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Suncoast Roundup 2008

Fri-Sat-Sun
October 3,4,5, 2008

Dolphin Beach Resort
St. Pete Beach, Florida,
USA

Speakers:

Wayne B.
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AA-Wichita, KS

Susan P.
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Rose E.
AA-Spring Hill, FL

Jennifer A.
AA-Atlanta, GA

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Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

The first "commandment" of Step Nine is "talk to your sponsor before making amends." We need our sponsor's experience to guide us. Each circumstance is different. The only hard and fast rule is "We must be hard on ourselves without causing harm to others." We were not yet well enough to see all the different ways harm can be done to another, so we needed a seasoned AA to help us walk that fine line without doing further damage. We are to be prepared to admit and pay restitution for stolen goods, money, or the destruction of another's reputa-

Tradition 9: A.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

At first glance Tradition Nine appears to be in contradiction with itself. On the one hand, it says AA ought never be organized/ On the other hand, it says we can create service boards and committees. AA is not like other organizations because we have no rules or regulations, no dues or fees. We do, however, have spiritual principles suggested in our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions., which is the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service.

We do not compel these Traditions as if they were rules. We do not order newcomers to do anything. Who is more unpopular than an old-timer, full of wisdom, who tries to tell the group

AFTER THIS STEP.. . We GET PROMISES

tion. We also need to be prepared for any consequences of our old behaviors. But if the consequences threaten the financial security of the family, or the freedom of a partner in crime, we are to consult with them and get their agreement first. If we stole time and attention from others, we must of course apologize, but also change the way we are there by paying close attention from then on. If we have cheated on a partner, we need to consider the feelings of the partner and the "other person", and in all of these instances, we must con-

sider what forms our amends will be. We who have tried this on our own usually created more harm and chaos than what we were trying to correct.

Making amends is not easy. It demands that we have an honest face-to-face with other human beings. In Step 9, some of the people we approach may not be friendly or understanding. We may experience the horrible fear that, if we make ourselves vulnerable to them, they will have an opening to hurt us very badly.

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there how to run it's business? The advice of a more experienced member to a newcomer is a suggestion, not a command. Members must not nor will not be dictated to, either individually or collectively. The Twelve Traditions are suggestions for behavior of the group, just as the Twelve Steps are suggestions for the recovery of the individual.

Our groups follow spiritual principles so that we may be guided by a loving God whose expression may come through in our group conscience. We do not have any governing authority, but we do have informal rotating service committees. They are very limited in their influence and often self-

lessly handle the groups chores. The committee members can be voted out at the next group conscience meeting. They are trusted servants, not governors.

Tradition Nine defines true fellowship; a group without organization, guided by a loving God, and driven only by the spirit of service.

Tropical Attitudes

*Easy
Does It !!*

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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

Newsletter Committee

John L.
Karen R.
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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6611 US 19
Suite 505
New Port Richey, Fl. 34652
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M-F 10AM- 5 PM

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TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1 '08 Bal. \$ 4,827.47
Income +1,590.86
Expenses - 1,239.67

Ending Balance \$ 5,178.66

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00

CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls 84
Office Calls 140
Walk Ins 64

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET August 2008

Tropical Attitudes	\$ 40.00
NPR/ KISS Group	20.00
Happier Hour	100.00
Pasco Big Big Book	20.00
Keep It Simple Women's	50.00
Happy, Joyous and Free	15.00
InterGroup	14.00
Unity Meeting	62.51
AA Way	33.00
Candlelight Beginner's	25.00

Total \$ 379.51

Volunteers Needed for an Amazing Opportunity

*At Central Office, One year sobriety required, Nightline 2 yrs. Please call 847-0777
Gratitude Is Service!*

SEPT. : Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
AA WAY		LIFE GOES ON	
Dave N.....	33 Yrs	Jack A.....	33 Yrs
Bob S.....	23 Yrs	LIVING SOBER	
Gary D.....	22 Yrs	MEN LET'S TALK	
Jeff U.....	21 Yrs	Ray L.....	8 Yrs
Bill D.....	9 Yrs	Ed B.....	23 Yrs
Michelle G.....	13 Yrs	Mike M.....	12 Yrs
Patrick B.....	13 Yrs	Stephen.....	8 Yrs
Robert V.....	3 Yrs	Joe K.....	3 Yrs
Robert D.....	3 Yrs	MIRACLE GROUP	
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS		NPR KISS GROUP	
Diane S.....	2 Yrs	Denise.....	5 Yrs
Willie S.....	2 Yrs	Debi.....	21 Yrs
Frank S.....	5 Yrs	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
Mike W.....	8 Yrs	NOON HIGH	
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?		PASCO BIG BOOK	
Sy M.....	31 Yrs	Andrea B.	1 yr
Kathie C.....	6 Yrs	Mark H.	1 yr
Nellie W.....	6 Yrs	Linda S.	3 yrs
K.I.S. WOMEN		Laura S.	4 yrs
(August) Roberta B.	1 Yr	RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS	
Maureen L.....	11 Yrs	SERENITY GROUP	
TROPICAL ATTITUDES		John J.....	21 Yrs
Patrick B.....	3 yrs	Donna R.....	17 Yrs
Carlos B.....	2 yrs	Gary D.....	23 Yrs
Amanda B.....	2 Yrs	BACK TO BASICS	
Mary Beth H.....	3 Yrs	Pete K.....	32 Yrs
Bill J.....	20 Yrs	Denny S.....	16 Yrs
Cyndie M.....	16 Yrs	Dan L.....	18 Yrs
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP		NEW LIFE GROUP	
Maxine D	2 Yrs	Tony D.....	5 Yrs
Monica S.	2 Yrs	Karen R.....	2 Yrs
Ken C.....	11 Yrs	TRIANGLE GROUP	
Don T.....	1 Yr	CAME TO BELIEVE	
Karen C.....	13 Yrs	(August) Danny B.	7 Yrs
TWO OR MORE		(August) Rob L.	2 Yrs
Boby J.....	.4 Yrs	Ralph O.	11 Yrs
Gary D.....	4 Yrs	Sal	2 Yrs
Linda E.....	4 Yrs	Mike S.	24 Yrs
Kate.....	32 Yrs	COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLES	
SURRENDER GROUP		Christine B.	2 Yrs
Lisa S.....	15 Yrs	Steve F.	9 Yrs
Denny S.....	13 Yrs		
Jim R.....	3 Yrs		
Joe H.....	25 Yrs		

I am responsible

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

If your group's anniversaries are not listed here please send them to: news0777@yahoo.com or drop them off at Central Office. Deadline 20th.

Step Nine-- cont'd. from pg.1

But we must dare to be honest and vulnerable with our 'enemies' if we are to recover. We must have that courage and commitment to face them all, one at a time, some sooner, some later, and as soon as we have the opportunity.

If we dare to be honest and vulnerable to our enemies, the rewards are high; we can certainly allow our friends and comrades to love and support us in difficult times. If we do Step[Nine correctly we will never have to look back.

If we read Step Nine carefully we are struck by the idea that we may need to

approach a person more than once to make our amends; others will be in our lives daily. It is much too easy to simply make apologies. We had been making phony apologies all our lives. Making weekly payments on a bad debt for years cannot be phony. The point here is to make amends. What does that mean? To try to make it right. To try and fix things as best we can, unless it would injure them or others. It doesn't say "unless it would injure us". Amends may very well cause us some pain, but the greater good of our spiritual condition makes it all worthwhile.

from Tropical Attitudes

WANT-AD:

YOUR ARTICLES

We need to get the input of our readers into 0777 Newsletter through the "Steps" & "Traditions" (articles on page one). We are asking people within District 15 to write these articles. A.A. members with one (1) or more years of continuous sobriety can reserve a month-date 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 0777Newsletter Committee from:

**10 am – 5 PM weekdays at
(727) 847-0777 or email us at
www.news0777@yahoo.com**

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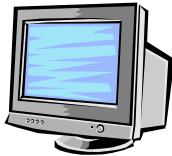
**At the Central Office
Contact: Office Coordinator
Stephani B.
at (727) 847-0777 & leave your
name and phone number where we
can reach you.**

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 Nancy A. @992-2024.....

Thank you.

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WORD SEARCH

Ninth Tradition

WORD LIST

ORGANIZATION
DIRECTLY THEY
SERVE COMMITTEES
CREATE GROUP
BOARDS RESPONSIBLE
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OUGHT EACH
ORGANIZED SERVICE
LEAST

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

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H M B V I R R E H Z E O
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O K C E A N A E E B I T
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By Rich K., NPR KISS Group

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BE A "PART OF"

**GET A HOME
GROUP**

**AND GET
ACTIVE**



UNITY MEETING

Hosted by

Date

**Sat AM BBk AClub Sept. 20th
Women's KIS Oct. 18th
Pasco Big Book Nov. 15th**

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.

24 HOURS

A DAILY REPRIEVE

Intergroup Minutes-August '08

WEST PASCO/TARPON SPRINGS INTERGROUP
Minutes of Meeting

August 13, 2008

Dotty I. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
Pete M. read the Traditions.
Those present recited the Responsibility Pledge
The attendance sheet was passed.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the July 9, 2008 meeting were distributed. Stephani B. made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Mary G. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Pete M. brought to the attention of those present the outstanding donations from the A Club which has contributed \$1500 so far this year and he expressed gratitude for their consistent support of Intergroup. There continues to be an issue with the landlord regarding the division of the electric bill among the tenants who share the same meter as Central Office. Pete estimates that the monthly electricity charge for Central Office will range between \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the time of year and he will continue to work with the landlord until this is resolved. The landlord is also now enforcing the portion of the Central Office lease which requires liability insurance for each tenant. Pete will start researching liability insurance and report back to the group. Pete M. noted that no donation from Intergroup has ever been sent to New York.

Total Income: \$1,590.86
Total Expenses: \$1,005.70
Net Income: \$351.19
Balance Forward: \$4,662.11

Steve S. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mary G. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Office Coordinator's Report: Stephani B. welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief summary of what Central Office does. She also noted that the Pasco Intergroup is responsible for the area going west from U.S. 41 to the Gulf of Mexico and going north from Klosterman Rd. in Tarpon Springs to County Line Rd. She also asked for additional volunteers to work at the Central Office.

Committee Reports

Steering Committee: Dotty I. reported that the Steering Committee is in need of one additional member. The committee meets from 5:30 to 6:00 before the Intergroup Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Two years of sobriety are required for the position and the term of service is 18 months. Attendees were asked to take this back to their groups.

Finance Committee: Donna W. and Nancy A. have resigned from the Finance Committee. Two replacements on the committee are needed. Requirement for membership is one year of sobriety. No one at the meeting volunteered so attendees were asked to bring this back to their meetings. Pete M. and Pete F., the remaining members of the Finance Committee, recommended that a portion of the \$4,000 - \$5,000 normally kept in the bank be put into a money market account to earn additional interest. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to do this.

Newsletter: John L. volunteered to be responsible for the newsletter.

District 15 Liaison: Karen H. reported that Helen is the new District recording secretary and Diana is the new DCM for area 6. The How Important Is It Meeting is changing back to 7:30 at St. Mark's. The State Convention is Aug 13-17 in Ft. Lauderdale and the Area Quarterly is in Tampa Oct. 17-19th. The area Corrections Meeting is in Sanford, FL in Sept.

Unity Committee: Mary Ellen C. asked for groups to volunteer to host the monthly Unity Meeting. The next available month is December. The August Unity meeting is hosted by Tropical Attitudes on 8/16.

Hot Line: No report.

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:
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,
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www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current/

"A CLUB MOVIE NIGHT"

Every 4th Saturday of the month
At 8:00 PM

Unity Meeting Sponsors Needed

A group is needed to sponsor the Dec. 20, 2008 Unity Meeting. If your group is interested, contact Mary Ellen @ the Unity Meeting.

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.

DIST. 15 TREATMENT COMMITTEE

Will meet Sept. 13 Noon @ the AClub
(2nd Sat . Ea. Month)

BRIDGING THE GAP

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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 @

(727) 847-0777