

Tri-County Central Office News

This is only a temporary medicine; if you really want to do something about it, go to the local AA group.

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My Alcoholic Twelve StepsWhy Bother With the Big Book?

Through the grace of God, by working this program, sobriety has been mine to enjoy for the past four years and ten months. However, during the first few months of dryness, I did little or no work on the Twelve Steps. Intellectually, I could see the value of them and the wisdom in other people's use of them. But at that point in time, I was unable, emotionally or spiritually, to see that the Steps could and would work in my life. Consequently, I avoided getting into this program. But I made a fortunate mistake: I complained that I was not receiving the so-called fringe benefits (promised on pages 83-84 of the Big Book). And I was told, "Stop treating AA like a spectator sport. Get off your fanny and come on down to the field and get into the game." I was to be used, and so I keep my copy in A-number-one shape extremely fortunate to acquire the best sponsor in AA (in my opinion, at least). He helped me to realize that this program could and would work by helping me to take a good, hard look at myself and my problems. During this period of self-examination (Fourth Step), it dawned on me that this program of recovery was, in one way, like the progress of my disease. I lived by a very similar set of twelve steps during the nineteen years of my drinking. The following are my Twelve Steps of Alcoholism.

1. I admitted that I was powerless over myself and my drinking had become unmanageable. I had never wanted to get sick and into trouble. I just wanted to drink and feel happy, have a good time, relieve bad feelings, etc. But once I started, I couldn't stop. Never was I able to guarantee my sobriety.

2. Came to believe that a power greater than myself—namely, alcohol—could lead me to sanity. Being a very mixed-up person, unable to live comfortably with myself or others, I had found out at an early age (fourteen) that a chemical (ethyl alcohol) would do the trick. It would remove fear and feelings of inadequacy and insecurity. It would enable me to be "normal," like other people. I thought.

3. Made a decision—conscious or otherwise—to turn my will down was good for all ages. I believe the Big Book was divinely inspired and that it is a book for all ages. Some time in the late 1930's, Bill W. wrote the portion of the Big Book including (on page 85) these words: "It's easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition." That statement is

4. Made many fearful and superficial inventories of myself. as true today as it was then. Reading the Big Book and using it as a guide for spiritual progress has freed me to develop and grow. Yeah, I'm hung-up on the Big Book. But then, I'm hung-up on the Grapevine, As Bill time, it'll be different."

5. Admitted to other people (bartenders or drinking buddies) the exact nature of my great wisdom, accomplishments, and conquests. I was willing to talk to anyone about anything as long as I could put on a big-shot front Go to Page 3

Around the tables just the other night, a guy said to me, "You're hung-up on the Big Book. There are other books and other ways to work the program. Remember, those guys who wrote the Big Book didn't have much sobriety when they wrote it." The first part of this statement. I considered a compliment. The last part perplexed me, because I had been thinking how wonderful it was that the Big Book had been put together at all by the pioneers, during what must have been trying and terrifying times. I had just reread Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, which is poignant, to say the least. So I am hung-up on the Big Book. Honesty compels me to admit it. For me, the Big Book is a tool through reading and rereading it. Since using the Big Book makes each day joyous for me, I'll stay hung-up, thank you. The Big Book needs no defense. It's obvious merit is conclusive. One of the most ironic twists of the alcoholic mind is demonstrated night after night by some members' underrating of the Big Book. Just buying a copy of it isn't the key to sobriety. Yet I have heard again and again at meetings remarks like "Never have read it" or "Read it once when I first came in" or "Why bother with the Big Book?" or "It's not relevant today." Whether the remarks focus on the short-term sobriety of of the authors or on the book's non-relevancy, the criticism seems to advocate "half measures" that might lead someone back to the horror chamber. Through I am not a biblical scholar, I think I am safe in saying that Moses came down with the Ten Commandments some goodly number of years before Ezekiel started writing. But Ezekiel doesn't say Moses was all wrong when he transmitted the Commandments. Ezekiel doesn't say, "Don't read Exodus-you know, Moses only had a few years of recovery when he wrote down the Commandments." Nothing of the sort: Ezekiel reaffirms Moses, because what Moses wrote down was good for all ages. I believe the Big Book was divinely inspired and that it is a book for all ages. Some time in the late trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition." That statement is as true today as it was then. Reading the Big Book and using it as a guide for spiritual progress has freed me to develop and grow. Yeah, I'm hung-up on the Big Book. But then, I'm hung-up on the "Twelve and Twelve," the Grapevine, As Bill think I have found a dandy, peachy-keen way of life just because some clowns with only a couple of years' sobriety decided to write a book. Thank God they didn't wait!

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.

Pink Can Balance as of 07/11/2015 \$438.77

| District 2 - Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee covering Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties | | | | | |
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| (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 July 11th meeting of TBAIC was opened by Chair Susan O. leading the "Serenity Prayer". Scott R., Detox coordinator had communicated by email that he would | Our Next Committee Meeting at Is at 9:30 AM on August 8th 015 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 Ve will put it to great use! | | | | |
| be unable to attend the meeting. Susan said should would be working with Scott on some corrections she has and to pass along any changes to meeting the schedules to her or Scott. They would also be working on updating the trifold panel displayed at AA functions. Susan said she has purchased the trophy for the winner of the softball tournament and will submit the receipt to the Treasurer. She also has additional monies from "Steps to Freedom" that were collected in the Pink Can and the winner of the 50/50 drawing (an anonymous TBAIC member) who gave their winnings to TBAIC. | | | | | |
| Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. TBAIC received a generous donation from Soberstock of \$1500.00. A partial literature order has been received and the remaining items are on backorder. He asked if there were any special requests at this time. Now is the time to present any request before the committee. To comply with the tax exempt status, TBAIC has to file for a DBA name. This accounts for the \$50.00 expense. The expense for the flyers are for an annual fundraiser sponsored on TBAIC's behalf. Nancy B. has one volunteer attending the orientation at Faulkenburg on August 17th. She will be providing a list of volunteer on the TBAIC email list. She is also looking for volunteers available during the weekday daytime hours in the US301/Riverview area and this facility is for women with sex offender related issues. Contact Nancy if available 8138720262. Ruth N. of E. Pasco Women's is not having problems with meetings themselves. The only problem is weather related. When the | TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation last Month:danation for a state of and the remaining items are on e any special requests at this time. request before the committee. To us, TBAIC has to file for a DBA .00 expense. The expense for the sponsored on TBAIC's behalf. r attending the orientation at She will be providing a list of ill be sent out via email to each 1 list. She is also looking for ekday daytime hours in the US301/ for women with sex offender related 8138720262. rs is not having problems with oblem is weather related. When the eterings at North Tampa Behavioral 30 pm and all are welcome.TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation last Month:AA 101 \$135.00; Anonymous \$100.00; As Bill Sees I Group (Brandon) 125.51; BYO 12 x 12 Group \$14.55 Druid Hill Group \$52.00; High Nooner's Group \$21.00 Keystone Discussion Group \$39.00; Live and Let Live Group \$93.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$97.00; Mondar Night Madness group \$2.14; Monday Night Men's St James New Tampa Group \$192.00; Mustard See Group \$68.00; Noon Big Book Group (3333) \$36.65 Odessa Group \$32.00; Old School Group \$148.84 Ruskin Fellowship Group \$48.25; Soberstock \$1,500.00 Sobrenity Group \$138.57; Softball KISS Tournamen \$80.25; Sunshine Group \$60.00; There is a Solution group \$9.00; Wellspring Group \$39.61;TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members Susan O Chair | | | | |
| weather is bad or threatening, no meetings are held. Jim H. for E. Pasco said the meetings at North Tampa Behavioral Health are seven days a week at 7:30 pm and all are welcome. | | | | | |
| Jim S. of Bridge the Gap had 7 calls but no rides. He was working on a prison prerelease. His attempts to contact the individual have not been returned. Allan D. presented TBAIC a check \$2000.00 from Steps to Freedom. This was from their event held in June. They are planning additional events and the next big event will be a Halloween Party. Their committee meetings are held the third Sunday of the | Jim S.— Alternate Chair Tom F.— Treasurer Carolyn L. Alt. Treasurer Larry B. – Secretary Nancy B.— Alt. Secretary Open- Hills Jails - | 813-679-9130 813-205-4945 813-961-1144 813-215-8423 813-872-0262 | | | |
| month at 7 pm at The Club, 3333 W. Columbus Ave. The additional meetings request by Town and Country have been scheduled as 7 pm on Thursdays and Fridays and are currently being covered by Tom F. "Good luck and God bless you!" (Big Book, pg 121) | Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails Scott R. Detox & Treatment Ruth N E Pasco Jail-Women's | 813-871-2514 813-872-0262 813-727-7290 813-629-1547 | | | |
| YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$10,740.91 YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$10,727.80 Money in Spending Account at Year End 2014 \$260.10 YTD Money Spent on Literature \$10,377.50 YTD Expenses \$492.56 | Chris D E Pasco Prison Michele SWomen's Bridge The Gap Jim S.—— Men's Bridge The Gap | 813-857-5400 813-507-5796 813-679-9130 | | | |
| Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$918.22 | OPEN- Pre-Release | | | | |

OPEN— Juvenile

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great lack of character defects. With a desperate need for other AA. I went to my first AA meeting on Tuesday night July 3, people's approval and a strong streak of perfectionism in me. I did all I could to court flattery and then was sick enough actually haven't had a drink since. I began to get active in the program to believe it when I managed to get it.

7. Boastfully acknowledged no shortcomings and asked God to remove everyone else's. I couldn't even face me and had to blame all my problems on someone else.

imaginary) and waited to get even. Since I felt that everyone else was to blame for my increasing troubles, why naturally, I had disposed of the desk a long time ago but kept the ash tray to settle these scores.

9. Frequently reminded people that amends were due me, whether they had injured me or not. My entire world revolved around me (complete self-centeredness), and everybody "owed me." They owed me their attention, time, loyalty, a loan if I wanted, everything. When people didn't do this (and healthy to give. people won't). I felt that they owed me amends for their failure to oblige.

10. Continued to keep track of everyone else's inventory, and when they were wrong, promptly let them know it. Oh, I just gloried in this. Inside hating myself, but not being able to face that fact, I really worked at tearing other people down.

11. Sought through frequent and constant meditation for means by which to improve my relationship with my god, alcohol, seeking only a better way to drink without penalties. Hours and hours were spent meditating (if it could really be called that) about the increasing and pyramiding consequences of my drinking. Answers were provided, too: changing drinks (only Scotch and water or no more hard liquor, only beer); going on the wagon for a few days or weeks and "getting straightened out"; moving to a new location; finding new friends; and so on, as infinitum.

12. Having found out what alcohol would do for me, I tried to carry the message to others-"Come on and have a few drinks"—and I certainly tried to practice this principle in all my affairs. No amplification needed for any alcoholic. Others, I realize, may not feel that their active alcoholism paralleled these steps. But if they do, and if they have had any of the difficulties that I once experienced in *really believing* that the Twelve Steps of AA were possible for me, let me share one final thought. When I came to the AA program, I hated the way I was living and feeling. And yet I could not picture any other way. I also thought I was so far down, had so little feeling of self-growth as a human being, that this program was an impossibility for me. When I realized that it called only for redirection of my existing life and for reliance on the proper Power, then the Steps really opened up for me. In the early stage of my sobriety, I had been unwilling to place reliance on a Power greater than myself. But I finally understood that I had been doing exactly that for nineteen of my thirty-three years. Now, it was not so much a question of being *able* to rely on a power outside myself. The question was simply this: Would I continue to misplace my reliance with the wrong power? I have had a wonderful life the last four-plus yearscertainly not trouble-free, but truly wonderful. I am able at last to say that I am fortunate to be an alcoholic in AA. The marvelous Al-Anon to whom I'm married agrees with me and considers ₽

6. Was entirely ready to have everyone else recognize my My name is Don M. and I'm an alcoholic and a member of 1962 at 409 S. MacDill Ave, Tampa Fl, took a white chip and as soon as I got sober enough and joined the DeSoto group at 903 Tampa St and with the help of 2 more AAs we got GSR back into action in Hillsboro County and I stayed active in the Desoto group until it closed in Aug. of 1967. They gave 8. Kept track of everyone who had done me harm (real or me a desk from the group that I used in my office for many vears and along with the desk was an ash tray that sit on it. I which I feel is still a part of Tampa's first AA group. I was a close friend of Ernie who was the first AA member who was sponsored by Sgt. Roy Y. who I meant at Club Yana on MacDill one day. I moved from Tampa in 1979 and have lived elsewhere since. I still have the ash tray but would like



The ashtray (a piece of early Tampa AA History) from the Desoto Group is now proudly on display at the Central Office.

(From Twenty Years of Struggle) As Mary S. had written the Foundation, they had a time securing a meeting place, other than in member's homes. Soon after Roy Y. joined, they secured a room at 900 ¹/₂ Franklin Street (in downtown Tampa) which is the southwest corner of Franklin and Tyler Streets - upstairs, consisting of offices part of which were occupied by the Business University of Tampa. Roy Y., Roy R., Ernest K., Alleene E., and Grady A., attended this first real AA meeting place. Roy Y. continued to use this room as an office; when a Clubroom was located in the DeSoto Hotel, and the "DeSoto Group" was formed in November, 1944, Roy R. and others stayed at 900 ¹/₂ Franklin Street, continuing the original Tampa AA Group at its original meeting place. The group disbanded around 1969.

My Alcoholic Twelve Steps...continued

herself fortunate, too. I do not regret a single drink I took or drunk I was on. If that amount of grief, misery, and hell was necessary to make possible what I have today, then it was worth it. Today's rewards far outweigh yesterday's penalties. J.E., Charlotte, N.C.

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

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July 14th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met: COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

| July 14th, 20 | 15 the Board of Dire | ctors for Central Office met: | CO |
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| SAM F. | TREASURER | FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP | том |
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| DIANE S. | BOARD MEMBER | FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S | MIK |
| VICKI M. | BOARD MEMBER | TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP | BIL |
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Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and asking everyone if they had signed in and turn down your cell phones. (We only had four (4) Board members present which was enough to constitute a quorum.) Diane read the June Secretary Report. There were no questions and the minutes were seconded and approved. Sam presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that we were \$604.62 to the good for the month of June. Currently we are \$3,372.41 to the good for the year. A question was asked if we made any money from the Founders Day event last year. Yes, a little over \$500.00. The Treasurers report was seconded and approved. In Old Business, Vicki noted that she had done some research on different venues for maybe hoping Founders Day next year at a park. Lowery Park had a flat rate and the County Parks usually charge by a head-count. Some of the smaller parks may be cheaper than Palma Ceia or Christ the King. The question of the weather came up, hot half the year, other half cooler. Diane suggested to maybe have something in October. Vicki stated to maybe find someplace with a pool, it's really hot in June. Something to think about. Some general discussion followed. It was noted that St. Mary's wouldn't hold enough people and we were looking at around 200 to 250 people coming to the event. Discussion also moved to the Anniversary Dinner in February. Vicki asked if we could make a decision that by December to start seriously discussing Founders Day. Brett noted that we would start getting ready for the Anniversary Dinner in October. He also asked everyone to start pitching the Newsletter at their groups. Some ideas floated around to try to get subscriptions up for the Newsletter. Other discussions centered around maybe pulling literature list on the web site and letting people order from that. Lots of discussion followed about using credit cards, Pay-pal, how we could set it up-etc. Some liked the idea, some thought we aren't ready to do anything like that right now. At the Council meeting, Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and asking everyone if they had signed in and turn down your cell phones. New Council Members were Cindi M. from the Primary Purpose Group, Russell K. from the Mustard Seed Group, Martha P. from the High Nooners Group, Bianca M. from the Step Sisters in Sobriety Group and C. J. from the Sobrenity Group. Sue read the June minutes. There were no questions or comments. The minutes were seconded and approved. Sam presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that we were \$604.62 to the good for the month of June. Currently we are \$3,372.41 to the good for the year.

| COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP | | | | |
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| RANDI S. | FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S GROUP | | | |
| JAMIE C. | SUNSHINE GROUP | | | |
| TOM P. | FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP | | | |
| RUSS K. | MUSTARD SEED GROUP | | | |
| MIKE J. | SOLUTIONS GROUP | | | |
| BILL M. | AS BILL SEES IT MEN'S GROUP | | | |
| CINDY L. | SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP | | | |
| SUE Z. | CLEAN AIR GROUP | | | |
| MARK K. | TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP | | | |
| GUY S. | KEYSTONE GROUP | | | |
| TAMMY P. | TOWN N COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY | | | |
| JULIE J. | TOWN N COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY | | | |
| BERNIE H. | FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP | | | |
| DANA C. | KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP | | | |
| T.J.M. | KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP | | | |
| BIANCA M. | STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP | | | |
| HAROLD G. | DISTRICT 2 LIAISON | | | |
| C.J. | SOBRENITY GROUP | | | |
| VIVIAN J. | FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP | | | |
| JON S. | KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP | | | |
| JACK S. | THE MEETING PLACE GROUP | | | |
| GREG R. | DOVER GROUP | | | |

Brett asked Mark to read "What is a Central Office Rep" and Julie to read "What is Tri-County Central Office." Brett went on to explain that Central Office is maintained and supported by the Group. He also explained that because we were short of a number of Board Members, if your Group gets a letter to please consider sending a representative to serve on the Board. Because I had to step out for a few minutes I missed some of the discussion that followed. There were several announcements mixed in with discussion ways to support Central Office. Sue announced that the groups from the 301 House would be hosting an All Groups meeting in September. C. J. noted that that meeting was a little in conflict with the Carry the Message Day event hosted by District 2 on that same day. You can spend a day there at Carry the Message and the evening at the All Groups meeting. Harold, District 2 Liaison, gave a brief report, also about needing volunteers for Carry the Message Day and also GSR's and DCM's. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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 <u>you</u> ready to help? Will <u>you</u> 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

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| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | DEBORAH K. | 08/07/10 | 5 YRS | | |
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| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | ANNA V. | 08/03/10 | 5 YRS | | |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | ASYA A. | 08/04/07 | 8 YRS | | |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | KATHIE G. | 08/18/88 | 27 YRS | | |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | DARLENE H. | 08/31/87 | 28 YRS | | |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | MISTY M. | 08/10/14 | 1 YR | | |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | FRED G. | 08/05/83 | 32 YRS | | |
| KEYSTONE GROUP | THAD H. | 08/30/06 | 9 YRS | | |
| KEYSTONE GROUP | ANNETTE W. | 08/05/06 | 9 YRS | | |
| KEYSTONE GROUP | NICKI C. | 08/01/05 | 10 YRS | | |
| FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP | STAN P. | 08/29/81 | 34 YRS | | |
| JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S | JENNIFER T. | 08/07/09 | 6 YRS | | |
| RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP | RITA S. | 08/22/94 | 21 YRS | | |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | NORMA R. | 08/26/12 | 3 YRS | | |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | DONNA B. | 08/18/12 | 3 YRS | | |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | REGINA G. | 08/23/11 | 4 YRS | | |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | STEPHEN B. | 08/20/10 | 5 YRS | | |
| A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY | | | | | |
| Home Group | Honors To | Date | Years | | |
| FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP | BERNIE H. | 07/17/94 | 21 YRS | | |

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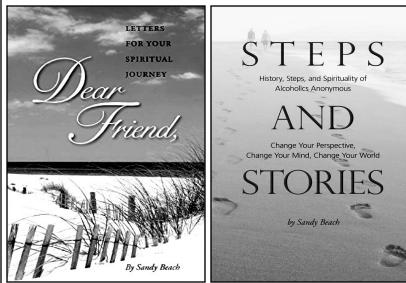
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27 YRS

OLD SCHOOL GROUP

We also have both of Sandy B.'s books currently in stock:

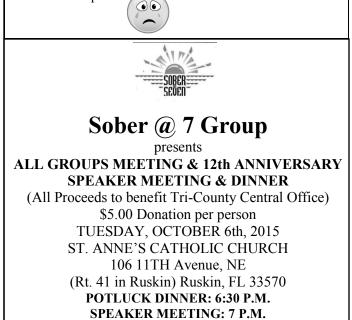


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SELF-SUPPORT-JULY, 2015

☺ Today in July of 2015 we have 225 Groups with 598 meetings a week. Contributions in July totaled \$6,425.30. That accounts for what 50 Groups out of 225 Groups in our area have contributed in July. This also takes into account the \$71.00 from the 3 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$140.00 contributed from the Sisters in Sobriety Raffle.. Our total income for July was \$17,314.13. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$8,102.73. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our July income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,211.40. Our Total Expenses for July were \$6,403.77. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus + <u>\$ 2,807.63</u> for the month of July. This was a good month for Central Office but keep in mind, 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 . Thank you for all of your support !!!

Editor's Note: In the past our Contributions page was always a couple of months behind in relation to actual the printing of the Newsletter. We have changed that so it now reflects the previous month Contributions. Because we have to wait until the first of the month to finish the Newsletter in order to publish the previous month Contribution, the Newsletter gets printed and mailed out a little later. We apologize for any in inconvenience and are working diligently to try to get the Newsletter our earlier. And while I'm at it.....my apologies to all the groups (and there were several) where I basically screwed up some times and addresses in the current When & Where. No excuses, I screwed up! Your correct times or addresses will be reflected in the next printing and everything should be correct on the Web Site. If not, give me a holler' and I'll get it corrected asap.



MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Seventeenth Annual BIG BOOK on the BEACH

August 7th and 8th, 2015 1500 Pass-a-grille Way St. Pete Beach, Florida Registration cost per person is : \$35.00 Please mail a check to: David H. 357 41st. Ave. St Pete Beach, Fl 33706 or Phone: 727-204-6444 e-mail address: ddhollister@yahoo.com



https://tampabayfallroundup.com

11th Step Retreat For AA / Al-Anon

> September 18 - 20, 2015 DaySpring Conference Center (Map on Reverse) Ellenton, FL

Online Registration: http://11thstepretreat.org



TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

ALL GROUPS DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2015

Being held at :

THE 301 HOUSE

8601 BOWLES RD. TAMPA 33637

813-988-7783

GUEST SPEAKER @ 7PM

GENE L. - THE MUSTARD SEED GROUP

ALL NET PROCEEDS GO TO TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Sponsored by: ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE GROUP / SAFE HAVEN GOUP IN THE WIND GROUP / CLEAN AIR GROUP

Tickets are also available @ Central Office—\$7.00 or Call Sue Z to arrange for ticket purchase

813-601-3113

Carry the Message Day

Please join us as District 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous celebrates recovery and service work, including an original District 2 skit: "The Service Manual: A Musical"

September 12th, 2015, 1 to 5 pm

Palma Ceia Baptist Church 3511 W Bay to Bay Blvd, Tampa, FL 33629

| Group | JULY | Y T D | Group | JULY | Y T D | Group | JULY | Y T D |
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| 11th Step Group- Christ King | 0021 | | Keystone Group | 0021 | | Sisters in Sobriety Group | 424.36 | 691.18 |
| A.A. 101 Group | 397.79 | | Keystone All Groups | | | Sober @ 7 Group | | 806.66 |
| A.A. 102 Group | | | Kingsway Group | | 396.00 | Sober @ 7 Group All Groups | | |
| All Groups Meeting | | | Last Call Meeting | | | Sober on Saturday Group | 27.75 | 227.75 |
| Alpha Group | 40.00 | 190.05 | LateNighters Group | 15.50 | 226.75 | Sober on Sunday Group | | 200.00 |
| Anniversary Dinner 2015 | | 2,593.97 | Late Night Red Door Group | | | Sober Rewards Group | | 2.00 |
| 7th Tradition Basket | | 167.00 | Lemon Tree Group | | 325.00 | Sober Spirits Group | | |
| Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015 | | | Live and Let Live Group | 260.01 | 722.10 | Soberstock Committee | | 500.00 |
| Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015 | | 603.00 | Living in the Solution | | | Sobriety at Sunrise Group | 32.00 | 266.00 |
| Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014 | | | LivingSober/As Bill Sees It | | | Sobrenity Group | | 440.05 |
| Housecleaning Retreat | | | Lunch Bunch Group | | | Solutions Group | 438.54 | 1,354.47 |
| Anonymous Donations | 61.97 | | Lutz @ Noon | | 64.00 | Southshore Men's Group | | 165.00 |
| As Bill Sees ItBrandon | | | Main Purpose Group | | | Southside Men's Group | | 494.00 |
| As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa | 187.32 | | Mapledale Group | | | Southside Men's Group # 2 | | 188.00 |
| Attitude of Gratitude Group | 50.00 | | Mid Day Matinee Group | | | Southside Men's Group # 3 | | |
| Barracks Brigade Group | 295.35 | | Morning Express Group | 100.00 | | Spiritual Development Gp. | | |
| Bel-Mar Group | | | Morning Group -Zephyrhill | | 300.00 | Spiritual Growth Group | | |
| Bill D's Group | | | Morning Meditation Group | | | Spiritual Progress Goup | 13.65 | 37.70 |
| BIRTHDAY CLUB | 71.00 | | Mustard Seed Group | 25.00 | | Step Sisters in Sobriety | | 130.00 |
| Brandon Men's Blackbelt | | | New Beginnings - Brandon | | | Step at a Time Group | | 429.65 |
| Brandon Tues. Big Book | | | New Beginnings Women's | | 70.00 | Stepping Stones Group (w) | 56.00 | 163.00 |
| Brandon Sat. Night Group | | | New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's | | | Sun City Center Group | | |
| BYO 12 & 12 Group | | | New Beginnings-(Our Club) | 205.79 | 501.76 | Sunday Afternnoon Meeting | | |
| Came To Believe Group | 195.00 | 590.47 | Newcomers Group (JC) | | | Sunday Speakers - 3333 | 40.00 | 410.00 |
| Cardinal Group - Odessa | | 200.00 | New Day Group | 30.00 | | Sunshine Group | 100.00 | 300.00 |
| Cardinal Group All Groups | | | New Hope Big Book | | 134.15 | Suvivors Big Book Group | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Carrollwood Group | | 50.00 | New Tampa Monday Night Men | | 187.25 | Sweet Surrender Group | | 500.00 |
| Carrollwood Blue Roof Group | | | New Way Women's Group | | | Tampa Bay Fall Roundup | | |
| Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers | | | Nightly Newcomers Group | | 200.00 | Tampa Bay Speakers Gp. | 455.00 | 747.50 |
| Clean Air Group | 26.07 | | Noon Big Book Group | | | Tampa Bay Young Peoples | 100.00 | 411.50 |
| Dade City Step Study Group | 20.07 | 120.20 | Nooners GroupRiverview | | 105.15 | Tampa Palms Big Book | | 200.43 |
| Design for Living Group | | 1 197 00 | Nooners GroupTampa | | | TGIS Women's Group | | 100.67 |
| Dover Group | | | Noontime Celebration Gp. | | | Thank God it's Friday Group | | 130.00 |
| Early Risers Group - Joe's | | | N. Brandon Open Forum | | | The 164 Group | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| Expect a Miracle Group | | 1 | Northdale Group | | | The 164 12 Step Workshop | 175.00 | 382.00 |
| Experience, Strength & Hope | | | Odessa Group | 470.00 | | The 164 Group USF | | 75.00 |
| Fear Not Group | | | Old School Group | 470.00 | | The 164 Group Wesley Chapel | | 75.00 |
| Fireside Group | 528.00 | | Old School Group All Groups | | | The Meeting Place Group | | 118.00 |
| Founders Day Event | 520.00 | | Old School Group Anniversary | | | The Next Frontier Group | | 144.87 |
| Freedom in Sobriety Group | 155.99 | | OSG Ladies Birthday Event | | | T & C Sisters in Sobriety | 20.00 | 140.00 |
| Friday Night Lights Group | 70.00 | | Oldtimer's Group - JC | | | Town & Country Men's Gp | 20.00 | 100.00 |
| Friday Night Lights Group | 70.00 | | On the Way Home Tpa 5:30 | | 127.60 | Town & Country Wed. Group | | 1,000.00 |
| Friday Night Lights Movie | | | One Day at a Time Group | | | Tues Big Book Study Gp. | | 130.00 |
| Friday Night Step Study | | | Page 112 Group | 20.00 | | Turning Point Group -Z-H. | | 200.00 |
| Friday Night Women's Gp. | | | Palma Ceia Group | 20.00 | | Uptown/Downtown Group | 114.00 | 114.00 |
| | | | | | 1102.29 | | 100.00 | 215.00 |
| Friday Women's Friendship Gifts of Sobriety Group | | | Palma Ceia 12 Step Group Palma Ceia Big Book Study | | | Valrico Fri. Morning Group Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night | 100.00 | 215.00 |
| Good Start Group | | | Pilgrim Group -St Leo's | | 195.00 | Village 12 Step Group | | 300.00 |
| Grapevine Gals Group | 72.59 | | Plant City Keep it Simple | 45.00 | | Warrior's Group | | 0.57 |
| Happy Hour Group YANA | 14.37 | | Primary Purpose Group | ч3.00 | | We Have a Way Out Group | | 17.00 |
| Happy Hour Group YANA Helping Hands GpP.C. | | | Promises Meeting Group | 122.00 | | Weedpatch Group | 325.00 | 325.00 |
| Hide-A-Way Group | | | Prosperity AA Group | 99.45 | | Wed Night Step Workshop | 523.00 | 44.25 |
| High Nooners Group | | | Red Chip Day | <u>,,,</u> ,, | | Wed. Keep it Simple Group | | -+.23 |
| Hope in Progress Group | | | Red Door Group | | | Wellspring Group | | 140.00 |
| International Doctors of AA | | | Reflections Group-Lake Mag | | | Wesley Chapel Group | 168.35 | 501.15 |
| It's in the Book Men's Gp. | | | Riverside Group | | | Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raffle | 100.33 | 109.00 |
| Just What I Wanted Big Book | | | Rush Hour Serenity Group | 88.40 | | With Room to Grow Group | | 107.00 |
| Keep It Simple - YANA | | | Ruskin Fellowship Group | 00.40 | | WST Memorial Day Picnic | | |
| Keep It Simple/Pass It On | 272.25 | | Safe Haven Group | | | Women's Friendship Group | | 191.29 |
| Keeping it Simple Group | 414,43 | 747.07 | Saturday Night Fever Gp. | | | YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety | | 55.57 |
| sceping it simple Group | | | Saturday Night Fever Gp. | | 540.00 | rara Sister Hood of Souriety | | 55.57 |
| | | | Seekers of Serenity II Group | 21.17 | 56.96 | | | |
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| TOTAL | 2 422 22 | | | 1502.22 | | | 2 400 15 | |
| TOTAL | 2,425.53 | | TOTAL | 1502.32 | | TUTAL | 2,499.65 | |
| YTD | TOTAL | 18,180.96 | YTD TOTAL | | 11939.28 | YTD | TOTAL | 13,383.26 |
| | | | | | | Grand Total for Month | 6,425.30 | |
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