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"I guess the Old Folks were right after all"

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Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

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Step Four is the vigorous and painstaking effort to discover what the liabilities in each of us have been, and are. I want to find exactly how, when, and where my natural desires have warped me. I wish to look squarely at the unhappiness this has caused others and myself. By discovering what my emotional deformities are, I can move toward their correction. Without a willing and persistent effort to do this, there can be little sobriety or contentment for me.

To resolve ambivalent feelings, I need to feel a strong and helpful sense of myself. Such an awareness doesn't happen overnight, and no one's self-awareness is permanent. Everyone has the capacity for growth, and for self-awareness, through an honest en-

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

The Fourth Tradition long form:

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

It states in the book "AA Comes of Age" that "the Traditions ask that every individual and every group and every Area in A.A. shall lay aside all desires, ambitions, and untoward actions that could bring serious division among us or lose for us the confidence of the world at large." (page 96-97). The membership of Alcoholics Anonymous is referred to in the text of Tradition Four in the 12 and 12 as "largely a

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counter with reality. When I avoid issues but meet them directly, always trying to resolve them, they become fewer and fewer.

We finally saw that the inventory should be ours, not the other man's. So we admitted our wrongs honestly and become willing to set these matters straight.

Why is it that the alcoholic is so unwilling to accept responsibility? I used to drink because of the things that other people did to me. Once I came to A.A. I was told to look at where I had been wrong. What did I have to do with all these different matters? When I simply accepted that I had a part in them, I was able to put it on paper and see it for what it was—humanness. I am not expected to be perfect! I have made errors before and I will make them again. To be honest about them allows me to accept them—and myself—and those with whom I had the differences;

from there, recovery is just a short distance ahead.

We were having trouble with personal relationships, we couldn't control our emotional natures, we were a prey to misery and depression, we couldn't make a living, we had a feeling of uselessness, we were full of fear, we were unhappy, we couldn't seem to be of real help to other people.

These words remind me that I have more problems than alcohol, that alcohol is only a symptom of a more pervasive disease. When I stopped drinking I began a lifetime process of recovery from unruly emotions, painful relationships, and unmanageable situations. This process is too much for most of us without help from a Higher Power and our friends in the Fellowship. When I began working the Steps of the A.A. program,

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"AUTONOMY" IS A TEN-DOLLAR WORD

band of ego-driven individualists. Children of chaos, we have definitely played with every brand of fire, only to emerge unharmed and, we think wiser." So, as for the question of whether or not the freedom that group autonomy gives us is dangerous, the answer appears to be no, provided we work within the intent and spirit of Tradition Four.

Let us look at Bill W's own experience with "group will." "As one of the people who helped start this movement, I thought for a long time that I ought to be able to manage it from New York. But I soon found that I could do no such thing. Neither could anybody else at A.A.'s headquarters. The groups said to us, "we like what you are doing. Sometimes your suggestions and advice are good. But whether to take you or leave you alone is going to be our decision. Out in the groups, we are going to run our own show. We

are not going to have a personal government in New York, or anywhere else. Services yes. But government, no." Hence, A.A.'s Tradition of group autonomy. They told us what they wanted and that included the right to be wrong." (A.A. Comes of Age, page 103). And out of A.A.'s experience with group autonomy came our beloved rule #62.

"Don't take yourself too damn seriously

Autonomy is a ten-dollar word. But in relation to us, it means very simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Over the years, every conceivable deviation from our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions has been tried. These very deviations created a vast process of trial and error which, under the grace of God, has brought us to where we stand today.

Submitted by

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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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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Bill J. - Bob H. - Donna W.

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting any AA activities, events, group histories, etc.. Submit all information by the 15th of the month to:

NEWS0777@YAHOO.COM
Or to the newsletter mailbox at:
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P.O. BOX 459
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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10064

TREASURER'S REPORT

Feb. 1, 2007 Bal.	\$ 1810.33
Total Donations	\$ 885.50
+ Total Sales	\$ 920.28
Total Income	\$ 1805.78
Subtotal	\$ 3616.11
- Total Expenses	\$ 1777.26
Feb. 28 Ending Bal.	\$ 1838.85

(Total includes a prudent reserve of **\$2750.00**)



CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	98
Office Calls	155
Walk Ins	49

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:
727-847-0777

PASS THE BASKET
March 2007

Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
James Gang	\$25.00
New Life	\$25.00
KISS Group	\$25.00
Intergroup	\$14.00
Unity Meeting	\$139.00
Happy, Joyous, & Free	\$20.00
Keep It Simple Women	\$50.00
Triangle Group	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$373.00

INTERGROUP
GROUP ATTENDANCE
AT MONTHLY MEETING
March 14, 2007

- K.I.S. Women
- Tropical Attitudes
- Back To Basics
- Happy, Joyous, & Free
- Easier Softer Way
- Wonderful Saturday Step
- Happier Hour
- The Missing Link
- Candlelight Beginners

Along with:

- Steering Committee
- Chairperson
- Office Coordinator
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Hot Line

Message from the Office Coordinator

It is with great regret and sorrow that I must tender my resignation as your Office Coordinator due to personal health reasons. It has been an honor and a privilege to perform this type of service for you and the entire District.

So once again, Thank you all for letting me be of service to you and I will see you at the meetings

Danny J.

OLLIE THE

someone who wants to be hugged while isolating.



April : Pickin' up chips

<u>A.A. WAY</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>LIFE GOES ON</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Kurt W.	7	Linda K.	5
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS		LIVING SOBER	
Vickii M.	10	MEN LET'S TALK	
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE		Bob L.	22
Vicki M.	10	Harry G.	9
Brenda W.	2	Chris C.	6
HAPPIER HOUR		Art Mc.	5
Kathy M.	4	Jack L.	5
Jay I.	3	Kent S.	4
Jeff R.	6	Richard S.	3
Joe B.	5	Robert R.	2
Larry A.	29	MIRACLE GROUP	
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?		Brett L.	22
K.I.S. WOMEN		Carol T.	17
Dory E.	20	NPR KISS GROUP	
Nancy M.	27	Jim B.	13
TROPICAL ATTITUDES		Vinny B.	3
Karen F.	2	Kathleen C.	1
Dick B.	24	Chris F.	9
Allen R.	2	Jack F.	30
Tom R.	29	Brett L.	12
WONDERFUL SAT STEP		Vicki M.	10
Emma F.	25	Brian S.	1
Cheryl A.	3	Dave S.	21
Bob L.	22	NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
Sam	4	PASCO BIG BOOK	
Francisca Z.	6	Randy H.	2
Ronald C.	3	Bob L.	22
3 & 11 STEP GROUP		Linda K.	4
SURRENDER GROUP		RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS	
Kevin R.	6	Marie B.	22
TWO OR MORE		SERENITY GROUP	
Butch H.	3	BACK TO BASICS	
Katy S.	3	Bob L.	22
Jacindo E.	3	NEW LIFE	
Dave S.	21	Jean M.	36
EASIER SOFTER WAY		Joe F.	18
Gypsy	36		

I DID IT AGAIN

Forgot to mail my group's Anniversaries to:
www.news0777@yahoo.com

Central Office Report

Saturday, June 2, 2007
Delegates Conference Report
Site: TBA

Saturday, June 9, 2007
Founders Day Celebration
Community Congregational Church
6533 Circle Blvd., NPR, FL.

Noon to 4:PM
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

Kevin Mc.

WANT-AD:

YOUR ARTICLES

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

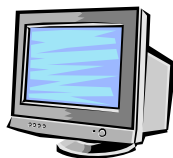
ANSWER PHONES

At the Central Office and the Overnight Hotline Phone when the office is closed. Contact Danny J. or Bob S. 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.

The Web Site
Now has
current
issues of the
Newsletter



And
Where & When List

www.wptsaa.org

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REFLECTION

many of these tangled threads unraveled but, little by little, the most broken places of my life straightened out. One day at a time, almost imperceptibly, I healed. Like a thermostat being turned down, my fears diminished. I began to experience moments of contentment. My emotions became less volatile. I am now once again a part of the human family.

Resentment is the "number one" offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else. From it stem all forms of spiritual disease, for we have been not only mentally and physically ill, we have been spiritually sick.

As I look at myself practicing the Fourth Step, it is easy to gross over the wrong that I have done, because I can easily see it as a question of "getting even" for a wrong done to me. If I continue to relive my old hurt, it is a resentment and resentment bars the sunlight from my soul. If I continue to relive hurts and hates, I will hurt and hate myself. After years in the dark of resentments, I have found the sunlight. I must let go of resentments; I cannot afford them.

...harboring resentment is infinitely grave. For then we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the spirit.

It has been said, "Anger is a luxury I cannot afford." Does this suggest I ignore this human emotion? I believe not. Before I learned of the A.A. program, I was a slave to the behavior patterns of alcoholism. I was chained to negativ-

ity, with no hope of cutting loose.

The Steps offered me an alternative. Step Four was the beginning of the end of my bondage. The process of "letting go" started with an inventory. I needed not be frightened, for the previous Steps assured me I was not alone. My Higher Power led me to this door and gave me the gift of choice. Today I can choose to open the door to freedom and rejoice in the sunlight of the Steps, as they cleanse the spirit within me.

God, direct our thinking, that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. We ask for inspiration that we be shown all through the day what our next step is to be. Give us freedom from self-will. "Thy will be done."

When said sincerely, this prayer teaches me to be truly unselfish and humble, for even in doing good deeds I often used to seek approval and glory for myself. By examining my motives in all that I do, I can be of service to God and others, helping them do what they want to do. When I put God in charge of my thinking, much needless worry is eliminated and I believe He guides me throughout the day. When I eliminate thoughts of self-pity, dishonesty and self-centeredness as soon as they enter my mind, I find peace with God, my neighbor and myself.

Daily Reflections
(pgs, 100, 102, 105, 113, 114, 119)

"Meeting Makers Make It"

UNITY MEETING

Unity thanks "Jim" for PA system. We are seeking volunteers for one evening per month to help with the Unity Meeting.

Hosted by

Date

Sat. Wonderful Step April 21th
Serenity Group May 19th
New Hope Beginners June 16th
Bayou Group July 21th
Tropical Attitudes August 18th
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.

There are only two months in 2007 still available on the Unity calendar, September & December.

Attention: District 15 A.A. Groups

What is Unity Meeting?

The 3rd Saturday of each month, rotating District 15 A.A. groups share their experience, Strength, and hope with other A.A. groups and individuals.

Who is invited to attend?

It is an 'open A.A. meeting' that anybody can attend.

What does it cost?

Admission is free, coffee is provided. The Host group may provide snacks. Collection basket supports you're A.A. Central Office.

Who can sign up?

Home group votes in business meeting whether to sign up.

How will we know what to do?

Come to a Unity meeting and see how it is done. Approach the Unity Committee member for a written list of suggestions to help make your presentation a success.

Where is it?

Sunshine Lutheran Brethren Church
5330 Whippoorwill Drive
Holiday, Florida (off Grand Blvd)

Your Unity Committee

District 15 News: April

Twenty-eight people met on march 20th at Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey, for the District's monthly meeting. Treasurer Bob's report reflected that eight groups donated a total of \$411.00. Your generosity is much appreciated. Expenses were up somewhat for February as a result of expenditures that need to be paid on an annual basis. These expenses included such items as \$300.00 annual rent for the District's Archives, \$160.00 for the Anniversary Dinner Dance, and \$26.00 for the District's post office box. Total expenses amounted to \$1990.14. \$449.00 in contributions were received. The beginning balance for the month was \$390.81. The closing balance was \$2363.67

The standing Committee Chairpersons reported a significant amount of activity in the District. Rick, from Archives advised us that the District's Archival presentation at the Anniversary Dinner Dance was well received. Also, Archives will be initiating an inventory of material stored at the Central Office. Virginia, Chairperson of the Treatment Committee, indicated the meetings at ACTS are proceeding nicely. However, there is a recent need for additional volunteers as several 'snow birds' volunteers have gone back home for the summer. If you have time for this worthy service to bring the message of A.A. into treatment centers, please contact Virginia.

Jean, from the Grapevine Committee reports the Founder's Day Celebration is now scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2007, at the Community Congregational Church, 12 noon to 4:PM. The planned theme will be entitled "Old Timer's Corner." More details will be forthcoming. Chairperson J.D., of Corrections states the Tuesday and Thursday meetings at the Little Road jail are still being filled to capacity. These

are all male meetings. In reference to A.A. meetings being brought to women inmates, J.D. reported the following. Pasco County housed female inmates at the Land-O-Lakes facility. This facility is located within the geographic boundaries of District 2 which provides volunteers for these A.A. meetings. During the course of GSR sharing, it was noted that over 200 individuals attended last month's 4th Step Workshop.

Chairperson-elect Kevin Mc. Advised that dates have already been secured for several of the District's annual special events. The Gratitude Dinner is set for November 18, 2007. Next year's Anniversary Dinner is slated for February 9, 2008. Other details on these and other affairs will be provided as the dates draw closer. Anniversary Dinner Chairperson, Kathy, indicated that a somewhat smaller than expected crowd attended this year's Dinner. Nevertheless, all attendees were well fed and had a great time. Thank you Kathy for providing your services to this event. Chairperson Doug advised the group of ongoing vacancies for alternate Chairpersons in Sub-District 2, 3, and 4.

Under new business, the possibility of the District purchasing a lap-top computer for secretarial needs was discussed. This computer would be utilized for purposes of record keeping, recording minutes, and generating other documentation such as correspondence. The initial investigation for cost suggested a figure of \$350.00 to \$400.00. Suggestions to minimize this cost were also reviewed. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided that the issue should be taken back to our groups for further evaluation and consideration. The matter will again be taken up at next month's GSR meeting, which is scheduled for April 17th. As always, your presence is more that welcome. Thanks.

Newsletter Chair,
John S.

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](http://www.aagrapevine.org/gv/current)

Also, a new monthly journal, "Emotional Sobriety; The Next Frontier" is now being published by the "AA Grapevine" monthly. 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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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)
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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/

TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE

The Newest Club in town Is now "The Edna Avenue Club"

This is currently where The Pasco Big Book holds it's meetings. Our location is:
7137 Edna Avenue
Hudson, Florida 34667
"The Edna Avenue Club" has meeting space and times available for A.A., Al-Anon, and Alateen meetings.
If your Group is interested call: 727-243-2669
Your contact person is Larry K.

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.