



Tri-County Central Office News

The simplicity of our program is its attraction and we must keep it awfully simple
or the results will be simply awful.

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SON OF TALL MAN

I proud to be son of Tall Man, American Indian, and member of AA for many moons. We all one as Great Spirit walks through AA like sun walks through day. This first story I ever write. Sorry for mistakes. Love has no words to spell or lines to start and stop. Our language has few words to say many things. I was born a Maliseet Indian on reservation in Canada, oldest of thirteen children. Was altar boy at church on reservation. Had first drink in young teens, but was scared of my father, so didn't drink much then. Now think I was alcoholics from first drink. Never forget magic in firewater. When I was twenty-one, my cousin come home from U.S. Army on leave, just before Pearl Harbor. I stay with him at aunt's house in Maine. That night, we drink beer at taverns. He had a bottle of hard stuff. He gave me many drinks from bottle. Next thing I know, it was next day. First time I have blackout, but not last. My aunt had sharp words for me about drinking. I not listen to old woman. I hear about Pearl Harbor and join Canadian Army, December 13, 1941. Could not run away from problem. Soon found wet canteens serve drinks to Indians in uniform. Went overseas on beer. Soon change to hard stuff. Then many blackouts for next two years. God must watch over me. Got into no trouble. Came home just before D Day. Met father (Tall Man) at fork in road—one way to reservation, other way to State of Maine. Remember only first two drinks. Then I black out and get home four days later. Now I slide down mountain fast. Take many pledges but break them. I get arrested on VE Day, again on VJ Day. Judge say I go to jail next time. So I change counties in Maine. When counties run out, I move to Connecticut. Climb on water wagon for few months. Build houses for some cops—h-ha. Soon I drink beer. Then hard stuff. Then I find jails in Connecticut, too. Cops say for me to call them, they get me out. I think they sorry they tell me this. Next two years, I call them many times. Last time in jail, I have two black eyes. Cops now sick of me, so they buy me one-way ticket to Canada. Pack my clothes and put me on train. My brother and me find work on turnpike in Maine. I stay on wagon for while, but miserable. Then I want to stop this bad life, but where to turn? Last time I drink, I go to room. Think about kill myself. Then went on bridge to jump. By grace of God I stop, think two things: This would kill good father and mother; then remember boys talk about Indian fellow who been sober three years. I hear about AA, but think it religion. I have a religion. But now I change if it bring good life. I find Indian fellow. We talk long time. Tell him I want to get away from bottle and misery. How he do it? He say he take me to AA meeting. I go with him to first meeting in small town in Maine. My sponsor say men who talk speak truth. Then I know we walk same trail. This was July 15, 1954. Have not take drink since. I hear men say, "One day not drink. Not try no drinks for Lent or for life. Just one day." This sound easy, so will try. They say call friend before I buy drink. Talk and

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CAN I TALK TO YOU?

I had worked hard that day at a new temporary job while a friend was on vacation. I was tired from the change of pace. My wife suggested that I lie down and rest while the steaks cooked on the outdoor grill. As I started to pull the curtains in the bedroom to close out the late-afternoon sun, I noticed a pickup truck stop at the front door. A man, not too well-dressed, got out and walked slowly and cautiously to the front door. "Hello. What can we do for you?" "Can I talk to you for a few minutes?" "Sure. What's on your mind?" "You're Frank, right? And you're an alcoholic, right?" His question made me angry. He was very nervous, glancing around and down at the porch floor, his cap pulled down over his eyes. In fact, I was very angry. "Yes, I'm an alcoholic." I did not know this man, and it was none of his business what I might or might not be. My anger hit the boiling point. "Who are you? What do you want? Who told you I'm an alcoholic?" I raged on. "What right do you have to come to my home and start making remarks of any kind about me?" He removed his cap as he began to speak, and this time, I could see a troubled man, with bloodshot eyes and tears running down his cheeks. "I'm in trouble. I need your help. About eight months ago, I saw you at an AA meeting. You were so honest and sincere when you told about being an alcoholic, about asking for help, about going in the hospital for twenty-eight days. Can you tell me, am I an alcoholic? Can you make me stop drinking? Can you cure me?" My anger left. Compassion and humility filled the void. "No, my friend," I said, thinking of the answers I had been given when I asked for help. "Only you can say if you're an alcoholic. No, I can't make you stop drinking. Only you can stop when you're ready to stop. There is no cure for our disease, but God can help! And AA can help." I had not remembered him. That had been first and only AA meeting, eight months ago—for me, eight slowly recovering, gratefully recovering months. We sat down and talked for a long while and exchanged a lot of questions and answers. Then we took the first three Steps of AA together. Did he understand? Was he ready to give up drinking and his alcoholic ways and turn his will and his life over to God or a higher power of his understanding? "Yes!" I explained the sponsor system to him and agreed to be one of his sponsors and handed him a token that had been given to me, bearing the words "Think! Call your sponsor before, not after, you drink!" "You do me an honor," I said, "by coming to me. Keep the token as long as you don't drink. Sometime, you may want to pass it on to somebody else after you begin to collect other chips—the white for surrender, red for three months, green and yellow, and so on. Remember, you're only human. If you take a drink again, throw the token away, but you come back. It's you, your life, your family that I'm interested in for the future." He promised he would be in touch and would be waiting to go with me to the next AA meeting. He would call when he got home. The call came ten minutes later: "Thank you." His son and grandson had been there when he got home. My family had eaten an hour earlier. All at once, I was longer tired. I sat down to supper that had been kept warm—steak never tasted so good! F.E., Boone, NC Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ February 1979

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.

Janine M. opened the January 11 meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Tom F. distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. Tom again reminded the committee that the cost of literature is exceeding contributions. An additional anonymous donation was made and deposited to help with the cost in filing for the filing of the 501c3 tax deferred status. The filing of the 501c3 forms can not be completed because one additional signature has to be obtained.

Both Buddy H. and Nancy B. report all is going well at Falkenburg. A renewal orientation will be held January 24 & 31 for current active volunteers.

Chris D. said the inmates were extremely pleased having meetings on both Christmas and New Year's Day. Chris said there is a solid core of volunteers that regularly come to the Wednesday night meetings.

Jim S. reported that Bridge the Gap had 13 calls. Eight were from the same number, unfortunately, there was a language issue, but when assistance was found, distance was the main problem. He is also working with coordinating the program with Pinellas County and their Bridge the Gap team.

Bonnie C. announced that Steps to Freedom (June 14) still has service positions available. Additional fund raising events will be taking place. John L. will remain as the Detox Coordinator. Nancy B. and Scott R. will assist John in maintaining a current list which has been recently implemented.

In new business, District 2 will be hosting the South Florida Area 15 General Service Assembly April 4-6. TBAIC will be responsible for the Treatment Facilities Committee program on Saturday and the Corrections Facilities program on Sunday. Each program runs approximately 45 minutes. Format will have to be decided upon soon.

Try to direct requests or questions regarding Detox volunteer openings or scheduling to the Detox Coordinator.

When taking literature, keep it to a bare minimum. The literature is to carry the message to the suffering individual that wants it. TBAIC does not stock Rehabs or other facilities with literature for the facilities use.

"Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us." (BB pg 77)

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$1,225.61
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$1,470.00
YTD Money Spent ON Literature \$1,478.28
YTD Expenses \$220.73
Pink Can Balance as of 12/31/2013 \$829.29

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on February 8th 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 (86.11) Anonymous (35.62) As Bill Sees It (38.70) Experience, Strength & Hope (25.00) Freedom in Sobriety (59.48) H.O.W. (18.26) Keystone (42.00) Kingsway (75.25) Live & Let Live (89.00) Lunch Bunch (102.00) Meeting Place (18.00) Midday Matinee (72.00) Monday Night Men's As Bill Sees It (102.00) Morning Meditation (82.36) Noon Big Book (142.36) Promises Meeting (116.48) Sisters in Sobriety (20.00) Sober on Saturday (1.00) There is a Solution (4.00) Wellspring (95.99)

TBAIC 2012-2013 Committee Members

Bobby B. - Chair	813-415-4961
Janine M. -Alternate Chair	813-455-6617
Tom F.— Treasurer	813-205-4945
Shanna M.—Alt. Treasurer	813-390-3558
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Open- Hills Jails -	
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
John L.— Detox & Treatment	813-283-8059
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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meetings make me feel good. So I jump quick from First Step to Twelfth Step to help my brother, living with me. Two weeks later, he come to AA meeting. Came to believe. Have not drink since. We both happy. After six months, we move to Bridgeport, Conn. Find same AA, same Spirit. Year later, I go to Canada to carry message to Tall Man, but he not listen to son. He old, sick, want to be alone with bottle. Miracles happen all time in AA. Two years later, brother take Tall Man to first AA meeting, September 1957. Tall Man was blind, but soon he see. He stay sober. Start group on reservation, and carry message, help start other groups all over Maritimes and New England. He was old, but now he grow young with new life in AA, and travel all time. When he speak from heart, big men cry. Words of truth and love are strong medicine. Tall Man die September 1970, a sober, peaceful, happy man. Maine newsletter (Boomerang) say: "With tireless devotion and humility, this venerable Indian gentleman traveled thousands of miles humbly pleading for sobriety. He planted many seeds, and it will be many moons before another before another rises to walk in his shoes." Tall Man now see Great Spirit in Big Group in sky. To find work, I have travel much. At every place, I find AA group first. I keep it simple, go to many meetings, carry message to those who listen. To me, program is spiritual. I feel Great Spirit at all meetings and when talk to AA friends. I know peace. "How?" they ask me. I say. "Just let it happen." This sober Indian say to sick, red-eyed alcoholic who want good medicine: "Put cork in bottle. No drunk hopeless if he want to follow sober guide along right trail. Go to AA meetings. Listen, not just hear noise. Get sponsor and phone numbers. Call friend in AA when bad thoughts come. Let group spirit of love and understanding protect you. Take my hand. Walk with me up Twelve Steps of AA to peace." To Indians, I say: "Don't be afraid to join AA, I once hear people say only Indians crazy when drunk. If so, AA full of Indians. Join the tribe!"

Maynard B. Fairfield, Conn.

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Steps to Freedom 2014

12-Step Workshop

Saturday, June 14, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Christ the King Church

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

Brian H. and Pat R.

(Sunset Ranches, FL)

(Coral Springs, FL)

present

a "Joe and Charlie" approach to the Steps

**Admission includes lunch!
 \$8 in advance, \$10 at door**

**Register NOW online
 at <http://stepstofreedom.us>**



ALL proceeds go to Tampa Bay Jails and Institutions

THE TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Do You Have A Subscription To Our Newsletter "Tri-County Central Office News"? Why Not???-Staring **January 1st, 2014** the cost for our Newsletter will be going up to **\$7.00**. You Will Receive 12 Issues per year. The "News" Is One Of The Few Ways Central Office Can Reach Our Individual Members. Support your Central Office by purchasing a Newsletter subscription. If not for yourself, how about a sponsee or newcomer? Help the Newsletter become self-supporting. Mail your check or Money Order to Tri-County Central Office or come by and purchase a subscription. We usually have 400 copies made up for us by a professional printer which once it's printed cost us \$132.80 a month—\$1,593.60 yearly. This also includes delivery of the Newsletter to the Office. Our Newsletter, once it's put together is send out to our members by the Tampa Bulk Entry Unit of the Postal Service. We pay an annual fee, now, of \$200.00 plus a monthly bulk deposit fee of around \$48.00 a month or \$576.00 yearly. So these basic services cost us approximately \$2,369.60 or more a year. Now, out of the 400 copies made, the Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee has a paid subscription of approximately 19 Newsletters (\$95.00), and we have 31 members who actually pay for a subscription (\$155.00). So that's **50** Newsletters that are paid for equaling \$250.00 a year to help pay for the Newsletter. Central Office has to eat the remaining **\$2,119.60** of the yearly cost for producing the Newsletter. So, if that's just 50 Newsletters that are paid for, where are the remaining 350 Newsletters going to? Well, our Board and Council Members automatically get a free subscription to the Newsletter (30 members), along with a 20% discount on all merchandise purchased on the night of the Board & Council Meeting., 53 Newsletters are sent out at no cost to them, to other Inter-groups, Central Offices, and New York General Services. In turn, we receive their Newsletters. It's a Central Office tradition, it's sort of like keeping in touch with each other letting them know what's happening in our area and vise versa. So now we have accounted for 148 of the Newsletters. The other 252 Newsletters are subscriptions given out freely to either the Treasurer or a Contact person of each Group that makes a contribution to the Central Office or just members whose subscriptions have lapsed. A few of the reasons we give out a free Newsletter to the Groups who send in contributions is so that **(1)** we can have a current contact with the Group in case we need to contact them for a 12 Step call or if we are making important changes to our By Laws or other important information and **(2)** in the hopes that the Group or their members would decide to purchase a subscription to help support Central Office. Now also included in this 252 Newsletters are those whose subscription has run out and we are hoping they will renew their subscription and there are also Groups whose members are getting multiple free Newsletters. After this newsletter we will be doing an over-haul of the mailing list. If you are reading this Newsletter and you are getting it for free (*Inter-groups & Central Offices excluded*) would you consider helping us out by purchasing a subscription. If we could have 300 paid subscribers, our Newsletter would be basically self-supporting by your own contributions. Think about it. It's just another way you can help support the Central Office for just \$7.00 a year and you get stories and information about local happenings in the Tampa Bay area..... ☺👋

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

January 14th, 2014 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

WARD H.	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
LINDA G.	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
J. KELLEY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	REFLECTIONS GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
LESLIE G.	BOARD MEMBER	PROMISES MEETING GROUP
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On January 4th, 2014 we held our annual Physical Inventory where we went through and counted all the material that we sell. We started around 9:30 in the morning and finished up around 1:30 pm. It was the smallest group participation that we have had in many years. Only seven dedicated members arrived to help out so I would be remiss if I didn't give a SHOUT OUT TO AND THANK YOU to those who came and helped: **Martin S.** from the **Sobriety Group**, **Diane P.** and **Vivian J.** from the **Freedom in Sobriety Women's Group**, **Shawn** and **Andrea** from the **Promises Meeting Group**, and **Emily** and **Chris** from the **Palma Ceia Group**. **Ward H.** from the **Palma Ceia Big Book Group** and our Chairman of the Board spend 4 hours working on our computers trying to get them syncopated with each other. Although, there are not quite there yet, he did an excellent job cleaning out corrupt files and reinstalling software and getting our number 2 computer pretty much up to par. **Great job!!!**

The Board meeting opened in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer followed by a request to turn down or off all cell phones. Kelly read the December minutes. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. Linda G. presented the December Treasurers report. Although we were -\$1,824.44 for the month, we were +\$1,565.58 to the good for the year. A motion to except the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and approved. In Old Business Ward announced the updating of Quickbooks problems had been looked at and mostly solved and a Budget for 2014 had been set. Discussion about sending out letters for new Board members was briefly touched on. Then Ward went over the By Laws as it relates to the Board members. Afterwards the Office Manager was asked to leave the room while the Board had some discussions about the Office Manager. (I thought it was my yearly evaluation). After I came back in discussion turned to any updates about the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February. In New Business, Tim noted that Verizon had given us a reasonable rate to change over from Bright House. After some discussion a motion was made to switch over to Verizon. This was seconded and approved. More discussion about the Anniversary Dinner resumed. The Council Meeting was a mirror of the Board Meeting. New Council members were James S. from the Rush Hour Group, Kathine W. (Alternate) from the TGIS Group, Richard E. from the Solutions Group, Janet S. from the Sober @ 7 Group, and Noelle B. from the Tampa Bay Speakers Group.

January 14th, 2014 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
KATHY W.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
LAUREN D.	LATE NIGHT RED DOOR GROUP
MICHELLE G.	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
JIM H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
RICHARD S.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
NOELLE B.	TAMPA BAY SPEAKER GROUP
JANET S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
HAROLD H.	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
TAMMY P.	TOWN N COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
EVE	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BOB C.	SOBRIETY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
JAMES S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BONNIE G.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
STEVE SMITH	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
JOHN F.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
TRAVIS B.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ALLAN D'H	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP

Much discussion followed about the Anniversary Dinner with Ward making sure everyone was up to speed on their respective duties. Ward noted the Physical Audit and thanked those who had shown up to help. Ward then stressed the need for new Board members and urged everyone that if their group got a letter to please consider it. Eventually Tim was informed that he had gotten a .50 cent raised. Tim thanked everyone. More discussion about the Anniversary Dinner and Leslie explained more about how the Cake Raffle would and should work. A few announcements were made and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.



MARCH
14th-16th, 2014
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including AA Speakers, Live
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ANNIVERSARY TIME

SELF-SUPPORT-December, 2013

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH L.	02/08/11	3 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	PAULA B.	02/03/81	33 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	PATTI L.	02/08/77	37 YRS
DOVER GROUP	MIKE P.	02/01/88	26 YRS
DOVER GROUP	TOM N.	02/16/86	28 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOHN G.	02/09/12	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DAVID L.	02/21/10	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JEREMY S.	02/03/10	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RAY C.	02/23/04	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LORENE S.	02/14/04	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOYCE Q.	02/03/03	11 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	HALA L.	02/04/02	12 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	PAZETTA	02/20/02	12 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KATHY A.	02/23/81	33 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	LINDA L.	02/28/01	13 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	WENDY M.	02/08/99	15 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS W.	02/04/95	19 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK L.	02/16/89	25 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	RAY B.	02/14/07	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DANA L.	02/14/07	7 YRS

☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in September of 2013 we have **220** Groups with **601** meetings a week. The year to date contributions from Groups (December 2013) have totaled \$71,381.09 for the year. That accounts for what **149** Groups out of **220** Groups in our area have contributed. This also takes into account the 93 AAer's who contributed \$1872.91 in contributions anonymously and the \$3641.00 (before expenses) we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner. And the \$841.00 from the 42 members who participated in the Birthday Plan . 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. Plus the \$1166.50 generated from our Founders Day Event (before expenses) and the \$774.60 from two of the Friday Night Lights Group's Movie Nights 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 and the \$433.00 from the Sober @ 7's annual Group celebration and All Groups and the \$171.00 generated from the Pieoberfest event hosted by the Tampa Bay Speakers Group and the \$393.00 from the Old School Group's All Groups Meeting and \$529.80 from Red Chip Day. Our Literature sales for December bought in \$5,952.71 plus \$15.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Total Contributions were \$3662.74. Our total income for December was \$9,636.31. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,074.25. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$5,562.06. Our Expenses for December were \$7,386.50. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus **-\$1,824.44** for the month of December. *Depending on how our annual audit turns out, it looks like, in spite of everything, we should break even for the year. That's a good thing.* 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 !!!

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
PLANT CITY	ELLEN B.	01/17/09	5 YRS
T-n-C SISTERS in SOBRIETY	TAMMY P.	01/16/08	6 YRS

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

DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE
This Month February 9th , 2013
The Club
3333 West Columbus Drive
 GSR Orientation & DCM Sharing @ 2:00 pm
 Business Meeting 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE 39th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING

Saturday, February 15th, 2014
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church
3500 San Jose & Himes Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33629

Seating limited to 220
Doors open @ 5:00 pm
Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Tickets for the Dinner are \$10.00
(catered by Wrights Gourmet House)
Meat lasagna & Spinach Lasagna
Cuban Bread
Cake

Also provided: Salad, Sodas, Coffee & more

Speakers start around 7:00 pm
Monica A. from Orlando
Brett B. from Wesley Chapel

Tickets for the Dinner are available from
participating Central Office Rep's
& there may be some at the Door

Sobriety Countdown—50/50 Raffle—Cake Raffle

Speaker Taping by Vision Audio CD's of Largo Florida

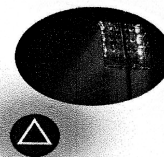
All proceeds go to support the Central Office

After Dinner & a Speaker meeting, you
can make it over to Club YANA for the:

Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball

Saturday, February 15, 2014
at Club YANA

9pm - Midnight ♥ \$5 at the door
Red bull and waters for sale at the dance ♥ DJ



The Friday Night Lights Group

Ice Cream Social to benefit Central Office
All Contributions this night go to support Central Office.

Friday, February 7th, 2014

Sandy B. AA History Talk Part 2

7:30 P.M.

Faithworx Church
202 Flamingo Drive
Apollo Beach, Florida



Spiritual Retreat
for A.A. & Al-Anon

March 21-23, 2014
Lake Yale Conference Center
39034 County Road 452
Leesburg, Florida 34788
The retreat will center around
God as we
understand Him, through
discussions of Steps
2,3,7,10,11,&12
For Complete Info:
Tom B. @ 813-951-5740 or
Carmen L. @ 727-541-3737 or
www.retreatforaa-alanon.com



PINELLAS COUNTY INTERGROUP ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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69 YEARS OF AA IN PINELLAS COUNTY
SPEAKER CLANCY J. FROM L.A.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND 2014

8100 PARK BLVD N. PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781

Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		282.64	Into Action Group			Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			It's in the Book Men's Gp.		220.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	150.00	610.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		128.35	Saturday Night Live Group		635.00
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple/Pass It On		96.85	Seekers of Serenity II Group		131.06
164 Group USF		40.00	Keep It Simple - YANA		300.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	30.00	228.36
164 Group Wesley Chapel		586.00	Keep It Simple GroupDC			Sober @ 6 Group		100.00
A.A. 101 Group		995.15	Keystone Group	91.00	852.32	Sober @ 7 Group		1067.95
A.A. 102 Group	78.75	78.75	Kingsway Group		178.18	Sober on Saturday Group	75.00	699.25
All Groups Cardinal Group.		525.00	LateNighters Group		799.11	Sober on Sunday Group		500.00
All Groups Keystone Group		1,700.00	Lemon Tree Group		302.00	Sober Spirits Group		34.00
All Groups Sober @ 7 Group		433.00	Life Enrichment Group		388.05	SOBERSTOCK		
All Groups Old School Group		393.00	Live and Let Live Group		1814.50	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		210.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		589.00	Living in the Solution		1310.00	Sobrenity Group		379.88
Alpha Group		80.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		300.00	Solutions Group		370.12
Anniversary Dinner 2013		2171.00	Love & Service Group		240.76	Southshore Men's Group		554.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		26.00	Lunch Bunch Group		87.48	Southside Men's Group		1020.53
Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	Lutz @ Noon	27.00	118.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	76.00	411.00
Anonymous Donations	168.97	1,820.04	Main Purpose Group		103.25	Southside Men's Group # 3		398.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		948.59	Mapledale Group		75.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		150.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		745.74	Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Growth Group		625.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		380.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Back to Basics Group - Tpa			Monday Nite Madness		142.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety	76.00	76.00
Barracks Brigade Group	25.00	385.00	Morning Express Group		325.00	Step at a Time Group		414.70
Bel-Mar Group		102.70	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Stepping Stones Group (w)		159.00
Big Book Raffle-February		745.00	Morning Meditation Group		4.40	Sun City Center Group		
Big Book Raffle-June		10.00	Morning Miracles Group			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Bill D's Group	151.60	301.60	My Turn Group		200.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	880.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	63.00	896.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		715.00	Sunshine Group		390.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings Our Club			Sweet Surrender Group		258.02
Brandon Men's Blackbelt	180.00	180.00	New Beginnings Women's		65.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Brandon Sat. Night Group		100.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Brandon Tues. Big Book		120.00	Newcomers Group (JC)		134.46	Tampa Bay Speakers Pieoberfest		171.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		281.19	New Day Group		190.30	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		999.00
Came To Believe Group		1,137.98	New Way Women's Group		615.11	Tampa Palms Big Book		200.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		743.79	Nightly Newcomers Group		545.89	Tampa Palms Men's Group		171.50
Carrollwood Group			Noon Big Book Group		665.60	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Carrollwood NS Group	130.00	468.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		283.71	TGIS Women's Group	83.14	585.30
Chancey Road AA Group		152.50	Nooners Group--Tampa	79.56	339.21	Thank God it's Friday Group		524.00
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		300.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		1150.00	The 164 Group		
Clean Air Group	25.00	195.78	North Brandon Open Forum	20.00	20.00	164 12 Step Workshop		305.00
Dade City Step Group			Northdale Group		293.80	The Meeting Place Group	4.25	121.42
Dover Group		240.26	Odessa Group		700.00	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Druid Hills Group			Old School Group		1012.59	There is a Solution Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's	0.16	213.04	Oldtimer's Group - JC		330.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.63
Easy Does It Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		386.35	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		140.00
Expect a Miracle Group		308.00	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	Town & Country Men's Group	175.00	465.00
Experience,Strength & Hope		498.60	One Day at a Time Mtg.			Town & Country Wed. Group		592.00
Fill the Gap Group		119.38	Palma Ceia Group		282.80	Tues Big Book Study Gp.	50.00	152.00
Fireside Group	17.03	93.41	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group	100.00	100.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		350.00
Founders Day Event		1,162.50	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		500.00	Unknown	460.00	623.25
Fourth Dimension Group		21.27	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		200.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		200.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group	115.80	219.64	Plank Owners Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		225.00
Friday Night Lights Group	91.52	610.25	Primary Purpose Group		263.71	Valrico/Brandon Wed.Night		205.89
Friday Night Lights Movie Night		774.60	Promises Meeting Group	0.80	310.57	Village 12 Step Group		577.80
Friday Night Women's Gp.		325.00	Prosperity AA Group		253.50	Warrior's Group	0.58	3.11
Friday Women's Friendship		78.00	Raise the Bottom Group			Weedpatch Group		130.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		497.11	Recovery Group P.City		90.20	Wellspring Group		642.44
Good Day AA Group		520.00	Red Chip Day Donation	529.80	529.80	Wed Night Step Workshop		268.90
Good Start Group		1,233.74	Red Door Group		100.26	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		300.00
Grapevine Gals Group		132.92	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		455.13	Wesley Chapel Group		464.19
Happy Hour Group YANA	100.00	1,350.00	Riverside Group		368.51	West Side Winners Group		117.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		50.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		741.35	With Room to Grow Group		
Hide-A-Way Group		1,493.04	Ruskin Fellowship Group		500.00	WST Memorial Day Picnic		320.00
High Nooners Group	150.00	1800.00	Safe Haven Group		390.99	Women's Friendship Group	269.50	926.09
Hour Glass Group						YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety	28.28	86.36
I.D.A.A.								
In the Wind Group								
			Monthly Total	848.16		Monthly Total	1517.75	
Monthly Total	1,296.83			YTD	21169.09		YTD	20,410.45
	YTD	29,904.21				Grand Total for Month	3662.74	
						Grand Total for Year		71483.75