

0777 newsletter



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AA HOTLINE 727-847-0777

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17TH

AT THE DRY DOCK!

Eatin' Meetin'
12 Noon Speaker
Corn Beef Cabbage
and Fixin's
Bring a covered dish
or dessert!

BROWN BAGGER'S GROUP 17TH ANNIVER- SARY

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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

EVERYDAY SOBRIETY

I woke up this morning, tired. I had a cast party yesterday for a recovery play that I was a part of, and I just couldn't unwind when I got home, so somewhere around 12:30 A.M. I wrote in my journal, read a story out of my Grapevine, prayed, and went to sleep. At 7:00 A.M., when the alarm went off, I did not want to get up. Yes, I know it's my Sunday morning women's meeting, I know it's the first meeting of the month-when I normally bring in the new phone lists-but hey, I'm an old woman and I need my rest. Besides, they already have some of last month's meeting lists left over. I can just sleep in today and bring in the new lists next week. No big deal.

So I turned off the alarm, and rolled over to sleep in. Then I heard the voices of the women who were there when I came in. "We got up when we were tired so that we could be there for you, Carmen." I pulled the pillow over my head, but they just kept whispering. "We were there for you; What about you being there for someone new?" So, yes, I got up and dragged my tired butt to the meeting. Now, I'm not altruistic and I'm not a bleeding heart. I just remember that they were there, and they entrusted the program to me. Back then, I was a twenty-seven-year-old "kid" who was scared that this AA deal would not work for me, and then what would I do?

Today, I think it's my responsibility to pass this program on to the newcomers in as complete and pure a fashion as it was given to me-not compromised by my particular thought processes or quirks or even beliefs. Just the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts, the Big Book, and the rest of the literature.

My responsibility to AA meetings means that I take a commitment and I keep it, even when I'm tired, like today, or when life unexpectedly comes up and throws me a curve. I take care of my commitment or I get help in covering it.

Finally, my responsibility to myself is taking on a new form. When I came into the program, I was the "I'll never grow up!" kid. Become an adult? I shuddered at the thought. But after spending a lot of time in the program, doing a lot of Step work, and just getting older, I've found that being an adult is okay and taking responsibility for myself is nice. I got to participate in the recovery play that I mentioned earlier. I love musical comedy and would do it every day of the week if I could, but because of my physical limitations, if I push myself too hard I'll get hurt, and that, for me, is irresponsible. So, as much as I love the plays, I'll be limited to one per year. This way, I can participate a little longer before limitation shuts me down. Seems to be more reasonable, somehow. Hmm-reasonable. Who'd have ever believed that I'd grow up, let alone reasonable? Sobriety is amazing, and I am so grateful.

Carmen K.
Oxnard, California

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TROPICAL ATTITUDES

Pancake Meeting
Every Saturday prior to the 7:00 A.M. meeting

Hot Dog Meeting
The last Saturday meeting of every month after the
12:00 noon meeting.

GOOD FOOD-GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Step 3

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

Tradition 3

The only requirement of AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

**Newsletter
Committee**

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 :

**West Pasco/
Tarpon Springs
InterGroup @**

6611 US 19
Suite 505

New Port Richey, Fl. 34652
(727) 847-0777
M-F 10AM- 5 PM

**PASS THE BASKET
February 2009**

James Gang	\$ 100.00
Life Recovery	10.00
In The Beginning	20.00
Happier Hour	15.00
InterGroup	14.00
Group # 647471	25.00
Noon High	20.00
NPR KISS	40.00
2 or More Group	100.00
Unity Meeting	14.64

Total \$ 358.64

**CENTRAL OFFICE
THANKS YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

March: Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
AA WAY		MEN LET'S TALK	
Roger R.....	19 yrs	Jim W.	46 yrs
John M.....	19 yrs	John B.	25 yrs
BACK TO BASICS		Tim B.	12 yrs
CAME TO BELIEVE		Joe H.	5 yrs
Tony	1 yr	NEW LIFE GROUP	
Russ P.....	3 yrs	NOON HIGH	
Bob M.....	23 yrs	John F.	1 yr
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS		Conne L.	4 yrs
Richard F.....	11 yrs	NPR KISS GROUP	
Sharon B.....	26 yrs	Richard F.....	12 yrs
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLES		Jerry J.	3 yrs
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?		PASCO BIG BOOK	
K.I.S. WOMEN		Karen H.	2 yrs
Donna W.....	20 yrs	David U.	4 yrs
Carol K.	6 yrs	Lissa W.	20 yrs
Pat. H.	39 yrs	Bob A.	21 yrs
Virginia S.	23 yrs	Jim G.	28 yrs
Linda O.	22 yrs	RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS	
Mary P.	2 yrs	SERENITY GROUP	
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP		Pat H.	40 yrs
Eileen K.	17 yrs	TRIANGLE GROUP	
Bob E.	2 yrs	3 & 11 STEP GROUP	
Janet	2 yrs	Kevin	1 yr
Virginia S.	23 yrs	Fred S.	32 yrs
Nancy A.	4 yrs	Tom	13 yrs
SUN. MORN. GRATITUDE		TROPICAL ATTITUDES	
Bob K.	24 yrs	Alice	15 yrs
SURRENDER GROUP		Kenny H.	2 yrs
Jim R.	40 yrs	TWO OR MORE	
Tony T.	18 yrs	Janna P.	1 yr
Rick T.	28 yrs	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
LIFE GOES ON		Chuck S.	35 yrs
Andrew A.	7 yrs	Gloria H.	4 yrs
LIVING SOBER MIRACLE GROUP			
MON. NITE BIG BOOK			
Bob T.	35 yrs		

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

AREA 15 GENERALSERVICE
TREASURER P.O.BOX 561715
MIAMI, FL. 33256-1715

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
P.O. BOX 459
GRAND CENTRAL STATION
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10063

I am responsible

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

**UNITY
MEETING**

Hosted by:

Mar. 21st .. WOMEN'S 2 FOR 1 STEP /STUDY
Apr. 17th ... CANDLELIGHT BEGINNER'S 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.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! !

New Location:

*River Ridge Presbyterian Church
7540 Ridge Rd. - East of Little
South Side of Road*

If your group's anniversaries are not listed here please send them to: news0777@yahoo.com or drop them off at Central Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1 Balance \$ 4,680.39
Income Jan. + 1,656.10
Expenses Jan. - 1,642.76

Ending Balance \$ 4,693.73

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$ 2,500.00

Central Office January

Niteline calls 75

Office calls 150

Walk-ins 75

SoberStock 2009
5th Annual
March 13-15

SoberStock is a 3 day weekend event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food and fellowship. Tent camping only. No RV's or Popups! More Info @ SoberStock.com

We have forms at Central Office.

WANT-AD:

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**

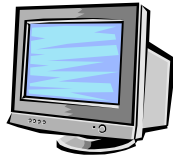
KEEP IT SIMPLE, STUPID.

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

**The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the**



**Newsletter &
Where & When List**

www.wptsaa.org

WORD SEARCH

STEP 3

WORD LIST

- | | |
|-------------|-----------|
| ACCEPTANCE | GREATER |
| ACTION | HIGHER |
| AFFURNATIVE | LOCKED |
| ATTEMPT | OURSELVES |
| BELIEVE | POWER |
| BLOCKED | PROGRAM |
| CAME | RESTORE |
| CLOSED | SANITY |
| COULD | THAN |
| DECISION | WORKS |
| DOOR | |
| EARNESTLY | |
| FAITH | |
| GOD | |

Directions-

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

Challenge: What popular magazine spurred the growth of AA? Last Month's challenge answer is Jack Anderson.

By Rich F., NPR KISS Group

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

The Oldtimer's Prayer

God, keep me from thinking I must share in every meeting, no matter the topic. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details and give me wings to get to the point. Remind me to guard confidences and to keep still when I feel it is necessary to speak up for someone's own good.

Release me from the need to straighten out everybody else's thinking and program.

God, I ask for the grace to listen to newcomers.

Please help me to remember the patience with which others listened to me when I was new. Please seal my lips to giving advise, help me to remember to share only my experience, strength and hope.

Remind me that my purpose is to fit myself to be of maximum service to you and the people around me.

Help me to remain teachable.

Teach me (again) the lesson that, occasionally, it is possible that I may be wrong; and remind me please, of the freedom I gain when I am able to promptly admit I am wrong and make amends when necessary.

Please keep me from being a bleeding deacon, help me to walk the path to being an elder statesman.

Keep me free from gossip, character assassination and judgment.

Help me to see that you love each of your children, that you do not need my opinion of them or suggestions on what they might deserve.

Thank you very much,
Amen

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Minutes of Meeting

February 11, 2009

Dotty I. 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 January 14, 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. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved unanimously. Pete M. noted that the prices we are being charged for AA Literature will be going up.

Office Coordinator's Report: Stephani B. reported that all is going well at Central Office.

Committee Reports

Steering Committee: Steve S. noted that the Steering Committee fully supports the work of the Outreach Committee.

Finance Committee: No report.

District 15 Liaison: The District Corrections Committee is meeting at the A Club on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. The Treatment Committee meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the A Club at noon. Later this year the Grapevine subscription is going up \$7.00, the Big Book is going up \$2.00 and all other books \$1.00. District has formed a new Special Needs Committee and is looking for a chairperson.

Unity Committee: The Came to Believe Group which meets at the A Club at 5:15 is hosting this month's Unity Meeting. Central Office donated some Meeting Schedules and Sweet n' Low to the Unity Meeting.

Hot Line: No report.

Newsletter: All is going well with the newsletter.

Old Business: None.

New Business: It was suggested that the newly-formed Outreach Committee coordinate with the DCM's efforts to bring information regarding Central Office and Intergroup to all the groups in the district. It was felt that a cooperative effort by Intergroup and District would be better received by the groups. Karen H., District Liaison, will bring this idea to District and report back to Intergroup.

Trish M. stood for the open position on the Steering Committee and was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne T.

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: 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 downloads & 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/

Easy Does It!
But DO IT !

DIST. 15 TREATMENT COMMITTEE
Will meet March 14th Noon @ the
AClub
(2nd Sat . Ea. Month)

Unity Meeting Sponsors Needed

A group is needed to sponsor the Unity Meeting. If your group is interested , contact Mary

Ellen @ the Unity Meeting.
Or call Central Office
at 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, 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 @**

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