



Tri-County Central Office News

if we maintain unity through our central offices, if we preserve the simplicity of our program, if we remember that our job is to get sober and to stay sober and to help our less fortunate brother to do the same thing, then we shall continue to grow and thrive and prosper.

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.
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9,500-Mile Journey to Faith

“But you have more faith than anyone at this AA meeting,” another member said to me during one of our continuing discussions about spirituality. In fact, he told me the same thing at five consecutive meetings, because I complained over and over that I was having so much trouble with faith during my fifth year of sobriety in AA. Early this morning, in a rare bout of insomnia, I finally understood what my friend had been talking about. I do have faith! It all began with my fear of a DWI charge during my drinking days. I used to ride my bicycle to bars, leaving my driver’s license behind. After having to walk my bicycle home once, because I was too drunk to ride it, I concentrated on drinking at home. Also, I wanted to avoid the sickening cigarette smoke of the bars. It was easier to take pills at home, too. I rode my bicycle to the grocery stores to buy beer and even went to the trouble and expense of fitting my bicycle with special, oversized baskets for carrying cases of beer. And so I bicycle home with one hand on the handlebars and the other around a paper bag containing a can of beer. I went to any length to drink! Since I always loved to bicycle, I even dreamed of bicycling across the United States, beer can in hand. But I had already learned that alcoholics don’t ride too far too well. After I sobered up with the help of AA, my alcoholic husband left me, his now-nondrinking wife. When I kept refusing to drink with him during his nocturnal visits after the bars closed, he became more and more violent. Once, he beat me after he opened my refrigerator and saw fourteen men inside it, cooling off. A psychiatrist assured me that my husband would eventually kill me unless I left town. About that time, the local newspaper carried an advertisement for bargain air fares between San Francisco and Sydney, Australia. The money that I had been saving to buy a gun to defend myself was used to buy a proper touring bicycle. Australia was as far as I could get from my drinking husband. And so my bicycle and I, with my one and a half years of battered sobriety, flew to Australia. I proceeded, one revolution of the pedals at a time, counterclockwise around Australia, a total of 9,500 miles in five months. Before leaving home, I had read every book in the local library about the country and had properly planned my trip weatherwise; I avoided the hot summer and wet season and profited from tail winds at the beginning of the trip when my forty-one-year-old muscles needed all the help they could get. Not only did I have a good time sightseeing, photographing, and bike racing, but I saved both my life and my sobriety by attending AA meetings in Australia. That friend in my home group

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Act on the Decision

“Honesty, open-mindedness and willingness.” These, I was told, are the keys to working each Step of the AA program. The first three Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous came pretty quickly for me, but when I got to Step Four I was so busy trying just not to drink that it took me a while to get it done. At twenty-eight days sober, I attended a convention and during a Big Book study I heard a speaker say that the way to complete Step Three is to do Step Four (act on the decision). So I took action. It was a few days before I could sit down with pen and paper in hand. In the meantime I thought about the many conflicts I had had with friends, family, employers, and enemies, trying to focus not on what they did to me, but what I did. I somehow had the idea that I was looking for all the things I had done wrong, and it puzzled me that in one particular instance there were hard feelings on my part while I could not see that I had done anything wrong. Nevertheless, I wrote. One day I found myself in a university lounge at 7:00 am as my oldest daughter began a five-hour battery of tests. I sat alone in that sunlit room, prayed, and started writing down names of the persons I had resentments against. From my earlier mental inventory I had a number of names, ranging from the first grade teacher who paddled me for sitting on my foot to a former sister-in-law who cussed me out in front of my new wife. My father, the workaholic spoilsport, was there, as well as the onetime best friend who turned against me for reasons I still don’t understand. I looked at the list I had and briefly described the particular situations upsetting me regarding each person. I also looked at myself in relation to the situation to see in what area—financial, social or sexual—I felt threatened. It began to get a little squirrely, because (as I see it now) I was taking the entire process one name at a time and getting bogged down in all the the personalities and interactions of each incident. More and more I found my resentment getting stirred up so it was hard to see where I was wrong. In addition to chapter five, I was using an inventory guide that psycho-babbled something about looking for the seven deadly sins, and I found myself rationalizing, analyzing, and eliminating myself into confusion. Nevertheless, I waded through. In five hours I had eleven pages of inventory—some of it quite irrelevant. While I knew there were still a few cesspools in me that needed to be cleaned out, I was certain I had hit on the grosser handicaps, and figured that where I was confused about me, my sponsor could shed some light when I took the Fifth Step. And he did—thanks to my Higher Power. I may not have done my Fourth Step “right” the first time, but I did do it! Despite my confusion, most of my major character defects came to my attention. I can still recall my amazement when, sitting on a couch in that big sunlit room with my feet on a coffee table, I discovered that I, who thought I was a pretty humble guy, had a giant case of egomania manifested as self-pity, and that the opposite side of that self-centered coin was pride. And the relief was almost comic when

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

(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 March 21st meeting of TBAIC was opened by Susan O. leading the "Serenity Prayer". Susan received word from Buddy H. that the men's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail were being covered. She and Buddy are still working on the softball tournament being held May 2 at Gadsden Park.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's report. Collections for the month were good. He noted the expenses for sales tax exemption filing fee, postage stamps, P.O. Box annual fee and literature.

Nancy B. has 3 new women volunteers scheduled for the orientation at Faulkenburg on April 16. Due to the background check requirements, there has been a cutoff date put into effect. Women volunteers can contact Nancy B (813) 8720262 or men volunteers can contact Buddy H. (813) 8712514 if they have any questions.

Scott R. left word that the dress attire issue at Drew Park has been addressed and everyone seems to be dressing in an appropriate manner.

Steps to Freedom will be hosting a Rummage Sale at The Club, 3333 W. Columbus Drive on April 17 and 18. They are also looking for any other fundraising ideas. All proceeds benefit TBAIC. They are currently updating their website.

Chris D. of E. Pasco Prison was impressed by a recent meeting with 11 volunteers and 14 inmates. Though a rare event, he said it was a moving experience and the inmates were truly grateful.

Jim. S. reported that Bridge the Gap had 4 calls and provided 2 rides. He is working on a letter from GSO on a prison prerelease scheduled for June 29.

Tom F. has written the State of Florida to clarify the use of the TBAIC tax free status for fund raising events in the future. This will avoid any possible future misunderstandings.

"We do not wish to deny anyone his chance to recover from alcoholism. We wish to be just as inclusive as we can, never exclusive." ("As Bill Sees It" , pg 186)

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$4,334.79
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$4227.80
Money in Spending Account at Year End 2014 \$260.10
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$4,313.90
YTD Expenses \$383.56
Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$918.22
Pink Can Balance as of 03/21/2015 \$641.65

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **April 11th, 2015** 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 \$158.6; As Bill Sees It Group Brandon \$99.70; Brandon Big Book Step Study \$39.50; Came to Believe Group \$23.00; Early Risers Group 140978 \$101.18 Keystone Discussion Group \$101.00; Live and Let Live Group \$71.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$106.00; Monday Night Men's Black belt \$274.00; Morning Meditation \$237.77; Noon Big Book Group \$46.63; Old School Group \$491.74; Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) Group \$55.00; Sober @ Seven - Apollo Beach Group \$93.00; There Is A Solution Group \$10.00; Town and Country Men's Group \$25.00; Wellspring Recovery Group \$74.28;

TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members

Susan O. - Chair	813-325-6538
Jim S.— Alternate Chair	813-679-9130
Tom F.— Treasurer	813-205-4945
Carolyn L. Alt. Treasurer	813-961-1144
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Nancy B.— Alt. Secretary	813-872-0262
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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learned about my trip when I have him a copy of my self-published book about the experience. He called this trip faith. It took me so long to realize that, yes, I had faith that my legs and bicycle would get from one water source to another in the dry, isolated Australian outback, and that someone would help me when I had the dreaded craving for alcohol. The Australians were so generous, kind, and helpful that I feel I can never properly repay them, except perhaps by writing about my gratefulness and cleaning out the coffee pot at my favorite AA meeting. I can't make the coffee before the meeting, because I am always out riding then on the same bicycle. (I'm glad bicycles can't talk—it would have too many embarrassing stories to tell.) It has been to almost as many AA meetings as I have, and I have faith that it will perform well for many more miles. Perhaps faith is like the Higher Power of our individual understanding in AA. It comes in all forms, shapes, and sizes. Although it took my friend much repetition to convince me that I had faith, this is what AA is all about: helping us to help ourselves and others through hearing things over and over at meetings. Some heads are thicker than others—or perhaps I have bicycled too long without a helmet. I put up an argument: “Death in Tampa was the only alternative to Australia.” “But you had faith,” my friend said, “just like you have faith in AA to help you stay sober.” “But my only alternative to sobriety is death from alcoholism.” “That proves you have faith,” he said. It might have taken me five and a half years to realize that I have faith, but I do have it. Right now, I want to ride my bicycle all over Tampa at 3:00 am, yelling, “I have faith!” But AA has taught me that I have a choice, so I'm pounding the faith story on my typewriter. That don't disturb the neighbors; they live far enough away. While bicycling 117 miles in one day on Australia's Nullarbor Plain in 1979 and praying for the small town to come, I never thought I was developing faith along with my leg muscles. I never dreamed that I had so much of what I was searching for. I seem to be blind to my assets as I am to my debits. And all along, I just didn't drink, rode my bicycle to meetings, and had a good time with activities I enjoy. By the way, I finally bicycles across the United States, sober, with a water bottle instead of a can of beer in my hand. A car hit me in California, and I wanted a drink to ease the pain, but a marvelous AA couple saved my sobriety. By the time I got to Phoenix, the swelling was gone, and in El Paso, the scab finally came off. I've been back in Tampa for three years, working only part-time (it's the only work I can find). My now-ex-husband hasn't bothered me. I have faith.

J.J., Tampa, Florida Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ April 1984

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I realized how presumptuous I had been to be upset with people who didn't live up to my expectations of them. That was when I understood the resentment I had against a person whom I had not harmed. Since then, three charts based on the example on page 65 have begun to crop up in my area. You can simply fill in the blanks—one page each for fears, resentments, and wrongs done to others (including sex conduct) one column at a time. In this way, the inventory is laid out in organized form when it comes time for the Fifth Step. You don't have to ramble through an autobiography cluttered with side issues and room for rationalization. I have done mini-Forth Steps using those forms since that first time, and I encourage my pigeons to use the same method. They're simple to follow and straight out of the Big Book. And because there is not a lot of room to write in each line, I don't get so bogged down in side issues dealing with persons other than myself. One other thing: There is a phenomenon in AA that has not been addressed much—that of the alcoholic who cannot write. The Big Book maintains, as do I, that the inventory should be written—so how does the illiterate (or otherwise handicapped) alcoholic write it down? Well, I volunteered to be a secretary for my illiterate sponsoree, pledging that whatever he dictated would be held in strictest confidence whether he chose to take the Fifth Step with me or not. In addition, being Native American, his English vocabulary was also limited. I asked him for a list of persons he held a grudge against, and he named them. Going back I asked what had happened that caused him to resent each one, and he told me. Then I asked him what area of his life was affected: his wallet, his standing among his people, or his sex life. When he got to the point of determining the nature of his wrongs, I was shocked to discover that he thought “honesty” and “dishonesty” both meant “to be honest.” But I learned, and he learned. And he just celebrated a year's sobriety this past month! I'm sure this language barrier exists for alcoholics in addition to American Indians. I have known many who dropped out of school in the elementary or junior high school years. And there are amputees for whom writing is very difficult, if not impossible. I strongly suggest to AA members who know of such a person struggling with recovery to offer to serve as a secretary—promising to keep the information “secret,” or “not to tell anyone” (those words are easier to understand than “confidential”). As for the idea of a person being “too dumb” to do the Step, I haven't met an alcoholic yet who doesn't know who he is mad at!

**Alan L., Gentry, Ark.
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ April 1989**



“That last speaker was so realistic, I've got half a hangover!”

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

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 10th, 2015 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

UNEXCUSED	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
UNEXCUSED	VICE-CHAIR	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
SAM F.	TREASURER	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
UNEXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	WED. NIGHT STEP WORKSHOP
JIM W.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
DIANA S.	BOARD MEMBER	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
UNEXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SEEKERS OF SERENITY GROUP II
VICKI M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
UNEXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	MEN'S BLACKBELT GROUP 2
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	

Sam opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. We were shy 5 Board Members this evening. The February minutes were read, seconded and approved. Sam presented the February Treasurer's Report noting that we were \$63.61 in the red for the month and \$2,455.72 in the black for the year. There were no questions. The February Treasurer's report was seconded and approved. Old and New Business mixed in between each other with discussions concerning the Founders Day event and the idea of changing the Board Meeting from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. It was noted that this change would require a By-Law change. Tim gave a quick run down on what it would consist of. Several ideas floated around. A motion was made to table anymore discussion on the time change until the Chairperson was present. There was a second and motion passed.

Sam opened the Council Meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer followed by asking if there were any new members present. John L. read the February Minutes. They were seconded and approved. Sam presented the February Treasurer's Report noting that we were \$63.61 in the red for the month and \$2,455.72 in the black for the year. There were no questions. The February Treasurer's report was seconded and approved. In New Business discussion centered around the Founders Day event. The Council was asked to bring back ideas, suggestions, recommendations on how, where and when they would like to do the event. Joe announced the Came to Believe 12th Year Anniversary. Harold, District 2 Liaison reminded everyone of the need to participation at the General Service level and the upcoming April Quarterly. Bernie announced that the Friday Night Lights Group had raised \$136.00 for Central Office from their Movie Night. A new group is forming at Joe's Club. John announced a beginner's meeting starting up at the Sobrenity Group.

WE STILL NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

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

March 10th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

MANDI P.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
TOM P.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
HAROLD G.	DISTRICT 2 LIAISON
FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
LAURIN D.	TGIS GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS GROUP
ALAN D.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CRAIG O.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
RYAN C.	FIRESIDE GROUP
JOE M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
RANDOLPH L.	SOBER @ 6 GROUP
JERRY R.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
MIKE M.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JON S.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
DANA C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
JOSH U.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP

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.



**29th ANNUAL
TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP**
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Friday, Sept 4th, 2015 - Monday, Sept 7th, 2015
"Came to Believe"
REGISTRATION OPENS FRIDAY AT 1PM



ANNIVERSARY TIME

SELF-SUPPORT-MARCH, 2015

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBRENITY GROUP	ANNIE	04/08/07	8 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	DIANE C.	04/13/02	13 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	MARY V.	04/19/96	19 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GARY Y.	04/28/87	28 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GUS A.	04/1982	33 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	BUD F.	04/16/83	32 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	KEN P.	04/18/05	10 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	SANDI G.	04/14/97	18 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	DONNA G.	04/11/96	19 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	21 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	JERRY R.	04/01/85	30 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KATHY M.	04/01/13	2 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	LUANNE M.	04/01/09	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE C.	04/10/02	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KAREN	04/19/91	24 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	TRACY S.	04/27/10	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	KEY M.	04/20/10	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	LIZ T.	04/10/10	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	DEBBIE N.	04/25/09	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	RHONDA B.	04/13/09	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SOL M.	04/28/09	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ANNA M.	04/25/04	11 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	GEORGE S.	04/26/86	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	KAREY H.	04/03/12	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARK D.	04/19/10	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARY ANN L.	04/17/10	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEB P.	04/02/08	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	10 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	STAN W.	04/16/96	19 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	CHRIS S.	04/29/07	8 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	STEVE S.	04/01/03	12 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	HECTOR R.	04/24/86	29 YRS

© Today in February of 2015 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in March totaled \$7,345.36. That accounts for what **46** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in March. This also takes into account the 1 AAer who contributed \$60.00 in contributions anonymously, \$34.00 from the 2 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund, and \$94.00 from the Sisters in Sobriety 50/50 Raffle, \$136.00 from the Friday Night Lights Group's Movie Night. We also received another \$55.00 from the 164 Group 12 Step Workshop. Our total income for March was \$14,142.90. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,770.57. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,372.33. Our Expenses for March were \$7,676.20. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus **+\$1696.13** for the month of March. 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
LATENIGHTER'S GROUP	ROBERT L.	04/16/09	6 YRS
THE RUSH GROUP (Spring Hill, Tennessee)	O.C	04/12/89	26 YRS



ALCOHÓLICOS ANÓNIMOS

REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN AL PÚBLICO

DOMINGO 24 DE MAYO 10:00 AM EN ADELANTE

¡NO FALTES, SERAS BIENVENIDO!

Local de evento:
American Legion
6918 N Florida Ave.
Tampa, Florida 33604

¿TE OCASIONA PROBLEMAS TU FORMA DE BEBER? GRUPO UN MILAGRO EN TAMPA TE PUEDE AYUDAR

**GRUPO UN MILAGRO EN TAMPA
10º ANIVERSARIO 2005-2015
REUNIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN AL PÚBLICO**

GRUPO UN MILAGRO EN TAMPA tiene el honor de invitar a usted y apreciable familia a su reunión de información pública. Acompañenos a celebrar con música, comida y compatimiento.



MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

April 10-12, 2015
Hosted by District 8
Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center
5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, Florida 33486
Registration: Fri. 4:00 pm-8:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am-8:30 pm, Sun. 7:00 am-9:00 am
http://www.area15aa.org/M/Assembly_Flyers/15.April.S.FloridaArea15.Flyer.ENG.pdf

STEPS TO FREEDOM

Root Beer Float & Rummage Sale
The Club
3333 West Columbus Drive
Friday, April 17th, 2015
11am-9:30pm
Saturday, April 18th, 2015
10am-9:30pm

“Friends of Bill”

April 24th - 26th, 2015



105 East Main Street, Leesburg, FL
(in Beacon College ~ left side entrance)

Meeting times

Friday: 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm & 8pm
Saturday: 12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm & 8pm

Hours open

Fri & Sat: 10am -10pm Sunday: 10am – 2pm

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Turning Point, Barracks Brigade, and High Nooners

Presents:

The First Annual



Location: On S.R. 54 West, just west of U.S. 301 (38116 5th Ave.)

April 11, 2015

At

Zephyr Park → *By The Bandstand Behind Alice Hall*

From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Food, Kids and Adult Games, Music, and

< Fellowship!!! >

THE UNITY SPEAKER WILL BE AT THE BARRACKS ON APR. 11TH AT 6:00 P.M.
SECOND SPEAKER WILL BE AT 20th ST AT 7:30 P.M.

16th Annual Spring Into Sobriety Women's Conference

Friday, April 17th, 3PM – Sunday, April 19th, 3PM, 2015
The Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center, Parrish, FL
Preregistration ONLY – NO On-Site Registration
SPACE IS LIMITED – REGISTER EARLY –
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center 8411 25th Street
East Parrish, FL 34219 www.dayspringfla.org Contact SIS
@ 941-681-0747 or Email at womensis@gmail.com
Registration and conference information Online at:
www.sisconference.com

Celebrating the Day Bill W. and Dr. Bob First Met



25th Spring Conference

The Woodstock of AA



Orlando, Florida May 1 - May 3, 2015
Room Rates* \$99

Holiday Inn - Orlando International Airport 5750 T.G. Lee Boulevard Orlando, Florida 32822 20 Minutes from Disney, Universal Studios, and Seaworld, and 45 minutes from Cape Kennedy.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY April 10th Rates are good for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the event. Free airport shuttle service. (407) 851-6400 Call between 9-5, M-F Please mention Spring Conference

DICK DRYSDALE MEMORIAL- KEEP IT SIMPLE CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SATURDAY May 2, 2015

Gasden Park 6901 South MacDill Avenue, Tampa, FL, 33611
From 8:30 AM TILL WE ARE DONE COST \$100.00 per Team For a team of 12 players that's only \$8.33 per player
Contact Susan O. 813-325-6538 Buddy H. 813-871-2514 or Tim @ Central Office 813-933-9123 Deadline to Register is April 27th, 2015

Steps to Freedom 12-Step Workshop

Saturday, June 20, 2015 9:00am-4:30pm
Christ the King Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL
\$8 in advance \$10 at the door Lunch Included
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JAILS & INSTITUTIONS

Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D
11th Step Group-C-K		225.00	Keystone Group		245.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	266.82	266.82
A.A. 101 Group		443.91	Kingsway Group		121.00	Sober @ 7 Group		426.63
A.A. 102 Group		54.00	Last Call Meeting			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
All Groups Meeting	36.00	36.00	LateNighters Group	50.00	86.00	Sober on Saturday Group	35.00	95.00
Alpha Group	40.00	80.00	Late Night Red Door Group			Sober on Sunday Group		
Anniversary Dinner 2015		2,505.00	Lemon Tree Group		100.00	Sober Rewards Group		2.00
7th Tradition Basket		167.00	Live and Let Live Group		302.28	Sober Spirits Group		
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015		211.00	Living in the Solution			Soberstock Committee		
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		603.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobriety at Sunrise Group	27.00	126.00
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		115.05
Housecleaning Retreat			Lutz @ Noon	14.00	33.00	Solutions Group	441.58	501.58
Anonymous Donations	60.97	534.13	Main Purpose Group			Southshore Men's Group	165.00	165.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		115.05	Mapledale Group		50.00	Southside Men's Group		494.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		16.13	Mid Day Matinee Group	332.00	332.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	65.00	65.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	150.00	Morning Express Group		100.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group	412.65	471.02	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		100.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Meditation Group			Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group			New Beginnings - Brandon		52.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	34.00	146.00	New Beginnings Women's			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Step at a Time Group	429.65	429.65
Brandon Tues. Big Book	45.00	45.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		295.97	Stepping Stones Group (w)		55.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Newcomers Group (JC)			Sun City Center Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group	96.00	191.00	New Day Group	15.00	25.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Came To Believe Group		200.47	New Hope Big Book	134.15	134.15	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	160.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	200.00	200.00	New Tampa Monday Night Men's	187.25	187.25	Sunshine Group		100.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			New Way Women's Group		100.00	Sweet Surrender Group		500.00
Carrrollwood Group			Nightly Newcomers Group			Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrrollwood Blue Roof Group			Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	292.50	292.50
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Nooners Group--Riverview	42.34	42.34	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		144.00
Clean Air Group	27.16	52.16	Nooners Group--Tampa	84.80	161.75	Tampa Palms Big Book	0.43	100.43
Dade City Step Study Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.			TGIS Women's Group		100.67
Design for Living Group	1,197.00	1,197.00	N. Brandon Open Forum		80.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		130.00
Dover Group		120.00	Northdale Group			The 164 Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's	62.28	167.72	Odessa Group			The 164 12 Step Workshop	55.00	382.00
Expect a Miracle Group		234.00	Old School Group		592.43	The 164 Group USF	75.00	75.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Old School Group All Groups			The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Fear Not Group			Old School Group Anniversary			The Meeting Place Group		35.00
Fireside Group			OSG Ladies Birthday Event			The Next Frontier Group	144.87	144.87
Founders Day Event			Oldtimer's Group - JC			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	80.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		156.89	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	127.60	127.60	Town & Country Men's Group	100.00	100.00
Friday Night Lights Group	32.00	207.00	One Day at a Time Group			Town & Country Wed. Group	650.00	650.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			Palma Ceia Group			Tues Big Book Study Gp.		
Friday Night Lights Movie Night	136.00	136.00	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Friday Night Step Study Group		20.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		115.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's	195.00	195.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		
Friday Women's Friendship			Plant City Keep it Simple	50.00	50.00	Village 12 Step Group		300.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		220.35	Primary Purpose Group		20.00	Warrior's Group		0.57
Good Start Group		327.39	Promises Meeting Group		260.00	We Have a Way Out Group		
Grapevine Gals Group	30.00	106.46	Prosperity AA Group			Weedpatch Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA			Red Chip Day			Wed Night Step Workshop		20.25
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		75.00	Red Door Group		200.00	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Hide-A-Way Group	454.31	454.31	Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Wellspring Group	140.00	140.00
High Nooners Group		100.00	Riverside Group			Wesley Chapel Group		166.40
Hope in Progress Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group			Wesley Chapel Group Big Bk Raffle		41.00
International Doctors of AA	12.00	12.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			With Room to Grow Group		
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		75.00	Safe Haven Group			WST Memorial Day Picnic		
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Saturday Night Fever Gp.	240.00	340.00	Women's Friendship Group		
Keep It Simple - YANA			Saturday Night Live Group			YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		342.07	Seekers of Serenity II Group		22.13			
Keeping it Simple Group								
TOTAL	2,925.37		TOTAL	1472.14		TOTAL	2,947.85	
YTD	TOTAL	10,497.06	YTD	TOTAL	4354.90	YTD	TOTAL	6,569.42
						Grand Total for Month	7,345.36	
						Grand Total for Year		21,421.38