer's phone number and took him to the next meeting? And I don't know how or when, but sometime in the last couple of years, we somehow garbled our spiritual message by yelling, "Keep coming back, it works if you work it" at meetings end, which has little to do with the AA program and nothing at all to do with the Lord's Prayer or any other prayer. I hope we get back to keeping it simple and get back to spending real time with newcomers instead of paying lip service to the Twelfth step. Remember, we need them as much as they need us. Shaking hands and driving off is not enough. Our newcomers deserve hours, not seconds. Let's remember our First, Third and Fifth Traditions, and the Twelfth Step!

ANONYMOUS

PICKIN UP CHIPS

Send your favorite stories, quips, and news clips to news0777@yahoo.com

Or deliver or mail to

West Pasco/Tarpon

Springs Intergroup

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Attn: newsletter editor

(727) 847-0777

Information received after the 20th of the month will be submitted in the following month's publication.

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
COTTEE RIVER		KIS WOMEN'S		ALAN L.	1	CHARLIE W.	27
JOHN R.	17	ELEANOR G.	39	KATE B.	1	JENNIFER B	23
HAPPY JOYOUS		LUAN H.	20	BRANDI T.	1	RICK MC.	14
FREE		DONNA E.	10	NPR KISS		DONN E.	2
RON B.	30	ELLIE M.	7	NICK P.	25	TROPICAL ATTITUDES	
JOHN F.	12	JACKIE S.	5	PHIL V.	8	SUE S.	5
LARRY S.	9	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS		PAUL F.	6	JACK H.	4
HOOT N' HOLLER		DIANE D.	26	DANI	5	CHRISTINE L	4
ERIC L.	4	HAPPIER HOUR		JEREMY H.	4	TWO OR MORE	
PATRICK MC.	6	GARY P.	27	KEVIN M.	3	ALDEN D.	30
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT		JOHN W.	46	ED N.	20	JEFF C.	9
MAX H.	25	KATHY B.	3	MARK	9	TRIANGLE GROUP	
DELONI S.	1	STEVE P.	2	PASCO BB		DICK T.	32
LIFE GOES ON		BRIANNE H.	1	SALLY R.	36		
ROY T.	37	DEBBIE W.	1	GEORGE M.	34		
RON	34	CAROLINE B.	1				
SEAN	20						

Central Office

Opportunities

Office Coordinator Trainee

5 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

Sunday Hotline

Office Staff for:

2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri.

10 AM - 1:30 PM

Or

1:30 PM- 5 PM

1 shift Sat. 10 AM - 1 PM

Nominations accepted at Intergroup Meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM at Central Office.

Archives Chair is open

Chair for Founder's Day event is needed

(For more information regarding responsibilities, terms and an in-depth explanation of all service commitments, please refer to the wptsaa.org website. Click on "News and Information" tab and then district news and at the bottom of the page. There is a link for District Needs.) Or if you want you can contact Barbara R., District Committee chair, at 727-992-5175 or by email at distric-t15chair@area15.org.

District 15 & Intergroup Opportunities

Alt. District Chair (eventually becomes District Chair)

Alt. Chairs for all Committees except PI/CPC

Minimum 3-5 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term

DCM for Sub-district 1(A-Club)4-5 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term

Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts

The Alternate is backup for the DCM.

The alternate is encouraged to assist, participate, and share in the DCM's responsibilities at district and area meetings.

Intergroup Finance Committee

2 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

Reviews the budget and financial reports of A.A. World Services and The Grapevine, and reviews or initiates Conference recommendations that involves finances. Since it first convened in 1951, the committee has kept abreast of the movement's needs by looking into annual budgets, and concerns with income needed to carry out service work and recommending the expansion of services to groups and to the public.

Intergroup Treasurer

2 yrs. sober, 2 yr. term

The treasurer keeps financial records for the area and reports regularly to the assembly. In most cases, the treasurer is responsible for encouraging contributions support for area and G.S.O. services. The treasurer should be organized enough to keep good records, and some accounting or bookkeeping experience is useful.

Archives Chair

Special Needs Chair

Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile & who LOVE YOU no matter what.

Groups Represented at

Intergroup 5/9/2012

TWO OR MORE

4TH DIMENSION

NPR K.I.S.S.

K.I.S. WOMEN'S

HAPPY, JOYOUS & FREE

LIFE RECOVERY

3 & 11 STEPS

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT

HAPPIER HOUR

TROPICAL ATTITUDES

NEW HOPE BEGINNERS

Somebody's Got to Do It!

Reprinted from June 1992 Grapevine

Several home groups I attend have increasingly common problems: getting people to do service.

Bill W. and Doctor Bob were very aware of the necessity of service as a direct road to **initial and continuous sobriety**. It's more than just a nice tradition to carry on. It's a lifeline to our daily reprieve from the bondage of alcoholism. Let's keep it intact for the next alcoholic who needs it.



WE NEED YOU!

Step Six Cont.

The next afternoon, after being out of my apartment for several hours, I called my answering service to pick up messages. The young woman at the other end of the phone said, "Jean called to say she's sorry and would you please call her."

You would think, wouldn't you, that now, with my sense of grievance fully vindicated, I would be filled with joy and forgiveness? You would be wrong. My first feeling, and I remember it well, was dismay, followed quickly by a flattening sense of letdown.

I worried at that letdown for a full day before some glimmering of its real cause dawned on me: I knew that when I would call Jean she'd repeat her apology and I would have to forgive her. And by forgiving her, I would yield up the sense of power, of self-justification, that I had enjoyed so much.

It took me another several hours to define what my choice was: I could have my grievance or I could have my friend. Not both. I had to choose. And I saw further that choice is one of the fruits of sobriety that by putting down the bottle I now had, not only about this, but about other aspects of my life and other defects of character. It was the first time I understood a defect for what it was: something out of which I derived pleasure or power and was therefore not entirely willing to give up. Obviously, in this particular example, by relinquishing the pleasure I would get something better—the restoration of friendship.

But sometimes the sense of gratification, of power that a grievance can bring is hard to yield up. I once heard a well known doctor, one of the first to recognize what AA could do, say: "Self-pity is followed by isolation is followed by a drink."

And I began, especially after the incident involving my sponsor, to understand why when I first came into Alcoholics Anonymous, the most frequent warnings from some of the old-timers were against self-pity. All those sensations I'd been wallowing in with such enjoyment— of being aggrieved, of being wronged, of (for once!) being in the right, of being victimized — added up to the heady brew of self-pity. And I then comprehended fully why self-pity, leading to isolation (and wasn't I isolating myself from my sponsor?), was presented by that doctor and the old-timers as such a formidable enemy of sobriety.

P.S. I called Jean and we made up and the incident passed. But I still think about it a lot.

Isabelle H., New York, N.Y.

Meeting Updates

Two meetings have changed locations due to closing of Sunshine Lutheran Brethren Church in Holiday. Meeting days and times remain the same.

Discover the Truth Group now meets at 7 pm Mondays at Christian Church of Holiday, 5724 SR 54, NPR.

Happy, Joyous & Free Group now meets at noon on Tuesdays at Holiday United Church of Christ, 4826 Bartelt Rd., Holiday.

Miracle Group, meeting at the NPR A Club, has changed the start time of its Saturday meetings from 6:45 pm to 7 pm.

AA Way Group has changed its format from Open Discussion to Open Big Book discussion. Meetings are at 8 pm Wednesdays at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 5326 Charles St., NPR.

Two meetings at the NPR A Club have been terminated. The **Joe & Charley Tapes Group** met at 8 pm Sundays, and the **As Bill Sees It Group** met at 8 pm Wednesdays.

Correction

For years, the Where & When meetings list has had an outdated address for Redeemer Community Church, site of the monthly **Unity Meeting** and "home" of the **NPR Kiss Group**. The correct address is 9230 Ridge Rd.

Treasurer's Report

May 2012

Beginning Balance.....	\$4,770.90
Income	\$1,979.81
Expenses	\$2,136.81
Ending Balance	\$4,613.90



**June 2012
Mystery Phrase
Puzzle**

Step/Tradition Six

Directions-

Find all the words listed and use the remaining letters to solve the *mystery phrase*. (Hint – circle individual letters that you find to make it easier to see the leftover letters.)

Mystery Phrase:

“We claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection”

By Rain S., Noon High

**Please make checks payable to
West Pasco Intergroup**

Donation Addresses

**West Pasco/Tarpon Springs
Intergroup**

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New York, New York 10163

**WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A
POWER—THE POWER
TO HELP SUFFERING
ALCOHOLICS...**

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

Word List

Alcoholics anonymous character defects
divert endorse enterprise entirely
facility finance from god group
have lend lest money name
never ought outside prestige
primary problems property purpose ready
related remove step these were

Tips for Working Step Six

1. *The key words “entirely ready” underline the fact that we want to aim at the very best we know or can learn.*
2. *The only URGENT thing is that we make a beginning, and keep trying.*
3. *If we would gain any real advantage in the use of this Step on problems other than alcohol, we shall need to make a brand new adventure into open-mindedness. The moment we say “No, never!” our minds close against the grace of God. Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be fatal.*

Step Six, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pgs. 63-69

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Items and Ideas on Area Gatherings for A.A.s—

June 2: District 15 Special Needs Committee, noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and help alcoholics with physical limitations.

June 8-10: Great Events Will Come to Pass, celebrating the 77th anniversary of A.A., presented by Sandy B., Tampa, and Bob B., St. Paul, MN. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 111 West Fortune St., Tampa, FL. \$35. Flyer at leestapesandcads.com (407) 333-4330.

June 9: District 15 Treatment Committee, noon, A Club. Join & carry the message into hospitals, detox & ACTS. Female members acutely needed.

June 9: Hernando Unity Meeting: 7:30-9 pm, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way (US 19), Weeki Wachee. Doors open at 6:30.

June 13: WPTSAA Intergroup meeting, 6:30 pm, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR. **Send a representative of your group.**

June 16: Unity Meeting, 7 PM Redeemer Community church, 9230 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: NPR KISS Group.. Two speakers, fellowship, snacks. Doors open at 6:30.

June 16: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/-CPC Committees both meet at noon at A Club and need members.

June 19: District 15 Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle, Blvd., NPR. Come & learn. Each group should be represented. All AAs welcome.

June 28: Pasco Big Book monthly Eating Meeting at 7 pm, followed by member anniversaries speakers meeting at 8 pm. Edna Ave. Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

Non AA Events listed here are presented solely as a service to readers, not as an endorsement by the Newsletter Committee or General Service Office. For any additional information, please use the addresses provided.

Around the Globe

June 8-10: Founder's Day weekend, Akron, OH, birthplace of A.A. Activities include bus tour to Dr. Bob's home and other sites. Info on line at akronaa.org.

July 5-8: annual Music City Roundup A.A. convention with Alanon, Music City Sheraton, Nashville, TN. \$20. Alateens free. musiccityroundup.com

Aug. 10-12: Sunset Roundup 2012 Double Tree Grand Key Resort, Key West, FL.
www.sunsetroundup.com

FUTURE EVENTS

Aug. 1-5: 56th Florida State Convention Innisbrook Golf Resort, 36750 U.S. Hwy. 19 North, Palm Harbor. Visit www.56.flstateconvention.com for details. **Many volunteers are needed.** Call Barbara R., District 15 chair, (727) 992-5175. Flyers in Central Office.

Aug. 17-18: annual Big Book on the Beach, 1500 Pass-a-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach. In-depth study of first 164 pages. \$30. Scholarships available. Info under "events" at aatampa-area.org.

Aug. 31-Sept. 3: Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup, Embassy Suites-USF. A.A. & Alanon Family Groups meetings & speakers, plus "Stepping Stones Comes to You," about the lives of Bill & Lois W. Meeting theme: "God Either Is or He Isn't." Info at aatampa-area.org.

NON-AA EVENTS

July 13-15: Florida Alateen Conference, Lake Placid (FL) Camp & Conference Center. \$130 includes meals, lodging. Info on line at northfloridaalateen.org.

July 26-29: Southeast Region Conference of Young People in A.A., Whispering Woods Hotel & Conference Center, Olive Branch, MS. Pre-registration \$15. Info at sercypaa2012ms.com.

Please Announce at Meetings: Help Is Needed Now

District 15 leaders need volunteers ASAP to help with preparations for the upcoming annual Florida State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, which we are co-hosting with Pinellas County A.A. Each group is being asked to provide a volunteer to help make items, such as signs, for use at the convention, planned for Aug. 1-5 at Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor. Convention tasks will include greeters, registration desk and security assistance. To look into volunteering, contact Barbara R., District Committee chair, at 727-992-5175 or by email at district15chair@area15.org.

The GSC report is available at www.area15aa.org/ Area Officers/Delegate/62nd General Service Conference.

Group Contributions 2012 (Those received too late for a month will be posted the next month.)

GROUP DONATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
647471	\$ 35.00												\$ 35.00
678675	\$ -												\$ -
1001 REASONS	\$ -			\$ 25.00									\$ 25.00
2 FOR 1 WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
3 & 11 GROUP	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00		\$ 40.00								\$ 100.00
4TH DIMENSION	\$ 185.00			\$ 122.00									\$ 307.00
7 & UP GROUP	\$ -			\$ 25.00									\$ 25.00
A CLUB 12 & 12	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB JOE & CHARLIE	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB SAT AM BIG BOOK	\$ 50.00												\$ 50.00
A CLUB SUN AM GRATITUDE	\$ -												\$ -
AA WAY GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
ALONG SPIRITUAL LINES	\$ -												\$ -
AMAZING GRACE	\$ -												\$ -
ANONYMOUS	\$ -												\$ -
AS BILL SEES IT	\$ -												\$ -
BACK TO BASICS	\$ -												\$ -
BAYOU GROUP	\$ 65.00												\$ 65.00
BEACH GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
BROWN BAGGERS	\$ 20.00			\$ 20.00									\$ 40.00
CAME TO BELIEVE	\$ -												\$ -
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS	\$ -												\$ -
COR, ROPE, HOPE	\$ -												\$ -
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE	\$ -												\$ -
DISCOVER THE TRUTH	\$ -												\$ -
DISTRICT 15	\$ -	\$ 340.00											\$ 340.00
DOUG GRAAT	\$ 24.00												\$ 24.00
DRY DOCK	\$ -	\$ 0.70											\$ 0.70
EACH DAY NEW BEGINNING	\$ -	\$ 15.00			\$ 25.00								\$ 40.00
EASIER SOFTER WAY	\$ -												\$ -
EDNA AVE JOE & CHARLIE TAPES	\$ -												\$ -
EDNA AVENUE CLUB 12&12	\$ -												\$ -
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE	\$ -												\$ -
FRIDAY NIGHT SERENITY	\$ -												\$ -
GRAPEVINE	\$ -												\$ -
GRAPEVINE	\$ -												\$ -
HAPPIER HOUR	\$ -				\$ 300.00								\$ 300.00
HAPPY JOYOUS FREE	\$ 23.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 38.75	\$ 14.45	\$ 13.29								\$ 99.99
HOOT N HOLLER	\$ 0.50			\$ 31.74									\$ 32.24
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT	\$ 110.00			\$ 80.00									\$ 190.00
IN MEMORY OF RAY	\$ -	\$ 250.00											\$ 250.00
IN THE BEGINNING	\$ 0.40												\$ 0.40
INTERGROUP	\$ 19.00		\$ 17.01	\$ 20.00	\$ 17.00								\$ 73.01
JAMES GANG	\$ -												\$ -
KIS WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -			\$ 60.00									\$ 60.00
K.I.S.S. GROUP	\$ -			\$ 10.00									\$ 10.00
L.I.F.E. RECOVERY	\$ -												\$ -
LET'S GET BETTER TOGETHER	\$ -												\$ -
LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP	\$ -			\$ 50.00									\$ 50.00
LIFE RECOVERY	\$ 5.00												\$ 5.00
LIVING SOBER	\$ -												\$ -
LIVING SOBER STUDY GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
MEN ONLY	\$ -												\$ -
MEN'S LETS TALK	\$ -												\$ -
MIRACLE GROUP	\$ -		\$ 50.00										\$ 50.00
MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
MORNING INVENTORY	\$ -												\$ -
NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	\$ -		\$ 27.00										\$ 27.00
NEW LIFE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
NOON HIGH	\$ -	\$ 228.06											\$ 228.06
NOT A GLUM LOT	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 20.00								\$ 60.00
NPR KISS GROUP	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00									\$ 30.00
PASCO BIG BOOK	\$ 0.85	\$ 60.00											\$ 60.85
SATURDAY MORNING BIG BOOK	\$ -			\$ 40.00									\$ 40.00
SERENITY GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00		\$ 100.00									\$ 150.00
SOBER NOT DEAD	\$ -		\$ 13.55	\$ 17.42									\$ 30.97
SUNDAY MORNING GRATITUDE	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00									\$ 150.00
SURRENDER GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
THURSDAY 12&12	\$ -				\$ 150.00								\$ 150.00
TRIANGLE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
TROPICAL ATTITUDES	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00								\$ 260.00
TWO OR MORE	\$ -			\$ 138.00	\$ 95.00								\$ 233.00
UNITY MEETING	\$ 46.40		\$ 33.27	\$ 18.65									\$ 98.32
WHY IT WORKS	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 52.36		\$ 40.39								\$ 132.75
WONDERFUL SATURDAY STEP GROUP	\$ -			\$ 133.35									\$ 133.35
	\$ -												\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 714.65	\$ 1,073.76	\$ 381.94	\$ 1,025.61	\$ 760.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,956.64

Please keep in mind the seventh tradition: Every A. A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions. That means Central Office is supported by your group contributions. Thanks for your support!