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"I guess the Old Folks were right after all"

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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

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

"To another human being?" Wow, that's scary and impossible! That's how I felt when reading Step Five. "To another human being?" Wow, if I did that, all of AA would sweep me out the door along with the dust. My secret closet had lots of terrible things in it.

I would have to admit certain defects and ascertain in a rough way what the trouble is. This requires action on my part, which, when completed, will mean that I have admitted to God, to myself, and "to another human being," the exact nature of my defects. How frightening. This brings me to the Fifth Step in the program of recovery.

I finally did it. Step Five, and guess what? My sponsor didn't hate me, but she kept all my secrets to herself. Another surprise! She

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

In reading the Tradition from the 12 and 12 the very first line says, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last." What this means to me is that our purpose in the meetings is to talk about alcohol and to carry this message to the still suffering alcoholic. What does my group do to help the still suffering? This is a question that comes up a lot and I can say without a doubt that my group does everything they possibly can to help.

We have three people that volunteer at the Central Office answering the phone lines and being available to sell literature. We have three people who hold offices at District. Twice a month we take a meeting to Detox. There are two people who hold offices with Intergroup trying to make sure that when someone calls the hotline, the hand of A.A. will always be there.

At our meetings when we talk about alcohol and go in depth over the steps of recovery, that is all

"TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING"

gave me a medallion that said, "A.A. and all it's Steps are here to make me feel good". Wow again. All these Steps looked terrifying to me, especially Step Five. At first I gulped in fear, but did Step Five with my sponsor and lot's of apprehension.

And what relief! When it was finished I felt like a complete new life poured into me. No more need I be afraid. Step Five was DONE!!! I had camped out on the Fourth and Fifth Step long enough. I was "working on it." If anyone ever asked where I was in the Steps I'd reply "I'm working Step Four," "or I'm working on Step Five." Working on getting ready to do them was the truth..... Sort of like wanting to want to stop drinking. "I'll put it off until tomorrow."

What am I likely to receive from Step Five? For one thing, I'll get rid of that terrible sense of isolation I always had.

Suffering from those feelings that I never quite belong.

After I did my Fifth Step, my sponsor suggested I begin doing Step Six! "Moving forward is what it's all about," she said.

An old-timer told me "it's either you grow or you go". Such profundity from a group of drunks! "I had to surrender," they said. After you've been through the Steps, then you pass it on! We each share our own experience, strength, and hope with each other.

All the Steps are necessary on the road to recovery. The Promises tell us we'll not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it We'll see how our own personal experience can benefit others. Others means "to another human being"!!! Imagine that!

Respectfully,

Stephani B.

OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

we talk about. We tell how it was, what has happened, and what it is like right now. And how the steps have changed our lives. We don't get into any of the other addictions or personal problems outside of A.A.. The first thing we do at our meeting is, we read our Statement of purpose given to us from the 1987 General Service Conference which for our meeting says, "This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. In support of A.A.'s singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that when discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism." The preface to the statement says, "This group strongly adheres to the following statement." There is another statement for open meetings that states; This is an open meeting of

Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here—especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking," we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol." We try to make it clear from the very start that we deal with alcohol and only alcohol.

The Traditions are here to keep A.A. strong. They came about by our 'founders' and the mistakes they made. They keep us United and doesn't dilute A.A. with other things. My group lives up to this TRADITION and sticks with alcohol problems with alcohol, and the still suffering alcoholic and nothing more.

Nancy A.
The Wonderful
Saturday Step Group

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Bill J. - Stephani B. - Donna W.

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

NEWS0777@YAHOO.COM

Or to the newsletter mailbox at:

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10 AM - 1 PM Saturday

Closed: Sunday & Holidays

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TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1, 2007 Bal.	\$ 1639.97
Total Donations	\$ 914.80
+ Total Sales	\$ 815.25
Total Income	\$ 1730.05
Subtotal	\$ 3370.02
- Total Expenses	\$ 912.76
April 30 Ending Bal.	\$ 2457.26



Balance should include Prudent Reserve of \$2750.00

CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

Hotline Calls	112
Office Calls	209
Walk Ins	47

HOTLINE & OFFICE PHONE:

727-847-0777

**PASS THE BASKET
April 2007**

Wonderful Sat. Group	\$200.00
Two or More	\$100.00
New Life Group	\$25.00
Tropical Attitudes	\$40.00
Recovery Thru. Steps	\$15.00
Unity Meeting	\$139.00
New Hope Group	\$25.00
Brown Baggers	\$20.00
KISS	\$25.00
Life in Recovery	\$10.00
James Gang	\$10.00
In The Beginning	\$ 5.00
Intergroup	\$27.00
Pasco Big Book	\$60.00
Missing Link	\$ 4.00
Personal Donation	\$ 1.80
How Important Is It	\$110.00
Unity Meeting	\$177.00
Cotee River Young People	\$50.00

**INTERGROUP
GROUP ATTENDANCE
AT MONTHLY MEETING**

April 11, 2007

Wed. Afternoon Group	KISS
Hoot & Holler	Wonderful Step Group
Happier Hour	New Life
Life in Recovery	Men's Lets Talk
James Gang	How Important Is It
In The Beginning	Tropical Attitudes
Easier Softer Way	New Hope Beginners
K.I.S. Women	Happy Joyous Free
Candlelight	Back to Basics
Steering Comm.	Chairperson
Secretary	Treasurer
Hot Line	Unity Committee

Message from the Office Coordinator

We are looking for someone to stand as Office Coordinator. The requirements are that said member of A.A. have at least five (5) years of continuous sobriety. Term of service is a two (2) year term.

OLLIE THE

Relapse is not a requirement for sobriety.



May : Pickin' up chips

A.A.WAY	YEARS	LIFE GOES ON	YEARS
John D.	4	LIVING SOBER	
CANDLELIGHT BEGINNERS		Stephani B.	18
Jean M.	11	Eugene S.	11
Ann D.	15	MEN LET'S TALK	
Joe D.	17	Ross R.	19
Nancy F.	10	Stan B.	18
Kathi J.	19	Ron D.	8
COTEE RIVER YOUNG PEOPLE		Rob W.	3
HAPPIER HOUR		Jack P.	2
Jack P.	2	Chris B.	2
Marty C.	1	Todd S.	2
Mike B.	19	MIRACLE GROUP	
Robert P.	7	Paul F.	1
Wayne	6	NPR KISS GROUP	
HOW IMPORTANT IS IT		NEW HOPE BEGINNERS	
Max H.	20	Nancy M	27
K.I.S. WOMEN		Gloria H.	2
Linda Sh.	6	Dottie I.	33
Marilyn Mc.	7	PASCO BIG BOOK	
Marion S.	16	Dennis S.	18
Jane A.	27	Jim B.	12
TROPICAL ATTITUDES		Fran R.	5
Bridget S.	18	Donn E.	1
Christine R.	7	RECOVERY THROUGH THE STEPS	
WONDERFUL SAT. STEP		Mariam A.	21
Garl Z.	2	Warren B.	22
Josh C.	4	SERENITY GROUP	
3 & 11 STEP GROUP		Linda S.	6
SURRENDER GROUP		Kim H.	16
EASIER SOFTER WAY		BACK TO BASICS	
TWO OR MORE		Jack P.	2
Mike F.	4	NEW LIFE	
Michael D.	3	Bill M.	21
		Dale M.	2

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 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**

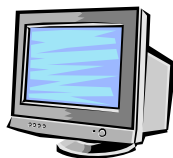
ANSWER PHONES

At the Central Office and the Overnight Hotline Phone when the office is closed. Contact the Office Coordinator 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 &
Where & When List



www.wptsaa.org



Joe deMarsh Ryan,

past suddenly at his home on April 3, 2007. A memorial service took place at 1:PM, Saturday, April 14,2007, at Dobies Funeral Home,

Old State Road 54, New Port Richey, Fl.

The room was filled with both his friends and co-workers and his friends of Bill W... After Joe's family shared about his life and times, his brother Jim asked if any of us would like to share or say a few words about Joe. Well, one by one each of us went up and shared how Joe has touched our lives. One friend said about Joe, "I never knew anyone who grew so much so quickly as he did. Joe was truly both a sincere and caring person." A friend who knew him since they lived in the same neighborhood together in Washington D C said, "Joe's friendship was a kind of friendship that would and did last forever in my life."

He was born on July 7, 1955 in

AA ERA PASSES...ED G.

Long time sober Pasco County AA'er , ED G., passed away recently. In a way, it's the passing of an A.A. ERA here. We remember when ED and his family members use to line up in the same seats, every Tuesday night at the "3 & 11 Step Group" for many years. The old-time members always adjourned that meeting for the "Meeting after the Meeting" at Sambo's (until closing). As ED often shared in his A.A. talks, "In those days we didn't think, "What meeting will I go to tonight?" But " Will I go to the meeting tonight?"

Two of ED's daughters Kathy and Kristy and other family members are following in his footsteps, staying sober, 'ONE DAY AT A TIME'

ED's wife Janet has attended AL-ANON meetings and their love for each other has extended over a half of century, as they both walked that path of recovery.

But: So many more of us are grateful to ED, for helping us stay sober—over the years. God Bless you, ED, we will miss you.

St. Paul, Minnesoda. Joe was the youngest of five brothers and one sister.... James, Jacquelyn, John, Geoff, and Jeremy.

In 1966 he attended the Linton Hall Military School in Briston, Virginia. He served four years in the Army as a "chair-born Ranger." (as he called it), cause he sat behind a desk as a clerk.

His hobbies were a hot glass artist and a collector of pictures of eagles.

He moved to Florida and worked as a Radiology Technician at Morton Plant Mease Hospital in Dunedin.

Joe was a member of the "A" Club Group and also a member of the Tropical Attitudes Group..... Plus a frequent volunteer worker at the Intergroup Central Office. Joe never knew how many people he touched and helped in the fellowship. His sobriety date was October 13, 2004. One of his friends from A.A. said of Joe, "although he had only three years of continuous sobriety and service, it seemed like he was always here when we needed any help."

UNITY MEETING

We are seeking volunteers for one evening per month to help setup with the Unity Meeting.

<u>Hosted by</u>	<u>Date</u>
Serenity Group	May 19th
New Hope Beginners	June 16th
Bayou Group	July 21th
Tropical Attitudes	August 18th
"STILL OPEN"	Sept. 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.

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

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

"Meeting Makers Make It"

District 15 News: May

The District held its most recent meeting on April 17th at the Community Congregational Church in New Port Richey. 30 people were in attendance. Treasure Bob advised us of the District's opening balance for March was \$2363.67. The closing balance was \$3722.28. Expenses and contributions were high this month. Primary in reference to donations and cost associated with the Anniversary Dinner. Expenses totaled \$1340.39 and contributions amounted to \$2699. During the month of March, donations were received from five groups. The generosity is gratefully appreciated.

Committee Chairs had some recent developments to report. Rick, Archives Chair, was able to attend the Area 15 Quarterly Meeting in St. Petersburg during the second weekend in April. As a result, our District is registered with Area 15 as having an active Archives Committee. Also Rick stated that the Archives Seminar provided information on appropriate methodologies on how to maintain and expand a District's archives. J.D. the Corrections Chair, attended the Quarterly Meeting as well. He indicated that he was able to meet with the Correction Chair from District 2. Primarily, District 2 covers East Pasco and Hillsborough County. Within District 2 is the Land O' Lakes Correctional Facility which houses the female inmates from all of Pasco County. In conjunction with Rick's meeting with the District 2 Rep, an opportunity now exist for the possibility of volunteers from our District 15 being able to bring meetings to Pasco County correctional females inmates. Future developments will be reported as they develop. Chairperson Doug G. indicated that our District had a total of 10 attendees at the April Area 15 Quarterly. Nancy, District Committee member for Sub-District 2, indicated attendance was down somewhat at the groups within her Sub-District. However,

she attributed this reduction to "snow birds" returning to their homes in the north. Also, Nancy provided a reminder for interested parties to register for the State Convention to be held this summer in Orlando. Available space is being filled quickly.

Under new business, a spirited debate ensued over the possibility of the District purchasing a lap-top computer for the District's Secretary. All District Secretaries do need a word processor of some sort for District meeting minutes, correspondence, Quarterly Meetings and other projects involving the generating and dispersing of information. During the course of the recent Area 15 Quarterly Meeting, it was learned that most Districts have purchased lap-top computers for their respective Secretaries. The larger District's own several lap-tops. One of our members, generously offered to donate a home computer for the District Secretary. However, the big advantage to a lap-top computer is portability. The detrimental side to this type of purchase is cost. Presently, the District does have an opportunity of purchasing a rebuilt lap-top computer for approximately \$200. Also, one of the other Districts within Area 15 offered to donate one of their lap-top computers to our District. Chairperson Doug G. sought and received a motion for those in attendance to go back to their groups and ask for the groups opinion on the nature of purchasing a lap-top computer. Projected cost was capped at no more than \$250. Pending receipt of this information from our District groups. A decision on such a purchase was deferred until next month's meeting which is set for May 15th. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm and is held in Andrus Hall, in the rear of the Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., New Port Richey. If your schedule permits, please stop by and join us.

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:

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)

\$3.95 for a monthly subscription

Each month, AudioGrapevine, the audio version, offers two months of the Grapevine magazine to download and listen to anytime, anywhere. From a desktop, MP3 player or CD, you can hear new stories of hope, personal recovery, and spiritual growth from A.A. members.

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/

SOBRIETY IS MY PRIORITY

"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.