



Tri-County Central Office News

All the world's a stage, and the telephone in any Intergroup or Central Office is a lifeline to human drama

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Hello..This is AA

The phone rang. I picked it up. "Hello AA," I said. "I am going to kill myself," announced an unknown voice. "Have you been drinking?" I asked. "Certainly. I have one in my hand right now." "Put it down and we'll talk," I suggested. "Okay," the voice (a woman's) agreed. The first time I had a call like this, I panicked. But now I realized that anyone who stops to make a drink and a phone call before she kills herself is still searching for a way to live. "Why do you want to kill yourself?" I asked my caller. "I'm lonesome," she said. "My husband despises me, and my kids hate me. I just in the finished basement, drinking by myself with the TV on full blast. Twenty years of marriage, and he hates me. I am so ashamed. I heard about Alcoholics Anonymous, but I can't be like them, can I?" "You don't have to be on skid row to be an alcoholic." "Are you a welfare worker?" "I am a city policeman and a member of AA. These phones are answered by members who volunteer. Would you like to go to a meeting tonight? At least you won't be so lonesome." She started to cry. I got a woman volunteer on the phone to provide the female touch. Our newcomer did make the meeting that night. She decided for herself that she was an alcoholic, and recently she celebrated a year of sobriety in AA. I went to that meeting. She smiled at me and said to her group, "On my first anniversary in AA, I have a lot to be thankful for. First of all, my friend over there, with his attractive young family. He was on the phones that night I called AA, ready to kill myself. He talked me into trying a meeting instead. My husband is here with my children tonight. We are a family again. Thank God for the AA telephones. I volunteer to answer them whenever I can. That is only one story, one example of the calls that come into any AA Intergroup or Central Office. Another familiar type: A lot of people say they are calling for a friend, when they really want help for themselves. But one night a guy did call for a friend. "AA, huh?" he grunted when I answered. "Well, my pal here is passed out. Come and get him." "Does he want to talk to us? Is he alcoholic?" "Of course he's not alcoholic. Who are you, anyhow?" "A sober member of AA. The father of four children. A city cop getting ready to take a promotion exam. All of this due to a phone call for help, like this one from you. Now, if your friend wants help—" "Look, we had this bachelor party for him, and he has to be in Washington, D.C., tomorrow morning to get married. Can't you come over and clean him up? Feed him some coffee and doughnuts? Put him on a plane? We all have to go to work in the morning. He'll miss his plane for sure." "I think you have the wrong idea about our function." "Aren't you supposed to take care of drunks?" "Not quite the way you mean." "You bum! You creep! You get paid plenty there, I bet." He hung up. For a moment, I felt sorry for the prospective bridegroom with the prospective hangover. But I was sorer that the function of AA still remains a mystery to so many people. The phone rang again. "Hello, AA? I am calling about my

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Office Closed for the Holidays

The Central Office will closed on the following days:

Wednesday—December 24th—Christmas Eve

Thursday—December 25th—Christmas Day

Wednesday—December 31st—New Years Eve

Thursday—January 1st, 2015—New Years Day

Saturday—January 3rd, 2015—Annual Physical Inventory

The phone lines will still be active **almost 24 hours a day** during this time. If anyone wishes to do some Twelfth Step work during the Holidays on the phones—call Martin anytime after regular Business Hours @ **813-933-9123** and Martin will set you up with all the information and details. As always, the Holidays can be a very trying time for both *recovered* and *active* alcoholics, so be prepared for anything if you decide to volunteer.

As another year winds down, we at the Central Office would like to once again Thank all of you for your continued support in helping us to "*carry the message*" to the still suffering alcoholic. God bless us All. tws ☺🙌

On Saturday—January 3rd, 2015 we willing be conducting our Annual Physical Inventory. We will be counting everything we have in stock at that time. Books, CD's, Pamphlets, Medallions, everything. If you would like to help out, please be here no earlier than 9:30 am. It usually takes us anywhere from 3 to 5 hours to count everything. The more the merrier. There is no restriction on how long you have to stay. Help as long as you like and leave when you want to. No problem. Bringing dough-nuts is optional ☺🙌

⇄⇄TWELVE TIPS FOR SOBER HOLIDAYS⇄⇄

1. Line up extra AA activities (help on phones, speak, empty ashtrays).
2. Be host to friends, especially newcomers, at home or at a coffee shop.
3. Keep your AA telephone list with you at all times.
4. Find out about holiday meetings or celebrations in your local groups.
5. Skip any drinking occasions you're nervous about.
6. If there's one you can't skip, take an AA friend—or keep candy handy.
7. Don't think you have to stay late (plan an "important date" in advance).
8. Go to church. Any church. And don't forget about extra meetings.
9. Don't sit around brooding; catch up on reading, museums, walks, letters.
10. Don't project about holiday temptations: remember "One say at a time."
11. Even if you cannot give material gifts, enjoy the beauty of holiday love.
12. Carry the message. Give the joy away, and it will be yours to keep. —Adapted from Box 4-5-9

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

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

(Special note: TBAIC literature is available for distribution at the TBAIC meeting which is usually held the second Saturday of each month at the the Tri-County Central Office.)

The November 8th meeting of TBAIC was opened by Alternate Chair Susan O. with the "Serenity Prayer" Buddy left word that all is going well with the men's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. Soberween was a great success and resulted in a major contribution to TBAIC. Special thanks to the efforts of Lori B., the hosting group "Saturday Night Fever" and all the volunteers. Literature cost have increased by \$1.00 per little Big Book.

Nancy B. Two volunteers who completed the orientation at Faulkenburg have already become part of the volunteer schedule.

Cindi M. noted that a correction should be made to last month's minutes. The meeting she is working with through the Salvation Army is at 6 pm on Monday for men and women. It was previously noted as a women's only morning meeting.

Chris D. of E. Pasco Men's reports all is going well at Zephyrhills. The N. Tampa Behavioral Health Center now has a 7 day a week meeting schedule. Jim S. of Bridge the Gap received 8 calls (all wrong numbers).

Ruth N. E. Pasco Women's said the meeting groups are getting larger. She also said a few women are having their own meetings in their pods during the week.

Alan D. "Steps To Freedom" continues to have additional fund raising events. A bake sale will run the Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving at The Club, 3333 W. Columbus.

Sylvia announced "Soberstock" advance ticket price of \$30 is available now for a limited time.

Tom F. proposed, and the committee approved, that fundraising events benefiting TBAIC, to have the option to purchase their supplies for the event using the TBAIC tax ID information.

Dave from District 1 outlined the plans the Pinellas groups are trying to implement for the "Man on the Bed" program. The visit is initialized by a question asked the patient during assessment, if they would like to speak with anyone from AA. Still more details need to be worked out.

"Two days later, a future fellow of Alcoholics Anonymous stared glassily at the strangers beside his bed." (Big Book pg. 157)

- YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$19,555.67**
- YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$17,665.11**
- YTD Money Spent on Literature \$17,331.81**
- YTD Expenses \$768.86**
- Direct Purchase from AAWS \$238.00**
- Pink Can Balance as of 12/31/2013 \$829.29**
- Spending Account Refund \$3.01**
- Pink Can Balance as of 11/08/2014 \$1,716.00**

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **December 13th, 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:

As Bill Sees It Group Brandon \$100.09; Live and Let Live Group \$92.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$75.00; Monday Night Madness \$5.00; Noon Big Book Group (3333) \$27.13; old School Group \$370.26; Riverside Group \$45.00; Ruskin Fellowship \$86.25; Sisters in Sobriety \$231.53; Soberween Dance \$1,140.00; There is a Solution Group (3333) \$19.69; Town and Country Men's Group \$25.00; Wellspring Recovery Group \$42.65; Ya Ya Sisterhood \$100.00.

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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daughter. She used to drink only a couple of quarts of wine a day. She was all right. But lately she is drinking whiskey. Whiskey! Do you hear? Her father's wine is no good anymore." "Momma, clam down," I said. "Whiskey or wine, it's all the same to us. Let me talk to your daughter. Will she speak to me?" She did, and she came to meetings. Recently, I met Momma for the first time. She kissed my cheek and thanked me, but said she was worried about the large quantity of coffee her girl was drinking. I told her to buy a good brand of coffee... "Hello, AA? Please, what can I do about my son?" "What's wrong with your son?" "He came home last night with beer on his breath. Getting just like his father. A drunk. He must be stopped." "How old is he?" "Eighteen." "Does he drunk often?" "He wasn't really drunk. This was the first time. I smelt his breath while he was sleeping. I always do. He drank some beer. I must stop him before he gets like his bum of a father." "Madam, I have a son that age. He drinks. Goes out with girls, too. But he is far from a candidate for AA." "I won't have my only child out nights. He must stay home and keep me company." "I'll tell you what. We have family groups for the non alcoholics. I'll give you their number." This woman sounded as if she were the one in her family who needed help. It happens. Al-Anon does wonders for the family. I used to say my wife had eyes that sparked like champagne. They got to be more like flat beer before I threw in the towel... "Hello. I am lonesome. And very drunk. I saw a couple of movies about you people. How about sending somebody over?" "There are no women here now. Give me your number. I'll have a girl call you shortly." "Women! These movies showed guys. Eddie Albert and Jack Lemon. How about you coming over? You sound kinda cute." "I'll have a gal call you. Just give me your number." Click! The silence assured me that I was not handling a sick person poorly. I was selling sobriety, not romance. And for free! The only thing necessary on the part of the customer was a desire to stop drinking. Many a bad night, the phone kept me sober. I was working hard to take an examination. I studied long hours. If I passed, I'd be a lieutenant. I would have to work very closely with our captain, and that was worrying me. For some reason, he was avoiding me. He had seemed to like me better when I was a happy-go-lucky drunk, the station-house clown. Nevertheless, now I was sober. I had had to change or die a slow death. So I tried to forget the captain, and the phone helped quiet my fears. "Hello, AA?" I have a flat tire." "You are short one A, my friend." "Isn't this AA?" "Yes—Alcoholics Anonymous." "Boy, have I got the wrong number!"... One night a man called from 300 miles away. "I don't want anyone in this town to know I have this problem," he said. "Do they ever see you drunk?" I asked. "All the time. But I wouldn't want them to know I'm *that* bad." I send him some literature and the address of a local group. I hope he went. Then there are the real heartbreakers: the people who call, but won't talk. They just hang on at the other end, and hang on and hang on as long as I keep talking. Maybe my voice represents the voice of doom—the end of their drinking. I don't know. Once, all I heard was sobbing. I couldn't coax a response out of the anguished caller. Whoever it was finally hung up. That night, I said a prayer of thanksgiving for not being the person on the other end of that phone... "Hello. Listen, I'm only twenty-one years old. I'm to

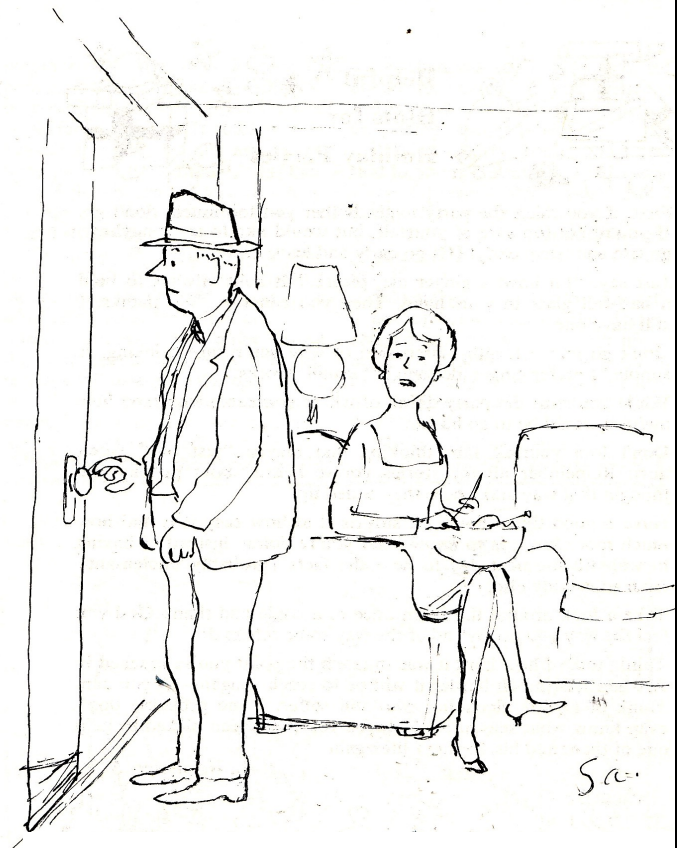
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young to be an alcoholic, right?" "Wrong. Why don't you come in? We'll talk about it." He did. At twenty-one, he had been in three jails, and twice committed to mental institutions by his family. They were horrified when he started to attend meetings. But now he has been sober six months. He has had no further trouble and is a very, very sane young man. The, last winter, came a call I shall never forget. The voice said, "I'm awfully sick. Going crazy! Used to drink moderately. No more!" "You called the right place," I said. "One thing I want to set straight: I am well know. I can't let my problem get out. Will my identity be protected?" "Absolutely," I assured him. "Well, you see, I am a captain with the city police..." I had someone else handle that call. A week later, I met my captain at a meeting, and now we are the warmest of friends. One night, I brought him over to answer the AA phones. Most big cities have manned phones. Ready. Waiting. One of them rang. He tensed up, looked at me nervously. "You take it, Lieutenant. I'll listen." "You pick it up, Captain. Believe me, something wonderful happens on that phone when you help somebody." So he did, and he sounded just fine. Later he said, "I was afraid you were looking down your nose at me after you stopped drinking. That's why I kept away from you." The phone rang again, and he looked at me. "It's all yours," I said. "You're sober, and it's only a phone call from a drink."

E.S., Brooklyn, N.Y

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"Have a good meeting. And remember, no bragging."

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

November 11th, 2014 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

WARD H.	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
BRIAN L.	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
	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
	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	

Ward opened meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim read the October minutes. Minutes were approved as read. Sam presented the Treasurer's report. Jim asked a question about the telephone bill. It was explained that we had switched over to Verizon. It was felt by the Office manager that they had not been forthright in their representation of what the actual bill would be. Ward also noted that we have \$9000.00 in our Money Market account to go to purchasing a CD for our Prudent Reserve. Ward also mentioned putting a challenge to the Council members about selling the Big Book Raffle tickets. In Old Business Ward went over the different assignments for the Anniversary Dinner. Discussion followed about the Liability Insurance needed to host our event at Christ the King. A motion was made to use the policy that the church uses. This motion passed. It was noted that the Physical Inventory would be conducted on January 3th, 2015. Ralph asked about speakers for the Anniversary Dinner. Diana stated that she would speak to some people from Verizon about our phone bill. A motion was made to have Diana act as a representative of Tri-County Central Office and to pursue more information on why our phone bill is higher than what was originally quoted. Motion passed. Ward, Sam and Brian will be conducting the employee evaluation. Lot's of discussion followed about the employee's health insurance. At the Council meeting Ward opened meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones followed with the Serenity Prayer. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting. Paul read the October minutes. Minutes were approved as read. Sam presented the October Treasurer's report. A thank you was given to the Sober @ 7 Group for their All Groups meeting which they hosted and a check for \$582.00 was received from them. In Old Business Ward went over the different assignments for the Anniversary Dinner. Ward also noted that we have \$9000.00 in our Money Market account to go to purchasing a CD for our Prudent Reserve. He also noted a quick way to help with the purchase of the CD was to sell a lot of Big Book Raffle tickets. Discussion followed about the Liability Insurance needed to host our event at Christ the King. Al made a motion to use the policy that the church uses. This motion passed. Paul announced the upcoming District 2 Gratitude Dinner and the Rainbow Recovery Club New Years Eve event. Tom gave a brief report from TBAIC concerning the "Man on the Bed" project. More to follow. Lot's of tickets for the Big Book raffle and the Dinner were handed out.

SUPPORT THE CENTRAL OFFICE

November 11th, 2014 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
MANDI P.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
KAITIE C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
LAUREN D.	TGIS GROUP
BRETT B.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
RICH E.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JANET S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
PAUL B.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ANDREA D.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TOM F.	KEYSTONE GROUP
DANA C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
CRAIG O.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP
LISA S.	GOOD START GROUP
WES M.	FEAR NOT GROUP
ALAN G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP

Note: The BYO 12 & 12 Group that meets every Saturday at Noon has moved to the Keystone Presbyterian Church located at 7509 Van Dyke Road.

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.

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
TOWN & COUNTRY TUESDAY MEN'S	MARK L.	12/17/00	14 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	5 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	KAREN H.	12/27/84	30 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	LAURA M.	12/24/08	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	BARBIE A.	12/31/03	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DEBBIE S.	12/12/11	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	BETH P.	12/09/09	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	GABRIELLE S.	12/26/08	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	12/03/03	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BETSY	12/18/02	12 YRS

RED CHIP DAY was held Sunday, November 23th, 2014 at the Apostles Lutheran Church in Brandon, Florida. With a great turn-out, lots of good food and great Fellowship, Red Chip Day was another success. Originally, (in the olden days) Red Chip Day was an annual celebration for all of those who had made it to a year or more of sobriety and the proceeds were send to New York. Each year a group or groups would host this event inviting all AA members to come and Fellowship with them and enjoy a meal and a speaker. Eventually, over time as AA grew in the Hillsborough area it was decided by the hosting groups to start contributing the proceeds to the Central Office. At some point, unknown, Red Chip Day naturally became the annual event hosted by the groups in the Brandon area and this year was no exception. Jim and Sharon C. were the guest speakers for the event and there was plenty of good fixin's to be shared by everyone. After all was said and done, Red Chip Day netted a total of \$515.00 to contribute to Central Office. We here at Central Office would like to thank the following groups for coming together in the true spirit of Unity and supplying the cash and the woman/man power to make this a very truly happy and joyous event. Those groups are the *Expect a Miracle Group, the Kingsway Group, the Fear Not Group, the Spiritual Growth Group, the Brandon Tuesday Big Book Group, the New Beginnings Group, the As Bill Sees It Group, the Valrico Friday Morning Group, the North Brandon Open Forum Group, the Promises Meeting Group, and the Step Sisters in Sobriety Group.* If anyone else was left out, please accept my apologies but know that we are deeply grateful for all your hard work.

Thank you all for your efforts, we are in your debt.

SELF-SUPPORT-OCTOBER, 2014

© Today in October of 2014 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in October totaled \$7,142.65. That accounts for what **55** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in October. This also takes into account the 2 AAer's who contributed \$160.00 in contributions anonymously, \$24.32 for the Rob L. Memorial , \$780.00 for the Sandy B. Memorial, \$60.00 from the 3 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund , and \$582.00 from the Sober @ 7 All Groups Meeting and \$20.00 from the Big Book Raffle. Our total income for October was \$13,540.13. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,576.65. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,963.48. Our Expenses for October were \$7321.79. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus **+\$1,641.69** for the month of October. 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 !!!

SELF-SUPPORT-NOVEMBER, 2014

© Today in October of 2014 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in November totaled \$4,596.00. That accounts for what **31** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in November. This also takes into account the, \$200.00 for the Sandy B. Memorial, \$7.00 from the 1 member who contributed to the Birthday Fund , and \$532.00 from the Old School Group All Groups Meeting and \$30.00 for the Tri-County Central Office Anniversary Dinner 2015. Our total income for November was \$10,773.71. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,305.56. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our November income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,468.15. Our Expenses for November were \$8,065.78. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus **-\$1,597.65** for the month of November. 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 !!!

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 "TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS " ?**

**WHY NOT???-FOR \$7.00 YOU WILL RECEIVE 12 ISSUES. THE "NEWS" IS ONE OF THE FEW WAYS CENTRAL OFFICE CAN REACH OUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S.
 PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER**

WE STILL NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

**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**

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Come join us for OSG's Annual Gratitude Speaker Dinner and Central Office fundraiser!

January 24th, 2015

**Christ the King Church
821 S Dale Mabry Hwy
Tampa, FL 33609**

Dinner at 6 pm, Speaker at 7

**Dinner catered by Carrabba's -
Chicken Marsala, Penne Pomodoro,
Caesar Salad, Bread and Dessert**

Our Speaker will be Erica R, sober since 1991

Tickets- in advance \$16.50, \$20.00 at the door

**Unused tickets will be considered a donation for Central Office
50/50 raffle as well to also benefit central office**

link to register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/osg-gratitude-dinner-tickets-14434039601>

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

**Invites you to our 40th Anniversary
Dinner & Speaker Meeting
Celebrating 40 years as
Tri-County Central Office
and 73 years as your Area Service Center**

February 7th, 2015

The Event will be held at:

**Christ the King Church
821 South Dale Mabry
Tampa, Florida 33603**

Lasagna Dinner catered by Wrights Gourmet

Dinner Tickets: \$15.00

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Speakers at 7:00 pm

Cakewalk Raffle / 50/50 Raffle

Speakers to be announced later

**We are also raffling off a First Edition Big Book
Twelfth Printing 1948**

Tickets available at Central Office

\$5.00 a ticket—you do not have to present to win

Rainbow Recovery Club 2014 New Year's Eve Gala

Wednesday, December 31st

8:00 PM to 1:00 AM

Doors open at 7:30 PM

MCC Tampa

408 East Cayuga St.

Tampa, FL 33603

www.rainbowrecoveryclub.org

Tickets: \$15.00 in advance

\$20.00 at the door

This is a sober adult event



Old Time AA

**A History
Workshop**



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

**Sandy B. passed away in September, 2014. In
lieu of a replacement speaker, I have been told
that they will play one of his CD's.**

11th ANNUAL SOBERSTOCK 2015

Friday—Sunday

March 13, 14, 15, 2015

A 3-day weekend AA event

Camp Brorein

16901 Boy Scout Road

Odessa, Florida 33556

Complete info @ www.aatampa-area.org

or

www.soberstock.com

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
11th Step Group--Christ King	90.00	365.00	Keystone Group	186.53	881.45	Sisters in Sobriety Group		439.98
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			All Groups Keystone Group		941.00	Sisters in Sobriety TRICO Raffle		34.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Kingsway Group	129.00	225.00	Sober @ 6 Group		
A.A. 101 Group	386.76	1,295.70	Last Call Meeting	5.00	5.00	Sober @ 7 Group		1,068.48
Alpha Group		100.00	LateNighters Group	70.50	459.75	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups	582.00	582.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		2,380.00	Late Night Red Door Group		1.18	Sober on Saturday Group	30.00	350.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2014		674.00	Lemon Tree Group		492.50	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2014		388.00	Live and Let Live Group	225.62	1307.90	Sober Rewards Group		10.20
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014		114.00	Living in the Solution		1629.75	Sober Spirits Group		15.00
Dick D. Memorial Fund		1078.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		375.00	Soberstock Committee		500.00
Rob L. Memorial	24.32	24.32	Love & Service Group		57.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	50.00	81.00
Sandy B. Memorial	880.00	880.00	Lunch Bunch Group		139.36	Sobrenity Group		650.00
Housecleaning Retreat	150.00	300.00	Lutz @ Noon	18.00	131.00	Soberilla Tees		20.00
Anonymous Donations	62.28	3452.57	Main Purpose Group		41.00	Solutions Group		5.77
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		720.85	Mapledale Group		135.00	Southshore Men's Group		282.60
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	253.05	929.53	Mid Day Matinee Group	342.68	4208.11	Southside Men's Group		421.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		300.00	Morning Express Group		425.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	65.00	285.00
Barracks Brigade Group		675.48	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		325.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Bel-Mar Group	0.13	106.08	Morning Meditation Group		1.60	Spiritual Development Gp.		300.00
Bill D's Group		126.00	New Beginnings - Brandon	130.00	481.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	60.00	717.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Spiritual Progress Goup	8.45	87.65
Brandon Men's Blackbelt	41.00	190.90	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		2258.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Tues. Big Book	230.00	430.00	Newcomers Group (JC)		270.00	Step at a Time Group		404.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		560.00	New Day Group	39.00	260.54	Stepping Stones Group (w)	45.10	169.60
Came To Believe Group		597.71	New Tampa Mon. Night Men's		371.00	Sun City Center Group		
Cardinal Group - Odessa	200.00	200.00	New Way Women's Group		500.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Cardinal Group All Groups			Nightly Newcomers Group		39.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	400.00
Carrollwood Group		52.61	Noon Big Book Group		435.00	Sunshine Group	330.00	330.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		75.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		218.56	Sweet Surrender Group		3.88
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	79.73	457.31	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		500.00
Clean Air Group		68.13	Noontime Celebration Gp.		500.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		797.32
Dade City Step Study Group		97.85	North Brandon Open Forum		60.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		554.76
Dover Group		108.62	Northdale Group	46.15	46.15	Tampa Palms Big Book		200.04
Early Risers Group - Joe's	2.00	6.80	Odessa Group		500.00	TBSBBEA Scavenger Hunt		110.00
Expect a Miracle Group		196.51	Old School Group		0.44	TGIS Women's Group		167.61
Experience, Strength & Hope		675.00	Old School Group All Groups			Thank God it's Friday Group		280.00
Fear Not Group	25.00	175.00	Old School Group Anniversary		1201.00	The 164 Group		50.00
Fireside Group		2.39	OSG Ladies Birthday Event		100.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Founders Day Event		528.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC			The 164 Group USF		90.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		153.69	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		457.08	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		634.00
Friday Night Lights Group		507.64	One Day at a Time Group		300.00	The Meeting Place Group		91.39
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		247.00	Palma Ceia Group		18.27	The Next Frontier Group	195.00	390.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	40.00	220.00
Friday Night Step Study Group	50.00	50.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		400.00	Town & Country Men's Group	125.00	276.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.		100.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Town & Country Wed. Group		2.86
Friday Women's Friendship		250.03	Plant City Keep it Simple		43.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.	65.00	102.70
All Gps Fri. Women's Friendship		287.00	Primary Purpose Group		157.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		325.00	Promises Meeting Group	221.00	554.96	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		150.00
Good Start Group		1,236.41	Prosperity AA Group		242.25	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		125.00
Grapevine Gals Group		183.97	Red Chip Day			Village 12 Step Group		450.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		400.00	Red Door Group		100.00	We Have a Way Out Group	52.00	52.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		200.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	195.00	531.35	Weedpatch Group		190.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1,378.78	Riverside Group	339.35	734.05	Wed Night Step Workshop		150.40
High Nooners Group		400.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group	176.80	632.30	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Hope in Progress Group		67.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	Wellspring Group	105.00	380.99
International Doctors of AA		748.00	Safe Haven Group		129.94	Wesley Chapel Group	328.25	1,101.25
It's in the Book Men's Gp.	95.00	317.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		1.25	Wesley Chapel Grp Big Bk Raffle	34.00	84.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
Keep It Simple - YANA		225.00	Safe Haven Group		146.73	WST Memorial Day Picnic		165.00
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	268.24	684.74	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		665.20	Women's Friendship Group		612.10
Keeping it Simple Group		200.00	Saturday Night Live Group					
			Seekers of Serenity II Group	25.71	108.12			
Monthly Total	2,817.78		Monthly Total	2230.07		Monthly Total	2,094.80	
	YTD	26,752.31		YTD	25071.10		YTD	14,867.58
						Grand Total for Month	7,142.65	
						Grand Total for Year		66,690.99