

### **Tri-County Central Office News**

The situation you find yourself in is no mere accident it results from your habits and thoughts.

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc. 8019 North Himes Avenue Ste. 104, Tampa, Florida 33614-2763

Phone: 813-933-9123 E-Mail: aainfo@aatampa-area.org Web Site: www.aatampa-area.org

**November 2012** 

#### **USING THE SLOGANS**

# YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LONESOME IS! You don't know what lonesome is until you have taken your first

I was wondering what you thought when you came to your first AA meeting and saw the slogans displayed, as they are at most AA meeting places. Our little signs are: "Easy Does It", "First Things First", "Live and Let Live", and "But for the Grace of God." I know some groups have other thought-provoking slogans, and I'm sure they all are helpful. I don't recall my original impression, but I'm quite sure I could not figure what these savings could possibly have to do with me or my newfound desire to stay sober. The slogans are simple things. We have heard these phrases many times before. Probably, their wisdom has served many generations. Even though they may be ages old. it seems as though they were designed especially for us. They can help when we fit them to our everyday needs. Often, I think of the slogans as reminders and, in our present-day language. consider them as "tranquilizers"—which are mighty handy to have a around. Because we hear and see them frequently, they have become familiar and can remind us, in moments of stress or indecision, just what is best for us. Since I, personally, do not believe in the use of the medical tranquilizers, I have found these AA tranquilizers to be mighty efficient when facing self-pity, resentment, or any of the other woes that are dangerous to the alcoholic. Maybe you, too, can get some assistance from them, as have so many others. "Easy Does It" is the one that probably first attracts our attention. Though this reminder suggest something absolutely contrary to our past performance, these words have their appeal and maybe even a touch of humor when we learn to smile at ourselves as we slow down. All of us have our many problems and troubles. We would like to believe we could sober up quickly and take care of all of them immediately, but it doesn't often work that way. However, if we can reach out for this thought—"Easy Does It"—when we seem to panic at an avalanche of troubles, fears, and doubts, we might get to know, habitually, that the best way to handle all things is "Easy." It can also be a cautious check on the overzealousness of the newcomer, who might rush to do too much in too short a period of time. This slogan, of course, does not suggest that we put everything off until tomorrow, for there are many worthwhile things we can do today. The reminder is: Do it, but "Easy Does It." You'll find yourself enjoying use of this tranquilizer, taken in moderation and at the proper time. Then there is another, "First Things First." That's a real gem. If only it were possible, in our confusion, to keep this foremost in our thoughts, we could have gone a long way toward successfully coping with most of our troubles. Ouite naturally, we in AA contend the first thing to avoid is the first drink: then there is a good chance that everything else can be cared for later. Unless the first drink is avoided, not much else matters. We emphasize that as being of first importance always. However, we will encounter other situations where a mental flash of this reminder can enable us to set our thinking in order, so that we can decide what should be our first consideration and what is less important. Truly, these AA tranquilizers do not solve our problems, but they can calm us down, Continued on page 3

slip after being exposed to the Alcoholics Anonymous program. You thought you were lonely before you ever attended an AA meeting. Sure, the alcoholic is the loneliest person in the world—isolated, ignored, scorned. You can admit no one to your little twilight world. Then you are exposed to AA. Dozens of friendly hands are extended to you. Dozens of warm voices sat. "Hello, pal. Have a cup of coffee." You start to tell them your story, and they say, "Sure, we know. We've been there, too. We know what you're talking about." So you bask in the cheerful warmth of their friendship; you listen to their talk; you study the program and try to clear the fog out of your brain. Pretty soon, things begin to look rosy. Why, say, this is peaches and cream. This is the life you've been looking for. Somebody gave you a dollar and a clean shirt. Maybe they even got you a job. The program is easy. All you have to do is follow it, and that's a simple matter when you're traveling with people who are struggling toward the same goal you are. Life is a bed of roses, and someone has kindly removed all the thorns. That's what you think. Then comes the first bump. The boss says something that hurts your feelings. Or you see a girl you want, but she doesn't want you. Or maybe it rains, or the sun shines too much. Whatever the reason, the old despair comes into your heart; the old glaze dulls your eyes; and you head for the nearest tavern. So you start pouring it down. Can you quit after the first one? You remember that it doesn't matter now. You've already taken the first one. There's a meeting tonight, but you can't go. You may be a heel, but you're not much of a heel. You've shut yourself away from those people, and you sit there crying in your beer, remembering how good they were to you, how they tried to help you. So the sun goes down, and twilight comes on, and the tavern fills up, and you're beginning to understand what lonesome is. That bleary blonde over there is watching you, and the look in her eye makes your stomach churn a little. The tavern is full of loud, hoarse voices, and there is no sense in what they are saying. And the jukebox is playing "When You Were Sweet Sixteen," and you try to think back to a girl you knew who was sweet sixteen, but you can't remember her name, and she's probably dead anyway, and life is a pretty sad mess, so you cry a little more and call for another beer. The meeting will be starting just about now, but you can't go. Everybody is standing. Someone is reading the Twelve Steps. "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable." The words of those Steps are written on your heart, and the first thing you know, you are repeating them out loud, and the guy next to you gives you a fishy look and goes over and whispers to the bar-tender. Remember how you looked when you were drunk—like an old sick cat that has been left out in the rain too long? Remember how you felt—like the frazzled end of a misspent life? Remember what went through your mind—the bells and birds and bees and the little slithering things that nobody could see but you? But you Continued on page 3

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

We had another great month at TBAIC. Thanks to all the people in our committee who make this thing go fantastic.

We are still putting together a list of people in the different parts of town who are willing to take someone to a meeting as soon as they get out of detox, treatment or jail. A need was expressed especially for the Brandon area, Zephyrhills, and Wesley Chapel.

We are also having a Jail orientation November 13th at 10:00 am for those who are interested in helping out by taking meetings into Hillsborough County Jail. Contact our Jail Coordinator, for women- Nancy B. at 813-872-0262 and for men—Paul at 727-385-5529 for qualifications and info.

We are looking forward to a great day of fun and fellowship October 27th at our Keep it Simple Softball Tournament. Thanks to everyone who helped put this together.

Also we are always looking for people to help out at the detox and treatment centers. Contact our Detox Treatment Coordinator Ron G. at 813-802-1324.

Thanks to everyone who helps us via Pink Can donations.

Buddy H.

# Treasurer's Report - October , 2012 SUMMARY OF EXPENSES Total Received 10/12 \$17,425.83 Prudent Reserve (\$500.00) Total Moved to Spending Account (\$15,600.00) Total Paid - Operational Expense \$505.42 Balance 10/12 \$820.41

#### **Our Next Committee Meeting**

Is at 9:30 AM on November 10th 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:

In Memory of Sandy Burnham (343.00) Came to Believe (51.00) Joe's Club Softball Tournament (100.00) Keystone Discussion (91.00) Live & Let Live (257.74) Living in the Solution (26.55) Meeting Place (9.00) Midday Matinee (210.00) Morning Meditation (62.20) Nightly Newcomers (363.00) Noon Big Book (146.00) Old School (100.00) Ruskin Fellowship (58.25) Riverside (11.00) Sisters in Sobriety (27.00) Sunshine (43.00) There is a Solution (6.00) Wellspring (138.52) Women's 12 & 12 (6.00)

#### **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 Ron G. - Detox & Treatment 813-802-1324 Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail-Women's 813-727-1415 Chris D. - E Pasco Prison 813-857-5400 Michele S. Women's Bridge The Gap 813-507-5796 Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap 813-525-8033 - Pre-Release Joel C.— Juvenile 813-525-8033

#### page 3

#### USING THE SLOGANS continued from page One

remind us of a better way to proceed, and perhaps even put us in a mood to make better decisions. The reminder of "Live and Let Live" can come in very handy many times. Some may consider it as a plea for tolerance—letting the other fellow live his life with his faults, so that he won't criticize our imperfections. Others have found this a good suggestion to preserve harmony within the family or group. It can remind us to pause and reflect a moment whenever we feel inclined to gossip, criticize, or envy those with whom we must live. Still others like to think of it in a more positive fashion. When disturbed by the actions or opinions 2. of others, they are reminded that they were put on this earth to 3. live their own lives. The emphasis is on living, based on truths, as they understand them—living with as much honesty as they can command. Perhaps this suggests that when we live our own lives, we will have little inclination to find fault with the efforts of others. "Live and Let Live." "But for the Grace of God" is another appropriate reminder. This, too, is subject to different interpretations and a variety of uses. At one time, this phrase came to mind whenever I heard of someone whose history of 4 alcoholism involved greater hardships and seemingly more misery than mine. I was happy that I had been more fortunate. I no longer make such comparisons. Rather, I use this reminder as a prayer of thankfulness for the many favors and bountiful help I 5 receive each day. I remember that whatever sobriety and little capability I may have today are the result of the mercy and kindness of an ever-loving God. His help, sometimes channeled through AA, is entirely responsible for anything I may accomplish each day. You, too, may welcome this reminder that help, freely offered and entirely undeserved, is available. Without it, we were powerless and our lives can again become 6. unmanageable. It is truly a "tranquilizer" that keeps an inflated ego under control. These are a few of the practical working tools AA offers to bolster your desire to stay sober. Often, the mere repetition of these phrases will tranquilize unstable emotions and suggest better thinking. Later on, they may suggest more serious meditation. These reminders are suggestions for you. They can be useful. Time and time again, you will hear from AA's that they were able to recall these thoughts in moments of crisis, with truly wonderful results. When you are in need of a "tranquilizer," take one of these. When you are disturbed by the thought of a drink, these reminders can give you a good thought to replace a harmful one. They are simple but powerful remedies.

Anonymous

Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ November 1958 & 1977

#### YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LONESOME IS! continued from page One

didn't remember soon enough. You struck a blow at your last hope. You tried to tramp it to death in a senseless frenzy for one more drink. And those friends you had made—you struck a blow at their defense as well as your own. And the great beacon light burns on, trying to light your way through the fog. And you know that it will always be there, burning bright when your eyes become clear enough to see it. But you're sitting there, and at last you really know what lonesome is.

I.S.

Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ December 1947/November 1977

#### ON MAKING YOUR GROUP SMALLER

We've become aware of a certain recklessness, recently, among some of the older members. Some say the group has become so big they don't know anybody anymore. Others regret that the people who come around these days aren't like the ones they once knew. A few grumble vaguely that AA just ain't what it used to be. Talk like this has led us to compile a few suggested steps that might prove helpful in arresting disruptive influence—rapid growth—in your group.

- 1. Never talk to strangers at meetings.
- 2. Call all newcomers "pigeons," especially to their face.
- 3. If a pigeon is getting any other help for his drinking problem—whatever it is—knock it. (Be firm on this, allowing no room for indecision. Tell him that all doctors are quacks, that no headshrinker ever sobered up anybody, that all clergymen are thinly disguised prohibitionists. And be sure to tell him that for an alcoholic, all pills except aspirin—regardless of their ingredients—are goofballs and will lead to suicide or maybe something even worse.)
- 4. Rely entirely on the slogans. Properly used, they can be a dandy way to shorten discussions. (If the pigeon begins to wonder how, in practice, he can find God, tell him in a loud voice to "keep it simple.")
- 5. Remember to insist that the honeymoon will soon be over. (Nothing can raise the noise level at coffee time like a couple of starry-eyed newcomers who talk as if they were just hauled back from the gates of hell. Tell them that they had better be ready for things to get tough again. Tell them that even though you're sober five years now, you've still got lots of trouble, etc.)
- 6. Insist that whatever worked for you will work for anybody. (The fact that it worked for you is all the proof a pigeon really needs. After all, he has no experience at getting sober. If you took the Fifth Step with a priest in Minneapolis, offer to call up long-distance and make an appointment for next Monday. And if the pigeon begins to alibi that Minneapolis is a thousand miles away, remind him that to get this program we've got to be ready to go to any lengths.)
- 7. Question all pigeons very closely to make sure they are ready. (Be aware of the false bottom. If they haven't been to jail as often as you, or to as many hospitals, don't hesitate to suggest that they may not be ready to quit drinking. This is clearly the best way to avoid a lot of wasted Twelfth Step work.)

These seven steps, of course, are only suggestions. But they are based on a considerable amount of personal experience. Rarely have we seen them fail. If you apply them conscientiously, soon your group will become so small and comfortable that you will quite probably be the only member left in it.

M.S.

Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ January 1966/ November 1977

#### **During this Holiday Season—Remember:**



Don't get too Hungry Don't get too Angry Don't get too Lonely Don't get too Tired



#### November, 2012

COUNCIL MEMBERS

BRANT W.

MELISSA N.

TOM F.

JIMMY F.

October 9th, 2012 the Central Office Representatives met:

REPRESENTING GROUP

page 4

#### NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

October 9th, 2 BOARD M		rectors for Central Office met:  REPRESENTING GROUP		
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP		
EXCUSED	VICE-CHAIR	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL		
LINDA G.	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP		
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER			
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP		
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER			
ROB L.	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		

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by welcoming everyone to the Board Meeting reminding everyone to turn down their cell phones and to not forget to sign in. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer. J. Kelley read the September Minutes. There were no questions and the Minutes were accepted. The Treasurers Report was given by Linda. We missed our Budget by \$ 2769.18 for the month leaving us \$2512.28 in the black for the year-to-date. There was no discussion and the report was accepted as read. In Old Business discussion was resumed from last month concerning a letter from a concerned AA member about some of the practices of some Intergroup/Central Offices and how it could affect our Central Office. Because the Chairperson had forgotten to bring the letter, I missed part of the discussion while I looked for a copy. After much discussion, the topic was tabled again to give everyone an opportunity to gather more information on the subject. Jim asked why, at the last Council Meeting that the discussion and motion about replenhisng the CD we had used to buy literature last year wasn't brought up at the Council Meeting? The Office Manager thought it was just an oversight missed from all the discussion from about the Anniversary Dinner. He also noted that it was mentioned in the hard copy of the Newsletter and also on our Web Site. Tim had not checked into any monitoring or alarm type devices. Al made an announcement that his group Morning Miracles had moved back to the John Calvin Presbyterian Church. The church has been renovated and they are located in a much nicer area in the Learning Center branch. Jim announced that his group The Reflections Group were going to make a \$100.00 donation to the Anniversary Dinner Fund. At the Council Meeting we had an excellent turn out of members and we were able to welcome our newest Central Office Representatives (COR):

Robert B. from the Tampa Palms Men's Group, David H. from the Sobriety @ Sunrise Group, Logan C. from the Brandon Love & Service Group, and Tammy P. from the Town-n-Country Sisters in Sobriety Group. There wasn't much to discuss tonight. Al asked if there were any changes he needed to know about concerning the committees for the Anniversary Dinner and were none at this time. Tom F., District 2 Liaison noted that the District had just had their elections for 2013. Everything is going well and the TBAIC is always looking for people to help out in the Jails & Institutions. Several announcements were made and we got out early for a change.

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
TAMMY P.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
LINDA F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
LESLIE G.	PROMISES GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
JOSEPHINE J.	SINCERITY GROUP
BRIAN L.	TURNING POINT GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
LOGAN C.	BRANDON LOVE & SERVICE GROUP
DONNA L.	SUNSHINE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
STEVE T.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
DANIEL H.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
вов в.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
RHONDA R.	SOBRENITY GROUP
DAVID H.	SOBRIETY AT SUNRISE GROUP
CHRISTA G.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP



WELLSPRING GROUP

164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP

DISTRICT 2 LIAISON / WELLSPRING

Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc. Tampa, Florida 33614-2763 ph. 933-9123

ANNIVERSARY TIME						
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TONY R.	11/15/10	2 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	KIRK T.	11/05/08	4 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ASHLEY K.	11/13/08	4 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY M.	11/19/05	7 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TOMMY D.	11/06/66	46 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AMY P.	11/17/10	2 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDIE S.	11/25/02	10 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BONNIE M.	11/17/97	15 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	24 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LADY LOU D.	11/14/79	33 YRS			
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MARY C.	11/21/01	11 YRS			
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY B.	11/11/94	18 YRS			
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE L.	11/05/07	5 YRS			
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DEBBIE M.	11/04/04	8 YRS			

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years		
RIVERVIEW	ELIZABETH E.	10/08/09	3 YRS		
THE MEETING PLACE	ROB L.	10/04/07	5 YRS		
	ROD L.	10/04/07	3113		
WELLSPRING GROUP	TOM F.	10/19/81	31 YRS		

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

Saturday, February 2nd, 2013

**Christ the King Church** (Parrish Center) 821 Dale Mabry Hwy S.

Tampa, FL. 33609 **Seating Limited to 220** Tickets for a Raffle for a First Edition 11th Printing Big Book are available at the Central Office. \$5.00 per ticket.

# From the November 1969 Grapevine "Just remember, this twenty-four hours is all we can really count on."

#### SELF-SUPPORT-SEPTEMBER 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 September of 2012 we have 227 Groups with 599 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 (September, 2012) have totaled \$55,810.56 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 September bought in \$7,968.44 plus \$10.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$4,081.89. Our total income for September was \$12,075.68. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,841.70. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,233.98. Our Expenses for September were \$9,003.16. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus \$2,769.18 for the month of September . 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 vour 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.

#### MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

2012 DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE GRATITUDE DINNER

Saturday November 17th, 2012

Christ the King Church 821 South Dale Mabry Tampa, FL. 33609

Net Proceeds to benefit GSO in New York

Doors Open: 6:00 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm-7:45 pm (please bring a covered dish)

Speaker: 8:00 pm

Chairperson: Ryan A., CTMD Chair

District 2

Guest Speaker: Monica A.-PI/CPC Chair,

FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN

50/50 RAFFLE Tickets: \$6.00

For Information or to Help Out:

Barbara M. 813-752-5980

Southeast Regional Forum November 9-11, 2012

Boca Raton Marriott 5150 Towne Center Circle Boca Raton, FL 33486

EVER ATTENDED A REGIONAL FORUM? NOT SURE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris,

then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions

designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc.,

the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff,

and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members,

trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout

the A.A. service structure. Please visit our Area 15 website at www.area15aa.org

There is NO registration fee, IT'S FREE!

THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP
--Presents--

ALL GROUPS MEETING
Saturday, November 3rd,
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Speaker at 7:00
Potluck Dinner
Bring your favorite dish to share
Make sure everyone has enough to Eat.

THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP Crystal Lakes Plaza 18125 US Hwy 41, Lutz, FL 33549

Join us for some fun and fellowship Speaker: David K.

DANCE.. WITH DJ "DON"
AFTER THE SPEAKER
\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION
AT THE DOOR

Annual Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat for AA and Al-Anon
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center

39034 County Ros Leesburg, Florida

March 1-3, 20

For Complete Iriio. Recovery Second www.retreatforaa-alanon.com



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

Group	SEPT	YTD	Group	SEPT	YTD	Group	SEPT	YTD
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		250.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		55.10	Saturday Night Candlelight	121.00	33.50
11th Step Meeting - SCC			It's In the Book Group		255.54	Saturday Night Fever Group	121.00	181.00
11th Step MeetingSun City 12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple/Pass It On R. Keep It Simple - YANA		275.74 150.00	Saturday Night Live Group Serenity Group MLK		314.00
164 Group	314.40	314.40	Keep It Simple - TANA  Keep It Simple Group (Dade)		224.90	Sisters in Sobriety Group		252.00
A.A. 101 Group	314.40	827.81	Keystone Group		886.00	Sober @ 6 Group	50.00	50.00
A.A. 102 Group		162.25	Kingsway Group		132.12	Sober @ 7 Group	182.29	569.08
All Groups		1,491.87	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Saturday Group		631.05
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	LateNighters Group	144.95	372.22	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
Alpha Group	10.00	90.00	Lemon Tree Group		264.60	Sober Spirits Group		10.00
Anniversary Dinner 2012	5.00	3060.00	Life Enrichment Group		222.30	SOBERSTOCK		1500.00
Annual Housecleaning Retreat Anonymous Donations	150.00 39.66	150.00 1,204.06	Little Red Book Group  Live and Let Live Group		1237.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group Sobrenity Group		33.00 195.18
As Bill Sees ItBrandon	39.00	600.00	Living in the Solution Group	115.00	1250.00	Softball Tournament / CO		193.10
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		605.94	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It	110.00	180.35	Solutions Group	318.82	1626.60
Attitude of Gratitude Group		500.00	Love & Service Group		38.00	Southshore Men's Group	209.00	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		185.00
Bel-Mar Group		120.25	Mapledale Group		300.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Beginners Step Group	<u> </u>	250.00	Mac Dill Group		1500.00	Spiritual Development Group		275.00
Bill D's Group BIRTHDAY CLUB	18.00	342.00	Mid Day Matinee Group  Monday Nite Madness 3333		1500.00 546.80	Spiritual Growth Group Spiritual Progress Goup		179.40
BIRTHDAY CLUB Brandon Beginners 12 & 12	10.00	100.00	Morning Express Group	100.00	375.00	Spiritual Progress Goup Step Sisters in Sobriety		119.11
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.	<u> </u>	100.00	Morning Group - Zephyrhills	100.00	315.00	Step at a Time Group		496.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group	1		Morning Meditation Meeting			Stepping Stones Group (w)		103.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp			Morning Miracles Group		230.57	Sun City Center Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		518.44	My Turn Group			Sunday Afternnoon Meeting		306.00
Came To Believe Group		487.50	New Beginnings - Brandon		702.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	720.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		892.29	New Beginnings Our Club		0.19	Sunshine Group		490.00
Carrollwood Group		100.00	New Beginnings Women's		120.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrollwood NS Group	58.00	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)		53.06	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	New Day Group	68.25	243.75	Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Clean Air Group		9.73	New Way Women's Group	111.00	1103.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	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		261.02	Temple Terrace Men's Group	100.75	704.02
District 2 General Service Dover Group		77.40	Noon Big Book Group Nooners GroupRiverview	39.60	261.03 148.06	TGIS Women's Group Thank God it's Friday Group	100.75	704.03
Druid Hills Group		77.40	Nooners GroupTampa	37.00	202.75	The 164 Group		166.80
Early Risers Group - Joe's		306.90	Noontime Celebration Group		600.00	164 12 Step Workshop		272.00
Easy Does It Group		60.00	North Brandon Open Forum		105.00	The Meeting Place Group	11.00	251.87
Expect a Miracle Group		80.00	Northdale Group		254.80	The Next Frontier Group	11100	100.00
Fill the Gap Group		55.06	Odessa Group	250.00	278.00	There is a Solution Group		100.00
Fireside Group		22.00	Old School Group	193.78	1103.21	There is a Solution Group 3333		
Founders Day Event		2,210.21	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club	2,0110	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		1 .01	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	1.65	534.20	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Friday Women's Friendship	61.75	551.70	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group		187.00	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills	100.00	405.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		308.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		700.00	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		
Happy Hour Group Brandon	<u> </u>		Plank Owners Group		200.00	Village 12 Step Group		226
Happy Hour Group YANA Harbor Lights Croup	<del>                                     </del>		Primary Purpose Group		75.63 139.00	Warrior's Group		3.36 80.00
Harbor Lights Group Helping Hands GpPlant City		100.00	Promises Meeting Prosperity AA Group		139.00	Weedpatch Group Wellspring Group		140.92
Hide-A-Way Group	1	133.75	Raise the Bottom Group		97.00	Wednesday Night Step Workshop		140.72
High Nooners Group	150.00	133.73	Red Chip Day Donation		21.00	Wesley Chapel Group	325.00	570.13
Higher Learning Group	120.00	120.00	Red Door Group			West Side Winners Group	0 20.00	103.89
Hour Glass Group		330.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		325.00	With Room to Grow Group		
I.D.A.A.			Riverside Group	248.95	428.59	Women's Friendship Group		89.75
In the Wind Group		532.00	Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety	28.31	110.04	Women's Perspective Conference		36.30
Into Action Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group	1.00	594.45			
It's in the Book Men's Group	50.00	150.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		250.00			
Just for Today Group	20.00	120.00	Safe Haven Group	324.73	399.73	TOTAL	1597.86	
TOTAL	856.81		TOTAL	1627.22	377.13	YTD TOTAL	137/.00	13625.77
YTD		20,920.57		TOTAL	20991.12	Grand Total for Month	4081.89	020111
		,>,>		2 2 2 1 1 2 2		Grand Total for Year	55537.46	
_			_					