

**THE BRADY GROUP in “A VERY BRADY BUSINESS  
MEETING”** April 25, 2005

*Song:* Here’s the story, of an alkie lady,  
who was bringing up three very alkie girls,  
all of them had hair of gold, like their mother,  
the youngest one in curls  
Here’s the story, of a drunk named Brady,  
who was busy with three drunks of his own  
They were four drunks, living all together, yet they were all alone  
Til the one day when the lady met this fellow  
And then she really threw him for a loop  
This octet would form more than a family  
In AA they all became the Brady Group  
The Brady Group, The Brady Group  
In AA they became the Brady Group!

*(“Brady Bunch Jazzy Music Intro” plays—all walk onstage and sit Peter has nerf football he’s playing with))*

**MIKE:** Welcome everybody. I’m Mike and I’m an alcoholic!

**ALL:** Hi Mike!

**MIKE:** I am the business meeting secretary for the Brady Group of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**GREG:** You don’t have to be so formal Dad, we all know who you are.

**CAROL:** Now, Greg, you just let your father run the meeting the way he wants.

**GREG:** Whatever.

**MIKE:** Don’t you “whatever” your mother, Mister! You had better watch that attitude!

**CINDY:** Here we go again.

**GREG:** Attitude? I just made a little comment and that's having an attitude?

**MIKE:** Greg, we have a lot of business to get through today and so I really don't want to get into this with you.

**GREG:** No dad, let's get into it. Why do we talk all around what's really the issue?

**MIKE:** Oh, I give up: just what is the issue, Greg?

**GREG:** I'll tell you what the issue is: I became an alcoholic because my career as a college football player got ruined and it's all your fault!

**MIKE:** My fault? How do you figure?

**GREG:** Because if we had had natural grass in the back yard, instead of that weird AstroTurf, I woulda never have blown my knee out! What the heck kinda architect are you anyway?

**CAROL:** Greg Brady, that is enough! Why don't you call your sponsor instead of blaming all your problems on your father? Ever heard of a 4<sup>th</sup> Step? For heaven's sake! There's more to life than football!

**MIKE:** That's right. Speaking of football, Peter, can you please get rid of that ball? It's distracting.

**PETER:** Okay, dad.

*(Peter throws the football at Marcia and hits her in the nose)*

**MARCIA:** Oh my nose!

**PETER:** Déjà vu all over again.

**MARCIA:** Is it broken? Is it swollen? Am I bleeding?

**JAN:** It's a nerf football, drama queen.

**MARCIA:** My nose is very delicate, Peter! Plus, I'm supposed to attend

a Big Book seminar with Doug Simpson, the big man on campus, tomorrow. If my nose swells up, what will I do then?

**CAROL:** Calm down, dear. If that happens you can either tell Doug that something suddenly came up or learn to accept it the way it talks about in the Big Book.

**CINDY:** Acceptance is the answer!

**CAROL:** That's right. It's like that time I had to have our pet dog Tiger to sleep. I didn't want to, but I accepted that it was the right thing to do.

**BOBBY:** (*surprised and angry*) YOU HAD TIGER PUT TO SLEEP? YOU EVIL WENCH! You told us he ran away!

**MIKE:** Now see here, Bobby! I will not tolerate you talking to your mother that way!

**CAROL:** Oh, Bobby you know Tiger was getting on in years and plus he kept humping everybody's leg. It was embarrassing. Having him put to sleep was for the best.

**BOBBY:** You are now officially on the top of my resentment list!

**MIKE:** Can we please get back to the business at hand? Now, let's move on to reports: Intergroup Rep, Carol?

**CAROL:** I'm Carol and I'm an alcoholic.

**ALL:** (*except Bobby*) Hi Carol!

**BOBBY:** Hi dog killer!

**CAROL:** Bobby!

**BOBBY:** You probably laughed when Old Yeller got shot.

**MIKE:** Bobby Brady knock it off right now! Go ahead, honey.

**CAROL:** The Intergroup summer picnic is coming up and the

**committees are all filled. The Beverly Hillbillies Group is doing the cooking,...**

**GREG: Aw, man! Are they gonna make that nasty possum pie again?**

**CAROL: Don't worry The Jeffersons group is helping out as well. Okay, the Bewitched Group is covering setup...**

**JAN: That'll be easy. All Samantha has to do is do a couple of nose twitches.**

**CAROL: Can I please finish my report without any more interruptions? Now, The All in the Family group is handling the coffee, Green Acres Group are selling sodas, Sanford and Son are doing the sobriety countdown, and we have cleanup.**

**BOBBY: Aw man, we always have cleanup!**

**CAROL: That's because we have such a big group, dear.**

**BOBBY: Well, so does the Eight is Enough Group! Why don't they have cleanup sometime?**

**PETER: Quit your whining, pipsqueak. Hey, mom, who's doing the speaker meeting?**

**CAROL: We haven't decided yet. We're leaning towards Jaime Sommers.**

**PETER: Groovy! Last year Farrah Fawcett-Majors and this year the Bionic Woman! Those are some seriously foxy chicks! Not that the speaker has to be a foxy chick for me to show up or anything.**

**CAROL: Really? So you wouldn't mind if we had Gomer Pyle instead?**

**PETER: I wouldn't go that far.**

**MIKE: Do you have anything else to report, Carol?**

**CAROL: One more thing: the Intergroup Literature chair, Uncle Fester**

from the Addams Family Group, reported that the new pamphlet “AA For The Has-been Celebrity” is now available.

**MIKE:** Thanks honey. H & I report, Peter.

**PETER:** My name is Peter and I’m an alcoholic.

**ALL:** Hi Peter!

**PETER:** After three months with the position vacant, the Hospitals & Institutions committee now has a new chairperson. And he comes highly qualified with years of experience.

**CINDY:** Who is it?

**PETER:** Well, let me see...I wrote his name down somewhere...I can’t find it but I do remember he’s from the Andy Griffith Show Group.

**MIKE:** Oh, then it’s gotta be Otis Campbell. You know, the town drunk who would lock himself up in the cell?

**PETER:** No...I found it. His name is actually Barney Fife.

**MIKE:** Really? Barney is a recovering alkie?

**PETER:** Yep. And he said that the Otis guy you mentioned is his sponsor.

**MIKE:** Well, I guess you can never tell who is gonna be one of us.

**JAN:** Yeah, I was really surprised to see John Boy Walton at the beginner’s meeting.

**BOBBY:** That’s nothing. David Banner was a new GSR at the last district meeting and when they rejected a motion he proposed, he Hulked out right there at the Intergroup office! It was awesome!

**CINDY:** So do both Bill Bixby and Lou Ferrigno get a vote there? That doesn’t them fair!

**MIKE:** Can we please keep focused? I don't wanna be here all day. Now Peter has the floor. Do you have any more H& I info, Peter?

**PETER:** Well, we always need volunteers. The Gunsmoke and Barney Miller lockdown facilities are really easy to get approved for.

**MIKE:** Thanks Peter. Let's see, what's next? Oh, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. Cindy.

**CINDY:** Cindy, alcoholic.

**ALL:** Hi Cindy!

**CINDY:** (*noticeably lisping*) PI/thee pee thee isn't doing so well right now.

**BOBBY:** What?

**CINDY:** (*noticeably lisping*) I thed PI/thee pee thee isn't doing so well right now.

**BOBBY:** You know, that lisp was probably cute back when Nixon was president, but now it's just pathetic!

**MIKE:** Bobby, please! Now, what's the problem with PI/thee pee thee, uh...I mean, PI/CPC, sweetie?

**CINDY:** Well, we did a presentation at James Buchanon High School, but the kids there scared our volunteers so much they quit.

**GREG:** Lemme guess: the Sweathogs, right?

**CINDY:** That's right.

**GREG:** I'm gonna open up a can of whoop ass on that Vinny Barbarino.

**MARCIA:** He would punkslap you, Greg. Plus, no one says "open up a can of whoop ass" anymore.

**GREG:** *You're* gonna give *me* lessons on what's hip, Ms. Davey Jones

fan club president?

**MIKE:** Would you two knock it off and let Cindy finish giving her report?

**CINDY:** That's all I had, daddy.

**MIKE:** Thanks Cindy. All right, the...oh, I always have a hard time pronouncing this: the O-O-W-A-Y-P-A-A report, Marcia.

**MARCIA:** I'm Marcia and I'm an alcoholic.

**ALL:** Hi Marcia. OOWAYPAA, which as you know stands for Out-Of-Work-Actors-Young-People-in-Alcoholics-Anonymous, is doing great. We have a speaker meeting and dance coming up next month and the speaker will be Gary Coleman from the Diff'rent Strokes group.

**GREG:** What you talkin' 'bout Marcia? I thought it was supposed to be Todd Bridges from the Diff'rent Strokes group. Marcia.

**JAN:** That's funny, I heard it was supposed to be Danny Bonaduce from the Partridge Family Group.

**PETER:** Well, I think the reason it's not those two guys is that I saw them at an H & I meeting last week. And they didn't leave with me if you know what I'm sayin'.

**CAROL:** Will you guys be having the dance contest again, Marcia?

**MARCIA:** Yes mom, why do you ask? Please tell me you and dad aren't thinking of coming and doing the Charleston?

**CAROL:** No, that's not it.

**MARCIA:** You guys *can* come you know. We define young people as anyone with room to grow. And of course you qualify for the whole out of work actor thing too.

**CAROL:** The reason I asked about the dance contest is because there were a lot of complaints about some of the suggestive dancing last time.

**Especially between you and Greg.**

**MARCIA:** Gee mom, that's the way all the kids dance these days. They call it freakin'.

**CAROL:** That's all well and good, Marcia, but Greg is your brother!

**GREG:** Well mom...*(looks at Marcia and talks seductively)* we're not *really* brother and sister if you know what I mean.

**MIKE:** Oh man, I knew that adjoining bathroom was a bad idea!

**JAN:** I am seriously creeped out right about now!

**MARCIA:** Gee mom, can't you just accept that we're young, hip and groovy and want to do our own thing? Weren't you just talking about acceptance being the answer a few minutes ago?

**CAROL:** *(to audience)* Don't ya hate when they throw your experience, strength and hope back in your face like that?

**MIKE:** Okay let's move along troops. Thanks Marcia. Okay, let's see...General Service, Bobby.

**BOBBY:** Bobby, alcoholic.

**ALL:** Hi Bobby!

**BOBBY:** The Delegate's Report Unity Day is right around the corner so we need to finalize the details. Jan, didn't you volunteer to do the decorations?

**JAN:** Yes, I have some really far out ideas.

**CAROL:** Well, Jan honey, don't you think Marcia might have a little more experience doing decorations since she helped out with the Josie and the Pussycats ice cream social last year?

**JAN:** You've always liked her more than me! I'm sick of it! Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!

**GREG:** Gee mom, maybe Jan is right even if she is on the pity pot again. We probably should practice the spirit of rotation.

**CAROL:** You're right, Greg. I'm sure you'll do a great job, Jan.

**JAN:** Thanks, mom.

**CAROL:** Marcia would have done it better, but whatever.

**JAN:** *(angrily through clenched teeth)* You're the reason I have my sponsor on speed dial!

**MIKE:** Let's save the drama for another time. Go ahead, Bobby.

**BOBBY:** The Petticoat Junction group is going to handle the food and they're making fried chicken using Uncle Joe's recipe.

**CAROL:** I hope they remember to use Wesson oil. *(pulls out a bottle of Wesson oil)* That way the chicken will have *(sings)* a certain Wessonality!

**PETER:** Mom, that was beyond pathetic.

**MIKE:** Speaking of beyond pathetic please tell me that Jed Clampett isn't going to be blowing on that jug of his for entertainment this year.

**JAN:** Oh no. We have something much better planned. The Brady Kids live! Kick it!

*(Jan stands up as "It's a Sunshine Day" starts, she lip syncs)*

**JAN:** *I think I'll go for a walk outside now, the summer sun's calling my name*

**OTHER KIDS:** *(stand up and join in lip sync) I hear ya now  
I just can't stay inside all day, I gotta get out get me some of those rays!*

*Everybody's smiling! Sunshine day!  
Everybody's laughing! Sunshine day!*

*Everybody seems so happy today. It's a sunshine day!*

**CINDY:** *I think I'll go for a walk outside now the summer sun knows me by name*

**OTHER KIDS:** *he's calling me I gotta get out*

**MIKE: STOP IT!** *(music comes to a screeching halt)* **Man! That's like the sound you hear in your head when you go insane!**

**GREG:** Well then how about this one!

**ALL THE KIDS:** *("Time to Change" plays)*

*Sha na na na na na na na na*

*Sha na na na na*

*Sha na na na na na na na na*

*Sha na na na na*

**MIKE: NO!** *(music stops)*

**PETER:** That's okay this is our best one anyway!

*("Keep On" plays)*

**ALL THE KIDS:** *We're gonna keep on, keep on, keep on, keep on dancin' all through the night*

*We're gonna keep on keep on, keep on , keep on doin' it right*

*We're gonna keep on, keep on keep on movin*

*Gonna keep on, keep on, keep on groovin'*

*Keep on singin and dancing all through the night*

**MIKE: SHUT UP!** *(music stops)* **Forget it! Bring on Jed and his jug!**

**Why do we need to make such a fuss anyway? I mean, it's just the delegate's report.**

**CAROL:** Mike Brady, I'm surprised at you! You know as well as I do that having our delegate report back to the groups on what happened at the General Service Conference is an essential part of completing the circle of service that starts with the Agenda Topics.

**GREG:** I think dad's still a little sore that his name didn't get pulled out

of the hat at last fall's election for delegate.

**MIKE:** That's simply not true son. I think the right person is delegate. After all, she's been a trusted servant for years.

**JAN:** Speaking of our delegate, there she is!

*(Alice enters)*

**ALICE:** Hi gang!

**ALL:** Hi Alice!

**ALICE:** I hate to break up the meeting, but I have a pot roast with all of your names on it.

**MIKE:** Yum! I make a motion we adjourn the meeting. All in favor?

**ALL:** Aye!

*(Brady Bunch end theme plays)* **THE END**