



*Happy Holidays*

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**Barrie & Area Intergroup Meeting**

Friday, January 11th, 2008 at  
7:00 pm

\*[Central United Church](#)  
54 Ross Street, Barrie

**Georgian Bay South - District 8**

**District Committee Meeting**  
Sunday, January 13th, 2008  
at 1:30 pm

\*[St. George's Church](#)  
Burton & Granville Street,  
Barrie

*Twelve Steps to a Better Holiday Season*

1. *We admitted the holiday season has a deeper meaning than drinking..*
2. *We came to believe a power greater than ourselves could help us see and celebrate the true meaning of the season.*
3. *We came to believe our Higher Power could help us appreciate the joyfulness of the season as we understand it.*
4. *We made a searching and thorough examination of our relationship with alcohol during the holidays and other things we enjoy about the season.*
5. *We admitted to our Higher Power the exact nature of our drinking habits during holiday seasons past.*
6. *We became entirely ready to allow our Higher Power to remove our attachment to alcohol as a necessity of the holidays.*
7. *We humbly asked him to remove our desire to partake of holiday drinks.*
8. *We made a list of all persons whose presence makes the holiday season joyful for us and with whom we would like to share our joy.*
9. *We made plans to spend time with those people whenever possible, except when to do so would remove us of our primary purpose of staying sober.*
10. *We continued to enjoy the company of friends and family and other non-alcohol aspects of the season.*
11. *We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our appreciation of the season, praying for knowledge of its meaning and the joy we feel at this time.*
12. *Having realized that sharing the joy of this season with others far outlasts the fleeting pleasure of drinking, we gave ourselves the gift of being sober throughout the holidays, and gave others the gift of our sobriety and the gift of our full attention and appreciation.*



**Barrie A.A. Central Office Twelve Step Work**

**November 2007**

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## December 2007

Name	Anniversary	Sober Date	To Be Celebrated	Meeting
Jim K.	2 Years	6 December	Happy Birthday	Wasaga Beach Friday Night
Robert L.	29 Years	12 December	Happy Birthday	Wasaga Beach Friday Night
Cathy B.	5 Years	16 December	28 December	Wasaga Beach Friday Night
John B.	4 Years	23 December	Happy Birthday	Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Harry G.	18 Years	24 December	Happy Birthday	Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud
Fred H.	8 Years	26 December	Happy Birthday	Wasaga Beach Friday Night
Carol T.	14 Years	27 December	Happy Birthday	Alcona Serenity Group, Stroud

## January 2008

Name	Anniversary	Sober Date	To Be Celebrated	Meeting
Tina L.	3 Years	8 January	Happy Birthday	Tuesday Victory Group



*Happy Birthday to those celebrating milestones of sobriety...those 24hrs add up!*



## *Tradition TWELVE*

12.) And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of Anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.



JOIN US AT THE AT THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

284 CUNDLES STREET EAST, BARRIE

(DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE OFF OF LIVINGSTON)

FROM 8PM TO 1 AM

YOUR \$15.00 TICKET INCLUDES

PARTY FAVOURS, SPOT DANCES, 50/50 DRAW, LIGHT BUFFET, AND DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY!

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE SOCIAL FUNCTION COMMITTEE:

JULIE F., ERIC H., LESLIE P., LARRY E., GREG F. & PENNY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL LARRY/LESLIE AT 705-728-2973

## EVENTS

**Alcona Serenity Group**  
**Christmas Candle Light Meeting**  
Monday 17 December @ 8 pm  
Stroud Presbyterian Church, Stroud  
Western Style Meeting  
Come and join us for an evening of spirituality

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Come and join us at the  
**Alcona Serenity Group**  
Stroud Presbyterian Church, Stroud  
**Christmas Eve** at 8 pm

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**Tuesday Night Collier Group**  
Collier United Church, 112 Collier Street, Barrie  
**No meeting 25 December 2007**  
due to Christmas Holidays

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Christmas Night  
**Tuesday Night Victory Group's**  
closed meeting remains scheduled  
for 9 pm

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Nottawa Clean and Sober dance New Year's Eve, 10.00 dollars a person, potluck dinner

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**Tuesday Night Collier Group**  
Collier United Church, 112 Collier Street, Barrie  
**No meeting 1 January 2008**  
due to Christmas Holidays

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**16th Annual Toronto Winter Round Up**  
**with Clancy I. from Venice, CA**  
Saturday, January 26, 2008 at 9:00 AM to 9 PM  
**York Reception Center**  
(Location of Toronto Sunday morning men's meeting)  
1100 Millwood Road, Toronto

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**Ontario Regional Conference**  
14, 15, & 16 March 2008  
Fairmount Royal York Hotel  
Toronto, Ontario

### Twelfth Step Prayer

Dear God,  
 My Spiritual Awakening begins to unfold.  
 The help I have received I shall pass on and give to others both in and out of the fellowship. For this opportunity I am grateful. I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day on the road of spiritual progress.  
 I pray for the strength and wisdom to practice the principles of this way of life in all that I do and say.  
 I need you, my friends, and the program every hour of every day.

### Attitudes

In AA the only mistake you can make is not coming back.

Gratitude is the streetcar to a better attitude.

The catch-22 of recovery:  
 You've got to change your thinking  
 To change your drinking.  
 But to change your thinking,  
 You've got to change your drinking.

AA: Absolute Abstinence.

Hi News Letter Editor:

I am trying to get some grapevines sent to the troops in Afghanistan. Right now I am working on getting a contact name over there and as luck would have it my doctor is leaving in the next few days and is happy to help me out. The next part is to get some back issues of the Grapevine. So I was thinking that you could mention this in the news letter. This is going to take awhile I know but I think it is important that the troops who need it will have something to inspire them to stay strong. I will keep in touch as things develop and find a place to drop off donations.

The other thing that I would like to mention is the lack of desire of members to do 12 step calls. Even the members on the list think that 12 step work should be done when it is convenient to them. I recently had a call from the answering service for a help call involving a woman. The call was late at night. I tried to phone the female members on the list that I have (old list) and all I got was answering machines except one irate person who informed me that she did not take calls in the middle of the night. I only wonder what she would have thought if when she called for help she was told it was not a good time, call back. It is this type of attitude that will bring A.A. to its knees.

The responsibility pledge says **WHENEVER** somebody needs help not whenever it is convenient for me!!

Mike

*Hi Mike,*

*Thanks for your efforts in helping those over seas. The 12 step list has been updated and hopefully this will help with your concern. Rewards. News Letter Editor*

### **The gift of love means this: I want to share with you whatever I have that is good.**

-- John Powell, S.J.

How loving are we, really? Do we keep score when we do favors for a friend, keeping in mind that we're owed one? Do we hoard rather than share a favorite treat, hoping to prolong our own feast? And the good mood, when it's ours, do we use it to help another raise her spirits or do we secretly gloat because we're "in a better place"?

The opportunity to respond with love visits us throughout each day. A smile, a kind gesture, including someone in a conversation, noticing a job well done, are acts of love, acts that connect our hearts, at least for a moment.