



Tri-County Central Office News

“If You Keep One Hand in God, and the Other Hand in AA,
YOU CAN’T PICK UP THAT FIRST DRINK.”

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PASSING THE BASKET OR PASSING THE BUCK?	<i>We Pay Our Own Way</i>
<p>When I was newly sober in AA, fourteen years ago, I seldom attended a meeting without taking a pamphlet to read. I always had at least two cups of coffee, and if there was anything to eat, I ate. When the basket passed, I always put a quarter in it—for two people, my wife and I. If we could truly stretch a dollar as far as I must have thought we could, the financial world would be beating a path to our doorsteps to learn AA’s remarkable brand of economics. Most of us decry the fact that more than forty percent of groups do not support the Fellowship. When it comes to AA’s being self-supporting, many fail to recognize our one important aspect. If we aren’t even willing to pay our own way at a meeting, how can we expect a group to support the Fellowship? What we need to realize is that we <i>are</i> the groups, and we <i>are</i> Alcoholics Anonymous. I have seen AAs spend more money at a coffee shop than they would ever think of putting in the collection at a meeting. Early in my sobriety, it was explained that it was imperative for me to get my priorities in order. Learning to become responsible was one of them. This financial buck-passing certainly seems to run counter to responsibility. If we want “the hand of AA always to be there,” we each need to assume our own share of responsibility. If money and spirituality do mix in the basket, as the “Twelve and Twelve” says, then how much better they will blend when money is used to perpetuate AA by making more Twelfth Step work possible. We, who have had so much given to us freely—in love, with no strings attached—sometimes forget that this also is an area where we have to give it away to keep it. One of the promises in the Big Book is freedom from “fear of economic insecurity”. Long ago, one of my sponsors suggested that if I stayed sober and tried to live along spiritual lines, my needs would always be met. Today, I can honestly say that never has there been an instance where I have given of myself, financially or otherwise, and have not been compensated many times over. Our family has never lacked anything because we accepted our responsibility to help carry the message. God has given each of us a share of the responsibility. He has given each of us the tools to work with and the ability to use them. Let’s all of us assume our shares so that we may all reap ever-increasingly the fruits of selflessness and love in service to our Fellowship.</p> <p>The Reviver (AA Australia Publication)/ October 1983</p>	<p>Over the years, I’ve been privileged to hear a number of AAs tell why the Traditions were drafted and why adherence to them is of continuing importance to the AA Fellowship. Early in my AA life, I was told that everything in the book <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> is there for a reason and could be used in developing and practicing a personal “program.” And that included the Traditions, both the short form, which is read at many meetings, and the long form, which is read at very few meetings. Consequently, in time I came to accept the long form as <i>the</i> way to study and apply the Traditions as an integral part of my program. As I understand it, after Bill W. introduced the Traditions in the long form in a 1946 Grapevine article, some AAs, including Dr. Bob, argued that their length might lead some to think they are to be considered more important than the Steps. It was also suggested that some members were so damaged by boozing that they’d have difficulty comprehending the long form. So, the very simplified short form was drafted in 1947, refined over the next year or so, and adopted at the first International AA Convention in 1950. But, just so there’d be a ready reference to what the Traditions are <i>really</i> all about, it was decided to print the long form as well as the short form in the Big Book. As far as I can tell, nowhere is the variance between short and long forms more pronounced than in Tradition Seven. The short form is nothing if not succinct: “Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.” The long form provides, with in-depth clarity, <i>precisely</i> what Tradition Seven encompasses and is meant to accomplish: “The AA groups themselves ought to be fully self-supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.” The long form leaves little room for wonder as to what Tradition Seven is all about. Too, it gives added emphasis to some things found elsewhere in the Traditions. For example, public solicitation of funds using the AA name affects other groups and AA as a whole, and implies affiliation or endorsement, so it violates Traditions Four and Six, as well as Tradition Seven. There are also close ties between all of these and Concept XI and Warranties 1 and 2 of Concept XII of the Twelve Concepts for World Service in <i>The AA Service Manual</i>. Tradition Seven, like others, can benefit individual growth as well as group strength, most notably via the tenet that we pay our</p>
<p>Many people in AA take too literally the statement they hear to the effect “we have no initiation fees or dues.”</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous is not free—it costs a whale of a lot. It takes your time, your money, your thoughts, your prayers. It will give you a lot every day of your life, but it also requires a lot of your everyday living.</p> <p>If you are stingy with AA, you are cheating yourself. If you want a horse to work for you, you must feed him.</p> <p>September 17—The Eye Opener</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Continued on page 3</p>

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

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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 September 14th meeting was opened by co-chair Janine leading the Serenity Prayer. She was in receipt of a prerelease letter from a female inmate, however the letter was received after the person's release. An attempt will be made to see if the individual still seeks AA's assistance. Treasurer Jeremiah T. has resigned his position. Tom F. gave a description of the many aspects involved in the Treasurer's position and that it would be extremely wise to insist that the position require a minimum of 2 years sobriety. A group effort by Nancy B., Buddy H. and Dick D. will complete deposits, pay expenses and get a Treasurer's Report for the next meeting. An individual expressing interest will advise the committee next month if they can fulfill the duties as Treasurer. Nancy B. distributed an updated list of institutions and Detoxes using T.B.A.I.C. volunteers. Some vacant spots on the schedule were filled by attendees at the today's meeting. Also, she has scheduled the new female volunteers for meetings at Falkenburg jail. An additional female meeting at Faulkenburg will begin in October. Chris D. thanked Tom F. for his assistance in getting volunteer applications approved for Zephyrhills. The group volunteers for the Wednesday night meeting at Zephyrhills will be split into a two group rotation. A reminder was offered by Tom F. about the necessary funds needed to for the application for tax exempt status. A decision to proceed will be made after a current Treasurer's report can be reviewed. Jim S is still working on getting the Bridge the Gap phone number and website current and functional. Bonnie announced that the next Steps to Freedom will be Saturday June 14, 2014 at Christ the Kings Church. Those wishing to help with the event can attend the monthly Steps to Freedom committee meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month 7 PM at The 3333 Club. A website is in operation (stepstofreedom.us). A fundraising speaker meeting with Sandy B. will be held at The 3333 Club on November 24. John B. should have the literature cabinet delivered this week. The Wednesday open co-ed 6 PM meeting at the Women's DACCO facility is looking for more outside participation. The women are seeking sponsorship as part of their recovery. "Your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others, so never hesitate to go anywhere if you can be helpful." (BB pg 102)

Because our Treasurer resigned there is no report for this month, however, we can tell you that so far this year, according to the current records of Tri-County Central Office, that we have purchased and distributed \$10,891.64 worth of literature to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous, inside the walls of the local Treatment Centers, Jails and Prisons. Our current operating funds as of September 24th, 2013 is \$1608.07. More will be revealed as soon as we elect a new Treasurer. Thank You for your support. TBAIC Committee.

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:

- Live & Let Live (\$67.00) Morning Meditation (\$131.00) Odessa (\$75.45) AA 101 (\$45.00) HOW Group (\$38.00) Wellspring (\$86.00) Noon Big Book (\$108.00) There is a Solution (\$20.55) Riverside (\$18.00) As Bill Sees It (\$53.00) Our Place (\$9.00) Sunday 8:15 (5.00) Sober on Saturday (\$1.00) Mustard Seed (\$70.00) Soberstock (\$500.00)**

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members

Bobby B. - Chair	813-415-4961
Janine M. -Alternate Chair	813-455-6617
OPEN— Treasurer	
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
Nancy B.— Detox & Treatment	813-872-0262
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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way. That's part of the conversion from the way we were to the way we are now, and an example of the heartening contradiction that dependence upon AA bolsters independence. Sobriety can't be bought; there are no strings attached; no one is required to contribute money in AA. Yet, it is clear that self-support enhances self-respect. Here are some other Tradition Seven observations: The conversion from irresponsible spender while drinking to fiscal watchdog in sobriety seems to afflict some AAs with a dose of avariciousness. It didn't occur to me for some time, for example, that my dollar-in-the-kitty habit ignored inflation. So, I changed my ways in that regard, giving more to meetings that practiced the 60-30-10 plan endorsed by this area. Too, my AA wife and I became supporting members of our local central office—giving what we could when we could to that lifesaving operation. We've been involved with meetings where the job of treasurer is given to newcomers under the pretext, "It's good for 'em." Poppycock! That's usually a means of evading personal involvement. And as a rule, it is *not* good for newcomers, who often aren't yet able to balance their own checkbooks, to be given responsibility for a meeting's or group's finances. That can create an unnecessary sink-or-swim situation for someone just learning to tread water. Some not-so-new members aren't good choices for treasurer, either. We've known some who've fouled up books something awful—and a few who absconded with funds. Most of them were "volunteered" for the job, by the way. This matter of "futile disputes over...money"—have you been to a local central service or intergroup meeting lately? They get lively when money's the topic. It's been the experience in our neck of the woods that the central office is able to maintain a prudent reserve, and if finances get short, the groups respond with increased contributions. The key to this usually bright financial picture has been and always will be participation, by individuals through their groups, by groups through their central office or intergroup representatives, and by constant attention by paid and volunteer staffers to the proper expenditures and controls of AA funds. In our area, the dangers of "public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous" are lessened by strict adherence to and consistent mention of the noendorsement/nonaffiliation policy established in Tradition Six. Vigilance on this is particularly essential in a sector the size of the Los Angeles area of AA, wherein the Fellowship has become the main "aftercare" resource for an ever-growing number of treatment facilities. By the way, the central office here returns all contributions from sources that do not comply with the guidelines spelled out in "The AA Group" pamphlet. In other words, not a *true* AA meeting. We pay our own way!

Merl M., Los Angeles, Calif.
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MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN

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**

**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

September 10th, 2013 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

BRETT B.	CHAIRPERSON	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
LINDA G.	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
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	PROMISES MEETING GROUP

At the Board and Council meetings, it was noted that several people did not receive their minutes by e-mail. Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Kelly read the August minutes. This was followed by Linda presenting the Treasurers report. Ward noted that the statement concerning attendance at Soberstock wasn't clear as to what it meant. Tim noted that his mind must have been running faster than his fingers. It will be corrected. Ward noted the negative budget and what could be done about it. In Old Business we had elections for a new Board Chairperson. Ward H. was elected as our new Board Chair. Brian L. will remain as the Vice Chair. Discussion moved briefly to the Anniversary Dinner in February. Linda noted that although some of the people she had talked with about volunteering stated that they had done so in the past preferred to let others do it this year. They just wanted to go to the event and enjoy themselves rather than work there for a change. Most noted that, it made sense, it's easy to get burned out if you are doing the event year after year and not having time to enjoy it. Brett thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as Board Chair and some of the ideas he had tried to instill to everyone about supporting the Central Office and why we are here and what we have done to service the AA community. Ward asked if the payroll was up to date. This was in reference to the couple of weeks the Office Manager went without a paycheck for a couple of weeks while waiting for enough money to come in from contributions and literature sales. It was also decided that we would not have a First Edition Big Book raffle for the Anniversary Dinner. Some other ideas were tossed around. At the Council meeting Al B. gave a nice speech directed towards Brett for his service as Board Chair. It was noted that some Council members had also not received their minutes by email. Diane was welcomed as the newest Council member from the Newcomers Group out of Riverview. Brett had Andrea read the "What is Central Office" from the meeting schedule and talked about the two way communication between Central Office and the Groups. In Old Business Brett went over the different positions open for the Anniversary Dinner. Ward was introduced to the Council as the new Board Chair. Tim will email the Committee sign up sheet to everyone. In New Business discussion came up about the lack of support from many of the Groups in the area. What was the reasoning for this? Lack of knowledge about supporting Central Office, no money, what? Ed asked what we could do to get other groups to send in contributions and support Central Office. Dave noted that we can't really email or phone those non-supporting groups, It

September 10th, 2013 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
DIANE J.	NEWCOMERS GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JEANNIE A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
GLENN Y.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
AL B.	JWIW BIG BOOK GROUP
RICARDO F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
TOM F.	KEYSTONE GROUP
ED DeT	KEYSTONE GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
ANDY B.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
ANDREA C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
TRAVIS B.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KEELY M.	LOVE & SERVICE GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP

would be most helpful if we as individuals would pick out some different meetings and actually go to those groups. Mark noted that was what he had done at some of the groups in his area. *(Editor's Note: What Mark didn't mention is that by doing that, he had presented Central Office that night with a check from the Southsouth Men's Blackbelt Group for the amount of \$1,020.00)* More discussion followed. Another idea was to include the 7th Tradition statement in the Meeting Schedule along with some other wordings consistent with Self-Support. Tom F. gave a brief report as the District 2 Central Office Liaison. Several announcements were made before the meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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. Call Martin after Office Hours @ 813-933-9123 and get all the details.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BETTY E.	10/08/09	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN D.	10/01/01	12 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ANN S.	10/01/88	25 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	39 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JODI N.	10/15/04	9 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JACKIE W.	10/18/92	21 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	LARRY T.	10/18/88	25 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE B.	10/17/05	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ED DeT	10/17/05	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX P.	10/11/90	23 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JENNIFER H.	10/25/04	9 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	HEATHER D.	10/03/04	9 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LAURA G.	10/31/91	22 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROBERT R.	10/26/87	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	DON S.	10/20/84	29 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROSE ANN C.	10/15/84	29 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DOTTY R.	10/05/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE H.	10/24/06	7 YRS
	JILL R.	09/25/12	1 YR
	ELIZABETH E.	10/08/09	4 YRS
	KEN D.	10/28/91	22 YRS
	LARRY T.	10/18/88	25 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NOON BIG BOOK GROUP	EARLE W.	07/10/95	118 YRS
IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP	JAY A.	10/25/10	3 YRS

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

SELF-SUPPORT-AUGUST, 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 JULY of 2013 we have **221** Groups with **553** meetings a week. There are 10 Spanish Groups with 35 meetings a week. Brandon has 39 Groups with 83 meetings a week. Carrollwood has 9 Groups with 10 meetings a week. Central Tampa has 25 Groups with 67 meetings a week. Wesley Chapel/East Pasco has 16 Groups with 55 meetings a week. Odessa/Lutz, west of Dale Mabry has 10 Groups with 10 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 22 Groups with 42 meetings a week. Seminole has 6 Groups with 50 meetings a week. South Tampa has 42 Groups with 104 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 (August 2013) have totaled \$46,950.18 for the year. That accounts for what **129** Groups out of 221 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 47 AAer's who contributed \$823.38 in contributions anonymously and the 43641.00 we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner. And the \$604.00 from the 28 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 August bought in \$5,257.85 plus \$15.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$4,060.69. Our total income for August was \$9,344.66. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,839.60. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$5,505.06. Our Expenses for August were \$5,656.87. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus **-\$151.81** for the month of August. 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!

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

**The Friday Night Lights Group
Movie Night to benefit
Central Office
Friday, October 4th, 2013
DOUBLE SPEAKER MEETING
7:30 P.M.
Faithworx Church
202 Flamingo Drive Apollo Beach
Movie Immediately Following the Meeting**

Bill W.



A documentary about Bill Wilson, the
co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous.



**Sober @ 7 Group presents
ALL GROUPS MEETING
&
11th ANNIVERSARY
SPEAKER MEETING & DINNER
(All Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)
\$5.00 Donation per person
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
st, 2013
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE CHURCH
705 9th Street S.E.
Ruskin, FL 33570**

**POTLUCK DINNER: 6 P.M.
SPEAKER MEETING: 7 P.M.**

Speaker: TBD

**WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (WITH FOOD
IN IT) TO THE CHURCH BY 5:30 P.M. SO WE CAN SETUP THE
FOOD. FOR IDEAS ON WHAT TO BRING PLEASE JOIN US
AT ONE OF OUR OPEN DISCUSSION MEETING**

The Big Book Comes Alive

October 18, 19 & 20, 2013

Place on the Water
Calvary Episcopal Church
1615 1st Street
Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

In the spirit of Joe & Charlie
Also Ray G. Archives Display

For complete info:
www.suncoastroundup.org

Area 15, District 2 Quarterly Assembly Planning Meeting

District 2 (Hillsborough and East Pasco)
is hosting the General Service Quarterly
Assembly from April 4-6, 2014 in Tampa

First planning meeting will be:

When: Sunday, October 6, 2013, at 1pm

Where: 3333 West Columbus Drive,
Tampa

Why: To form service committees for the
event

**The only requirement for service is to
be an alcoholic**

Contact Kristin 813-447-9894 for more info

The Steps to Freedom Committee Meeting
meets every 3rd Sunday of the month at The
Club located at 3333 West Columbus Drive,
Tampa. The time is at 7:00pm and we welcome
anyone who would like to participate...We need
the support. If any one should have any
questions, they can contact me at
813-523-0278...

**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
October 11-13, 2013**

Hosted by District 1

**Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
333 1st St S, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701**

Ph: 727-894-5000 Fax: 727-823-4797

For a Flyer go to www.district2tampaaa.org

Group	AUG	Y T D	Group	AUG	Y T D	Group	AUG	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		102.64	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.		20.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Saturday Night Live Group		410.00
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple GroupDC			Seekers of Serenity II Group		106.00
164 Group Wesley Chapel		292.52	Keystone Group	26.67	552.67	Sisters in Sobriety Group	85.00	130.00
A.A. 101 Group		672.15	Kingsway Group		83.18	Sober @ 6 Group		100.00
A.A. 102 Group			LateNighters Group	81.61	647.40	Sober @ 7 Group		738.47
All Groups CARDINAL GP.		525.00	Lemon Tree Group		152.00	Sober on Saturday Group	68.00	445.75
All Groups KEYSTONE GP.		1,700.00	Life Enrichment Group			Sober on Sunday Group	200.00	400.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Live and Let Live Group		1435.69	Sober Spirits Group		9.00
Alpha Group		80.00	Living in the Solution		848.00	SOBERSTOCK		
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2171.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		150.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		122.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Love & Service Group	162.00	201.60	Sobrenity Group		237.00
Anonymous Donations	191.23	845.49	Lutz @ Noon	23.00	69.00	Solutions Group		146.37
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		298.59	Main Purpose Group		63.25	Southshore Men's Group		372.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		484.97	Maple Dale Group			Southside Men's Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	355.00	Mac Dill Group			Southside Men's Group # 2		265.00
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		150.00
Barracks Brigade Group	50.00	360.00	Monday Nite Madness		142.00	Spiritual Growth Group		300.00
Bel-Mar Group		102.70	Morning Express Group		225.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Big Book Raffle-June		10.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Step at a Time Group		414.70
Bill D's Group		150.00	Morning Miracles Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		114.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	93.00	607.00	My Turn Group	200.00	200.00	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings - Brandon	312.00	546.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Sat. Night Group		50.00	New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	640.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		120.00	New Beginnings Women's	65.00	65.00	Sunshine Group		390.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		281.19	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Sweet Surrender Group		94.35
Came To Believe Group	227.50	910.48	Newcomers Group (JC)		95.51	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa		262.14	New Day Group	20.00	157.80	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Carrollwood Group			New Way Women's Group	100.00	300.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		999.00
Carrollwood NS Group		208.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		237.62	Tampa Palms Big Book		200.00
Chancey Road AA Group		152.50	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group		171.50
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		300.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		138.31	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Clean Air Group		113.35	Nooners Group--Tampa		144.57	TGIS Women's Group		305.81
Dade City Step Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.	200.00	900.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Dover Group		240.26	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		212.88	Odessa Group		700.00	The Meeting Place Group		66.17
Easy Does It Group			Old School Group		612.59	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Expect a Miracle Group		308.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	There is a Solution Group		
Experience,Strength & Hope		288.60	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		235.35	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.63
Fill the Gap Group	31.90	31.90	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		60.00
Fireside Group	4.70	63.34	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Men's GP		290.00
Founders Day Event		1,162.50	Palma Ceia Group	282.80	282.80	Town & Country Wed. Group	592.00	592.00
Fourth Dimension Group		21.27	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Tues Big Book Study Gp.		50.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		103.84	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		300.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	50.00	300.00
Friday Night Lights Group	43.88	337.28	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		200.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Night Lights Movie Night		506.60	Plank Owners Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		100.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.		325.00	Primary Purpose Group		163.71	Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		205.89
Friday Women's Friendship		78.00	Promises Meeting Group		160.00	Village 12 Step Group		380.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group	128.70	391.20	Prosperity AA Group		253.50	Warrior's Group	0.90	2.40
Good Day AA Group		520.00	Raise the Bottom Group			Weedpatch Group		130.00
Good Start Group		733.94	Recovery Group P.City		40.20	Wellspring Group	175.00	467.00
Grapevine Gals Group	44.00	84.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Wed Night Step Workshop	48.50	211.50
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	950.00	Red Door Group		100.26	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		200.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		455.00	Wesley Chapel Group		455.00
Hide-A-Way Group	223.30	1,026.13	Riverside Group		122.85	West Side Winners Group		117.00
High Nooners Group	100.00	1250.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		740.35	With Room to Grow Group		
Hour Glass Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group		300.00	WST Memorial Day Picnic		320.00
I.D.A.A.			Safe Haven Group		317.83	Women's Friendship Group		195.00
In the Wind Group						YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		26.62
Into Action Group						Monthly Total	1299.40	
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		220.00				YTD		11,996.86
Monthly Total	1,288.21		Monthly Total	1473.08		Grand Total for Month	4050.69	
	YTD	21,443.46		YTD	13609.54	Grand Total for Year		47049.86