

0777 newsletter



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AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777

October 2011

Unity Meeting

Discover the Truth Group hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, Oct. 15, at Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side.

Come and enjoy fellowship, two speakers & dessert while supporting AA work.

November Unity Host: **Pasco Big Book Group**, Saturday, Nov. 19, same time & place.

Will your group sponsor a Unity meeting? Call John C., coordinator, (727) 597-0418.

Step Ten: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

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District 15 News

Gratitude Dinner

Help is still needed for staging the free Nov. 5 **Gratitude Dinner**, our biggest annual event. Donations from individuals and groups plus many volunteer staff make the free dinner possible.

The event is planned for 2:30-6:30 PM Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Speaker will be **Stacy E., of Lakeland**, with 29 years in AA.

Volunteers may attend a meeting of the dinner committee or call one of the co-chairs, **Marguerite**, of Amazing Grace Women's Group, at 727-729-3699, or **Lorri P.**, 3 & 11 Steps Group, at 727-869-4877. Meetings are at 1 PM Saturdays Oct. 8, 22, 29 at the A Club, NPR.

Donations of cooked food, hams and turkeys, plus gift baskets and AA publications for prizes, are needed. The event is the highlight of **Gratitude Month**.

Committee Changes: **Chris K.**, 4th Dimension Group, is the new Literature Chair, and **Melanie N.** the new Registrar. They succeed Kevin M. in the Literature post and Karen C. as Registrar, both of whom have relocated. Kevin and Karen belonged to the Wonderful Saturday Step Group.

Jim B., of Tropical Attitudes, is the new DCM for Sub-District 2.

(See more D-15 news on Pg. 5)

Halloween Event Oct. 29

All are invited to a **Halloween Dance**, with costume contests for kids and adults, at **Hernando Pasco A Club Oct. 29**. **Hernando InterGroup** is sponsoring. See Calendar on pg. 4 for details.

Please announce at Meetings

Join Us Oct. 16!

Central Office will hold an Open House and Volunteer Fair from 1-4 PM Sunday, Oct. 16.

Pizza, snacks, soda and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome.

Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and explain the rewards that come from answering anguished calls for help.

"We'd especially like to see people who might be interested in volunteering a little of their time once a week," said **Mary Ellen C.**, office coordinator and member of Happy, Joyous and Free Group.

The District 15 Archives will be on display. They feature historic items dating from 1855, including Grapevine magazines starting in 1949.

Central Office is on the northwest corner of US 19 & Green Key Rd. and is handicapped accessible. See Page 2 for phone and address.

Meeting Updates

Triangle Group has changed locations and now meets at **First Baptist Church**, 6800 Trouble Creek Rd., NPR, at noon Fridays. Its Open Big Book meetings were being held at Spirit of Life MCC Church.

Let's Get Better Together Group celebrates its first anniversary at 6:30 PM Monday, Nov. 7, at Spirit of Life MCC Church, 4133 Thys Rd., NPR. Ice cream sundaes and cake will be served. The group's regular open **Grapevine** discussion meeting follows at 8 p.m.

(See More Meeting Updates pg. 5)

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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September Central Office

Niteline calls 37

Office calls 106

Walk-ins 42

October Anniversaries

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Back to Basics		Hoot N Holler		Pasco Big Book		Tropical Attitudes	
Clare D.	14	Ivan L.	31	Butch (Sept)	31	Milton M.	6
Gordon C.	2	Kelly C.	3	Mike P. (Sept)	1	Penelope M.	23
Cotee River		Life Goes On		Boyd	2	Mary H.	3
Charles M.	2	Terry B.	8	Maura P.	11	Jennifer S.	3
Jimbo	2	KIS Women's		John C.	15	John M.	10
Happy, Joyous And Free		Kathy M.	18	Bill W.	15	Robert	3
Phyllis M.	3	Marianne L.	8	Gary Z.	21	Rod	2
Jim W.S.	41	Living Sober		Tod M.	32	Two or More	
Gordon G.	2	Bernie W.	2	2 For 1 Womens		Dick	34
How Important Is It		Tom C.	2	Mary Pat	3	Joe M.	30
Brenda K.	12	New Hope Beginners		Wonderful Saturday Step Group			
		Kat N.	4	Mary K.	3		

Volunteers Needed At Central Office!

Nightline Coordinator

Office Staff for:

2 shifts daily Mon.-Fri.

10 AM - 1:30 PM,

1:30 PM- 5 PM

1 shift Sat. 10 AM - 1 PM

Call (727) 847-0777

Please announce at meetings. We need help to keep the door open and the phone answered when somebody needs AA

Al-Anon Hotline

352-697-0497

Help Us Inform Professionals about AA

By Jim S., chair, District 15 Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee

Tradition Eight states in part: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional..."

Yet we acknowledge that, particularly in AA's pioneering time, an esteemed collection of nonalcoholic professional men and women provided critical knowledge and support as AA grew in its ability to help the suffering alcoholic.

Among them was Dr. William Silkworth, whose description of alcoholism as an allergy to alcohol coupled with an obsession to drink, helped to set AA co-founder Bill W. on the road to recovery at Town Hospital in NYC.

Sister Ignatia, a nurse at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio, was another.

See 'Professionals' on Pg. 4

Groups Represented at InterGroup 9/14/2011

New Hope Beginners

New Life

Two or More

3 & 11 Steps

Back to Basics

Fourth Dimension

Tropical Attitudes

Noon High

Amazing Grace

Not a Glum Lot

KIS Women's

Life Recovery

Let's Get Better Together

Sober Not Dead

Happier Hour

District 15 Opportunities

Alt. Chairs Most Committees.

DCM for Subdistrict 1.

Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts

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

Treasurer's Report

August 2011

Beginning Balance.....\$4,006.80

Income \$907.50

Expenses \$817.71

Ending Balance \$4,096.59

More D-15 News

The next South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly will be Oct. 23-25 at the Sheraton Four Points, Sebring, FL. Any AA may attend at his/her own expense. There will be AA meetings, workshops and committee meetings.

For info, Google 'October south florida area 15 quarterly assembly' or call 863-446-0583. Rates at various hotels were in the September 0777news, available on line at www.wptsaa.org.

The first 2012 South Florida Area 15 Quarterly will be held at the St. Pete Hilton Jan. 13-15 with District 15 as co-chair. "I will be looking for many volunteers," said Barbara R., District 15 chair. "Sign-up sheets were passed out at the last District Business Meeting. You can also contact me if interested." Barbara's phone is 727-992-5175.

Still-open positions are DCM for Sub-District 1 (A Club area) alternate DCMs for all sub-districts, and alternate chairs for all committees except for Treatment and PI/CPC.

More Meeting Updates

"It's so nice to see a big crowd here," Patricia said at the Sept. 28 dinner. "We don't get the numbers we used to. We struggle to make the rent, but the miracle is, we do every month." She agreed the attendance drop likely is because there are so many more meetings than there used to be and all are now non-smoking.

It happened to be group member Mike W's 11th anniversary and so he was the speaker. After two slips, his story was a reminder that it is a lot easier to stay sober than to slip and struggle to get sobriety back.

More Meeting Updates

New Meeting

Tropical Attitudes Group, has added a meeting to its lineup. The one-hour open discussion meeting is held at 9:30 PM on Tuesdays, 5331 Main St., NPR

Ladies Invited

Members of **Why It Works Group** would like to have more women at their open steps discussion meetings at 8 PM Wednesdays at Edna Club, especially ladies willing to chair. See address in next item.

Eating Meeting

Pasco Big Book monthly **Eating Meeting**, 7 PM Thursday, Oct. 27, followed by 8 PM **Member Anniversaries Speakers Meeting**, Edna Ave. Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

Support, Please

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

Speakers Wanted

Pasco Big Book Group needs speakers for its Saturday night Open Speaker Meetings, 8 PM at Edna Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. Call Bob T., 727-819-9427.

Silver Anniversary

Candlelight Beginners Group, perhaps the first non-smoking meeting in West Pasco, celebrated its **25th Anniversary** with a potluck dinner preceding its regular weekly open speaker meeting.

Patricia L., now the group's senior member, recalled that the group began on Sept. 23, 1986, under the leadership of Anne M., who came from the North and was unable to find a non-smoking meeting. That same motivation led Patricia to the group 18 months later. The group also is unusual in that it has been meeting at Community Congregational Church on Circle Blvd., NPR, since its start.

(See More Meeting Updates at left)

October 2011
Mystery Phrase
Puzzle
 Step/Tradition Ten

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:

Honest, Open, Willing

By Rain S., Noon High

Finance Committee

2 yrs sober, 2 yr term

Nightline Co-ord.

1 yr sobriety, 1 yr term-

Treasurer

2 yrs sober, 2 yr term

(Call Central Office @

727-847-0777)

Nominations accepted at Inter-Group Meeting 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM

At Central Office. BE THERE !

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

Word List

admitted	alcoholics	anonymous	continued
controversy	drawn	hence	into
inventory	issues	name	never
opinion	ought	outside	personal
promptly	public	step	take
tenth	tradition	were	when
	wrong		

October Calendar

Oct. 7-9: Weekend **Recovery Retreat** for AA & Al-Anon, St. Leo University. \$150 includes shared room, meals. Call or email Bob, 239-470-4351 or: bob@theretreat.net.

Oct. 8: District 15 Treatment Committee., Noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Join & help carry the message into De-tox and ACTS. Women members are acutely needed.

Oct. 8: Gratitude Dinner Committee, 1 PM, A Club, NPR. Many volunteers needed—cooks, servers, cleanup, hosts.

Oct. 8-15: Sober Cruise. See details in *Looking Ahead*.

Oct. 12: WPTSAA Intergroup Meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR. Be represented!

Oct. 15: Unity Meeting, 7 PM at Redeemer Community church, 7540 Ridge Rd. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: **Discover the Truth Group**. Speakers, fellowship, snacks.

Oct. 15: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/CPC Committees both meet at noon at A Club, NPR, on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Attend and volunteer.

Oct. 16: Central Office Open House/Volunteer Fair, 1-4 PM at Central Office, 6611 US 19, Suite 505, NPR. Come see the operation & consider volunteering. Pizza, refreshments. Guests welcome. See details on page 1.

Oct. 18: District 15 meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., NPR. Come & learn.

Oct. 21-23: Suncoast Roundup 2011, Dolphin Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach. AA & Al-Anon speakers, plus meetings, workshops, karaoke & popular musical pantomime, "**Charlie, the Newcomer**." Rooms for up to four from \$89. Roundup registration \$30. Info at www.suncoastroundup.org. Flyer in Central Office. Email: info@suncoastroundup.org.

Oct. 22: Gratitude Dinner Committee meeting, 1 PM, A Club, NPR. Volunteers needed. See Oct. 8 above.

Oct. 23: 5th annual Rocksoberfest, 12 Noon, Lake Seminole Park, Shelter #2. Speaker **Sandy B., of Tampa**. Free.

Oct. 23-25: South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly, Sheraton Four Points, Sebring, FL. More info on line at www.area15aa.org & in September *0777news* at www.wptsaa.org

Oct. 27: 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."

Oct. 29: Archives Committee meeting, Noon, Central Office. Come get involved with AA history.

Oct. 29: Gratitude Dinner Committee meeting, 1 PM A Club, NPR. See Oct. 8 above.

Oct. 29: Halloween Dance, 7 PM-Midnight, **Hernando-Pasco A Club**, 18922 Titus Rd., County Line Industrial Park, Hudson, sponsored by **Intergroup of Hernando AA**. Child & adult costume contests, haunted house, fortune tellers, raffle. Free burgers, hotdogs, other food. Tickets \$3 in advance, \$5 at door. Info at 352-683-4597.

Professionals And AA from Pg. 2

Along with co-founder Dr. Bob S., Sister Ignatia ministered to thousands of drunks as they sobered up on the alcoholism ward that she established at the hospital.

Warden Clinton Duffy, a giant in the corrections field, established AA in California's San Quentin prison, paving the way for thousands of incarcerated alcoholics to get help.

The experience and expertise of these and many other nonalcoholic professionals over the years provide a rich resource for AA members and those interested in our program of recovery.

Yet there is still much to be done among nonalcoholic professionals such as doctors, counselors, clergy and corrections personnel. That's where we come in. Members of PI/CPC committees inform present and future professionals about AA—what we are, where we are, what we can do and what we cannot do.

We attempt to establish better communications between AA and professionals and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

You are invited to join in this exciting and vital effort. Come to a meeting of the District 15 PI/CPC Committee, which meets at Noon on the third Saturday of the month at the A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Questions? Call me at 727-331-3796 or email: district15cpc@yahoo.com.

Information in this articles comes from the following sources: Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, About AA-A Newsletter for Professionals, Spring 2011 and Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbook. Love and Service, Jim S.

Looking Ahead

Annual free District 15 Gratitude Dinner, 2:30-6:30 PM, Saturday, **Nov. 5**, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Volunteers needed—cooks, servers, cleanup, hosts. Attend a dinner committee meeting (See calendar at left) or call a co-chair: Marguerite at 727-729-3699 or Lorri P at 727-869-4877.

Quest Retreat for AA & Al-Anon, weekend of **Nov. 4-6**, St. Leo University campus. Shared room & meals \$142. Google quest retreats st. leo or call Connie 352-460-2224 or Cliff 727-546-2239.

SoberCruises.com has three AA/Al-Anon cruises planned for coming months. An Oct. 8-15 trip from New York will make four Fall foliage stops in Canada. Caribbean cruises are scheduled from Miami Nov. 1-10 & Jan. 28-Feb. 4. They visit different ports. More at 1-866-356-8211 or on line: sobercruises.com. Flyers at Central Office.

45th Las Vegas Roundup Nov. 24-27, Riviera Hotel/Casino. Four days of marathon & speaker meetings & workshops for AA, Al-Anon & Alateen, English & Spanish. Fun includes a walk/run, golf, dances nightly & banquet (\$58) with show & speaker. Save \$5 by registering for \$35 on line at www.lasvegasroundup.org. Volunteers needed. Rooms from \$61. Call 1-800-634-6753 to reserve.

Group Contributions 2011													
(Those not in by the 21st each month will be posted the next month.)													
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
000617577-015	37.80												37.80
678657								50.00					50.00
1001 Reasons						25.00							25.00
2 for 1 Women's Step Study		20.00		15.00					12.76				47.76
3 & 11 Group				20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00				120.00
4th Dimension							100.00						100.00
7 & Up Group	50.00							25.00					75.00
A Club 12 & 12													-
A Club Big Book													-
A Club Joe & Charlie Tapes													-
A Club Saturday AM Big Book	30.00			50.00									80.00
A Club Sunday AM Gratitude	100.00			100.00			50.00						250.00
AA Way Group													-
Along Spiritual Lines													-
Amazing Grace			32.50										32.50
Anonymous	11.65		3.90	0.50	0.50		1.15	1.40	0.80				19.90
As Bill Sees It				25.00									25.00
Back to Basics							90.00						90.00
Bayou Group													-
Beach Group							37.40						37.40
Brown Baggers	20.00			20.00	20.00				20.00				80.00
Came to Believe	25.00			25.00									50.00
Candlelight Beginners													-
Cotee River Young People													-
Discover the Truth													-
District 15													-
Dry Dock					24.00								24.00
Each Day New Beginning			20.00						25.00				45.00
Easier Softer Way													-
Edna Ave. Club 12 & 12													-
Edna Ave. Joe & Charlie Tapes													-
Friday Night Live													-
Friday Night Serenity													-
Grapevine													-
Happier Hour					250.00				325.00				575.00
Happy Joyous & Free													-
Hoot n Holler Group													-
How Important Is It	48.00			48.00			56.00						152.00
Intergroup	22.00		20.00	18.00	15.50	13.00	15.00	16.00					119.50
James Gang				10.00									10.00
KIS Women's Group							60.00						60.00
Let's Get Better Together				102.00		103.00							205.00
L.I.F.E. Recovery			12.00										12.00
Life Discussion Group					70.00		40.00						110.00
Living Sober					70.00			50.00					120.00
Living Sober Study Group				25.00									25.00
Men Only													-
Men's Lets Talk									80.00				80.00
Miracle Group									50.00				50.00
Monday Night Big Book		25.00						50.00					75.00
Morning Inventory													-
New Hope Beginners	25.00		25.00		25.00			25.00					100.00
New Life Group													-
Noon High		60.00	30.00			40.00	35.00						165.00
Not a Glum Lot	10.00	10.00	10.00		10.00	20.00		20.00					80.00
NPR KISS Group		10.00	20.00	10.00		10.00	10.00		20.00				80.00
Pasco Big Book	40.00			60.00			60.00						160.00
Serenity Group					178.00								178.00
SOS Group													-
Surrender Group													-
Thursday 12 & 12													-
Triangle Group													-
Tropical Attitudes	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00		60.00	60.00	60.00					420.00
Two or More	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	95.00		200.00		150.00				845.00
Unity Meeting	20.00	45.25	52.13		59.20	16.10	42.16	23.90	38.51				297.25
Why It Works						10.00		20.00					30.00
Wonderful Step Group									50.00				50.00
TOTALS	\$599.45	\$330.25	\$385.53	\$688.50	\$837.20	\$317.10	\$876.71	\$386.30	\$767.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,188.11

Please keep in mind the seventh tradition: Every A. A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. That means Central Office is supported by your group contributions. Thanks for your support!