BLIND PASS GROUP

Thanksgiving Alkathon

WEDNESDAY 11/21 @530PM - SUNDAY 11/25 @MIDNIGHT
MEETINGS AROUND THE CLOCK - DOORS OPEN 24 HOURS

7815 BLIND PASS ROAD
ST. PETE BEACH 33706
OVER THE COIN LAUNDRY

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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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Plain & Straight Editor: Jen B. Email: plainandstraight@aapinellas.org
Nov 11, 1934 – Armistice Day; Bill started drinking after dry spell, beginning of Bill’s last drunk.

Nov 15, 1949 – Bill W suggests that groups devote Thanksgiving week to discussions of the 12 Traditions.


Nov 28, 1939 – Hank P. writes Bill advocating autonomy for all AA groups.

Nov 28, 1943 – Bill guest speaker at San Quentin Penitentiary (sometimes dated Dec 2, 1943).

Other significant events in November for which we do not have a specific date:

Nov 1934 – Ebby T. carries message to Bill.

Nov 1936 – Fitz M leaves Towns Hospital to become ‘AA #3 in NY’, with Bill W and Hank P.

Nov 1986 – Big Book published in paperback.
10/6/18 At The End Of The Rainbow - Saturdays @ Grace Community Church - 2255 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor - Babysitting available

Kathleen "SD 12/13/15. My gift & promises was walking into this room of amazing women. I came to stop drinking & learned I am the problem. AA is a pathway to a whole new life. I can allow people to make mistakes, I turn them over to the care of God. God takes care of all of us. I live my life in faith instead of fear. Trust the process."

Danni "SD 8/7/17. These women are like having 50 mothers. I love these ladies with all my heart. My sponsor has never given up on me. I was going to die at 22 if I didn't do these steps. I couldn't stay sober without these steps and my Higher Power."

Donna "SD 12/27/08. I'm starting to see the transformation in myself. I am a different person today. I got in the middle of the boat."

10/13/18 Today In Sobriety - Monday thru Friday @ 5:30pm @ Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church 301 37th Avenue N., St. Petersburg

Lydia "SD 7/7/08. A friend told me there are 2 ways to do the AA program & neither was wrong. You could live in the world of AA, or you could take AA into the world with you."

Alex "SD 10/15/97. I had lots of bottoms & demoralization & a moment of grace when I didn't listen to my own brain."

10/20/18 Attitude Adjustment - Monday thru Saturday @ 7am @ Grace Community Church 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater

Phillip "SD 2/27/98. We like to get our attitude adjustments early in the morning; everybody gets a chance to share."

Claude "SD 11/24/58. I will have 60 years unbroken sobriety. How did I do it? I came back & tried to step beyond the person I had become, became vegetarian, meditation, & opened a yoga studio before it became popular. We are sharing something in a presence beyond myself with another person; when I look into the eyes of another person, the real power is in sharing with another person your hopes & fears, what are our real needs, & how we can share that with each other; we are sharing an energy that is incredible."

Dan "SD 6/27/85. I picked up a white chip & didn't like it, but I did accept it & this lady said, "you don't have to like it" & I was all right w/ it. We had to write an essay on the 1st 3 steps; I heard at a meeting: Step One-I can't. Step Two:He can. Step Three:I think I will let Him."

10/27/18 Free Spirits Group @ 8:08pm @ Warehouse Club @ 2024 Main St., Dunedin

Woody "You're never too late at the 8:08!"

Lawrence "SD 6/2012. I love to do service work & I want to give back what was so freely given to me."

Christy "SD 8/22/17. My entire life I did not have the willingness & then I decided to do it & the rooms taught me a lot about myself."

-Your Grateful Plain & Straight Reporter, Karen

UPCOMING UNITY SPEAKERS

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BLIND PASS GROUP

Thanksgiving Dinner
130PM - 430PM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
EAT STUFF, BRING STUFF, OR DO BOTH!

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Old Time A.A.
Saturday January 19, 2019

Christ The King Church
821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy.
Tampa, FL 33609

Tommy M. Largo
Keynote Speaker

Tom R.
Boca Raton
AA Historian

Karen R.
Tampa
“Father Dowling Bill W’s Spiritual Guide”

Recovery
Unity
5th Annual Service

Breakfast & Lunch Served
9:30 - 4:30

Registration is $20.00 per person
To register, fill out form and attach check or money order.
Mail to, Old Time AA, 1187 Shipwatch Cr. Tampa FL 33602
You can also register online at www.oldtimeaa.com
Please indicate number of tickets, donation or scholarship below.

Name: __________________________ Telephone: __________________________
Email: __________________________ Total $ __________________________

Tickets __________ Scholarship __________ Donation __________

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
DR. BOB’S HOME AKRON OHIO
Contact us at (332) 555-7711 or oldtimeaa@gmail.com

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Leaving Rehab? Planning to attend AA meetings?

Call (727) 755-8284 or btgpinellas@gmail.com

Bridging the Gap also needs volunteers (especially female) to take people to their first meeting after treatment

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Babysitting Available

ST. BEDE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2500 16TH STREET N.
ST. PETERSBURG 33704

Saturdays 10am
Saturday Morning Women’s Big Book Study
My name is Mike H., and I’m an alcoholic. I am a member of the District 1 Literature Committee.

My first volunteer opportunity for Alcoholics Anonymous was at the insane asylum in Columbus, Ohio, in 2002. Many said it was an appropriate position for me. Over the next 16 years, I started a jail meeting, developed a couple of web groups and helped in the planning for a drug court and a rehab facility. I also served my home group as secretary, treasurer and General Service Representative. Since relocating to Pinellas County, I joined the District 1 Literature Committee and became my home group’s Literature Representative.

What does the Literature Committee do? We do all sorts of fun stuff, like keeping members of the Fellowship abreast of changes being made to existing Conference approved literature, as well as new and/or revamped pamphlets, books and audiovisual materials. We collaborate on wording for new ideas and concepts. And, following the lead of our chairperson, Dave P, we take the committee’s literature display to local A.A. meetings and conferences, spreading the word about literature and our committee.

We also offer guidance to groups on how they can best display their literature so that it comes to the attention of their members, especially newcomers. There’s a wealth of wisdom in our literature that some of us may have forgotten, like how to use Conference-approved literature when working with our sponsees.

We’re always looking for new group representatives – it’s a great way to volunteer and become a part of Alcoholics Anonymous beyond the home group level. Please consider joining us at our committee meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Panera Bread in the Bardmoor Plaza, 10801 Starkey Road, Largo. The District 1 Literature Committee: a great opportunity to get involved!
Submissions must be received by the first Friday of each month to make it into the next Issue. Deadline for DECEMBER’s issue is : Friday, December 7th, 2018 - that is for the NOVEMBER anniversaries. Thank you - Jessica S., Anniversary Editor
How are you doing with....

**Thankfulness:** It is the habit of my life to thank my higher power and others for what they have done...I can honestly say that I am a thankful person and often express my gratitude.

**Gentleness:** My life is free from all outbursts of selfish anger or rage. I am approachable, quiet in spirit, open to criticism, and don’t get defensive when I am corrected or rebuked.

**Humility:** I do not have an inflated self-opinion and consistently consider others as equal with myself. I have a teachable spirit and avoid all bragging, name-dropping and spiritual pride.

**Pure Attitudes:** My lifestyle is one of the right relationships, not just outwardly but inwardly too. I have no hate, ill will, malice or bitterness toward any other person anywhere on this earth.

**Acceptance:** I refuse to fight back when people criticize, condemn, reject or complain against me, even if they do it with wrong motives. I practice giving a soft answer to turn away their wrath.

**Peacemaking:** It is my practice to try to bring peace between others who are at odds. I don’t just stand by and allow division to fester without trying to get involved to bring peace.

**Boldness:** I have been able to launch out and take risks for my recovery and beliefs, keeping fear under control and taking risks when my higher power calls to me to do something. There is nothing now that My Higher Power is asking me to do which I’m resisting because of fear.

**Trust:** I not only believe, but "act as if" my higher power is guiding my life and situations. My life is one of simple reliance on my Higher Power. I’m free from fretting, worry or anxiety about the future.

**Persistence:** It is normal for me to hang in there, when I am acting in healthy ways, when things get difficult, stressful and unrewarding, even if I must face suffering difficulty and persecution. My persistence keeps me from giving up too easily and I just keep on keeping on.

**Forgiveness:** If there is an individual or group of people who have hurt me in the past, I release my resentment, bitterness or grudge against them. I have fully forgiven everyone who has ever hurt me.

**Restoring others:** I hurt when temptation overtakes a brother or sister in the fellowship or elsewhere in my life, so I do not avoid or exclude them; rather I often get involved, humbly coming alongside to help them back to their feet spiritually.

**Spiritual Intimacy:** It is the routine of my life to spend time alone with my Higher Power each day to read spiritual books, meditate and pray...and beyond that I "practice the presence" of my Higher Power all day long. I’m constantly sensing my Higher Power’s surrounding presence in my life like the air I breath.

**Living Above Reproach:** I painstakingly avoid situations which could feed lustful or selfish desires or even tempt others to gossip about me. I have no dangerous emotional bonds which could lead to trouble. I carefully attend to all my relationships so that not even the hint of Impropriety exists.

**Truthfulness:** My yes is yes, my 200 is 200, my five-point buck is a five-point buck, and the fish is whatever size it is. I totally avoid half-truths, white lies, flattery or exaggeration. I practice absolute honesty both in my relationships with others and myself. I do not lie in order to allow myself or others to avoid unpleasant emotions.

**Living my Recovery:** I typically share my recovery with both straight and chemically dependent people every time my Higher Power prompts me to do it. Twelfth stepping is a habit of my life.

**Spiritual Passion:** I hunger to become more spiritual and take my spiritual growth seriously. I do not ignore, dismiss or excuse areas where I fall short, even those I have listed above, since I have a spiritual passion for becoming more like my Higher Power would have me be, the I AM of Him.
# Group Contributions

**October 2018**

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**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](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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