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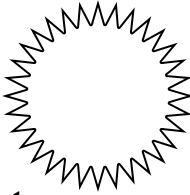


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## 54th Florida

**STATE  
CONVEN-  
TION**



### **“Step Into The Sunshine”**

**Aug. 11—15**

**Doral Golf Resort**

**And Spa—Miami , FL**

**33178**

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## Gather The Rose Of Love

Since defective relations with other human beings have nearly always been the immediate cause of our woes, including our alcoholism, no field of investigation could yield more satisfying and valuable rewards than this one. “ This statement from the Twelve and Twelve” is a poignant one since few places in our literature speak of and explicit cause of alcoholism.

Many years ago, when still drinking, I stood at my father’s coffin and whispered to him, “If you had given me what I needed when you were alive, I might be able to feel something now. But I have nothing to give.” I believed at the time that my father had never loved me, and I regretted this, but it never occurred to me, that I was still free to love him and that I was failing this responsibility.

For a long time, the one regret I had in sobriety was that I hadn’t been aware of my responsibility to love and had not been able to express love for my father. Throughout my life it

seems as though I’d be squeezing the world by the throat trying to make it love me, not realizing I first had to become a loving person in order to attract love into my life.

In my early sobriety, I saw an image on the bulletin board at a local rehab of a bottle of booze, complete with skull and crossbones, under which a caption read: It’s ironic that you should embrace me when you were seeking love, for I have not one drop of compassion for you.”

I was sober a few years when it occurred to me that I had never embraced my sons, who were man-sized by then. *See “Rose” on Page 5*

Step 8: “Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

Tradition 8: “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

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**Newsletter**

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

Submit all info by the 20th of the month preceding publication to:

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*Pickin' up Chips In August*

NAME	YEARS
<b><u>AA WAY</u></b>	
Terry J. ....	24
Peter K. ....	5
<b><u>BACK TO BASICS</u></b>	
Mike E. ....	16
<b><u>HAPPIER HOUR</u></b>	
Ralph ....	4
Mike M. ....	1
<b><u>HAPPY JOYOUS AND FREE (from July)</u></b>	
Jim B. ....	23
Jeff ....	14
Jack ....	1
<b><u>3 AND 11 STEPS GROUP</u></b>	
Eleanor ....	39
Larry ....	25
<b><u>2 FOR 1 WOMEN'S</u></b>	
Anita ....	25
<b><u>LIVING SOBER STUDY</u></b>	
Maureen M. ....	1
<b><u>COTTEE RIVER</u></b>	
Laurie P. ....	3
Walter B. ....	32

NAME	YEAR
Walter B. ....	32
<b><u>MENS LETS TALK</u></b>	
James D. ....	5
Frank W. ....	5
Thom J. ....	5
Chris D. ....	5
<b><u>HOOT-N-HOLLER GROUP</u></b>	
Chris B. ....	6
Donny B. ....	9
Justin V. ....	3
Ryan W. ....	2
<b><u>NEW LIFE GROUP</u></b>	
Richard L. ....	16
Bren P. ....	7
<b><u>KIS WOMEN'S GROUP</u></b>	
Kay H. ....	11
Barbara S. ....	38
Barrie S. ....	32
Edie W. ....	21
Roberta D. ....	3
<b><u>PASCO BIG BOOK</u></b>	
Tina J. ....	1
Mike H. ....	2

NAME	YEARS
Doug E. ....	34
Kathleen D. ....	5
Charlie M. ....	6
<b><u>SERENITY GROUP</u></b>	
Norris R. ....	23
Barrie S. ....	32
Anita H. ....	25
<b><u>TWO OR MORE</u></b>	
Chris ....	2
Sal ....	1
Julie ....	1
<b><u>HOW IMPORTANT IS IT GROUP</u></b>	
Craig T. ....	27
Edie W. ....	21
Harry N. ....	18
Roger P. ....	5
<b><u>LIFE GOES ON GROUP</u></b>	
Eric T. ....	13
John D. ....	10
Don G. ....	34
Nancy B. ....	19
<b><u>WONDERFUL SAT. STEP</u></b>	
Brenda P. ....	7

NAME	YEAR
Jeff B. ....	15
Bob C. ....	4
<b><u>MIRACLE GROUP</u></b>	
Robert W. ....	34
<b><u>NEW PORT RICHEY/ KISS GROUP</u></b>	
Dick B. ....	15
Debbie C. ....	18
Helen F. ....	13
Bob W. ....	29
Richard N. ....	11
Eddie M. ....	15
Paulette R. ....	2
Mike Hl ....	2
<b><u>TROPICAL ATTITUDES</u></b>	
Melissa ....	2
Ron M. ....	21
Billy P. ....	3
Mike H. ....	2
Christina ....	5
<b><u>NOON HIGH</u></b>	
Bill R. ....	3
<b><u>LIVING SOBER</u></b>	
Walter B. ....	32



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

“Embassy Suites– USF”

3705 Spectrum Blvd.

Call—813– 977-7066

<http://www.tampabayfallroundup.com>

July- Central Office

Niteline calls ... 90

Office calls ..... 78

Walk-ins ..... 34

*“Rose” continued  
from page 1*

suggesting we should have a “family hug night” one night a week. My sons and I admitted feeling a bit awkward the first time we embraced, but afterward we all agreed that we felt liberated. We no longer experienced awkwardness when embracing each other. We feel only love. Love is the way. My father’s name was on my eighth step list, and about a year and a half after, I’d made the list he came to me in a dream. In the dream, I asked his forgiveness because I was not the son I might have been or could have been because of my alcoholism. My father forgave me. Perhaps a dream therapist or a psychiatrist or some other scientifically-minded person might be able to tell me what this meant. But actually I don’t care what anyone thinks about it. I know the relationship with my father has been healed.

We are reminded in the St. Francis Prayer that it is better to love than to be loved, and Edmund Spenser poetically suggests, “Gather the rose of love whilst yet is time.”

Ed H., Brentwood, NY

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**Groups Represented**

**at InterGroup**  
**7/14/10**

**Tropical Attitudes**

**Amazing Grace**

**Life Recovery**

**KISS Group**

**2 for 1 women’s**

**KIS women’s**

**Happier Hour**

**Back to Basics**

**3 & 11 Step**

**Wonderful Sat. Step**

**Happy Joy and Free**

**Noon High**

**UNITY  
Meeting!**

\*\*\* Every 3rd Saturday! \*\*\*

August 21– **Tropical Attitudes**

November 20– **Pasco Big Book**

Groups wishing to sponsor a Unity Meeting, should attend a Unity Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month and meet with **John** 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 show-casing your home group at the same time.

Meeting @ 7 PM!

**Redeemer Community Church**

6540 Ridge Road

1 mile east of Little Rd.

“There is a solution!”

**24<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Tampa Bay Fall  
Round up  
Labor Day  
weekend**

Friday September 3, 2010-

Monday September 6, 2010

P0 Box 262545, Tampa FL 33685

**Embassy Suites Tampa  
USF**

**3705 Spectrum Blvd.**

**Tampa FL 33612**

**(813)977-7066**

**Saturday workshops  
Gene and Bubbles**

**Sunday  
Sandy B.**



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**\* current meeting list**

**Word Search**  
**Step/Tradition 8**

**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.)

*By Rain S.*

*Noon High Group*

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



**Office Coordinator Elect**

*1 needed-- min.3 mo. term, will rotate to Coordinator which is 2 yr term.*

*5 yrs. Sober*

**Steering Committee**

*1 needed-- 18 month term.*

*2 yrs. Sober*

**InterGroup Secretary**

*2 yrs. Sober, 2 yr. term*

*1 needed-- 2 yr term*

*2 yrs Sober*

**Mystery phrase:** We prepare ourselves to put right what is wrong.

**Word List**

- |            |         |                 |           |
|------------|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| alcoholics | employ  | may             | special   |
| all        | forever | nonprofessional | step      |
| amends     | had     | our             | them      |
| anonymous  | harmed  | persons         | tradition |
| became     | help    | remain          | willing   |
| but        | list    | service         | workers   |
| centers    | made    | should          | write     |
| eight      | make    |                 |           |

# August 2010

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Dist 15 Special Needs Com.— Noon @ AClub
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Dist. 15 Agenda— 6:30PM @ Central Of- fice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <u>Inter- Group-</u> 6:30 PM @ Central Of- fice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Dist 15 Treatment Committee Noon @ AClub
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>District 15-</u> 6:30 PM @  Comm. Cong. Church	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Dist 15 Correc- tions— Noon @ AClub  <u>Unity Mtg.</u> <u>7PM</u>  Redeemer Com- munity Church
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Dist 15 Ar- chives- Noon @ Central Of- fice
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Directions</b>			
<p><b>A Club</b>— 5650 West Missouri Ave. / New Port Richey  <b>Central Office</b>— 6611 U.S.19, Suite 505 / New Port Richey</p>						
<p><b>Community Congregational Church</b>— 6533 Circle Blvd. / New Port Richey</p>						
<p><b>Redeemer Community Church</b> - 6540 Ridge Road / NPR 1 mi. E. of Little Rd.</p>						

## **Group Contributions 2010**

*Thanks for your contributions!*