



# Tri-County Central Office News

Independence Day—Freedom from Alcohol

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## COMFORT IN ACTION

One of the sayings a newcomer soon hears, upon arrival in AA, is “Stick with the winners.” When a newcomer asks for a definition of a winner, he is sometimes told that a winner is an AA who is “comfortably active and actively comfortable” in the program. I like that description, for, if the name of the game in AA is comfort in our lives, then these winners are probably the best examples. A newcomer, full of confusion and fear, comes into AA with the idea that *he* must manage to control everything in his life, otherwise it won’t work. At our local AA intergroup office, we have a lady who is fond of telling newcomers that this feeling is natural, since we alcoholics seem to be doers of this world. As we look at the successful, happy, sober AAs around us, we see that these are the people who are completely involved in the program. They run; they help; they see to it that things are in order for the good of the group. I think, from what I have seen, that the *doing* alone accounts for only half of their success. Of course, the mere taking of action keeps these AAs from feeling bored with themselves, by keeping them involved with the people around them, so that they don’t get tripped up by a lonely-self-pity problem. But the real secret—what makes them “winners”—seems to lie in the *attitude* with which they serve. Here is the real test, the true measure for an alcoholic in AA. If I am asked to help, can I do so and not take notice of the result? Can I lose enough of my ego to just *do* the job, regardless of its fruits? After all, if my real motive in an action is the reward other people will give me, the action probably isn’t worth taking. One asset this program has given me, for which I will always be grateful, is the sure knowledge that I don’t have to live my life to satisfy the wants of everyone around me! Now that I don’t have to be concerned with the other guy’s opinion, I don’t have to count on his praise, either! We all know what happens to us when we try to live our lives as others expect us to. In my drinking years, I had to bat a thousand; any degree of failure was too much for me to handle. Today, I don’t have to do that any more. Even though there are still plenty of people who know how to live my life better than I, today I live for me, not for them. Over the months that it’s taken me to get this through my head, I’ve had a chance to see a change in *my* attitude toward service. I must admit, the job of Regional Trustee on the AA General Service Board looked mighty inviting when I heard the applause those Trustees got our International Convention last summer. I’ve always been a pushover for applause, anyway. So, when the spirit moved me to look around and see what I could do to help the Fellowship, naturally I looked right to the top! Since then, while my sobriety has continued to run its emotional obstacle course, I’ve been able to become a little more realistic. Somewhere along the line, I got the message that, even if I *could* be a Trustee, I would still be one more drunk, working together in partnership with my Higher Power and a bunch of other drunks—just so we could all stay alive! Why not, I asked myself, just get busy in my own group, do what I can, and forget the glory? It’s much simpler, for I have to lose my ego-centric attitude if I expect to

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## MORE THAN SOBRIETY

Sobriety of itself, is not a goal which insures victory; it is not merely an accomplishment which we achieve on a certain date. Sobriety in AA is much more. It is like finding, after a long search, the right road—a road on which we travel confidently, knowing that we are going properly in the right direction. I believe all of us experienced periods of sobriety even before AA—periods when we were on the wagon because of poor health, money troubles, or all kinds of other troubles. Most of the time, such periods were quite miserable, principally because we felt deprived of something and were not at all sure of ourselves. We knew it wouldn’t work, at least not for any extended time. And it didn’t. We tried many other tricks and subterfuges, but each time we ended up where we had started. We were lost! That is why many of experience a feeling of elation when we meet AA. Then, finally, we know that this is the right road. We feel safe. We are going in the right direction. We in AA have the soul-satisfying advantage of traveling a way that many like us have traveled successfully before. They offer us a map suggesting the best route, in Twelve Steps. They have posted signs along the way—signs of encouragement or signals of possible dangers—and are even ready to help if we stray from the road a bit. We take the First Step along this road, of course, when we admit we are powerless over alcohol, that our lives have become unmanageable. Oh yes, we have in the past admitted secretly to ourselves, in our saner moments, that alcohol was making a mess of us and that we were making a mess of the lives of others. But such temporary admissions only added to our guilt and forced us to seek another drink to forget it all. Our First Step, our admission within AA, is quite different. No longer are we resentfully admitting *part-time* powerlessness or *occasional* unmanageability. We admit *total* helplessness. We ask for help. AA tells us about the disease of alcoholism, the cause of our trouble. We learn that we are its victims. This is a good start. Now we realize that we were not always the horrible people we thought we were. In the nature of our disease, much of what we did was not entirely our choice. We learn that alcoholism is a physical allergy couples with a mental obsession. One drink set up in our bodies a compulsion which by ourselves we were totally unable to resist. In our minds, many drinks created an obsession which blinded us to reality, giving alcohol a value which, in fact, it never had. Now with this knowledge and a desire to stop drinking, we are prepared to follow directions, to do what is prescribed for an alcoholic who wants to improve his position. The directions are clearly outlined. They come to us at meetings, from our new friends in AA, and from our books and pamphlets. All of these outline the AA way of life, to be lived one day at a time, without alcohol. We learn that we cannot live haphazardly or carelessly. We cannot follow our whims nor always do just what we want to do. We don’t want to live dangerously. We see other alcoholics following directions and staying sober. (Just so, we have observed that people who have arrested cases of diabetes or tuberculosis live

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

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

An open forum June 2013 meeting of the T.B.I.C. was opened by Bobby B. with the Serenity Prayer.

It was agreed that although representation at the upcoming GSA Assembly was important, the monies spent on mileage, accommodations, etc., should be used for our primary concern of obtaining books and materials needed for the meetings being taken into the jails and institutions. There are upcoming meetings where representation can be made at meetings within a reasonable driving distance. The transition for Jerimiah T. as the new Treasurer has delayed a detailed Treasurer's report, but he has obtained all current donations and deposits and will present a more complete report of the Committee's financial status at the July 2013 meeting. Literature has been ordered. The little Big Books and 12 & 12 are on backorder.

The Steps to Freedom event on June 22 ticket sales are lagging and attendance is not expected to be as great in previous years. The event may be restructured or held at a different time of the year if the event is continued. Basically, the Pink Can program is 12th Step work. Donations are used to pass on the gift that was given to each of us. The Pink Can program is not being promoted by a lot of groups. Reasons for possible reluctance on why groups do not want to participate or promote the program were brought to the table. Maybe groups do not understand that all monies go directly for purchasing AA approved literature. AA approved literature is ordered through the Central office, so any local profit is by our Central office. The money is used for AA service work by the T.B.A.I.C. and for no other reason.

Another issue is the matter of volunteers following through with their commitments. Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department went through great expense running background checks for volunteers, but only a few actually commit or regularly volunteer their services. There may be some changes with the volunteer program. Dick D., Buddy H. and Nancy B. are meeting with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's volunteer team and will pass on the information they receive. Dick D. or Buddy H. can provide names of inmates that express interest in AA if you are interested in corresponding with the inmate. Mark G. has a proposed schedule for meetings at the new DACCO Detox location. He is awaiting word from DACCO when they receive their first patients to implement the schedule. Chris D. said Pasco County meetings are running smoothly. Ruth N. is working confirming up commitments for the 7 PM Thursday meeting Women's Pasco County Detention center in Land O Lakes. We will gladly put to good use any old Grapevine issues that anyone is willing to donate.

"We have come to believe He would like us to keep our heads in the clouds with Him, but our feet ought to be firmly planted on earth. That is where our fellow travelers are, and that is where our work must be done." (BB pg 130)

**Treasurers report- 05/2013**  
**Ytd pink can balance 04/14 4,391.39**  
**Pink can balance as of December 31 2012. 881.73**  
**Less prudent reserve. (500)**  
**Total moved to spending account (\$4500)**  
**Total paid - operational expense (\$255.10)**  
**Pink can current balance 18.02**

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

Is at 9:30 AM on July 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:**

**Keep it Simple Men's (52.50) Good Day AA (6.00) Alive @ 5:45 (2.00) Tampa Palms Men's (183.00) H.O.W. DACCO (38.00) Sober on Saturday (4.76) Morning Meditation (122.35) Noon Big Book (76.00) Women's 12 & 12 (3.00) There is a Solution (4.00) Came to Believe (133.00) Anonymous (20.00) Keystone (63.00)**

**TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members**

<b>Bobby B. - Chair</b>	<b>813-415-4961</b>
<b>Janine M. -Alternate Chair</b>	<b>813-455-6617</b>
<b>Jerimiah T.- Treasurer</b>	<b>813-480-0307</b>
<b>Larry B. - Secretary</b>	<b>813-215-8423</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Buddy H. - Hillsborough County Jail</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Nancy B. - Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-872-0262</b>
<b>Mack G. - Detox &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>813-784-6092</b>
<b>Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail-Women's</b>	<b>813-727-1415</b>
<b>Chris D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-857-5400</b>
<b>Michele S. Women's Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-507-5796</b>
<b>Curtis B. - Men's Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-476-3128</b>
<b>OPEN- Pre-Release</b>	
<b>OPEN - Juvenile</b>	

**REALITY CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE**

Is comfortable sobriety the new goal in AA? It would seem so from some of the things I have heard recently, during and after meetings. For instance, at a Step meeting, a young man rather proudly announced that he couldn't possibly take the Fourth and Fifth Steps because "raking up all that stuff would make me uncomfortable." Perhaps it is significant that this same young man was practically always in a state of depression and, after meetings, ran from one member to another asking, "How long does it take to find joy and happiness in AA?" a woman AA friend was quite upset because the local AA intergroup had phoned and asked her to make a Twelfth Step call on a very sick girl, who had just made her first appeal for help. The AA member had refused, on the basis that "Being around drunks makes me feel very uncomfortable." What a tragic loss, not only for the sick girl, but for the member who walked away from an AA opportunity. Another member, a man, has been unemployed since a short time before he came to AA, two years ago. He has specialized talent and training and undoubtedly could find a well-paying job and support his family adequately—but hasn't looked for work because he is "uncomfortable with non-AAs." So he spends all his days at an AA club and his evenings at AA meetings. His favorite plaint to all who will listen is that his family doesn't appreciate him and can't understand why they aren't impressed with his sobriety. How could they be? He is never at home; he keeps himself wrapped in the comfortable cocoon that is his idea of AA. There are many examples of AAs who make similar choices in their lives, in favor of the status quo, of remaining "comfortable." This is not for me! All my life, I have been uncomfortable in social situations, new schools, new jobs—anything unexpected. What happened? To ease this discomfort, I drank—and finally drank myself right into alcoholism and, fortunately, AA. My sponsor told me that if I stayed away from the first drink a day at a time and followed the suggested Twelve Steps, I could lead a sober life. She didn't promise me health, wealth, happiness, love—or comfort. All she promised me was sobriety! Thank goodness, she didn't promise anything else, because along the AA path I have found sickness, death, unhappiness, and considerable discomfort. But I have also found the greatest joy, love, and happiness in my life. For the first time, I am learning how to cope with life, people, and situations, not as I want them to be, but as they really are. Many times, this means accepting a challenge and perhaps being uncomfortable. But it also means accepting life, rather than hiding in AA in order to evade people or situations. If your goal is "comfortable sobriety"—enjoy it. As for me, I want to continue growing up to new experiences and living, challenging, and truly wonderful sobriety.

M. McF., Millburn, N.J.

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*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*

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be any good to anybody—even to myself. Being sorry for myself because I'm not getting enough attention, feeling thoroughly bored because my ego won't let me look outside myself—that's not the answer. Getting active—extending my hand to a newcomer, making coffee, and doing it all because *it makes me feel better*—this seems like a better way to comfortable sobriety. The "winners" are the people I see contributing without any thought of themselves at all. If I, can learn to be a selfless contributor, I don't think I'll miss the applause one little bit.

R.S., Queens, N.Y.

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well as long as they observe the way of life prescribed by their physicians.) They take us, a step at a time, along a road which hundreds of thousands of recovered alcoholics have traveled before us. The Steps sum up their way of living successfully. For any anxiety or problem that might have prompted a return to alcohol, they found the solution in the Twelve Steps. We, too, can live that way. Related to and supporting the Twelve Steps are the many other features of this new AA way of life. There are our meetings, with our home groups and wherever we travel. There is my phone call to you, and your call back to me. You tell me a bit of your experience, and you hear some of mine. We get to know each other. There is our literature, giving us inspiration, strength, and courage for the journey and giving us also a common language, understood through-out all of AA. All that AA has gathered together for us results in an enrichment of our lives which we can call only "the AA way of life." This enrichment comes slowly, gradually, and continuously. It comes in addition to better mental and physical health and growth. It appears in new ideals, new ambitions, new interests, new attitudes, new capabilities, and new accomplishments, which never were at any time a part of our drinking lives, nor could we have imagined them then, even in our wildest dreams. The only requirements are to stop drinking and, with an open mind and as much honesty as we can command, to give serious and steady attention to all that AA is offering us. Our new road leads to a genuine interest in others and a desire to share this way of life with them. We are no longer alone. We accept help for ourselves—then we reach out and aid those who seek our experience, our understanding, and the grace of God given us so abundantly.

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*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.*

**SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

June 11th 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:  
**BOARD MEMBERS** **REPRESENTING GROUP**

<b>BRETT B.</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL</b>
<b>LINDA G.</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>TURNING POINT GROUP</b>
<b>LOIS M.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>BACK TO BASICS GROUP</b>
<b>BRIAN W.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>ODESSA GROUP</b>
<b>J. KELLEY L.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>CLEAN AIR GROUP</b>
<b>MIKE C.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>REFLECTIONS GROUP</b>
<b>WARD H.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP</b>
<b>BARBARA B.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP</b>
<b>BRIAN L.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>HIGH NOONERS GROUP</b>
<b>LESLIE G.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>PROMISES MEETING GROUP</b>

Finally, after many, many months—we had a full Board with all positions filled! Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter by welcoming everyone followed by the Serenity Prayer and asking everyone to turn down their cell phones. He then welcomed our two newest Board Members, Leslie from the Promises Meeting Group and Mike from the Reflections Group. Kelly read the May Minutes. There were no questions and the minutes were approved as read. This was followed by Linda presenting the Treasurer’s Report. She was happy to announce that we were \$ 925.72 to the good for the month and \$2115.42 above our Budget for the year. Treasurer’s Report was seconded and approved. In Old Business, congratulations and Thank You’s were presented by Brett to everyone who participated in the Founders Day Event. It was a huge success with many of the speakers from the panel calling him and thanking him for such a wonderful opportunity. Before expenses we were able to bring in over \$1600.00 and Kim P. from Valrico was the proud winner of the First Edition 14th Printing Big Book. In New Business Tim was able to inform everyone that our computer problems were solved. An anonymous member bought in two new refurbished computers and two brand new monitors. Now he has to figure how to get everything transferred into the new computers. Also in New Business, which was really Old Business, the decision to give the After Hours Phone guy an increase of \$65.00 per month was finalized. Discussion then went into how to do the phone service with Martin coming in and explaining how it was done. It was mentioned that we would probably start getting things together sometime around October for our annual Anniversary Dinner slated for February. At the Council Meeting the Wellspring Group presented us with a check for \$320.00 from their Memorial Day Picnic that they along with the Sunshine Group and the Town & Country Wednesday Night had hosted together. We were able to welcome our newest Council Members; Zach from the Fear Not Group, Ricardo from the Sobrenity Group, Maarja from the Safe Haven Group, Scott from the It’s in the Book Group and Riley from the Expect a Miracle Group. Julie read “What is Tri-County Central Office” from the inside cover of our meeting schedule and Brett expounded on why it’s necessary to support the Central Office. Andrea read the May Minutes followed by Linda presenting the Treasurers Report. Brett noted that six months into the year and so far we are operating in the green. Congratulations and Thank You’s were presented by Brett to everyone at the Council who participated in the Founders Day Event. He also noted that Martin gladly accepts the wage increase. He then noted the

June 11th, 2013 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS** **REPRESENTING GROUP**

<b>VIVIAN J.</b>	<b>NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN’S GROUP</b>
<b>JOHN G.</b>	<b>TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP</b>
<b>BILL J.</b>	<b>EARLY RISERS GROUP</b>
<b>JULIE J.</b>	<b>T-N-C SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP</b>
<b>TAMMY P.</b>	<b>T-N-C SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP</b>
<b>ANDREA C.</b>	<b>FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP</b>
<b>ED D.</b>	<b>KEYSTONE GROUP</b>
<b>BART S.</b>	<b>BYOB 12 &amp; 12 GROUP</b>
<b>RILEY T.</b>	<b>EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP</b>
<b>DOUG T.</b>	<b>WELLSPRING GROUP</b>
<b>JERRY H.</b>	<b>WELLSPRING GROUP</b>
<b>AL B.</b>	<b>JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP</b>
<b>SIDNEY R.</b>	<b>TURNING POINT GROUP</b>
<b>SUE Z.</b>	<b>CLEAN AIR GROUP</b>
<b>MAARJA K.</b>	<b>SAFE HAVEN GROUP</b>
<b>ZACH A.</b>	<b>FEAR NOT GROUP</b>
<b>BONNIE C.</b>	<b>NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP</b>
<b>SCOTT M.</b>	<b>IT’S IN THE BOOK GROUP</b>
<b>JOHN F.</b>	<b>LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP</b>
<b>GREG R.</b>	<b>PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP</b>
<b>MARK S.</b>	<b>HAPPY HOUR GROUP</b>
<b>ALLAN D’H</b>	<b>LIVE &amp; LET LIVE GROUP</b>
<b>MIKE J.</b>	<b>SOLUTIONS GROUP</b>
<b>THOMAS O.</b>	<b>SINCERITY GROUP</b>
<b>GEORGE M.</b>	<b>SINCERITY GROUP</b>
<b>RICARDO F.</b>	<b>SOBRENITY GROUP</b>

announcement in the Newsletter about volunteers to help out on the After Hours Phone Service. Tim noted that we had been given two new refurbished computers. The question came up about signing up on the 12 Step List. Could we get the sign up sheet emailed to us instead of having to come down to the Office? That was an affirmative. Martin came in and explained how the phone service worked. Several announcements were made and we closed with the Lord’s Prayer.



**HEY!!**

want to get involved in some Service Work? How about volunteering for the After-Hour Phones on the Weekend. 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. Work around your weekend schedule, do it for a few hours or all day.....whatever floats your boat. 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.....

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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


GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
MID DAY MATINEE	GARRETT W.	06/13/10	3 YRS
5:45 GROUP (3333)	TARYN	05/13/11	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	OLIVER O.	07/26/10	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN A.	07/19/09	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARY W.	07/31/04	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	27 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN M.	07/21/79	34 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	ED L.	07/28/11	2 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CINDY A.	07/14/01	12 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	LORRAINE B.	07/17/92	21 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	In Memory of DARLENE K.	07/14/87	26 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BARBARA B.	07/24/05	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOHN R.	07/08/05	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TECHANNA M.	07/30/04	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DAVID L.	07/25/07	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	EARLE W.	07/10/95	18 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SILVIA H.	07/21/08	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	MICHELLE G.	07/04/08	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MICHAEL C.	07/05/89	24 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DEE H.	07/09/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ROBERT K.	07/03/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHARLES D.	07/02/03	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AXEL L.	07/19/00	13 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE M.	07/27/81	32 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	NANCY E.	07/17/11	2 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	CARLOS M.	07/05/00	13 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	BERNIE H.	07/17/94	19 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	27 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	TONY S.	07/09/08	5 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	T.B.	07/08/07	6 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	DENIS B.	07/22/06	7 YRS
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	KATY S.	07/03/03	10 YRS
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	DON K.	07/27/90	23 YRS

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
WESTSIDE WINNERS	BOB F.	3/28/96	17 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE	LOUEITA L.	07/18/91	22 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	TIMOTHY S.	07/04/88	25 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	26 YRS
WESLEY CHAPEL	DAVE F.	07/19/85	28 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DICK W.	06/10/58	55 YRS

**SELF-SUPPORT-MAY 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. This year to date contributions from Groups (May, 2013) have totaled \$29,998.76 for the year. That accounts for what **103** Groups out of 223 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 31 AAer's who contributed \$569.40 in contributions anonymously and the 43641.00 we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner. And the \$316.00 from the 18 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 \$500.00 generated from our Founders Day Event thus far and the \$506.60 from the Friday Night Lights Group's Movie Night.. Our Literature sales for May bought in \$6,510.93 plus \$30.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$6,296.33 and \$75.00 from the Big Book Raffle sales. Our total income for May was \$12,923.82. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,486.54. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,437.28. Our Expenses for May were \$7,511.56. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of \$925.72 for the month of May. I would also like to Thank the Cardinal Group for their generous contribution from their All Groups meeting and the combination of the Wellspring Group, the Sunshine Group and the Town & Country Wednesday Night Group's for their generous contribution from their Memorial Day Picnic event. This will be reflected in next month's report Thank You ALL!!!!!! 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!

**27th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP**  
 LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
 Friday, August 30, 2013 to Monday, September 2, 2013  
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## MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

### DISTRICT 2 INVENTORY

Sunday July 7th, 2013  
from 1-3pm  
The Club  
3333 West Columbus Drive

Area 15 Past Delegate Kathy G. will be conducting a District 2 Inventory with all AA members welcome to attend. The inventory will be done using the "AA Group Pamphlet...Where it all Begins." Please feel free to contact Kristen G. @ 813-447-9894 with any questions.



### SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY "Am I Grateful Enough..."

Hosted by District 7 \* Lee County, Florida \* July 12-14, 2013  
Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM



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

**CARRY this MESSAGE**

*Love & Service*

2013 JACKSONVILLE

July 24 - July 28, 2013  
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville  
225 East Coastline Dr.  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
[www.jacksonville.hyatt.com](http://www.jacksonville.hyatt.com)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TBAIC Fundraiser July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

To honor the memory of **Sandy B (Motorcycle Sandy)**, the Keystone Discussion Group will once again have a special collection during our monthly speaker meeting for the benefit of Jails and Institutions.

This year's speaker is **Mike E** representing **Southside Men's Black Belt #1**

A gala desert table will be presented  
Speaker Meeting will begin at 7:30

# Please join us in supporting the TBAIC and memory of Sandy

Meeting location:  
Keystone United Methodist Church  
16301 Racetrack Road, Odessa 33556  
Contact Al G. (813)843-2729

## Reflections Gala



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

- Live Entertainment
- Dinner
- And more!

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King			Just What I Wanted		64.00	Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On		96.85	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
164 Group Wesley Chapel			Keep It Simple GroupDC			Seekers of Serenity Group	81.89	81.89
A.A. 101 Group		468.15	Keystone Group	54.00	329.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group		45.00
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group		83.18	Sober @ 6 Group		
All Groups KEYSTONE GP.		1,700.00	LateNighters Group	94.45	402.44	Sober @ 7 Group		352.23
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Lemon Tree Group	152.00	152.00	Sober on Saturday Group	135.75	377.75
Alpha Group	20.00	80.00	Life Enrichment Group			Sober on Sunday Group	200.00	200.00
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2916.00	Live and Let Live Group	35.37	355.29	Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Living in the Solution	385.00	715.00	SOBERSTOCK		
Anonymous Donations	76.72	540.40	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	122.00	122.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	Love & Service Group		39.60	Sobrenity Group		237.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	100.00	404.42	Mapledale Group			Solutions Group		146.37
Attitude of Gratitude Group		50.00	Mac Dill Group			Southshore Men's Group		307.00
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Southside Men's Group	75.00	75.00
Barracks Brigade Group	50.00	310.00	Monday Nite Madness			Southside Men's Group # 2		100.00
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Express Group	125.00	225.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		150.00
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Spiritual Growth Group		300.00
Big Book Raffle-June		10.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Bill D's Group			Morning Miracles Group			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	111.00	345.00	My Turn Group			Step at a Time Group	414.70	414.70
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings - Brandon		234.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		74.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group	50.00	50.00	New Beginnings Our Club			Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Tues. Big Book		120.00	New Beginnings Women's			Sunday Afternnoon Meeting		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		156.94	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	400.00
Came To Believe Group		487.98	Newcomers Group (JC)		63.84	Sunshine Group		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Day Group	7.80	137.80	Sweet Surrender Group	94.35	94.35
Carrollwood Group			New Way Women's Group	100.00	100.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrollwood NS Group	130.00	208.00	Nightly Newcomers Group	71.62	71.62	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Chancey Road AA Group		152.50	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		674.10
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		68.00	Tampa Palms Big Book		100.00
Clean Air Group	20.00	83.35	Nooners Group--Tampa	39.90	102.38	Tampa Palms Men's Group		
Dade City Step Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.		500.00	Temple Terrace Men's		
Dover Group		56.42	North Brandon Open Forum			TGIS Women's Group		198.48
Druid Hills Group			Northdale Group		185.25	Thank God it's Friday		
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Odessa Group		350.00	The 164 Group		
Easy Does It Group			Old School Group	104.96	201.74	164 12 Step Workshop		305.00
Expect a Miracle Group		308.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	The Meeting Place Group	7.22	51.43
Experience,Strength & Hope		130.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		235.35	The Next Frontier Group		
Fill the Gap Group			One Day at a Time Group		150.00	There is a Solution Group		
Fireside Group	13.57	40.64	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.63
Founders Day Event	400.00	500.00	Palma Ceia Group			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	40.00
Fourth Dimension Group		21.27	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Town & Country Men's		150.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		60.14	Palma Ceia Big Book Study	300.00	300.00	Town & Country Wed.		
Friday Night Lights Group	29.60	192.70	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Turning Point Group -Z-H.	50.00	200.00
Fri. Night Lights Movie Nite	506.60	506.60	Plank Owners Group			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Primary Purpose Group		75.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		100.00
Friday Women's Friendship			Promises Meeting Group		40.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		93.27
Gifts of Sobriety Group			Prosperity AA Group		130.00	Village 12 Step Group	380.00	380.00
Good Start Group		733.94	Raise the Bottom Group			Warrior's Group		1.50
Grapevine Gals Group		40.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Weedpatch Group		130.00
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	650.00	Red Door Group		100.26	Wellspring Group		292.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Wed Night Step Workshop		163.00
Hide-A-Way Group	802.83	802.83	Riverside Group		122.85	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		100.00
High Nooners Group	200.00	1000.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		435.50	Wesley Chapel Group	260.00	455.00
Hour Glass Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group	100.00	300.00	West Side Winners Group		57.00
I.D.A.A.			Safe Haven Group			With Room to Grow Group		
In the Wind Group						Women's Friendship Group	195.00	195.00
Into Action Group						YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		26.62
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		50.00						
						Monthly Total	2115.91	
Monthly Total	2,610.32		Monthly Total	1570.10			YTD	7,656.02
	YTD	14,907.87		YTD	7290.35	Grand Total for Month	6296.33	
						Grand Total for Year		29854.24