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SERVICE IS THE REASON

From the very beginning, Alcoholics Anonymous wasted no time nor effort in trying to determine the why of alcoholism or what causes the phenomenon. We were simply advised to accept the fact of our illness and get on with the recovery program. Not too many days gone by, I found myself thinking, "Why me?" It was not the old "Why me?" prompted by self-pity, but the realization that of all the people who were still suffering, somehow I was given sobriety. With an absolutely honest appraisal, I could in no way understand why I had been selected to enjoy the blessings of our sober life when people all around were still in the darkness of alcoholism. I found the answer in the very Steps of recovery I was encouraged to take, in the order they were written. The prayer in the Third Step in the Big Book held the key: "Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help..." Perhaps there was a reason. Just maybe, a purpose could be found right here. Soon, I was engulfed with the problems of defects and inventory. The purpose faded for a while, until I carefully read Step Seven. I believe I was at the time in desperate need to determine what was meant by humility and to just what degree one could humbly measure one's progress in that area. In those days, too, we argued a lot about how God was going to remove those defects, and we worried a lot while discussing the "very serious" difference between defects and shortcomings. There were those words in the prayer mentioned in the Big Book discussion of Step Six: "my usefulness to You and my fellows." The reason for my very existence must be to serve. Later on, that clearly defined: "Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us." Service to God and my fellows is the reason I am given sobriety, and there is no other reason. If I fail to serve, my purpose in life will be unfulfilled, and no doubt life itself will be taken away. Long ago, I stopped praying for sobriety, because perhaps my Maker might think, "If he does not know what he has got, why, I might as well take it back." Sooner or later, all our prayers might change from "What can You give to me?" to "What have You got for me to do?" How best can I serve? I have always felt that if Recovery has taken place, Unity and Service must follow—completing the Three Legacies left to us by AA's co-founders. However, if Recovery is to be available in the group, Unity and Service must be part of that group. So which really comes first? Yet, for some unexplained reason, the word service is not well received in our Fellowship. Put on a service meeting, and the attendance is spare. I wonder how many people would attend if a Regional Forum was called a "regional service meeting"? People talk about "getting involved in service." Service is looked upon in many places as something separate and to be endured only by a few. I believe deeply in the recovery miracle of our program. I have experienced that recovery in my life. I believe we have a great obligation to tell all people that we have a program of recovery that works. In many places, I shock our own members by saying I have recovered. I am no longer sick. I can no longer use the illness of alcoholism as an excuse for

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MY HIGHER POWER—THE LIGHT BULB

In their sincere and honest attempt to maintain a "hands off" policy regarding fellow members' religious beliefs and perhaps sensitivities, our founding fathers exercised gentle wisdom and proffered spiritual freedom. No one, it was rightly thought should be permitted to impose their own religious concepts and beliefs upon any other member of the fellowship. The area was much too important to the prospective recoveree to be tampered with by moral man. The very life of the prospect depends, ultimately, upon his or her "personal relationship" with a "Power greater than themselves." The notion was valid in the Program's earlier days—and it still is! In no way, shape or form, however, was the idea conceived to avoid guiding our beloved newcomer along the path of spiritual progress. Quite the contrary, our whole purpose as recovered alcoholics, was and is to help the next person achieve sobriety. If that person is a **real** alcoholic his only hope is God. So in its most basic and simplest terms our only real purpose is to help the still-suffering alcoholic to find God. A loving God, a healing God is the alcoholic's only real hope. This is no easy task. A vast array of difficulties present themselves to thwart the new person on his journey. The foremost adversary, of course, is the illness itself. It seems that many, many alcoholics have a fierce, emotionally charged resistance to accepting any dependency upon a Power which to them, may seem an abstract and remotely distant concept. This internal resistance is most effectively broken down by the potential recoveree's initial desperation. "It seems such a shame that today's A.A. actually encourages the newcomer to avoid reaping the blessings of that desperation.) If intense enough and deep enough, this emotional "bottom" will be the very propellent the prospect needs to thrust him into the recovery process offered by A.A. through its 12 steps. Another stumbling block, which many people who are new to the Program are currently encountering, is us! We seem to be full of fear as regarding the responsibility we have been given in the area of spiritual guidance. We shirk this responsibility by evasiveness or by the direct side-stepping of the issue by such statements as, "its God as **you** understand Him" and its up to you to come to your own conclusions." So the newcomer is left to his own devices. He is expected to arrive, alone and unguided, at a relationship with his Creator. One of the most powerful and hope-filled statements to be found in the entire text of **Alcoholics Anonymous** can be found on page 25. "The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and towards God's universe. The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do for ourselves." Are we, today. So far removed from our founders' results of our recovery program that these words are nothing more than a "nice thought" or an exaggeration due to artificially elated emotions? If so, we "obviously cannot transmit something

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

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

The May 2013 meeting of the T.B.A.I.C. was opened by Chair Bobby B. Bobby gave a brief verbal Treasures report from Jerimiah T. who was unable to attend. Bobby was also in receipt of two letters. One, from a new correctional facility asking for guidance in obtaining materials for inmates. The second letter involves completion of a prerelease packet from an inmate in the Okeechobee Correctional facility. Buddy H will assist with the response to the two requests. Also, The Men's Bridge the Gap position will now be handled by Curtis B.

John B. (813.471.8655) asked that the message be passed along that the Women's DACCO facility's (4422 East Columbus) Wednesday night meeting (The H.O.W. Group) at 6 pm is an open meeting and encourages participation of more outside women to share their experiences and give the residence an opportunity to be in contact with potential sponsors.

The DACCO Men's (R-2) Monday 6:45 PM night meeting could use additional support to give new prospective to the residence. Eventually the two Dacco Men's facilities will be combined in to one location. The current R-2 location will become part of a transitional re-entry program for recent releases of the prison system and volunteers will be needed to offer meetings once this takes place. More updates will be given when information is received from DACCO.

Buddy H. said the local jails are being covered. Buddy is working with Mark G. with the scheduling conflict at the Drew Park Detox location. Funds are being made available to purchases needed materials.

Nancy B. is working with Faulkenburg to resolve a scheduling problem with the women's Sunday night meeting. The meeting may be changed to a different time or split into two meetings on another day.

Mark B. will be meeting with a DACCO representative on the new detox that opened at the women's facility to determine their needs for meetings and AA volunteer positions. Mark is also working on updating the schedule and location information for the area detoxes and to keep the information as current as possible.

Dick D. asked to remind groups of the Pink Can program which is big part in funding the purchase of materials needed for the T.B.A.I.C. programs.

The upcoming Steps to Freedom event June 22, 2013 is a fund raising event for T.B.A.I.C. and needs everyones support.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday June 8. This is an open meeting for anyone interested in service work and to offer your own experience of what is was like, what happened and how you are able to live a sober life in today's society.

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on June 8th, 2013 at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Pink Can Drive

Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ... We will put it to great use!

TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation this Month:

Anonymous D.E. (388.75) Love & Service (21.25) Women's 12 & 12 (3.00) There is a Solution (11.00) Wellspring (15.00) As Bill Sees It (33.00) Experience, Strength & Hope (25.00) Keystone (49.00) Meeting Place (5.28) Noon Big Book (124.00) Riverside (54.00) Ruskin Fellowship (76.32) Sisters in Sobriety (23.70) Sober on Saturday (4.00) Tampa Bay YPG (61.00)

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
Mack G. - Detox & Treatment	813-784-6092
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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anything. There is a catch, however. If I fail to use my recovery in service to others, I will become sick again. So service becomes not only the reason for recovery, but the only way there is to maintain our recovery. When I look back on how our society outside of our Fellowship treated the alcoholic at the time of my coming to AA, I can see some progress. In all honestly, however, I don't believe we are making much progress in developing new treatment methods that will greatly reduce the numbers who suffer so tragically and do not reach us. More than ever, we have a tremendous responsibility to carry our message. More than ever, we have to realize that it is we who have to care. Look, if you will, at the attitude in society today. Example: Recently, tremendous strides were announced in the treatment of heart disease. This breakthrough was so great that death from recurrent heart attacks could be reduced by fifty percent. This news did not even rate a cover story. Newsweek carried a feature story that week on "Sex on Television." More and more, we respond only to what is happening to us. So let's not expect that even in the face of our current epidemic of alcoholism, there is going to be a great public outcry. The recovery of millions of alcoholics depends upon us. That is an obligation, a responsibility that is mind-boggling. Alcoholics Anonymous is truly a "beacon light of hope for mankind." If each member works through the group—through recovery to service—we cannot number the lives that can be touched. Few human beings will ever enjoy the privilege that is ours. At first, I did not even know we had a Third Legacy. Then I became aware that people who were active in serving the Fellowship were the very people I thought of when I heard the words "If you want what we have...." Their example and that of countless others have led me in my journey with this great Fellowship. People like Bern Smith (one of AA's early nonalcoholic trustees) believed in giving their all. Remember Bern saying, "When they put me on the scrap heap of life, I want to be all used up." Many times, my sponsor and I have been criticized by our mutual friends outside of AA for doing what we do: nearly every weekend away from home and family; hours on end spent in airports. We discuss this, and every time we do, we come up with the same answer. We see what happens to people who do "retire," and we always say we had best keep doing what we are doing. You know, we haven't had to drink for a total of forty-six years between us. No one will ever be able to say it any better than, nor, in fact, nearly as well as our co-founder Bill. He summed it up when he wrote: "God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick."

M.C., Winnipeg, Man.

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we don't have." We cannot share awareness we don't have. Cannot give guidance we have never gotten. We cannot share a vision of a God we have never seen. Our lack, thereby, becomes the newcomer's and he may die because of it! Our resistance becomes his license. In his liquor befogged mind he does not seek and experience God but begins to "create" one. It's no wonder his dryness becomes so barren that in a short while he returns to drink. His "Higher Power" was a light bulb! (No joke. We have heard this concept voiced more than once, and not only by a newcomer!) Or perhaps this power greater than himself was a chair, or a wall or even a mere mortal sponsor. A quick glance at the top of page 93 of the "Big Book" makes instantly clear a very important qualification in the concept of (...as you understand Him," and that is: "He can choose any conception he like, PROVIDED IT MAKES SENSE TO HIM." Power greater than himself—a light bulb? A simple flick of a switch turns off that power. A wall? Not so powerful when confronted with a bulldozer. A chair? An axe can make quick kindling of that higher power. A sponsor then? If he fails to perfect his spiritual life, his old foe alcohol is sure to reclaim him. So he won't do very well as a greater power. How about a whole group? Possibly for someone else, but not for us. If one person who is powerless over alcohol, and another, and another, we would have a group of people who are powerless over alcohol. We do not have a group of people who ARE POWERFUL over alcohol. Yet they do not drink! They have gained access to something more powerful than alcohol. It was never intended that phrases such as "higher power," "power greater than ourselves," or "as we understood Him" were created as an enabling device to justify our membership's continued avoidance of a connection with our Creator. Page 46 of the AA book says, "We found that as soon as we were able to lay aside prejudice and express even a willingness to believe in a Power greater than ourselves, we commenced to get results, even though it was impossible for any of us to fully define or comprehend that power which is God." Again, "...that Power, which is God." Our founders apparently held no reservations whatsoever, with Who was dealing with them. Perhaps we would be well advised to think twice before we attempt any ourselves. Alcoholics Anonymous is not allied with any religion, as we well know. But it is allied with God, "for our very lives as ex-problem drinkers depend upon it." It is allied with spirituality, for despite what our preamble states, A.A. is not a "fellowship," it is a spiritual way of life. It is our most earnest desire that no one reading this feel that we are trying to impose any presentation of God of His nature on anyone. Our real hope is that a reader may be jolted from a position of complacency or spiritual evasion and get about the business of recovery.

Clarence S.— one of the first 100.....
his story in First Edition Big Book is titled Home Brewmeister

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.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

May 14th, 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
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	REFLECTIONS GROUP
WARD H.	BOARD MEMBER	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
BARBARA B.	BOARD MEMBER	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Brett opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then asked everyone to turn down or off their cell phones. We welcomed two new Board Members, Barbara B. from the Sisters in Sobriety Group and Brian L. from the High Nooners Group. Lois read the April minutes and it was noted that Tim had misspelled Brett's name. There were no other questions or comments. Minutes were approved. Tim gave the Treasurers report. Ward had some questions asking if anyone had done a study of the trends with the contributions. Report was seconded and approved. In Old Business discussion was around the Founders Day Event-if Raffle tickets and Dinner tickets were available.. Clarke asked if we were having problems getting supplies or any other needs. Brett noted that everything was covered pretty good. In New Business Clark made an announcement about the upcoming All Groups meeting hosted by the Cardinal Group. Tim informed the Board that one of the computers was presently in the shop getting repairs and the main Computer was having lots of problems and asked them to consider purchasing some new computers. After some discussion it was recommended for Tim to get some prices and present them next month. Tim also brought to the attention of the Board to consider giving a pay increase to our contract laborer who handles the after-hour phones almost 24/7. After some discussion a motion was made and passed for Tim advertise in the newsletter for volunteers to handle the phones over the weekend in lieu of a pay increase for the After Hours Phone guy. This would give a rest with a couple of days off. Tim noted that we have already been doing that with people who occasionally call to volunteer. More discussion followed asking if there was any communication with groups that don't send a representative to the Council followed. Some discussion about backing up procedures for the computer and possible second hand computer donations. In the Council Meeting we were able to welcome Doug from the Wellspring Group, Ron who was a visitor from the Turning Point Group, Greg from the Primary Purpose Group and Sally and Cas from the TGIS Group. After many minutes going over and discussing the upcoming Founders Day Event, discussion concerning the purchase of new computers followed in the Council meeting. No decisions were made. However when it came to a pay increase for Martin our After Hours Phone guy lots of discussion followed. In the end a motion was made and approved by the Council to give Martin a pay increase of \$65.00 a month. More discussion followed about the importance of having a sober alcoholic answering the After Hour Phones. Several announcements were made for upcoming events.

May 14th, 2013 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

JOE T.	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
CHRISTOPHER E.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
JULIE J.	T-N-C SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TAMMY P.	T-N-C SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ED T.	KEYSTONE GROUP
BART S.	BYOB 12 & 12 GROUP
DOUG T.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
AL B.	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
RON R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
ROB L.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS GROUP
CAS K.	TGIS GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
BRANT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
GREG R.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
RICH L.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
STEVE T.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP



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

SELF-SUPPORT-APRIL, 2013

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WENDY D.	06/01/11	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BILL M.	06/29/99	14 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JUDY K.	06/24/93	20 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WRAY	06/10/84	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DICK W.	06/10/58	55 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CHAD S.	06/25/07	6 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DAVID P.	06/15/02	11 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BERNIE S.	06/19/93	20 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BRIAN B.	06/21/89	24 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TRAVIS G.	06/10/03	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GREG W.	06/14/02	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOHN C.	06/06/69	44 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TOM N.	06/28/03	10 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DENNIS D.	06/06/00	13 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DICK D.	06/06/69	44 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LINDA C.	06/01/08	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LAFONDA	06/13/02	11 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY G.	06/15/93	20 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LINDA B.	06/09/88	25 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	VINCE H.	06/16/06	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MIKE D.	06/16/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BARBARA R.	06/04/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JAMUS H.	06/01/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BOB P.	06/23/85	28 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	CAROLYN S.	06/23/06	7 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	RICHARD S.	06/19/11	2 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	RAY N.	06/17/11	2 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	GRASON	06/01/11	2 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	GERARD G.	06/06/10	3 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	BILL S.	06/03/10	3 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	CINDY C.	06/09/99	14 YRS
MEN'S SOUTHSIDE BLACK-BELT	ERIC H.	06/28/05	8 YRS

☺ 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 APRIL 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 (April,2013) have totaled \$23,702.43 for the year. That accounts for what **89** Groups out of 223 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 17 AAer's who contributed \$462.88 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 \$205.00 from the 12 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. Our Literature sales for March bought in \$5,994.72 plus \$85.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. And the \$110.00 for the upcoming Founders Day Event. Contributions were \$5,153.56. Our total income for April was \$12,062.88. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,762.50. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our April income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,300.38. Our Expenses for April were \$7,293.23. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of \$7.15 for the month of April. As I have stated in the past, we are not trying to squeeze you for more money. We know we can always count on you. We just wanted to bring some awareness of our situation to those who may be new to A.A. or new to being a Treasurer or Trusted Servant to their Group or to those who do not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. It's the nature of the beast...as our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support through your contributions, special events that groups put on for the benefit of Central Office and the literature sales. Thanks!

27th Annual Tampa Bay Fall Roundup.

“The Spiritual Life is not a Theory”

The event this year will be held at the "Embassy Suites USF", located at 3705 Spectrum Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33612, beginning Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2th, 2013.

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBRIETY GROUP	MARTIN S.	5/25/98	15 YRS
NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S	VIVIAN J.	05/16/89	24 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	OC	05/89	24 YRS

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Starting Saturday June 1st, 2013

The Mustard Seed Group WITH MEET AT THEIR NEW LOCATION AT:

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The Club
3333 W.Columbus Drive

**STEPS TO FREEDOM
12-STEP WORKSHOP
ALL FUNDS BENEFIT
TAMPA BAY JAILS AND INSTITUTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2013
9 AM - 5 PM**

LUNCH INCLUDED

Speakers:

**Chris S. John S.
(New Jersey) (Broward)**

**Christ the King Church
821 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa
\$8 ADVANCE - \$10 AT DOOR
WWW.STEPSTOFREEDOMTAMPA.COM**

Central Office Founder's Day Event

Saturday--June 8th, 2013

Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy South
Tampa, FL 33609

From 3:00 pm-5:00pm
Pot-Luck Mid-Afternoon Dinner
Please bring something to share
This is a Fund-Raiser for the Central Office
The Dinner will be followed by a panel of our local
Old-Timers answering questions
(Ask it Basket Style)
and sharing their experience, strength & hope
\$5.00 for the Dinner
No AA member turned away because of lack of funds

Raffle tickets are on sale
for a First Edition 14th Printing (July-1951) Big Book.
Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Celebrating the 78th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

A Spiritual Weekend

June 21-23, 2013

*with Sandy B., Tampa, FL
and Bob B., St. Paul, MN*

Hilton Airport Westshore
2225 N Lois Ave
Tampa, FL 33607

For Room Reservations Call
813.877.6688 or 800.HILTONS

Mention "Big Book Weekend" for the
\$89 Room Rate (good 3 days before & after)

Al-Anon Participation Is Welcome - Free Self Parking

All Proceeds From This Event Go To "Dr. Bob's Home, Inc."

Event Starts at 7:30 p.m.
on Friday and ends at
noon on Sunday

Big Book - Big Fun

Seating Limited to First 500
\$30 in advance or \$35 after May 21st
or at the door

Free shuttle service to and from
the hotel. Reserve your room by
May 31st for special rate.

2nd Annual TBAIC Fundraiser July 30th 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

Group	APRIL	Y T D	Group	APRIL	Y T D	Group	APRIL	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.		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
164 Group Wesley Chapel	292.52		Keep It Simple GroupDC			Sisters in Sobriety Group		45.00
A.A. 101 Group	252.00	468.15	Keystone Group	90.00	275.00	Sober @ 6 Group		
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group	83.18	83.18	Sober @ 7 Group		352.23
All Groups KEYSTONE GP.		1,700.00	LateNighters Group	136.63	307.99	Sober on Saturday Group	147.00	242.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Lemon Tree Group			Sober on Sunday Group		
Alpha Group		60.00	Life Enrichment Group			Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2916.00	Live and Let Live Group	510.89	919.92	SOBERSTOCK		
Housecleaning Retreat			Living in the Solution		327.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
Anonymous Donations	296.43	463.68	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Sobrenity Group	137.00	237.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	Love & Service Group	39.60	39.60	Solutions Group	23.08	146.37
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		304.42	Mapledale Group			Southshore Men's Group	172.00	307.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	25.00	50.00	Mac Dill Group			Southside Men's Group		
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		100.00
Barracks Brigade Group		260.00	Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Development Gp.	100.00	150.00
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Express Group		100.00	Spiritual Growth Group	300.00	300.00
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Spiritual Progress Goup	22.75	37.70
Big Book Raffle-June	10.00	10.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Bill D's Group			Morning Miracles Group			Step at a Time Group		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	1.00	234.00	My Turn Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)	40.00	74.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings - Brandon		234.00	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Tues. Big Book	120.00	120.00	New Beginnings Women's			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	320.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	85.61	156.94	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Sunshine Group		
Came To Believe Group	227.50	487.98	Newcomers Group (JC)		63.84	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Day Group		130.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Carrollwood Group			New Way Women's Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		674.10
Carrollwood NS Group		78.00	Nightly Newcomers Group			Tampa Palms Big Book		100.00
Chancey Road AA Group	152.50	152.50	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers	100.00	100.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		68.00	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Clean Air Group	20.00	63.35	Nooners Group--Tampa		62.48	TGIS Women's Group		198.48
Dade City Step Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.	300.00	500.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Dover Group		56.42	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			Odessa Group		350.00	The Meeting Place Group	11.70	44.21
Easy Does It Group			Old School Group		96.78	The Next Frontier Group		
Expect a Miracle Group	100.00	308.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	There is a Solution Group		
Experience,Strength & Hope	130.00	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	150.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		20.00
Fireside Group	10.31	27.07	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Men's Group		150.00
Founders Day Event	100.00	100.00	Palma Ceia Group			Town & Country Wed. Group		
Fourth Dimension Group	21.27	21.27	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		150.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		60.14	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Night Lights Group	50.01	163.10	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Valrico Fri. Morning Group	50.00	100.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Plank Owners Group			Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		93.27
Friday Women's Friendship			Primary Purpose Group		75.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group			Promises Meeting Group	40.00	40.00	Warrior's Group		1.50
Good Start Group		733.94	Prosperity AA Group		130.00	Weedpatch Group		130.00
Grapevine Gals Group	40.00	40.00	Raise the Bottom Group			Wellspring Group		292.00
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	550.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Wed Night Step Workshop		163.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Red Door Group	100.26	100.26	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		100.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Wesley Chapel Group		195.00
High Nooners Group	200.00	800.00	Riverside Group		122.85	West Side Winners Group		57.00
Hour Glass Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group	258.70	435.50	With Room to Grow Group		
I.D.A.A.			Ruskin Fellowship Group		200.00	Women's Friendship Group		
In the Wind Group			Safe Haven Group			YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety	26.62	26.62
Into Action Group								
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		50.00						
Monthly Total	2,334.15		Monthly Total	1709.26		Monthly Total	1110.15	
	YTD	12,297.55		YTD	6317.25		YTD	5,540.11
						Grand Total for Month	5153.66	
						Grand Total for Year		24447.53