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Holiday Alkathons

- *Hernando-Pasco A Club, County Line Industrial Park, County Line Road about 2 miles east of US 19: Dec. 25th*
- *A Club, 5650 Missouri Ave. NPR*
- *10:PM 12/24-1:PM 12/25*
- *10:PM 12/31-1:PM 1/1/06*
- *Dry Dock Center, 1733 US Alt. 19, TS*
- *5:30PM 12/24-8:AM? 12/25*
- *5:30PM 12/31-8:AM? 1/1/06*



Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we try to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

There is nothing more useful than helping another alcoholic. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. We in AA have the wonderful opportunity to help the unfortunate sick alcoholic who comes into the rooms. Here we begin to practice the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety.

We who have the satisfaction of working along side the sick alcoholic can watch them grow with every passing day into a fine responsible person. This does however takes many, many days and weeks and sometimes even months or years of working with the alcoholic.

Stronger, Happy Helpful People

Sometimes a new person coming into AA may be an agnostic or has little belief in any religion or Higher Power of any kind. For others who have lost or rejected their faith, their plight seems to be more hopeless. For this alcoholic, working with a non-believer through the 12 steps is much harder than working with a person who has God or some religion belief and can practice spiritual principals. Without a Higher Power an alcoholic will most likely have a harder and more difficult time in recovery. I know of cases of recovery where people used the AA group itself, or Good Orderly Direction, Group Of Drunks, or the Gift Of Desperation as their

Higher Power.

When we are trying to help a new alcoholic friend, it is important to remember how we felt when we came into the AA program. Let them know that we were sick, lonely, sad people who were very frightened about coming into the AA meetings. As time went on and we became sober, we also became stronger and began to like ourselves. Eventually, we also became happier, more helpful people. We learned to say less and let our actions say more about us than our words. This is what AA is all about.

Jean S. - Came To Believe Group

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Tradition 12: And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Anonymity, Humility, & Principles before Personalities

At the personal level, constant practice of this Tradition is what separates our Bleeding Deacons from our Elder Statesmen, thriving groups & floundering ones, and the health of AA as a whole. When I

brag about all the service work I do for AA, what I am really showing is my insecurity & wanting to be the center of attention. If I point out another's shortcomings to you, I am really saying is I feel superior ... (cont. on pg. 3)

Newsletter

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The Newsletter Committee is soliciting news of A.A. activities and events, group histories, etc. Submit information by the 20th of the month to: news0777@yahoo, or in the newsletter mailbox at the A.A. Central Office, 6611 US 19 S., New Port Richey, Fl. 34652.

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Hotline Calls 109
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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

Pickin up chips

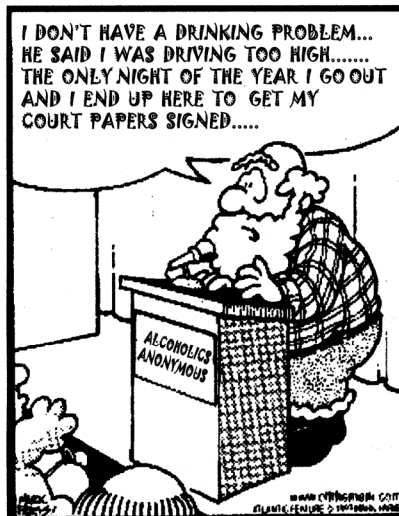
December

Jeanne T	Keep It Simple Women	19 years
Roni G.	Keep It Simple Women	2 years
	A.A. Way	
Paul C.	How Important Is It	2 years
Nicollas K.	How Important Is It	1 year
Harold G.	How Important Is It	9 years
Dale	Happier Hour	22 years
Court S.	Happier Hour	5 years
Allen C.	Happier Hour	1 year
Bruce M.	Happier Hour	1 year
Roy Z.	New Hope Beginners	4 years
Molly D	New Hope Beginners	1 year
Bob	New Hope Beginners	1 year
Pat T.	New Hope Beginners	1 year
Ron	1001 Reasons	4 years
Lori	1001 Reasons	2 years
John S.	Tropical Attitudes	21 years
John O.	Tropical Attitudes	7 years
Steve C.	Tropical Attitudes	1 year
John L.	Candlelight Beginners	20 years
Jim B.	Candlelight Beginners	32 years
Hank B.	Candlelight Beginners	24 years
Tim P.	Surrender Group	16 years
Mark C.	Surrender Group	35 years
Roger	Surrender Group	13 years
	Pasco Big Book	
Gina P.	NPR Kiss Group	1 year
Bill	NPR Kiss Group	3 years
Mark H.	NPR Kiss Group	3 years
Regina	NPR Kiss Group	7 years
Kathy B.	NPR Kiss Group	11 years
Jim B.	NPR Kiss Group	32 years

Pass the basket

Back To Basic	\$ 32
Seven & Up	\$300
Tropical Attitudes	\$ 20
Happy Joyous Free	\$ 10
Anonymous	\$ 2
Intergroup Collection	\$ 12

Seasons



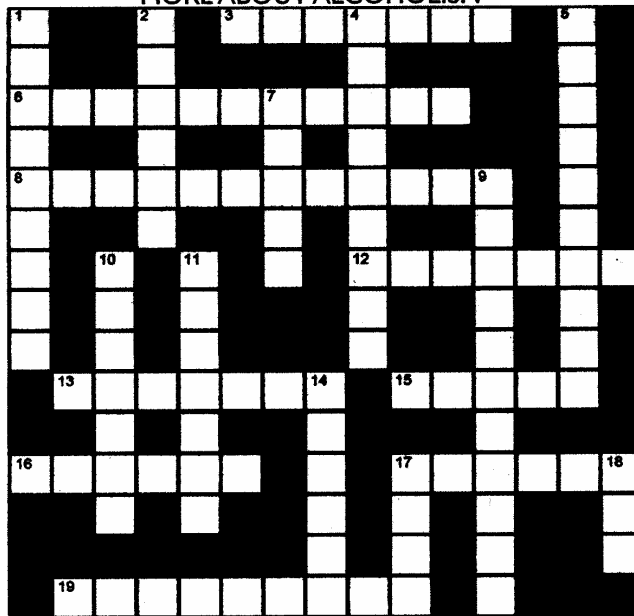
Across

- 3. _____ the first drink
- 6. when _____
- 8. the _____
- 12. progressive _____
- 13. _____ into drinking
- 15. he was quite _____
- 16. easily _____
- 17. you men _____
- 19. I was _____

Down

- 1. _____ from scotch
- 2. power to _____
- 4. I had no _____
- 5. problem had them _____
- 7. prove we _____ drink
- 9. farms and _____
- 10. _____ against the first drink
- 11. he was much _____
- 14. no _____ for drinking
- 17. _____ on his back
- 18. can stay _____

Big Book: Chapter 3 MORE ABOUT ALCOHOLISM



The Twelve Holiday Tips

Many of us have enjoyed the holidays sober. An idea we would never have wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are twelve tips for a happy and joyous holiday without alcohol.

1. Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Take newcomers to meetings, or volunteer for the phone lines at intergroup. Or visit an alcoholic at a hospital still sick and suffering.

2. Be host to A.A. friends especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal gathering, take a still suffering person to dinner and spring for the coffee.

3. Keep your A.A. phone list with you at all times. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you have called or contacted another A.A. friend.

4. Find out about the special A.A. meetings, Alkathons, or other celebrations given by A.A. groups in your area, and go.

5. Skip drinking occasions you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when you drank? Now, let's put that talent to good use. No office party is as important as staying sober and saving your own life.

6. If you have to go to a drinking social affair and take an A.A. friend with you take your A.A. phone list handy along with some candy or sweets.

7. At gatherings, where alcohol is being served, go late and always leave early. Don't think you have to stay. Plan in advance an important date that you have to keep, like going to an A.A. Meeting.

8. Go to churches or any house of worship and religious service throughout the Holiday Season.

9. Don't sit around bored.

Read a book, visit museums or art centers, take a walk, write a letter to someone you love, even if it is someone you never plan to send it to.

10. Don't get worked up over the holidays. Remember- "One day at a time" and "One Step at a time".

11. Enjoy the true beauty of the Holiday Season love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts; but this year, you can give love and spread joy. If you meet someone less fortunate than yourself, give them some help or a happy smile. See how you feel afterwards.

12. Having had a happier holiday as a result of working these tips, carry this A.A. message to other alcoholics by practicing these tips through the holiday season.



Season's Greetings



Anonymity continues

to them & you. I'm a gossip, & really feel inferior inside myself. If I say, even to myself, 'I am an AA guru', I prove I'm not. When I hear myself saying, 'We cannot do it this way in AA', am I not trying to be the AA Police, playing God? And if enough of us 'Bleeding Deacons' play political games, the groups & AA itself suffers.

However, suppose we work together without caring who gets the credit, do the next right thing & keep our mouths shut about it, refuse to get involved in the politics & gossip, stay quiet through

the turmoil going on around us till we are asked for our opinion— and quietly give it & thank others for their input? What happens when we credit God for our accomplishments instead of ourselves? Or answer honestly even when it may push people away? Can we believe that we are all equal, no one better than another? Or go by group conscience even when we believe the group is wrong? Imagine what we can get done with this attitude, how much we can feel better about ourselves, the good we collectively do, all the newcomers we can attract to AA by our examples. Personal Anon-

ymity, Principles before Personalities, with large doses of Humility & Gratitude to our concept of God as we understand god: without these I doubt AA could have survived. Without AA, few of us could recover. Only in this way is ours a 'selfish program.' *Submitted by BH, Miracle Group*

All of us at the West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup & General Service District 15 of Alcoholics Anonymous wish each of you a happy, joyous, and free, safe and sober Holiday Season,

One Day At a Time.

DISTRICT 15 NEWS11

December 2005

District 15 is celebrating its 19th year anniversary of serving West Pasco-Tarpon Springs in February 2006. To be a part of our Anniversary Committee, please contact Doug G. @727-868-2943. More information will follow on our Inter-group web page. www.wptsaa.org

The 1st 2006 Quarterly Meeting of South Florida Area 15 General Service will be held January 8, 2006 at the St. Pete Hilton, 333 First Street South, St Petersburg, Florida. Hosted by District 3.

The following motions are on the agenda for the Business Meeting:

23. Old Business

A. Motion: That a registered A A groups GSR or in the GSR's absence then the Alternate GSR has a vote at all Area 15 Business Meeting. Submitted by, Michael C., DCM, District 9.

24. New Business

A. Motion: To include the District vote count in the District Chairperson's reports and delete it from the Registrar's roll call. Submitted by, Don M., DCM, District 6

B. Motion: That the Quarterly flyers include ad hoc Committee Meetings and any new Standing Committee Meetings. Submitted by,

John S., DCM, District 9.

C. Motion: That Area 15 be responsible for the cost of the travel expenses incurred by the Delegate in traveling to any of the active Districts in Area 15 once a year in order to give each District a Conference Report, when this financial help is requested by the District Chairperson. It is suggested that when possible, Districts be self-supporting. Submitted by, Daniel Z., Chairperson, District 17.

D. Motion: That motions on the Area 15 Quarterly Business Meetings Agenda include a brief one paragraph explanation. Submitted by, Jim K., DCM, District 5.

E. Motion: That Area 15 pay the General Service Officer's estimated expenses for sending the Area 15 Delegate to the General Service Conference. Submitted by, Kevin M., District 14, Chairperson.

F. Motion: Area 15 Chairperson appoint a Non-Funded Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate the feasibility of the Standard Service Structure versus the Alternate Service Structure. This Committee is to be comprised of 3 District Chairs, 3 District Committee Members, and the Area Registrar. This Committee is to make a report at each of the following Quarterlies and make its final recommendation by the Octo-

ber 2006 Quarterly. Submitted by, Blake B., DCM, District 6.

G. Motion: That all Districts hosting a Quarterly be allowed to use the South Florida Area 15 Consumer's Certificate of Exemption (Tax Exempt Certificate) for coffee, the banquet, and box lunch when applicable effective with the January 2006 Quarterly. Submitted by, Annie C. Chairperson, District 6.

H. Motion: That the Current Practices Committee place all of the Motions in the Area 15 minutes from 1966 through 1971 in the Book of Current Practices, Book of Motions, and the Area Guidelines where appropriate. Submitted by, Don F., Chairperson, District 9.

I. Motion: In the adoption of Area 15 State Convention Committee, we submit the following as the Composition, Scope, and Procedure.

All GSR's are asked to attend and vote at the next District 15 Business Meeting at Pasco Big Book, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson, Florida. Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 6:30PM.

Have a safe and joyous Holiday Season from all of us at District 15 General Service.

WELCOME ALL TO G.O.Y.A.'S

CELEBRATION OF 8 YEARS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10th, 2005

5:PM-6:PM Fellowship 6:PM-7:PM Dinner by Kathy
7:PM-8:PM Honorary Speaker: Marge
8:PM- Dance Music by: Captain Fantastic & Mr. Wonderful

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Central Office Meetings And Hours

Central Office Steering Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the office at 6611 US 19 S., New Port Richey.

Intergroup meetings are held at the same office on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Office hours are from 10: a.m. - 5: p.m. Monday through Friday and 10: a.m. - 1: p.m. on Saturday. We are closed on Sunday and Holidays.