



Tri-County Central Office News

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

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BUILDING AN ARCH

I first heard about Step Five from my sponsor. He had recently taken his. It didn't sound like fun. Not being one to suffer alone, my sponsor's immediate reaction to his own "spiritual house cleaning" was to launch me upon a Fourth Step. He wanted to give away what he'd received. I thought, "What happened to 'this is a selfish program'?" Step Four took a very long time. At all of it I balked. I thought I could find an easier, softer way, but I could not. With all the earnestness at his command, my sponsor became cunning, baffling, and powerful, constantly reminding me that half measures availed me nothing. I hated him. The day finally came when even I had to admit that I'd completed Step Four to the best of my ability. That's what had me so upset. The best of my ability didn't look so hot in those days. I called my sponsor to tell him I'd finished, expecting to take a six-month to one-year sabbatical from the Steps after this arduous trek into my life. That's when he lowered the boom. "Great," he said. "The best time to take the Fifth Step is right after you finish the Fourth. Meet me at my home tomorrow at six." Son of a gun! Who do you think you are? I thought, but aloud, I said, "Oh-kay, I'll be there." I hung up the phone and said to myself, "I bet Bill W. didn't have to go through this!" I used to think the Big Book referred to Step Five when it said, "What an order! I can't go through with it." I thought, how can talking about all this junk that I never wanted to write down in the first place make any difference? By the time I finished Step Five, I knew that I was well on my way toward "building an arch" through which I would "walk a free man." What happened! Did God convert me into a religious AA dervish. Was I brainwashed by some mystical technique into an AA true believer? Did I go into permanent shock? None of these things happened. The truth is much simpler. Step Five simply accomplished exactly what I was promised, based on the tried and tested experience of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is what happened. For starters, I had prepared for Step Five by making a beginning on the previous Steps. I had my Fourth Step inventory which had given me a new awareness, albeit a not completely objective one. Nevertheless, I had it. Through the temptation to avoid sharing with "another human being" was nearly overwhelming, my fear of not following my sponsor's instructions to the letter was even greater. I arrived at my sponsor's home promptly at six. I didn't want to be late for my "funeral." He ushered me into the living room and I sat in what was obviously the condemned man's chair. Given to redundancies in times of hysteria, I commented on the weather at least twice, and God only knows how many times I mentioned the state of local AA affairs. Then my sponsor said those terrible words: "Why don't you get out your Fourth Step so we can get started." I feared that doors automatically sealed themselves during Fifth Steps. But I prayed to God and "asked His protection and care with complete abandon." "Okay, where do you want to begin," I asked, hoping for mercy. "Why don't we begin with your grudge list," my sponsor said. "But before we begin," he added. "why don't we pray and ask our Higher

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THE ONLY HELP WE HAVE TO OFFER

I drank for a long time and couldn't stop. I tried everything. One day, in the midst of planning to take a trip, I called AA. I told the woman who answered the phone that I was an alcoholic going on a trip and I needed a ride. I was afraid to drive to the bus station because I was too drunk, and I couldn't call my parents because they were mad at me about my drinking. The woman told me politely that AA wasn't a taxi service and to call back when I wanted to stop drinking. I did call back and two wonderful women came to my house. They said and did all the right things and I found myself at my first meeting. At meetings, I began to hear the message of recovery. But I became distracted when I noticed the abundance of single men at every meeting. "This must be the answer," I thought. "I'll find a man to take care of me." So I pursued that avenue of "recovery" for a time until I became convinced that it wasn't working. Again I returned to AA, this time to listen to the real message of recovery. And I heard it. Without exception, everyone who had anything I wanted talked about having developed a relationship with a power greater than himself as the result of taking the Twelve Steps. The Big Book quotes Dr. Silkworth as saying, "The message which can interest and hold these alcoholic people must have depth and weight." That's what recovery through the Twelve Steps had for me. I needed a job. I told people at meetings that it would be easier for me to stay sober if I had a job (and a husband and some friends). They told me that my job was to stay sober. God would take care of the other things when I was ready. I found a home group because somebody told me I should. I was there at the once-a-week meeting. Soon I discovered that the members met other days at each other's homes and sometimes went places together. I thought this might be the social life that had long eluded me. What a surprise to find out that these gatherings in their homes were group business meetings and studies of the Traditions. Their excursions were visits to small AA groups in outlying communities where they shared their experience, strength and hope. When they went out for coffee or meals after meetings, the primary topic of discussion was Alcoholics Anonymous. Recovery, unity, service and the Twelve Steps seemed to intrude into everything we did together! I ended up learning many valuable social skills by hanging around these people, but social growth was never our purpose in getting together. When my home group elected me to represent them at the local central committee, I learned about another part of our Fellowship. This committee, in addition to providing a twenty-four-hour answering service, meeting directories, public information, and a forum for discussion of group problems, had a social committee with its own bank account and fun-filled calendar. But to my surprise, as social as their activities were, they always featured AA meetings and speakers, and whether decorating a hall, mopping a floor, or carving a turkey, they always talked about recovery through the Twelve Steps and carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who suffered among us or who hadn't found us

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

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

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail." TBAIC is a group of people committed to carrying the message into jails, detoxes, and other facilities; and we feel good about giving back what was so freely given to us!

Our next activity on the calendar this year is "Steps To Freedom" coming up on Saturday, June 22nd starting at 9 am in the morning. This event will be held at "Christ The King" church located at 821 South Dale Mabry Hwy. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Lunch will be included. There will be 50/50 raffles, throughout the day.

Also, Bridging the Gap has been receiving an influx of calls for people needing rides to a meeting fresh out of detoxes and other facilities. If you, or other members of your group, are interested in being of service for your area, please call Joel (our trusted BTG servant) or call (813)965-5836.

We are all very excited that DACCO will soon be opening a new detox facility. This facility will be needing at least on AA meeting brought in, seven days per week! So if you, or you home group, are interested in facilitating an AA meeting in this facility then please call John at (813) 471-8655.

Great news for TBAIC: we finally have a newly elected secretary for our committee: Congratulations Larry B!! And we also have a new, detox coordinator. Congratulations Mark!!

I am so grateful that I was able to fill in this position in the interim. Service work keeps us sober! If you are interested in getting more involved in your area, come join us at our next H & I meeting at Tri-County Central Office, the 2nd Saturday of May @ 9:30 am.

In Love and Service, Janine M

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on May 2nd, 2013 at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Pink Can Drive

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

TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

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

Anonymous (16.00) Came to Believe (36.00) HOW (39.20) Good Day AA (37.00) Mid Day Matinee (82.00) Morning Meditation (98.27) Noon Big Book (45.00) Odessa (36.56) Riverside (12.00) Rush Hour Serenity (36.00) Ruskin Fellowship (48.00) Sisters in Sobriety (18.00) Sober on Saturday (34.75) Staying Alive @ 5:45 (6.14) There is a Solution 3333 (1.00) Wellspring (55.60)

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members

Bobby B. - Chair	813-415-4961
Janine M. Alternate Chair	813-455-6617
Ryan L.. Treasurer	813-230-3952
OPEN - Secretary	
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
OPEN - Hillsborough County Jail	
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Ron G. - Detox & Treatment	813-802-1324 813-297-5112
Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-727-1415
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
Michele S. Women's Bridge The Gap	813-507-5796
Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-965-5836
OPEN- Pre-Release	
Joel C.— Juvenile	813-965-5836

Treasurer's Report - 04, 2013

YTD Pink Can Balance 03/2013	\$ 4,391.39
Pink Can Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 881.73
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Total Moved to Spending Account	- \$ 4,500.00
Total Paid-Operational Expense	- \$ 255.10
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 18.02

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Power for guidance. After all, this is a three-way deal. God is very much a part of this. It's his grace that brought you here." Sometimes sponsors can really surprise you. This was one of those rare times. We prayed, then he became his old self again, indicating that it was time I began. We went over my grudge list, item by item. I discovered that he liked "item by item." I read and explained. He listened and commented. Before we were halfway through the list, I began to realize that the advice, counseling, and experience he shared was not only his, but that of others as well. It was the experience of one drunk talking to another, but it was more than that. It was the resonating voices of countless men and women in AA who had shared their experience, strength and hope with each other. Was this God-consciousness? I wondered, as I continued my disclosures. Finishing the grudge list, we assailed my list of fears. To my surprise, I discovered my sponsor and I shared some of the same ones. By this time, occasional laughter interspersed the more serious portions of the unfolding panorama of my life. I was beginning to feel a sense of relief. It continued to grow even as we discussed pertinent aspects of my "list of major human failings—the Seven Deadly Sins." It was incredible! As years of humiliation, pride, and fear fell away into harmless debris, my sense of isolation actually began to dissipate. I no longer felt like a freak, a pathetic caricature of humanity, incapable of integrating myself into the world about me. The existence of God's presence was no theory; it was fact. God was with us and my cup did indeed run over. It overflowed with his love as it was translated into the experience, strength, and hope of two twentieth-century alcoholics joined in the miracle of a spiritual awakening known as recovery. Those secrets that I'd sworn to take to my grave were now dead and buried under the fertile soil of a new freedom nurtured by truth and sharing and laughter, moistened by tears of relief and joy, and warmed by the sunlight of the spirit. "Step Five works! It really does!" I marveled. I knew now that the man who was leaving was not the same man who had fearfully entered this Fifth Step sanctuary just a few hours previously. Today, after many revisits to Step Five, I know that my initial experience was no fluke, that "God does move in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," and that Step Five is one of those. I have also been privileged to share in the Fifth Step experiences of others. Since there is nothing like personal experience to qualify one for this extremely personal spiritual awakening, I would suggest having done a Fifth Step as a prerequisite for hearing someone else's. We must be prepared to share our own Fifth Step disclosures, laughter, and tears that the experience of others might be as profound as our own. Being able to keep confidential the disclosures of others is also essential. This experience is only between God and ourselves. Franklin D. Roosevelt said, in his first inaugural address, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." If we're willing to expose the pages of our lives to the love and understanding of our Higher Power and a fellow alcoholic, we'll surely know a new freedom and a new happiness. We'll discover that love is never having to feel alone again; that God's presence in our lives has become profound; and that the unity of the Fellowship of the spirit can be ours so long as we are willing to "pass it on." Chico C. West Palm Beach, Fla.

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In Memory of Those Who Have Gone Before Us

In February we lost one of our Home Group members, Ed W.. Ed will be missed dearly. Ed's wife requested that if the group took a collection to please donate the money to Tri-County Central Office in lieu of flowers. A collection was taken and a donation of \$110.00 was made to the Central Office in the memory of Ed W., a member of the Barracks Brigade Group located in Zephyrhills.
Joe B.

Barbara C., born Nov. 5, 1940, Winter Haven, FL... died on April 1, 2013...survived by her husband John ... Barbara a member of the Keystone Group, had 43 years of sobriety here in Odessa, she was an inspiration to many and loved by all who knew her.

Keith B. 88, of Tampa, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Keith was born in Brownsville, PA to Lloyd and Katherine B. on Aug. 8, 1924. He was a retail salesman employed in the Sales field in Tampa. Keith served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a graduate from Penn-State where he received a Bachelor's Degree. He was a Methodist by Faith and was a member of Van Dyke United Methodist Church. Survivors include his loving wife, his sister, brother-in-law, nephews, and nieces. A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Blount & Curry Funeral Home with about fifty friends and family in attendance. Keith was a member of the Lake Magdalene Group and frequented many of the groups in the Carrollwood area. Keith passed away with 46 years of continuous sobriety and had been the part-time assistance at the Central Office for the past 17 years. He was a somewhat humble man who was more than ready to give you a smile and a helping hand whenever he could. I will miss him greatly. Tim S.-Office Manager

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service tried to attract me by describing the wonderful assemblies I'd attend out of town and all the new friends I'd make. He was right, but once again I found that what held us together at those assemblies was our focus on service to Alcoholics Anonymous and how to better carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic. One day while taking calls for our local AA answering service, I got a call from a woman who wanted someone from AA to come see her drunken neighbor who hadn't cleaned her house in ages. "You've got to get someone out here to clean up her house. Don't you people try to help drunks?" I was reminded of my first call to AA looking for a taxi service. Now I know through experience that we're not simply here to "help." The primary purpose of an AA group is to carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers. The only help we have to offer is the AA program of recovery. We don't offer taxi service, housecleaning, assertiveness training, services and solutions that each of us thought would solve our problems. If Alcoholics Anonymous had provided me with a social

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

April 9th, 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

BRETT B.	CHAIRPERSON	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
EXCUSED	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
J. KELLEY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	REFLECTIONS GROUP
WARD H.	BOARD MEMBER	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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The Board Meeting opened in the usual matter with our new Board Chairperson Brett B. asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and welcoming Ward for coming back to the Board meeting after last month. Kelly read the March Minutes. A motion to accept was made and all were in favor. In lieu of the absence of the Treasurer, Tim presented the March Treasurers report. A motion to accept was made and all were in favor. In Old Business Bert noted that maybe a couple of the groups from the Council could get together to split up the expense for the food for the Founders Day Event. The annual evaluation for the Office Manager was done. Everything went well. Discussion moved to the Founders Day Event. At that time Tim was waiting on a reply from the Christ the King Church to see if we could hold it. Until then we can't name a date yet for the event. (Note: from Office Manager: The event will be June 8th, 2013 @ Christ the King Church) In New Business a question was brought up about donations to the Pink Can. (This should be asked from the TBAIC Committee not Central Office) This lead into discussion about contributions to Central Office and how to better inform the groups of the important and necessity of supporting Central Office. At the Council meeting the Cardinal Group gave Tim a check for \$100.00 to use towards food for the Founders Day Event. Terry F. let Tim know that this was his last night as a Council member. He will be missed. Bonnie reminded Brett that the Nightly Newcomers would be doing the Sobriety Countdown. Brett had Julie read from the inside of the meeting schedule....the section that states what Central Office is. Brett went on to explain the important and relationship between Central Office and the Groups. Jeanie thanked Brett for explaining the different positions. It was noted that when someone calls for help, they get the Central Office, not New York or the District or the Institutions Committee or South Florida Area, they get us. Tim was asked to explain the difference. Both our goals are to help the alcoholic who still suffers, the District does those things that the Group doesn't have to worry about so that the Group can fulfill it's primary purpose of carrying the message of AA. The District is the link between the AA Groups and World Services, the District carries the AA message to those outside of AA who may be uninformed as to what we are and do. Doctors, lawyers, clergy, teachers, professionals—etc. They also provide the AA message to those who are disabled or homebound or incarcerated among other things. The Central Office is the front line of defense when the alcoholic is ready to doing something about their drinking. Plus we also store and provide the literature for the groups rather than them

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

THOMAS O.	SINCERITY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
PAUL G.	AS BILL SEES IT MEN'S GROUP
LESLIE G.	PROMISES 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
ANDREA C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
ROB L.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
BARBARA B.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
JIM D.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK 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

Having to do it their selves. Discussion continued into the preparations for the Founders Day Event. The Keystone Group, the As Bill Sees It Men's Group, the Live & Let Live Group, and the Primary Purpose Group each pledged to make donations to help with the Founders Day Event. Other issues discussed were about the speakers for the Ask it Basket panel and Vivian noted that her group would provide soft drinks as lot as Martin helped her. Of course he agreed to. :) Brett went over Tim's evaluation with the Council. It was good after a few jokes about Tim. In New Business some ideas were tossed around about other ways to host a fund-raiser for Central Office. Afterwards several announcements from the Groups were made. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!
Central Office Founders Day Event
June 8th, 2013
Christ the King Church
821 South Dale Mabry
3:00 pm until 5:00 pm
Pot-luck Mid-Afternoon Dinner followed by
an Old-Timers Ask it Basket Meeting

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
DOVER GROUP	L.H.	05/07/09	4 YRS
DOVER GROUP	GREG D.	05/09/08	5 YRS
DOVER GROUP	TOM W.	05/05/08	5 YRS
DOVER GROUP	JOHN L.	05/02/86	27 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHRISTA G.	05/24/87	26 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SARAH O.	05/20/74	39 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CONI B.	05/11/79	34 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GENE S.	05/12/74	39 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP IN MEMORY OF.....	BARBARA C.	05/23/69	44 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KARLA O.	05/01/10	3 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	FELICIA K.	05/31/08	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SUSAN Y.	05/20/00	13 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	MARILYN A.	05/01/98	15 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	CANDY J.	05/20/86	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE T.	05/23/98	15 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BILL D.	05/18/86	27 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JAMES P.	05/06/11	2 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	CHRISTOPHER E.	05/02/10	3 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	TED D.	04/21/12	1 YR
DRUID HILLS GROUP	STEVE T.	04/02/06	7 YRS
FOR EACH YEAR ALIVE	STEVE T.	☺	59 YRS

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life, a job, and a husband, I'd have had no reason to place my reliance upon God. If they had done anything other than carry the message of recovery, I might have missed it. Thank God that's all AA Does. Each of us, having had a spiritual awakening as the result of the Twelve Steps, tries to carry this message to the alcoholic who wants it. This is how I stay sober. And if you keep coming back, you don't have to drink again either, if you don't want to.
 B. M., Eureka, Calif.
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Central Office Founder's Day Event
 Saturday--June 8th, 2013
 Christ the King Church
 You will not have to be present at the Event to Win
BIG BOOK RAFFLE
 for a First Edition 14th Printing (July-1951) Big Book.
 Tickets are \$5.00 each @ the Central Office.

SELF-SUPPORT-MARCH, 2013

☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in January of 2013 we have **215** Groups with **600** meetings a week. Although we have lost some groups in the past year, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material and more groups are being formed as we speak. This year to date contributions from Groups (March,2013) have totaled \$19,293.87 for the year. That accounts for what **77** Groups out of 215 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 12 AAer's who contributed \$167.22 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 \$204.00 from the 11 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 \$15.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$6,199.96. Our total income for March was \$12,220.46. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,074.81. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,145.65. Our Expenses for March were \$8,145.65. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of 0 for the month of March. 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.

Discounted Registration Fee of \$25.00 good until
 May 21st, 2013
 Flyers available at the Central Office.

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Bring the family!!
Come join the fellowship and fun!

SOLUTIONS GROUP
Spring Fling
picnic

SATURDAY
MAY 4TH
11AM - 3PM

Food & Beverages provided
Side dishes appreciated Donations accepted

WHERE:
MEDARD PARK
5737 TURKEY CREEK RD.
PLANT CITY, FL 33563

DIRECTIONS:
175 south to SR60 (Brandon exit)
Turn left (east) on SR60
to Turkey Creek Rd (roughly 10 miles).
Turn right (south).
It will be down a mile on the left hand side.



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.

ALL GROUPS MEETING TO SUPPORT AA CENTRAL OFFICE

FRIDAY - MAY 17, 2013

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

KEYSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
7509 VAN DYKE RD ODESSA, FL 33556

DOOR OPENS: 5:30 PM

6:00 PM DINNER

BRING COVERED DISH TO SHARE

7:30 PM SPEAKER MEETING

\$5.00 DONATION AT THE DOOR

50/50 RAFFLE

Directions:

The Meeting is ½ mile east of the Van Dyke/Gunn Hwy intersection. If coming on the Veterans, get off on the Van Dyke Exit and go west for two miles, church will be on right hand side of the road (north).



ALL DONATIONS TO SUPPORT CENTRAL OFFICE

ALL INVITED - YEP, THAT MEANS YOU!

**Come Join Safe Haven for an in
depth study of the Traditions! We'll
Supply the hot Dogs & Buns,
Bring a cover dish to share, and
Enjoy a chance to win in the Raffle!**

Traditions Workshop

Sunday, May 19th, 2013

1:00pm-6:00pm

Speaker: Bill O.

Sponsored By Safe Haven Group
at the 301 house 8601 Bowles Rd.
Tampa, FL 33637

For Questions or volunteer info Contact
Michele L. @ 813-863-2830



57th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
CARRY this MESSAGE

July 24 - July 28, 2013

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

225 East Coastline Dr.

Jacksonville, FL 32202

www.jacksonville.hyatt.com

Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D
11th Step Meeting-			Just What I Wanted Big Book	64.00	64.00	Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			It's In the Book Group			Saturday Night Fever Gp.		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple/Pass It On		96.85	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
164 Group Wesley Chapel			Keep It Simple - YANA	150.00	150.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	45.00	45.00
A.A. 101 Group		216.15	Keep It Simple GroupDC			Sober @ 6 Group		
A.A. 102 Group			Keystone Group	78.00	185.00	Sober @ 7 Group	170.56	352.23
All Groups KEYSTONE	1,700.00	1,700.00	Kingsway Group			Sober on Saturday Group		95.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	LateNighters Group	33.78	171.36	Sober on Sunday Group		
Alpha Group	20.00	60.00	Lemon Tree Group			Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Anniversary Dinner 2013	20.00	2916.00	Life Enrichment Group			SOBERSTOCK		
Housecleaning Retreat			Live and Let Live Group		409.03	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
Anonymous Donations	88.48	167.25	Living in the Solution		327.00	Sobrenity Group	100.00	100.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Solutions Group		123.29
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		304.42	Love & Service Group			Southshore Men's Group		135.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	25.00	25.00	Maple Dale Group			Southside Men's Group		
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mac Dill Group			Southside Men's Group # 2		100.00
Barracks Brigade Group	160.00	260.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		50.00
Bel-Mar Group			Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Growth Group		
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Express Group		100.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		14.95
Big Book Raffle-June			Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Bill D's Group			Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Step at a Time Group		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	107.00	233.00	Morning Miracles Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		34.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			My Turn Group			Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Beginnings - Brandon		234.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Tues. Big Book			New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	240.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		71.33	New Beginnings Women's			Sunshine Group		
Came To Believe Group		260.48	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Newcomers Group (JC)		63.84	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Carrollwood Group			New Day Group	97.50	130.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	674.10	674.10
Carrollwood NS Group		78.00	New Way Women's Group			Tampa Palms Big Book		100.00
Chancey Road AA Group			Nightly Newcomers Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers			Noon Big Book Group			Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Clean Air Group	18.35	43.35	Nooners Group--Riverview	68.00	68.00	TGIS Women's Group	125.55	198.48
Dade City Step Group			Nooners Group--Tampa		62.48	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Dover Group		56.42	Noontime Celebration Gp.		200.00	The 164 Group		
Druid Hills Group			North Brandon Open Forum			164 12 Step Workshop		305.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Northdale Group	185.25	185.25	The Meeting Place Group	8.51	32.51
Easy Does It Group			Odessa Group		350.00	The Next Frontier Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		208.00	Old School Group	51.67	96.78	There is a Solution Group		
Fill the Gap Group			Oldtimer's Group - JC	120.00	120.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group	9.63	9.63
Fireside Group	7.05	16.76	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	235.35	235.35	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	20.00
Founders Day Event			One Day at a Time Group			Town & Country Men's Group		150.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		60.14	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Wed. Group		
Friday Night Lights Group	68.39	113.09	Palma Ceia Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.	50.00	150.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Women's Friendship			Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		50.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		93.27
Good Start Group	733.94	733.94	Plank Owners Group			Village 12 Step Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	450.00	Primary Purpose Group		75.00	Warrior's Group		1.50
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Promises Group			Weedpatch Group	130.00	130.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Prosperity AA Group		130.00	Wellspring Group	82.00	292.00
High Nooners Group	400.00	600.00	Raise the Bottom Group			Wed Night Step Workshop		163.00
Hour Glass Group			Red Chip Day Donation			Wed. Keep it Simple Group	50.00	100.00
I.D.A.A.			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Wesley Chapel Group		195.00
In the Wind Group			Riverside Group	122.85	122.85	West Side Winners Group		57.00
Into Action Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group		176.80	With Room to Grow Group		
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		50.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		200.00	Women's Friendship Group		
			Safe Haven Group			YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		
Monthly Total	3,448.21					Monthly Total	1545.35	
	YTD	10,255.92	Monthly Total	1206.40			YTD	4,429.96
				YTD	4607.99			
						Grand Total for Month	6199.96	
						Grand Total for Year	19293.87	