



Tri-County Central Office News

When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from .

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'My Name is....and I'm an alcoholic'

It's a phrase heard in A.A. meetings around the world. But where does it come from? Why do we say it? And should we keep doing so? Surely, identification is an important concept in A.A. In fact, it could be considered the keystone of the program's entire philosophy: one alcoholic helping another. Yet, as a Fellowship with lots of suggestions, but no official "rules," must a person declare, as many do when introducing themselves at meetings, that he or she is an alcoholic? In A.A.'s formative years, cofounder Bill W. struggled with this question and often wrote about the dilemma facing newcomers as they grappled with their disease, often for the first time and often in a relatively "public" way at A.A. meetings. Bill wrote convincingly about allowing the newcomer as much freedom as possible in deciding just how and when he or she might identify as an alcoholic, noting in a 1946 essay written for the Grapevine, titled "Who Is a Member of Alcoholics Anonymous?"—an article which later formed the foundation of Tradition Three: "That is why we judge the newcomer less and less. If alcohol is an uncontrollable problem to him and he wishes to do something about it, that is enough for us...Nowadays, in most groups, he doesn't even have to admit that he is an alcoholic. He can join A.A. on the mere suspicion that he may be one, that he may already show the fatal symptoms of our malady." Bill clarified further, as referred to in the "Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet in the section on Tradition Three: "Who determines whether or not newcomers qualify, whether they do want to stop drinking? Obviously nobody except the newcomers themselves; everybody else simply has to take their word for it. In fact, they don't even have to say it aloud. And that's fortunate for many of us who arrived at A.A. with only a halfhearted desire to stay sober. We are alive because the A.A. road stayed open to us." Bill rarely, if ever, introduced himself from the podium specifically as an alcoholic, and there is nothing in A.A. Conference-approved literature indicating how members should introduce themselves at A.A. meetings or whether it is necessary to do so at all. Yet, in today's A.A. environment, tense moments often follow in meetings when people don't introduce themselves as alcoholics or, conversely, over-identify themselves with phrases like "I am a cross-addicted alcoholic," or "I'm chemically dependant." Many A.A. members feel this second case is the more concerning, threatening our unity and singleness of purpose. "When I say at an A.A. function that 'I'm a drug addict and an alcoholic' or 'I'm a cross-addicted alcoholic,'" wrote Rosemary P., a past delegate from Pittsford, New York, in an enduring article in the January 1990 Grapevine, "I am telling you that I'm a special kind of alky—my case of alcoholism is different from yours! I add an extra dimension to my disease—one that, because of our singleness of purpose, should not be addressed at an A.A. meeting, I have just cut our common bond in half and, more importantly, have diluted my own purpose for being there."

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A Letter From Bill Wilson About The Use Of The Lord's Prayer At A.A. Meetings

April 14, 1959 Dear Russ, Am right sorry for my delay in answering. Lois and I were a long time out of the country and this was followed by an attack of the marathon type of flu that has been around here in New York. We are okay now, however, but I did want to explain my delay. Now about the business of adding the Lord's Prayer to each A.A. meeting. This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in AA. Comes of Age what the connection of these people in A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord's Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us. Of course there will always be those who seem to be offended by the introduction of any prayer whatever into an ordinary A.A. gathering. Also, it is sometimes complained that the Lord's Prayer is a Christian document. Nevertheless this Prayer is of such widespread use and recognition that the arguments of its Christian origin seems to be a little farfetched. It is also true that most A.A.s believe in some kind of God and that communication and strength is obtainable through His grace. Since this is the general consensus it seems only right that at least the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer be used in connection with our meetings. It does not seem necessary to defer to the feelings of our agnostic and atheist newcomers to the extent of completely hiding our light under a bushel. However, around here, the leader of the meeting usually asks those to join him in the Lord's Prayer who feel that they would care to do so. The worst that happens to the objectors is that they have to listen to it. This is doubtless a salutary exercise in tolerance at their stage of progress. So that's the sum of the Lord's Prayer business as I recall it. Your letter made me wonder in just what connection you raise the question. Meanwhile, please know just how much Lois and I treasure the friendship of you both. May Providence let our paths presently cross one of these days. Devotedly yours, Bill Wilson
WGW/ni Mr. Russ From the A.A. Archives in New York

New Journey Fellowship & Ministries is located in the heart of Ybor City in Tampa. We are located at 2210 East 3rd Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605 New Journey is committed to meeting the needs of the community, including the support of those striving for and thriving in recovery. Because of this commitment, we would like to express our willingness to provide space in our facility for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. If you are aware of any groups needing space, please feel free to pass our contact information on as a possible resource. Contact: Joe Parramore Senior Pastor New Journey Fellowship & Ministries 2210 East 3rd Avenue Tampa, FL 33605 (850) 510-0584 Cell

TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

Hello everybody! Every month is an exciting month for the TBAIC. Why wouldn't it be. We carry the message to people in jails, prisons, detox, treatment facilities and juvenile facilities 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If you've never been involved in this area of service work, you've really missed a golden opportunity to carry the message to those who can't get to the outside meetings (a privilege that many of us take for granted). To have someone come up to you at a meeting and say "Remember me"—I was in a detox meeting where you shared your experience, strength and hope and I decided to give AA a try or one more try." You will experience an indescribable feeling of joy and gratitude. Trust us! Call any one of the coordinators listed on this page—we have opportunities for everyone.

On April 13th thru the 15th, District Two will be hosting the Quarterly at the Embassy Suites on Fowler Avenue. Our committee will have a treatment center meeting at 8:30 am Saturday morning with an interesting workshop following the meeting. Also on Saturday the 14th at 1:30 pm a jails and institutions meeting will be held, followed by a workshop featuring two former prison inmates sharing their experience, strength and hope. And finally our committee has advised that, because our monthly report and financial statements are included in the Tri-County Central Office Newsletter, we will no longer send a representative to the District monthly meeting. We have extended an invitation to the District Chairman to have the District send a representative to the monthly TBAIC meeting which is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:30 am at the Central Office.

Submitted by: Dick D. member of the Riverside Group

Our Next Committee Meeting
 Is at 9:30 am on April 14th 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:

Anonymous (21.45) Came to Believe (25.00)
 Friday Night Live (7.00) Keystone Discussion (17.00)
 Midday Matinee (85.00) Nightly Newcomers (107.91)
 Noon Big Book (75.00) Old School Group (104.30)
 Primary Purpose (14.20) Ruskin Fellowship (75.00)
 Sisters in Sobriety (34.00) There is a Solution (29.00)
 Wellspring Recovery (130.07)

TBAIC 2011 Committee Members	
Buddy H. - Chair	813-871-2514
Bobby B. Alternate Chair	813-415-4961
Brian B. Treasurer	813-361-5884
Wayne H.— Alternate Treasurer	813-465-1462
John O. – Secretary	813-263-4998
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail	727-385-5529
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
John D. - Detox	813-526-5106
Michele C.—HCI Women's Prison	813-294-0806
Sandy B. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-727-1415
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
Rob T.—Treatment	813-453-6059
Michele S.— Women's Bridge TheGap	813-507-5796
Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-525-8033
Robert - Pre-Release	616-808-0463
Joel C.— Juvenile	813-525-8033

Treasurer's Report – March 12th, 2012	
Total Received as of 03/12	\$5,579.85
Prudent Reserve	(\$500.00)
Total Moved to Spending Account	(\$3,800.00)
Total Paid - Operational Expense	\$225.95
Balance 03/12	\$1,053.90

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So, where did this custom of self-identification come from and how did it etch itself so indelibly into the A.A. landscape of the 21st century? Like many things in A.A., nobody is really sure just where it came from, and with only a few of the Fellowship's early-timers left, not many are able to provide plausible theories, leaving little more than speculation to go on. However, according to an early friend of A.A., the late Henrietta Seiberling, the expression dates back to meetings of A.A.'s forerunner, the Oxford Group Movement, which had its heyday in the early 1930s. Mrs. Seiberling, a nonalcoholic who sought spiritual help in the Oxford Group meetings, was the person who introduced Bill W. to A.A.'s other cofounder, Dr. Bob, who was then struggling to deal with his drinking by attending Oxford Group meetings in Akron. At small meetings, the members knew one another and didn't need to identify themselves. But in large "public" meetings, where there was "witnessing" along the lines of an A.A. talk today, personal identification became necessary. Chances are that someone at some time said, "I am an alcoholic," but Mrs. Seiberling couldn't be sure. Nor did she remember that the phrase was used at early A.A. meetings in Akron, before publication of the Big Book. One early New York A.A. does recall hearing the expression, however, sometime after World War II, in 1945 or 1946; and it is a matter of record that in 1947 a documentary film entitled "I Am an Alcoholic" was produced by RKO Pathe, lending further credence to the notion that the phrase was recognizable in recovery circles even then. Growing from there, it has now become an almost obligatory part of the lexicon of recovery and, with its various alternatives and self-revelatory permutations, a somewhat controversial way of introducing oneself at meetings. Today, there are many who feel that resolution of the conflict they feel when members introduce themselves as "addicts" or with some other categorization beyond simply "alcoholic," lies within the Fellowship. Suggested Rosemary P., "Isn't it the responsibility of each of us to keep our program intact, to pass it on to the newcomer as it was given to us? Importantly, can we do this with patient explanation, tolerance toward differences—and more patient explanation? I believe we can, through committed sponsorship, strong home groups and active service. That way, our new members will learn how to be a part of A.A., not a fragment of it." Others feel it is important to be honest and reflective of "who they really are" in their introductions at meetings, while many feel it is important to separate our issues and take them individually to the programs designed to address them: Narcotics Anonymous for drug addiction; Overeaters Anonymous for addiction to food, and so on. And still others feel it is less important how we identify ourselves, either as "addicts" or "alcoholics" and offer an introduction at meetings simply as "a member of A.A." Finding a balance among these approaches is an ongoing exercise in humility, trust and acceptance within the Fellowship, as members seek to be inclusive yet cognizant of the singular bonds of alcoholism that keep us all connected.

As expressed in the Big Book, in the chapter "Into Action," "We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code." Reprint Permission/Box 459/Spring 2012

{ Responsibility of Sponsors }

The greatest responsibility any man or woman assumes as a member of A. A. is the treatment or sponsorship of the new prospect.

Upon how thoroughly and conscientiously this job is done by us depends the future happiness and security of the individual concerned.

It is, therefore, important that we assume this responsibility in its entirety, not only for the benefit of the prospect, but for our own protection as well. Our own safety and security depends upon how unselfishly we give of ourselves to others.

It is our duty to be certain beyond the shadow of a doubt that the prospect once left on his own has such a complete understanding of the principles and practices of this movement that he will know what to do under any and all conditions.

This is accomplished only by painstaking effort on our part to the extent that we must be sure that the prospect has received the proper instructions from a great number of contacts, thru the reading of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and by our showing the way properly to make a contact with others. All this having been done, it is important that we impress upon the prospect the fact that he must then do this job himself for his own security.

All these things are vitally necessary and it is the sponsor's responsibility to follow thru on this to the point where the prospect is able honestly to recognize the fact that regardless of what the condition or circumstance with which he is confronted a drink is never the solution to his problem.

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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.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 13th, 2012 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

March 13th, 2012 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
BRETT B.	VICE-CHAIR	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
OPEN	TREASURER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
JIM M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GP.
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
CLARKE R.	ALT. BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
BRIAN L.	TURNING POINT GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
MAYGAN R.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TINA C.	SINCERITY GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
MARY H.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
LESLIE G.	PROMISES MEETING
TOM F.	WELLSPRING GROUP
DONNA L.	SUNSHINE GROUP
LAURA LB	TAMPA BAY SPEAKER GROUP
MARTIN S.	SOBRENITY GROUP
JOE C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CHRISTA G.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
CARLOS G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
PAM C.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP

Al opened the Board meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. Since Keith B. was not able to fill in at the Desk, Tim had to do that duty and Al took the minutes. Brian W. and his Alternate Clarke R. from the Odessa Group were welcomed in as a new Board Member and Alternate. Since there were not enough Board Members present at last months meeting there were no minutes to be read or approved. Al had Tim come in and present the Treasurer's report. Although we were short on meeting our Budget for February we are still doing very well for the year to date. Al asked for a volunteer to hold the Treasurers position but there were no takers at the present time. Al informed the Board that Tim's Health Insurance had gone up again and after some discussion, pros and cons, it was decided to continue paying for his Health Insurance. Discussion for the Founders Day Event was held off to be discussed at the Council Meeting. At the Council Meeting, Al asked everyone to turn down their cell phones and then welcomed our newest Council Members...Mary from the Riverside Group, Joe C. from the Keep it Simple Group, Cheryl T. from the Came to Believe Group and Bonnie C. from the Nightly Newcomers Group. He then opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. John read last months Minutes. There were no questions so the minutes were seconded and approved. Again Al asked Tim to come in and present the Treasurers Report. Christa C. asked why other groups don't contribute monthly to Central Office. Tim explained that many groups do. It's just that some groups contribute monthly, others quarterly or every six months or once a year. There are some groups that are barely getting by and can't afford to send anything and then there are some groups who just won't send anything to Central Office or anywhere else. Maybe about 50% of the groups in our area contribute to Central Office, the same goes for the District and New York. About 50% of the groups support their service entities. In Old Business Al asked if anyone had any money or tickets to turn in from the Anniversary Dinner. Discussion moved into the Founders Day Event. A question about dropping off the supplies was asked. Later it was decided to have six old-timers on the panel instead of four. Tim has already gotten two male panelists and one female. Brian L. volunteered to bring grills to cook the hot dog and burgers. Discussion moved into the upcoming proposed price increases. Some were all for the proposed price increases, others felt the prices should be a little more uniform and the question was brought up about why we had

not increased prices as our cost had gone up. Tim noted that, that was his fault. He had been trying to keep the cost to the groups as low as possible but now it had caught up with him. A motion was made to approve the price increases starting April 1, 2012. This motion passed. Another motion was made for Tim to automatically raise prices when needed. This motion also passed. Al then brought to the Council that Tim's Health Insurance had gone up another \$50.00 per month. He asked for discussion and or approval of the increase. A motion to approve paying the Health was made, seconded and approved by the Council. Several announcements were made and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.



Beginning January 21, 2012 raffle tickets when on sale for a First Edition 11th Printing (June-1947) Big Book as part of our Fund-Raiser for the Founders Day Event. Tickets are \$5.00 each. You may get your tickets at the Central Office. **You do not have to be present at the Event to Win.**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

SELF-SUPPORT-February 2012

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER@ 7 GROUP	MARYANN L.	04/17/10	2 YRS
SOBER@ 7 GROUP	MARK D.	04/19/10	2 YRS
SOBER@ 7 GROUP	DEB	04/02/08	4 YRS
SOBER@ 7 GROUP	DAVE Mc.	04/10/07	5 YRS
SOBER@ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	7 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	JESSICA P.	04/17/11	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SOL M.	04/28/09	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ANNA M.	04/25/04	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	GEORGE S.	04/26/86	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LYANN	04/11/01	11 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	THELMA S.	04/25/86	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SHEILA G.	04/09/83	29 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	BUD F.	04/16/83	29 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DENNIS Z.	04/12/96	16 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JACK O.	04/05/85	27 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	TRACY S.	04/27/10	2 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KEY M.	04/20/10	2 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LIZ T.	04/10/10	2 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	DEBBIE N.	04/25/09	3 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	RHONDA B.	04/13/09	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	KEN P.	04/18/05	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	SANDI G.	04/14/97	15 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DONNA G.	04/11/96	16 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	18 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JERRY R.	04/01/85	27 YRS

A BIRTHDAY PLAN SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE
ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY

Honors To	Date	Years
O.C.	04/12/89	23 YRS
PAM C.	02/24/88	24 YRS

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☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/ East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in February of 2012 we have **233** Groups with **593** meetings a week. Although we have lost some groups in the past year, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material and more groups are being formed as we speak. This year to date contributions from Groups (**February,2012**) have totaled **\$16,632.80** for the year. That accounts for what **70** Groups in our area have contributed. **70 Groups out of 233.** plus the 18 AA'er's who contributed \$268.57 in contributions anonymously and the \$1000.00 from the Old School Group's Anniversary Dinner and the \$3,055.00 minus \$984.94 in expenses we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner and the \$230.00 generated from Raffle Tickets for the First Edition Big Book we are raffling off at our first ever Founders Day Event. And the \$81.00 from members who participate in the Birthday Plan. Our Literature sales for February bought in \$5,394.87. Our total income for February was \$12,286.69 Our Cost of Goods was \$4001.64. Subtracting the Cost of Goods from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,285.05. Our Expenses for February were \$8,954.33. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of **minus \$669.28** for the month of February. As I have stated in the past, we are not trying to squeeze you for more money. We know we can always count on you. We just wanted to bring some awareness of our situation to those who may be new to A.A. or new to being a Treasurer or Trusted Servant to their Group or to those who do not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. It's the nature of the beast...as our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continues to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support through your contributions, special events that groups put on for the benefit of Central Office and the literature sales. That's why we have started including this report in the newsletter, so you can see how we are doing and what's needed on a monthly basis.

tws:) Office Manager

Please note that beginning April 1st, 2012 many items will be going up in price in order to help us keep up with the increases in our cost of goods.

NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

GREAT EVENTS WILL COME TO PAST
Celebrating the 77th Anniversary of Alcoholics

Anonymous
June 8-10, 2012
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
111 West Fortune Street
Tampa, FL. 33602
813-223-1351

"What We Were Like"
"What Happened"

&
"WHAT We Are Like Now"
Presented by: Sandy B., Tampa, FL.
Bob B., St. Paul, MN

For Info:

<http://www.leestapesandcds.com/events/Great-Events-Tampa-2012.pdf>

NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
3rd Anniversary Celebration
&

Movie Night to benefit Central Office
Friday April 20th, 2012
Faithworxs Church
202 Flamingo Drive
Apollo Beach, Florida

Speaker: Sandy B. @ 7:00 PM
Movie immediately following the
Meeting

"When Love is Not Enough:"
The Lois Wilson Story

2012 SUMMER KICKOFF CLASSIC

Memorial Day Weekend
Friday May 25th-Monday 28th, 2012
Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park
950 Lake Carillon Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Complete Details: www.summerkickoffclassic.org

South Florida Area 15

General Service Quarterly Assembly
April 13 – 15, 2012
We Surrender to Win –

District 2 Tampa, Event Host
USF Embassy Suites,
370 Spectrum Blvd,
Tampa, FL 33612;

Friday REGISTRATION: 4 PM – 8:30 PM
Saturday 8 AM – 8:30 PM;
Sunday 7 – 9 AM

For More Details & Flyer:

http://www.area15aa.org/M/Assembly_Flyer_April_2012.pdf

Central Office
Founder's Day Event

Saturday--June 9th, 2012
Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy South
Tampa, FL 33609

From 3:00 pm-6:00pm
Pot-Luck Mid-Afternoon Dinner
Please bring something to share

This is a Fund-Raiser for the Central Office
The Dinner will be followed by a panel of our local
Old-Timers answering questions
(Ask it Basket Style)
and sharing

their experience, strength & hope
A suggested Donation of \$5.00 for the Dinner
No AA member turned away because of lack of funds
Raffle tickets are on sale for a First Edition 11th Printing
(June-1947) Big Book.
Tickets are \$5.00 each.

You may get your tickets at the Central Office.
You will not have to be present at the Event to Win.

Cook-Out at Joe's Club

Joe's Suburban Club
11601 Downs Loop
Riverview, FL 33578-6130
(813) 677-8021

Sponsored by: The Early Riser's, Newcomer's, and 5:45
Groups
June 17th – Dinner starts at 3:30pm

Bring the kids and enjoy Father's Day with family and
friends.

\$5 tickets for food - kids under 12 eat free
50/50 Raffle - \$1 per ticket/\$5 for 6 tickets

Meeting starts at 5:45pm AA and Al-Anon Speaker

Group	FEB	Y T D	Group	FEB	Y T D	Group	FEB	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King	150.00	150.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		50.10	Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting - SCC			It's In the Book Group			Saturday Night Fever Group		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		118.18	Saturday Night Live Group		
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple - YANA			Serenity Group MLK		
164 Group			Keep It Simple Group (Dade)			Sisters in Sobriety Group		83.00
A.A. 101 Group		313.56	Keystone Group	138.00	231.00	Sober @ 7 Group		
All Groups--Safe Haven			Kingsway Group		74.12	Sober on Saturday Group	47.00	100.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Sunday Group		
Alpha Group	10.00	20.00	LateNighters Group			SOBERSTOCK		
Anniversary Dinner 2012	2355.00	3055.00	Lemon Tree Group		0.70	Sobrenity Group	14.16	15.60
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Life Enrichment Group		222.30	Softball Tournament / CO		
Anonymous Donations	127.12	269.35	Little Red Book Group			Solutions Group	292.78	469.26
As Bill Sees It--Brandon			Live and Let Live Group			Southshore Men's Group	130.00	130.00
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		114.73	Living in the Solution Group	200.00	425.00	Southside Men's Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group		200.00	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It			Southside Men's Group # 2	75.00	75.00
Back to Basics Group - Tampa			Lunch Bunch Group		27.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group			Mainly Sober Group - Zhills			Spiritual Development Group		
Bel-Mar Group	120.25	120.25	Maple Dale Group		100.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Beginners Step Group			Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Progress Goup		
Bill D's Group		150.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		1500.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
BIRTHDAY PLAN	81.00	81.00	Monday Nite Madness 3333	230.64	424.64	Step at a Time Group		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Morning Express Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		35.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Morning Group - Zephyrhills	100.00	190.00	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp			Morning Meditation Meeting			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
BYO 12 & 12 Group	82.18	147.97	Morning Miracles Group	230.57	230.57	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	160.00
Came To Believe Group			My Turn Group			Sunshine Group	100.00	100.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Beginnings - Brandon	221.00	221.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrollwood NS Group			New Beginnings Women's			Tampa Bay Speakers Group		95.60
Chancey Road AA Group		50.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		205.92	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Dade City Step Group	150.00	150.00	New Day Group		36.40	Tampa Palms Big Book		
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			New Way Women's Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group		184.45
District 2 General Service			Nightly Newcomers Group	92.08	367.04	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Dover Group		77.40	Noon AA Group Brandon			TGIS Women's Group		
Druid Hills Group			Noon Big Book Group	258.05	258.05	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's		306.90	Nooners Group--Riverview	47.92	47.92	The 164 Group		
Easy Does It Group	20.00	20.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	54.00	54.00	The Meeting Place Group	45.20	132.60
Expect a Miracle Group			Noontime Celebration Group			The Next Frontier Group		
Fill the Gap Group			North Brandon Open Forum	20.00	20.00	There is a Solution Group		
Fireside Group			Northdale Group	133.25	133.25	There is a Solution Group 3333		
Founders Day Event	145.00	230.00	Odessa Group			Thurs. AM Discusion Group		
Freedom in Sobriety Group		73.41	Old School Group	192.30	595.30	Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety		25.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club			Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Friday Night Lights Group	11.00	86.60	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30	204.00	204.00	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		75.00
Friday Women's Friendship			One Day at a Time Group			Tuesday Serenity Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group	138.00	138.00	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		130.00
Good Day AA Group			Palma Ceia Group	0.76	532.55	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Good Start Group - YANA			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		
Happy Hour Group Brandon			Palma Ceia Big Book Study		200.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Village 12 Step Group		
Harbor Lights Group			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.			Warrior's Group	0.70	0.70
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City			Plank Owners Group			Weedpatch Group	80.00	80.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Primary Purpose Group			Wellspring Group		140.00
High Nooners Group	250.00	450.00	Promises Meeting		80.00	Wednesday Night Step Workshop		
Higher Learning Group			Prosperity AA Group			Wesley Chapel Group	137.00	137.00
Hour Glass Group			Red Chip Day Donation			West Side Winners Group	50.00	50.00
I.D.A.A.			Red Door Group			With Room to Grow Group		
In the Wind Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Women's Friendship Group		
Into Action Group			Riverside Group		55.48	Women's Perspective Conference		
It's in the Book Men's Group	50.00	50.00	Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety					
Just for Today Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group		185.90			
			Ruskin Fellowship Group					
			Safe Haven Group					
TOTAL	3,689.55					TOTAL	1051.84	
YTD	TOTAL	7,424.17	TOTAL	2122.57		YTD	TOTAL	2418.21
			YTD	TOTAL	6790.42	Grand Total for Month	6863.96	
						Grand Total for Year	16632.80	