



Tri-County Central Office News

The tremendous fact for every one of us is that we have discovered a common solution

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ROUND AND ROUND WE GO

“AA, as such, ought never be organized...” In fact, AA at the group level *resists* organization. There is something at AA’s core which keeps it simple and true. In my home group, we have typed up a simple format outlining how to conduct a meeting, and we put it between two sheets of clear plastic. Along with that, we have the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions each encased in plastic. All of this is in a file folder which is given to whoever is chairing the meeting. Over the course of time, these sheets become worn and coffee-stained. And eventually some new member attempts to clean them up, retype, *organize!*—and in the course of organization, perhaps add some new ideas. But it doesn’t work for long. Eventually, the new, clean and “organized” sheets become wrinkled and coffee-stained as the old, and the group reverts to its traditional manner—keeping it simple. How attractive and wise did this seem to me when I gathered my courage to attend my first AA meeting. I had expected some kind of formal initiation rite—perhaps religious—and instead I found a group of relaxed people sitting in a circle sipping coffee, actually asking if anyone had an idea or topic. This lack of formal organization appealed strongly to me, because I felt right away that AA was going to allow *me* to be *me*—in my own crazy way—and was not going to insist that I accept any views or rules or regulations about drinking or not drinking. I didn’t know it at the time, but Tradition Nine was working its spell on me, allowing me to find my own way, through shared experience and love to acceptance and then enthusiasm for our AA program. I discovered that on the group level, it was the willingness to help one another, the love I saw in action, which served as the real glue that held us together. At first, I thought that the group secretary or GSR or Grapevine representative must be the real bosses of the group. But then I began to see rotation in action, and I learned the difference between ruling and serving. Rotation is one of the ways we use to make sure we serve and don’t rule, and that we don’t get overly organized. I learned that AA on the group level might seem disorganized or even chaotic to a newcomer, but this was a temporary condition. If the newcomer kept coming back, he or she was soon a member of the group chorus saying, “Let’s keep it simple,” and “Remember that we are but trusted servants.” In such individual freedom is our great strength. When I began serving as GSR and then DCM, my education continued. Here I saw the need for certain kinds of service structures. We organized and intergroup office and needed a part-time paid worker, as well as numerous volunteers. We set up a Twelfth Step answering service to make sure that an AA contact was always available. It was vital that all this should work well: We wanted the hand of AA out to all those who still suffered. In setting up these services and making sure they worked well, it was tempting to forget about the principles of rotation and just find some good people and leave them alone to

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As I watch the leaves drifting down in the autumn, I can’t help but wonder if this was the original source of inspiration for the principle of rotation as codified by co-founder Bill W. in the Twelve Traditions. The purpose of rotation, like the principle of anonymity, seems to undergo a periodic challenge to me. In my early recovery I thought it perfectly clear why I should hang onto the same elected job from one term to the next. With what I saw as my special qualifications, I imagined myself the only one who could do the job well. I didn’t always pay attention to the norm of rotation as it was practiced in my home group, but came to see that one reason for rotation was to give the next person the same chance at service that I was given. I came to see that, thanks to the principle of rotation, I was able to get out of the driver’s seat and become better able to accept the fact that neither the world nor AA revolved around me. Rotation helped me to keep my feet on the ground and my hat size pretty much the same—two important ingredients in my recovery from alcoholism. The most memorable argument I ever heard in support of non-rotation came from a founder of a group, a man who still held most of the offices three years later and still chaired the rare business meeting. “Sure, I do most of the work” was the way he put it, “but after all, I started the group and I have to keep it going. If I don’t, nobody else will.” He could cite the Fourth Tradition, that each group runs its own show but he would leave out the proviso that it not step on the toes of other AA groups or AA as a whole. In a manner of speaking, he was not abusing the autonomy of his own group since the group didn’t have much of a say to start with. Regarding the group’s primary purpose as outlined in the Fifth Tradition, he did fill speaking commitments with other AA groups himself and in that sense his group was carrying the message. I’ve always thought a group carried the message to its own members first and that part of the message is the Right of Participation. It should be my right to take part in my group’s business meetings, elections, and in services beyond group level, such as carrying the message to institutions and to non-AA meetings as public information. The fate of that one-man group followed the lines of the classic situation described by Bill W. in the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* discussion of the Second Tradition. Members started talking among themselves and decided they wanted elections. That was when the group came of age. As for the fellow who started the group, he stayed sober but left after trying unsuccessfully to hang on to some part of his former power. In another instance of a one-man group, the founder’s position was that the principle of rotation was not a must. According to him, rotation was an option and he didn’t see any reason to upset what he called the smooth operation of his group. He would say that if members didn’t like the way he ran things, they could start their own groups. That was a few years ago. For all I know, he is still running things. The message for me in all of this is further respect for the

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

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

Important Reminder

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

Chair Janine G. opened the August 9th TBAIC meeting leading the Serenity Prayer. She presented her report on the workshops and business meetings she attended at the recent Area 15 Assembly in Miami. At the next TBAIC meeting Janine would like to elaborate on the “Man on the Bed” program, which was implemented at South Miami Mercy Hospital.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's report. The Keystone Group fundraiser (in memory of Sandy Burnham) donated \$459.09 to TBAIC from the event. The guest speaker also donated 25 little (red) big books to TBAIC. Expenses other than literature included gas expense for Janine G. (Area Assembly in Miami), paper, envelopes and postage stamps. In addition, TBAIC is now tax exempt. The Federal 501C3 application has been approved. The State of Florida has also approved tax exempt status. (Tax exempt status requires accurate record keeping to maintain tax exempt status.)

Nancy B. and Buddy H. have new volunteers for Faulkenburg Jail. Both report the meeting schedules are being covered.

Scott R. requests that he be kept informed on any changes to the schedules so he can keep the Detox list as current as possible. He would like to get the updates posted on our webpage on District 2's website.

Jim S. said Bridge the Gap had three phone calls for the month. John B. DACCO's Quest House men's closed book study meeting is looking for additional attendance for input and sponsorship. The H.O.W. Wednesday 6 PM meeting at the women's DACCO facility is an open coed meeting and the residents are seeking sponsorship.

In new business, no committee member position is permanent and goes through a rotation. The Treasurer position does has some requirements that need to be considered for the position such as Quick Book and a PC. To help TBAIC with future nominations, committee members will write a description of what each of their position does.

“I'm jittery and alone. I couldn't do that.” (BB pg 163)

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$13,122.85
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$11,995.11
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$11,844.06
YTD Expenses \$690.85
Pink Can Balance as of 12/31/2013 \$829.29
Pink Can Balance as of 08/09/2014 \$1,028.18

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on September 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:

301 House \$36.57; AA 101 \$113.94; Anonymous \$28.00; As Bill Sees It Monday Night Men's Group Odessa \$30.00; Brandon Big Book Step Study Group \$13.00; Bring Your Own Big Book Group (Ruskin) \$18.00; Came to Believe Group \$30.00; H.O.W. Group \$14.00; In Memory of Sandy B. (Keystone Group) \$459.09; Keystone Group \$40.00; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$94.00; Morning Meditation \$70.60; Noon Big Book Group (3333) \$157.90; Odessa Group \$65.12; Primary Purpose Group \$26.00; Promises Meeting Group \$49.67; Ruskin Fellowship \$41.00; Sisters in Sobriety \$31.00; Sunday Speakers Meeting (3333) \$100.00; Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group \$74.36; There is a Solution Group (3333) \$17.10; Town and Country Wednesday Group \$97.35; Wellspring Recovery Group \$124.15; Wesley Chapel Group \$80.00.

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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do the job. How much more difficult it was to hold on to rotation and make sure that humility (rather than power-building) was at the center of our efforts. We learned that even though it was more difficult to rotate and constantly have to move through a period of necessary learning, this was good for the individuals involved and for AA. The service committees learned, through hard knocks, to do their job well, and they also learned that no one person, or small group of people, needed to stay in particular serving positions. Our service structure started to hum along with few difficulties, and what is perhaps best of all, many people got a chance to serve rather than just a few. This same experience proved true as I served on the area level. Here we needed an effective area newsletter, so we could communicate information of importance about recovery. And we needed working committees: Grapevine and literature, cooperation with the professional community, archives, public information, hospitals and institutions, and finance. How could we get those various jobs done so that AA in our part of the country could be available and unified to those still suffering under the lash of alcoholism? The answer again was to create service boards and committees directly responsible to all members in our area. The strong tradition of rotation serves as a basic spiritual principle, and the work gets done in a spirit of grateful volunteerism. The "organization" in the committees is free and easy; the idea is to do what is necessary in a way that seems comfortable and within all the Traditions. Those holding service positions are the custodians of our AA Traditions; because they do not govern, they do not derive authority from their titles. I found some of these lessons rather easy to learn, but some quite difficult. For those of us raised in a tradition which suggests that more and more organization is good—and that authority increases as one's title gets longer on the door—AA's tradition of the "least possible organization" and rotation (even if this permits some inexperience and even ignorance) was a bit shocking. Could such a structure stay intact? Wouldn't it finally fall apart? The answer, I discovered, was this: AA is unified and strong, it seems to me, *because* we are not organized. We have, first of all, always focused on the importance, the dignity of the individual, and second, we've insisted that all those serving AA derive their authority from a loving God expressing himself within the informed group conscience. The Ninth Tradition, in summary, stands for selfless service in the cause of AA unity. To move along comfortably in the Ninth Tradition is to serve in a spirit of love and knowledge, recognizing that we need not fear, as Bill W. put it, "...blighting organization or hazardous wealth." AA does indeed have a unique character, and the Ninth Tradition, which appears so paradoxical at first, is one of the primary guarantees of that unique and precious character.

Jan P., Spokane, Washington
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AA AT ITS BEST

Each Saturday at 9:00 am, the small AA group in Papua, New Guinea meets in a tiny room above the Lutheran Church administration building. We are a small group, eight members only. Last Saturday it rained all day. Blinding sheets of water hammered down. My little station wagon ducked like a submarine through the lake-like puddles on my way to the meeting. At the meeting place, though, I found the gate locked. I thought, perhaps I'm a bit early, so I'll just wait. The tape player in my car had a new set of batteries in it, and I happened to have a rare AA speaker tape with me, passed on to me by one of our almost nonexistent visitors. So amid the pounding sheets of rain, safe in my car, I put in the tape of Clarence S., the 1973 guest speaker of an AA convention in California, and sat back to listen. Meanwhile, Noah arrived for the meeting, barefoot and wet. I threw open the car door and he climbed in. "Listen brother," I said, "this is AA at its best." Soon Pondros arrived, also barefoot, after walking nine miles through the rain. So did Luke, Tokeso, and Kapi, but not the secretary with the key to the gate. The tape rolled on. Clarence was telling how he started the first AA group in Cleveland, Ohio in 1938. That first meeting had been literally a riot, with drunks and reporters fighting. But the meeting kept going. (I turned up the sound. With the rain drumming on the roof and all those bodies packed into the car, full volume was necessary.) Someone, it seemed, had brought a few signs reading "Think" to the first Cleveland meetings. Said Clarence of this, "Any alcoholic coming into AA cannot think; he has nothing left to think with. The alcoholic *feels*, he does not think. The Third Step sorts out the men from the boys when you select a caretaker whom you trust with your will and your life. If you've done the first nine Steps of the program, don't ask your Higher Power for another day of sobriety. You *are* sober. There must be better things to ask for your needs right now! When you pray and meditate, remember the Lord gave you two ears and one mouth." When you pray, Clarence said, you are talking to God. When you meditate, you are listening. The tape was over. The time had gone too quickly, and the secretary had never come. The rain pelted down. We said the Serenity Prayer, drove to a roadhouse, and had some coffee and a bit to eat. What a meeting it was!

Colin C., Papua, New Guinea
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enduring practicality of our Traditions. Applications vary but the dynamics remain unchanged. Yet I sat in countless committee meetings, with the Traditions on the wall above us, and listened as long-time sober AAs struggled with problems they could have resolved by trusting the Traditions instead of trying to reinvent them. It seems to me if I have a closed mind, that's one thing; if I have a closed mind and no desire to open it up, that's something else.

W.H., Pittsfield, Massachusetts
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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

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

August 12th 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
BERNIE H. Alternate	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 Board Meeting in the usual matter, with the Serenity Prayer and reminding everyone to turn down their cell phones. Ralph volunteered to read the July minutes. There was no discussion and a motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved. It was noted that Bernie was standing in for our Treasurer Sam F. Tim presented the Treasurers report in lieu of Sam's absence. We were \$2,677.52 in the black for the month of July and \$13,540.47 in the black for the year thus far. It was noted that a good portion of the overage has been placed in a Money Market plan to replace the money we spent from our Prudent Reserve back in 2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved. Old Business and New Business sort of merged into each other. Most of the discussion centered around preliminary discussion for our 40th Anniversary in February. Ward gave a brief rundown on why we had went to Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church last year. Mainly because of cost factors. Ralph asked if we made a profit from the event and did we have speakers picked out. Ward mentioned that since it was our 40th Anniversary, maybe Tim could find some speakers who had been connected with Central Office in the early years. Diane asked about the ratio of people who attended the events at Palma Ceia versus Christ the King. Discussion continued with ideas for different venues, pricing and ideas for food. Ward reinforced the idea that all though we are doing very well, now, financially, that we needed to remember that it had a lot to do with those groups who had held special fund-raisers earlier in the year and we needed to try and continue that practice. Ask Tim for a copy of our All Groups checklist. The Board meeting ended early. Ward opened the Council Meeting in the usual matter, with the Serenity Prayer and reminding everyone to turn down their cell phones. We had three new members to the Council, Jamie C. from the Sunshine Group, Gene C. from the We Have a Way Out Group, and Richard G. from the Monday Night Madness Group. Bill volunteered to read the July Council minutes. There was no discussion and a motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and approved. Tim presented the Treasurers report in lieu of Sam's absence. We were \$2,677.52 in the black for the month of July and \$13,540.47 in the black for the year thus far. It was noted that a good portion of the overage has been placed in a Money Market plan to replace the money we spent from our Prudent Reserve back in 2011. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved. Sue was asked to read "What is Central Office" from the

August 12th 2014 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
LAUREN D.	TGIS GROUP
MANDI P.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JAMES S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
RYAN C.	FIRESIDE GROUP
MICHELLE G.	JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S GROUP
GENE C.	WE HAVE A WAY OUT GROUP
RICH E.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JANET S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JERRY H.	WELLSPRING
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
TOM F.	KEYSTONE GROUP
SCOTT S.	BYO 12 & 12 GROUP
JAMES C.	SUNSHINE GROUP
BEN P.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ANDREA D.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
EVE	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
PAUL B.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
BRIAN G.	SOBER ON SUNDAY GROUP
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
RICHARD G.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
TROY S.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP

inside of our Meeting Schedule as a reminder of why we are here. There was no Old Business so we moved right into New Business. Again, Ward gave a brief rundown on why we had went to Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church last year. Mainly because of the cost factors. Someone commented that it was a long way to have to go and Ward replied that if anyone had a better place in mind to come back next month with all the details and we could discuss it or any other ideas, just do the footwork first (paraphrased). It was mentioned that we hoped to do the Cakewalk Raffle again. Many were in favor of this. Sue asked how many people we should expect. It was noted probably around 220. A question was asked about how much the food cost. Tim replied around \$800.00. Someone noted that we should decide on ticket cost for the event. Tom gave a brief report on the District 2 meeting. Ward reminded everyone about hosting All Groups meetings.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MIKE C.	09/25/11	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BARRY H.	09/25/99	15 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	CAROL C.	09/08/88	26 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JENNIFER D.	09/25/06	8 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BLAKE B.	09/23/03	11 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARK H.	09/01/87	27 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE C.	09/21/07	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NANCY F.	09/17/85	29 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SHELIA H.	09/02/70	44 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LENNY G.	09/24/00	14 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	TOM V.	09/02/88	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	VALLIDA G.	09/18/84	30 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	SANDY J.	09/15/88	26 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BOB V.	09/01/03	11 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-July 2014

© Today in July of 2014 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in July totaled \$6,726.93. That accounts for what **60** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in July. This also takes into account the 9 AAer's who contributed \$708.15 in contributions anonymously, \$90.00 from the 3 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund , \$14.00 from the Soberilla T-Shirt sales and \$100.00 from the Old School Group Ladies Birthday Event. Our total income for July was \$14,357.32. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,756.78. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our July income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,600.54. Our Expenses for July were \$6,923.02. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus +**\$2,677.52** for the month of July. 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
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	20 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS	BERNIE H.	07/19/94	20 YRS

Want to get involved in some Service Work? How about volunteering for the After-Hour Phones on the Weekend. Call Martin after Office Hours @ **813-933-9123** and get all the details.

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

DO YOU HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR NEWSLETTER "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



Sober @ 7 Group presents

ALL GROUPS MEETING

&

12th ANNIVERSARY

SPEAKER MEETING & DINNER

(All Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

\$5.00 Donation per person

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2014

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

106 11TH Avenue, NE

Ruskin, FL 33570

POTLUCK DINNER: 6 P.M.

SPEAKER MEETING: 7 P.M.

Speaker: Phillip S.

Baker, FL

WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (WITH FOOD IN IT) TO THE CHURCH BY 5:30 P.M. SO WE CAN SETUP THE FOOD.

FOR IDEAS ON WHAT TO BRING PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS WHICH MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



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

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

September 19 - 21, 2014
Sandy B. ~ Bob B. ~ Sheldon F.
 (Tampa, FL) ~ (St. Paul, MN) ~ (Las Vegas, NV)
Illuminating The Spiritual Path

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Hyatt Regency Sarasota
 1000 Boulevard of the Arts
 Sarasota, Florida
 941-953-1234

Room Rates Starting at Just \$99 Per Night!
 MENTION GROUP CODE: SCSWFL
To Book Hotel Reservations Online Visit:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SCSW>
 Reservations must be made before 9/4/14, to receive this rate. Afterwards, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

If you need additional information, or have special needs, please call Jerry at 239-776-6767, email JEddleman@aol.com, or write: Pockets of Enthusiasm, 5625 Cedar Tree Lane, Naples, FL 34116

Conference Registration

POCKETS OF ENTHUSIASM
 (Register online at www.serenityclubswfl.org)
 \$45.00 Per Person

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____
 ZIP _____ PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

Registration Fee (Required) **\$45.00**
 Saturday Night Banquet (Optional) **\$40.00**

TOTAL \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: Pockets of Enthusiasm
 & Mail To: 12435 Collier Blvd., Ste. 107
 Naples, FL 34116

**11th Step Retreat
 For AA / Al-Anon**

September 19 - 21, 2014
 Dayspring Conference Center
 Ellenton, FL

Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>

Come get away from it all and enjoy the fellowship of an AA / Al-Anon spiritual retreat in peaceful, country surroundings. The retreat will center on God, as we understand Him "The spiritual life is not a theory, we have to live it." (Big Book pg. 83) The discussion will center on Steps 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, & 12, complying with the suggestion of step 10 of AA: "Many of us go in for annual and semi-annual house cleanings. Many of us also like the experience of an occasional retreat from the outside world where we can quiet down for an undisturbed day or so of self-overhaul and meditation." (12 & 12 pgs. 89, 91)

Sleeping accommodations are air-conditioned, bunkhouse style with shared bathrooms; 16 comfortable bunk beds per room. We suggest you bring a lawn chair or campstool for outdoor relaxation and meditation. Also bring your Big Book, 12 & 12, a flashlight, and bug spray is optional. Cost includes meals, coffee, water, and snacks. Smoking permitted ONLY in designated area. The center provides nature trails along the river for reflection and meditation.

Where: Dayspring Ellenton, FL (Map on Reverse)
When: Dinner 6 PM Friday to Lunch Sunday Noon
Cost: \$155.00 per person, transferable but not refundable. \$80.00 deposit required for advanced registration.
Balance due by August 15, 2014

Info: Jennifer Ayers 727-510-0428
Make check payable to:
 11th Step Retreat
 PO Box 12142 St. Petersburg, FL 33733

For More Information Call:

Patti E.	St Petersburg, FL	727-895-2221
Tom B.	Tampa, FL	813-9515740
Chris F.	St Petersburg, FL	727-709-4054

11th STEP RETREAT
 September 19 - 21, 2014

Please print name clearly and return with deposit or full payment

(Circle appropriately) Male / Female AA / Al-Anon

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Sober date: _____ Snore: Yes / No Over 60: Yes / No
 Physical/Dietary need: _____

Bringing Florida AA Together for Recovery

REGISTER NOW! space is limited
Florida Unity Roundup
October 3 - October 5, 2014
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville

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www.floridaunityroundup.com

The Florida Unity Roundup is a newly created yearly roundup to strengthen and unify our area AAs and AFGs. All of the recovery community is invited to join us in Jacksonville for our inaugural event in October 2014. We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of AA's Big Book with outstanding AA and Alanon Speakers, a Red Ball Meeting, Old Timers Panel, a Saturday Night Banquet, Ice Cream Socials, Dancing, Great Fellowship and more!

Enjoy Great Speakers! Lillie H., Portland ME; Karl M., Covina CA; Palmer G. (AFG), Miami FL; and Sandy H. Rio, Rancho NM

Group	JULY	Y T D	Group	JULY	Y T D	Group	JULY	Y T D
11th Step Meeting Group Christ King		225.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book			Sisters in Sobriety Group		402.25
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Sisters in Sobriety Raffle		34.00
11th Step Retreat	100.00	100.00	Keep It Simple/Pass It On	416.60	416.60	Sober @ 6 Group		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keeping it Simple Group		200.00	Sober @ 7 Group		874.48
A.A. 101 Group	277.65	908.94	Keystone Group	185.81	694.92	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
A.A. 102 Group			Kingsway Group	96.00	96.00	Sober on Saturday Group	30.00	260.00
All Groups Cardinal Group.			LateNighters Group	32.92	281.75	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
All Groups Keystone Group		941.00	Late Night Red Door Group		1.18	Sober Rewards Group	5.20	10.20
All Groups Sober @ 7 Group			Lemon Tree Group		250.00	Sober Spirits Group		15.00
All Groups Old School Group			Life Enrichment Group			Soberstock Committee		500.00
All Groups Friday Women's Friendship		287.00	Live and Let Live Group	433.58	1045.28	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
Anniversary/Old School Gp.			Living in the Solution		1206.75	Sobriety Group		325.00
Alpha Group		80.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It	375.00	375.00	Soberilla Tees		20.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		2,380.00	Love & Service Group	44.00	57.00	Solutions Group		5.77
TRICO 7th Tradition 2014			Lunch Bunch Group		139.36	Southshore Men's Group		163.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2014		674.00	Lutz @ Noon	21.00	60.00	Southside Men's Group		421.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2014		388.00	Main Purpose Group		41.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	80.00	220.00
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014		114.00	Mapdale Group	65.00	135.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Dick D. Memorial Fund		1057.00	Mid Day Matinee Group	463.19	2905.36	Spiritual Development Gp.		300.00
Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	Monday Nite Madness			Spiritual Growth Group		
Anonymous Donations	735.54	3090.07	Morning Express Group		225.00	Spiritual Progress Goup	18.10	79.20
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		517.40	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		225.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	264.12	676.48	Morning Meditation Group		1.60	Step at a Time Group		404.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	200.00	My Turn Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)	40.00	124.50
Barracks Brigade Group	195.71	373.71	New Beginnings - Brandon	104.00	351.00	Sun City Center Group		
Bel-Mar Group		105.95	New Beginnings Our Club			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Bill D's Group		126.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	280.00
Birthday Club	90.00	503.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		2258.00	Sunshine Group		
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12			Newcomers Group (JC)		75.00	Sweet Surrender Group		3.88
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		58.00	New Day Group	50.00	202.04	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Tampa Monday Night		371.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		490.37
Brandon Tues. Big Book		200.00	New Way Women's Group		300.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	148.72	654.76
BYO 12 & 12 Group	120.00	420.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		39.00	Tampa Palms Big Book		100.04
Came To Believe Group	195.00	597.71	Noon Big Book Group	175.00	175.00	TBSBBA Scavenger Hunt		110.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Nooners Group--Riverview		158.04	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Cardinal Group All Groups			Nooners Group--Tampa	40.23	277.58	TGIS Women's Group		138.47
Carrollwood Group		52.61	Noontime Celebration Gp.	200.00	500.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		280.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		75.00	North Brandon Open Forum		60.00	The 164 Group		
Chancey Road AA Group			Northdale Group			The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Odessa Group		500.00	The 164 Group USF		90.00
Clean Air Group		50.00	Old School Group		0.44	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel	242.06	634.00
Dade City Step Study Group		97.85	Old School Group All Groups			The Meeting Place Group	41.00	84.89
Dover Group		108.62	Old School Group Anniversary		1201.00	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	1.07	1.36	OSG Ladies Birthday Event	100.00	100.00	Thurs. AM Discussion Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		1.51	Oldtimer's Group - JC			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	40.00	160.00
Experience, Strength & Hope		675.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	156.13	457.08	Town & Country Men's Group		151.00
Fear Not Group		150.00	One Day at a Time Group		300.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		2.86
Fill the Gap Group			Palma Ceia Group			Tues Big Book Study Gp.		37.70
Fireside Group		2.39	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Founders Day Event		528.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		200.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Fourth Dimension Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		150.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Plant City Keep it Simple		23.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		125.00
Friday Night Big Book Group			Primary Purpose Group	67.50	157.00	Village 12 Step Group		180.00
Friday Night Lights Group		430.64	Promises Meeting Group	157.95	333.96	Warrior's Group		
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		247.00	Prosperity AA Group		242.25	Weedpatch Group		190.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Recovery Group P.City			Wed Night Step Workshop	44.75	150.40
Friday Night Women's Gp.		100.00	Red Chip Day			Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Friday Women's Friendship	120.03	250.03	Red Door Group		100.00	Wellspring Group		275.99
Gifts of Sobriety Group		195.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	31.16	295.61	Wesley Chapel Group		527.00
Good Day AA Group			Riverside Group		394.70	West Side Winners Group		
Good Start Group		1,236.41	Rush Hour Serenity Group	117.00	454.25	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
Grapevine Gals Group		146.47	Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	WST Memorial Day Picnic		165.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		400.00	Safe Haven Group		129.94	Women's Friendship Group	360.30	612.10
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		100.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		1.25	YaYaSisterhood in Sobriety		
Hide-A-Way Group		1,028.56	Ruskin Fellowship Group					
High Nooners Group		400.00	Safe Haven Group		68.94			
Hope in Progress Group		67.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	75.00	345.20			
Hour Glass Group			Saturday Night Live Group					
In the Wind Group			Seekers of Serenity II Group	40.61	82.41			
International Doctors of AA		748.00						
It's in the Book Men's Gp.	40.00	222.00						
						Monthly Total	1,090.13	
							YTD	10,446.86
Monthly Total	2,189.12		Monthly Total	3447.68		Grand Total for Month	6,726.93	
	YTD	21,586.71		YTD	18880.49	Grand Total for Year		50,914.06