

0777 NEWSLETTER

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West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup

August 2023

Central Office, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey, Florida email: 0777news@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday-Friday 10am to 5pm Saturday 10am to 1pm

Unity Meeting

6:00 pm: Fellowship and refreshments

7:00 pm: Meeting

Saturday Aug 19, 2023

Congregational Community Church

6533 Circle Drive, New Port Richey

Hosted by the **Friday Night Men's Group**



AUGUST

4th Dimension Anniversary Dinner

August 18, 2023 "Breakfast for Dinner"

6:00 pm Food & Fellowship

7:00 pm Speaker, Gabe from Miami

Join us as we celebrate 14 years

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs

4651 Little Rd, New Port Richey

Please bring breakfast desserts to share.

Workshop—Steps 1, 2 & 3

August 5, 2023 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Guest speakers, lunch, raffle

Please bring a desert

Community Congregational Church

6533 Circle Blvd, New Port Richey

Chair: Michelle P 423-491-0769

AA Warm Handoff Program

The Corrections Committee is looking for volunteers to help with their new "AA Warm Handoff Program" for released inmates to get connected to AA in their local community. They need more volunteers to carry meetings into the jail. For more information, please contact our Corrections Chair, Greg A at 727-871-9940 or galbers@tampabay.rr.com

Grapevine Committee Meeting

Every Second Monday

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

7137 Edna Ave. Hudson, FL

6th Florida AA Archives Workshop

February 17, 2024 9am to 4pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church

3377 Aloma Ave. Winter Park, FL

\$20/person registration fee includes lunch.

Send Registration check to JoAnn Ball 7202 Morningsgate Way, Riverview, FL 33578 by February 1 2024 . Contact JoAnn B, Registrar, at jballvikingfan@gmail.com, if questions.

District 15 Gratitude Dinner

Save the Date: November 11, 2023

Planning meeting: August 28 7:00 pm at
Central Office



INTERGROUP DONATIONS July 1-28

Amazing Grace	\$ 80.00
Brown Baggers	\$ 400.00
BYOB	\$ 50.00
How Important Is It?	\$ 125.00
Intergroup Meeting	\$ 11.00
KIS Women’s Group	\$ 50.00
Main Street Survivors	\$ 100.00
Not a Glum Lot	\$ 20.00
Treatment Committee	\$ 12.00
Umbrella Group	\$ 16.50
TOTAL	\$ 864.50

DISTRICT DONATIONS July

Amazing Grace	\$ 120.00
By the Book	\$ 80.00
How Important Is It?	\$ 75.00
KIS Women’s Group	\$ 50.00
Two or More	\$ 80.00
TOTAL	\$ 405.00

Correction

Due to a clerical error a donation to Intergroup of \$120.00 from **The Two or More Group** was omitted from publication in the newsletter. We regret any confusion this may have caused. Intergroup is most grateful for all donations. It is this support from the groups that enables Intergroup to provide vital services to assist alcoholics in their recovery.

Donation Addresses

West Pasco Intergroup Treasurer, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652

District 15 General Services Treasurer, PO Box 692, Elfers, FL 34680-0692 or via Zelle to: Dist15Treas@gmail.com

Area 15 Treasurer, PO Box 590835, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0835

A.A. General Service Office, PO Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407

Attendance at the July 2023 Intergroup Meeting

Pete S	Main Street Survivors	Office Coordinator
Melissa	Two for One	Secretary
Sandy C	Two for One	Group Member
Ted K	Living Sober	Newsletter Editor
Matt	Friday Night Men’s	IGR
Laurie	Pasco Big Book	IGR

Activity at Central Office

Office Calls	47
Walk Ins	65
Nighttime Calls	23

AA Facebook Group

Announcing the District 15 Facebook group—Pasco County A.A. This is a closed group to protect anonymity. It’s a great way to keep informed. Request to join today. Contact Cathy B: dist15chair@gmail.com

E-NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive this newsletter in your inbox every month, please send an email with the word YES to 0777news@gmail.com

Monthly Meetings

2nd Monday: Grapevine Committee, 5:30 pm
Edna Ave Club, 7137 Edna Ave, Hudson

2nd Tuesday: Treatment Committee 6:30 pm,
Central Office, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey

2nd Wednesday: Intergroup Meeting 6:30 pm,
Central Office, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey

3rd Tuesday: District 15 Committee Meeting
6:30 pm, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd, New Port Richey

3rd Saturday: Unity Meeting, 6:00 pm, Congregational Community Church, New Port Richey

4th Wednesday: Archives Committee, 6:00 pm
Central Office, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey



August Anniversaries

Tradition Eight

Came to Believe	Amy	2
	Terri	1
	Jerry	9
	Slyka	4
	Kevin	1
	Tiffany	1
Living Sober	Mike K	42
Main Street Survivors	Joe T	1
	Jose	1
	Dave T	2
Pasco Big Book	Melissa S	1
	Lori S	21
	Luis R	2
	David B	35
Two for One	Melanie K	15
	Nichole	4
Umbrella Group	Santiago T	43
	Patty Z	42
	Tim T	42
	Claudia S	32
	Barry W	4
Wonderful Saturday Step Group	Terri McV	31

What Does the Eighth Tradition of A.A. Mean?

Right off the bat, you'll see two terms that require some explanation. The first is the word "nonprofessional" and the second is "special workers." To get a better understanding of how to apply to the eighth tradition, we must first understand how those terms apply to A.A.

The concept of remaining "nonprofessional" stems, in part, from the same reasoning given for Tradition Seven. When maintaining the first Alcoholics Anonymous groups, Bill learned quickly that money interferes with spirituality. Aside from the possible corruption or selfish motivations, this setup ensures that any help given is mutually beneficial, (but not financially so). Those who help others will find that doing so tends to help them in return, like in the old adage: "Teaching is learning twice". Without the Eighth Tradition, some may be inclined to misrepresent themselves just to make a few bucks.

Although A.A. specifically states that it is against employing staff, it recognizes, understandably so, that an organization as large as Alcoholics Anonymous will need paid workers to keep it running smoothly. The first A.A. groups attempted to enlist volunteers for these jobs but to no avail. Many did not enjoy the work and therefore neglected to perform it. Still, they needed people to manage their offices and to look after their meeting places.

Note that the early groups' initial decision not to employ special workers arose largely from fear. They were so afraid of conflating money with spirituality that they ignored their own needs. Naturally, this served only to enhance those needs until there remained no other option.

In the early days of Alcoholics Anonymous, the special workers who suffered from addiction were given lower pay. It was believed that making less money would allow them to maintain their spiritual growth with no profit motive.

The Eighth Tradition also teaches us that rules sometimes have exceptions. This idea might worry us at first, after all, one of our chief problems in substance abuse was our tendency to make exceptions for ourselves when it was unacceptable to do so.

Although another of A.A.'s principles is to maintain self-sufficiency, the Eighth Tradition reminds us that we must still ask for help every once in a while. Because if we don't learn to ask for help when we need it the most, we may jeopardize far more than our sobriety alone.

At the end of the day, we must learn to stay in our own lane. The Eighth Tradition teaches us that people should not prohibit anyone from performing work that may help others. Our own personal reservations should not dictate anyone else's behaviors—especially at the cost of helping others.

Step Eight: Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

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



Become a member of the 2023 Birthday Club

and receive a Birthday Club Member Pin:

Name _____

Home group _____

Sobriety Date _____

For a contribution of \$3.65 or more in Gratitude of Sobriety.

West Pasco A.A., 7121 US 19, NPR, FL 34652

New Meeting: The Trinity Group

Beginning August 28th the group will meet at 7:00 pm on Mondays at St. Peter the Apostle Church. 12747 Interlaken Rd, Trinity FL (St. Andrew’s Hall).. It is a smoke free campus. Format: week 1- Big Book; week 2- 12&12; week 3- open discussion; week 4- speaker.

Meeting Updates

New Meeting; The 24. Sunday 6:00 pm. St. Steven’s Episcopal Church, 5326 Charles St. (side building), New Port Richey. 24 Hour book study discussion meeting and is a closed meeting.

New Format: Big Book Study. Tuesday 12 noon. **Tropical Attitudes**, Chelsea Plaza, 5609 Rt 19, Suite C, New Port Richey.

New Location: New Ideas, Tuesday 7:30 pm **Speaker** and Sunday 7:30 pm **Big Book**. Main St, Survivors, 5331 Nain St., New Port Richey.

New Location: Progress Not Perfection, Monday 9:30 am. As Bill Sees It, women’s group, All Saints Episcopal Church, 1700 Keystone Rd, Tarpon Springs.

New Location: Tuesday Noon K.I.S Women’s Group Is meeting at Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd, New Port Richey.

Discontinued: Miracle Group at A Club.

2023 Birthday Club

Name	Group	Sobriety Date
Nancy B	Keep It Simple	1/12/1984
Bob T	Edna Avenue Club	2/13/1974
Dave F	Came to Believe	1/7/1974
Ted K	Living Sober	10/30/2010
Susan I	Pasco Big Book	2/19/2001
John M	Pasco Big Book	9/17/1989
Bill C	N.U.T.S Group	6/16/2016
Thomas C	How Important Is It	4/14/1969
EI G	KIS Women’s Group	6/4/73



Keep Us Informed!

We welcome all members to share group happenings, anniversaries, and personal stories.

Please submit info by the 27th of the month prior to publication to: 0777news@gmail.com or send to: Newsletter Editor, Central Office, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652. For optimum publicity of events occurring early in the month, submit two months in advance.

Step On Up

District 15 has a number of open positions: Take your sobriety to a new level by filling one of these:

- Registrar
- Literature
- PI/CPC
- Accessibility
- Web Chair
- DCM - sub 1 - A-Club NPR
- DCM - sub 4 - Dry Dock
- DCM - sub 5 - Main St. Survivors

Contact Cathy B : dist15chair@gmail.com