



Tri-County Central Office News

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WE WHO ARE NEXT IN LINE

I am a twenty-two-year-old alcoholic. After several years of hard drinking, I was dying of alcoholism. Doctors had told me I was incurable and hopeless. I began to recover through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, and by the grace of a very loving God and AA, I'm still sober three years later. Because of my recovery, I was allowed to pursue a lifelong dream and I enlisted in the Air Force. This has given me the opportunity to attend AA meetings in different states and other nations, and I have noticed something interesting in my travels. Where a meeting allows people to talk about drug addiction, it usually allows them to talk about everything else under the sun and they invariably do. In these meetings that have little regard for AA Traditions, there seem to be more people who go back to drinking, more people who don't practice the Twelve Steps, more people who don't have (or don't use) a sponsor, more people who don't extend a safe welcome to visitors or pay much attention to newcomers. However, on the other side of the coin, meetings that insist on discussing topics related to recovery from alcoholism only—and stand by it—are often meetings that make sure a new person is welcomed and given phone numbers with maybe a pamphlet or two, meetings that make their visitors feel like they've come home, meetings that get involved with hospitals and institutions committees and their service centers. These meetings produce a different result. The old-timers are there, and they have a respected voice because of their tested experience. People at those meetings have and use sponsors and they talk about how they've applied the AA program in their daily lives. They have more solutions and talk less about problems, more peace and less turmoil, and more people who stay recovered and less who go back to drinking again. Bill W. was right: AA cannot fix the world. AA's Twelve Steps and Traditions can be applied universally to everyone's benefit, but AA itself must forever remain by and for alcoholics. To mix up our primary purpose—freedom from alcohol—with drug addiction and over-eating and other destructive dependencies erodes the unity that binds us together, unity we must keep to survive. It's not a matter of exclusivity, it's a matter of the survival of AA's very existence. Since the Fellowship's early days, we have had the Twelve Steps to guide us. But the bedrock of AA has always been one drunk talking to another. Through this, the depth of understanding is reached that gives hope to a desolate alcoholic's heart. One drunk to another—not one addict to an alcoholic or one codependent to an alcoholic. One day it will be left to the young people now in the Fellowship to carry on the original spirit and traditions of AA, even through the buzz words and trends will come and go. It will be up to us to teach newcomers how to maintain the type of sobriety that achieves the promises of the Big Book and dispels some of the fables of recovery popular today. It will be up to us to help the newcomer from the street dry out, shakes and pukes and all. We will be left to teach the little things: how to sit at the front, not back of the room, say hello to the new guy, wash coffee cups and

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UNITY SELDOM MEANS THAT WE ALL AGREE

Tradition One: *Our common welfare comes first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.*

That night I left my home group business meeting in tears, after what I saw as a bitter quarrel. I was surprised to realize that what I was feeling was not anger, but fear—that this group, which had shown me love and acceptance during my first shaky weeks, might break up over minor disagreements. What would happen to me then? Walking into the coffee shop where members of the group often met after the meetings, I was startled to see those who had been most vocal in their disagreement sitting together, talking amicably, and apparently the best of friends. Was their disagreement resolved or forgotten? Not at all. They were practicing the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were placing their recovery before their personal disagreement. While they disagreed regarding what was best for the group, they were willing to allow the process of arriving at an informed group conscience to work, and then to accept that group conscience. They were able to set aside their differences while this happened and continue to care for one another and for their sobriety. I'd like to say that I learned this lesson and was able to put it into practice immediately, but that was not the case. As usually happens, it took repetition and some sustained personal discomfort for me to learn something about unity. There inevitably came a time in my sobriety when I felt strongly about problems which I saw in my home group. Suddenly I found myself at the center of a controversy, feeling that I must defend my position and convince others that what I wanted was in the best interests of the group. After all. This was a matter of principle. I was certain that not only was my will right for me, but essential to the survival of the group (*maybe even AA as a whole!*) When the group reached a decision which I believed was wrong I went through fear (*what will happen to my group?*), anger (*how dare they do this!*), guilt (*I should have done more to convince them*), and self-pity (*they didn't vote for this because they don't like me*). I wanted to run away because that had always been my response to uncomfortable emotions. But through the example of others I was able to sit still and wait. Much to my surprise, the group didn't fail, AA as a whole didn't appear to be affected by the decision, and we all continued to stay sober. Some time later the group reversed itself and decided to change direction, handling group business in a way that I believed was more in keeping with our Twelve Traditions. Life and recovery went on and the group flourished. What I've learned is that unity seldom means that we all agree on everything. Nor is unity served by setting aside our concerns and conforming to the majority opinion (or the vocal minority). My experience has been that unity is best achieved by a full hearing of all points of view, followed by some time for all of those involved to step back from emotional responses to the issue, as well as careful consideration and prayer for that which will best serve the group or Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I've also

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

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

The July 13th meeting of the T.B.A.I.C. was opened by chairperson Bobby O. leading the Serenity Prayer. Jerimiah T.'s Treasures Report showed that the major expenses outside of purchasing literature were for Bridge the Gap (phone line and P.O. Box) and the purchase of new business checks. There was some confusion if an EIN Number (Employer Identification Number) allowed T.B.A.I.C. to claim tax exempt status. Tom F. will investigate and present his findings and any additional steps needed to claim tax exempt status at the August meeting.

Steps to Freedom presented a check for \$1200.00 from their fundraising event in June. Questions were raised on how to better handle the distribution of literature. The current honor system doesn't leave any accountability to ensure that the materials are being taken by T.B.A.I.C. volunteers and that only a prudent amount is taken at any given time.

The following new policy will now be in place:

***T.B.A.I.C. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ONCE A MONTH ONLY ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH DURING THE T.B.A.I.C. MONTHLY MEETING. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND GATHER NEEDED LITERATURE AT THIS TIME.**

After the monthly meeting literature will be stored in a secured area and not available again until the next monthly meeting. John B. will be obtaining a cabinet to maintain the secured stock. Nancy O. said that Faulkenburg seems to be under control. A special orientation for new women volunteers is being held July 19. The county is not discouraging volunteers, but their costs in doing the necessary paperwork for volunteer applicants is being scrutinized, so a firm commitment is needed by those who sign up. Ruth who was representing the East Pasco County Women's jails said additional volunteers would be appreciated. Mark G. resigned as chairperson for Detox and Treatment. Bobby O. and Buddy H. will work on gathering meeting schedule and volunteer information for the Detox and Treatment Centers. Tom F. reminded everyone that the Keystone Group's annual fundraiser (in memory of Sandy B. of T.B.A.I.C.) is July 30th at 7 PM in Odessa. Dick D. announced that Donna S. is the new chairperson for the Steps to Freedom Fundraiser. She has a lot of new ideas on how to make the event even more exciting and will be asking for more participation from T.B.A.I.C. Chris D. of East Pasco Prisons has begun taking 5th Steps from inmates.

"A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die." (As Bill Sees It, pg 13)

Treasurers report- 06/2013
Ytd pink can balance 06/13 \$5511.13
Pink can balance as of December 31 2012. \$881.73
Less prudent reserve. (500)
Total moved to spending account (\$5892.86)
Total paid - operational expense (\$330.10)
Pink can current balance 00.00

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on August 10th 13th, 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 last Month:

Meeting Place (7.01) Morning Meditation (58.65) 301 Groups (27.35) Keystone (52.00) Sunday Night Fellowship (75.00) Primary Purpose (17.58) Came to Believe (57.00) Sisters in Sobriety (30.15) Kingsway (85.00) Midnite Madness (15.24) There is a Solution (15.60) Riverside (41.00) Sober on Saturday (11.00) Noon Big Book (83.00) Town & Country Tuesday Men's (25.00) New Beginnings Women's (11.00) Wellspring (88.00) As Bill Sees It (55.96) Odessa (59.38) Anonymous (45.00)

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members	
Bobby B. - Chair	813-415-4961
Janine M. -Alternate Chair	813-455-6617
Jerimiah T.- Treasurer	813-480-0307
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
OPEN—DETOX & TREATMENT	OPEN
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
Curtis B.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-476-3128
OPEN- Pre-Release	
OPEN— Juvenile	

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ashtrays. One day it will be up to us to uphold the Traditions. It will be up to us to keep it simple. Today, young people are learning from the last generation of AA's who got the message straight from the original old-timers. We must be diligent in preserving the AA way of life through our actions and our participation at meetings amid an ever growing attitude of "I come first" rather than "sobriety comes first." There are many catch-words, but only one program of recovery outlined in the Big Book. Old-timers, there are still some of us who desperately need you and value what you have to say. Young people, it's our responsibility to follow in their footsteps.

Jenifer C., Bury St. Edmunds, England 1994
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THE POWER OF EXAMPLES

Alcoholics Anonymous found me in the rooms of a treatment center in 1997 when a nearby group bought us a meeting. When I first saw the leader, I thought how nice it was of him to give us his time and how happy he looked. After the meeting, he handed me a card with his girlfriend's number on the back and told me she would be my temporary sponsor, if I wanted one. The next day, after arguing with one of the staff in the cafeteria, I threw a temper tantrum and stormed off to my room. Then, throwing myself on the bed, I started sobbing, "God please help me. I am so sick and tired of being sick and tired." At that moment, the telephone number on the card popped into my head. I went to the phone in the hallway to call a woman I didn't even know. As the phone rang, I became anxious. I didn't know what to say or do. The woman who answered the phone had a kind and pleasant voice. I told her how I'd gotten her number the night before and proceeded to explain my situation to her: I told her that my whole life, my whole world, was falling apart. We spoke for about forty-five minutes. By the time I hung up, I had made a decision to turn my will and life over to the care of the AA program. This woman's kindness, her sincerity, and her patience during our phone conversation had set an example for me. I could hear her children in the background, but she never once screamed at them as I had done to my own children on so many occasions. She had patience; I didn't have any. I went to my first AA meeting the day I was released from treatment and have been going every day since. I've told my story and participated in service work at correctional institutions, and I've made lots of close friends in AA. I had to learn how to trust and be honest with myself and others. I had to learn how to live life. It isn't always easy, but AA gave me the tools for living, and I try to apply them on a daily basis. Today I have a new life. Today my family is watching me grow, instead of watching me die. I have a newfound belief in God and a newfound confidence in myself. Today, I enjoy waking up in the morning.

Clair E., Tampa, Florida
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learned that when a decision is reached which doesn't work for the good of the group it can be changed. Nothing is set in stone, and we have the ability to learn from our mistakes in sobriety. When we need to make a decision it's important for me to allow the group conscience to work and to trust in the process of applying the Twelve Traditions in making our decisions. When I'm able to do this, I feel that I'm a part of this Fellowship and that we are united in our common disease, our common solution, and our common purpose. Mickey H. Springville, Utah 1998

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More News Around Town

Area 15, District 2 Quarterly Assembly Planning Meeting

District 2 (Hillsborough and East Pasco) is hosting the General Service Quarterly Assembly from April 4-6, 2014 in Tampa

First planning meeting will be:

When: Sunday, October 6, 2013, at 1pm

Where: 3333 West Columbus Drive, Tampa

Why: To form service committees for the event

The only requirement for service is to be an alcoholic

Contact Kristin 813-447-9894 for more info

The Main Purpose Group which meets every Tuesday Evening at 6:00 pm has moved to:
LIFE PURPOSE CHURCH
7209 NORTH MANHATTAN AVENUE

This is an open Big Book Study meeting



27th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013
"The Spiritual Life Is Not A Theory" pg83, BB



AA Speakers
MARILYN S., LOS ANGELES, CA
BILL C., REDONDO BCH., CA.
MICKI B., BRYAN, TX.
DON L., BELLINGHAM, WA
DEB. H., TIMMONSVILLE, SC.
LON L., JACKSONVILLE, FL.
VALARIE D., RICHMOND, VA.
AFG SPEAKER
MAGDALENA E., BURIEN, WA.
WORKSHOP-SANDY B., TA, FL.

EMBASSY SUITES - USF
3705 Spectrum Blvd. Tampa, FL. 33612
813-977-7066
\$109 (1-2 guests) \$119 (3-4 guests)
Each spacious two room suite includes a private living room w/sleeper sofa, microwave, refrigerator & coffee maker. Includes complimentary, fully cooked breakfast buffet & Managers evening reception daily. Call 1-800-EMBASSY for reservations. (must mention Tampa Bay Fall Roundup) or book you room online at www.EmbassySuitesUSF.com
Use group code "TBR"
SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/24/2013

AA & AFG Meetings
AA Movies All Weekend
Friday
"Charlie, The Newcomer" Play
Saturday
6:45am Meditation - Carmen L.
7am 5K Walk/Run*
8am Golf Tournament*
6:30pm Speaker Banquet*
10pm Dance - DJ: Don P.
Sunday
6:45am Meditation - Carmen L.
4:30pm Karaoke KJ: Don P.
5:00pm Western Dinner Buffet*
10 pm Play "Win It In A Minute"

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

July 9th, 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
BRETT B.	CHAIRPERSON	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
EXCUSED	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
MIKE C.	BOARD MEMBER	REFLECTIONS GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
BARBARA B.	BOARD MEMBER	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
TROY S.	ALT. BOARD MEMBER	PROMISES MEETING GROUP

Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking if everyone was signed in, followed by a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Brett commented that it was great to have a full Board although two members are not here. Troy was welcomed as an Alt. tonight standing in for Leslie from the Promises Meeting Group. Brian read the June minutes. There were no questions. The minutes were seconded and approved. Tim gave a brief Treasurer's report in lieu of the Treasurer being absent. We were short \$936.18 from making our budget for the month. This still left us \$1,179.24 to the good for the year at the end of June. Discussion followed concerning finances and the false security that the year to date accounting was giving. Discussion continued noting that we really wouldn't be out of the hole until we somehow recouped the money we had spent when we cashed in one of our CD's in July of 2011. Since we were managing to barely stay afloat each month, no one had any ideas at this time of how to save any extra money to put back into the CD. A question was brought up asking if groups realize that they need to distribute their contributions more often and if they were aware that Central Office only survives by their support. In New Business, Barbara offered her time if Tim needed anyone to come in and key in information into the computer. Mike asked about Soberstock. Brett noted that our focus should be to keep the Central Office growing in order to provide our services to the groups. At the Council meeting, Tim thanked the Sunshine Group, the Wednesday Town and County Group and the Wellspring Group for their generous contribution of \$320.00 from last month from their Annual Memorial Day Picnic. Brett handed our "COR Information" sign up sheets, followed by a moment of silence and then the Serenity Prayer. Brett then had Brant read "What is Tri-County Central Office" which is posted in the Meeting Schedule. Brett noted that we are tonight to support the Central Office so that the Central Office can support the groups. Andrea read the June minutes. There were no questions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. All were in favor. New Central Office Reps welcomed tonight were Larry G. alternate from the Living in the Solution Group, Jack McC. from the Friday Night Lights Group, Franco S. from the Fear Not Group, Lauren D. and Glenn Y. from the Tampa Bay Young People's Group, Troy S. from the Promises Meeting Group and Bob S. from the Sober @ 7 Group. After the Minutes and during the Treasurer's Report discussion centered around Finances, Group Contributions, the importance of continually announcing the need for support for the

July 9th, 2013 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JOE M.	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
BENJAMIN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
TROY S.	PROMISES MEETING GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
JACK McC.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
BRANT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
GLENN Y.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
LAUREN D.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
BOB S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CAS K.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
LARRY G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
ANDREA C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
BART S.	BYOB 12 & 12 GROUP
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
AL B.	JWIW BIG BOOK GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
FRANCO S.	FEAR NOT GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
RICARDO F.	SOBRENITY GROUP

Central Office. Putting a can in the groups was mentioned also All Group meetings and other group events to support Central Office. It was noted that when an alcoholic calls for help, they are not calling New York or District 2 General Service or the South Florida Area 15, they are calling the Central Office. Ricardo brought up the refreshing the 12 Step call list. Brett noted that Martin can transfer everything to your phone. Tim was asked to explain the "can" and the "pie chart." Jerry talked about the pie chart from the pamphlet "Self-Supporting." Tim noted that the examples were a few suggested ways of doing it but that the Group had the final decision on how they wanted to do it. Finally someone made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and all were in favor. In New Business, Brett announced that we would probably start making plans for our Annual Anniversary Dinner scheduled in February, next month. It never hurts to get an early start. A few announcements were made—most notably the Central Office fund-raiser picnic at Brett's house **August 10th, 2013. See the flyer on page 6.**

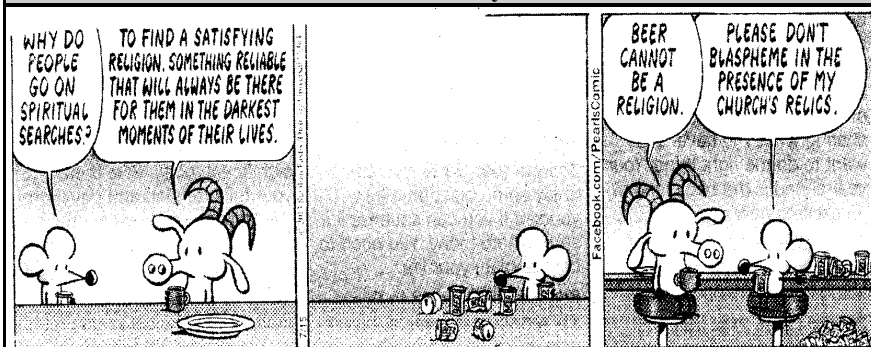
ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
INTO ACTION GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	32 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHUCK L.	08/18/07	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	THAD H.	08/30/06	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/05/06	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NICKI C.	08/01/05	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NANCY C.	08/04/83	30 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LINDA P.	08/20/08	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROD G.	08/28/04	9 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JENNIFER T.	08/07/09	4 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JOANNE L.	08/21/05	8 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RUTH F.	08/31/95	18 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NORMA R.	08/26/12	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DONNA B.	08/18/12	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	REGINA G.	08/23/11	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	STEPHEN B.	08/20/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ASYA A.	08/04/07	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA R.	08/22/84	29 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
BACK TO BASICS	LOIS M.	07/09/95	18 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS	SAM F.	07/19/86	27 YRS

Cartoon submitted by Carlton P.



Coming January 24th –January 25th, 2014

SOBERILLA

Big Book Workshop

St. Mary Catholic Church

15520 North Blvd, Tampa, Florida 33613

Hosted by the 164 Group

Proceeds to go to the Central Office

For all details: go to **Soberilla.org**

SELF-SUPPORT-JUNE, 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 MAY of 2013 we have **223** Groups with **590** meetings a week. Although we may lose some groups, others spring up just as fast, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material. The year to date contributions from Groups (June 2013) have totaled **\$35644.69** for the year. That accounts for what **117** Groups out of 223 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 38 AAer's who contributed \$625.11 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 \$390.00 from the 19 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 and the \$1700.00 from the Keystone Group's All Groups meeting in March. And the \$1166.50 generated from our Founders Day Event and the \$506.60 from the Friday Night Lights Group's Movie Night and the \$525.00 from the Cardinal Groups All Groups event and the \$320.00 from the Memorial Day Picnic hosted by the Wellspring Group, Sunshine Group and the Wednesday Night Town & Country Group. Our Literature sales for June bought in \$6,713.59 plus \$15.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$5,645.93. Our total income for June was \$12,849.52. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,633.80. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,215.72. Our Expenses for June were \$9,151.90. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income loss of **-\$936.10** for the month of June. 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!



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MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Reflections Gala



*A Unique way of remembering our past
and celebrating our future!*

- Live Entertainment
 - Dinner
 - And more!

Saturday, August 3rd 2013
3pm to 6pm

\$15 each if purchased in advance

\$20 each if purchased at the door

Address: MCC, Tampa 408 East Cayuga St Tampa, FL 33603

THE 164 GROUP

Wesley Chapel

Annual Picnic

**Come join us for a day of
Food
Fun
Fellowship**

**Saturday August 10th, 2013
1:00pm-6:00**

Speaker

Peter M.

**Horseshoes-Volleyball-PoolFun-Etc.
Bring a chair and a covered dish if you wish!**

**31752 Morning Dew Lane
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543**

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US @
164FL.COM

Fifteenth Annual

BIG BOOK on the BEACH

August 23rd and 24th, 2013

1500 Pass-a-grille Way
St. Pete Beach, Florida

An in depth study of the first one-hundred sixty-four pages of the Big Book will be moderated by Willie S., Larry H. and Matthew C. (of the Suwannee Big Book Week-end) and is being held in beautiful St. Pete Beach. Space is limited, so register early.

(We will be serving food from 5 P.M. Friday until 9 P.M. Saturday. So come hungry!!!)

Registration cost per person is: \$30.00 No. of Persons: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please mail this form and a check to: David Hollister

(Scholarships are available 357 41st Ave. e-mail address:

call to reserve a space) St Pete Beach, FL ddhollister@yahoo.com

Phone: 727-204-6444 33706

*Is it already time for some Summer
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.....*

Carry the Message Day

Please join us as District 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous
celebrates recovery with the original skit

"How AA Went Green!"

Pot Luck Dinner! Meat provided!

Pulled Pork and Beef BBQ

Please bring a side dish or a dessert

FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP DISPLAYS



Archives! Special Needs! Grapevine!

Date: August 24, 2013

Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location : Christ the King Church
801 South Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa, FL 33609

Volunteer Opportunities...setup, kitchen, coffee, cleanup! Contact Us:

Bill 813-486-6333

AAMember137@gmail.com

Thelma 813-435-1973

Thelma_Ashley@yahoo.com

Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King			Just What I Wanted Big Book		64.00	Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On		96.85	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	20.00	20.00
11th Step Retreat	100.00	100.00	Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple GroupDC			Seekers of Serenity II Group		81.89
164 Group Wesley Chapel		292.52	Keystone Group	102.00	431.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group		45.00
A.A. 101 Group		468.15	Kingsway Group		83.18	Sober @ 6 Group		
A.A. 102 Group			LateNighters Group	93.07	495.51	Sober @ 7 Group		352.23
All Groups CARDINAL GP.	525.00	525.00	Lemon Tree Group		152.00	Sober on Saturday Group		377.75
All Groups KEYSTONE GP.		1,700.00	Life Enrichment Group			Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Live and Let Live Group		955.29	Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Alpha Group		80.00	Living in the Solution		712.00	SOBERSTOCK		
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2171.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		122.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Love & Service Group		39.60	Sobriety Group		237.00
Anonymous Donations	95.76	636.16	Lutz @ Noon Meeting	27.00	27.00	Solutions Group		146.37
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	Main Purpose Group	63.25	63.25	Southshore Men's Group		307.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	80.55	484.97	Mapledale Group			Southside Men's Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	225.00	275.00	Mac Dill Group			Southside Men's Group # 2		175.00
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		150.00
Barracks Brigade Group		310.00	Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Growth Group		300.00
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Express Group		225.00	Spiritual Progress Group		37.70
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Big Book Raffle-June		10.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Step at a Time Group		414.70
Bill D's Group	150.00	150.00	Morning Miracles Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		74.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	103.00	448.00	My Turn Group			Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings - Brandon		234.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Sat. Night Group		50.00	New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	480.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		120.00	New Beginnings Women's			Sunshine Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		156.94	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Sweet Surrender Group		94.35
Came To Believe Group	195.00	682.98	Newcomers Group (JC)		63.84	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa	262.14	262.14	New Day Group		137.80	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Carrollwood Group			New Way Women's Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		674.10
Carrollwood NS Group		208.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		71.62	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	200.00
Chancey Road AA Group		152.50	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group	171.50	171.50
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers	200.00	300.00	Nooners Group--Riverview	70.31	138.31	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Clean Air Group		83.35	Nooners Group--Tampa	42.19	144.57	TGIS Women's Group	107.33	305.81
Dade City Step Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.	200.00	700.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Dover Group	183.84	240.26	North Brandon Open Forum			The 164 Group		
Druid Hills Group			Northdale Group		185.25	164 12 Step Workshop		305.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	212.88	212.88	Odessa Group		350.00	The Meeting Place Group	14.74	66.17
Easy Does It Group			Old School Group		201.74	The Next Frontier Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		308.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	There is a Solution Group		
Experience,Strength & Hope		130.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		235.35	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.63
Fill the Gap Group			One Day at a Time Group		150.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	10.00	50.00
Fireside Group	13.78	54.42	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Men's Group	140.00	290.00
Founders Day Event	662.50	1,162.50	Palma Ceia Group			Town & Country Wed. Group		
Fourth Dimension Group		21.27	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Tues Big Book Study Gp.	50.00	50.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		60.14	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		300.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	50.00	250.00
Friday Night Lights Group	45.68	238.38	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Night Lights Movie Night		506.60	Plank Owners Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		100.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.	325.00	325.00	Primary Purpose Group	88.71	163.71	Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		93.27
Friday Women's Friendship	78.00	78.00	Promises Meeting Group		40.00	Village 12 Step Group		380.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group	162.50	162.50	Prosperity AA Group		130.00	Warrior's Group		1.50
Good Start Group		733.94	Raise the Bottom Group			Weedpatch Group		130.00
Grapevine Gals Group		40.00	Recovery Group P.City	40.20	40.20	Wellspring Group		292.00
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	750.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Wed Night Step Workshop		163.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Red Door Group		100.26	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		100.00
Hide-A-Way Group		802.83	Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Wesley Chapel Group		455.00
High Nooners Group		1000.00	Riverside Group		122.85	West Side Winners Group	60.00	117.00
Hour Glass Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group		435.50	With Room to Grow Group		
I.D.A.A.			Ruskin Fellowship Group		300.00	WST Memorial Day Picnic	320.00	320.00
In the Wind Group			Safe Haven Group			Women's Friendship Group		195.00
Into Action Group						YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		26.62
It's in the Book Men's Gp.	75.00	125.00				Monthly Total	1123.57	
						YTD		8,779.59
Monthly Total	3,795.63		Monthly Total	726.73		Grand Total for Month	5645.93	
	YTD	18,251.02		YTD	8614.08	Grand Total for Year		35644.69