

0777 newsletter



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AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777

September 2011

Unity Meeting

Easier Softer Way Women's Group hosts the monthly **Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Saturday, Sept. 17, 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.

October Unity Host: **Discover the Truth Group**, Saturday, Oct. 15, same time & place.

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

Step Nine: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

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District 15 News

Gratitude Dinner

Volunteers and donations are needed to help stage the free **Gratitude Dinner**, our biggest annual event.

A highlight of **Gratitude Month**, the dinner is planned for 2:30-6:30 PM Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Dinner speaker will be **Stacy E., of Lakeland**, with 29 years in AA.

Those who can help are invited to attend a meeting of the dinner committee, chaired by Marguerite, of Amazing Grace Women's Group. She has scheduled meetings for 1 PM Saturdays Sept. 10 and 24 and Oct. 8, 22, 29 at the A Club, NPR.

Groups and individuals are encouraged to donate gift baskets, books, food, hams and turkeys. Such donations help make the free event possible. For information, call Marguerite at 727-729-3699.

Other Chances to Help

Volunteers are needed in many ways to help carry the AA message. Phone Barbara R., District 15 chair, (727) 992-5175, or leave your name and phone at Central Office (847-0777).

Treatment Committee needs women. If interested, attend the committee's meeting at 12 Noon Sept. 10 at the A Club, NPR.

The **Public Information/Cooperation with Professionals/Special Needs Committee (PI/CPC)** needs people and on Sept. 17 begins meeting at noon on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the A Club, NPR, in conjunction with meetings of the **Corrections Committee**. Both need members.

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

Please announce at Meetings

Party With Us!

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. Families 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

Fourth Dimension Group celebrated its first anniversary with a big speaker meeting and dinner—plus a good example of how AAs always say "yes" when they can.

Nearly 200 persons attended the celebration Aug. 5 at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs. Not present, however, was the scheduled speaker, Billy N., of New Jersey. He was home with a broken leg.

Kevin M., of Wonderful Saturday Step Group, agreed to speak. He is known for his service work.

(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

West Pasco/Tarpon Springs InterGroup

6611 US 19 Suite 505

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Donation Addresses

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District 15 General Service

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Area 15 Treasurer

PO Box 650699

Vero Beach, FL 32965-0699

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PO Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, New York 10163

August Central Office

Niteline calls 35

Office calls 94

Walk-ins 70

September Anniversaries

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
AA Way			Happy, Joyous And Frée		KIS Women's	Tropical Attitudes
Bob S.	26	Marie C.	34	Maureen L.	14	Sparky (Aug.) 37
Gary D.	25	Mike OB	19	Judy S.	29	Patrick B. 16
Jeff U.	24	Bill B.	11	Sunnie O.	7	Cyndie M. 29
Bill D.	22			Kate D.	35	Don L. 3
Michelle G.	16	Hoot N Holler		Debbie R.	3	Cammie H. 4
Patrick B.	16	Ed H.	38			Bonnie C. 4
Robert V.	6	Frank S.	8	Living Sober		Kate D. 35
Robert D.	6	John J.	24	Pat B.	16	Ralph O. 14
				Tommy D.	9	
Back to Basics		Mickey H.	21	New Hope Begin-ners		Two or More
Dennis S.	19	Sal C.	5			Kate 35
				Debi F.	24	
Cotee River				Ralphie O.	14	Wonderful Satur-day Step Group
Steve F.	12	Surrender				Dan L. 22
Christine	5	Pauline K.(Aug.)25		Serenity Group		Karen C. 16
Pat	16	2 For 1 Womens		John J.	24	Justin L. 2
		Sonia O.	7	Donna R.	20	
Life Goes On		Dianna	5	Gary D.	26	
Jack A.	36					

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

Al-Anon Hotline

352-697-0497

Obituary

Ray A., member of Saturday Morning Big Book Group at the A Club, passed away after a short illness. He was Intergroup Rep for his group and a member of the Archives Committee.

He will be missed by all. Our condolences to his wife, Sue, and other loved ones.

A memorial will be held on Sept. 18 at the T A T Civic Assn. clubhouse, 3210 Darlington Rd., Holiday. Its time will be available at the A Club, 727-846-7822, and at Central Office, 727-847-0777

Groups Represented at InterGroup 8/10/2011

- New Hope Beginners***
- New Life***
- Two or More***
- 3 & 11 Steps***
- How Important Is It?***
- Back to Basics***
- Fourth Dimension***
- Tropical Attitudes***
- Noon High***
- Amazing Grace***
- Not a Glum Lot***
- Why It Works***
- KIS Women's***
- Each Day A New Beginning***

District 15 Opportunities

- Alt. Chairs Most Committees.**
- DCM for Subdistricts 1 & 2**
- Alt. DCM's for all Sub-Districts**

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

Volunteers are needed for Corrections and Treatment Committees to take meetings into institutions. Call Barbara R., District chair, (727) 992-5175

Treasurer's Report

July 2011

Beginning Balance.....	\$4,432.75
Income	\$1,779.66
Expenses	\$2,205.61
Ending Balance	\$4,006.80

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. District 15 subsidizes attendance by some officers, but any AA may attend at his/her own expense. There will be AA meetings, workshops and committee meetings.

Rooms at the host hotel will be \$105. Rooms at the overflow hotels will be: Kenilworth Inn (863-385-0111) \$65-\$69; LaQuinta (863-386-1000) \$79; Inn on the Lakes (863-9400) \$89; Marriott Residence Inn (863-314-9100) \$101-\$109.

For info, Google 'October south florida area 15 quarterly assembly' or call 863-446-0583.

The **first 2012 South Florida Area 15 Quarterly** offers volunteer opportunities close to home. It will be held at the St. Pete Hilton Jan. 13-15. Contact Barbara R., District 15 chair, 727-992-5175.

District 15 applauds Craig T. for volunteering to be Alternate Chair of the PI/CPC. Other appointments were reported in the August **0777news**, on line at wptsaa.org.

Still-open positions are DCMs for Sub-Districts 1 (A Club area) and 2 (NPR area), alternate DCMs for all sub-districts, and alternate chairs for all committees except for Treatment and PI/CPC.

Got a Special Recipe?

Here's your chance to share it with others for a good cause. Members of Edna Ave. Club, Inc. home of many AA and Al-Anon meetings, are publishing a recipe book to benefit the club. Recipe deadline is Sept. 30.

"All cooks have a favorite recipe and we'd love to have it in our book," said Bonnie F., book coordinator and member of Pasco Big Book. Recipe forms are available at the club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson—or call Bonnie, 727-868-4784.

The club is raising money for a very good cause, improvement of the unpaved parking lot, and repairs.

More Meeting Updates

Kevin told how he was Twelfth-Stepped by an **Al-Anon** woman when he phoned to see if Al-Anon was "brainwashing" his estranged wife. As he poured out his woes, she kept asking: "Do you think you have a drinking problem?" Finally, he said "yes." She suggested AA.

Fourth Dimension Group started out as The Young Aces. The new group was formed because the old had lost sight of its primary purpose of carrying its message to still-suffering alcoholics, members explained. The new name suggests the goal of carrying the message into a whole new dimension.

Eating Meeting

Pasco Big Book monthly **Eating Meeting**, 7 PM Thursday, Sept. 29, followed by 8 PM **Member Anniversaries Speakers Meeting**, Edna Ave. Club, 7137 Edna Ave., Hudson. "Bring a dish if you can."

Meeting Change

Brothers Beginning Group has suspended meetings until January when they will resume at a new time and day. The men's Open Discussion has been at Noon Fridays at 7511 Little Rd., Bldg. C, Suite C, behind Jeanne's Restaurant. New time will be 7 PM Wednesdays in the same building, but in Suite B.

Bring Beginners

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.

Golf For Dry Dock

A golf tournament to benefit Dry Dock Center, Inc., home of many AA meetings in Tarpon Springs, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24. See calendar on page 4 for details.

September 2017
Mystery Phrase
Puzzle
 Step/Tradition Nine

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:

“Making amends shows that we’ve changed.”

By Rain S., Noon High

INTERGROUP OPPORTUNITIES

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 !

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

Word List

alcoholics amends anonymous boards but
 committees create direct directly except injure
 made may never nine organized
 others ought people possible responsible
 serve service step such them they those
 tradition when wherever would

September Calendar

Sept 2-5: Tampa Bay Fall Roundup, Embassy Suites Tampa-USF. AA, Al-Anon, AA Latina. Speakers, meetings, workshops, evening fun. Monday 9 AM AA open speaker meeting is free to all. Paul McQ., Oceanside, NY will talk. Info at Central Office or on line at tampabayfallroundup.com

Sept. 2-5: International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, San Francisco (CA) Marriott Marquis Hotel. Info at icypaahost.org.

Sept. 14: WPTSAA Intergroup Meeting, 6:30 PM, Central Office, 6611 US 19, Ste. 505, NPR. **Send a group rep.**

Sept. 10: District 15 Treatment Committee., Noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri, NPR. Join & help carry the message into De-tox and ACTS.

Sept. 10: Gratitude Dinner Committee, 1 PM at A Club, NPR. Come and volunteer—cooks, servers, cleanup, hosts.

Sept. 17: Unity Meeting, 7 PM at Redeemer Community, 7540 Ridge Red. NPR, 1 mile E. of Little Rd., S. side. Host: **Easier Softer Way Women's Group**. Speakers, fellowship, snacks.

Sept. 17: District 15 Corrections & Public Info/CPC Committees both now meet at noon at A Club, NPR, on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Volunteers are needed.

Sept. 20: District 15 meeting, 6:30 PM, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd., NPR.

Sept. 23-25 Florida Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, International Palms Resort, Cocoa Beach. Registration is \$15, not including room. Reservations at 1-800-206-2747 or at internationalpalms.com. Use code FCY for room discount. Info at fcypaa.net/2011/conference/.

Sept. 24: Tee off for the Dry Dock Center. Lansbrook County Club is host to the first annual Dry Dock Center, Inc. benefit golf tournament. Sign-up starts at 11 AM with four-person shotgun scramble at 1 PM and buffet awards dinner at 6 PM. \$100 covers fees, cart, bucket of balls, goody bag, T-shirt, dinner. Seven "awesome" prizes. Sponsorships available. Call 813-334-3507, 727-808-3554, 727-946-8955 or on line at www.TheFellowshipOpen.com

Sept. 24: Archives Committee meeting, Noon, Central Office. Come get involved with AA history.

Sept. 24: Gratitude Dinner Committee, 1 PM, A Club, NPR. Come and volunteer—cooks, servers, cleanup, hosts.

Sept. 29: 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."

More Looking Ahead

Suncoast Roundup 2011, weekend of Oct. 21-23, Dolphin Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach. AA and Al-Anon Family Group (AFG) speakers from four states, plus meetings, workshops, karaoke and popular musical pantomime, "**Charlie, the Newcomer**." Rooms for up to four start at \$89. Roundup registration is \$25 until Oct. 1, then \$30. Info at www.suncoastroundup.org. Flyer in Central Office or email: info@suncoastroundup.org.



Archive Corner

A 28-year-old account of how the Central Office in New Port Richey was founded, has been brought to light.

Nancy A., District 15 archives chair and member of the 2 For 1 Women's Step Study Group, called attention to the document, dated "9-19-83" and signed "M.G. for Archives." When West Pasco (WP) Central Office opened in December, 1981, West Pasco and Tarpon Springs were still in District 1, which now covers only Pinellas County.

The one-page typewritten text records how recognition of the need for a WP office grew out of months of discussions by WP members of the District 1 Committee during monthly Third Legacy (Service) workshops in NPR. They were wrestling with rapidly growing demand for services as the area developed.

Travel was a problem, too. "Due to the distance, groups were not sending representatives to the Central Office in Largo and unity almost did not exist until workshop and telephone answering service started," the text states. There also were coordination problems in handling requests from still-suffering alcoholics, AA members and the public, the account adds.

West Pasco members of the District 1 Committee approached District 1 Intergroup about setting up a WP office. Intergroup voted to provide \$1000 cash and \$1000 in literature, plus a subsidy. The new central office, staffed by volunteers as it is today, never needed the subsidy and paid back the literature money within five months. That first office was on old SR 54. The phone was 845-1652, not as memorable as today's 847-0777.

Travel distance to meetings in Largo remained a problem. That and a desire for local control led to the 1987 founding of District 15, covering West Pasco. Tarpon Springs groups chose to join District 15 because its Central Office was closer.

Archives and back issues of the Grapevine are on display at Central Office. Stop in to see them & have coffee.

Looking Ahead

The **Gratitude Dinner Committee** will hold meetings at 1 PM Saturdays Oct. 8, 22 & 29 at the A Club to plan the Nov. 5 event. Volunteers are needed—cooks, servers, cleanup, hosts. See Page 1 for details.

Two Autumn Retreats: Recovery Retreat is planned for Oct. 7-9 and **Quest Retreat** for Nov. 4-6, both on the nearby St. Leo University campus. Both are for AA/Al-Anon. **Recovery Retreat's** cost is \$150 with shared room & meals. For info call or email Bob, 239-470-4351 or: bob@theretreat.net. **Quest Retreat** offers shared room & meals for \$142. Google quest retreats st. leo. Call Connie 352-460-2224, Cliff 727-546-2239.

SoberCruises.com has three more 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 at sobercruises.com. Flyers at Central Office.

Group Contributions 2011													
(Those not in by the 21st each month will be posted the next month.)													
GROUP DONATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
000617577-015	\$37.80												\$37.80
1001 Reasons						\$25.00							\$25.00
2 for 1 Women's Step Study		\$20.00		\$15.00									\$35.00
3 & 11 Group				\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00					\$100.00
4th Dimension							\$100.00						\$100.00
7 & Up Group	\$50.00							\$25.00					\$75.00
A Club 12 & 12													\$0.00
A Club Big Book													\$0.00
A Club Joe & Charlie Tapes													\$0.00
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													\$0.00
Along Spiritual Lines													\$0.00
Amazing Grace			\$32.50										\$32.50
Anonymous	\$11.65		\$3.90	\$0.50	\$0.50		\$1.15						\$17.70
As Bill Sees It				\$25.00									\$25.00
Back to Basics							\$90.00						\$90.00
Bayou Group													\$0.00
Beach Group							\$37.40						\$37.40
Brown Baggers	\$20.00			\$20.00	\$20.00								\$60.00
Came to Believe	\$25.00			\$25.00									\$50.00
Candlelight Beginners													\$0.00
Cotee River Young People													\$0.00
Discover the Truth													\$0.00
District 15													\$0.00
Dry Dock					\$24.00								\$24.00
Each Day New Beginning			\$20.00					\$25.00					\$45.00
Easier Softer Way													\$0.00
Edna Ave. Club 12 & 12													\$0.00
Edna Ave. Joe & Charlie Tapes													\$0.00
Friday Night Live													\$0.00
Friday Night Serenity													\$0.00
Grapevine													\$0.00
Happier Hour					\$250.00								\$250.00
Happy Joyous & Free													\$0.00
Hoot n Holler Group													\$0.00
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													\$0.00
Men's Lets Talk													\$0.00
Miracle Group													\$0.00
Monday Night Big Book		\$25.00						\$50.00					\$75.00
Morning Inventory													\$0.00
New Hope Beginners	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$25.00								\$75.00
New Life Group													\$0.00
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						\$60.00
Pasco Big Book	\$40.00			\$60.00			\$60.00						\$160.00
Serenity Group					\$178.00								\$178.00
SOS Group													\$0.00
Surrender Group													\$0.00
Thursday 12 & 12													\$0.00
Triangle Group													\$0.00
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						\$695.00
Unity Meeting	\$20.00	\$45.25	\$52.13		\$59.20	\$16.10	\$42.16	\$23.90					\$258.74
Why It Works						\$10.00		\$20.00					\$30.00
Wonderful Step Group													\$0.00
#678657								\$50.00					\$50.00
TOTALS	\$599.45	\$330.25	\$385.53	\$688.50	\$837.20	\$317.10	\$876.71	\$359.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,394.64

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!