

# 0777 newsletter



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**AA HOTLINE 727 847-0777**

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## Cut Costs And Save Trees, Too

Based on feedback from groups, the January Inter-group meeting voted against charging for the newsletter.

Instead, it was decided to urge members to read the newsletter on line, if possible. Those in a position to do so also are urged to print out the newsletter from website **wptsaa.org** and print copies for group members and sponsees. Computers are available at libraries for those without them. The goal is to reduce costs. InterGroup raised the price of a 20-pack of Where & When meeting lists from \$2.25 to \$2.50.

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**Step 3** “Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.”

## Members Agree Willingness Is Key

In their efforts to learn Step Three, AA members speak of various experiences, but they all have found one common factor—the need for willingness.

Their stories conform to a key point of the Step Three chapter in the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, which states on page 34: “**There is only one key, and it is called willingness.**”

On the same page, Step Three is described as “**the way to a faith that works.**”

Many AAs say they need to repeat Step Three whenever their serenity is threatened by reactions to life’s ups and downs.

“Sometimes I have to take Step Three 10 times in a day,” said MaryAnn W., of Pasco Big Book Group. “**Turn it over**” is a short reminder of Step Three at such times.

Linda B., of Tropical Attitudes, said, “Sometimes I take my will back and have to take Step Three again. I had religious training, but didn’t pay much attention. From my early teens, I concentrated on drinking and drugging. I had trouble getting sober because I was running my life. I had to learn to let God run my life.”

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**Tradition 3** “The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

## District 15 Dinner Set For March 5

Fun, fellowship and support for carrying the message will highlight **District 15’s 23rd Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, March 5.**

Doors open at 4 PM and festivities start at 4:30 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday.

**Kathy G. of Bradenton**, will speak. AA-related items will be raffled. An all-you-care-to-eat ziti dinner will follow.

Tickets are \$10, with proceeds being used to pay for literature carrying the message into institutions and detention facilities.

Tickets will be available at the door or in advance by calling **Kathie C., dinner committee chairperson** at (727) 862-0539 or (727) 919-1649. Call Kathie C. if you can help with putting on the dinner.

## More Good Eats

Three more eating opportunities are offered in March.

**Unity Meeting** at 7 PM Saturday 3/19 offers fellowship, speakers, varied snacks plus support for Central Office.

**Spring Fling Picnic:** 11 AM-4 PM Sunday 3/20, Starkey Park Pavilion A. Burgers, etc. Families invited.

**Pizza Party** 7 PM followed by 8 PM open Grapevine meeting, Monday 3/21, Let’s Get Better Together Group.

See Calendar on Page 4 for details.

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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February Central Office

Niteline calls .....73

Office calls .....122

Walk-ins .....61

**March Anniversaries**

NAME YEARS NAME YEARS NAME YEARS NAME YEARS

<b>AA Way</b>		<b>Life Goes On</b>		<b>NPR KISS</b>		<b>Serenity Group</b>	
John M. 20		Andrew A. 9		Richard F. 14		Pat. H. 42	
Roger R. 20				Jerry J. 5		<b>Tropical Attitudes</b>	
<b>Cotee River</b>		<b>Men Let's Talk</b>		Christopher G. 3		Jerry R. 39	
Mark 2		Jim W. 48		Mike B. 3		Alice AH. 18	
Shelby 8		John B. 27		Steve D. 2		Bill J. 1	
Vicki N. 2		Tim B. 14		<b>Pasco Big Book</b>		Chris 1	
Vince P (Feb.) 31		Joe H. 7		Helen E. 1		James M. 1	
<b>Hoot 'N Holler</b>		<b>New Hope</b>		Kenneth B. 2		Harriet 1	
Ed M. 8		<b>Beginners</b>		Ray B. 4		<b>2 For 1 Womens</b>	
Jacob P. 3		Chuck S. 37		Connie L. 6		Nancy A 6	
<b>KIS Women's</b>		<b>Miracle Group</b>		David U. 6		<b>Two Or More</b>	
Donna W. 22		Richard F. 14		Rosan K. 16		Lisa S. 1	
Carol K. 9		<b>Noon High</b>		David B. 13		Vince P. 31	
Pat H. 42		Cynthia S. 2		Lissa GW. 22		(Feb.)	
Linda O. 24				Bob A. 23		<b>3 &amp; 11 Steps</b>	
				Jim G. 30		Frank 1	
				Brenda R. 3		<b>Wonderful</b>	
				Karen H. 4		Virginia A. 25	

**Meetings + Volunteering = Even Better Sobriety**

**Volunteers Needed At Central Office**

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

**Al-Anon Hotline**

**1-352-697-0497**

**Service Opportunity**

Central Office needs help updating the vital 12th Step lists for both men and women. If you are willing to help, please call and leave a message for Mary Ellen, Office Coordinator, (727) 847-0777.

**Bridging the Gap**

Detox/Treatment/Jails

Needs volunteers, please

Call Mary M. 727 484-0892

**Groups Represented at InterGroup 2/9/2011**

**New Hope Beginners**

**L.I.F.E. Recovery**

**Noon High**

**Happier Hour**

**Happy Joyous & Free**

**Back to Basics**

**KIS Women's**

**Not a Glum Lot**

**How Important is it**

**Let's Get Better Together**

**Two Or More**

**2 For 1 Step**

**Happier Hour**

**Tropical Attitudes**

**3 & 11 Steps**

**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**

**January 2011**

**Beginning Balance.....\$4360.53**

**Income..... \$1290.55**

**Expenses.....\$1150.57**

**Ending Balance.....\$4500.51**

**Meeting Updates**

**New Meetings**

**On Awakening**, an 11th Step open AA meeting, will start 6:30 PM Wednesday, March 2, at Christian Secure Ministries, Chelsea Title building, 5609 US 19, Suite J, NPR.

**"No Name Yet,"** but a new closed step meeting has started at 10 AM Thursdays at Joyful Spirit Lutheran Church, 8812 Old CR 54.

**COR, ROPE & HOPE**, an open discussion group, meets at 7 PM Mondays at Prayer House, 14121 Water Tower Dr., Hudson.

**Bring Beginners**

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

**Step Three from Page 1**

Linda was among several who discussed Step Three at a recent meeting at Tropical Attitudes.

Walt W., a TA member, called Step Three "the big turning point in my life." He explained:

"I believed in a punishing God. I had to learn that I could ask God for help. I thought I was in command. I once had a problem and I called my sponsor. He said, 'Oh, you're in command again.' That took care of it. I came to realize that God had been with me my whole life. I've learned a positive way of living with the help of my Higher Power."

Trina, also a TA member, said she has found a sense of direction in Step Three.

"I always wanted others to make decisions for me," she said. "With Step Three, I've learned to trust God to make decisions for me. Every day, I have to constantly turn over my will and my life. Every negative thought has to be turned over."

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**Step Three Continued**

Fausto P., Grapevine Group, said learning Step Three is hard for many newcomers because they lack a relationship with a Higher Power.

"I didn't have a problem because I always had a God of my understanding," he stated, "but many newcomers can't get Step Three because they don't know how to relate to a Higher Power. We need a Higher Power because we can't get sober alone. We need a Higher Power to support us because we are too weak to do it by ourselves."

Kenny, a visitor, said: "Step Three was hard for me because I thought prayer would change things over night. I had to learn that things would change gradually while I was living a clean and sober life. My mom passed recently and Step Three got me through without my getting into trouble."

It took this writer 3-1/2 years to learn Step Three because he lacked the personal relationship with God that Fausto referred to.

"I did a lot of praying and agonized at meetings. Every time I thought of turning over my life and my will, a lightning bolt of fear shot through me. Finally, I was at a meeting when I felt a definite tap, tap on my right shoulder. I turned and no one was there. But that tap alerted me, and the next speaker said exactly what I had to hear. I was able to take Step Three without fear, but I still need to turn things over daily."

**Off the Walls at Tropical Attitudes**

"Resentments, a poison we take and hope the other person dies."

"We stay sober. I get drunk."

"No big shots in AA. One shot and we're all shot."

"Who's large, in charge and keeps us out of bars?"

"Denial: Don't Even Know I'm lying."

**March 2011**  
**Mystery Phrase**  
**Puzzle**  
 (Step 3, Tradition 3)

**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:**

„illw  
 self, that I may better do thy  
 „Relieve me of the bondage of

*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 !**

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

**Word List**

alcoholics    anonymous    care    decision    desire  
                   drinking    god    him    lives    made  
 membership    only    our    over    requirement  
 step    stop    three    tradition    turn  
   understood    will

## March Calendar

### March 4-6:

—**Quest Retreat, St. Leo Abby**, for AA & Al-Anon. \$142 fee with 2-person room, meals. Call Cliff (727-546-2239) or Connie (352-460-2224) or Google: Quest Retreats St. Leo.

### March 5:

—**District 15 PI/CPC Special Needs Comm.** Noon, A Club, 5650 Missouri Ave, NPR.

—**District 15 Anniversary Dinner.** Doors open 4 PM. Program 4:30 PM, St. Vincent De Paul Church, 4843 Mile Stretch Rd., Holiday. Speaker Kathy G., Bradenton, FL. Prizes. \$10 donation supports carrying the message into jails, institutions.

### March 9:

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

### March 12:

—**District 15 Treatment Comm.**, Noon, A Club.

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

### March 18-20:

—**SoberStock**, Camp Brorein, 16901 Boy Scout Rd., Odessa, FL 33556. Camping AA weekend. Speakers, meetings, bands, food, fellowship. Tickets \$50 at gate, less for children under 12. Details on line at [SoberStock.com](http://SoberStock.com)

### March 19:

—**District 15 Corrections Comm.**, Noon, A Club

—**Unity Meeting**, 7 PM Redeemer Community Church, 7540 Ridge Rd., 1 mi. east of Little Rd. Host: **3 & 11 Steps Group**. Two speakers, fellowship, coffee & snacks.

### March 20:

—**Pasco Big Book** invites AA's & their families to a **Spring Fling Picnic** from 11 AM-4 PM Sunday 3/20 at Pavilion A next to the playground at Starkey Park. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be served. "Bring a covered dish if you can."

### March 21:

—7 PM **Pizza Party** followed by an open **Grapevine Meeting** at 8 PM, **Let's Get Better Together Group**, Spirit of Life MCC Church, 4133 Thys Rd. NPR.

### March 26:

—**District 15 Archives Committee**, Noon, Central Office. Come get involved!



## Archive Corner

Congratulations to **Ted K.**, Lets Get Better Together Group, for being first with the correct answer to last month's question, Who was AA Number 3 and where did Bill and Bob find him?

Ted's answer: AA No. 3 was Bill Dotson, "the man on bed" in the familiar AA illustration. Bill and Bob found him at Akron City Hospital. Bill D. died in 1954 after 19 years of sobriety.

This month's question: What happened to the Washingtonians that makes the Third Tradition so important to AA?

Email me with your answer or your question for next month.

—Nancy A., District 15 Archives Chair. My email is: [nauxier@verizon.com](mailto:nauxier@verizon.com).

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

## *Looking Ahead*

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

**"The Woodstock of AA:"** Cocoa Beach 21st Spring Conference May 5-8, International Palms Resort. Some 15 speakers, workshops, DJ dance, pool, tennis & miles of 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](http://leestapesandcds.com). Email: [leescds@gmail.com](mailto:leescds@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:sis@conference.com). Google: [www.sisconference.com](http://www.sisconference.com).

**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](mailto:fred@ancientcityaa.com). Register on line at: [ancientcityaa.com](http://ancientcityaa.com).

**55th Florida State Convention, July 20-24, Orlando**, Doubletree Hotel/Universal. Activities include 10 speakers, 2 banquets, ice cream socials, entertainment, fitness run/walk, golf tournament, workshops, Al-Anon, Ala-Teen, meetings, much more. Details at [55.FLSTATECONVENTION.COM](http://55.FLSTATECONVENTION.COM).

## Group Contributions 2011

GROUP DONATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
000617577-015	37.80												\$37.80
1001 Reasons													\$0.00
2 For 1 Women's Step Study		20.00											\$20.00
3 & 11 Group													\$0.00
7 & Up Group	50.00												\$50.00
A Club 12 & 12													\$0.00
A Club Beginner's Meeting													\$0.00
A Club Big Book													\$0.00
A Club Joe & Charlie Tapes													\$0.00
A Club Morning Step Group													\$0.00
A Club Saturday AM Big Book	30.00												\$30.00
A Club Sunday AM Gratitude	100.00												\$100.00
AA Way Group													\$0.00
Along Spiritual Lines													\$0.00
Amazing Grace													\$0.00
Anonymous	11.65												\$11.65
As Bill Saw It													\$0.00
Ask It Basket													\$0.00
Back to Basics													\$0.00
Bayou Group													\$0.00
Brown Baggers	20.00												\$20.00
Came to Believe	25.00												\$25.00
Candlelight Beginners													\$0.00
Cotee River Young People													\$0.00
District 15													\$0.00
Easier Softer Way													\$0.00
Edna Ave. Club 12 & 12													\$0.00
Edna Ave. Joe & Charlie Tapes													\$0.00
First Five Steps													\$0.00
Followers of the Way													\$0.00
Friday Night Live													\$0.00
Friday Night Serenity													\$0.00
Grapevine													\$0.00
Happier Hour													\$0.00
Happy Joyous & Free													\$0.00
Hoot n Holler Group													\$0.00
How Important Is It	48.00												\$48.00
In the Beginning													\$0.00
Intergroup	22.00												\$22.00
James Gang													\$0.00
KIS Women's Group													\$0.00
L.I.F.E. Recovery													\$0.00
Last Stop													\$0.00
Living Sober Study Group													\$0.00
Living Sober Group													\$0.00
Men Only													\$0.00
Men's Lets Talk													\$0.00
Miracle Group													\$0.00
Monday Night Big Book		25.00											\$25.00
Morning Inventory													\$0.00
New Hope Beginners	25.00												\$25.00
New Life Group													\$0.00
Noon High		60.00											\$60.00
Not a Glum Lot	10.00	10.00											\$20.00
NPR KISS Group		10.00											\$10.00
Pasco Big Book	40.00												\$40.00
Principles													\$0.00
Serenity Group													\$0.00
SOS Group													\$0.00
Steps to a New Beginning													\$0.00
Surrender Group													\$0.00

*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!*