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Strut Your Stuff At State Meeting

Florida AA's 55th State Convention offers a chance to perform on a really big stage.

A talent show is planned for the convention, which will take place July 20-24 in Orlando. Acts must sign up by July 15 and audition on July 21 to be in the show.

A \$5 fee must be submitted with the registration form. Forms are available at Central Office or online at the convention website (See **Looking Ahead**, pg. 4.).

Unity Meeting

Circle **April 16** on your calendar for the Unity Meeting at 7 PM at Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., 1 mi. east of Little Rd. **Host: Happy, Joyous and Free Group.**

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

Why The Pie In The Face?

"From the day I attended my first AA meeting I knew that the key to my survival was that I had to change, both attitudes and actions."

With that in mind, Carol K. started working on the Fourth Step.

"Being Catholic, I understood the benefit of confessing my sins, so I started a laundry list of bad attitudes and bad actions. Among these was a definite example of a really bad attitude and somewhat messy action—I'd thrown a pie in my brother-in-law's face.

"Thinking that examples like this were all that was necessary to complete the Fourth Step, I felt that I was making remarkable progress and was all ready to take my Fifth Step."

But then Carol had a "light bulb" moment. She realized she had failed to analyze the "why" of her actions in doing her Fourth Step. "It's not that I threw the pie, it's why did I throw the pie? Utilizing the honesty I was learning day by day, I saw clearly that I had thrown the pie because I resented my brother-in-law.

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

How Do Your Answers Compare?

If you've had drunk dreams, you are not alone. In a poll, a whopping 91 percent of responding AAs reported having had drunk dreams.

Asked to pick a meaning for their dreams, the largest percentage, 35%, agreed that such dreams "mean nothing."

Next largest group, nearly 34%, felt drunk dreams meant they needed to deal with something in their lives.

Third-highest choice of possible reasons for drunk dreams (14.68%) was, "I need more meetings." Nearly 7-1/2 percent of respondents saw such dreams as an occasion to "drink without consequences and wake up with my sobriety intact."

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Your Anonymity Is Important

We want to protect your anonymity in this newsletter. Please be aware that the world wide web (internet) is a very public place where our newsletter is posted and archived on our website.

Last names are not used in the newsletter, but if you have an issue with being found or some other reason for fuller anonymity, you may not want your first name and last initial or your email address in the newsletter.

Persons with official positions (office coordinator, for example) may want just the position title printed.

Please let us know if you want more anonymity in the newsletter.

0777 Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee is soliciting info about any AA Activities- group events, dances, picnics etc.

Submit info by 20th of the month prior to publication to news0777@yahoo.com

Or deliver or mail to

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March Central Office

Niteline calls 75

Office calls 158

Walk-ins 69

April Anniversaries

NAME YEARS NAME YEARS NAME YEARS NAME YEARS

AA Way		Life Goes On		NPR KISS		Miracle Group	
Kurt W. 11		Linda K. 9		Jim B. 17		Carol J. 21	
Back to Basics		Men's Let's Talk		Vinny B. 7		Serenity Group	
EmmaJean F 29		Harry H. 23		Chris F. 13		Joe F. 22	
Nancy L. 31		Kent S. 8		Jack F. 34		Tropical Attitudes	
Cotee River		KIS Women's		Brett L. 26		Tom R. 33	
Brenda 6		Dory E. 24		Gina P. 2		Vinnie G. 7	
4th Dimension		Betsy H. 20		Heather Mc ?		Jim B. 4	
Chris 2		Nancy M. 31		Josh V. 6		Bret L. 26	
Joe H. 7		Pasco Big Book		Tom E. 4		Alan R. 2	
Happy, Joyous		Cindy M. 2		Pasco Big Book		Wonderful Sat.	
And Free		Tom M. 4		Bud B. 24		Rob C. 2	
Don C. 1		Dean C. 6		Bob L. 26		Mary K 26	
		Larry A. 15		Margaret N. 28		Scot S. 1	

Please submit anniversaries by the 20th of the previous month.

If the Central Office Door Is Locked

It's because office volunteers are badly needed. See the item below for hours. Nightline volunteers are needed, too. The shortage is acute because our wonderful seasonal volunteers are heading home for the summer. Please announce the need at meetings. Sponsors who can volunteer can lead by example by encouraging sponsors to volunteer. *"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."*

~~Bridging the Gap~~

Detox/Treatment/Jails Needs volunteers. Please Call Central Office (847-0777) and leave message for Don C.

Al-Anon Hotline

1-352-697-0497

Volunteers Needed

At Central Office!

Hotline Coordinator

Monday Night phones

Office Staff for:

2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri.

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM,

1:30 PM- 5:00 PM

1 shift Sat. 10:00 AM - 1 PM

Call 847-0777

Groups Represented at InterGroup 3/9/2011

Happy, Joyous & Free

3 & 11 Steps

Noon High

Back to Basics

How Important Is It?

Two or More

Amazing Grace

A Club Sat. Morning BB

2 For 1 Women's

Brown Baggers

NPR KISS

Food for Thought

"If you are an alcoholic, you are going to end up in one of four places: jail, an institution, dead or in AA."

District 15 Opportunities

Grapevine Chair & Alternate

Literature Chair & Alternate

Treatment Chair

DCM for Subdistrict 1

3rd Tuesday 6:30 PM. See calendar Pg. 4

Treasurer's Report

February 2011

Beginning Balance.....\$4,500.51

Income..... \$1,113.05

Expenses.....\$1,369.93

Ending Balance.....\$4,243.63

Meeting Updates

Speakers Wanted

Pasco Big Book Group needs speakers for its Saturday night Open Speaker Meetings, which are at 8 PM at Edna Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. Call Bob T., 819-9427.

Bring Beginners

NPR KIS Group's Open Beginners meeting needs support—6:45 PM Mondays, Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., NPR

Change of Format

Pasco Big Book's Traditions discussion meeting at 10 AM Thursdays has been changed from an open meeting to a closed meeting.

Beach Meeting

Join Pinellas AAs at a new seasonal **Dunedin Causeway Beach Meeting** 7-8 PM Wednesdays & Saturdays by the kayak rental/restrooms. Meetings will stop when Daylight Savings Time ends. Bring own coffee, chairs, towels, etc.

'Why the Pie?' from Pg. One

"He knew an alcoholic when he saw one, and I was so busy keeping it a secret that I feared he would share his opinion with the whole family (as if they didn't know). Having this fear and resentment only brought on tremendous self-pity: 'Oh, poor me, why do I have to put up with this miserable individual?' Resentment, fear and self-pity; these were 'the exact nature' of my wrongs. Finally understanding the purpose of this Step allowed me to review everything on the list and examine the motive behind each action or attitude.

"I had heard that if I didn't take the Fourth and Fifth Steps I could get drunk again. Now I understood; if I didn't take those Steps, I'd never get that personality change necessary for recovery." —Adapted with permission from the April, 2010 **Grapevine**. Carol K. resides in Sarasota, FL.

Polls (Continued from Pg. 1)

A total of 2643 AAs responded. The question was one of an online series of polls continuing at AA Grapevine.org.

AAs also were asked which of the following described their conception of "a Power greater than ourselves?"

Fifty-nine percent of 2151 respondents picked a personal High Power. The next-largest group (23.29%) chose "God as defined by an organized religion."

Other answers were: "other" (8.83%), the rooms or members of AA (5.53%), and "None—I am an atheist," (3.25%).

Asked "Were you arrested because of your drinking," a majority of 2353 respondents (59.33%) answered "yes," while 40.67% said "no."

Also asked was: "What do you consider your Number One character defect?" The question drew 4320 responses. Fear was the top answer at 37.41%, followed by selfishness (22.15%), resentment (17.13%), dishonesty (11.2%) and "other" (12%).

More than half (53.09%) of 4108 respondents reported that they went to a treatment facility before joining AA, while 46.91% did not go to a treatment facility.

Which step proved most difficult? Nearly 28 percent of 1881 respondents answered "all." Step Three was most difficult for nearly 23 percent, Step Nine for 22.17%, Step Five for 20.26% and Step Eleven for 6.91%.

More poll questions and results may be found at **AAGrapevine.org**. Used with permission of AAGrapevine.org.

www.wptsaa.org

Check out the Intergroup/District 15 website on the Internet. It has updated meeting lists, current and past newsletters, an events calendar, other hotlines and AA websites, links to online meetings and area intergroups, and a video, Welcome to AA.

April 2011
Mystery Phrase
 Puzzle
 (Step 4, Tradition 4)

Directions-

Find all the words listed and use the remaining letters to solve the **mystery phrase**. (Hint- circle individual letters that you find to make it easier to see the left-over letters.)

Mystery Phrase:

Relinquish unwanted.

List the good,

By Rain S., Noon High



Steering Committee

2 years sober, 1 1/2 yr term

Finance Committee

2 yrs sober, 2 yr term

Nightline Co-ord.

1 yr sobriety, 1 yr term-

(Call

Central Office @

727-847-0777)

Nominations accepted at **InterGroup**

Meeting 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM

At Central Office

BE THERE !

T R A D I T I O N L I F
 Y G N I H C R A E S O S
 R S S E V L E S R U O S
 O T U E T M H P R O T P
 T E G O A S D O U M H U
 N P E D M C R L O O E O
 E E E L M Y H E U N R R
 V T D C O O N R T O E G
 N S L I X H R O N T H Q
 I U I S H E W A N U A S
 S C I L O H O C L A U M
 N A F F E C T I N G W A
 N T E D S S E L R A E F

Word List

Affecting	Four	Other
Alcoholics	Group	Ourselves
Anonymous	Groups	Searching
Autonomous	Inventory	Should
Each	Made	Step
Except	Matters	Tradition
Fearless	Moral	Whole

April Calendar

April 2: District 15 Public Info/CPC Special Needs Comm. Noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri Ave., NPR.

April 8-10: Recovery Retreat, St. Leo Abby, for AA, Al-Anon. \$150 fee with 2-person room, meals. Call Bob (239-470-4351) or email: bob@theretreat.net. Google: Recovery Retreat St. Leo for more information.

April 9: District 15 Treatment Comm., Noon, A Club.

April 13: WPTSAA Intergroup Meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office. **Send a group member & be represented.**

April 15-17: South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly, Hutchinson Island Marriott, 555 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL. Details at area15aa.org.

April 15: District 15 meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., NPR.

April 16: District 15 Corrections Comm., Noon, A Club.

—**Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., 1 mi. east of Little Rd. Host: **Happy, Joyous & Free Group**. Speakers, fellowship, coffee, snacks. Basket helps support Central Office.

April 17: Pinellas Intergroup Picnic, Fort DeSoto Park, Pavilion 4 on North Beach. Coffee & soda provided.

April 18: 7:15 PM Sloppy Joe Fling, followed by open **Grapevine Meeting** at 8 PM. **Let's Get Better Together Group**, Spirit of Life MCC Church, 4133 Thys Rd. NPR.

April 22-24: Young People's (YPAA) Biannual Camping Trip, Dickinson State Park, Hobe Sound FL. Fireside meetings & more. Info at (772) 579-9668. \$10 per night, \$25 weekend.

April 28: Pasco Big Book monthly Eating Meeting at 7 PM, followed by **Member Anniversaries Speakers Meeting** at 8 PM, Edna Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

April 30: District 15 Archives Committee, Noon, Central Office. Come get involved and learn AA history!

Looking Ahead

Next year's 56th Florida State Convention will be held at **Innisbrook Resort**, Palm Harbor, July 30-Aug. 4, 2012. Many volunteer opportunities will be available. Congratulations to District 1 & District 15 for bringing the event here. **See right column for this year's Convention.**

"The Woodstock of AA:" Cocoa Beach 21st Spring Conference May 5-8, International Palms Resort. Speakers, workshops, DJ dance, pool, tennis, beaches. \$30 registration before April 5, then \$35. Conference room rate of \$96 good for 3 days prior & 3 days after to provide vacation time at Cocoa. Mention Woodstock in reserving at 321-392-1628. Call 877-902-5975 for conference info. Flyer on line at leestapesandcds.com.

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Archive Corner

Congratulations **Robert C.**, Tropical Attitudes, for answering the question, What happened to the Washingtonians that makes the **Third Tradition** so important to AA?"

The answer: The Washingtonians started in 1840 with six drunks and had as many as 600,000 members within a few years, but then destroyed themselves with infighting over outside issues. (See Wikipedia for details.) The **Third Tradition** (long form) rejects pressure to conform and requires AA groups to have "no other affiliation."

The new question: In what book and on what page is found the following statement regarding the Fourth Step: "**Resentment is the 'number one' offender.**"

Email me with your answer or a question for next month: Nancy A., District 15 Archives Chair. My email is: nauxier@verizon.com.

Archives are on display at Central Office. Stop in to see them & have coffee.

Looking Ahead (Continued from left of page.)

12th Spring Into Sobriety Women's Conference, May 20-22, DaySpring Conference Center, Parrish, FL near Ellenton. Speakers, workshops, meditations & "fun on 92 tranquil acres on the Manatee River." One day \$50, 8-bed cabin \$99, 2-person room, \$179. Email sis@conference.com. www.sisconference.com.

Summer Kickoff Classic, Memorial Day weekend May 27-30 at Hilton St.Petersburg Bayfront Hotel. An annual AA event with participation by Alanon and Alateens. Info: (727) 825-7010 or online at: summerkickoffclassic.org.

Ancient City Unity Roundup, May 27-30, St. Augustine. Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village. Speakers & workshops Friday evening-Monday morning. Dance to live music. Saturday golf tournament. Roundup fee \$35 by April 28, \$40 at door. Rooms \$99 1-4 persons. Info: Call Fred 389-677-6037 or email: fred@ancientcityaa.com. Register on line at: ancientcityaa.com.

55th Florida State Convention, July 20-24, Orlando, Doubletree Hotel/Universal Studios. Events include speakers, 2 banquets, ice cream socials, entertainment, fitness run/walk, golf tournament, workshops, Al-Anon, Ala-Teen, meetings and more. Details at **Central Office** or online at **55.FLSTATECONVENTION.COM**.

SoberCruises.com has three AA/Alanon cruises scheduled for coming months: seven days from Seattle with four stops in Alaska Aug. 16-23; a week from New York with four stops in Canada Oct. 8-15; a week in the Carriibbean from Miami with stops at Key West, Cozumel, Roatan, Montego Bay. Details at 1-866-356-8211 or online at sobercruises.com. Flyers available Central Office.

