



# Tri-County Central Office News

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## A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS FEELING

I walked into a meeting the other night, and a young man who qualified made me think about these Christmas holidays of ours. I got sober after my first AA meeting, on New Year's Day in 1965. This holiday week has remained an emotional problem for me ever since. I went into a psycho ward on New Year's Eve and woke up in a straitjacket on New Year's Day. I met a psychiatrist who listened patiently while I read him my list of woes. I desperately wanted a hyphenated diagnosis that would enable me to drink justifiably ever after. I insisted I was crazy. He looked unimpressed. He said, "You may be, but that will never kill you. Your drinking will. Go to AA." At beginners meetings, I spent my first sober time in years. I was absolutely convinced that my awful habit had put me in the position of a social outcast who would now spend his life beating tambourines for sanctity and his breast for forgiveness. Life would be dreary, dry, and downright penitential. Of course, this has not happened. Life is filled with joy, work I love, and people, people, people. Oh, the marvelous people!—both in and out of AA. Still...Christmas carols, jolly trees, and that emotional binge called the holiday spirit do intimidate me. It's hard not to see it all as an unnatural high, from which I must eventually descend sharply. Everyone around says, "Ho, ho, ho," and I feel like, "Oh, no, no, no." The young speaker I refer to was talking from a newer vantage point than mine. He had been sober eighteen months and told how he reached his bottom. He said he had drunk himself into a major depression that had gone on for a long time, perhaps five years. He was twenty-five and due at his parents' home for Christmas Eve. On his way, he stopped off at a place called Copake Falls, N.Y. It was a state park and deserted at that time of the year. He parked his car and went to the top of the mountain. The view was breathtaking, but he did not enjoy it. He looked at the valley below, where a brook flowed. He hardly saw the valley or heard the brook. Snow began to fall. He sat down and let the powdery flakes accumulate on him. He looked at the gray sky and said quietly, "I don't believe in you, God. But if You are there...please take my life." In the next eight weeks, he attempted suicide twice. Each time, AA was recommended to him by a psychiatrist. It did not take the first time. Finally, it did. He went back to the park in the spring. The valley and his private mountain were alive with green. He looked at the blue sky and said, "I do believe in You, God. I know You are there. And thanks for my life." I spoke to this man after the meeting. He told me that he could not get over the wondrous things that were happening to him in AA: sleeping at night, friends, love, work he enjoys, serenity, serenity, serenity. He described it all in glowing terms. The things he described were all ordinary—the things that make up most of life. I realized that I had done a lot of impact drinking and was still guilty of impact thinking. What I wanted from the holiday season was a wallop, a bang, a parade, an emotional high. What this young man wanted was a quiet, happy, spiritual feeling. A feeling that says you are a whole person. A feeling that says there is some sort of power for good at work and it's

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## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CENTRAL OFFICE

Dear AA Members of the Tampa and surrounding area, **please take notice:**

**The Office will be closed on the following Days:**

**Thursday—November 22nd, 2012—Thanksgiving Day**

**Monday—December 24th, 2012—Christmas Eve**

**Tuesday—December 25th, 2012—Christmas Day**

**Monday—December 31st, 2012—New Years Eve**

**Tuesday—January 1st, 2013—New Years Day**

**Saturday—January 5th, 2013—Annual Physical Inventory**

The phone lines will still be active almost 24 hours a day during this time. If anyone wishes to do some Twelfth Step work during the Holidays on the phones—call Martin anytime after regular Business Hours @ **813-933-9123** and Martin will set you up with all the information and details. As always, the Holidays can be a very trying time for both *recovered* and *active* alcoholics, so be prepared for anything if you decide to volunteer.

As another year winds down, we at the Central Office would like to once again Thank all of you for your continued support in helping us to "carry the message" to the still suffering alcoholic. God bless us All. tws ☺🙌

**DON'T  
FORGET  
BE  
SAFE  
DURING  
THE  
HOLIDAYS**



## THE NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULES ARE IN.

**On Saturday—January 5th, 2013 we will be conducting our Annual Physical Inventory. We will be counting everything we have in stock at that time. Books, CD's, Pamphlets, Medallions, everything. If you would like to help out, please be here no earlier than 9:30 am. It usually takes us anywhere from 3 to 5 hours to count everything. The more the merrier. There is no restriction on how long you have to stay. Help as long as you like and leave when you want too. No problem. Bringing Dough-Nuts is optional ☺🙌**

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

Hello, my name is John O. and I am an alcoholic. It was a truly an exciting month for TBAIC. For all who missed it, TBAIC had a thrilling Softball Tournament at Gadsden Park. It came down to the wire but we send out a congratulations to our tournament winner YPG, who has now beat the Old School Group in the Championship game three tournaments in a row.

In total, TBAIC raised \$580 from the tournament. Majority of the monies came from the registration for 8 teams and a large 50/50 raffle that was over \$140. TBAIC would like to express its gratitude to all of the volunteers, players, fans, and any attendees that added to the beautiful day in the park.

In other news, several coordinators from TBAIC attended the North/South Florida Corrections Workshop this past month. They reported back that it was very informational and that people from around the state showed up to discuss what was working for them in their Corrections programs.

There is a Women's Jails Orientation scheduled this month with 11 qualified women ready to receive PV numbers. This will be a huge help for the volunteers that have been carrying the message week in and week out. It also fills an urgent need for TBAIC, since orientations have been fewer and wider in between, with the state tightening up on PV numbers.

On another note, for those looking for service work, please contact one of our coordinators. One spot in particular has opened up at the Morton Hospital at 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, for anyone interested in becoming involved or learning more about TBAIC we welcome you to call any of our coordinators or join us on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM at the Tri-County Central Office. In Love and Service, John O.

**Treasurer's Report – November 1, 2012**

Year to Date Income Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$19,334.65
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$15,600.00
Less YTD Expenses	- \$ 505.42
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 2,729.23
Spending Account Balance Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 2,500.28

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

Is at 9:30 AM on December 8<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:**

As Bill Sees It (\$39.20), Came to Believe Group (\$30.00), Keystone Discussion Group (\$65.00), Koala House West (\$100.00), Living in the Solution (\$9.31), Meeting Place (\$6.89), Midday Matinee Group (\$364.00), Monday Night Madness (\$6.82), Morning Meditation (\$73.81), Nightly Newcomers 3333 (\$22.00), Noon Big Book (\$246.00), Primary Purpose Group (\$17.98), Riverside (\$48.00), Sober on Saturday (\$2.00), Sister in Sobriety (\$14.00), Softball KISS Tournament (\$635.89), TGIS Group (\$2.80), There is a Solution Group (\$46.00), Wellspring Recovery Group (\$102.00), Womens 12x1 3333 (\$15.50).

**TBAIC 2011 Committee Members**

<b>Buddy H. - Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Bobby B. Alternate Chair</b>	<b>813-415-4961</b>
<b>Brian B. Treasurer</b>	<b>813-361-5884</b>
<b>Wayne H.— Alternate Treasurer</b>	<b>813-465-1462</b>
<b>John O. – Secretary</b>	<b>813-263-4998</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail</b>	<b>727-385-5529</b>
<b>Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-872-0262</b>
<b>Ron G. - Detox &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>813-802-1324</b> <b>813-297-5112</b>
<b>Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail-Women's</b>	<b>813-727-1415</b>
<b>Chris D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-857-5400</b>
<b>Michele S. Women's Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-507-5796</b>
<b>Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-525-8033</b>
<b>- Pre-Release</b>	
<b>Joel C.— Juvenile</b>	<b>813-525-8033</b>

**A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS FEELING...continued from page One**

yours for the asking. People can end up depressed or suicidal at this time of the year if they compare their insides with other people's outside. I don't have to feel inside the way Santa Claus looks outside. I can calmly go to meetings and party with loved ones on coffee. I can reflect joyfully. I can select sober companions. This hullabaloo all started with a naked baby who was to be a carpenter and itinerant rabbi. He would have been aghast if He knew His birthday was to upset me all these twenty-four hours later. The fact that I crashed around that date is not His fault. This year, I intend to be comfortable at the holidays. I will think of the comfort in my young friend's voice when he told his before-and-after story of the mountaintop, and I will say, "I believe in You. I know You're there. Thanks for my life, and happy birthday."

**E.S., Manhattan, N.Y.**

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**PUTTING UP WITH RIDICULOUS IDEAS**

Recently, I read this definition of tolerance: the ability to listen to other people's views—after all, they're entitled to their ridiculous ideas. It started a train of thought on the subject. A week or ten days and two AA meetings later, I reluctantly decided that I must practice my tolerance hardest and most often at, of all places, AA meetings. The speaker tonight was an AA member that I love but frequently disagree with. When he was introduced as the main speaker, my little bit of tolerance went right up in smoke. For ten or fifteen minutes, I wallowed in self-pity and resentment. The reasons are immaterial. I did it, and I realized my attitude was wrong. Good thinking started to return after I said the Serenity Prayer two or three times, remembering that the speaker, too, was entitled to his "ridiculous ideas," that he was obviously telling his story and no one else's. When I looked around the room, I noticed people who were actually enjoying his talk, listening carefully to every word. I remembered hearing, "There are no bad AA meetings—some are just better than others." That was a few years ago, but it is as true now as it was then. Whether at a speakers meeting or a discussion group, I must always fall back on the Serenity Prayer when I start to be impatient, critical, and intolerant. AA meetings were not, are not, and never will be designed for my mood of the day. By allowing others to express their "ridiculous ideas," I not only will improve my tolerance but might even find the answer to something that is troubling me.

**R.J., Topeka, Kans.**

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*"Lend me a couple of empties to put in my trash. I don't want everyone to know I'm in AA."*

**SOBRIETY IS THE FRINGE BENEFIT**

For several years now, I've been hearing—and sometimes saying—from the podium that the important reward of working the AA program thoroughly is staying sober; and that the "fringe benefits" will come with time. Speakers I heard as a newcomer seemed to feel that those fringe benefits were such things as getting back in "the big bed," getting a better job, new car, new house, and new clothes, and making new friends. I could appreciate such aims only vicariously, since I had no complaints about my job, my car, my house, or my clothes and wasn't particularly interested in getting back into a particular bed. But I felt I was identifying with those speakers just by believing what they believed—that the desirable things in life, the fringe benefits of sobriety, would come to successful workers of the AA program in time. It seems quite clear to me now, however, that sobriety itself is the fringe benefit; that one does not attain peace of mind, self-respect, gratitude, and love of one's fellowmen merely by staying sober. Exactly the reverse! It is through attaining peace of mind, self-respect, gratitude, and love of one's fellowmen that one attains the fringe benefit of sobriety. Before you say "Nonsense!" (or whatever else you were going to say), pick up Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Wherever you start to read, the message is the same—not that staying sober will make you a better person, but that becoming a better person will keep you sober! Those who cry, "Get well before you get good" have missed the point entirely. Well is good. And in order to stay well (remove the obsession to drink), you have to try to become good (a better person). We all know long-term AA's whose sobriety is still tenuous, despite their years in the program. Some still resent the fact that they can't drink almost as much as they enjoy the knowledge that they don't have to. For them, the Twelve Steps to remove the obsession to drink haven't worked yet. Or the reverse is true: In most cases, it turns out that those sour old-timers haven't worked the Twelve Steps. And it's a relief to have found that out, by asking many directly. To me, the knowledge that the Twelve Steps do work is important. I could not enjoy the kind of sobriety that let me stay the kind of person I was when I came into the AA program. Today, I don't envy drinkers—even those who can drink in safety. I see alcohol as a depressant and a disorienter. I feel that those who drink it are losing, rather than gaining, something. And though they may feel that loss to be a pleasant, euphoric process, I don't have to agree with them. What I do have to do is work at being a better person than I was yesterday. That in itself is the basic reward of working the AA program. And, as a fringe benefit, I'll gain another day of rewarding sobriety.

**W.A., North Weymouth, Mass.**

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**Oxford Group  
NEW MEETING  
Mondays at 8pm  
420 W. Kennedy Blvd.  
Oxford Exchange  
Entrance on Kennedy - Outside Stairwell  
East Side Of Building  
Bring Your Own Coffee  
Starts Monday, November 19, 2012**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

November 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
EXCUSED	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
J. KELLEY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JIM McI	BOARD MEMBER	DAILY REFLECTIONS GROUP

VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
ALLAN D.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
TAMMY P.	TOWN & COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
JULIE J.	TOWN & COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
LINDA F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
GEORGE M.	SINCERITY GROUP
BRIAN L.	TURNING POINT GROUP
DONNA L.	SUNSHINE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
STEVE T.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
BOB B.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
RHONDA R.	SOBRENITY GROUP
CHRISTA G.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
BRANT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
MELISSA N.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
TOM F.	DISTRICT 2 LIAISON / WELLSRING
JIMMY F.	WELLSRING GROUP
ARLENE S.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP

For a change of pace we had our Vice-Chair Brett B. chair the Board Meeting. After a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer, Brett asked everyone to turn down their cell phones. Brian read the October minutes. There was no discussion, minutes were approved as read. Al and Tim presented the Treasurers Report in lieu of the absence of the Treasurer. Tim noted that on our Budget we were \$63.13 to the good for the month of October and \$2575.41 for the Year-to-Date. In Old Business discussion resumed from the past month concerning some possible By Law changes. The wording in some possible changes had been drawn up and discussed and a motion to accept the changes was approved with the idea that it could be tweaked up a little bit next month if needed and then taken to the Council for discussion. There was no new business. At the Council Meeting, it was business as usual. Secretary report and Treasurers report were read and approved. In Old Business Brett noted that 12 Step Sign Up sheets were out by the Coffee table for anyone interested. Discussion moved to the Anniversary in February by Brett asking everyone if there were any changes, deletions or anything we needed to know from the separate committees assigned to help it out. There were no changes at this time. Brett also noted that a contribution to the Dinner fund would be okay too. This was followed by the mentioning that the Big Book Raffle Tickets were now available for anyone who wanted to take some back to their groups to sell. In New Business Christa had a question about the letter from a concerned AA member that the Board had been discussing. Tim noted that once the Board had fully discussed it and decided what they wanted to do, they would then bring their thoughts to the Council. Tom F. gave a brief run down of about the upcoming District 2 Gratitude Dinner and TBAIC happenings. Brett then threw out a question to everyone. Why are we here? Does anyone know. He then went on to read from our When and Where Meeting Schedule; What is Tri-County Central Office and What is a Central Office Representative. Explanations and discussion followed. Several announcements followed, Thanksgiving festivities at The Club, the 301 House and the Sobrenity Group. Brett announced that the 164 Group Wesley Chapel would be hosting their annual 12 Step Workshop soon and the proceeds would be benefiting Central Office. Al noted that we would need help at our annual Physical Inventory. Christa spoke a little about her impressions at the Southeast Regional Forum and how well everyone from the host area banded together to make it a very enjoyable event.

Please note that the First Edition Big Book Raffle tickets are not only available from the Central Office but also from these partiapating Central Office Representatives:

- STEVE T. DRUID HILLS GROUP
- LOIS M. BACK TO BASICS GROUP
- VIVIAN J. NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
- JULIE J. TOWN & COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
- ALLAN D. LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
- BOB B. NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
- BILL J. EARLY RISERS GROUP
- BRIAN L. TURNING POINT GROUP
- BONNIE C. NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
- BRETT B. 164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
- TOM F. WELLSRING GROUP

**NEW MEETING**  
**Oxford Group**  
**Mondays at 8pm**  
420 W. Kennedy Blvd. Oxford Exchange  
Entrance on Kennedy - Outside Stairwell  
East Side Of Building Bring Your Own Coffee

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP	MARK L.	12/17/00	12 YRS
JUST US PICKLES GROUP	SUSAN S.	12/20/88	24 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN R.	12/04/00	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	PAUL H.	12/06/10	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BILL M.	12/15/06	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JUAN A.	12/04/85	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	KAREN H.	12/27/84	28 YRS
ALPHA GROUP	YOMA H.	11/27/80	32 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CONNIE B.	12/27/04	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	BARBIE A.	12/31/03	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MICHAEL V.	12/07/06	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BOB C.	12/26/90	22 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUNNY F.	12/31/79	33 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	BILL B.	12/03/03	9 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	BETSY	12/18/02	10 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
	KEN D.	10/28/91	21 YRS
LEMON TREE GROUP	BRIAN M.	10/20/83	29 YRS
MORNING MIRACLES	FREDDIE H.	11/05/98	14 YRS
JUST US PICKLES GROUP Melbourne, Florida	SUSAN S.	12/20/88	24 YRS

**CENTRAL OFFICE 38th ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING**

**Saturday, February 2nd, 2013**

Christ the King Church  
More will be revealed..... 813-933-9123

**SUWANNEE BIG BOOK WEEKEND**

**March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 2013**

**The Conference and Retreat Center**  
**Dowling Park, Florida**

**www.aatampa-area.org**

Is it already time for some Winter Cleaning??? Bring me your old and used AA Books and Grapevines. Your huddled masses of old meeting schedules, service manuals and any other service oriented materials that you no longer have use for and we will find a place for them.  
Bring to the Central Office

**SELF-SUPPORT-October 2012**

☺ 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 October of 2012 we have **228** Groups with **600** 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 (October,2012) have totaled \$61,410.45 for the year. That accounts for what **134** Groups in our area have contributed plus the 75 AA'er's who contributed \$1310.95 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 \$1,150.00 generated from Raffle Tickets for the First Edition Big Book we are raffling off at our first ever Founders Day Event. And the \$ 272.00 generated from the 12 Step Workshop hosted by the 164 Group and the \$1400.00 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the Keystone Group and the \$91.87 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the Cardinal Group. And the \$1500.00 donated to us from the Soberstock event. And the \$36.30 from the Women's Perspective Conference. And the \$236.00 from the 10 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Our Literature sales for October bought in \$5,576.64 plus \$10.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$5,599.89. Our total income for October was \$11,186.53. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,770.49. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,416.04. Our Expenses for October were \$7,352.91. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of **plus** \$63.13 for the month of October. 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 continue 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. Thank You for your Support.  
tws:) Office Manager



## MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



### Old School Group 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gratitude Dinner and Speaker Meeting

Featuring:

**Ryan A. – Tampa, FL**

Sobriety Date: November 24, 2002

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

Christ the King Catholic Church - 821 South Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL

7 pm - Catered Gratitude Dinner - Tickets \$15.00 - 350 Total seats available

Dinner Tickets Available at: Tri County Office or from an OSG Group Member

8 pm - AA Speaker Meeting - Everyone is Welcome to Come & Listen

50 / 50 Raffle at the door

Proceeds to benefit - Tri County Central Office



An annual event of recovery including AA speakers, Live Bands, Free Food, Camping, Fellowship & Fun!!!

FRIDAY--SUNDAY--MARCH 15th, 16th & 17th, 2013

For Complete Details: [www.soberstock.com](http://www.soberstock.com)



### ALA-ANON A NEW YEAR A NEW ATTITUDE CELEBRATION

“WHEN I CHANGED MY ATTITUDE,  
I CHANGED MY LIFE”

DECEMBER 15

12 - 3 PM

FIRST CHURCH OF NAZARENE  
5902 N. HIMES AVENUE, TAMPA

33614

(HIMES & IDLEWILD)

- BRING YOUR FAVORITE PARTY FOOD TO SHARE
- LISTEN TO AN INSPIRING SPEAKER
- ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, MUSIC AND FUN!



### Annual Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat

for AA and Al-Anon

Lake Yale Baptist Conference  
Center

39034 County Road 452  
Leesburg, Florida 34788

March 1-3, 2013

For Complete Info:

[www.retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com)



57<sup>th</sup> FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

**CARRY *this* MESSAGE**

**July 24 - July 28, 2013**

**Hyatt Regency Jacksonville**

225 East Coastline Dr.

Jacksonville, FL 32202

[www.jacksonville.hyatt.com](http://www.jacksonville.hyatt.com)

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		250.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		55.10	Saturday Night Candlelight		33.50
11th Step Meeting - SCC			It's In the Book Group			Saturday Night Fever Group	35.00	216.00
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.	114.35	390.09	Saturday Night Live Group		314.00
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	225.00	Serenity Group MLK		
164 Group		314.40	Keep It Simple Group (Dade)	400.00	624.90	Sisters in Sobriety Group		252.00
A.A. 101 Group	323.64	1,151.45	Keystone Group	98.00	984.00	Sober @ 6 Group		50.00
A.A. 102 Group		162.25	Kingsway Group		132.12	Sober @ 7 Group		569.08
All Groups-Fri.Night Lights	212.00	1,703.87	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Saturday Group	117.00	748.05
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	LateNighters Group		372.22	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
Alpha Group		90.00	Lemon Tree Group		264.60	Sober Spirits Group		10.00
Anniversary Dinner 2012/2013	70.00	3130.00	Life Enrichment Group		222.30	SOBERSTOCK		1500.00
Annual Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	Little Red Book Group			Sobriety at Sunrise Group		33.00
Anonymous Donations	66.58	1,270.64	Live and Let Live Group	481.00	1718.00	Sobriety Group		195.18
As Bill Sees It--Brandon	200.00	800.00	Living in the Solution Group		1250.00	Softball Tournament / CO		
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa	311.58	917.52	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It		180.35	Solutions Group		1626.60
Attitude of Gratitude Group		500.00	Love & Service Group		38.00	Southshore Men's Group		469.00
Back to Basics Group - Tampa		100.00	Lunch Bunch Group		27.00	Southside Men's Group		
Barracks Brigade Group			Mainely Sober Group - Zhills			Southside Men's Group # 2	70.00	255.00
Bel-Mar Group	165.75	286.00	Mapledale Group	42.00	342.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Beginners Step Group			Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Development Group	50.00	325.00
Bill D's Group		250.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		1500.00	Spiritual Growth Group	422.50	422.50
BIRTHDAY CLUB	87.00	429.00	Monday Nite Madness 3333		546.80	Spiritual Progress Goup	21.45	200.85
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12	50.00	150.00	Morning Express Group		375.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		119.11
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Morning Group - Zephyrhills		315.00	Step at a Time Group		496.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group	100.00	100.00	Morning Meditation Meeting			Stepping Stones Group (w)	32.00	135.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp	100.00	100.00	Morning Miracles Group		230.57	Sun City Center Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group	141.70	533.14	My Turn Group			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		306.00
Came To Believe Group		487.50	New Beginnings - Brandon		702.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	800.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		892.29	New Beginnings Our Club		0.19	Sunshine Group		490.00
Carrrollwood Group		100.00	New Beginnings Women's		120.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrrollwood NS Group		188.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		1527.22	Tampa Bay Speakers Group		365.60
Chancey Road AA Group		50.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)	26.20	79.26	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	New Day Group	29.25	273.00	Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Clean Air Group	20.00	29.73	New Way Women's Group		1103.00	Tampa Palms Big Book		435.00
Dade City Step Group		150.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		560.71	Tampa Palms Men's Group		368.20
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			Noon AA Group Brandon			Temple Terrace Men's Group		
District 2 General Service			Noon Big Book Group		261.03	TGIS Women's Group		704.03
Dover Group		77.40	Nooners Group--Riverview		148.06	Thank God it's Friday Group	658.00	658.00
Druid Hills Group			Nooners Group--Tampa	50.00	252.75	The 164 Group		166.80
Early Risers Group - Joe's	71.70	378.60	Noontime Celebration Group		600.00	164 12 Step Workshop		272.00
Easy Does It Group		60.00	North Brandon Open Forum	59.15	164.15	The Meeting Place Group	14.50	266.37
Expect a Miracle Group		80.00	Northdale Group		254.80	The Next Frontier Group		100.00
Fill the Gap Group		55.06	Odessa Group		278.00	There is a Solution Group		
Fireside Group			Old School Group		1103.21	There is a Solution Group 3333		
Founders Day Event		2,210.21	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club		315.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		50.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		145.41	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		324.00	Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety		100.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			One Day at a Time Group		100.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Friday Night Lights Group		635.60	One Day at a Time Mtg.		90.00	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		75.00
Friday Night Women's Group		260.00	Palma Ceia Group		534.20	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Friday Women's Friendship		551.70	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group		187.00	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills	65.00	470.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		308.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study	200.00	900.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Good Day AA Group			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		170.00
Good Start Group - YANA			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.		150.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group	132.88	132.88
Happy Hour Group Brandon			Plank Owners Group		200.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA			Primary Purpose Group	50.00	125.63	Warrior's Group	2.51	5.87
Harbor Lights Group			Promises Meeting		139.00	Weedpatch Group		80.00
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City		100.00	Prosperity AA Group		126.00	Wellspring Group		140.92
Hide-A-Way Group		133.75	Raise the Bottom Group		97.00	Wednesday Night Step Workshop		
High Nooners Group		1250.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Wed. Keep it Simple Group	50.00	50.00
Higher Learning Group			Red Door Group			Wesley Chapel Group		570.13
Hour Glass Group		330.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		325.00	West Side Winners Group		103.89
I.D.A.A.			Riverside Group		428.59	With Room to Grow Group		
In the Wind Group		532.00	Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		110.04	Women's Friendship Group		89.75
Into Action Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group	304.15	898.60	Women's Perspective Conference		36.30
It's in the Book Men's Group		150.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		250.00			
Just for Today Group			Safe Haven Group		399.73			
						TOTAL	1750.84	
TOTAL	1,919.95		TOTAL	1929.10		YTD TOTAL		15376.61
	YTD TOTAL	22,713.52		YTD TOTAL	22920.22	Grand Total for Month	5599.89	
						Grand Total for Year	61010.35	