# 0777 NEWSLETTER

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**West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup**
**7121 US 19, New Port Richey, Florida, 34652**
**Phone: (727) 847-0777 Email: 0777news@gmail.com**
**Office hours: Monday-Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 1 pm**

**January 2025**

**CASHAPP $CentralOfficeD15**

## Attendance at December 2024 Intergroup Meeting

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pete S | Main Street Survivors | Office Coord |
| Shelby | 2 for 1 Women's Group | IGR/Secy |
| Jeanine | 164 Group | IGR |
| Marci | Keep it Simple | IGR/IGL |
| Bill | Umbrella Group | IGR |
| Rob | Fourth Dimension | IGR |
| Michael | New Ideas | IGR |
| Tom F | Wonderful Sat Step | IGR/Newsletter |

## ACTIVITY AT CENTRAL OFFICE

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|---|---|
| Office Calls | 30 |
| Walk Ins | 65 |
| Night-time Calls | 27 |

## Where & When Update

A new Where & When will be issued in February. Please review your group's information as it appears in the W & W, the Website and the App.

Please submit any changes to Central Office or via 0777news@gmail.com, no later than 1/31/2025

## The 2 For 1 Women's Step Study Group

**Is moving Feb 3rd, 2025**

The All Ways Center
6020 US-19
New Port Richey, FL 34652

**Mondays - 7:00PM**

***Babysitter Available***

| Intergroup Donations | as of Dec 26 2024 |
|---|---|
| Main Street Survivors | $400.00 |
| Fourth Dimension | $ 42.30 |
| Pasco Big Book | $300.00 |
| Serenity Group | $150.00 |
| James Gang | $ 50.00 |
| NUTS Group | $ 25.00 |
| Treatment Committee | $ 14.00 |
| Intergroup Mtg | $ 18.00 |
| Clare | $ 25.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **$1024.30** |

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Main Street Survivors** | Kevin M<br>Samantha<br>Monique S<br>Carie | 34<br>3<br>1<br>1 |
| **2 For 1 Women's Group** | Cary F | 3 |
| **Keep it Simple Women's Group** | Jean B<br>Nancy B | 46<br>41 |
| **Tropical Attitudes** | Dave P<br>Tim B | 28<br>7 |
| **Wonderful Sat Step Group** | Danny V | 40 |
| **Umbrella Group** | Ken A<br>Lisa F<br>Stacia<br>Lenore<br>Tom A<br>Mark M | 45<br>12<br>11<br>10<br>8<br>7 |
| **Easier Softer Way Women's Group** | Cindy D | 5 |
| **Fourth Dimension** | Kelsie C<br>Billy L<br>Dan L<br>Austin A<br>Jordan D | 10<br>5<br>4<br>1<br>1 |

## DONATION ADDRESSES

West Pasco Intergroup Treasurer
7121 US 19, New Port Richey, FL 34652
or Cash App to $CentralOfficeD15

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

Area 15 Treasurer, 2950 W Cypress Creek Rd Ste 101 #1097. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

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

## MEETINGS NEEDING SUPPORT

**Women Support Women** is in need of support. They meet Tuesdays at 2:00PM.
Main Street Survivors
5331 Main St, New Port Richey, FL 34652

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**Wonderful Saturday Step Group** needs support for the Tuesday and Thursday Meetings at 7:00 PM
St Stephens Episcopal Church
5326 Charles St,
New Port Richey, FL 34652

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**164 Group Open Big Book** needs support.
Thursdays at 6:30PM (New Time)
The All Ways Center
6020 US-19
New Port Richey, FL 34652

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**New Ideas** has a new meeting on Saturday night at 7:30PM. It's an alternate literature meeting. Currently reading Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers.
Main Street Survivors
5331 Main St,
New Port Richey, FL 34652

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**The 24 (24 Hr. Book)** at St. Stevens Episcopal Church have ended their Sunday and Wednesday 6AM meetings. The Saturday 8:15AM meeting is still active.

## OUR SEVENTH TRADITION

West Pasco/Tarpon Springs Intergroup now accepts **CASHAPP** donations from both individuals and Groups.

**Intergroup**
**$CentralOfficeD15**

Cash App

Please put your Name or Group Name in the [For] field so we can acknowledge you!

## Step One

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.

I often hear at meetings that Step One is the only Step that must be practiced perfectly. But is practicing perfectly oxymoronic? As a perfectionist and as an alcoholic, I had a problem with this. Fortunately, my sponsor was a careful reader and led me to the Twelve and Twelve. It reads: “Only Step One, where we made the 100% admission that we were powerless over alcohol, can be practiced with complete perfection.” The Big Book also tells us: “There must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol.” This frightened me when I first got sober. I was certainly at the jumping off point but believing in the program required a huge leap of faith. My faith was barely audible, and the disease and I had a rich history. I wanted recovery more than I wanted to drink—but just by a nearly imperceptible hair. A civil war ensued.

Personally, it was easy to concede unmanageability. However, I was not able to make the connection that if my life was chronically unmanageable I may have lost the power of choice. This understanding required Step work with a sponsor and time. It took grace, compassion and patience from sponsors, friends and professionals to hold my hand as this became clear. I finally had allies to quiet the addiction. Advantage: program.

By moving through the rest of the Steps, help from a Higher Power of my understanding and without physically picking up a drink one day at a time, I was slowly able to gain some perspective and moments of clarity. It took years to even believe that life was worth living. My sponsor repeatedly promised me that more and more peace would come, and I believed her just enough to think that maybe, maybe this could work for me, too. I had tried everything else and I was at the fork in the road—this AA thing just might work for someone like me or I might surrender to an alcoholic death, or worse, an alcoholic life.

Taking that First Step – Grapevine Article
by C.C.

## Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Our whole AA program is securely founded on the principle of humility — that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are — “a small part of a great whole”. Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why AA Tradition can confidently state, “Our common welfare comes first.”

“Does this mean,” some will ask, “that in AA the individual doesn’t count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?”

No, it doesn’t seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has not “musts.” Few AA groups impose penalties on anyone for nonconformity. We do suggest, but we don’t discipline. Instead, compliance or noncompliance with any principle of AA is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, “judge not,” we observe most literally.

“But,” some of us argue, “if AA has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare does come first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have aught but anarchy?”

The answer seems to be that we AAs cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction.

So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole, “our common welfare comes first.” Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must; we have disciplined ourselves.

Eventually, of course, we cooperate because we really wish to; we see that without AA there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm AA. We humbly confess that we are but “a small part of a great whole.”

-- Bill W  December 1947

**Become a member of the 2024 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.*

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## 2024 BIRTHDAY CLUB

| *Name* | *Group* | *Sobriety Date* |
|---|---|---|
| Thomas C | How Important is it? | 4/4/1969 |
| Dave F | Pasco Big Book | 1/7/1974 |
| John W | Main St Survivors | 7/26/1981 |
| Vic K | How Important is it? | 1999 |
| Susan I | Pasco Big Book | 2/18/2001 |
| Pete S | Main St Survivors | 4/3/2016 |
| Capt Chuck | Umbrella Group | 11/9/2014 |

## MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETINGS

**Grapevine Committee,** Contact Denise 607-434-7488

**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** 6:30pm, Community Congregational Church, 6533 Circle Blvd, New Port Richey

**3rd Wednesday: Accessibilities Committee** PROMPTLY STARTS AT 6:30 PM, Please join in at 6:20 PM, ZOOM 823 741 00115 No Password

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

## NOT A GLUM LOT ROUNDUP

JULY 3-6, 2025
Charlotte, NC

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF AA

Can't make it to Vancouver? Celebrate in Charlotte, NC instead.

Hilton Charlotte University Place
8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262
Hotel Reservations: 704-547-7444

Information, text:
Registrar/Treasurer, David H. @ 704-622-3945;
Registration Co-Chair, Elaine W. @ 617-388-4808;
Roundup Co-Chair Ray W. @ 704-953-8357; or
Chair, Betty G. @ 704-491-1519

Registration: $55.00; $60 at the door

## 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.

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