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Step Nine “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 make restitution for stolen goods, money, or the destruction of another’s reputation.

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

One day, While visiting with Stephani at Central Office, I was asked by her to write an article on Tradition Nine. I’ll tell you, I wanted to say “no.” Then I remembered that you don’t say no to service, unless your head falls off. Hmmm, Tradition Nine! Where do I start? I’ve heard the Traditions read over and over at meetings, but I have never studied them. Let’s see.

I read an essay that said, “When Tradition Nine was first written, it said that Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization.” In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today, we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous—A.A. as a whole—should never be organized at all. Then in seeming contradiction, we proceed to create special service boards and committees which in themselves are organized. How then, can we have an unorganized

AFTER THIS STEP, WE GET PROMISES

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 feeling of the partner and the “other person.” And in all of these instances, we must consider what forms our amends will

be. We who tried this on our own usually created more harm and chaos than we were trying to correct.

Making amends is not easy. It demands that we have an honest face-to-face talk with other human beings. In Step Nine, some of the people that 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. But we

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UNORGANIZED MOVEMENT

movement which can and does create a service organization of itself? Scanning this puzzler, people say, “What do they mean, no organization?”

It goes on to say, Alcoholics Anonymous does not conform to the usual organization pattern. Neither is General Service Conference, its Foundation Board, nor the humblest Group Committee issue a single directive to an A.A. member and make it stick; let alone mete out any punishment. Groups have tried to expel members, but the banished have come back to sit in the meeting place, saying, “This is life for us; you can’t keep us out.” Committees have instructed many an A.A. to stop working on a chronic backslider, only to be told; “How I do my Twelfth Step work is my business. Who are you to judge?” This doesn’t mean an A.A. won’t take advice or suggestions from more experi-

enced members. But he surely won’t take orders. Who is more unpopular than the old-time A.A., full of wisdom, who move to another area and tries to tell the group there how to run its business? He and all like him who “view with alarm for the good of A.A.” meet the most stubborn resistance or worse still, laughter.

I remember when I started my first service work in A.A.. It was as Chairperson of the Correction Committee. You know how they see us coming. But then, I felt good about taking meetings into jails, thinking: “I belonged here many a times!”

I was a small business owner for years, just going to run the Correction Committee like my business. Raise my own funds. I’d show everyone how smart I was. Well, it wasn’t long before I got my ears pinned back. It was a powerful learning experience. Without A.A.’s Traditions, egos would run rampant.

Donna W.

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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

Stephani B. - and Helpers

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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TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2007 Bal. \$2718.76

Total Donations \$1139.40

+ Total Sales \$1089.80

Total Income \$2229.20

Subtotal \$4947.96

- Total Expenses \$1155.00

July 31 Ending Bal. \$3792.96

Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls 148

Office Calls 188

Walk Ins 67

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:

727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET AUGUST 2007

Tropical Attitudes	\$60.00
Recovery Thru the Steps	\$20.00
NPR Kiss Group	\$25.00
Back To Basics	\$45.00
Intergroup	\$14.00
How Important Is It	\$100.00
7 & Up Group	\$40.00
Amazing Grace	\$50.00
Unity Meeting	\$25.81
Happy Joyous & Free	\$10.00

INTERGROUP GROUP ATTENDANCE AT MONTHLY MEETING August 08, 2007

Keep it Simple Women's Group
 Wonderful Saturday Step Group
 Tropical Attitudes
 How Important Is It
 New Life Group
 Easier Softer Way
 Pasco Big Book
 Happier Hour
 Back To Basics
 Candlelight Beginners Group
 NPR K.I.S.S.

Steering Comm.	Office Coordinator
Secretary	Treasurer
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Ninth Step Prayer

As we call on the Spirit of forgiveness to forgive those we have harmed under any circumstance, we forgive everyone who has trespass against us.

We pray for Your guidance not to be tarnished by the judgment of others nor to judge them.

If we harbor hatred and resentments, we pray that we may be led out of disorder and into order. We ask for the right attitude to make our amends.

In our amends, help us to help them as we grow in Your spirit.

In this Prayer

Be inspired to fill in the name of a Higher Power of your own understanding.

September : Pickin' up chips

NAME	YEARS	NAME	YEARS
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A.A.WAY

Dave N.	32 yrs
Bob S.	22 yrs
Gary D.	21 yrs
Jeff U.	20 yrs
Bill D.	18 yrs
Michelle G.	12 yrs
Robert V.	2 yrs
Robert D.	2 yrs

CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS

Frank	4 yrs
Trish M.	22 yrs
Kelley G.	4 yrs

COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE

HAPPIER HOUR

HOW IMPORTANT IS IT

Sy M.	30 yrs
Kathie C.	5 yrs
Nellie W.	23 yrs

K.I.S. WOMEN

Maureen L.	10 yrs
Judy S.	25 yrs

WONDERFUL SAT. STEP

Karen C.	12 yrs
Ken C.	10 yrs
Maxine D.	1 yr
Debbie D.	1 yr
Monica S.	1 yr

TWO OR MORE

Bobby J.	3 yrs
Gary D.	3 yrs
Linda E.	3 yrs
Kate D.	31 yrs

SURRENDER GROUP

Lisa S.	14 yrs
Denny S.	15 yrs
Jim R.	5 yrs
Joe H.	24 yrs

LIFE GOES ON

WINNERS GROUP

Mark K.	4 yrs
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MEN LET'S TALK

Ray L.	27 yrs
Ed B.	22 yrs
Mike M.	11 yrs
Stephen	7 yrs
Joe K.	2 yrs

MIRACLE GROUP

NPR KISS GROUP

Denise	4 yrs
Debi F.	20 yrs

NEW HOPE BEGINNERS

PASCO BIG BOOK

RECOVERY THRU THE STEPS

Mary S.	16 yrs
Ray K.	24 yrs
Pat M.	16 yrs
Walter D.	24 yrs

SERENITY GROUP

John J.	20 yrs
Donna R.	16 yrs

BACK TO BASICS

Peter K.	31 yrs
Dan L.	18 yrs

NEW LIFE GROUP

LIVING SOBER GROUP

TROPICAL ATTITUDES

Bill J.	19 yrs
Patrick B.	12 yrs
Carlos B.	1 yr
Amanda B.	1 yr
Cyndie M.	25 yrs

COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE

HAPPIER HOUR

3 & 11 STEP GROUP

NEW MEETINGS

Women's Meeting O D
 Tropical Attitudes 5331 Main St. NPR, Fl.
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 6:PM

As Bill Sees It O D
 A-Club 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR, Fl
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 8:PM

Winners Group S D
 Christ Fellowship Church
 5718 Grand Blvd. NPR, Fl
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 8:PM

Ask It Basket O B
 A-Club 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR, Fl
EVERY SATURDAY AT 2:30PM

Followers of the Way O S D
 All Saints Episcopal Church
 1700 Keystone Road Tarpon Springs, Fl
EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 7:PM



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.

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Now has
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Newsletter &
Where & When List

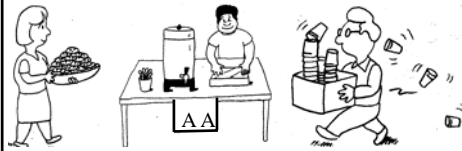
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Message from the OFFICE COORDINATOR



THE LITTLE THINGS

They can make the biggest difference.



UNITY MEETING

Hosted by **Date**

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.

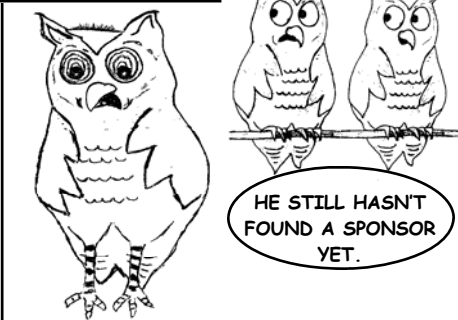
You'll be glad you did because not only will you be supporting West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup, but you'll be showcasing your home group at the same time.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

WHERE & WHEN COMMITTEE

IS NEEDED AT THE CENTRAL
OFFICE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS
WITH ALL OUR GROUPS AND PRINT
THE MEETING LIST.

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HE STILL HASN'T
FOUND A SPONSOR
YET.

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must dare to be honest and vulnerable with our "enemies" if we are to recover. We must have the 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 again 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 make apologies. We had been making phony apologies all our lives. Making payments for years on a bad debt cannot be phony. Being loving, caring, giving and respecting to all is not phony. Making amends really means changing from that drunken bum to a person of value in our eyes and others, if we are to stay sober. It can easily be seen that a demonstration of good will is only going to happen over a course of time. Actions truly speak louder than words. There are also those whom we probably will never see again in our lives. We must still be ready should we by chance meet them again.

Remember, the Big Book says "Resentment is the number one offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else". We came to see that just getting rid of our resentments was a spiritual experience in itself. This is the basic spiritual awakening talked about in Step Twelve. The Promises (We will be amazed before we are half way through.) in the Ninth Step refer to this.

DON'T FORGET MY GROUP'S ANNIVERSARIES

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See you there !

"SPONSORSHIP"

District 15 News: August

The District's monthly meeting was held on August 21st @ the Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey. Treasurer Bob reported that nine (9) groups donated a total of \$410.00 to the District treasury. This generosity is sincerely appreciated. The District's opening treasury balance for July was \$3872.59. The closing balance was \$3882.79.

John, Literature Chairperson, provided a hand-out to attendees. The GSO directed correspondence to all Area, District and Central Office Literature Chairs. Requesting assistance in dissemination of pamphlets distributed by the GSO. Additionally, new pamphlets for ethnic groups are nearly ready for distribution.

Nancy, Chairperson for Sub-District 2, provided a report on the recent State Convention held in Orlando. The Convention was a true success. Also, Nancy reminded attendees that the 2008 Convention will be held in Ft. Lauderdale. The 2009 Convention will be held in Jacksonville.

Linda, from the Keep It Simple Women's Group, reported her group is once again meeting in the church and no longer using the temporary trailer space.

Kevin, Chairperson-elect, indicated that on one has yet volunteered to act as Chairperson for the Gratitude Dinner. Diane, a member of the New Port Richey K.I.S.S. Group, volunteered to fill the position. Many thanks to

Diane for assisting the District and her fellow A.A. members in this capacity. We all are asked to come forward and give Diane a hand by joining her Committee. Let's make this the best Gratitude Dinner District 15 General Service has ever seen. With all our help and service, we can make this happen.

During the course of the Chairperson's report, Chairperson Doug G. pointed out that when the General Service Conference meets, it is customary to display three flags. Canada, United States, and Puerto Rico. Omitted from this display are the flags of St. Martin, Antigua, and the Bahamas. After some debate and discussion a decision to submit a motion was made from the District to the GSO to display the flags of these three (3) countries at future meetings of the General Service Conference. Noteworthy is the fact that these three (3) countries are situated within Area 15. Our District is also located in Area 15 which encompasses the Southern half of Florida as well as localities in the Caribbean.

Next month's District 15 General Service Meeting is scheduled for September 18th. The meeting commences at 6:30 PM, at the Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey, Florida. If your schedule permits, please stop in and help us to help others by carrying the A.A. message through service work.

Respectfully,
John S.
Trusted Servant

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Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. Those who do not recover are people who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program, usually men and women who are constitutionally incapable of **MAKING MEETINGS**. There are such unfortunates. They are not at fault; they seem to have been born that way. They are naturally incapable of grasping and developing a manner of living which demands **MAKING MEETINGS**. Their chances are less than average. There are those, too, who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders, but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to **MAKE MEETINGS**.



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

"MOVIE NIGHT"
Every 4th Saturday of the month

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



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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**.