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Step Three: "Turned our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

Tradition Three: "The only requirement for A. A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Unity Meeting

A Club Saturday Big Book Study Group, hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, March 17, at Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Come and enjoy fellowship, two speakers & dessert while supporting AA work. April Unity host: **3 & 11 Group**, Saturday, April 14, same time and place.

Will your group sponsor a Unity meeting? Call John C., Unity coordinator, (727) 597-0418.

Febuary Central Office

- Niteline calls.....47
- Office calls.....89
- Walk-ins.....39

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SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES

Face book and other social networking web sites are public in nature. Though users create accounts and utilize user-names and passwords, once on the site, it is a public medium where A.A. members and non A.A.'s mingle.

As long as individuals do not identify themselves as A.A. members, there is no conflict of interest. However, someone using their full name and/or a likeness, such as a full-face photograph, would be contrary to the spirit of the "Eleventh Tradition", which states in the Long Form that, "our [last] names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed or publicly printed."

Experience suggests that it is in keeping with the Eleventh Tradition not to disclose A.A. membership on social networking sites as well as on any other Web site, blog, electronic bulletin board, etc., that is not composed solely of A.A. members and not password protected, or is accessible to the public.

Web sites like Face book offer individuals the chance to post a great deal of personal information about themselves (and others). Our experience suggests that some A.A. members do not post anything that is "A.A. jargon" on their personal profiles and in "status updates,"

On Step Three

by a member of 3 & 11 Steps

For me, Step Three has proved to be what is promised on page 34 of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, namely, "the way to a faith that works." It is a faith that works in fair weather and foul, good times and bad—if I remember to work it. As with all the steps, "it works if you work it."

It took years for me to become comfortable with the idea of turning my life and my will over to "the care of God." Like many others, I was to learn in doing Step Four that fear was my deepest emotion, my most troublesome character defect. It explained many of the wrongs I committed while drinking and the undercurrent of anxiety in my daily life.

It was while trying to "get" Step Three through meetings, reading and prayer that I first sensed an unseen power at work in my life. I was helped by a number of "coincidences," plus one odd occurrence in a step meeting. I felt a distinct tap, tap on my right shoulder. I turned to look and nobody was behind me, but that tap alerted me to the next speaker's words. Today I don't remember those words, but they helped at the time.

I came to believe that the three most

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"EACH MEMBER OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IS BUT A SMALL PART OF A GREAT WHOLE. AA MUST CONTINUE TO LIVE OR MOST OF US WILL SURELY DIE. HENCE OUR COMMON WELFARE COMES FIRST. BUT INDIVIDUAL WELFARE FOLLOWS CLOSE AFTERWARDS."

PICKIN UP CHIPS

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting info about any AA Activities; group events, dances, picnics etc.

Submit info by 20th of the month prior to publication to:

news0777@yahoo.com

Or deliver or mail to West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup 6611 US 19 Suite 505 New Port Richey, Fl. 34652

(727) 847-0777

Donation Addresses

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See Page 5 for details about conferences and other events for AA and Al-Anon Family Group's members.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
AA WAY		MIRACLE GROUP		Connie L	7	3 & 11 STEPS	
John M.	20	Richard F.	4	David V.	7	Frank	2
Roger R.	20	NOON HIGH		Rosan K.	17	2 FOR 1 WOMENS	
COTTEE RIVER		Cynthia S.	2	Gloria H.	7	Laura I.	1
Mark	2	NPR KISS		Lisa G.	3	Nancy A.	7
Shelby	8	Richard F.	14	Donna McD.	6	SERENITY GROUP	
Vicki N.	2	Jerry J.	5	Jim G.	31	Pat. H.	43
Vince P (Feb.)	31	Christopher G.	3	Bob A.	24	TROPICAL ATTITUDES	
HOOT 'N HOLLER		Mike B.	3	New Hope		Jerry R.	40
Ed M.	8	Steve D.	2	Chuck S.	38	Alice AH.	19
Jacob P.	3	PASCO BIG BOOK		Bob W.	38	Bill J.	2
How Important Is It		BOB T. (FEB.)	38	Mike H.	1	Chris	2
Pat H.	43	CHUCK E. (FEB)	22	Two Or More		James M.	2
Karen H.	5	Lissa W.	23	Lisa S.	2	Harriet	2
		Ray B.	5	WONDERFUL GROUP		Virginia A.	26
		David B.	14			Roberta D.	1

Volunteers Needed At Central Office!

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

Finance Committee

Treasurer

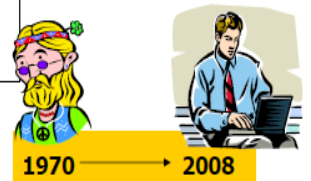
Office Coordinator Trainee

Call (727) 847-0777

Al-Anon Hotline

352-697-0497

We are self-supporting through our own contributions



Bread	\$0.21	\$1.89
Pound of Coffee	\$0.91	\$9.99
Postage Stamp	\$0.06	\$0.43
Gallon of Gas	\$0.50	\$3.78
Carton of Cigarettes	\$1.99	\$22.00
AA Meeting Contribution	\$1.00	\$1.00

The suggested AA donation in 1970 was \$1.00

"Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid. ... when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer." (The Language of the Heart, p. 221)

**Groups Represented
at
Intergroup 2/9/2012**

- NEW HOPE BEGINNERS**
- BACK TO BASICS**
- NOT A GLUM LOT**
- WHY IT WORKS**
- HAPPIER HOUR**
- HOW IMPORTANT IS IT**
- NOON HIGH**
- WONDERFUL GROUP**
- HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE**
- NPR KISS GROUP**
- 3 & 11 STEPS**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO
the anonymous member
who has donated anniversary
cards for sale at
Central Office.**

District 15 Opportunities

Alt. Chairs Most Committees.

DCM for Sub-district 1

Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts

3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM. See calendar Pg. 5

Treasurer's Report

December 2012

Beginning Balance.....	\$2,809.13
Income	\$1,231.85
Expenses	\$ 869.39
Ending Balance	\$3,171.58

Step Three cont.

important words I know are "turn it over." That's the short version of Step Three that I try to use whenever something rubs me the wrong way or I catch myself worrying or feeling anxious. I also like to use "Let go and let God" and "Trust God and relax" at such times.

A long-time member once told me that she uses Step Three "about 10 times a day." I, too, have found that Step Three is not a step I mastered and then moved on. Like all the steps, really, it remains for me an important tool for staying sober and sane one day at a time.

Deep concentration in prayer helps me turn it over daily. I also use visualization, imagining myself stuffing my worries into a big bag and handing that bag to the God of my understanding. I always feel better after such periods of deep prayer/meditation.

"Turning it over" seems to be the most important thing I do, often a number of times, each day.

Social Networking Cont.

while others feel it is alright to do so as long as A.A. or Alcoholics Anonymous specifically is not mentioned.

these Web sites often allow users to create social networking "groups" and the ability to invite others to "events" for like minded individuals. Some A.A.s have chosen to create A.A. related groups. Since this is a relatively new medium, A.A. members are frequently "learning as they go," and technology and applications change practically on a daily basis. However, our experience suggests that A.A. related groups and events are better listed as "closed" or invitation only groups. Even then, some A.A.s may not wish to be contacted for an A.A. event on their personal social networking page—they may feel their anonymity is breached by being included in an invitation list that can be viewed by all invitees. Perhaps a

A better option is to create a completely "private" group which does not appear in any group searches or on any personal profiles, and is by invitation to fellow A.A.s only.

Currently, this seems to be the closest option for trying to recreate the atmosphere of a "closed" A.A. meeting and would maintain member's anonymity most effectively.

G.S.O. has received numerous complaints from concerned A.A. members regarding anonymity breaks online, inappropriate use of the A.A. name, and copyrighted materials and protected trademarks being improperly used on Facebook and other social networking Web sites. No local online A.A. or non-A.A. entity should purport itself to be a spokesperson for A.A. or act as if they represent the G.S.O., A.A.W.S., or the G.S.B. Each A.A. entity is autonomous and encouraged to make decisions by informed group conscience decisions in light of the guidance provided in our Twelve Traditions.

A.A. members sometimes contact F.S.O. for suggestions on how to remain within the Traditions on Facebook and other social networking web sites. Keep in mind that G.S.O. staff members are not "special workers" of the "technological wizards" variety, but they can act as a resource regarding A.A.'s Twelve Traditions and the shared experience of the Fellowship in the US and Canada. How A.A.'s spiritual principles play out in new technologies needs to be carefully discussed by each A.A. individual or entity creating an online presence.

District 15 News

District 15 is busy planning to help host the **56th Florida State AA Convention**, to be held at Innisbrook Golf Resort, Palm Harbor, August 1-5.

"Many volunteers are needed," said Barbara R., District 15 Committee chairperson.

To discuss volunteering, call Barbara at (727) 992-5175.

Calendar of Events

Mar. 3: District 15 24th Anniversary Dinner, 3-7 pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Dinner at 4 pm. Paul L., of Brooksville, will speak. Tickets \$10. Prizes will be raffled. Ziti and meatballs.

Mar. 3: District 15 Special Needs Committee, noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and help alcoholics with physical limitations.

March 9-12: Annual Housecleaning spiritual retreat for AA & Al-Anon, Yale Lake Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg, FL.

Info on line: retreatforaa-alanon.com.

March 10: 28th annual Women's Day, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, Fort Myers, FL. Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, 1380 Colonial Blvd. \$26 cost covers breakfast & lunch. For info call (239) 770-4619 or (239) 218-4518.

Mar. 10: District 15 Treatment Committee, noon, A Club. Join & carry the message into hospitals, detox & ACTS. Female members acutely needed.

Mar. 10: Hernando County Unity Meeting, 7:30-9 pm, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6363 Commercial Way (US 19), Spring Hill. Doors open at 6:30.

Mar. 14: WPTSAA InterGroup Meeting, 6:30 pm, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR. Send a representative of your group.

March 14-17: Seniors In Sobriety International Conference, Hilton Garden Inn, Yuma, AZ. Info on line at seniorsinsobriety.org or call (928) 247-0395.

March 16-18: Recovery Retreat, St. Leo Abby, St. Leo. AA, Al-Anon, Alateen. 2-person room, meals \$150. Retreat will repeat Oct. 5-7. Contact Bob, (239) 470-4351 or email: bob@theretreat.org.

March 16-18: Soberstock 8 camping weekend of speakers, meetings, bands. Camp Brorein, 16901 Boy Scout Rd., Odessa. Tickets include meals: Adults weekend \$40, 1 day \$20. Info at www.soberstock.com

Mar. 17: Unity Meeting, 7 PM Redeemer Community church, 7540 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: **4th Dimension Group**. Speakers, fellowship, snacks.

Mar. 17: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/-CPC Committees both meet at noon at A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Attend and volunteer.

Mar. 17: Offshore Fishing Trip, Florida Conference of Young People In A.A., St. Augustine, FL. For info call Dave H. (904) 671-2623 or Jamie W. (704) 507-5376.

Mar. 20: District 15 Committee meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., NPR. Come & learn. Every group should be represented. All AAs welcome.

March 23-25: Quest Retreat, St. Leo Abbey. AA, Al-Anon. \$146 includes 2-person room, meals, meditation lesson. Will repeat on Oct. 19-21. Call Cliff at (727) 546-2239 or Google: Quest Retreat.

Mar. 29: 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."

Mar. 30-Apr. 1: "Girls with Gratitude" 2nd annual Weekend Retreat Women's Traditions Workshop, Camp Wingmann, Avon Park, FL. \$115 includes cabin sleeping, meals. Payment accepted through March 23 or until sellout. Info on line at aatampa-area.org/events.

Looking Ahead

Apr. 5-9: A Design for Living, Australian National Convention, Melbourne Convention Centre.

Registration & Information online: www.melbourne2012.org.

Apr. 13-15: South Florida Area 15 Quarterly Assembly, USF Embassy Suites, 370 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa. Meetings and workshops will fill the weekend. Deadline for \$36 tickets for the Saturday banquet is March 23. Info at www.area15aa.org.

Apr. 19-22: Annual Springtime in the Ozarks Convention, Best Western Inn of the Ozarks, Eureka Springs, AR. Ten speakers, Big Book study, dances, bingo. \$17 pre-registration by April 1. \$20 at door. Alateens free. www.nwarkaa.org/springtime.html

May 25-28: Summer Kickoff Classic, Memorial Day Weekend, Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park. Eight speakers, workshops music, dancing & the musical, *Charlie the Newcomer*. \$30 before May 1, then \$35. Info: www.summerkickoffclassic.org

May 25-27: Annual Florida Conference of Young People in A.A., World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, FL. Pre-registration \$20. Info on line at fcypaa2012.com

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. History, steps & stories. Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 111 West Fortune St., Tampa, FL. \$30 until May 8, then \$35. Flyer at leestapesandcds.com (407) 333-4330.

June 8-10: Founder's Day weekend, Akron, OH, the birthplace of A.A. Activities are held at the University of Akron. Packages of lodging, meals & registration are offered. Bus tour to Dr. Bob's home, other sites. Info on line at akronaa.org.

June 6-10: "Not a Glum Lot," 44th Big Deep South Workshop & Convention, Hilton New Orleans Airport Hotel, Kenner, La. Five speakers, six workshops, New Orleans-style entertainment. \$25 until April 30, then \$30. Info: bigdeepsouth.org.

Aug. 1-5: 56th Florida State Convention, Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort, Palm Harbor. Flyers in Central Office. On line at 56.flstateconvention.com. Volunteers needed. Contact info on page 3.

Meeting Update

The **Pasco Big Book Group** meeting at 8 pm Tuesdays has changed its format from Open Step Discussion to an Open Men's Discussion meeting.

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	\$ -												\$ -
2 FOR 1 WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
3 & 11 GROUP	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00											\$ 40.00
4TH DIMENSION	\$ 185.00												\$ 185.00
7 & UP GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB 12 & 12	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB JOE & CHARLIE	\$ -												\$ -
A CLUB SAT AM BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
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
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											\$ 15.00
EASIER SOFTER WAY	\$ -												\$ -
EDNA AVE JOE & CHARLIE TAPES	\$ -												\$ -
EDNA AVENUE CLUB 12&12	\$ -												\$ -
FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE	\$ -												\$ -
FRIDAY NIGHT SERENITY	\$ -												\$ -
GRAPEVINE	\$ -												\$ -
GRAPEVINE	\$ -												\$ -
HAPPIER HOUR	\$ -												\$ -
HAPPY JOYOUS FREE	\$ 23.50	\$ 10.00											\$ 33.50
HOOT N HOLLER	\$ 0.50												\$ 0.50
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT	\$ 110.00												\$ 110.00
IN MEMORY OF RAY	\$ -	\$ 250.00											\$ 250.00
IN THE BEGINNING	\$ 0.40												\$ 0.40
INTERGROUP	\$ 19.00												\$ 19.00
JAMES GANG	\$ -												\$ -
KIS WOMEN'S GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
L.I.F.E. RECOVERY	\$ -												\$ -
LET'S GET BETTER TOGETHER	\$ -												\$ -
LIFE DISCUSSION GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
LIFE RECOVERY	\$ 5.00												\$ 5.00
LIVING SOBER	\$ -												\$ -
LIVING SOBER STUDY GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
MEN ONLY	\$ -												\$ -
MEN'S LETS TALK	\$ -												\$ -
MIRACLE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	\$ -												\$ -
MORNING INVENTORY	\$ -												\$ -
NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	\$ -												\$ -
NEW LIFE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
NOON HIGH	\$ -	\$ 228.06											\$ 228.06
NOT A GLUM LOT	\$ -	\$ 30.00											\$ 30.00
NPR KISS GROUP	\$ -	\$ 10.00											\$ 10.00
PASCO BIG BOOK	\$ 0.85	\$ 60.00											\$ 60.85
SERENITY GROUP	\$ -	\$ 50.00											\$ 50.00
SUNDAY MORNING GRATITUDE	\$ 50.00												\$ 50.00
SURRENDER GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
THURSDAY 12&12	\$ -												\$ -
TRIANGLE GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
TROPICAL ATTITUDES	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00											\$ 80.00
TWO OR MORE	\$ -												\$ -
UNITY MEETING	\$ 46.40												\$ 46.40
WHY IT WORKS	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00											\$ 40.00
WONDERFUL SATURDAY STEP GROUP	\$ -												\$ -
	\$ -												\$ -
TOTALS	\$664.65	\$ 1,073.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,738.41

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!