The 3 Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous

Recovery- We learned recovery after completing the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with a sponsor. We achieved a clean conscience for the first time in a long time. This enabled us to begin to experience God’s love.

Unity- Through the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous we learned how to get along with each other by placing the welfare of others before our own. We learned equality.

Service- We grew with God by serving others in our Home Groups, our District and our Area. (The 12 Concepts). We carried the message of our Spiritual awakening to suffering alcoholics, we attempted to reach out to them in places they might seek us.

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Oct 3, 1945 – AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.
Oct 20, 1928 – Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.

Other significant events in October for which we do not have a specific date:
Oct 1936 – Bill C. a Canadian alkie staying at Bill’s house, committed suicide using a gas stove.
Oct 1954 – The “Alcoholic Foundation” renamed the “General Service Board of A.A.”
Oct 1958 – Playhouse 90 TV airs “The Days of Wine and Roses”.

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**TREASURE ISLAND PRIMARY PURPOSE**
Paradise Lutheran Church
10255 Paradise Blvd.
Treasure Island 33706
Fri Open Big Book 6:00 PM

**THE 49’ERS GROUP - WCA**
Southland Plaza
9739-9741 66th Street North
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
New- Sat 10AM Open Men’s

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**DELETED MEETINGS**

**COUPLES GROWING TOGETHER**
Northwest Presbyterian Church
6330 54th Ave North
St. Petersburg 33709

Not Enough Support

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**OTHER**

**SISTERHOOD**
Gulfport Library
5501 28th Ave S
Gulfport, FL 33707

Added New Group # 00072 26-85

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**CHANGED MEETINGS**

**THE 49’ERS GROUP - WCA**
Southland Plaza
9739-9741 66th Street North
Pinellas Park, FL 33782
Changed – Sat Open Grapevine 12PM

**WALSINGHAM GROUP - WCA**
Sabala Plaza
14100 Walsingham Rd.
Largo, FL 33774
7PM SAT Closed BB Stories
9/1/18 Indian Rocks Beach Group @ 8pm Fridays @ Church Of The Isles @ 200 24th Ave N
Carrie "SD 4/1/08 Literature meetings helped 'step up my sobriety' & I've had a change of values."
Neil "SD 12/9/95 Every time I read the Big Book, I learn something else & my family is grateful to AA for helping me."

9/18/18 St. Pete Beach Young People's Group @ 8pm Fridays Alano Beach Club @ 4615 Gulf Blvd, Suite 112 (Dolphin Village)
Casey "SD 6/17/17 From thoughts of a punishing God & 'how dare I ask God, I don't deserve' to having a spiritual connection to a comforting figure, this year went fast cuz I'm not managing crisis 24/7."
Peter "SD 3/13/16 My 1st AA mtg - when you're not present, you're in a fog; there's been ups & downs & I had to really dissect what was going on w/me & I started my own biz & I owe it to God, for none of this would be possible."

9/15/18 Attitude Adjustment @ 7am (Monday thru Saturday) Grace Church @ 1812 N Highland Ave Clearwater
Andy "SD 1/16/10. f you are struggling, ask for help, I know it's hard, even "Old Timers" w/ a lot of years struggle, don't forget!"
David "SD 9/15/85 My sponsor said his goal was to take me through the steps, the good thing is God wakes me up plenty early."

9/22/18 Never Too Late Group @ Dunedin Warehouse @ 8:45pm Sunday thru Friday (8pm Saturdays) @ 2024 Main St (Near Wal-Mart)
Leigh "SD 4/19/12. My head is a dangerous neighborhood & the journey from the head to the heart is the longest journey."
Lindsay "SD 7/2/14 I was mentally & spiritually bankrupt & told "Lindsay, like me, you are a pickle...you used to be a cucumber & once you are a pickle, you'll never be a cucumber again; you can't drink."

9/29/18 Find Yourself Group @ 8pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ Church of the Good Shepherd (Seminole) 10891 102nd Ave N.
Pat M. "SD 6/21/89. Monday Step Study, Tuesday Open Discussion & Wednesday 'As Bill Sees It' If you stay, you don't have to 'come back'.
Jimmy "SD 03/01/08. These step meetings we go verse by verse, paragraph by paragraph, a really good way to learn."
Scotty "SD 5/15/82. When I did the steps w/ my sponsor, I felt comfortable in my own skin."
Tom H. "SD 1/29/90. My sponsor said I want you to develop a habit of going to meetings; AA has enabled me not to make big mistakes."
Deanna "SD 7/27/80. Show up 30 min early & stay 30 min late to get to know the people, also, I used the 12 steps to quit smoking, lost 100 lb w/ the steps."
George S. "SD 10/19/91. It was amazing to me, I kept coming back, got a sponsor & a homegroup & if I'm feeling squirrely, they will tell me how are you doing; the how are you doing."

-Your Grateful Plain & Straight Reporter, Karen

UPCOMING UNITY SPEAKERS

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Thursday Night Speakers Group invites you to our
17th Anniversary Celebration
(Located at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Rd., Clearwater, Fl)
Date: Thursday October 25th
Time: 6:30 PM Dinner
Meeting starts 7:30 PM
Special Guest Speaker:
Jim H.
of Zephyrhills, Fl.
Bring a covered dish to share, bring a friend & most important bring yourself.
Come join us for food, fun and a really great speakers meeting.

727-742-1828 / or 727-566-4661

Breakfast on the Bay
(AKA Take Your Sponsor to Breakfast Day)
Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 10:30am
War Veteran’s Memorial Park, Shelter 5
Speakers start at 11
Tickets $7

Gratitude Dinner

80’s Theme!
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church
1199 S. Highland Avenue
Largo 33770
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Veggies
Peach Cobbler
50/50 Raffle

Spiritual Awakening at Koinonia
Join us for Fellowship and Open Discussion
Followed by a Brief Meditation in the Silence

New Time
Starting Oct. 5, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Every Friday for over 45 years
Christ Presbyterian Church
3115 Dryer Avenue • Largo
SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETINGS - NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**ACCESSIBILITIES**  
**3RD THURSDAY**  
6PM 11/15/18  
Central Office  
8430 Ulmerton Rd #220, Largo

**ARCHIVES**  
**3RD SATURDAY**  
130PM 11/17/18  
Alano Club - Dolphin Village  
4615 Gulf Blvd #112, SPB

**CORRECTIONS**  
**2ND MONDAY**  
630PM 11/12/18  
Central Office  
8430 Ulmerton Rd #220

**DISTRICT 1 BUSINESS MTG**  
**3RD TUESDAY** 630PM 11/20/18  
CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD  
10891 102nd Ave North, Seminole

**GRAPEVINE**  
**3RD WEDNESDAY** 630PM 11/21/18  
Central Office  
8430 Ulmerton Rd #220

**LITERATURE COMMITTEE**  
**1ST WEDNESDAY** 630PM 11/7/18  
Panera Bread  
10801 Starkey Road, Largo

**PI/CPC**  
**LAST MONDAY**  
6PM 11/26/18  
Central Office  
8430 Ulmerton Rd #220

**TREATMENT**  
**LAST SATURDAY**  
10AM 11/24/18  
DeGeorge Plaza  
12678 Starkey Rd., Largo

**WEBSITE**  
**3RD SATURDAY**  
10AM 11/17/18  
Central Office  
8430 Ulmerton Rd #220

For More Information on these Committees, go to: 
District1aapinellas.org

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**District 15 Gratitude Dinner**  
“An Act Of Thankfulness”  
November 17, 2018 – 11:30pm-4pm  
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St. Vincent DePaul Church  
**Church**  
4843 Mile Stretch Drive  
Holiday, FL 34690

**Tickets $15**  
1 free water or soda!  
*Door Prize*  
*Basket Raffle*

**Speaker**  
Nanette D  
Naples, FL

**Turkey Dinner**  
with all the trimmings plus Dessert!!

**Come join us and bring a sponsee to help give thanks to A.A.**

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR!**  
For Tickets Call: (813) 523-3616  
Cutoff Date for Ticket Purchases: 11/4/18
Submissions must be received by the first Friday of each month to make it into the next Issue. Deadline for OCTOBER’s issue is: Friday, November 2nd, 2018 - that is for the OCTOBER anniversaries. Thank you - Jessica S., Anniversary Editor
Town Hall: Where Bill Wilson saw a great white light

Charles B. Towns, the founder of Towns Hospital, was a supporter and creditor of Alcoholics Anonymous, lending Bill Wilson $2,500 (about $48,000 in 2018 dollars) to enable him to write what became the "The Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous. Dr. Towns started the hospital in 1901. When the roaring twenties emerged and the increase in alcoholism was apparent, the facility management decided to focus on detox. The hospital aimed at drying out the “well-to-do” patient. It was an expensive detox facility and one was not admitted unless the fee was paid in advance or a backer guaranteed to pay the fee. It was $200 to $350 (about $5,000 in 2018 dollars) for a five-day stay.

Bill Wilson, cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), was admitted to Towns Hospital four times between 1933 and 1934. His financial supporter was his brother-in-law. On his fourth and last stay he showed signs of DT’s (delirium tremens) and was treated with the Belladonna Cure. He had his spiritual awakening while undergoing this treatment on his third night. When he was released from Towns Hospital after a seven-day stay, he never drank again.

Bill W.’s description of his spiritual experience: "All at once I found myself crying out, "If there is a God, let Him show himself! I am ready to do anything, anything! Suddenly the room lit up with a great white light. I was caught up in ecstasies which there are no words to describe. It seemed to me in my mind's eye, that I was on a mountain and that a wind not of air but of spirit was blowing. And then it burst upon me that I was a free man. Slowly the ecstasy subsided. I lay there on the bed, but now for a time I was in another world, a new world of consciousness... and I thought to myself, "So this is the God of the preachers!" A great peace stole over me."

The Chief of Staff was Dr. William Duncan Silkworth. Like many others including Bill W., Silkworth had lost all his savings in the market collapse and he had come to Towns to help alcoholics.

When Bill W. told Dr. Silkworth about the event, the physician responded: “Something has happened to you. I don’t understand. But you had better hang on to it.”
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS  
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WOULD LIKE TO THANK:
Jackie, Oldsmar Group, San Martin, Anonymous & Holiday Isles
FOR DONATING LITERATURE!

What is the Birthday Plan? Members customarily contribute $1, $2 or even $5 a year for each year of sobriety – others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety.
These contributions support the G.S.O.’s services to members in the US and Canada, and help to carry the A.A. message worldwide. For more details, visit: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/the-birthday-plan.
CONTACT Central Office at 727-530-0415 or stop in to donate for your anniversary!

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