

Tri-County Central Office News

Helping others is the foundation stone of our recovery

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WHEN AN OLD-TIMER NEEDS HELP

SPECTATORS IN AA The Chairman strolled by the Hurry Back Tavern on his way to

All too often in our AA lives, conversations and situations like the following arise in one fashion or another. "Hey, Fred." "Yeah?" "C'mon with me. I've got a Twelfth Step call to make." "Okay. Who is it?" 'We're going to see George. He's drunk and called for help." "George? You gotta be kidding. George drunk? Why, he's been sober eleven years. One of the hardest-working AAs I know." "Don't tell me. He's the guy that brought me into the program. And now he's the one who needs help." There is a long silence. Then, perplexed, bewildered, Fred says, "But what are you going to say to him? What can you say? What can you do? George has more years in AA than you and I have "I don't know. Pray, I guess. C'mon. let's go." There is probably no more vexing, disturbing problem in AA than what to do or say when an old-timer slips and you face the job of twelfth-stepping a man (or woman) who has more years and more knowledge of AA sobriety than you. What's the solution? I've been on both sides of the problem and still don't know. When I first came into AA, my sponsor was a big, hearty, outgoing guy with twelve years of sobriety in the program. With his booming voice and quick way of moving, he pulled me after him into AA as a powerful magnet draws a particle of iron filing. He told me what to do, and I did it without question or hesitation. I was entirely ready, and whatever lengths he demanded of me, I went willingly. (A year later, I discovered he was a "by the book" guy, and everything he told me was straight from the Big Book.) I built a special pedestal for him in my hall of heroes. I had four years of sobriety and was living in another city when he (my sponsor and hero) showed up at my front door drunk. The shock almost cost me my own sobriety. I had no idea what to do for him or say to him. All I did, really, was watch him drink, a sad terror and helplessness filling my heart. Fear held me frozen. If he could get drunk, with all his wisdom and knowledge of AA, then it could happen to me, too. I felt threatened and insecure. Looking back now, I realize all I did was twelfth-step myself, praying to my God for help and understanding, praying this would never happen to me. My sponsor never made it back to the program. Later, I went out several times on Twelfth Step calls to "veterans" who, after six, eight, even eleven years of sobriety. had gotten drunk and were desperately seeking their way back. Some made it. Too many didn't. And despite these experiences, I still didn't know what to say or do. Then came my turn. After years of sobriety as a leader of Step meetings, intergroup representative, public speaker, convention platform headliner, and all the rest, I got drunk. The reasons are not pertinent to this story. The way I was twelfth-stepped back into AA is. Maybe it offers one clue, one way of handling a drunk old-timer, and others may find it useful when they face the task. I had left the country and buried myself at what I was sure was the end of the world, where I would never be found. I didn't go with the idea of drinking, but to escape other problems, which were beyond resolving. I fled to a foreign country, to a tiny village where there was no AA but lots of drunks. I joined them. Continued on page 3

the regular Midweek Group meeting. Without shortening his stride, he glanced into the half-light of the little bar. Several steps past the doorway, he stopped short. Was that Larry sitting in there? He lighted his pipe and debated on what action to take. Larry had been one of the chairman's pigeons, who had come for help when his boss had served an ultimatum: "Join Alcoholics Anonymous and sober up, or you're through here." For almost a year, Larry had attended meetings spasmodically, leaving immediately after the meeting "because my wife objects to my hanging around, drinking coffee and talking about my drinking bouts." He'd never been on a Twelfth Step call and boasted that he'd never read the Big Book. However, Larry had staved physically sober. The chairman razzed him occasionally with the old cliché about being in AA, but not having AA in him. In fact, just a week earlier, the chairman had said he thought a meeting devoted to "AA spectators" might be in order. Larry had stopped to ask the chairman whether this remark referred to him. "I'll be out of town next week," he commented laughingly. Despite Larry's attitude, the chairman liked him and had been secretly proud of his material progress in the past year. So now he retraced his steps and sidled up to the man slouched at the end of the bar. Nervously twirling a half-full highball glass, Larry said, "You were right. I'm just a spectator in AA!" "How long you been drinking?" asked the chairman. "About an hour, maybe huh, Curly?" he asked the bartender. Curly nodded, then spoke to the chairman. "I thought when a guy joined up with your organization, he was set for life. You been doin okay for years. but here comes Larry tonight, at it again. Seems like just a couple of months since I threw him out the last time. Guess his cure didn't take." The chairman asked for a Coke and replied: "Did you ever hear of a chap who's had tuberculosis having a relapse? And having to go back to the hospital? Well, we're in the same condition. AA is founded on the fact that an admitted alcoholic has an incurable disease. So there's nothing startling about the trouble some of us have staying on the program." He glanced at Larry. "You see, some guys really try to work the program and still have a hard time. Then there are others who like to give the impression they're working the program, but they're actually just standing on the sidelines waving a flag. These flag-wavers—or spectators—aren't so easy to help. Matter of fact, I often wonder if they deserve any help. Larry turned to the chairman. "Look!" So I'm a spectator in AA. Didn't I stay sober for almost a year, anyhow? Now I'll probably lose my job. My wife walked out tonight." "And you're feeling sorry as hell for yourself," interrupted the chairman. He patted Larry on the back. "Give him another drink Curly, while I make a phone call." The chairman called the secretary of the Midweek Group and asked him to take over the meeting. "Got a possible Twelfth Step job to look after." He strolled back to the bar. "Do you want to take a walk? Or would you rather drink? Remember, it's your choice." Larry looked at his reflection in the mirror behind Continued on page 3

District 2 - Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee covering Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

(877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672!

We are not a glum lot! "Practical experience shows that nothing will insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail." TBAIC is a group of people committed to carrying the message into jails, detoxes, and other facilities; and we feel good about giving back what was so freely given to us!

We want to honor the memory of our friend and trusted servant, Paul D., with reverance. Here are some of the things that were said about Paul: Tom F "Paul faced his demons and delivered selflessly to the end." stood Great guy that did nothing but give. Service Buddy work, jails, softball...he will be greatly missed! Steve(Drew Two of Paul's sayings were "this is an inside job" and "there's something to this recovery stuff!" And, once in awhile, during our talks Paul would say "Don't you see the beauty in this program when I keep my side of the street clean and daily be available to another sick and suffering, showing them not telling them, the freedom of the bondage of self."

Just a reminder, our next co-ed Keep It Simple Softball tournament is coming to Gadstein Park @ 8:30 am on Saturday, April 20th. Registration is \$100.00 per team and cut off date is April 15th. (Must have 4 women per team) Make checks payable to TBAIC and take to Tim at Central Office. All funds raised go to TBAIC and are used to purchase literature for those people desperately needing it, in jails and detoxes! Come on out and support your team!

Anyone looking to get active in AA can give one of the coordinators a call or come by our next meeting on the 2nd Saturday in April, 9:30 am at Tri-county Central Office.

In love and service Janine M.

Treasurer's Report – 03, 2013				
YTD Pink Can Balance 03/2013	\$ 3,683.63			
Pink Can Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 881.73			
Less Prudent Reserve	-\$ 500.00			
Total Moved to Spending Account	- \$ 3,500.00			
Total Paid-Operational Expense	- \$ 255.10			
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 310.26			

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on April 2nd, 2013 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 (2.19) Came to Believe (150.00) Experience, Strength & Hope (25.00) Keystone Discussion (94.00) Kingsway (124.69) Living in the Solution (17.83) Meeting Place (1.00) Midday Matinee (226.00) Monday Night Men's (32.00) Morning Meditation (44.00) Old School (102.41) Primary Purpose (8.23) Ruskin Fellowship (65.00) Sisters in Sobriety (20.00) TGIS (17.00) Town & Country Tuesday (5.00) Town & Country Wednesday (7.00) Wellspring (226.28)

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members

Bobby B Chair	813-415-4961		
Janine M. Alternate Chair	813-455-6617		
Ryan L Treasurer	813-230-3952		
OPEN – Secretary			
Dick D Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423		
OPEN – Hillsborough County Jail			
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262		
Ron G Detox & Treatment	813-802-1324		
	813-297-5112		
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	813-965-5836		
OPEN- Pre-Release			
Joel C.— Juvenile	813-965-5836		

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Then one day, coming out of the little market by the plaza with my half gallon of rum. I looked up and into the face of an AA member from my own city back in the U.S.—a man I'd known well. I scurried away like a mouse running from a tomcat. Of course, he found out where I lived, and he "dropped by just to say hello." Then began his strange way of twelfth-stepping me. He did it with silence. Total silence regarding my drinking. Defiantly, I made and gulped a drink in front of him. It provoked no comment. Not even a glance of surprise or dismay. He merely said, "I'm going into—(a major city some distance away). How about coming along? We'll have a night on the town, hit all the joints and nightclubs." I agreed. When we drove into the city, Sam said in a casual way, "Do you mind? I've got to stop at this place on some business. It'll only take a couple of minutes. Okay?" "Sure," I slurred, already half-bombed. We pulled up in front of a building that looked like someone's home. "Want to come in with me? I'll only be a minute," he said. Suspicion crept into me. "Wha's this place?" Sam was already out of the car. Over his shoulder, he tossed the words "It's the local clubroom for AAs." And he continued walking away. Slowly, I got out of the car and followed him—mainly, I guess, because it didn't seem to matter one way or the other to Sam whether I followed. Inside, the room was typical AA. On one wall was a large poster with the Twelve Steps. Another held a poster with the Twelve Traditions. Other signs with AA slogans dotted the walls. Sam was busy in one corner, talking quietly with several men and women. No one paid any attention to me. Nobody spoke to me. Not even "hello." I sat down, alone, far removed from the others. My eves lifted to the poster carrying the Twelve Steps. I began to read them, saying the words silently to myself. I felt tears fill my eyes, brim over, and trickle down my cheeks. I made no effort to stop the tears, wipe them away, or disguise them. I wept silently. Then Sam was standing in front of me. "Okay, I'm finished. Let's go." He saw my tears but said nothing. Back in the car, he kept his eye on the road and kept his silence. Tears continued to wet my cheeks. Finally, I turned to him. "Sam." He looked at me briefly, then turned his attention back to the traffic. "Yeah." I said, "You s.o.b. You know what you've just done to me. You know damn well." Sam looked at me again, smiling. I searched his face and his smile intently, looking for a sign of snugness, cleverness, or triumph. I found only love and understanding. And still not a word from him. "Sam," I said, "you know what I need now? Really need?" "What?" "I've got to have a drink." 'Okay,' "let's get you one." We got me one. We got me many that night on the town, and not once did Sam mention my drinking, AA, or anything remotely connected with my drinking. Sam twelfth-stepped me with silence. Silence that let all my memories of the good years in AA flood back into my heart and overflow down my cheeks. The next day, I went to Sam and said, "Would you please help me get into a hospital so I can dry out? It'll take medical help. I'll never be able to cold-turkey alone." Five days later, still shaky as a newborn colt, I appeared at the front door of that building that looked like a home, knocked, and entered. I walked up to the first person I saw and said, "Hello, my name's Woody and I'm an alcoholic,

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the bar. "Maybe some air would be good for me. Let's go. See vou Curly." The two men walked in silence for a while. Then Larry spoke. "Why can't a guy be a spectator in AA and still get the benefit of the program?" "I'll answer that with a couple of questions. Are you ashamed of your association with Alcoholics Anonymous? And do you feel you're entitled to the benefits of AA if your association is one-sided?" Larry smiled sheepishly. "Now that I've got a few drinks in me, maybe I'll tell you how I really feel about AA. You know I was forced to join. I resented the program from the very beginning. So I figured I'd give it as little effort as possible. I staved sober, but I did it for effect, just to keep my job, and by making a good living, keep my wife. But I didn't want to get mixed up in pouring coffee, doing Twelfth Step work, being secretary, or even doing any speaking. As for practicing AA in my daily associations...Well, I thought I always treated people fairly well, anyway, without AA." Larry paused and chuckled. "All right, I'll go your "spectator" bit one better. I'm what they call a knothole superintendent." "Is a knothole superintendent any different from a spectator? "He's more critical. He thinks he knows all the answers and how the job should be done. The only outlet he has for expressing his opinions is talking to other knothole supes. But the spectator is on the curb or up in the stands to watch the show. He's there to be entertained. Any criticisms he makes are incidental." "Seems to me," the chairman said, "there's one way the knothole superintendent and the spectator are exactly alike. Neither of em adds a single thing to the development of the project they're watching, does he? None of their remarks or criticisms have any bearing at all on the way the event turns out. They're both nonparticipants, so how can they get any direct benefit from the activity they're watching?" Larry stopped walking. "You've got me, partner! Or did I get myself? Am I working on the Fifth Step? Now I know what I was doing by standing around the fringe of AA, criticizing the meetings and the members, and not taking any active part myself. I was riding my sobriety right into the ditch, that's what. I'll tell you something. When we left Curly's place. I was planning on going back." The chairman laughed. "I told you the walk or the drink was your choice. It still is, Larry." They walked another block in silence. The Larry said, "What made you come by Curly's tonight? It wasn't on your way to the meeting." 'That, my good friend, is another story! And it might have something to do with a Power greater than ourselves." Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ November 1973

Am I trying to 'practice these principles' in all my own affairs? Or am I simply complacent and quite content with just enough spiritual nourishment to keep me sober?

→ WHEN AN OLD-TIMER NEEDS HELP.....continued:

I would like to be a member of AA." I was home again. So maybe that's one way to twelfth-step an old-timer. Maybe you don't have to say anything. Just expose him to what he's left and lost. Chances are, he'll know what to say and what to do better than you. It's an approach that can work. It did for me.

W.C., Ajijic, Mexico

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 12th, 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

BRETT B. CHAIRPERSON 164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

LINDA G. TREASURER TURNING POINT GROUP

LOIS M. BOARD MEMBER BACK TO BASICS GROUP

BRIAN W. BOARD MEMBER ODESSA GROUP

J. KELLEY L. BOARD MEMBER CLEAN AIR GROUP

JIM Mac BOARD MEMBER REFLECTIONS GROUP

WARD H. BOARD MEMBER PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP

OPEN BOARD MEMBER

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The Board Meeting opened in the usual matter with our new Board Chairperson Brett B. asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and welcoming our newest Board Member, Ward H. from the Palma Ceia Big Book Group. There was a little confusion with a Council Member not sure which meeting he should be at but this was easily straightened out. Brian read the February Secretary report. A motion was made to accept the report and all were in favor. Linda presented the Treasurer's report for February noting that we were \$411.74 in the red for the month. There were no questions and the report was accepted with all in favor. In Old Business discussion centered briefly around the Founders Day event for June. Jim brought up discussion about the By Laws and Roberts Rules of Order. He also wanted to know what number of Board members it takes to pass a vote and if there is something in the By Laws to stipulate a time frame in making By Law changes. This led into a feisty discussion about the hastiness of having a vote later that night at the Council Meeting for a couple of changes to the By Laws. In New Business discussion centered around the increase of the Office Managers Health Insurance by Blue Cross. Because of pre-existing problems it doesn't look like the Office Manager can do anything about the increases until maybe October when some policy changes take place within the Health Care Community. Finally a motion was made to continue paying what Central Office had been paying and Tim would pay the balance. The motion passed. At the Council Meeting the first order of business eas to hold the meeting for the By Law changes. With 31 voting Council members the vote was 30 ayes to approve the changes presented and 1 nay. The motion for the changes pasted. The Council Meeting then presumed with it's normal meeting. Most of the meeting centered around the upcoming Founders Day event in June. The Meeting Place volunteered to do the Ticket and Raffle sales, Sober @ 7 will do the 7th Tradition Basket, 164 Wesley Chapel will do Dining Room Clean-Up, Happy Hour (YANA) will do Set-Up and Decorations, Druid Hill will cover the Greeters spot, Clean Air will do Coffee and Supplies and Turning Point will do Kitchen Clean-Up. At this point the Date and Location have not been secured. We are looking for Old-Timers with 40 or more years to sit on our Ask-It-Basket Panel. If you have someone in your area contact Tim @ 933-9123 and put their name in the basket to be voted on. Some concern about the Recovery on the Island Meeting was brought up, if it was still active or not. If not it needs to be removed. It's not good to go to a meeting listed in the schedule and it not be there. Tim will look into it 🔾 🕾

March 12th 2013 the Central Office Representatives met:

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

AL B.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
RICHARD P.	STEP AT A TIME GROUP
ED D.	KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP
BART S.	BYOB 12 & 12 GROUP
ANDREA C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
ROB L.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
LESLIE F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BARBARA B.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
TOM F.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
JOE P.	KINGSWAY GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
DONNA L.	SUNSHINE GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CHRISTOPHER E.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
RICH L.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
COLEEN V.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
BRENT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

TRADITION WORKSHOP
The Meeting Place
2734 Land-o-Lakes Blvd (Hwy 41)

Land-o-Lakes, FL
Chaired by: Bill R.
Time: 8:00 pm
April 20th, 2013----Tradition 4
May 18th, 2013----Tradition 5
June 15th, 2013----Tradition 7
August 17th, 2013----Tradition 8
September 21st, 2013----Tradition 9
October 19th, 2013----Tradition 10
November 16th, 2013----Tradition 11
December 21st, 2013----Tradition 12

ANNIVERSARY TIME						
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARK D.	04/19/10	3 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARYANN L.	04/17/10	3 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEB	04/02/08	5 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DAVE MC	04/10/07	6 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	8 YRS			
LATE NITERS GROUP	ROBERT L.	04/16/09	4 YRS			
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	ROBIN D.	04/20/10	3 YRS			
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DENNIS Z.	04/12/96	17 YRS			
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JACK O.	04/05/85	28 YRS			
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	KEN P.	04/18/05	8 YRS			
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	SANDI G.	04/14/97	16 YRS			
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	DONNA G.	04/11/96	17 YRS			
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	19 YRS			
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	JERRY R.	04/01/85	28 YRS			
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	TRACY S.	04/27/10	3 YRS			
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KEY M.	04/20/10	3 YRS			
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LIZ T.	04/10/10	3 YRS			
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	DEBBIE N.	04/25/09	4 YRS			
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	RHONDA B.	04/13/09	4 YRS			
INTO ACTION GROUP	BUD F.	04/16/83	30 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LYANN	04/11/01	12 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	THELMA S.	04/25/86	27 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SHEILA G.	04/09/83	30 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SOL M.	04/28/09	4 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ANNA M.	04/25/04	9 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	GEORGE S.	04/26/86	27 YRS			
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	JESSICA P.	04/17/11	2 YRS			
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	MARK D.	04/19/10	3 YRS			
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	JIM P.	04/23/05	8 YRS			

SELF-SUPPORT-FEBRUARY 2013

© 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 January of 2013 we have **215** 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 (February, 2013) have totaled \$13,093.91 for the year. That accounts for what 62 Groups out of 215 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 5 AAer's who contributed \$78.77 in contributions anonymously and and the 43641.00 we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner. And the \$126.00 from the 7 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Also the \$589.00 from the Old School Group Anniversary Dinner and the \$305.00 from the 164 Group's 12 Step Workshop. Our Literature sales for February bought in \$6,463.89 plus \$40.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$6,165.32. Our total income for February was \$12,631.38. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,389.27. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,242.41. Our Expenses for February were \$8,657.15. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus \$414.74 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 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. Thanks!

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z	01/16/89	24 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	PAUL G.	03/02/02	11 YRS



July 24 - July 28, 2013
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville
225 East Coastline Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32202
www.jacksonville.hyatt.com

Just a little SHOUT OUT from the Central Office to the Keystone Group for their fantastic ALL GROUPS MEETING held March 9th, 2013. With around 100 members present we got to share in some good Shepherds Pie, side dishes, cookies, cakes, sodas and coffee and more importantly we were able to share in a lot of Fellowship, topped off by Mary L. sharing her story with us and as an added treat, we got to watch as Mary picked up her 40th Year medallion. The Keystone Group was able to make a generous contribution of \$1700.00 to benefit Central Office from the event..

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

The Friday Night Lights Group
4th Anniversary Celebration & Ice Cream
Social to benefit Central Office
Friday, April 19th 2013

SPEAKER MEETING 7:30 P.M. Sandy B. Tampa, Florida

Ice Cream Social Immediately Following the Meeting
All contributions this night go to support Central Office.

Faithworxs Church
202 Flamingo Drive
Apollo Beach, Florida

ALL GROUPS MEETING TO SUPPORT AA
CENTRAL OFFICE

FRIDAY - MAY 17, 2013

SPONSORED BY CARDINAL GROUP
FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND AA SPEAKER

KEYSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7509 VAN DYKE RD ODESSA, FL 33556

DOOR OPENS: 5:30 PM

6:00 PM DINNER

BRING COVERED DISH TO SHARE

7:30 PM SPEAKER MEETING

\$5,00 DONATION AT THE DOOR

50/50 RAFFLE

Directions:

The Meeting is ½ mile east of the Van Dyke/Gunn Hwy intersection. If coming on the Veterans, get off on the Van Dyke Exit and go west for two miles, church will be on right hand side of the road (north). Come Join Safe Haven for an in depth study of the traditions! We'll Supply the hot Dogs & Buns, Bring a cover dish to share, and Enjoy a chance to win in the Raffle!

Traditions Workshop

Sunday, May 19th, 2013 1:00pm-6:00pm Speaker: Bill O.

Sponsored By Safe Haven Group at the 301 house 8601 Bowles Rd. Tampa, FL 33637 For Questions or volunteer info Contact Michele L. @ 813-863-2830

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WHEN: Sunday, April 21A

WHERE: Fort DeSoto Park / Pavilion One (North Beach)

TIME: 10:00am-3:00pm

lunch Served @ | 2:00 pm

A fun filled. Clean and Sober Event

All are Welcome / Event is free / Donations Accepted

50/50 Raffle / Games / Swimming / DJ!

food and Beverages Will be Provided



South Florida Area 15 General Service Quarterly Assembly

April 12th -14th 2013 Hosted by District 8 Boca Marriott

5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, Fl 33486 Phone 561-392-4600

Complete Info: www.area15aa.org



Group	FEB	YTD	Group	FEB	YTD	Group	FEB	YTD
11th Step Meeting- Christ King			Just What I Wanted Big Book			Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step MeetingSun City			It's In the Book Group			Saturday Night Fever Gp.		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple/Pass It On	96.85	96.85	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
164 Group Wesley Chapel			Keep It Simple - YANA			Sisters in Sobriety Group		
A.A. 101 Group		216.15	Keep It Simple Group DC	4= 00	40=00	Sober @ 6 Group		101.5
A.A. 102 Group			Keystone Group	45.00	107.00	Sober @ 7 Group		181.67
All Groups	500.00	590.00	Kingsway Group	47.01	127.50	Sober on Saturday Group		95.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp. Alpha Group	589.00 20.00	589.00 40.00	Late-Nighters Group Lemon Tree Group	47.81	137.58	Sober on Sunday Group Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Anniversary Dinner 2013	1926.00	2896.00	Life Enrichment Group			SOBERSTOCK		9.00
Housecleaning Retreat	1720.00	2890.00	Live and Let Live Group	42.35	409.03	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
Anonymous Donations	28.00	78.77	Living in the Solution	170.00	327.00	Sobrenity Group		
As Bill Sees ItBrandon	20.00	298.59	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It	170.00	150.00	Solutions Group		123.29
As Bill Sees It Men's Odessa		304.42	Love & Service Group			Southshore Men's Group		135.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group			Mapledale Group			Southside Men's Group		
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mac Dill Group			Southside Men's Group # 2	50.00	100.00
Barracks Brigade Group	50.00	100.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Spiritual Development Gp.	50.00	50.00
Bel-Mar Group			Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Growth Group		
Big Book Raffle-February	515.00	745.00	Morning Express Group		100.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		14.95
Big Book Raffle-June			Morning Group -Zephyrhills			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Bill D's Group			Morning Meditation Group	4.40	4.40	Step at a Time Group		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	9.00	126.00	Morning Miracles Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		34.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			My Turn Group			Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Beginnings - Brandon	234.00	234.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Tues. Big Book			New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	160.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	2.36	71.33	New Beginnings Women's			Sunshine Group		
Came To Believe Group	260.48	260.48	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Newcomers Group (JC)	63.84	63.84	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Carrollwood Group		70.00	New Day Group		32.50	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	100.00	100.00
Carrollwood NS Group		78.00	New Way Women's Group			Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	100.00
Chancey Road AA Group			Nightly Newcomers Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Clean Air Group		25.00	Noon Big Book Group Nooners GroupRiverview			Temple Terrace Men's Group TGIS Women's Group		72.93
Dade City Step Group		23.00	Nooners GroupTampa	23.83	62.48	Thank God it's Friday Group		12.93
Dover Group	56.42	56.42	Noontime Celebration Gp.	23.63	200.00	The 164 Group		
Druid Hills Group	30.42	30.42	North Brandon Open Forum		200.00	164 12 Step Workshop	305.00	305.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Northdale Group			The Meeting Place Group	10.00	24.00
Easy Does It Group			Odessa Group	350.00	350.00	The Next Frontier Group	10.00	24.00
Expect a Miracle Group		208.00	Old School Group	45.11	45.11	There is a Solution Group		
Fill the Gap Group			Oldtimer's Group - JC			Thurs. AM Discussion Group		
Fireside Group		9.71	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Founders Day Event			One Day at a Time Group			Town & Country Men's Group	150.00	150.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group	2.67	60.14	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Wed. Group		
Friday Night Lights Group	44.70	44.70	Palma Ceia Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		100.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Women's Friendship			Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		50.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		93.27
Happy Hour Group YANA	200.00	350.00	Plank Owners Group			Village 12 Step Group		
Helping Hands GpP.C.			Primary Purpose Group	75.00	75.00	Warrior's Group	1.50	1.50
Hide-A-Way Group			Promises Group			Weedpatch Group		ļ
High Nooners Group		200.00	Prosperity AA Group		130.00	Wellspring Group	210.00	210.00
Hour Glass Group			Raise the Bottom Group			Wed Night Step Workshop		163.00
I.D.A.A.			Red Chip Day Donation			Wed. Keep it Simple Group	50.00	50.00
In the Wind Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Wesley Chapel Group		195.00
Into Action Group			Riverside Group			West Side Winners Group	57.00	57.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		50.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		176.80	With Room to Grow Group		
			Ruskin Fellowship Group	200.00	200.00	Women's Friendship Group		
			Safe Haven Group			YaYa Sisterhood in Sobriety		-
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