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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

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Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Raised in a family of good values and integrity, I thought I had it!

Along comes a sponsor to inform me that knowledge about good values and integrity is not the same as living them. We practice life by our own illusions and misperceptions based on self-centeredness.

Not knowing it, I was still relying on self to solve the problems I had from separating from all who loved me. (Trying to come up with good enough excuses). I figured out that I couldn't figure it out....Oh no! Not another surrender!

Okay! I'll turn my will and my life over to the care of *God as we understood him*. Of course, my sponsor asked me what I thought was the biggest

ISN'T NOT DRINKING ENOUGH??

word in the Third Step. How easy is that— understood, right? He told me to look up "as" in Webster's. "Equal to one's effort."

Now there are two things I hate: Surrender and effort. I was reminded that to effect a change in life I would have to practice, daily, the idea of surrender and effort. That conflicted with my ideas, but I began to get results. Without even knowing about the principles of the Seventh Step I was reaping the rewards.

On to the Fourth and Fifth Steps, (more surrender and effort). At the conclusion of the Fifth Step my Sponsor told me to go straight home and read the last paragraph on

page 75, and the first two paragraphs on page 76 in the *Big Book*. Being obedient (for the first time in my life), I did that.

So far, I'm beginning to notice, every time I do something I wouldn't have done, I get a feeling of calm (freedom??). Surrender to W

I always wanted to feel good, and did whatever it took to fulfill those desires. I never paid much attention to the consequences. Wasn't the event always worth it?

As we seek this new willingness to allow a power than us to direct our thinking, we have a stumbling block called self that says "We humbly ask Him to remove our ...

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Tradition 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

How does your home group convey that the responsibility of self support includes giving of effort and time in addition to money?

The principle of self support affects every member of every group. An AA who got sober before the Traditions were officially adopted wrote in the October 1970 Grapevine: "On my first approach...already AA had effectively declared itself independent of all handouts. It was managing, somehow, to pay all its own way... If it had turned out to be a government-financed project or a charitable branch of some church, my feelings about it could not have been so instantly warm and comfortable. The fact that it was just us drunks... lessened my shame at having to ask for help." (Best of the

Giving of Effort and Time

Grapevine, Vol. 1, p. 114)

Sober members were able to demonstrate that an alcoholic is not always someone who must be helped. One AA reflected: "When I arrived at the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous, I had no job, very little money, and a life that was rapidly turning into a shambles. Even so, I contributed 25 cents at every meeting I attended. This was my first step back to regaining my self-respect and responsibility." The Tradition allowed A.A.'s to be givers, not takers, and went far to build public confidence in the movement. As Bill W. commented in Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, "When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it's going to pay its bills, that's really news." (p.160)

While no A.A. group

requires contributions from those who attend its meetings, the return of self-respect, an awakening sense of responsibility, and gratitude for sobriety spur even the newest A.A. members to contribute whatever they can. Some also send birthday contributions to local or national A.A. offices to celebrate their sobriety date each year. Contributions are as important to the giver as to the recipient, for they allow the giver to participate in carrying the A.A. message around the world.

Where Money and Spirituality Mix

Yet speaking of money and A.A. in the same breath makes some members nervous.—A.A. is a spiritual program, they feel, and should not concern itself with money at all. More pragmatic alco-

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Stephani B. - Bill J.

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any A.A. activities, events, group histories, etc..

Submit all information by the 20th of the month to: **E-mail**

NEWS0777@YAHOO.COM

Or to the newsletter mailbox at:

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Saturday-10:AM to 1:PM

Closed: Sunday & Holidays

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TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 2007 Bal.	\$2974.02
Total Donations	\$ 463.47
+ Total Sales	\$1124.53
Total Income	\$1588.00
Subtotal	\$4562.02
- Total Expenses	\$1843.26
June 30 Ending Bal.	\$2718.76

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	131
Office Calls	179
Walk Ins	70

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET June 2007

Tropical Attitudes	\$60.00
Recovery Thru the Steps	\$30.00
Keep It Simple Women	\$50.00
Candlelight Beginners	\$40.00
NPR Kiss Group	\$25.00
The Bayou Group	\$109.00
Intergroup	\$9.00
Unity Meeting	\$109.38
Founders Day	\$139.09
Grapevine Sunday Nite	\$25.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING JUNE 13, 2007

KIS Women's
How Important Is It
New Hope Beginners
Candlelight Group
Wonderful Saturday Step Group
Tropical Attitudes
Missing link

Steering Comm.	Office Coordinator
Secretary	Treasurer
Hot Line	Unity Committee
Newsletter	Dist. 15 General Service

Message from the OFFICE COORDINATOR

The banner on which is inscribed the symbol for A.A. is a circle enclosing a triangle. The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A. Three Legacies: Recovery, Unity, and Service.

At the Central Office, we really need your help and service to cover the phone. Only 3 1/2 hours, one day a week, would be carrying the A.A. message to the suffering alcoholic.

QUOTE: I took my leave of Dr. Bob, knowing that he was to undergo a serious operation. The old, broad smile was on his face as he said almost jokingly, "Remember, Bill, let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep it simple!" I turned away, unable to say a word. That was the last time I ever saw him..... by Bill W. Thank You Bill J.

PASCO BIG BOOK 26th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC JULY 28th, 2007 SATURDAY 10AM to 2PM STARKEY PARK PAVILION A

July : Pickin' up chips

A.A.WAY	YEARS	LIFE GOES ON	YEARS
Greg McC.	18 yrs.	Rick T.	4 yrs
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS		LIVING SOBER	
Fran G.	25 yrs	Wally G.	27 yrs
Liz O.	4 yrs	Tom C.	40 yrs
Geoff B.	11 yrs	Ron P.	11 yrs
Ronda L.	2 yrs	MEN LET'S TALK	
Joe G.	4 yrs	John S.	5 yrs
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE		Chris F.	3 yrs
HAPPIER HOUR		Tom M.	3 yrs
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT		Peter M.	2 yrs
Gary W.	9 yrs	Tom F.	2 yrs
Ethel DeM.	3 yrs	Bud W.	2 yrs
Christine D.	2 yrs	MIRACLE GROUP	
K.I.S. WOMEN		Joe G.	5 yrs
Linda S.	21 yrs	Fran G.	25 yrs
Lorrie W.	31 yrs	NPR KISS GROUP	
Jean S.	2 yrs	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
TROPICAL ATTITUDES		PASCO BIG BOOK	
Ed J.	17 yrs	Larry K.	28 yrs
Mike S.	3 yrs	George N.	25 yrs
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP		MaryAnn W.	2 yrs
Larry K.	28 yrs	RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS	
Jenna G.	13 yrs	Mary P.	29 yrs
Joe G.	12 yr	SERENITY GROUP	
Jim B.	20 yrs	Rebecca	16 yrs
Mary Jo S.	8 yr	BACK TO BASICS	
Web S.	23 yrs	Bruce P	29 yrs
3 & 11 STEP GROUP		NEW LIFE GROUP	
TWO OR MORE		Jon B.	22 yrs
John A	3 yrs	Jim B.	20 yrs
Fran G.	25 yrs.	Greg H.	2 yrs
SURRENDER GROUP		EASIER SOFTER WAY	
Gene M.	23 yrs		

NEW "WOMEN'S" MEETING



Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, FL. EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM

Central Office Report

12th Annual Southeastern Woman to Woman Seminar July 27 - 28 -29, 2007 Clarion Hotel Conference Center- Jacksonville, Florida

Sunday, November 18, 2007 Gratitude Dinner St. Vincent De Paul Church Mile Stretch Road Holiday, Fl.

Saturday, February 9, 2008 District 15 20th Anniversary Dinner St. Vincent De Paul Church Mile Stretch Road Holiday, Fl

by Kevin Mc.

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**

HELP ANSWER THE PHONES

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

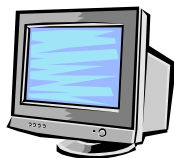
Thank You

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.

**The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the
Newsletter &
Where & When List**



www.wptsaa.org

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..... NOT DRINKING

Shortcomings", then dropping the "humbly" part, because it takes effort and surrender. What pressure to "be obliged to choose between the pains of trying and the certain penalties of failing to do so". (12&12 p. 74)

I wondered how difficult this was going to be with all the character flaws just revealed? Here comes that Sponsor again. I wish I hadn't done the Steps! He said "The next time you want to do something that might be pleasurable, ask God to help you not do that, and the next time you don't want to do something because you can't see any benefit to you, ask God to help you do it."

After trying this for awhile, I realized that God removes character defects, but He requires us to make a little effort. I have also realized that when I resist these changes, it takes more effort. We have a choice . . . God or self.

Doug G.

UNITY MEETING

Hosted by

Date

Bayou Group	July 21st
Tropical Attitudes	August 18th
James Gang	Sept. 15th
Happier Hour	October 20th
Pasco Big Book	November 17th
Men's Lets Talk	December 15th

Groups wishing to sponsor a Unity Meeting, should attend a Unity Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet with **Trish** 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.

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WHAT'S THAT WEIRD
LOOK ??
ARE YOU OBSESSING
ABOUT DRINKING
AGAIN ??



Cont'd from page 1 **Effort and Time**

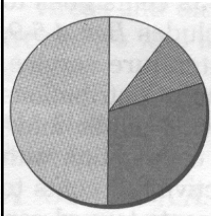
holics contend that without enough money, it would be impossible to provide the services essential to carrying the message. Bill W. saw the resolution of this dilemma in "the hat" (group's collection basket), where money and spirituality mix, and the familiar announcement "We have no dues or fees, but we do have expenses" is an integral part of virtually every A.A. meeting.

By paying its own expenses—rent for meeting room, the cost of A.A. literature and local meeting lists, coffee and refreshments, support of local and national service entities—the group ensures the meetings will be there for the suffering alcoholic, literature and information will be available, and the message will be carried around the world. Each group treasury keeps on hand a "prudent reserve" (amount covering one or two months' expenses), and distributes any cash beyond that amount among local, area, and national A.A. service entities.

Fulfilling its financial responsibilities with members' contributions alone allows the group to steer clear of influences that might distort the A.A. message. Occasionally, a generous and well-intended outside organization or individual will seek to help the Fellowship by offering a meeting place at no cost, or perhaps free printing of newsletters or flyers. In such situations, the Tradition suggests that—to avoid any possibility of outside influence or pressure—the group decline with thanks. If for some reason a landlord cannot accept money, groups can respond by providing services, such as painting the meeting room or buying furniture that can be used by others as well as the A.A.'s.

Ideally, group contributions would support all A.A. service entities. In practice, however, not all groups do participate through contributions to either the General Service Office or their own local entities. So from the earliest A.A. days, when survival sometimes depended on the level of Big Book sales, a portion of the profits from the publication and sale of A.A. literature has made up the difference between expenses and contribution income.

Examples of Group



10% to district
10% to area committee
30% to GSO
50% to intergroup /central office

by Kevin Mc

“ A DAILY REPRIEVE ”

District 15 News: JULY

The District held the monthly meeting on June 19th. Fifteen members were in attendance. Treasurer Bob reported that the Founders' Day Luncheon ended in the black in terms of expenses and income. Outlays involved \$171.82 in food, drinks, decorations, and supplies. Tickets sales generated \$361.00. An additional \$89.00 was generated from the 50/50 raffle. The income of \$278.18 was divided equally between District 15 and West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup. The District's treasury had a beginning balance of \$3658.28. Seven groups donated a total amount of \$320.35. Their generosity is always appreciated. Thank you. The ending balance was \$3978.63.

Diane, a member of the New Port Richey KISS Group, advised she would be donating a quantity of documentation to the District's Archives repository. The donation involves a number of original papers from Dr. Bob's residence in Akron. This gift is received with many thanks. The Archives Committee maintains documents and other memorabilia pertaining to the history of the District and/or Alcoholics Anonymous in general. If you, or someone you are aware of, have material that may be pertinent for the custody of the District's archives, please contact your group GSR or a District meeting attendee. Assistance can then be offered as to the proper disposition of the material.

Under old business, Chairperson Doug G. reported that for a number of reasons, the used laptop computers that were known to be for sale, were no longer available. As a result, the previously authorized \$250.00 expenditure to provide a used laptop for the District's Secretary remains unspent. Doug indicated that

efforts to secure a used laptop with the appropriated funds would continue.

Under new business, a purchase for the Corrections' Committee was discussed. Corrections had requested the purchase of two soft cover Big Books (Spanish edition), two back orders of previously published Grapevine issues, and two subscriptions to La Vina, the Spanish version of the Grapevine. The literature will be used during the course of Correction Committee visits to conduct meetings in local jails. Cost would be approximately \$100.00. After discussion, a motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Also, under new business, the procedure for opening the District meetings was reviewed. Thirty-six (36) tenets are associated with Alcoholics Anonymous. They are the 12 Steps for the individual, the 12 Traditions for the group, and the 12 Concepts for world service. At the commencement of each District meeting, the A.A. Tradition of the month is read. This involves reading the 5th Tradition at the opening of the May meeting, the 6th Tradition at the opening of the June meeting and so on. It was suggested that each meeting, also be accompanied by a reading of the numerically corresponding Concept for world service. After holding discussion on this matter, it was put into a motion, voted on, and passed unanimously.

In closing, Doug G. reminded attendees that the Area 15 Quarterly meeting would be held in Ft. Lauderdale, the weekend of July 13th through the 15th. The next monthly District meeting will be held on July 17, 2007. If your schedule permits and you are free for that date, please stop by and visit with us.

John S.
GSR Newsletter

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

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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/

An evening of Dancing
at the "A Club"
3rd Saturday of the month
SEE YOU THERE



"MOVIE NIGHT"
Every 4th Saturday of
the month

**WE ARE GOING
TO KNOW A
NEW FREEDOM
AND A NEW
HAPPINESS**
Happy Independence Day

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 @ 727-847-0777**.

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.