



# Tri-County Central Office News

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character

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<b>The Traditions As They Apply to Singleness of Purpose</b>	<b>DRY DOCK</b>
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### The Traditions As They Apply to Singleness of Purpose A talk given at the Northern New Jersey Intergroup and NNJGS Area 44 Joint Day of Sharing August 16, 2003

**Tradition One:** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. A.A. is a “we”, not an “I”, program. When “we” place the good of A.A. ahead of our own personal agendas and desires, A.A. can be better unified. We’re unified and bonded by our common problem of alcoholism with a common solution as outlined in our basic text affectionately called “The Big Book”. So what happens when our unity is compromised or broken? How does this kind of thing happen? As individuals, we are each responsible for placing the common welfare of A.A. first. The good of A.A. must always be a first priority even if it means “I” can’t get what “I” want. What can we do to place the welfare of A.A. ahead of our own? - We need to identify ourselves simply as alcoholics...leaving our “other” problems/addictions at the door. This even means not identifying ourselves as drug addicts even if we have that respective addiction. We are not N.A. We’re A.A. The only identification that belongs here is that of being an alcoholic. Our sharing should be based on offering our experience, strength and hope to the still-suffering alcoholic. In *How it Works*, we’re told to disclose what we used to be like, what happened (in terms of getting sober with the steps 1-9) and what we are like now (living in steps 10-12). We’re to offer hope that there is a way out of the alcoholic nightmare. An A.A. meeting should not be used as a dumping ground for all our personal problems and “issues”. These things belong with our sponsors, our network and with appropriate professionals. We’re here to offer hope and a solution to the still-suffering alcoholic. When we dive into sharing whatever we want, we’re no longer bonded by a common problem. We are divided by our differences. So where does this leave the alcoholic who is dying a miserable alcoholic death? And, who is responsible when that alkie doesn’t come back to A.A.? A lot of us say they just didn’t want it enough. But what’s our part? When we don’t take responsibility for our common welfare to keep A.A. - A.A., everyone suffers. Alcoholics die. And, Alcoholics Anonymous gets a little more watered down. **Tradition Two:** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship

**From the Central Office SERVICE DESK**  
A total of 1220 phone calls were made to the Central Office in MARCH—APRIL  
569 for info on AA,  
2 for info on Al-Anon,  
14 messages for other inquiries,  
14 requesting a Twelfth Step call,  
621 after Office Hours calls.  
There were 478 walk-ins visits as well.

that is supposed to be directed through a loving God...not by individuals who want to run the show *their* own way. The more we allow God to direct our actions through a group conscience, the more we’re moved out of “self” and our own wants and desires. When God is given the opportunity to direct our actions, our chance

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During the last two and a half years of my drinking, I was working two or three days a week, and drinking daily. I was an owner/operator with a trucking company, and although I was paid only by what I hauled, I would show up for work and tell myself the load didn’t pay enough to take out. That way, I could be at the bar when it opened at six in the morning and spend the entire day and night drinking. It was a habit that dies hard. After I had been sober for about three or four weeks, I went into work one morning, and the dispatcher said it was a very slow day, but I was welcome to go out on the dock and see if there was anything I would like to deliver. I walked the length of the dock, and there wasn’t anything worth my time, at least not to my sick, self-centered mind. So I decided to tell the dispatcher that I was taking the day off. The truth was I had decided to head straight for the bar to “get it on.” When I turned around to go back to the dispatch office, I literally walked into a pallet containing fifty cartons of Big Books, going to the AA central office in San Diego! Some would call this a coincidence, but I prefer to call it a minor miracle in which God chose to remain anonymous. I did not have to drink that day, but I did look up immediately and say, “Thank you.” I told the dispatcher that I would be back shortly. I walked out to my truck, read the Big Book for a few minutes, and said a prayer of thanks. Then I went ahead and worked and had a good day. From that day to this, just over twelve years, one day at a time, God has continued to do for me what I could not do for myself—keeping me sober, and giving me a reasonably happy, serene, and productive life.

Don R., Chula Vista, California  
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### From the Grapevine “Ham on Wry”

Two AA’s were sitting in their car at a red light when a beer truck pulled up next to them. Looking at the frosted mug of beer painted on the side of the truck, one AA sighed, “Gee, don’t you wish we could have one of those?” “Yeah,” answered the other, “but where would we get the next truck?”  
Marsha & Andy L., Ridge Manor, Florida

**The Serenity Prayer with a twist:** God grant me the Serenity to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.  
Matt J., Kalamazoo, Michigan

An alcoholic working in a brewery fell into a huge vat of beer and drowned. When his wife arrived at the scene, she told the foreman, “Well, at least it was a quick and painless death.” One of the deceased’s old cronies standing nearby muttered, “It was painless all right, but not quite that quick. He got out three times to go to the bathroom.”

Orphir F., Amherst, N.S.



**TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties**

Hello everybody! My name is Kelly K. and I am an alcoholic.  
 Men's Falkenburg Coordinator: Buddy H. reports everything is going great as usual at Falkenburg. He would also like to remind volunteers to renew their PV numbers if they have lapsed.  
 Hillsborough Women's Jails Coordinator: Lindsay T. could not attend the meeting by reports that all meetings are covered.  
 Men's Orient Road Jail Coordinator: Paul D reports that Orient Road is business as usual, and there are currently two meetings per week. He is also working towards building the meetings up.  
 Juvenile Coordinator: Brian B. reports that all meetings are currently covered but he is still looking for volunteers!  
 Rob T. also could not attend but reports that all meetings are being covered at both Acts Detox and Town and Country. He is however in need of volunteers to aid in covering meetings.

East Pasco Women's Coordinator: Cathy C. reports that all meetings are being covered and there are two potential volunteers currently being processed. She has brought Living Sober books to the facility and the attendees have really taken to them and have requested more. There is currently good attendance at both Sunday and Thursday meetings.

Zephyrhills Coordinator: Jim H. reports that he currently has one meeting per week on Wednesdays, which is going well.

Bridging the Gap Coordinator: Curtis B. reports that he has had 3 Bridging the Gap successes thus far and is optimistic for the future. He has also made up posters and calling cards, which cost \$79.95 and can be provided for facilities. The Bridging the Gap workshop will be held in Bloomington, Minnesota this September.

Treatment Coordinator: Carl C. reports that he has made contact with existing treatment facilities with exception to the Chyrsalis House. He has also contacted facilities currently not on our list; Carl provided materials for the alcohol and drug treatment program on MacDill Air Force Base.

Also, we have a new face to work with.  
 In Love & Service,  
 Kelly K.

Next Committee Meetings  
 June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work in Detox/Treatment/Jail/Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Pink Can Drive**  
 Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ... We will put it to great use!  
 TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

**Thank you to those groups** who have sent in a donation this Month: 301 House (All Groups), Meeting Place (Land O Lakes), Midday Matinee, Noon Big Book, Old School Group, Red Door Group, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday), Sisters in Sobriety, Soberstock, Sobrenity, Sun Eleven 15 Speaker (3333), Town & Country Group, Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group, TGIS Group (Women), There Is A Solution Group (3333), Wellspring Recovery Group.

<b>TBAIC 2010 Committee Members</b>	
<b>Tom F. - Chair</b>	<b>813-818-4439</b>
<b>Buddy H. - Alt Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Mark L. Treasurer</b>	<b>813-477-6855</b>
<b>Kelly K. - Secretary</b>	<b>813-313-0387</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Paul D. - Men's Orient Rd</b>	<b>727-385-5529</b>
<b>Buddy H. - Men's Falkenburg</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Lindsay T. - Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-326-5408</b>
<b>Rob T. - Detox</b>	<b>813-453-6059</b>
<b>Nikki S. - Alternate Detox</b>	<b>727-686-8857</b>
<b>Jim G. - Alternate Detox</b>	<b>813-610-3485</b>
<b>HCI Women's Prison- POSITION</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>E Pasco Jail - Mens- POSITION</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail - Women's</b>	<b>813-727-1415</b>
<b>Tom D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-782-7209</b>
<b>Carl C. - Treatment</b>	<b>813-215-9195</b>
<b>Jeremiah T. - Alternate Treatment</b>	<b>813-480-0307</b>
<b>Curtis B. - Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-405-7966</b>
<b>Joe L. - Pre-Release</b>	<b>813-918-3489</b>
<b>Brian B. - Juvenile</b>	<b>760-215-2993</b>
<b>Heather B. - Juvenile</b>	<b>760-828-5394</b>

<b>Treasurers Report - May 22nd, 2010</b>	
Year to Date Including 2009	
Year End Balance	\$8,505.52
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$300.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$11,492.84
Less YTD Expenses	-\$583.31
Pink Can Current Balance	\$1,791.71
Spending Account Balance	\$4.60

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of through loving, God-inspired actions. With our own plans and designs set aside, God can better move our fellowship in the direction of helping the still-suffering alcoholic...God moves us to carry out our singleness of purpose. **Tradition Three:** The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking. Notice it doesn't state that we must identify ourselves as alcoholics; it simply states we must have a desire to stop drinking. Also, notice it doesn't state that the requirement for A.A. membership is to not drink. It states, "to stop drinking". I've attended meetings where someone introduces him/herself as having a desire not to drink. Well anyone, an alcoholic or NOT, can have a desire not to drink. This does not mean they've met our requirement for membership. I've known addicts who introduce themselves with "a desire not to drink" as a way to qualify to attend a closed meeting. If an addict has been actively drinking and has a desire to stop, they are more than welcome at a closed meeting and indeed meet our requirement for membership. But if they haven't been actively drinking, then as such, they can't have a desire to stop the drinking that they're not doing. These individuals do not meet our requirement for membership and are only welcome at our open meetings, to sit and listen. When an individual does not live in the spirit of tradition 3, it becomes about the individual placing his/her own wants & desires ahead of the common welfare of A.A. When a non-alcoholic uses an introduction like, *I have a desire not to drink or simply identify as an alcoholic because they think it's all the same*, this is a problem and it's wrong. They don't share in our common problem. These individuals cannot honestly offer a solution to the still-suffering alcoholic. **ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION ARE NOT THE SAME.** When this kind of thing happens, our unity is seriously weakened. We no longer share in the same common problem. In Chapter 7, *Working With Others*, it states, "*Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics...carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can.*" A non-alcoholic who uses A.A. to stay "clean", not "sober", cannot carry *the message* to an alcoholic. They do not share a common problem with the alkie nor do they share in a common experience. Our singleness of purpose is completely lost. And, because of such selfish acts, our precious fellowship withers away a little more. What happens when we, as members of Alcoholics Anonymous, allow this kind of thing to continue because we're too scared to stand up for the principle of this tradition out of fear of *hurting someone's feelings*? We end up placing our own fears ahead of our singleness of purpose. We end up being selfish in a selfless program. And contrary to what many of us have heard at meetings, this is NOT a selfish program! Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety...not to have nonalcoholics, who just attend A.A. because they like our fellowship better than the one they respectively belong in, help alcoholics achieve sobriety. They can't and it doesn't work. Simply put...this is not A.A. **Tradition Four:** Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole. I've seen a lot of groups use this tradition to their advantage by leaving off the latter part of "except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." To me, this is the most important part of this tradition...it reminds me that I have to place the greater whole

of A.A. before my or my group's own wants and desires. Ideally, Alcoholics Anonymous should be guided by the spirit and love of our Twelve Traditions. Tradition Four allows each group to have its own variations and its own personality, but not when doing so conflicts with our other Twelve Traditions. Tradition Four does not give permission to a group to do whatever it pleases, so it can be a free-for-all. Again, the common welfare of A.A. must come first. I've attended some closed meetings where individuals who don't have a desire to stop drinking are allowed to be present and participate. And, I've also heard these very groups use the explanation that they are autonomous and can do what they want. But allowing individuals to attend a closed meeting, who do not meet our requirement for membership, definitely affects other groups and A.A. as a whole. How can it not??? The wrong message is sent of what A.A. is and stands for, what closed meetings actually are and what other groups may allow into their meetings. When we allow this kind of thing, we confuse the individual about our singleness of purpose...or maybe they don't even understand that we have one. **Tradition Five:** Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Again, the group, the "we", comes before the individual, the "I". Our purpose is to carry the message as it's outlined in our basic text. We aren't supposed to offer up our own "mixed bag message" with our own personal opinions based on our own personal agendas. The group's message to the still-suffering alcoholic should be clear-cut and taken from our basic text. Singleness of purpose is also lost when we use A.A. as a social hangout, a gossiping circle, a place to find a date, etc. Our primary purpose is to carry THE message to other alcoholics and help them to achieve sobriety. We cannot successfully do this when we place our own wants and desires ahead of what's best for A.A. Also, who is the alcoholic who still suffers? Often times, when trying to identify this person, we think of the newcomer who just walked through the door. But this person can be a face we see often...an oldtimer...a personal buddy...or someone with whom I have a personal resentment. It doesn't matter who the person is. It is our responsibility, it is MY responsibility, to carry THE message to ALL suffering alcoholics and to help them achieve sobriety in the capacity I can. Principles must always be placed before personalities. **Tradition Ten:** Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy. The sharing I've heard at A.A. meetings can get quite interesting. Many times, I've seen A.A.s share their opinion under the guise of sharing their own experience. How many times have we heard individuals make comments in meetings on rehabs, the courts, the police, etc...most of the time out of resentment! This kind of sharing has nothing to do with our common problem or common solution...but more likely with our common character defects! Also, anything shared at a meeting that

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**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

April 14th, 2010 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

**BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

CATHY K.	CHAIRPERSON	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
RICK D.	VICE-CHAIR	EARLY RISERS GROUP
DIANA H.	TREASURER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
JANIE M.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
Unexcused	BOARD MEMBER	WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Unexcused	BOARD MEMBER	HELPING HANDS GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
WILLOW W.	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
STAN P.	BOARD MEMBER	INTO ACTION GROUP
OPEN		
AL B.	ADVISOR TO THE CHAIR	DRUID HILLS GROUP

The **Board Meeting** started off in the usual manner with the Serenity Prayer followed by the Chairperson asking everyone to make sure their cell phones were turned down. Chris S. read the April Minutes. There was no discussion and a motion to accept the Minutes was made and seconded. All were in favor. Diana H. presented the April Budget Reports. We are still operating in the red but expect things to turn around. Cathy asked Tim about the Softball Tournament. He stated that after expenses, we pulled in a few hundred dollars and since he had not heard of any complaints, it appears that everyone had a good time. He then explained about "The Miracle at Home Plate" where Steve hit a home run and brought in two other players for the TBYP Group to beat the Old School Group, 9 to 8. A motion to accept the Budget was made and seconded and all were in favor. **Old Business** was the Evaluation of the Central Office Manager. He was asked to leave the room while they discussed his evaluation. Since I was not in the room, I can't tell you what was discussed, only the final results. After about 20 minutes, Tim was called back in. He was given a satisfactory grade for all the items on his evaluation sheet. Although he did not receive any wage increase, it was agreed that Central Office would continue helping with his health insurance. Tim was very pleased with the outcome and thanked everyone. The **Council Meeting** was somewhat of a copy of the Board Meeting. Tim gave a brief overview of the Softball Tournament and had the opportunity to state to the Council that this was their meeting and if there were any questions or ideas that they had concerning Central Office, "are we doing okay, is there anything we can do better, do you have any ideas—etc", please feel free to speak up." Tim also gave a brief run-down of the TBAI Committee and the District Liaison report in their absence. A few announcements were made. Because the AC was not working properly, it was very hot and uncomfortable, and the meeting went by fast and ended early. **A Note to our Readers:** The next meeting will be June 8th, 2010 and I'm happy to report that the AC is now working just fine. Remember all groups who participate at either the Board or Council Meeting receives a 20% discount on any and all items purchased that night...only. Hope to see everyone there.

**OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 31st, 2010**

☺☎☎ Call 933-9123 for meeting Info—etc

April 14th, 2010 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

JOHN M.	SUNSHINE GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
GARY N.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
HUD R.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
MICKEY O'C	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
TERRY Y.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JOHN DP	CARDINAL GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
RICHARD E.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
JACKIE W.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP
JASON W.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
PAUL G.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
CAROL M.	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP (OUR CLUB)
MARIA G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
SUZANNE S.	IN THE MIDDLE GROUP
CATHY B.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JONATHAN L.	WELLSPRING GROUP
ROB L.	THE MEETING PLACE
JOSH T.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP

**THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP  
9th ANNIVERSARY GRATITUDE &  
SPEAKER MEETING**

Saturday, January 15th, 2011

Christ the King Church

821 South Dale Mabry

Tampa, Florida

Catered Dinner @ 7:00 pm

Tickets for the Dinner are \$15.00

Guest Speaker: William B.

(Author of Lois Remembers & My Name is Bill W.)

Speaker Meeting @ 8:00 pm

There is a 350 total seats limit for the Banquet.

Just like last year, those who have tickets for the Banquet will be seated in the main room where the speaker will be present. Non-Banquet attendees will be seated in the over-flow room. A monitor and sound will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to come & listen. Only 750 total seats available for the Speaker Meeting. This includes the overflow room 50/50 Raffle at the Door. Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office Tickets not available yet --but when they are: Tickets will be available at the Central Office or from an Old School Group Member

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DAN E.	06/14/09	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BILL M.	06/29/99	11 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JUDY K.	06/24/93	17 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WARY	06/10/84	26 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DICK W.	06/10/58	52 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TOM N.	06/28/03	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DENNIS D.	06/06/00	10 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DICK D.	06/06/69	41 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TRAVIS G.	06/10/03	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GREG W.	06/14/02	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOHN C.	06/06/69	41 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CHAD S.	06/25/07	3 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DAVID P.	06/15/02	8 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BERNIE S.	06/19/93	17 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BRIAN B.	06/21/89	21 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	VINCE H.	06/16/06	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDY G.	06/15/93	17 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	KAREN DP	06/19/89	21 YRS

*Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members.*

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**~SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE~**

Our primary purpose is to make Alcoholics Anonymous available to everyone with a special need. We take meetings to the sick at home , in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and any other way we can carry the message. We meet the first Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at Joe’s Club, 11601 Downs Loop, Riverview, FL 33569

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & WELCOMED!**

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does not relate to alcoholism is an OUTSIDE ISSUE...this includes drugs! I’d say that in most meetings I’ve attended, there is almost always someone who ends up sharing on outside issues. Nobody can ever speak for A.A. as a whole, but a newcomer may not understand this. A newcomer may take the personal opinions shared at a meeting as representing A.A. as a whole. And, where does this leave the newcomer or the still-suffering alcoholic? Why do we waste our time and energy sharing opinions when we should be helping the suffering alcoholic? Opinions shared at meetings have nothing whatsoever to do with our singleness of purpose, but more with our own self-will and selfishness! The more we stay away from personal opinions, the more we safeguard ourselves against public controversy. ALL of our energies and efforts need to be extremely focused...Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Without this, our fellowship will ultimately destroy itself from the inside out. More and more alcoholics will needlessly die and Alcoholics Anonymous will cease to exist.  
 Stephanie G. Lake Hopatcong, NJ

**Note to our readers:** Check the current Meeting Schedule and our web site to make sure we have your Group’s information posted correctly. We will be making updates for the new Schedule very, very soon. Don’t wait until after I have send the information to the printers to decide that you want to make a change. Any changes need to get to me a.s.a.p. ....If you snooze.....you loose.....☺

**Central Office Representative:** Remember, if you send in a Representative of your Group to our Council Meeting, which meets the second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 pm, here at the Central Office.....your Group will be entitled to a 20% discount on all items purchased...that night only. That’s a good time to restock all your Literature and Medallions. Call in ahead of time and we will have it ready for you. Hope to see you there at 7:00 pm.....June 8th, 2010.

**Are you signed up on the 12 step List this year?**

## MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN & THE AREA

**The District 2 General Service June & July meetings** will not be scheduled as usual. Instead, the **Delegates Luncheon** which will be June 20th, 2010 at Club YANA will take the place of both of those meetings. Please pass the word around. Our South Florida Delegate will be here to talk about his experiences and what went on at the Delegates Conference this past April. All AA members are invited. A luncheon will be prepared but if you care to bring something to share, I believe it will be appreciated. So June 20th is the date @ Club Yana, 209 South Tampania. Probably around 2:00 or 3:00 pm. Check our web site for more accurate and up to date information. Hope to see many of you there. ☺🙌

***"The J. Menard Hays Memorial  
11th Step Golf Tournament  
Saturday, June 5th, 2010  
Starts @ 1:00 pm  
Rogers Golf Course  
For Details & Registration:  
Stop By Club YANA (209 South Tampania)  
or Call: Loueita @ 813-760-9052***

**Newcomers, Sponsors Come join us in the  
"Beginners Classes"**  
One Hour, Four Nights, 12 Steps  
June 7-8-9-10, 2010  
Starts @ 8:15 pm-9:15pm  
**Our Club**  
3218 Gandy Boulevard  
Tampa, Florida 33611  
It only takes four hours to learn  
"How it Works"  
And a lifetime to "Practice It"

**A VISION FOR YOU  
2010 International Convention**  
75 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous  
San Antonio, TX  
July 1-4, 2010  
For Registration Form & Details:  
<http://www.aa.org>

**FIRST ANNUAL  
FOUNDERS DAY BREAKFAST**  
Saturday June 12th, 2010  
Club YANA  
209 South Tampania Avenue 33609  
Breakfast @ 9:00 am  
Speaker @ 10:00 - "Georgia Jim"  
Tickets: \$3.00  
Event proceeds go to the There is a Solution Conference

Coming June 26th, 2010:

### **STEPS TO FREEDOM**

Christ the King Church  
821 South Dale Mabry  
Tampa, Florida  
Contact: Kristen @ 813-447-9894  
Christopher @ 813-850-9888

### **RAINBOW RECOVERY CLUB ANNIVERSARY**

Saturday, June 19th, 2010  
5:30 pm—9:00 pm  
Metropolitan Community Church  
406 Eat Cayuga Street  
Tampa, Florida 33603  
Buffet Dinner \$7.00 in advance  
\$10.00 at the Door  
Open Meeting at 7:30 pm where early founding  
members will share memories and history of gay  
recovery groups.  
Door Prizes include a one year membership to RRC,  
original artwork by a club member and a 1 year  
subscription to the Grapevine.  
Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15  
GENERAL SERVICE QUARTERLY/ASSEMBLY**  
Hosted by District 9 \*  
Broward County, Florida \*  
July 16-18, 2010  
For Complete Info: [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org)

### **Founders' Day Florida Style**

JUNE 4 - JUNE 6, 2010  
Residence Inn Marriot  
600 W Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
[www.foundersdayflorida.org](http://www.foundersdayflorida.org)

### **54th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION 66th SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE**

Step Into The Sunshine  
August 11th - 15th, 2010  
Doral Golf Resort & Spa  
Miami, Florida 33178

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