



Tri-County Central Office News

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY.....

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A LETTER FROM SANTA CLAUS

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Sirs: I'm an easygoing fellow and can take a joke as well as the next guy. I am sensitive about a few things, however, and you hit on one of them in your December 1969 issue. Some nincompoop had the gall to accuse me of alcoholism! I am not now, nor have I ever been, an alcoholic. You'll never see *me* wallowing around in the gutter with those guys. Why, I don't even take a drink in the morning. Sure, I have a shot now and then with the elves, just a sociable glass—but a lush I'm not. I haven't been snookered now for, oh, two or three weeks. I wouldn't have gotten drunk then, either, but Mrs. Claus got on my nerves. She keeps pestering me about the booze, as if I was some kid who couldn't handle it. That's why I don't take her out often—I have one short one and she's in a dither. Who wants to put up with that when he's trying to have a good time? Never thought of that, did you? You guys are always quick to judge, never look at the other side of the coin. I can take it or leave it alone. Generally, I prefer to take it. Who doesn't? But when I want to quit, I'll quit. Up here at the Pole, I *have* to drink a little now and then. This is a desolate place. Aren't I entitled to a little cheer? I don't begrudge anybody else their entertainment. To be absolutely honest, I'll admit I have had a bit of trouble in the past. But now I've wised up and started to control my drinking. I've switched to beer and table wines—you fellows ought to know *they're* harmless enough. If the problem should come back, I'll just clamp down a mite harder. Self-control, that's what it takes, just like with smoking. I used to smoke a pipe, but I've quit. If I can quit smoking, I can quit drinking, right? I'll clue you in on what prevents a good, two-fisted drinker from turning into an alcoholic. A steady job. In spite of what that article said, I get out almost every day and work. Keeps my mind off the liquor. I go over to the elves workshop and give them pointers on speeding up production and improving their workmanship. I may have to quit going over there, though, because one or two of the elves act as if a little friendly advice is an insult or something. Maybe I'll get a hobby instead. Everyone knows I'm a great guy—not a coward hiding behind a bottle. Don't I stay up all night making deliveries to all the tots at Christmastime? Not many people would do that, now would they? No, I'm okay—I've got my thinking straight. I don't need any of you albies telling me I need help with my drinking. Just to show you I don't hold grudges: If you'll print a public

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OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

- THURSDAY — NOVEMBER 28TH, 2013—THANKSGIVING ☺
- TUESDAY —DECEMBER 24, 2013—CHRISTMAS EVE ☺
- WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 25TH, 2013—CHRISTMAS DAY ☺
- TUESDAY —DECEMBER 31, 2013 —NEW YEARS EVE ☺
- WEDNESDAY—JANUARY 1, 2014—NEW YEARS DAY ☺
- SATURDAY—JANUARY 4, 2014—OFFICE INVENTORY ☺

But our 24 Hour Phone Line will be active...

Want to get involved in some Service Work over the Holidays? How about volunteering to help out on the After-Hour Phones? We will supply you with all the information you need, meeting schedule, 12 Step List and instructions on what to do and what not to do. You get to help yourself by helping others.....Interested???? Call Martin after Office Hours @ 813-933-9123 and get all the details. You will be amazed before you are half way through.....

NEW MEETINGS & CHANGES IN THE AREA

Sober Reward Group Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm Non-Smoking Open Discussion Steps 1, 2, & 3 Speaker Meeting Last Tuesday of each Month New Life Pentecostal Church 1611 Bougainvillea Avenue Tampa, FL. 33612 For Info Call Seth @ 863-0169 or Terry @ 863-5641

Road to Peace Group Tuesdays @ Noon & Thursdays @ 5:00 pm Non-Smoking Open Discussion Fountain of Grace & Mercy Church 9804 North 26th Street Tampa, FL. 33612

T-n-C Sisters in Sobriety Group has moved to Sheldon Road Baptist Church 7208 Sheldon Road

Rush Hour Serenity Group has moved to St. Matthews Lutheran Church 5601 Hanley Road—they will be meeting in the Gymnasium Building behind the Church

Came to Believe Group has moved to Wellspring Methodist Church 10701

Main Purpose Group has moved to New Life Church 7209 North Manhattan Avenue

Bill & Bob's Excellent Adventure Group (Non-Smoking Open Discussion—As Bill Sees It) meets @ Watermark Church Saturdays @ 8:00 pm

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

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

T.B.A.I.C. LITERATURE AVAILABILITY AND 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.

The November 9th meeting of TBAIC was opened by co-chair Janine M. with the Serenity Prayer.

Tom F. distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report, expenditures on literature have exceeded contributions. He also had thank you letters for groups who donated to the Pink Can and asked those who could to take them back to the groups to save on postage. An anonymous donor has provided the initial funds to proceed with the filing for non-profit status. Tom has already filed the necessary paper work with the State of Florida. Federal paperwork can begin once approved by Florida. Officers (committee members) will be asked to complete a biography which is part of the processing requirements. Once everything is approved, it will require better bookkeeping and the filing of annual forms. Expected savings will be approximately \$1000 to \$1300 per year.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Buddy H. and Nancy B. report no issues with Faulkenburg Jail. Nancy B. will contact John L. who accepted the position of Detox Coordinator.

Chris D. is pleased with the volunteer participation at Zephyrhills. Assistance was given to a recent release with contact information at his destination in Kentucky.

Gail F. asked for volunteers and advice on the meeting at St Joseph's. As a mental facility, she is looking for effective ways to carry the AA message.

Jim S. obtained a quote for Bridge the Gap business cards. Scott R. offered to design a Bridge the Gap poster and thought he might be able to get the business cards for free. (Bonnie C. has a Bridge the Gap rubber stamp with the telephone number she will bring next meeting to stamp literature for those interested.)

Bonnie C. is working with the women's DACCO to start an open Big Book study meeting and a closed Sunday meditation meeting. The plans are delayed at the moment because of a fire in part of the facility. Steps to Freedom still has service positions open. The fundraising bake sale/speaker meeting with Sandy B. is November 24.

John B. obtained the locked cabinet at no cost to TBAIC and the cabinet is now in place.

In new business, it was approved for Bobbie B. to attend the District Area conference in January with a spending cap of \$250 (includes transportation, lodging and meals). It was also approved to move banks accounts to a financial institution that does not require a minimum balance to avoid service fees.

"Then you will know what it means to give of yourself that others may survive and rediscover life. You will learn the full meaning of *Love thy neighbor as thyself*". (Big Book pg. 153)

The Treasurer's report should read as follows.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$13,284.43

YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$12,888,85

YTD Money Spent on Literature \$12,879.93

YTD Expenses \$436.35

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on December 14th, 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:

A.A. 101 (82.18) Brandon Big Book (13.00) Druid Hills (30.00) H.O.W. (20.19) Keystone Discussion (101.00) Morning Meditation (68.04) Mustard Seed (30.00) Noon Big Book (38.00) Primary Purpose (15.00) Promises Meeting (98.72) Ruskin Fellowship (43.00) Sisters in Sobriety (30.00) There is a Solution (12.00) YANA Noon Big Book (121.00)

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members

Bobby B. - Chair	813-415-4961
Janine M. -Alternate Chair	813-455-6617
Tom F.— Treasurer	813-205-4945
Shanna M.—Alt. Treasurer	813-390-3558
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Dick D. - Hills Jails - <i>Emeritus</i>	813-254-4423
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
John L.— Detox & Treatment	813-283-8059
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
Jim S.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-679-9130
OPEN- Pre-Release	
OPEN— Juvenile	

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apology for slandering me, I'll tell my lawyers to go easier on you in court. What's more, if you loosen up long enough for one good fling, I'll let you come to the big New Year's party I'm holding. Bring your own booze, preferably sloe gin or whiskey. It'll be your last chance to see me drunk, because after New Year's I'm tapering off and may eventually quit altogether. Who Knows?


Soberly,
Santa Claus

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Gratitude is just about the finest attribute we can have, and how deeply we of AA realize this at Christmastime. Together, we count and ponder our blessings of life, of service, of love. In these distraught times, we have been enabled to find an always increasing measure of peace within ourselves. Together with all here at AA's General Service Office, Lois joins me in warmest greetings to each and all of you, and we share our confident faith that the year to come will be counted among the best that our Fellowship has ever known.

Bill W. December 1970
 Bill W. passed away January 24th, 1971

- ~HOLIDAY TO DO LIST~
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1. Do you know some people you haven't seen lately at the meetings? Give them a call and let them know you are thinking about them.
 2. Know anyone with no transportation? Call them up and ask them if they would like to go to a meeting with you.
 3. Do you know some old-timers who are homebound? Need I say anything else? Take a meeting to them.
 4. Get to your meetings early and help with the setting up of chairs and making the coffee.
 5. Is your meeting place going to be closed during Christmas or New Years? Have you called the Central Office so they don't send someone to a meeting that's not there? Do it Now!!!
 6. Have you thanked the people in your life who have helped you through the low and high spots of your sobriety?
 7. If you have to go to a party where there may be drinking. Do you have a buddy to take with you or a back up plan in case it gets a little overwhelming?
 8. Don't forget, that everywhere you go, you are there and so is your Higher Power.
- SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**

AA'S TRADITION OF SELF-SUPPORT

AA's far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next suffer, are the very lifeblood of our AA adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die. Now where do AA services—worldwide, area, local—fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? The answer is simple enough. Every single AA service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe. Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that AA must everywhere function in full strength—and that under our Tradition of self-support, *we are all going to foot the bill*. We have long known that Alcoholics Anonymous has no need for charitable contributions from any source. Our Fellowship is self-supporting. Neither do AA groups try to meet the rehabilitation expenses of thousands of newcomers. Long ago we learned that this was impractical. Instead, AA offers to the new person a spiritual way of life that can eliminate the alcohol problem. With this accomplished, the new person, in the company of his fellow sufferers, can then begin the solution of his personal problems—including the financial one. So AA groups themselves accept no charitable funds—and give none away. At first glance, this attitude may seem to be hard-nosed, even callous. An immense experience tells us otherwise. Money gifts—as a prerequisite of getting sober—are actually worthless when made a function of an AA group. Of course, we see AA's primary charity in the Twelfth Step activities of tens of thousands of us as we daily carry the AA message to newcomers. We travel millions of miles; we absent ourselves from business and home. In the aggregate, we lay out large sums. As individuals, we do not hesitate to give temporary financial aid to the newcomer, if and when he seems to want sobriety first. Here, then, is money charity aplenty, always given on a very personal, face-to-face basis. And perhaps even this cannot be called wholly charitable, since every Twelfth Step effort means more certain sobriety and added spiritual growth for the sponsor. Both these principles we understand: that AA wants no charity; that we support our own services. We understand—but sometimes we forget.

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

November 12th, 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

WARD H.	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
LINDA G.	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
LISA C.	BOARD MEMBER	REFLECTIONS GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
LESLIE G.	BOARD MEMBER	PROMISES MEETING GROUP
OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION
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Ward opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and welcomed our new Board Member Lisa C. from the Reflections Group. The October minutes were read, seconded and approved. Linda presented the October Treasurer's report. We were \$1,431.39 to the good for the month of October leaving us at \$3,147.17 in the black for the year to date. There were no questions and the report was seconded and approved. In Old Business the discussion centered around our Anniversary Dinner in February. The church where we have held our Dinner for years is now asking for \$300.00 to rent the hall and another \$110.00 for a one day liability fee. Ward has been talking with another church and will have conformation from them soon about using their facility. Discussion ensued about the size of the facility, what type of food to be served, would it be catered or pot luck. It was decided that Central Office would provide the meats and everyone else would bring side dishes. The speakers had already been picked. They will be Cork f. from Zephyrhills and Monica A. from Orlando (formerly Tampa). Linda brought up a proposal about doing a Cakewalk and went on to explain what it was—people bake cakes and a raffle is done with the proceeds to go to Central Office. Linda will bring someone to the meeting next month who has volunteered to facilitate the event. Ward then brought up the Physical Inventory to be held Saturday January 4th, 2014 noting that he expected all the Board Members to be there to help. In New Business, Ward brought to the Board discussion concerning the Office Managers health insurance. Because of the Affordable Health Care Act it looks like Tim's insurance will be much less by about \$400.00 to \$500.00 than it currently is. After some discussion a motion was made to pay the Office Managers insurance for one year starting January 1st, 2014. Motion passed. Ward then brought to the attention of the Board the Budget for next year. He plans on being involved in setting the 2014 Budget and he also asked Linda our Treasurer to also be involved in helping. Leslie brought up the idea of having candy or some type of snacks and water or sodas available for everyone to snack on at the Board and Council meetings. A Lot of people have just gotten off work and not had time to have dinner—etc. We could sell the snacks to make a few extra dollars for Central Office. She will bring the items to the Office and see how it goes. At the Council Ward apologized for not be present at the former Council Meeting. Keely read the "What is Central Office" statement. Phil read the October minutes and Linda presented the October Treasurer's report. Both were accepted, seconded and approved. In Old Business Ward

November 12th,2013 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
ED J.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
SHERRI W.	5:45 NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
TROY S.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
KATHY W.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
BEV A.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
AMY W.	FEAR NOT GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
KEELY M.	LOVE & SERVICE GROUP
LAUREN D.	TAMPA BAY SPEAKER GROUP
GLENN Y.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
TOM F.	KEYSTONE GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
GREG G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BOB S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP

Started going over the different duties for the Anniversary Dinner asking each Chairperson to provide him with their name and phone number. He also explained the problems we were having from the church we usually hold our events at. Someone asked what date was available and Ward noted February the 8th or 15th, 2013. A motion to accept either date was made, approved and passed. Bill asked if someone could check to see what tables and chairs were available. Someone asked about the cost for catering the Dinner and Ward noted that the Board had decided that Central Office would provide the meats and everyone else would provide side dishes. Some discussion followed about catering vs bringing the food. A motion was made to keep the catering and have Wrights Gourmet do the catering. Motion was seconded and approved. The suggestion for the Cakewalk was presented to the Council. Part of the process was that the person heading up the Cakewalk would contact various people to enter the Cakewalk by baking cakes. Much discussion followed. Ward noted that we could not provide names or addresses to the person doing the Cakewalk because anonymity reasons. The Physical Inventory was brought up and discussed. The Office Mangers Insurance was brought up and discussed and the Council approved the Boards motion to paid the insurance. The snack idea was brought up and discussed. A motion to approved providing snacks at the Board and Council meeting was seconded and approved. A few other items were brought up for discussion.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
STEP BY STEP GROUP	KAY M.	12/08/01	12 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	12/03/03	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BETSY	12/18/02	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	AL G.	12/02/86	27 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	TONI S.	12/23/11	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	PAUL H.	12/06/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BOBBY B.	12/31/07	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BRIAN A.	12/02/94	19 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	KAREN H.	12/27/84	29 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LAURA M.	12/24/08	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	BARBIE B.	12/31/03	10 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MICHAEL V.	12/07/06	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BOB C.	12/26/90	23 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUNNY F.	12/31/79	34 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CONNIE B.	12/27/04	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN K.	12/04/00	13 YRS
SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP	MARK L.	12/17/95	18 YRS
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	TERRY F.	12/04/09	4 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-October, 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 September of 2013 we have **221** Groups with **588** meetings a week. There are 10 Spanish Groups with 35 meetings a week. Brandon has 38 Groups with 85 meetings a week. Carrollwood has 9 Groups with 10 meetings a week. Central Tampa has 24 Groups with 65 meetings a week. Wesley Chapel/East Pasco has 17 Groups with 58 meetings a week. Odessa/Lutz, west of Dale Mabry has 8 Groups with 8 meetings a week. Lutz/Land-o-Lakes east of Dale Mabry has 3 Groups with 52 meetings a week. Plant City has 10 Groups with 17 meetings a week. Sun City/Ruskin/Apollo Beach has 23 Groups with 47 meetings a week. Seminole has 6 Groups with 50 meetings a week. South Tampa has 41 Groups with 103 meetings a week. Temple Terrace has 19 Groups with 40 meetings a week and Town & Country has 10 Groups with 20 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 (October 2013) have totaled \$60,735.23 for the year. That accounts for what **139** Groups out of 221 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 62 AAer's who contributed \$1,472.38 in contributions anonymously and the 3641.00 we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner. And the \$702.00 from the 36 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 \$774.60 from two of the Friday Night Lights Group's Movie Nights 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 and the \$433.00 from the Sober @ 7's annual Group celebration and All Groups and the \$171.00 generated from the Pieoberfest event hosted by the Tampa Bay Speakers Group. Our Literature sales for October bought in \$6,212.61 plus \$10.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Total Contributions were \$7,123.01. Our total income for October was \$13,345.62. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,399.19. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,946.43. Our Expenses for October were \$7,515.04. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus **\$1,431.39** for the month of October. 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. Thanks!

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
	CYNTHIA M	09/23/90	23 YRS
HIGH NOONERS GROUP	CORK F.	12/19/90	23 YRS
JUST US PICKLES GROUP MELBOURNE, FL	SUSAN S.	12/20/88	25 YRS
NOON BIG BOOK GROUP	TOM S.	11/18/83	30 YRS

WE NEED 12 STEPPERS!!! There are hundreds, probably thousands of active alcoholics in our area. Many may never think they need our help or even want our help. But, just like you and I, there will be a few who desperately want and need our help. Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are **you** ready to help? Will **you** help? Come by the Office and fill out a 12 Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out. Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members.

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Old School Group

12th Anniversary Gratitude Dinner and
Speaker Meeting

Featuring:

Sandy B. (49 Years) – Tampa, FL
Saturday, January 18, 2014

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

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

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

8 pm - AA Speaker Meeting

Everyone is Welcome to Come & Listen
50 / 50 Raffle at the door

Proceeds to benefit - Tri County Central

Tickets are NOW available at the Central Office

(I HAVE A LOT OF TICKETS-GET THEM NOW)

I ALREADY GOT MY TICKET!!!

Make checks payable to:

Old School Group



Big Book Workshop
January 24th 2013

6:00pm - 9pm

St Mary Catholic Church
15520 North Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613

Larry S - Atlanta, GA

Chris R - Texas

January 25, 2013

9:00am - 6pm

Requested Contribution: \$ 10

Includes Lunch

(proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

Hosted By:



I ALREADY GOT MY TICKET!!!

DISTRICT 2 PI/CPC PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Saturday December 14th 2013 @ 1:30 pm

The Meeting Place
2736 Land-o-Lakes Blvd
Land-o-Lakes, Florida
Public Information

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Learn more about Speaking and Presenting to the Public

We will doing a sample presentation to learn how to take this
service into our community.

Guest Speaker: David G.

South Florida Area 15 PI/CPC Chair

Please join us to offer your support and see what you can do to
be of service.

Food & Refreshments will be provided.

Contact Brian L. @ 973-277-4866 for questions

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE 39TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING February 15th, 2014

This year (2014) our event will be held at the
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church
2515 3500 San Jose & Himes Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33629

Complete details will be coming soon—check the web site
for updates. I can tell you for now, the scheduled speakers
will be Monica A. (originally Tampa) from Orlando
& Cork F. from Zephyrhills & it will be a catered Dinner.

More to be revealed!

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MARCH
14th-16th, 2014

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recovery including
AA Speakers, Live
Bands, Free Food,
Camping, Fellowship
& Fun!

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for A.A. & Al-Anon

March 21-23, 2014
Lake Yale Conference Center
39034 County Road 452
Leesburg, Florida 34788

The retreat will center
around God as we
understand Him, through
discussions of Steps
2,3,7,10,11,&12

For Complete Info: Tom B.
@ 813-951-5740 or Carmen
L. @ 727-541-3737 or
www.retreatforaa-alanon.com

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		197.64	Into Action Group			Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			It's in the Book Men's Gp.		220.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	200.00	460.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book	64.35	128.35	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple/Pass It On		96.85	Seekers of Serenity II Group	25.06	131.06
164 Group USF		40.00	Keep It Simple - YANA		225.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	41.00	198.36
164 Group Wesley Chapel		586.00	Keep It Simple GroupDC			Sober @ 6 Group		100.00
A.A. 101 Group	323.00	995.15	Keystone Group	117.65	670.32	Sober @ 7 Group		738.47
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group		178.18	Sober on Saturday Group	60.50	624.25
All Groups Cardinal Group.		525.00	LateNighters Group	105.81	799.11	Sober on Sunday Group		400.00
All Groups Keystone Group		1,700.00	Lemon Tree Group		202.00	Sober Spirits Group	25.00	34.00
All Groups Sober @ 7 Group	433.00	433.00	Life Enrichment Group			SOBERSTOCK		
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Live and Let Live Group	378.81	1814.50	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		210.00
Alpha Group		80.00	Living in the Solution		848.00	Sobrenity Group	35.88	272.88
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2171.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Solutions Group	123.75	370.12
Anniversary Dinner 2014	26.00	26.00	Love & Service Group		240.76	Southshore Men's Group		372.00
Housecleaning Retreat	150.00	150.00	Lunch Bunch Group		87.48	Southside Men's Group		1020.53
Anonymous Donations	189.46	1,501.64	Lutz @ Noon		91.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		335.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	Main Purpose Group	40.00	103.25	Southside Men's Group # 3	398.00	398.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	260.77	745.74	Maple Dale Group	75.00	75.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		150.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		355.00	Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Growth Group		625.00
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Barracks Brigade Group		360.00	Monday Nite Madness		142.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Bel-Mar Group		102.70	Morning Express Group	100.00	325.00	Step at a Time Group		414.70
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Stepping Stones Group (w)	45.00	159.00
Big Book Raffle-June		10.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Sun City Center Group		
Bill D's Group		150.00	Morning Miracles Group			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	114.00	757.00	My Turn Group		200.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	800.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings - Brandon		546.00	Sunshine Group		390.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group		50.00	New Beginnings Our Club			Sweet Surrender Group		213.02
Brandon Tues. Big Book		120.00	New Beginnings Women's		65.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		281.19	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Came To Believe Group		910.48	Newcomers Group (JC)		95.51	Tampa Bay Speakers Pieoberfest	171.00	171.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	481.65	743.79	New Day Group		170.80	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		999.00
Carrollwood Group			New Way Women's Group		300.00	Tampa Palms Big Book		200.00
Carrollwood NS Group	130.00	338.00	Nightly Newcomers Group	308.27	545.89	Tampa Palms Men's Group		171.50
Chancey Road AA Group		152.50	Noon Big Book Group			Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		300.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		207.41	TGIS Women's Group		499.16
Clean Air Group	30.00	170.78	Nooners Group--Tampa	37.52	259.65	Thank God it's Friday Group	524.00	524.00
Dade City Step Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.		900.00	The 164 Group		
Dover Group		240.26	North Brandon Open Forum			164 12 Step Workshop		305.00
Druid Hills Group			Northdale Group		293.80	The Meeting Place Group		117.17
Early Risers Group - Joe's		212.88	Odessa Group		700.00	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Easy Does It Group			Old School Group		1012.59	There is a Solution Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		308.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.63
Experience,Strength & Hope	210.00	498.60	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		386.35	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	120.00
Fill the Gap Group	28.65	119.38	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	Town & Country Men's Group		290.00
Fireside Group	5.74	71.69	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Wed. Group		592.00
Founders Day Event		1,162.50	Palma Ceia Group		282.80	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		50.00
Fourth Dimension Group		21.27	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		350.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		103.84	Palma Ceia Big Book Study	200.00	500.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		200.00
Friday Night Lights Group	71.23	474.79	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		200.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group	50.00	225.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night	268.00	774.60	Plank Owners Group			Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		205.89
Friday Night Women's Gp.		325.00	Primary Purpose Group	100.00	263.71	Village 12 Step Group		450.00
Friday Women's Friendship		78.00	Promises Meeting Group	148.40	308.40	Warrior's Group		2.40
Gifts of Sobriety Group	105.95	497.11	Prosperity AA Group		253.50	Weedpatch Group		130.00
Good Day AA Group		520.00	Raise the Bottom Group			Wellspring Group		642.44
Good Start Group		1,233.74	Recovery Group P.City		40.20	Wed Night Step Workshop	57.40	268.90
Grapevine Gals Group		84.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Wed. Keep it Simple Group	50.00	250.00
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	1,150.00	Red Door Group		100.26	Wesley Chapel Group		455.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	50.00	50.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		455.13	West Side Winners Group		117.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1,026.13	Riverside Group		368.51	With Room to Grow Group		
High Nooners Group	250.00	1500.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		741.35	WST Memorial Day Picnic		320.00
Hour Glass Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group	200.00	500.00	Women's Friendship Group	40.00	656.59
I.D.A.A.			Safe Haven Group	73.16	390.99	YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		58.08
In the Wind Group			Monthly Total	1948.97				
				YTD	17259.05			
Monthly Total	3,227.45					Monthly Total	1946.59	
	YTD	26,136.99				YTD	17,438.85	
						Grand Total for Month	7123.01	
						Grand Total for Year		60834.89