

# 0777 NEWSLETTER

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West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup

September 2023

Central Office, 7121 US 19, New Port Richey, Florida email: [0777news@gmail.com](mailto: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 September 16, 2023

Community Congregational Church  
6533 Circle Drive, New Port Richey

Hosted by **Pasco Big Book**

## Corrections Committee Meeting

Thursday September 14th at 6:00 PM  
Central Office, 7121 U.S. Hwy 19, NPR  
Any one interested. Come join us.

## 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](mailto:galbers@tampabay.rr.com)

## District 15 Gratitude Dinner

**Save the Date:** November 11, 2023  
St. Vincent DePaul Church  
4843 Mile Stretch Dr,  
Holiday, FL

## "Important" Information Regarding the Use of Alcoholics Anonymous

AA is an allergy relief medication specifically formulated to inhibit the use of alcohol and reduce symptoms commonly associated with alcoholism. When taken precisely as ordered, AA is known to reduce or eliminate side effects associated with alcoholism such as misery, depression, despair, remorse, guilt, shame, illness, and an obsession to continue consuming alcohol.

AA is recommended for long-term daily use and provides premium recovery for alcoholics. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. AA is available without a prescription and can be obtained with a desire to stop drinking. Continuous exposure to AA carries an increased risk of long-term recovery, complete freedom, and spiritual growth.

CAUTION: AA will impair your ability to consume alcohol. Some of the most common side effects associated with AA are Gratitude, Humility, Tolerance, Faith, Courage, Integrity, Patience, Forgiveness, Hope and Service. Most test subjects experienced long-term psychic change, and all test subjects were amazed before they were half-way through to have discovered a new freedom, a new happiness, and a new joy. Test subjects who skipped doses or discontinued use altogether suffered a high rate of severe and often fatal consequences due to the continued consumption of alcohol.

For more information about AA and all available resources, simply attend an AA meeting. God bless!

-Gordon L. Cleveland, Ohio

## 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](mailto:jballvikingfan@gmail.com), if questions.



## Intergroup News

<b>INTERGROUP DONATIONS</b>	<b>August</b>
Archives Committee	\$ 7.00
Anonymous	\$ 47.00
Donation Box	\$ 8.00
4th Dimension	\$ 10.00
Friday Night Men's Meeting	\$ 282.50
Good Morning NPR	\$ 50.00
Main Street Survivors	\$ 100.00
N.U.T.S.	\$ 9.00
Pasco Big Book	\$ 350.00
2 for 1 Women's Group	\$ 100.00
Umbrella Group	\$ 39.00
<b>TOTAL (8/1-26)</b>	<b>\$1004.50</b>

<b>DISTRICT DONATIONS</b>	<b>July</b>
Amazing Grace	\$ 120.00
By the Book	\$ 80.00
Friday Night Men's Group	\$ 56.50
How Important Is It?	\$ 75.00
KIS Women's Group	\$ 50.00
Main Street Survivors	\$ 50.00
Two or More	\$ 80.00
Umbrella Group	\$ 9.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 520.50</b>

	<b>August</b>
2 for 1 Women's Group	\$ 100.00
Not a Glum Lot	\$ 10.00
Pasco Big Book	\$ 140.00
Umbrella Group	\$ 23.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 273.40</b>

### 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 August 2023 Intergroup Meeting

Pete S	Main Street Survivors	Office Coordinator
Melissa	Two for One	Secretary
Amber	Amazing Grace	IGR
Matt	Friday Night Men's	IGR
Tim	4th Dimension	Unity Coordinator
Steve	4th Dimension	IGR

### Activity at Central Office

Office Calls	46
Walk Ins	62
Nighttime Calls	21

### 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, Congrega-  
tional Community Church, New Port Richey

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



**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 the serve.**

**September Anniversaries**

<b>How Important Is It?</b>	Ralph	26
	Kathie C	21
	Michell H	8
	Eric G	14
	Nellie W	39
<b>Main Street Survivors</b>	Cameron	2
	Patrick B	28
	Jamie K	1
	Eva E	1
	Mike L	16
	Larry P	2
	Deanna	1
	Lisa E	3
<b>Two for One</b>	Gloria	41
	Esperanza	15
	Melissa	3
	Nelly C	39
	Michelle	3
	Debora	3
<b>Umbrella Group</b>	Shelby	1
	Debbie N	36
	Bob W	9
	Tricia C	3
	Robin R	27
	Patti B	4
	Delores	3
Bev	28	
Lou	37	

The twelve traditions of AA are basically a set of rules or bylaws that restrict and constrain AA to a single focus – individual recovery within a group of other alcoholics. The Traditions section of The book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* is a fun and interesting read because it is filled with “war stories” illustrating how AA got to an understanding of each tradition. The chapter on Tradition Nine is no different. The chapter defines “never be organized” as lacking a power structure, as lacking “vested authority”.

To illustrate a normal AA’s distrust of authority, it alludes to how poorly received is a new chapter member with many years of sobriety elsewhere who “views with alarm for the benefit of AA”. What a great little phrase, “viewing with alarm for the benefit of AA”. It is so natural for people to assume and attempt to exert authority, especially subtle authority. Tradition Nine wants none of it.

The description of the ninth tradition in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* is short, just four pages, but it contains a powerful vision. Like most of the Traditions, the Ninth Tradition is a description of what AA does not do. It doesn’t collect dues, take attendance, have membership rules, enforce belief, or kick people out. AA relies entirely on an individual’s desire to stop drinking as its organizing principle.

This principle is so radical and powerful that it is easy to miss – an idea that is too big to see. It took me a while to understand that really, actually nobody is in charge. There is a strong set of norms, and oral and group traditions, but there really isn’t a power structure or a career path. It is all and only about individual alcoholics meeting as a group. The more I understood this, the more I liked AA, and more importantly, the more I trusted AA.

Nobody is going to make you stay sober. Not your mom, your wife, your bishop, or your judge. Not your AA group. Nobody can make you stay sober. We all make a personal decision every day to do the things we need to do to stay sober. We go to meetings. Every single person at a meeting is there because they made a decision to be there (some nudges-from-judges excepted). Meetings feel a certain way because there is so little sense of either coercion or authority. I felt it quickly when I got to AA. People are there because they need and want to be. The Ninth Tradition helps ensure it.

-Rob W.– Salt Lake City



**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