



Tri-County Central Office News

FROM THE EDITOR: PLEASE ACCEPT MY AMENDS FOR THE LATE MAILING. ☺👉

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The Man Who Wanted to Revise the Lord's Prayer

Yesterday, I received a letter from an AA friend who has been in the program for almost a year. He wrote that, during a discussion meeting of his group, several members argued for modifications and changes in the Big Book and in the program itself. In their opinion, AA was long overdue for an overhaul. A few years ago, this "radicalism" would have thrown me into a wild resentment. This time, I remembered that in my own first year I picked the Lord's Prayer apart, found it badly written, and suggested openly at a meeting that a portion of it be changed. Fortunately, no one paid any attention to my criticism. I did not arrive at the doors of AA full of vim and vigor. I arrived sick, miserable, in deep trouble, afraid to live, afraid to die. I'd run out of steam. The coal I fed into my boiler was killing me; the wheels ran backward, up and down, and sideways. I was through, finished, *kaput*. In those first tenuous months, I did what I was told to do, and it worked. I sat down, shut up, and listened. At times, I ran hot and cold with rage, resentment, self-pity, hate, fear, guilt. In the first year, I attended an average of five to seven meetings a week. Then the time came when I no longer unquestioningly did whatever any member told me. More and more, I was finding some answers within myself. If I was doubtful about any of these answers, I talked them over with my sponsor, and the discussion often revealed whether they were right or wrong. I read the Big Book and the "Twelve and Twelve." I read, daily, *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*. My library expanded to include *AA Comes of Age*, and from there I went on to collect Dr. E.M. Jellinek's *The Disease Concept of Alcoholism*, papers read before the AMA and psychiatric groups by such AA friends as Dr. Harry Tiebout and by Drs. Morris Chafetz, Harold Demone Jr., and Carl Jung. Wherever I went about the country, someone would shove into my pocket written material that had a bearing on alcoholism, was new and different, and helped me greatly. I have listened to speakers who exude such spiritual quality that it permeates a group and lifts it high. I've heard speakers who seem to threaten their audience, pointing out that perhaps only ten percent of us will make the program over the long haul. Both types of speaker are valuable to me. With my propensity for obsession, I could well enter a spiritual world wherein I might lose touch with reality, as I did in my drinking life. If I went the hellfire-and-damnation route instead, I could well become obsessed with the thought that there is no hope, and eventually say the three little words "What's the use?" There is a fine AA line to tread, leading through the stinking-thinking swamps and emotional morasses that menace us from all sides. I have gossiped and listened to gossip, even from those who counsel others not to gossip. I've wished a certain member would—well, not get drunk—just go away, not come back, drop dead. These lapses were inner manifestations of my own basic emotional problems. Yet out of all these experiences an awareness was born, as I tried to do my best, one day at a time. Even though a change I

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Shangri-La

I grew up in a small town in Georgia. As a child I thought the whole world drank. My folks drank and everyone we visited, or who visited us, drank. I can't tell you when I first started drinking, but I was told that when I was in diapers my mother used to give me a shot of liquor when I wouldn't go to sleep. I can't remember not drinking while growing up. I stole alcohol from the cabinets and fridge and drained unfinished drinks after the adults passed out. Sometimes I broke into houses just to get booze. By age 12 and throughout my teens, my goal in life was to stay loaded. I had over 20 felonies as a juvenile and spent lots of time in juvenile jails and homes for boys. My poor family tried to help, but I wouldn't listen to them or anyone else. I lived on the streets between arrests. I remember walking the streets at night screaming to the sky, "Why, why can't I be like other people?" I knew if I could just act right I could've been home eating good meals, but I just couldn't. I got married at 17, thinking that would automatically change me into a responsible person. We know how that goes. I wasn't responsible enough to keep my hamster fed. I hated my inability to stop drinking, no matter how hard I tried. I used to spit in my own face when I looked in the mirror. When I was 17, I went for a short period to a juvenile prison for kids, and my marriage ended. When I was released I proceeded to go on a drunken rampage of armed robberies with my new convict friends. Of course we were caught, and at the age of 18 I was sentenced to 30 to 45 years in a Georgia prison. I stayed loaded in jail, where I just continued getting into trouble. There were AA meetings in the facility where I was incarcerated, but I was way too "cool" to attend them. I had what the Big Book calls, "contempt prior to investigation." But a funny thing happened as I watched these AA guys get sober: I was totally impressed with how they stayed out of trouble and got out when they were supposed to. Even more impressive was how they walked through that prison yard—which was a jungle—as if they were strolling through Central Park. In other words, they were freer in prison than I had ever been in my life. Altogether, I was locked up almost 17 years. When I was released, I quickly forgot about the horror of life in prison and went back to getting loaded and my old tricks. On March 18, 1990, I woke up on a floor that was covered with liquor bottles. I felt like I couldn't take one more step in my skin. I remembered those AA guys in prison and thought maybe I should go to meetings. Since that morning, I've been sober. I didn't know I was going to find Shangri-La in Alcoholics Anonymous. From the time I was a teenager, I'd been aware that I was powerless over alcohol and that my life was unmanageable. At last I found a solution to my problems: I took Steps 2 through 12, and my life changed. I'm sober by the grace of God. When I first showed up at AA I didn't believe in God; I didn't believe in anything good. But just from working the Steps and hanging out in the rooms of AA, I've stayed sober. The wonderful people in the program made me feel

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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 Tri-County Central Office.)

The October 18th TBAIC meeting was opened by Alternate Chair Susan O. with the "Serenity Prayer" and Tom F. distributed copies of the Treasure's Report.

Ruth N. of E. Pasco Women's has two new volunteers. She requested "Living Sober" books to use as part of her program. The committee approved 10 copies of "Living Sober" for use at the Pasco Women's facility.

Scott R., Detox Coordinator, is still having difficulty filling the Wednesday and Thursdays 7:30 pm openings at the ACTS location on Henry Street. He also spoke with Buddy H. and he has two possible new volunteers for the Faulkenburg Jail orientation. In addition, Scott also reported for Chris D. of E. Pasco Men's that the meetings at Zephyrhills are going well, also and that they have been staying in contact with recent releasees and they seem to be doing well.

Nancy B. reported that the women's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail are going well and she had 2 new volunteers attend the orientation.

Cindi M. who has been the main contact for the Homeless Shelter location on Florida Avenue is working with the Salvation Army to to start a 6:30 am women's meeting.

Alan D. announced The Steps to Freedom committee is planning several fund raisers, all to benefit TBAIC. The committee meets every 3rd Sunday of the month 7 pm at The Club, 3333 West Columbus Drive and all are welcome to attend.

Jim S. reported 8 Bridge the Gap calls, but no rides were needed from the calls.

Tom F. said the Man on the Bed Program presentation would be presented at the next business meeting, November 8.

Lori B. (727-247-7081) introduced the 1st annual "Soberween" sponsored by the Saturday Night Fever Group on November 1st. This is a benefit for TBAIC and volunteers are needed to help make the event a success.

"As I thus get down to my right size and stature, my self concern and importance become amusing." (Language of the Heart pg 259)

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$17,196.07
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$16,465.11
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$16,350.81
YTD Expenses \$690.85
Direct Purchase from AAWS \$238.00
Pink Can Balance as of 12/31/2013 \$829.29
Pink Can Balance as of 10/18/2014 \$631.40

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **November 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 \$217.19; Anonymous \$21.35; Expect A Miracle \$32.00; H.O.W. Group \$28.75; Keep It Simple YANA Men's Group \$43.02; Keystone Group \$21.00; Kingsway Group \$109.00; Live and Let Live Group \$83.00; Lunch Bunch \$92.00; Monday Night Men's As Bill Sees It Odessa \$48.00; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$75.00; Morning Meditation \$206.72; Noon Big Book 3333 \$92.61; Noontime Celebration \$150.00; Odessa Group \$23.00; Promises Meeting Group \$56.32; Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) \$43.00; Sunshine Group \$9.34; There is a Solution Group \$12.93; Wellspring Recovery Group \$45.36; Westside Winners Group \$2791;

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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wanted didn't seem to be taking place, it actually was—gradually. I've never felt that revising the program or rewriting the Big Book would improve or hasten my personal recovery, however much I might want what I want when I want it. After all, it is up to the individual how much of our program he accepts, and *when* he accepts each part. There are no time limits and no musts. Perhaps some feel that if the program was watered down, modified, made more "palatable" (without so much program, Steps, reading aloud, and God), we might attract more people more easily. From there, we could proceed logically to advertise, erect billboards, have smiling members appear openly on TV to tell how radiant they felt after their very first meeting. We could erect temples on government subsidy. Yes, and an AA hierarchy could come into being, and the power-minded could move into an AA White House! The mighty would not neglect the rank and file; cards could be printed to show what stage of development the individual had attained, what citations he or she had won. Alas, it has been proved to me that I, as an alcoholic, am basically the end product of "self-will run riot." If I am not careful, I can run riot soberly and destroy all that which has been built so carefully and painfully to save me from myself. At present, I am simply discovering that I am a spiritual being, that I always have been and always will be a spiritual being, part of the great universal mind I call God. Most people have been told that during their youth, as I was. But I didn't hear it, so it is new to me and a wonderful revelation. In this new concept, I find much AA solace, confidence, and peace. It is part of my *Easy Does It*, my "Let go and let God." Spirituality isn't new to AA, nor was it new to those who helped write the Big Book. But I learn slowly. AA was the spiritual springboard for me. If it hadn't been for AA, I would now be dead or insane or, at the least, imprisoned or brokenly wandering. Change the Big Book? Change the program? No thanks, not for me. My job as a patient in AA is to seek recovery, and to let that recovery work in its own way and in its own time. Through my own AA thought and AA action, I try only to help the healing process. Should I desire to change AA, it would indicate to me that I now know all about the program in its entirety, all about living, loving, and life; that I have all my emotions in perspective and under control; that I am intellectually perfect; that I have transcended the human plane, have ascended, and am myself a higher power. Now I will call the shots. "God, you've got a good thing here, but there are some improvements I think you should make, and this is how they should be made." No thanks, not for me.

Dick W. / Reprint Permission / AA Grapevine / November 1976

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

Shangri-La.....from page 1

like a human being for the first time in a very long time. Where I came from nothing was free. Dessert, cigarettes, nothing. But people in the Fellowship gave me their time, love and hope and wanted nothing in return. Their actions spoke much louder than words. They were for real. Just like those sober guys in the penitentiary who never said a word, but showed me the way out. They saved my life and they were not even aware of it. I'm a lucky guy. I've been running around loose for almost 23 years now. In sobriety I was able to be a son to my parents, which is all they ever wanted from me. I became an employed member of society and got into a relationship with a beautiful AA gal. I'm still amazed that I've been able to live two lives in one. Sometimes I just want to run down the street yelling, "Life is good." I now take AA meetings into the jails and prisons in my area. Yes, God has a sense of humor. And yes, freedom is sweet.

Jim H., Zephyrhills, Florida

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In Memory of Janice B.

Janice B.70, of Sun City Center, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014 at South Bay Hospital with her loving family at her side. Formerly of Cherry Hill, NJ, in 2003 she and her husband retired to Sun City Center, which she described as her little piece of Heaven. Born in Medford, MA on June 29, 1944, she was a retired accounting manager, was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Lady Bug Book Club, a group of special girls and wonderful volunteer in Faith Based Prison Ministry. Janice is survived by her husband of 48 years, David, Sun City Center; daughter, Lisa Marie of Charlotte, NC; grandson, Jason of Charlotte, NC; brothers, John of Atlanta, GA and Charles , of Santa Clarita, CA. A memorial Mass was held Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 at 11am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Sun City Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to C.A.R.E. no kill animal shelter in Ruskin.

Editors Note: Janice was very active in the Women's Prison meetings in the Riverview/Sun City area and the AA groups in her area.

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.

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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**

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

October 14th, 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
Excused	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	

Ward opened the meeting in the usual manner by welcoming everyone to the meeting, followed by asking if everyone had signed in and to please turn down your cell phones and this was followed with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jim read the September minutes. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and approved. Sam presented the September Treasurer's. It was noted that we were \$133.07 in the black for the month and we were \$11,564.73 above our budget for the year. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made, seconded and approved. Old Business centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February 2015. It was noted that a First Edition Big Book had been acquired to be raffled off. A question arose about receipts for the Big Book raffle. Tim stated that if anyone asked for it he would give it to them. It's never been a problem in the past. Tim was asked to have Dinner tickets ready for the next meeting. Other questions came up about having enough tables and how many people to expect and if we are doing gift baskets-etc. There was a lot of discussion concerning the liability insurance we would need to cover us at the church. Finally a motion was made to recommend to the Council that we go with the Christ the Kings offer of \$150.00 with the assumption of no other cause such as a deductible. Motion passed. No New Business.

At the Council Meeting. Board Members present were: Chairperson Ward H., Vice-Chair Brian L., Treasurer Sam F., Dave F., Ralph R., Diana S., Jim K., & Jim W. Ward opened the meeting in the usual manner with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Ward then welcomed everyone to the meeting asking if everyone had signed in and to please fill out the Group Information form if you were new to the meeting and to please turn down your cell phones. Ralph read "What is Tri-County Central Office." Bill read the September minutes. There were no questions and a motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved. Sam presented the September Treasurer's. It was noted that we were \$133.07 in the black for the month and we were \$11,564.73 above our budget for the year. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made, seconded and approved. Old Business began with Ward noting that he had forgotten to mention for everyone to remember to sign in so everyone can get their minutes. Old Business then centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February 2015. Ward has been keeping in touch with the contact person at the church. Wrights Gourmet will be catering the food. The First Edition Big Book has been purchased for the raffle. It was noted that a First Edition Big

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

SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
GLENN D.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
LAUREN D.	TGIS GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS GROUP
MANDI P.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
RYAN C.	FIRESIDE GROUP
RICH E.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
SHAUNA L.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
MEGAN G.	LATE NIGHT RED DOOR GROUP
JOSHUA U.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BRIAN G.	SOBER ON SUNDAY GROUP
CONRAD B.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
CRAIG O.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP
JOE MCS.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
JAMIE C.	SUNSHINE GROUP
ALAN D.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
ANGIE M.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
BONNIE G.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

Book had been acquired to be raffled off. The Cakewalk raffle will be taking place. Tim will be getting speakers. Dinner tickets will be available at the next meeting. More discussion followed about gift baskets and the liability insurance we would need to cover us at the church. After deciding that more information was needed concerning the liability insurance Al made a motion to table any motion until we had more information. Motion passed. There was a question about the tapers selling CD's and other items at our event. It was noted that we have always let them do what they wanted. No New Business A few announcements were made and the meeting closed.

Join us for Sundays at the Sobrenity Group, Food and Fellowship from 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm—only \$3.00 a plate located at the Winn Dixie Plaza 8410 N. Armenia and Corner of Waters behind the Popeyes. Left side of Plaza look for Circle & Triangle on the door.

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

SELF-SUPPORT-September 2014

SORRY I FORGOT TO ENTER	THE YEARS LAST	MONTH	
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DOTTY R.	10/05/10	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE H.	10/24/06	8 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JENNIFER H.	10/25/04	10 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	HEATHER D.	10/03/04	10 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LAURA G.	10/31/91	23 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROBERT R.	10/26/87	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	DON S.	10/20/84	30 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROSE ANN	10/15/84	30 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	MEGHAN M.	10/31/10	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DOTTY R.	10/10/10	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	MAURA	10/04/04	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ED D.	10/17/05	9 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE B.	10/16/05	9 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX P.	10/11/90	24 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BETTY E.	10/08/09	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN W.	10/26/97	17 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ANN S.	10/01/88	26 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	40 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	CAROL C.	10/08/88	26 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AMY P.	11/09/12	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RICK A.	11/01/10	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDY S.	11/25/02	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LADY LOU D.	11/14/79	35 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	STEVE MCK.	11/03/99	15 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY B.	11/11/94	20 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	JOANNE	11/16/13	1 YR
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	KELLY T.	11/05/13	1 YR
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	KRISTIN	11/20/12	2 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	KERRY L.	11/14/11	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	MALIN	11/11/10	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	JOANN S.	11/19/05	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ASHLEY K.	11/13/08	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY M.	11/19/05	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY V.	11/12/90	24 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TOMMY D.	11/06/66	48 YRS

© Today in September of 2014 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in September totaled \$4,392.27. That accounts for what **33** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in September. This also takes into account the 2 AAer's who contributed \$84.96 in contributions anonymously, \$21.00 for the Dick D. Memorial Fund, \$95.00 from the 4 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund , and \$372.52 from the Midday Matinee special raffle. Our total income for September was \$13,284.97. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,217.95. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,067.02. Our Expenses for September were \$6933.95. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus +**\$133.07** for the month of September. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support . Thanks for all of your support !!!

In Memory of Corky F.

"Cork" F., 82, of Zephyrhills, passed away on Sun, Oct 5, 2014. He was born in Hartford, CT and retired to Florida in 1990 from Warrenville, Illinois, after working for Merck & Co for 26 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the Korean Conflict. He received 2 Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star for valor. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dade City, VFW, DAV, AARP and a friend of Bill W. Survivors include 2 sons, Andrew of Brighton, MA, Michael of Eagle, CO, 2 daughters, Christine of Inlet, NY, and Kathleen of NYC, 1 sister, Frances of Unionville, CT, 1 brother, John of Central City, CO, 9 grandchildren, and 2 truly genuine, spiritual, loyal, and very loving women: Eleanor, wife of 37 years and Virginia, best friend of 22 years; and the "Christmas Angel", best friend of 2 years. Visitation took place from 4-6pm, 10/7/14 at Hodges Funeral Home. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Dade City at 11am on 10/8/14. The family requests that donations be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery at a later date.

2014 DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

**GRATITUDE
DINNER**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
821 SOUTH DALE MABRY HWY
TAMPA, FL 33609

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

In Memory of Sandy B.

"Sandy" b., 83, of Tampa, FL passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 28, 2014 in an AA meeting while reading from Step 1 in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. He was born in New Haven, CT on Sept 9, 1931. In his early teens, he contracted Polio and while in recovery he developed a fascination with magic. Sandy went on to be a high school track and field athlete with a passion for creative writing. In 1953, he graduated from Yale University with a degree in Spanish. With his first wife, Barbara, he had six children, 15 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Four of his children survive him. For over a decade, Sandy flew as a fighter pilot with the U.S. Marines. His next career was as a speechwriter and lobbyist for the Credit Union National Association in Washington, DC. He retired in Tampa, FL, where he enjoyed couples dancing and volunteered as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. On December 7, 1964 (Pearl Harbor Day) Sandy stopped drinking and began a deep and lasting belief in the spiritual power of AA. Sandy became an inspired speaker in AA meetings large and small. He spoke about the principles of AA with a special blend of humor and wisdom all over the world. He created and taught an AA spiritual recovery workshop for men known as The Far Corners; true to its name, men travelled near and far to learn from Sandy. A viewing was held on Friday, October 10th between 6-9pm at Blount and Curry Funeral Home 605 S. MacDill Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609. Services took place on Saturday, October 11 at 11am at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, 3501 San Jose St., Tampa, FL 33629.

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	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D
11th Step Group—Christ King		275.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book			Sisters in Sobriety Group		405.98
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	225.00	Sisters in Sobriety TRICO Raffle		34.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keep It Simple/Pass It On		416.60	Sober @ 6 Group		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keeping it Simple Group		200.00	Sober @ 7 Group	194.00	1,068.48
A.A. 101 Group		908.94	Keystone Group		694.92	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group		96.00	Sober on Saturday Group	30.00	320.00
All Groups Cardinal Group.			LateNighters Group	69.25	389.25	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
All Groups Keystone Group		941.00	Late Night Red Door Group		1.18	Sober Rewards Group		10.20
All Groups Sober @ 7 Group			Lemon Tree Group	242.50	492.50	Sober Spirits Group		15.00
All Groups Old School Group			Life Enrichment Group			Soberstock Committee		500.00
All Groups Friday Women's Friendship Anniversary/Old School Gp.		287.00	Live and Let Live Group	37.00	1082.28	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	31.00	31.00
Alpha Group		100.00	Living in the Solution	423.00	1629.75	Sobrenity Group		650.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		2,380.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		375.00	Soberilla Tees		20.00
TRICO 7th Tradition 2014			Love & Service Group		57.00	Solutions Group		5.77
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2014		674.00	Lunch Bunch Group		139.36	Southshore Men's Group		282.60
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2014		388.00	Lutz @ Noon	27.00	103.00	Southside Men's Group		421.00
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014		114.00	Main Purpose Group		41.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		220.00
Dick D. Memorial Fund	21.00	1078.00	Maple Dale Group		135.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	Mid Day Matinee Group	533.52	3865.43	Spiritual Development Gp.		300.00
Anonymous Donations	85.17	3390.29	Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Growth Group		
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		720.85	Morning Express Group		425.00	Spiritual Progress Group		79.20
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		676.48	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		325.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	330.00	Morning Meditation Group		1.60	Step at a Time Group		404.00
Barracks Brigade Group	183.57	675.48	My Turn Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		124.50
Bel-Mar Group		105.95	New Beginnings - Brandon		351.00	Sun City Center Group		
Bill D's Group		126.00	New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	95.00	657.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	360.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		2258.00	Sunshine Group		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt	49.00	107.00	Newcomers Group (JC)		270.00	Sweet Surrender Group		3.88
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Day Group		221.54	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup	500.00	500.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		200.00	New Tampa Monday Night Men's		371.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	306.95	797.32
BYO 12 & 12 Group	140.00	560.00	New Way Women's Group	200.00	500.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		654.76
Came To Believe Group		597.71	Nightly Newcomers Group		39.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	200.04
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Noon Big Book Group		435.00	TBSBBEA Scavenger Hunt		110.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			Nooners Group--Riverview		218.56	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Carrollwood Group		52.61	Nooners Group--Tampa		377.58	Temple Terrace Men's Group		167.61
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		75.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		500.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		280.00
Chancey Road AA Group			North Brandon Open Forum		60.00	The 164 Group	50.00	50.00
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Northdale Group			The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Clean Air Group	18.13	68.13	Odessa Group		500.00	The 164 Group USF		90.00
Dade City Step Study Group		97.85	Old School Group		0.44	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		634.00
Dover Group		108.62	Old School Group All Groups			The Meeting Place Group		91.39
Early Risers Group - Joe's	3.44	4.80	Old School Group Anniversary		1201.00	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Expect a Miracle Group		196.51	OSG Ladies Birthday Event		100.00	Thurs. AM Discussion Group		
Experience, Strength & Hope		675.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		180.00
Fear Not Group		150.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		457.08	Town & Country Men's Group		151.00
Fill the Gap Group			One Day at a Time Group		300.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		2.86
Fireside Group		2.39	Palma Ceia Group		18.27	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		37.70
Founders Day Event		528.00	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Fourth Dimension Group			Palma Ceia Big Book Study	200.00	400.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		150.00
Friday Night Big Book Group			Plant City Keep it Simple		43.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		125.00
Friday Night Lights Group	77.00	507.64	Primary Purpose Group		157.00	Village 12 Step Group	270.00	450.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		247.00	Promises Meeting Group		333.96	Warrior's Group		
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Prosperity AA Group		242.25	Weedpatch Group		190.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.		100.00	Recovery Group P.City			Wed Night Step Workshop		150.40
Friday Women's Friendship		250.03	Red Chip Day			Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		325.00	Red Door Group		100.00	Wellspring Group		275.99
Good Day AA Group			Reflections Group--Lake Mag	40.74	336.35	Wesley Chapel Group		773.00
Good Start Group		1,236.41	Riverside Group		394.70	Wesley Chapel Big Bk Raffle		50.00
Grapevine Gals Group		183.97	Rush Hour Serenity Group		454.25	West Side Winners Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA		400.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	100.00	200.00	Safe Haven Group		129.94	WST Memorial Day Picnic		165.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1,378.78	Rush Hour Serenity Group		1.25	Women's Friendship Group		612.10
High Nooners Group		400.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		
Hope in Progress Group		67.00	Safe Haven Group		146.73			
Hour Glass Group			Saturday Night Fever Gp.	200.00	665.20			
In the Wind Group			Saturday Night Live Group					
International Doctors of AA		748.00	Seekers of Serenity II Group		82.41			
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		222.00						
						Monthly Total	1,521.95	
						YTD		12,838.78
Monthly Total	822.31		Monthly Total	2048.01		Grand Total for Month	4,392.27	
	YTD	23,867.44		YTD	22580.38	Grand Total for Year		59,286.60