



Tri-County Central Office News

IF NOT YOU...THEN WHO?

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MORE THAN JUST MONEY

Our Seventh Tradition seems to be center stage recently—a phenomenon easily understood in light of the huge shortfall in group contributions to the General Service Office. I’ve found myself looking at our self-support Tradition from a different angle, though. I’ve been wondering whether self-support means more than just money. Does it also mean donations of my time and talents? Does my local intergroup have enough money to carry the message, but not enough manpower to put those funds to use? How about the district and the area? Do I owe AA a debt of gratitude worth much more than the dollar or two I put in the basket when it comes around? I see myself involved in the area committee as a DCM (district committee member) and chairman of a standing committee. I’m also involved in our local intergroup, and find it easy to say to myself “I’m doing my part.” Unfortunately, this feeling comes from looking at only half the facts. When I start to become upset over the lack of members willing to actively serve our Fellowship, I need to start looking at my part in this. Am I presenting a positive picture of what service work can do for my sobriety, or do I make it sound boring and unchallenging? My old method of approaching a group without a GSR (general service representative) was to explain that the group had no GSR, and needed one. Nothing wrong so far, but let’s look at my way of describing the GSR’s job. It went something like this: “The GSR’s job is really pretty simple. All you have to do is come to a district meeting once a month, and two assemblies a year. You are the link between this group and the General Service Office in New York.” This description hardly makes the job seem attractive, desirable, or challenging, does it? Let’s look at my more recent description. It goes like this: “The GSR is the best job you can get in AA. Not only do you get to meet other GSR’s, and share your group conscience and experience at our monthly district meetings, you also get to attend two assemblies a year at locations around the state. Here you can attend service workshops, share your group experience with GSR’s from all over the state, and help to inform our area’s delegate of our collective group conscience. You also receive all the group’s correspondence from GSO, and are the communications link between your group and AA as a whole.” This presents a more flattering description of the job, doesn’t it? It also attracts many more active GSR’s than the old approach. In the end it all boils down to me. It is useless for me to study the problem if I’m not willing to live in the solution. I need to make sure that I stress service work to my prospects. I need to try not to go to service meetings alone. It’s better to bring someone who is new to service, but an old-time will do in a pinch. I need to present service as fun, not a chore, or a necessary evil. I need to strive to live the Traditions, not just talk about them. Am I a trusted service, as our Second Tradition suggests I should be, or do I try to be the boss? Our Ninth Concept reprints a Grapevine article by Bill W., describing an AA leader,

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THE OTHER SIDE OF SELF-SUPPORT

“Don’t worry about paying rent; we’re just happy to have an AA group in our church hall.” The two earnest AAs, however, looking respectable in their business suits, immediately declined the clergyman’s offer. “Thank you, Reverend, but our Traditions tell us that our group ought to be fully self-supporting. We are grateful for your kindness, but we must pay our own way.” And so began a verbal contract with my husband, who was the clergyman, and the founders of what was to become my home group, which met at my church for many, many years. As time went on, I became more conscious of the full meaning of Tradition Seven, which tells us that every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. From the beginning, my group declined outside contributions by insisting on paying a fee for the use of the hall, despite the tempting offer of a free ride. The two AAs might have rationalized: “Maybe we should let the church support us. After all, it may be rough getting this group off the ground. We may not be able to afford the fee.” But they didn’t. It pleases me to know that my group did not let the church support them in the beginning and this impressed the church. What many of us AAs do not realize, including me (until I “married into the church”) is that many of our AA meeting halls are the property of poor, small parishes who struggle to stay open. When my church offered free rent to AA, they were offering the tremendous maintenance costs that a small working-class parish must pay. Like most un-endowed churches, we exist from month to month waiting for the pledges to come in. The weekly ten dollar pledge from a church member is vital for paying the clergyman’s salary, mortgages, utilities, water, janitor services, paper towels, light bulbs...well, you get the picture. The words “fully self-supporting” have new meaning for me, examined from both sides. In the past, it seemed reasonable to offer a “donation” to a church in other groups I belong to. A charitable and well intended pastor or institution would suggest a token “rent” and the group would readily accept the offer. We believed that we were observing the Seventh Tradition. But a token is not rent. A token is a partial payment. I have seen more than one group who paid token rents be asked to leave the facility; the AA group became a financial liability. Other reasons to ask a group to leave might have been superseded if the group had been fully self-supporting. There are numerous costs to maintaining a site that are not usually factored into even a “full” fee: the wear and tear and replacement of chairs and tables; plumbing, floors and carpets; dirt and smoke damage to ceilings, walls, and windows; heating cost overruns when a group forgets to turn down the thermostats and close windows; the cost of paper products, garbage bags, and collection; and the cost from damage, loss, and theft. To a group that feels comfortable in paying a token amount, the burden falls on the church members. My AA group was firm in its commitment, thank God, to be self-supporting.

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

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

Important Reminder

TBAIC Literature is distributed only on the second Saturday of each month during the the TBAIC monthly meeting. All volunteers are welcome to attend the TBAIC meeting and obtain needed literature at that time.

Janine G. opened the July 12th TBAIC meeting leading the Serenity Prayer.

Buddy H. was unable to attend the meeting, but called Janine and told her that everything was going well with the men's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail.

Scott R. also reported by phone. He is working on posting an updated Detox schedule and to let him know of any changes so he can keep the schedule as current as possible. In addition, the ACTS Detox at 2214 Henry Street has asked if AA would be able to add a 7:30 PM Wednesday & Thursday meeting to the schedule so additional volunteers will be needed.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. The overall collections for the month were good. He has been working with Goodwill Industries on West Hillsborough Avenue. Volunteers must go through a clearance check before they are allowed to take AA meetings into the facility. More information can be obtained by contacting Tom F. or Nancy B.

Nancy B. said all is fine with the women's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail. A new volunteer orientation will be held July 24. Contact Nancy for additional information.

Ruth N. E. Pasco Co. Women's still needs volunteers, especially for Thursday evening.

Jim H. E. Pasco. Co. Men reported everything going okay.

Jim S. Bridge the Gap logged 12 calls with 2 rides given.

In old business: Grace Wellness scheduling of volunteers is being delayed because of possible personal safety issues.

One idea with the the display of the TBAIC tri-fold during the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup is to have Pink Cans available to take back to AA home groups.

John B. DACCO's Quest House men's closed book study meeting is looking for additional attendance for input and sponsorship.

The H.O.W. Wednesday 6 PM meeting at the women's DACCO facility is an open coed meeting and the residents are seeking sponsorship.

"It is a most wonderful blessing to relieved of the terrible curse with which I was afflicted." (BB, pg. 174)

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$11,312.00
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$11,075.09
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$10,908.22
YTD Expenses \$496.24
Pink Can Balance as of 12/31/2013 \$829.29
Pink Can Balance as of 06/14/2014 \$569.06

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on August 9th, 2014 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:

AA 101 \$125.00; Anonymous \$0.14; As Bill Sees It Group \$58.85 Barracks Brigade Group \$2.20; Expect A Miracle Group \$50.00; Freedom In Sobriety Group \$114.36; Good Day AA \$3.90; H.O.W. Group \$24.35; Kingsway Group \$80.35; Live and Let Live Group \$111.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$116.00; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$134.00; Morning Meditation \$83.55; Mustard Seed Group \$38.80; Noon Big Book Group (3333) \$125.73; Old School Group \$375.48; Promises Meeting Group \$64.96; Red Door Group \$43.54; Staying Alive @ 5:45 \$4.73; There is a Solution Group (3333) \$34.76; Town and Country Tuesday Men's Group \$30.00; Wellspring Recovery Group \$7.00.

TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members

Janine G. - Chair	813-455-6617
Susan O. -Alternate Chair	813-325-6538
Tom F.— Treasurer	813-205-4945
Shanna M.—Alt. Treasurer	813-390-3558
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Open- Hills Jails -	
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Scott R. Detox & Treatment	813-727-7290
Ruth N. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-629-1547
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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which I like to look at occasionally to see where I stand in relation to this idea. Am I a leader, as I strive to be, or do I lean more toward the power-driver or meek follower? The latter two choices are extremes, equally undesirable, that I try to steer clear of. Where Tradition Four is concerned, do I let each group manage its own affairs as it sees fit, or do I try to tell them how they are “supposed” to operate? The point of balance here seems to be to inform the group’s steering committee of the pertinent Traditions, whatever they may be, and then trust the *informed* group conscience is truly the voice of God. I could explain this line of thinking almost indefinitely, but you get the idea. Increased member involvement is necessary to make our Fellowship truly self-supporting, and I need to do my part to see that more people become involved. This is best accomplished by power of example, not by guilt-tripping people. In the final analysis, while money is essential in carrying our message, it is useless if I’m not willing to give of myself to put that money to effective use.

K.K., Manassa, Va.
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In Memory of: Rob L.

Rob L., age 57, of San Antonio, Florida passed away Thursday, June 26, 2014. He was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania, and raised in North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. He moved to Florida in 1983. Rob "Bobby" was a fabricator/ machinist at CAE USA for 29 years. He enjoyed playing golf, riding his motorcycle, and cycling. He also enjoyed family time in the mountains of North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his father, James "Buddy" and brother, Scott. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Celeste; their daughter, Brittany; his daughters, Jenna and Jessica; mother, Dee Dee; brother, Tom; sister, Mimi; his beloved schnauzer, "Maddox"; and extended family. Donations may be made to support local AA programs, in memory of Robert L., payable to: Tri-County Central Office, 8019 N. Himes Ave. Suite 104, Tampa, FL 33614. Send condolences at post-gazette.com/gb

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Rob had been a member of the Meeting Place in Land-o-Lakes and also frequented many other groups in that area. Rob also served here at the Central Office as a Board Member from 2011 to 2013. Rob’s Sobriety Date was October 4th, 2007. Rob was a good friend and we had many long talks about the AA program and how best to serve the AA community through the Central Office. He will be missed, he was one of the good guys. tws editor

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I have heard it said at a business meeting that “we don’t need to raise the amount of our donations toward the rent (after five years) because the church hasn’t asked for more.” Now is that the spirit of Tradition Seven? If we are fully self-supporting through our own contributions, as our Preamble reinforces, then should we put the church in the position of begging money from us? Or should we spare them that indignity and offer rent increases on a regular basis? Long ago, Bill W. observed, in the groups and in himself, the peculiar phenomenon of our tight-fisted approach when we pass the hat. Way back in the fifties, some groups would say, “Please, if you have it, dig in. The group needs the money to pay the rent. We don’t want to ‘hear’ any noise from loose change, so we won’t object to any folding money you choose to drop in!” Thirty-some years and a quadruple inflation rate later, we tight-fisted alcoholics—who squandered thousands—still see the one dollar bill as the upper limit of our contribution. Speaking for myself, I find no problem with paying a therapist \$80 an hour once a week for my other mental health program. The AA program which saved my life and offers me every bit as much help and healing as my outside program gets the short end of the financial stick from me—a dollar at best. Translated into realistic terms that means: Am I willing to spend the equivalent of a cup of coffee to save my life? Well, all of these perspectives on the meaning of our Twelve Traditions have come from two sources: my life as a clergyman’s wife and my Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions meetings. My eyes are opening to these inspired and brilliant plans for living. The Steps ensure the mental and spiritual growth of the individual; the Traditions ensure the growth of the group. I have learned another lesson about being a good AA tenant from my experience “on the other side.” I learned what a nasty job it is to pick up discarded cigarette butts from lawns and walks, because I am a groundskeeper at my church. Guess who spent many years tossing away butts as I approached a church, a meeting hall, a movie theater? It never mattered that someone would have to pick up after me. Now that *someone* is me. Yes, it’s been a valuable lesson being on the other side.

Anonymous, Oxford, Mass
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WE STILL 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 Step Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out.

Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

An account sets forth in “Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers” tells of the influence of Emmet Fox and his classic work, “Sermon on the Mount.” An AA old-timer recollected: “The first thing he (Dr. Bob) did was to get Emmet Fox’s ‘Sermon on the Mount’....Once when I was working on a woman in Cleveland, I called and asked him what to do for someone who is going into DT’s. He told me to give her the medication and he said, ‘When she comes out of it and she decides she wants to be a different woman, get her Drummond’s ‘The Greatest Thing in the World.’ Tell her to read it through every day for thirty days and she’ll be a different woman.’ Those were the three main books at the time; that and ‘The Upper Room’ and ‘The Sermon on the Mount.’”

Igor S., Hartford, Conn. February 1996 AA Grapevine

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

July 8th 2014 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

July 8th 2014 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

WARD H.	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
Excused	VICE-CHAIR	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
SAM F.	TREASURER	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
DAVE F.	BOARD MEMBER	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
RALPH R.	BOARD MEMBER	WED. NIGHT STEP WORKSHOP
DREW D.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
JIM W.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
DIANA S.	BOARD MEMBER	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
JIM VK.	BOARD MEMBER	SEEKERS OF SERENITY GROUP II
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	

SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JAMES S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
BONNIE G.	THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
RYAN C.	FIRESIDE GROUP
MICHELLE G.	JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S GROUP
KIMBERLY C.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
RICH E.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JIM T.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
JANET S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
TOM F.	KEYSTONE GROUP
SCOTT S.	BYO 12 & 12 GROUP
GREG R.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
GENE C.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ANDREA D.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
EVE	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
PAUL A.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
JOHN D.	CARDINAL GROUP
TROY S.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP

Ward opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and reminding everyone to turn down their cell phones. Jim read the June minutes. There were no questions, minutes were seconded and approved. Sam presented the June Treasurers report. Tim noted that he had made a clerical error. It was also noted that Tim has been able to put away \$7,535.37 in to the Money Market plan so far. This is the money that will be used to replenish our Prudent Reserve. Jim asked why the Health Insurance was much less this year than last. It was explained that it was due to the Affordable Health Care Act. Ward explained a little about our budget and how it usually runs in a deficit. Treasurers report was seconded and approved. Old Business was discussion concerning part-time help for the Office. After some discussion through-out the month it was decided not to hire anyone just yet. There were several reasons, mainly the cost of training a new person. But an idea to have the office manager put together a training manual was discussed and a few members shared their experience and thought it to be a good idea. He has until the end of August to try and put it together. Discussion also turned to ideas on getting more people on the 12 Step List and also helping Tim with the Newsletter. At the Council Meeting, Ward opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and reminding everyone to turn down their cell phones. Ward had Troy read the "What is Tri-County Central Office" statement from the meeting schedule. John read the June Minutes. Tim noted the errors that he needed to correct. There were no other questions, minutes were seconded and approved. Sam presented the June Treasurers report. Treasurers report was seconded and approved. There was no Old Business to discuss. In New Business discussion centered around the 12 Step List. Martin noted several areas where we were lacking in people to do 12 Step work. Sue shared her experience working with our 12 Step call list and Jack asked if he could fill out a form now and take some copies back with him. Ward brought up the idea that Tim could use some help whenever the Newsletter came Several people volunteered to help. Tom as he District 2 Central Office Liaison noted some of the proceeding at the last District 2 meeting and as the TBAIC Treasurer noted several areas they needed men and women to volunteer for the jails and institutions. Sue announced a 301 House Arts and Craft event that they would be doing and also had flyers for the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup. Bonnie apologized for being late. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board and Council Meeting will be August 12th, 2014.

Question: If an alcoholic comes to an A.A. meeting under the influence of alcohol, how do you treat him or handle him during the meeting? **Answer:** Groups will usually run amuck on that sort of question. At first we are likely to say that we are going to be supermen and save every drunk in town. The fact is that a great many of them just don't want to stop. They come, but they interfere very greatly with the meeting. Then, being still rather intolerant, the group will swing way over in the other direction and say, "No drunks around these meetings." We get forcible and put them out of the meeting, saying, "You're welcome here if your sober." But the general rule in most places is that if a person comes for the first or second time and can sit quietly in the meeting, without creating an uproar, nobody bothers him. On the other hand, if he's a chronic "slipper" and interferes with the meetings, we lead him out gently, or maybe not so gently, on the theory that one man cannot be permitted to hold up the recovery of others. The theory is "the greatest good for the greatest number." (Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies, June 1945) Bill W.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CRAIG M.	08/20/13	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHUCK L.	08/18/07	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	FRED G.	08/05/83	31 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	33 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LINDA P.	08/20/08	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROD G.	08/28/04	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NORMA R.	08/26/12	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DONNA B.	08/18/12	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	REGINA G.	08/23/11	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SREPHEN B.	08/20/10	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ASYA A.	08/04/07	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	20 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JOANNE L.	08/21/05	9 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RUTH F.	08/31/95	19 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JENNIFER T.	08/07/09	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	THAD H.	08/30/06	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/06/06	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NICKI C.	08/01/05	9 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NANCY C.	08/04/83	31 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-June 2014

☺ Today in June of 2014 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in June totaled \$8,144.53. That accounts for what **46** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in June. This also takes into account the 6 AAer's who contributed \$76.97 in contributions anonymously, \$85.00 from the 2 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund, and \$20.00 from the Dick D. Memorial Fund. Our Founders Day Event brought in \$528.00 and the Tampa Bay Speakers Group and the Bill and Bob's Excellent Adventure Groups had a Scavenger Hunt which raised \$110.00 to benefit Central Office. Our total income for June was \$13,776.23. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,984.36. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,791.87. Our Expenses for June were \$6,805.21. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus **+\$2,986.66** for the month of June. 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. Thanks for all of your support !!!

Question: What about the alcoholic who says that he cannot possibly believe in God? **Answer:** A great many of them come to A.A. and they say that they are trapped. By this they mean that we have convinced them that they are fatally ill, yet they cannot accept a belief in God and His grace as a means of recovery. Happily this does not prove to be an impossible dilemma at all. We simply suggest that the newcomers take an easy stance and an open mind; that he proceeds to practice those parts of the Twelve Steps that anyone's common sense would readily recommend. He can certainly admit that he is an alcoholic; that he ought to make a moral inventory; that he ought to discuss his defects with another person; that he should make restitution for harms done; and that he can be helpful to other alcoholics. We emphasize the 'open mind,' that at least he should admit that there might be a 'Higher Power.' He can certainly admit that he is not God, nor is mankind in general. If he wishes he could place his own dependence upon his own A.A. group. That group is certainly a "Higher Power," so far as recovery from alcoholism is concerned. If these reasonable conditions are met, he then finds himself released from the compulsion to drink; he discovers that his motivations have been changed far out of proportion to anything that could have been achieved by a simple association with us or by any practice of a little more honesty, humility, tolerance, and helpfulness. Little by little he becomes aware that a "Higher Power" is indeed at work. In a matter of months, or at least in a year or two, he is talking freely about God as he understands Him. He has received the gift of God's grace - and he knows it. (N.C.C.A., Blue Book, Vol.12, 1960) Bill W.

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

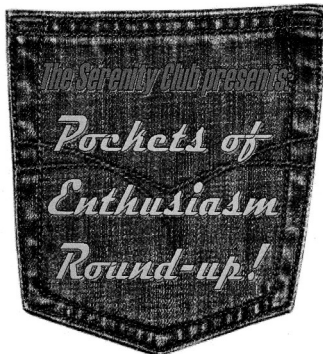
Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
AS BILL SEES IT BRANDON	MICHAEL M	07/04/92	22 YRS
THURSDAY BIG BOOK	AL B.	07/15/88	26 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	28 YRS

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.

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members.



MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



The Hyatt Regency Sarasota is only four miles from the Sarasota - Bradenton Airport (shuttle available by calling the hotel at 941-953-1234) and easily accessible from either coast via multiple U.S. and Interstate Highways (take Exit 210W, Fruitville Road/State Road 780, from I-75).



For specific directions or additional information, please call 239-776-6767.



**Fifteenth Annual
BIG BOOK on the BEACH**

August 22nd and 23rd, 2014
1500 Pass-a-grille Way
St. Pete Beach, Florida

An in depth study of the first one-hundred sixty-four pages of the Big Book will be moderated by Willie S., and Larry H. (of the Suwannee Big Book Week-end) and is being held in beautiful St. Pete Beach. Space is limited, so register early. (We will be serving food from 5 P.M. Friday until 9 P.M. Saturday. So come hungry!!!) Registration cost per person is : \$35.00 Please mail this form and a check to: David H.: 357 41st Ave. St Pete Beach, FL 33706 e-mail address: ddhollister@yahoo.com Phone: 727- 204-6444

September 19 - 21, 2014

Sandy B. ~ Bob B. ~ Sheldon F.
(Tampa, FL) ~ (St. Paul, MN) ~ (Las Vegas, NV)

Illuminating The Spiritual Path

**28th ANNUAL
TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Friday, August 29, 2014 to Monday, September 1, 2014
Registration: \$30.00 each

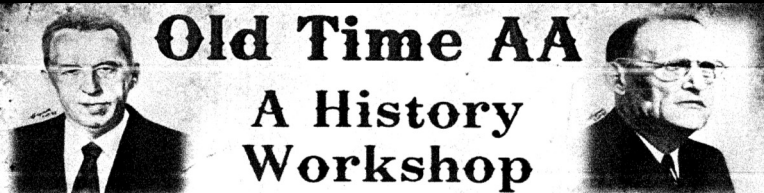
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Or book your room online at:
www.sheratontampaeast.com
SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/22/2014

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION	Conference Registration
<p>The Hyatt Regency Sarasota 1000 Boulevard of the Arts Sarasota, Florida 941-953-1234</p> <p>Room Rates Starting at Just \$99 Per Night! MENTION GROUP CODE: SCSWFL To Book Hotel Reservations Online Visit: https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SCSW <small>Reservations must be made before 9/4/14, to receive this rate. Afterwards, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.</small></p> <p><small>If you need additional information, or have special needs, please call Jerry at 239-776-6767, email JEddleman@aol.com, or write: Pockets of Enthusiasm, 5625 Cedar Tree Lane, Naples, FL 34116</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POCKETS OF ENTHUSIASM <small>(Register online at www.serenityclubswfl.org) \$45.00 Per Person</small></p> <p>NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____</p> <p>Registration Fee (Required) \$45.00 Saturday Night Banquet (Optional) \$40.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL \$ _____</p> <p>Make Checks Payable To: Pockets of Enthusiasm & Mail To: 12435 Collier Blvd., Ste. 107 Naples, FL 34116</p>

Reminder: As in the past, Central Office will have a booth set up with most of the AA literature and some non-AA items for purchase from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon (with breaks in between for some of the meetings). If there is something special you would like me to have available for you to pick up at the Roundup...contact Central Office at 933-9123 or email me at aainfo@aatampa-area.org well ahead of time before the event (so if I need to order it first) and I will do everything possible to have it there for you. Remember, we only accept checks or cash....we have no credit card set up. ☺👋



JANUARY 24, 2015

Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Served!

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tommie D. - Fort Lauderdale

Sandy B. - Tampa

Tommy M. - St. Petersburg

Gail L. - Akron, OH (The Villages)

Hyde Park United Methodist 500 W. Platt Street, Tampa, FL 33606

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Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Meeting-Christ the King	120.00	225.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book			Sisters in Sobriety Group	7.13	402.25
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	150.00	Sisters in Sobriety TRICO Raffle		34.00
11th Step Retreat			Keep It Simple/Pass It On			Sober @ 6 Group		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keeping it Simple Group		200.00	Sober @ 7 Group	502.00	874.48
A.A. 101 Group		631.29	Keystone Group	120.25	509.11	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group			Sober on Saturday Group	30.00	230.00
All Groups Cardinal Group.			LateNighters Group	30.37	248.83	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
All Groups Keystone Group		941.00	Late Night Red Door Group	1.18	1.18	Sober Rewards Group		5.00
All Groups Sober @ 7 Group			Lemon Tree Group		250.00	Sober Spirits Group		15.00
All Groups Old School Group			Life Enrichment Group			Soberstock Committee		500.00
All Groups Friday Women's Friendship		287.00	Live and Let Live Group		611.70	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
Anniversary/Old School Gp.			Living in the Solution	420.00	1206.75	Sobrenity Group		325.00
Alpha Group	40.00	80.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Soberilla Tees		20.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		2,380.00	Love & Service Group		13.00	Solutions Group		5.77
TRICO 7th Tradition 2014			Lunch Bunch Group		139.36	Southshore Men's Group		163.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2014		674.00	Lutz @ Noon		49.00	Southside Men's Group	421.00	421.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2014		388.00	Main Purpose Group		41.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		140.00
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014		114.00	Mapledale Group		70.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Dick D. Memorial Fund	20.00	1057.00	Mid Day Matinee Group	1,040.03	2442.17	Spiritual Development Gp.		300.00
Housecleaning Retreat	150.00	150.00	Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Growth Group		
Anonymous Donations	75.97	2354.53	Morning Express Group		225.00	Spiritual Progress Group		61.10
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		517.40	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		225.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		412.36	Morning Meditation Group		1.60	Step at a Time Group		404.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	150.00	My Turn Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		84.50
Barracks Brigade Group	31.00	178.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		247.00	Sun City Center Group		
Bel-Mar Group		105.95	New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Bill D's Group		126.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	240.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	85.00	413.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	558.00	2258.00	Sunshine Group		
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			Newcomers Group (JC)		75.00	Sweet Surrender Group	3.88	3.88
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		58.00	New Day Group	67.28	152.04	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Tampa Monday Night Men's	224.00	371.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	230.37	490.37
Brandon Tues. Big Book		200.00	New Way Women's Group		300.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		416.04
BYO 12 & 12 Group		300.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		39.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	0.04	100.04
Came To Believe Group		402.71	Noon Big Book Group			TBSBBA Scavenger Hunt	110.00	110.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Nooners Group--Riverview	85.92	158.04	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Cardinal Group All Groups			Nooners Group--Tampa	32.76	237.35	TGIS Women's Group	93.50	138.47
Carrollwood Group		52.61	Noontime Celebration Gp.		300.00	Thank God it's Friday Group	280.00	280.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		75.00	North Brandon Open Forum		60.00	The 164 Group		
Chancey Road AA Group			Northdale Group			The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Odessa Group		500.00	The 164 Group USF		90.00
Clean Air Group		50.00	Old School Group		0.44	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		391.94
Dade City Step Study Group		97.85	Old School Group All Groups			The Meeting Place Group	2.55	43.89
Dover Group		108.62	Old School Group Anniversary		1201.00	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	0.29	0.29	Oldtimer's Group - JC			Thurs. AM Discussion Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		1.51	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		300.95	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	120.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	255.00	675.00	One Day at a Time Group	100.00	300.00	Town & Country Men's Group		151.00
Fear Not Group		150.00	Palma Ceia Group			Town & Country Wed. Group		2.86
Fill the Gap Group			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Tues Big Book Study Gp.		37.70
Fireside Group		2.39	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		200.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Founders Day Event	528.00	528.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Fourth Dimension Group			Plant City Keep it Simple		23.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group	100.00	150.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group	153.69		Primary Purpose Group		89.50	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		125.00
Friday Night Big Book Group			Promises Meeting Group		176.01	Village 12 Step Group		180.00
Friday Night Lights Group	55.00	430.64	Prosperity AA Group	112.90	242.25	Warrior's Group		
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		247.00	Recovery Group P.City			Weedpatch Group	190.00	190.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Red Chip Day			Wed Night Step Workshop		105.65
Friday Night Women's Gp.		100.00	Red Door Group		100.00	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Friday Women's Friendship		130.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	2.58	264.45	Wellspring Group		275.99
Gifts of Sobriety Group	65.00	195.00	Riverside Group	0.90	394.70	Wesley Chapel Group		527.00
Good Day AA Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group		337.25	West Side Winners Group		
Good Start Group	741.55	1,236.41	Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
Grapevine Gals Group		146.47	Safe Haven Group		129.94	WST Memorial Day Picnic	165.00	165.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		400.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		1.25	Women's Friendship Group		251.80
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		100.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		
Hide-A-Way Group	512.19	1,028.56	Safe Haven Group		68.94			
High Nooners Group	150.00	400.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	45.20	270.20			
Hope in Progress Group		67.00	Saturday Night Live Group					
Hour Glass Group			Seekers of Serenity II Group		41.80			
In the Wind Group								
International Doctors of AA		748.00						
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		182.00						
Monthly Total	3,032.69		Monthly Total	2916.37		Monthly Total	2,195.47	
	YTD	19,397.59		YTD	15442.81		YTD	9,266.73
						Grand Total for Month	8,144.53	
						Grand Total for Year	44,260.82	