



Tri-County Central Office News

“ To be vital, faith must be accompanied by self sacrifice and unselfish, constructive action.”

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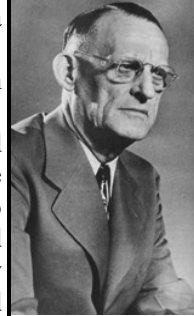
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WARNING! HOLIDAYS AHEAD

It never seems to fail that when November rolls around there's a struggling newcomer in our group who asks at a closed meeting: "But how am I to get through the holidays?" The answer from old-timers present is, just as unfailingly, the same: "A holiday, like any other day, need not be coped with until it comes. And when it does come, it is only twenty-four hours long." There are other answers, of course—to the effect that one mustn't get too tired, must remember to eat, and would do well to avoid the kind of festivities that present particularly difficult temptations. It may be suggested that the newcomer try to look beneath the tinsel commercialism for the deeper meanings of thanksgiving, peace, good will, and the dawning of a new year. All very helpful advice. But, remembering how I had my own last drink one late October, and how near I came to panic at the thought of the meant-to-be-happy season ahead of me, I believe that the twenty-four hour concept was the most immediately effective tool I was given. As a beginner in AA, I was one of those who had to break the concept down into periods of thirty, twenty, or even ten minutes at a time. Often the lines of a favorite poem ran through my head as a kind of prayer: "Suffer this moment to be fair and clear." It is indeed only the *moment* we can hope to handle, whether or not that moment falls on a hectic holiday. As it happens, I had then (as I have now) a home to manage, a family to feed, and an office job to do. Then (though to a much lesser degree now), I had hard-drinking friends who loved to party. So the holidays meant too many demands on my time, as well as on my emotional and physical strength. I have learned this is apt to be especially true of women, even if they are not alcoholics. But the holidays may be just as hard in quite another way for the man or woman who has lost home and family and job and friends, who lives quite alone, haunted at such a time by the rest of the world's apparent gaiety. The desire to escape too many people and activities and the desire to blot out loneliness and boredom can lead equally fast to the bottle. This is a frightening truth for one still battling the physical compulsion to drink. But it need not be fatal. What do I remember about those first holidays? We had a houseful of guests for Thanksgiving. I know this only because I find it noted in an old date book. The day is a blank in my mind. On Christmas we had more guests, people who enjoyed cocktails before the feast while I hid out in the kitchen fussing over the food. We were invited to "open houses, which I had to skip. On New Year's Eve I asked my husband to take me to a double feature at the local movie. I was thus removed from temptation all evening, and when we came out it was past midnight. A new year had begun. I know that I cried some during those holidays. I was often tight-lipped. More than once, I flounced out of the house to walk off a temper or a temptation. It was rough. And I was helped by remembering that, in a very different sense, it was rough for the Pilgrims on the first Thanksgiving, for the shepherds of Bethlehem on the first Christmas.

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DR. BOB



In January 1933, Anne Smith attended a lecture by Frank Buchman, the founder of the Oxford Group. For the next two years she and Dr. Smith attended local meetings of the group in an effort to solve his alcoholism, but recovery eluded him until he met Bill Wilson on May 13, 1935. Wilson, an alcoholic who had learned how to stay sober by helping other alcoholics through the Oxford Group in New York, was in Akron on business that had proven unsuccessful and he was in fear of relapsing. Recognizing the danger, he made inquiries about any local alcoholics he could talk to and was referred to Smith by Henrietta Sieberling, one of the leaders of the Akron Oxford Group. After talking to Wilson, Smith stopped drinking and invited Wilson to stay at his home. He relapsed almost a month later while attending a professional convention in Atlantic City. Returning to Akron on June 9, he was given a few drinks by Wilson to avoid delirium tremens. He drank one beer the next morning to settle his nerves so he could perform an operation, which proved to be the last drink he would ever take. The date, June 10, 1935, is celebrated as the anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wilson and Smith sought to develop a simple program to help even the worst alcoholics, along with a more successful approach that empathized with alcoholics yet convinced them of their hopelessness and powerlessness. They believed active alcoholics were in a state of insanity rather than a state of sin, an idea they developed independently of the Oxford Group. To produce a spiritual conversion necessary for sobriety and sanity, alcoholics needed to realize that they couldn't conquer alcoholism by themselves—that surrendering to a higher power and working with another alcoholic were required. Sober alcoholics could show drinking alcoholics that it was possible to enjoy life without alcohol, thus inspiring a spiritual conversion that would help ensure sobriety. The tactics employed by Smith and Wilson to bring about the conversion was first to determine if an individual had a drinking problem. To do this they would first approach the man's wife, and later they would approach the individual directly by going to his home or by inviting him to the Smiths' home. The objective was to get the man to surrender, and the surrender involved a confession of powerlessness and a prayer that said the man believed in a higher power and could be restored to sanity. Dr. Bob was called the "Prince of Twelfth Steppers" by Bill Wilson because he helped more than 5000 alcoholics before his death. He was able to stay sober from June 10, 1935, until his death, November 16th, 1950 from colon cancer.

One of the greatest lessons I learned when I first came into AA at the 3333 Club in 1988 was the ABC's of Alcoholics Anonymous... Ash-trays, Brooms & Coffee.

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

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

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

The October T.B.A.I.C. Meeting was opened by substitute chair John B. with the Serenity Prayer.

In old business: Nancy B. was able to contact the woman who was released from prison and provided assistance with locating meetings in her area. She also distributed an updated Facilities Meeting schedule and ask for input for any known corrections or additions. Tom F. presented a brief financial report and as not to cut spending on needed literature, the purchase of the locked cabinet was determined not needed at this time but the restrictions on distribution will remain the same. Also, at this time the needed funds to proceed with the tax exempt are not available.

John B. passed along a message from Buddy H. for anyone interested in doing a meeting at a substance abuse center at North 26th and Busch to please call Buddy at 813-871-2514. The open co-ed AA meeting (H.O.W.) held at the women's DACCO facility welcomes outside attendees and provide sponsorship for the women.

Nancy B. was able to get an additional women's meeting at Faulkenburg on Mondays at 2 PM. She asked that copies of the Facilities Meeting be distributed at home groups to increase volunteer participation.

Tim received a phone call from a facility no longer offering meetings. It seems some probation officers are using out dated information.

Jim S. has the Men's Bridge the Gap (877-AATAMPA or 877-228-2672) in full operation. He will begin recruiting drivers for the program. Jim will also get quotes for posters and business cards to be distributed at the facilities.

Tom F. attended the North South Florida Corrections workshop. Everyone needs to be aware of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Any sexual misconduct must be reported to the prison or jail officials. (If in doubt, contact the T.B.A.I.C. Jail Coordinator) Details about PREA be found on the web or the facility. Statewide there will be some 600 new pre-release letters received. Tom F. was told that they hoped AA would be able to follow through with the pre-release program, AA's past performance has been lacking.

A reminder from Bonnie that the Steps to Freedom website is up and running (www.stepstofreedom.us). A fundraising speaker meeting (Sandy B.) and a bake sale will be November 24 at the 3333 Club.

A question was asked about providing housing information to those leaving institutions. The group agreed that T.B.A.I.C.'s primary purpose was sobriety and the AA message. Any information passed on should be with extreme caution, keeping in mind Tradition 6.

Tom F. accepted the position of Treasurer and Shanna M. accepted as Alternate Treasurer. John L. accepted the position as Detox Coordinator.

"Let us also remember to guard against that erring member-the tongue, and if we must use it, let us use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance." (From Dr. Bob's Last Message at the 1st International Conference, Cleveland, Ohio July 3, 1950)

The Treasurer's report should read as follows.
YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$12,581.30.
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$11,758.65
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$11,406.35
YTD Expenses \$436.35

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on October 12th, 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:

There is a Solution (21.00) Big Book Noon (130.00) Riverside (42.00) Anonymous (48.00) Middy Matinee (85.00) As Bill Sees It (47.76) Came to Believe (40.50) Experience, Strength & Hope (33.00) Kingsway (98.54) Live & Let Live (70.00) Odessa (14.00) Old School (100.00) Rush Hour Serenity (40.50) Ruskin Fellowship (46.50) Sisters in Sobriety (22.00) Sober on Saturday (6.12) Wellspring (50.00)

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members

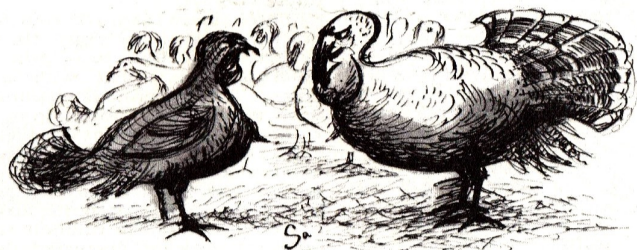
Bobby B. - Chair	813-415-4961
Janine M. -Alternate Chair	813-455-6617
Tom F.— Treasurer	813-205-4945
Shanna M.—Alt. Treasurer	813-390-3558
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
John L.— Detox & Treatment	813-283-8054
Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-727-1415
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
Michele S. Women's Bridge The Gap	813-507-5796
Jim S.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-679-9130
OPEN- Pre-Release	
OPEN— Juvenile	

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Somehow, as I clung to the sobriety of the present moment, I felt closer than ever before to the long-ago origins of the holiday season. For all my shows of temperament, I believe I even made it a happier time for those around me than I had done in the past. Most importantly, I got through it without a drink. It was not until the evening of January first that I felt a full surge of thankfulness—blessed emotion—to my AA friends and to the Power beyond us all that had sustained me a few hours, a few minutes at a time. I had discovered that the program works, and I was far stronger within myself than I had been in mid-November. If there is any message here for those coming to our Fellowship new and shaky in the late fall, it is this: Hang on; stick close; live for the day or the moment; don't let the mechanical reactions of the past sneak up on you; don't spoil the present, imperfect as it may seem, with a single shot, a single glass of enticingly sparkling wine. The sense of accomplishment and *comfortableness* that follows on making it through one's first sober holidays is beyond compare. There may be tensions in later years, but none quite so traumatic. And if ever the holiday blues do strike, call on your AA friends. They understand because they've been there, too. They have learned, as you will, the more than compensatory joys of gratitude, and giving, and beginning each day anew.

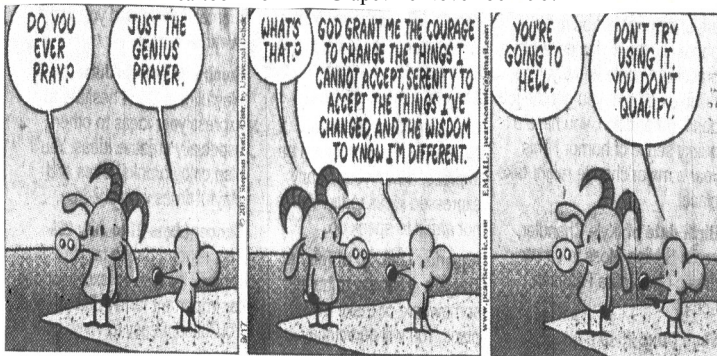
M.C., Pleasantville, N.Y.

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“As for me, I rely heavily on the Serenity Prayer.”

cartoon from AA Grapevine November 1967



Cartoon submitted by Carlton — Thanks :)

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MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN

● **RED CHIP DAY** ●

In 1943 there were only two A.A. groups in Tampa. One was the Victory Group and the other one was the DeSoto Group. There were a limited number of meetings. After about four years, The DeSoto Group started having an anniversary banquet. In 1947 the first anniversary banquet was held at the ballroom of the Old Hillsborough Hotel. There were between 350 and 400 people present. They came from all the surrounding areas, Lakeland, Bartow, Sarasota, Bradenton and St. Pete. The first banquet speaker was Horace M. from Texas. After that, if a person had around five years sobriety, he became the speaker for this event. Back then five years was a long time. A few years later there was a man who came here from Baltimore, MD., bringing with him the idea of the chip system as we know it today, telling that it works as a reminder of what we are trying to do. So eventually the meeting changed from the Anniversary Banquet to Red Chip Day. It was the one time during the year that everyone would join together to honor all the members that had red chips. It was a day of Fellowship and Food and Meetings. The money that was taken up was sent to General Service in New York to show gratitude. It then became a traditional event down through the years. For many years now, several groups in the Brandon area now come together in a spirit of Unity, in both money and time, to carry out this as an annual gratitude meeting, sending all monies above the expenses to the Central Office. In this way we can show our gratitude and continue to help other still suffering alcoholics. C.O.A.

Old School Group
12th Anniversary Gratitude Dinner and
Speaker Meeting

Featuring:

Sandy B. – Tampa, FL
Saturday, January 18, 2014

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

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

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

8 pm - AA Speaker Meeting
Everyone is Welcome to Come & Listen

50 / 50 Raffle at the door
Proceeds to benefit - Tri County Central

**Call Central Office to see if Tickets are available
to sell before coming over. 933-9123**

**Make checks payable to:
Old School Group**

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

October 08th 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

EXCUSED	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
EXCUSED	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
J. KELLEY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
UN-EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	REFLECTIONS GROUP
BARBARA B.	BOARD MEMBER	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
LESLIE G.	BOARD MEMBER	PROMISES MEETING GROUP
OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION	OPEN POSITION

In lieu of the excused absence of our new Chairperson and three other Board members absent, Brian L. the Vice-Chair conducted the business for the evening. After opening the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, Brian had Leslie read the September minutes. There was no discussion and the minutes were accepted as read. Tim presented the September Treasurer's report noting that we were \$846.03 in the red for the month but we still maintained a positive balance in the black for the year of \$1,715.78. Leslie had a question about Bright Star. Tim noted that they were one of our vendors that we buy medallions from. Discussion came up about the Anniversary Dinner but was decided to wait and see what the Council wanted to do. Barbara asked if there were any Board openings. There was no other Old or New Business to be discussed so the Board meeting was over very quickly. At the Council meeting, Mary read the September minutes and then Sue read the "What is Central Office" statement. Tim presented the September minutes and also explained why the salaries for the month were higher than usual. (His and Martin's paychecks from the last week of August were entered into the "books" in September thus the overage.) In Old Business Tim went over the Committees still needed for the Anniversary Dinner to be held in February. Allan asked about forming a committee to oversee the Committees. Tim asked if he was volunteering? We all had a good laugh. :) It was noted that the Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety Group would be moving November 4th to Sheldon Road Baptist Church @ 7208 Sheldon Road—just across the street from their old address. Several announcements were made and the meeting was over.

DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE

First Sunday of each Month
November 3th , 2013
The Club
3333 West Columbus Drive
GSR Orientation & DCM Sharing @ 2:00 pm
Business Meeting 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DISTRICT 2
PI/CPC PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Saturday December 14th, 2013
1:30 PM
THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
2736 Land-o-Lakes Blvd

October 08th,2013 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

CHUCK B.	VISITOR
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
CAS H.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
BART S.	BYOB 12 & 12 GROUP
JULIE J.	TNC SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TAMMY P.	TNC SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
KEELY M.	LOVE & SERVICE GROUP
LAUREN D.	TAMPA BAY SPEAKER GROUP
JAMES S.	T&C MEN'S GROUP
AL B.	JWIW BIG BOOK GROUP
RICARDO F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ED DeT	KEYSTONE GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
ANDREA C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
RICH L.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP

New OSG Meeting

Beginning Thursday
November 7th at 7:30 PM

Crystal Lakes Plaza
18125 US HWY 41
Lutz, FL 33549

WE NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

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

Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

Want to get involved in some Service Work?

How about volunteering for the After-Hour Phones on the Weekend. Call Martin after Office Hours @ 813-933-9123 and get all the details.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	KIRK T.	11/05/08	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY M.	11/19/05	8 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MARY C.	11/21/01	12 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE L.	11/05/07	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DEBBIE M.	11/04/04	9 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY B.	11/11/94	19 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	STEVE McK	11/03/99	14 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ED S.	11/15/86	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LADY LOU D.	11/14/79	34 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AMY P.	11/09/12	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RICK A.	11/01/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDY S.	11/25/02	11 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	25 YRS
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	20 YRS
NOON BIG BOOK GROUP	TOM S.	11/18/83	30 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-September, 2013

© Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in September of 2013 we have **221** Groups with **588** meetings a week. There are 10 Spanish Groups with 35 meetings a week. Brandon has 38 Groups with 85 meetings a week. Carrollwood has 9 Groups with 10 meetings a week. Central Tampa has 24 Groups with 65 meetings a week. Wesley Chapel/East Pasco has 17 Groups with 58 meetings a week. Odessa/Lutz, west of Dale Mabry has 8 Groups with 8 meetings a week. Lutz/Land-o-Lakes east of Dale Mabry has 3 Groups with 52 meetings a week. Plant City has 10 Groups with 17 meetings a week. Sun City/Ruskin/Apollo Beach has 23 Groups with 47 meetings a week. Seminole has 6 Groups with 50 meetings a week. South Tampa has 41 Groups with 103 meetings a week. Temple Terrace has 19 Groups with 40 meetings a week and Town & Country has 10 Groups with 20 meetings a week. Although we may lose some groups, others spring up just as fast, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material. The year to date contributions from Groups (September 2013) have totaled \$53,612.22 for the year. That accounts for what **136** Groups out of 221 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 54 AAer's who contributed \$1,422.38 in contributions anonymously and the 3641.00 we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner. And the \$640.00 from the 31 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Also the \$589.00 from the Old School Group Anniversary Dinner and the \$305.00 from the 164 Group's 12 Step Workshop and the \$1700.00 from the Keystone Group's All Groups meeting in March. And the \$1166.50 generated from our Founders Day Event and the \$506.60 from the Friday Night Lights Group's Movie Night and the \$525.00 from the Cardinal Groups All Groups event and the \$320.00 from the Memorial Day Picnic hosted by the Wellspring Group, Sunshine Group and the Wednesday Night Town & Country Group. Our Literature sales for September bought in \$8,374.23 plus \$25.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$6,662.00. Our total income for September was \$15,069.57. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,254.31. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,815.26. Our Expenses for September were \$9,661.29. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus **-\$846.03** for the month of September. 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!

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
Correction to last Month			
NOON BIG BOOK GROUP	EARLE W.	07/10/95	18 YRS



Big Book Workshop

January 24th & 25th, 2013

6:00pm - 9pm

St Mary Catholic Church

15520 North Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613

Larry S - Atlanta, GA

Chris R - Texas

January 25, 2013

9:00am - 6pm

Requested Contribution: \$ 10

Includes Lunch

(proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

Hosted By:



MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

AS BILL SEES IT GROUP

One of the best meetings in Tampa needs your support! The "As Bill Sees It" meeting located at Club Yana has changed its format to a speaker meeting followed by a general discussion. The meeting is every Saturday at noon at 209 S. Tampania Ave. We are also always looking for people willing to share their stories, so if you are interested please contact Darren H. at (813) 843-7426.



Steps to Freedom Presents

SANDY B.

Fundraising Speaker Meeting

Sunday, Nov 24 7 to 8 pm

"GRATITUDE"

The Club - 3333 W Columbus, Tampa

Suggested Donation \$5

**Steps to Freedom Tickets and Teeshirts
will be available at discounted prices**

**STF's infamous pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale
before and after the meeting**

<http://www.stepstofreedom.us>



AA Grapevine

is looking for stories of experience by special needs AA members or people involved in special needs-accessibilities service. We are looking for stories by members who are wheel-chair bound, blind, deaf, ill or with any kind of special need. Share stories about your own personal journey or your group's.

Stories due by December 1.

Visit Grapevine's website at www.aagrapevine.org/contribute to send in your story, or you can email it to gveditrial@aagrapevine.org

Saturday, November 23, 2013

**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
821 S. DALE MABRY
TAMPA, FL 33609**

Net Proceeds to benefit GSO in New York

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER: 6:30 P.M. – 7:45 P.M. (Please bring covered dish)

SPEAKER: 8:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ed C., with 42 years of sobriety

"50/50" RAFFLE, Door Prizes, ,

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FUN

TICKETS: \$7.00 each (available at door or in advance)

**For Advance tickets or to volunteer: please contact
Barbara M., 813-752-5980 or email at
smcelduff1@tampabay.rr.com**

Coming January 24th –January 25th, 2014

SOBERILLA

Big Book Workshop

St. Mary Catholic Church

15520 North Blvd, Tampa, Florida 33613

Hosted by the 164 Group

Proceeds to go to the Central Office

For all details: go to Soberilla.org

Don't be confused by the incorrect dates posted on their site

12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple/Pass It On		96.85	Seekers of Serenity II Group		106.00
164 Group USF	40.00	40.00	Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	225.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	27.36	157.36
164 Group Wesley Chapel	293.48	586.00	Keep It Simple GroupDC			Sober @ 6 Group		100.00
A.A. 101 Group		672.15	Keystone Group		552.67	Sober @ 7 Group		738.47
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group	95.00	178.18	Sober on Saturday Group	118.00	563.75
All Groups CARDINAL GP.		525.00	LateNighters Group	45.90	693.30	Sober on Sunday Group		400.00
All Groups KEYSTONE GP.		1,700.00	Lemon Tree Group	50.00	202.00	Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Life Enrichment Group			SOBERSTOCK		
Alpha Group		80.00	Live and Let Live Group		1435.69	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	88.00	210.00
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2171.00	Living in the Solution		848.00	Sobrenity Group		237.00
Housecleaning Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Solutions Group	100.00	246.37
Anonymous Donations	466.69	1,312.18	Love & Service Group	39.16	240.76	Southshore Men's Group		372.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	Lunch Bunch Group	87.48	87.48	Southside Men's Group	1,020.53	1020.53
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		484.97	Lutz @ Noon	22.00	91.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	70.00	335.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		355.00	Main Purpose Group		63.25	Spiritual Development Gp.		150.00
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mapledale Group			Spiritual Growth Group	325.00	625.00
Barracks Brigade Group		360.00	Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Bel-Mar Group		102.70	Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Monday Nite Madness		142.00	Step at a Time Group		414.70
Big Book Raffle-June		10.00	Morning Express Group		225.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		114.00
Bill D's Group		150.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Sun City Center Group		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	36.00	643.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			Morning Miracles Group			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	720.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group		50.00	My Turn Group		200.00	Sunshine Group		390.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		120.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		546.00	Sweet Surrender Group	118.67	213.02
BYO 12 & 12 Group		281.19	New Beginnings Our Club			Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Came To Believe Group		910.48	New Beginnings Women's		65.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Cardinal Group - Odessa		262.14	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		999.00
Carrollwood Group			Newcomers Group (JC)		95.51	Tampa Palms Big Book		200.00
Carrollwood NS Group		208.00	New Day Group	13.00	170.80	Tampa Palms Men's Group		171.50
Chancey Road AA Group		152.50	New Way Women's Group		300.00	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		300.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		237.62	TGIS Women's Group	193.35	499.16
Clean Air Group	27.43	140.78	Noon Big Book Group			Thank God it's Friday Group		
Dade City Step Group			Nooners Group--Riverview	69.10	207.41	The 164 Group		
Dover Group		240.26	Nooners Group--Tampa	77.56	222.13	164 12 Step Workshop		305.00
Druid Hills Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.		900.00	The Meeting Place Group	51.00	117.17
Early Risers Group - Joe's		212.88	North Brandon Open Forum			The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Easy Does It Group			Northdale Group	108.55	293.80	There is a Solution Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		308.00	Odessa Group		700.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.63
Experience,Strength & Hope		288.60	Old School Group	400.00	1012.59	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	40.00	100.00
Fill the Gap Group	58.83	90.73	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	Town & Country Men's Group		290.00
Fireside Group	2.61	65.95	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	151.00	386.35	Town & Country Wed. Group		592.00
Founders Day Event		1,162.50	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		50.00
Fourth Dimension Group		21.27	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Turning Point Group -Z-H.	50.00	350.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		103.84	Palma Ceia Group		282.80	Uptown/Downtown Group	200.00	200.00
Friday Night Lights Group	66.28	403.56	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group	75.00	175.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night		506.60	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		300.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		205.89
Friday Night Women's Gp.		325.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		200.00	Village 12 Step Group	70.00	450.00
Friday Women's Friendship		78.00	Plank Owners Group			Warrior's Group		2.40
Gifts of Sobriety Group		391.20	Primary Purpose Group		163.71	Weedpatch Group		130.00
Good Day AA Group		520.00	Promises Meeting Group		160.00	Wellspring Group	175.44	642.44
Good Start Group	499.80	1,233.74	Prosperity AA Group		253.50	Wed Night Step Workshop		211.50
Grapevine Gals Group		84.00	Raise the Bottom Group			Wed. Keep it Simple Group		200.00
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	1,050.00	Recovery Group P.City		40.20	Wesley Chapel Group		455.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Red Chip Day Donation			West Side Winners Group		117.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1,026.13	Red Door Group		100.26	With Room to Grow Group		
High Nooners Group		1250.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	0.13	455.13	WST Memorial Day Picnic		320.00
Hour Glass Group			Riverside Group	245.66	368.51	Women's Friendship Group	421.59	616.59
I.D.A.A.			Rush Hour Serenity Group	1.00	741.35	YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety	31.46	58.08
In the Wind Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group		300.00			
			Safe Haven Group		317.83			
Monthly Total	1,686.12		Monthly Total	1480.54		Monthly Total	3255.40	
	YTD	22,909.58		YTD	15310.08		YTD	14,822.26
						Grand Total for Month	6662.06	
						Grand Total for Year		53711.92