

Tri-County Central Office News HAPPY VALENTINE'S

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February 2015

AA STORY

STAY SOBER AND CARRY THE MESSAGE

I was born and raised in Nashville Tennessee to a great family with mom and dad and 2 brothers and two sisters. I went to high school there. We had a wealthy aunt who sent us to a private school, and I felt like a fly in a bucket of buttermilk, in that we were fairly poor. After high school I went to college for one semester and flunked out. I joined the Marine Corps and after active duty really concentrated on my studies and went to college and made good grades which allowed me to go to pharmacy school where I graduated in 1967. During pharmacy school my alcoholism progressed and by the time of graduation I was a full-blown alcoholic. I worked a year in Nashville and in 1968 moved to Tampa. In Tampa I thought a new atmosphere and a new job and new people I believed I was in paradise and had it made. Of course my drinking had become worse and along with this I was taking pills. My roommate and I bought a drug store together in 1973. I met my wife in 1972 and we married in 1973. Our first child was born in 1974. She was a twin and her sister was still born. The only thing I had to cope with tragedy was alcohol; therefore my drinking progressively got worse. My family life began to suffer and my work was going downhill fast. I was having problems in every area of my life. I was drinking to live and living to drink. I was about to lose everything that meant anything to me. By his time we had another child and my life was spiraling out of control. My first visit to AA was at the YANA club on Memorial Day 1979. I called the Central office and reached an answering service who told me to go to the YANA club on Mac Dill Ave. I went there and met Jack J. I told him I had a friend with a drinking problem and wanted to help him. He sold me a Big Book, 12 and 12, a twenty four hours a day book, and a hand full of literature. I went to a couple of meetings. The next four months was the horror story I never want to forget as I continued down the road of chronic acute alcoholism. I had a wife of 5 years and two children ages 4 and 2. I was at the jumping off place. I was a pharmacist so I worked in a candy store. I was dying of alcoholism. I was dying on the outside and crying on the inside. Everything that meant anything to me was beginning to go away. I came to AA this last time on September 26th 1979 and have been sober ever since. About the first week of October that same year I was at the 3333 club and feeling sorry for myself as usual. Everything in my life was coming in on me. I was going bankrupt financially and about to lose my wife and children. I owed the IRS thousands of dollars and just did not have any hope.

When a brand-new person walks through the doors of AA, my character defects really move into high gear. Conveniently, my mind blots out what happened to me after seven months in AA, and I do not remember how we are supposed to carry the message. I often forget exactly what the newcomer feels like physically. Sometimes, I expect him to look on his life situation with perfect logic and common sense on day one or during week one. Most drunks come into this program wanting to be sober two years right away, and the tragedy is that while some of us who have been here awhile try to communicate with the new drunk intellectually and morally, as if he had in fact been sober for two years. It just doesn't seem to work that way. I personally want to yank the newcomer right up to where I think I am (although this would often get someone else drunk, because "up" is often down, relatively speaking). After not too long around this program, most of us come to see that time is the first and irreplaceable requisite for recovery. There is no substitute for time—not college degrees, good moral values in the past or now, previous experience in AA, doctor of divinity degrees, nor anything else. To paraphrase an AA saying: "You have to walk the walk, both drinking and sober, before you can talk the talk" no matter who you are or were. I think I needed every drink and pain and humiliation and feeling of despair that I ever had in order to get here. And I likewise think that I have needed every one-day-at-a-time to get me wherever I am today. It is just impossible to be sober for three months if only two months have passed since one's last drink. Some psychiatrists and psychologists believe that one sees in others the character defects that are most glaring in oneself. I think there is truth in that. Perhaps I am so guilty of what I am describing that I need to express it aloud—and the Grapevine is about as out-loud as I know how to get. Our Preamble tells us that we *share*—not cram down the newcomer's throat—our experience, strength, and hope. I hope I can learn the wisdom of that statement in all areas. Obviously, others have learned it. Look around in your meetings. It's time for me to do the same. Certainly, the occasions when I have shared, and not preached, lectured, demanded, or taught, have been the most physically and mentally beneficial to my sobriety. If I reach a point where I feel that alcoholism can be overcome by just looking at it or by thinking one's way through it, then I am in a lot of trouble myself. There was and there is today the necessity for surrender to a Power greater than I. Part of our human makeup (in particular, ego) actually will not let us learn from other people's experiences unless we have felt something similar in our own lives. Recovery is not taught or learned, but surrendered to through God. The quicker I learn that, the better off I will be, and so will others around me. There is really, in the final analysis, only one way that I know of to repay what has been freely given to me-that is not to drink today. Almost too simple, isn't it? Once, it was Go to Page 3

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

Bridging the Gap (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 January 10th TBAIC meeting was opened by Chair Susan O. leading the Serenity Prayer. She received word from Buddy H. that the men's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail are going well. He also said that he and Tina would again be coordinating a softball tournament this year.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's report. The only expense noted was the annual Bridge the Gap phone bill. The literature order was not received in time to be reflected in this report.

Nancy B. will keep the committee up to date on PV number renewals. For the upcoming new volunteer orientation on January 30, a background check has to be completed prior to the orientation. Arrangements need to arranged with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Contact Nancy B. or Buddy H. for further instructions.

Jim s. reported only one Bridge the Gap call for the month. He also met with Tom F. to review Bridge the Gap operations and to pass along passwords and other information so someone can serve as a backup if necessary.

Jim S. attended the Soberstock planning meeting and volunteered to be a part of the parking and security detail. He will be contacting TBAIC members to enlist their help.

Chris D. of E. Pasco men's says all is fine.

Alan D. and his home group have been covering the ACTS Detox (Drew Park) and now ACTS is requesting 3 meetings per day. He is asking for anyone who is interested to contact him or

Scott R. (Detox Coordinator). He also inquired about literature in Spanish. The literature is available and can be ordered for him.

Ruth N. of E. Pasco Women's has two volunteers. She has been using the Living Sober book and seems pleased with the response. She requested an additional 10 copies of Living Sober.

Luke V. has been a part of the DACCO men's residential facility Tuesday night 6pm step study and they welcome other AA men volunteers to attend.

Man on the Bed program is still in being worked on. Susan O. will follow up with results from District One and how their program is progressing. Working as a team with the PI/CPC committee will be an important part of this program.

"He does not expect his brother sufferer to pay him, or even love him. And then he discovers that by the divine paradox of this kind of giving he has found his own reward, whether his brother has yet received anything or not." (12 & 12, pg 109)

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YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$1,188.28

YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$1.200.00

YTD Money Spent on Literature \$1206.00

YTD Expenses \$160.34

Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$918.22

Pink Can Balance as of 01/10/2015 \$746.16

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **February 14th, 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 \$150.26; Anonymous \$36.19; As Bill Sees It Group Brandon \$90.07; Brandon Big Book Study Group \$57.82; Expect A Miracle Group \$57.82; Experience Strength and Hope Group 150.80; Keystone Discussion Group \$41.00; Live and Let Live Group \$91.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$89.00; Monday Night Madness Group \$1.00; Morning Meditation \$96.88; Mustard Seed Group \$30.00; Noon Big Book Group \$41.40; Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) Group \$69.00; There Is A Solution Group \$25.90; Sunshine Group \$29.92; Wellspring Recovery Group \$160.14.

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 SWomen'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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The only hope I had was my sponsor, (Don M.), who hung with me day and night. At the 3333 club I was leaving the meeting and a lady came up to me. Her name was Carmen L. and she was Cuban and I could barely understand her and she probably had trouble understanding me. But she recognized my self-pity and told me this. She said when you get into your car to go home thank God for your hands that can hold the steering wheel, and your feet that can touch the pedals. She elaborated further and told me to increase this prayer with other things to be grateful. When I got in the car I started for the first time in my life to develop an attitude of gratitude. I have never seen Carmen since that day. The next month of that year a lady in Tampa came to AA and she is your Lady Lou. We sat next to each other at many meetings and I'm sure we helped each other. I will never forget her and Rhetta and Bill A. who have since passed. My home group in Tampa was the Tampa Heights group which has since closed down. There were twelve of us and I will never forget They were fireman Joe, Bern and Violet, Jim and Marianne, Julian L., Father Ed, Ed O., Eleanor and Billy, Don M. (my first sponsor), and me and my wife. They accepted me unconditionally and brought me in with a firm but loving hand. We sold our drug store in 1985 and moved to Nashville, Tennessee to be closer to our parents and have the kids develop a relationship with their grandparents. Before we left Tampa I met with my sponsor, Bill A. and he mapped out my strategy for our move. He said first I need to go to the central office intergroup and let them know I was new to Nashville and make my self available to speak at any meeting. Next if there was not a group near me to start one. Also he said I needed to start working as soon as we had settled. I did all these things. Taking direction was the first thing I learned in AA. We still live in Nashville. Since we have lived here our son died in prison due to alcoholism, drug addiction, and mental illness. Our daughter has a husband and two children and they live nearby. About 6 months ago I started inquiring of Gene L. to see if he knew of a Carmen and where she might be. He finally found her a few months ago and we have been reunited. We have communicated by phone and mail. When I heard her voice I knew it was the same Carmen of over 35 years before. When she gave me the message she was 9 years sober. WE, (Carmen and I), have been sober ever since....a day at a time. There is nothing like Alcoholics Anonymous where a guy like me with no hope runs into a stranger like Carmen and she gives me exactly what I needed Perfect timing. I needed her and she needed me. She could have just spent time with her AA friends but she didn't. Instead she reached out to me. Alcohol had beaten me down and for some strange reason I listened to a stranger. I believe a miracle is getting what I need when I need it. I will forever be grateful for Tampa AA. The YANA club, the 3333 club, and the 20th street club house. People in middle Tennessee say that I think AA started in Tampa. I guess maybe it did for this guy. Yours truly, Jay D.

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.

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too simple an idea for me to grasp. Remembering now how we are to carry the message, I want to share what happened to me as a result. Seven months after coming to the Fellowship in November 1971, I drank again, and as a result of my drunkenness, a man's life was taken in a car accident. I was active duty with the U.S. Navy, stationed near Cadiz, Spain. I was doing over 100 miles an hour and pulled into oncoming traffic near Cadiz at high noon. I had no driver's license and no insurance and my blood alcohol count was .45. One man also lost a leg, and another lost an arm. I had only some broken ribs and a lot of scars. I was facing fifteen years in a Spanish prison. The Spanish government was pretty angry—there was a lot of publicity about the accident. So many, many people have helped me since that day in May 1972. In fact, no one at all has been cruel or unkind to me. People from all walks of life—doctors, lawyers, commanding officers, and most of all, fellow AA members—responded with kindness and understanding that were beyond human origin. After three or four months, I felt so guilty for being alive and sober that I wanted to kill myself. And if it hadn't been for the AA group and a psychiatrist, I think I would have. I was pulled out of that particular mood with these simple words: "Well, if you are so grateful, just don't drink today, and do what must be done." My sponsors, a man-andwife team, were patient and understanding beyond belief in hearing me out and being with me and guiding me over some pretty rough periods. The AA group there was very small and somewhat isolated; much of my help came from AA talks on tapes made at various times and places in the U.S. I have listened to a number of those tapes as often as three hundred times. There were days when the only contact I had with God as I understand Him was through those tapes—days when those tapes were the only thing between me and a drink or me and running away. I was being held in a "legal hold" status by the Spanish government, awaiting trial, but free on bail to the U.S. military authorities. After three years' waiting and going to many arraignment-type courts, I was sentenced to six months and one day in a Spanish prison. I was allowed to take the tapes and a tape recorder with me. After only nine days, I was released on probation. To this day, no one knows exactly how or why. Even in prison, I wasn't alone. There were some AA meetings held in that place. One Sunday afternoon, there were about twenty-five AAs and Al-Anons in that little cell of mine. The Spanish guards didn't have the faintest idea what was going on, nor could they understand when I tried to explain. One of my probation conditions was that I leave Spain. I left on July 1, 1975, just in time to go to Denver for the AA International Convention. Many of the people I had heard so many times on tape were at that Convention. I made it a point to seek them out Go to Page 5

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

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January 13th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met: **COUNCIL MEMBERS** REPRESENTING GROUP

January 13th BOARD M		Directors for Central Office met: REPRESENTING GROUP	COUNC BILL M.
WARD H.	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP	1
			MANDI P
UNEXCUSED	VICE-CHAIR	HIGH NOONERS GROUP	JAMIE C
SAM F.	TREASURER	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	MARLEN
RALPH R.	BOARD MEMBER	WED. NIGHT STEP WORKSHOP	HAROLD
JIM W.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP	FRED H.
DIANA S.	BOARD MEMBER	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	PETER M
JIM VK.	BOARD MEMBER	SEEKERS OF SERENITY GROUP II	BRIAN G
VICKI M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP	TOM P.
SCOTT C.	BOARD MEMBER	MEN'S BLACKBELT GROUP 2	LAURIN
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER		SALLY O

	BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
	MANDI P.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
	JAMIE C.	SUNSHINE GROUP
	MARLENE M.	TURNING POINT GROUP
	HAROLD G.	DISTRICT 2 LIAISON
	FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
;	PETER M.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
	BRIAN G.	SOBER ON SUNDAY GROUP
	TOM P.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
	LAURIN D.	TGIS GROUP
	SALLY O.	TGIS GROUP
7	PAUL B.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
	САТНҮ К.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
3	MICHELLE G.	JUST WHAT I WANTED GTOUP
•	BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
1	JOE M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
•	RANDOLPH L.	SOBER @ 6 GROUP
ļ	JERRY R.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
r 1	BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
f	SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
l	JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
r)	TONY D.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
•	JOSH V.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
t	VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
•	JON S.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP
7	AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
, l	MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
•	CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
t I	ANNA V.	FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS GROUP
	JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
,	DANA C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
t	ALAN G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
,	STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
t l	Information for	-11 4141

Ward opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. This was followed with Jim reading the December Minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept the Minutes was made, seconded and approved. Vicki M. from the Tampa Palms Big Book Group was introduced as our newest Board member. We did have a second new Board member, Scott C. from the Men's Blackbelt Group 2 who arrived late because of traffic. Sam presented the December Treasurer's report. We were \$146.07 to the good for the month and \$11,754.86 to the good for the year 2014 with over \$9000.00 of that amount to go into purchasing a CD for our Prudent Reserve. Ward noted that literature sales were down in the month of December. In Old Business, there was a brief discussion about the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February and Ward thanked Diana for sending in an Alternate in her place for last month. Some members had some concern about a Group having their anniversary dinner close to ours. Ward noted that he would be out of town until January 26th. It was also noted that there were no Board members at the Physical Inventory. Tim gave a brief summary of what happened at the Physical Inventory. He noted that they had 13 people show up and it was completed by around 11:35. Everyone did an excellent job. In New Business, Ward mentioned that he would be rotating out in March and everyone should be considering who they would like to replace him. Some announcements were made and the meeting closed at 6:15 pm with the Lord's Prayer. At the Council Meeting we had several new members: Peter and Fred from the Old School Group, Tony from the Solutions Group, Jerry from the Sober @ 7 Group, Cathy from the Hide-a-Way Group, Tom from the Friday Night Step Study Group, Jon from the Keep it Simple Plant City Group, Randolph from the Sober @ 6 Group, and Josh from the Monday Night Madness Group. After the Serenity Prayer, Ward handed out Information for all these events and more are information sheets to all the new Council members and asked if everyone had signed in. Sue Z. read the December minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept the Minutes was made, seconded and approved. Ward introduced Harold as the new District 2 Liaison. Sam presented the December Treasurer's report. We were \$146.07 to the good for the month and \$11,754.86 to the good for the year 2014 with over \$9000.00 of that amount to go into purchasing a CD for our Prudent Reserve. Tim gave a brief summary of what happened at the Physical Inventory. Some brief discussion on the Anniversary Dinner and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

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- © 301 House Valentine's Dance February 14th, 2015
- © A Journey Through AA's 12 Steps March 6th, 7th & 8th, 2015
- © Suwannee Big Book Weekend March 6th, 7th, & 8th 2015
- © Soberstock Weekend March 13th, 14th, & 15th 2015
- **⊙ Steps to Freedom June 20th, 2015**

ANNIVERS	ANNIVERSARY TIME								
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years						
RUSH HOUR SERENTIY GROUP	SHARON B.	02/11/11	4 YRS						
RUSH HOUR SERENTIY GROUP	BRYAN M.	02/21/01	14 YRS						
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH L.	02/08/11	14 YRS						
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	LISA C.	02/03/97	18 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOHN G.	02/09/12	3 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DAVID L.	02/21/10	5 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JEREMY S.	02/03/10	5 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RAY C.	02/23/04	11 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LORENE S.	02/14/04	11 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOYCE Q.	02/03/03	12 YRS						
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	HALA L.	02/04/02	13 YRS						
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	PATTI L.	02/08/77	38 YRS						
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	PAZETTA	02/20/02	13 YRS						
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KATHY A.	02/23/81	34 YRS						
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	BARBARA A.	02/12/12	3 YRS						
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DIANE S.	02/10/88	27 YRS						
KEYSTONE GROUP	WENDY M.	02/08/99	16 YRS						
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS W.	02/04/95	20 YRS						
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK L.	02/16/89	26 YRS						
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	PAULA B.	02/03/81	34 YRS						

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
5:45 GROUP (3333)	GENE S.	01/25/88	27 YRS
	MIKE S.	02/04/89	26 YRS

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.

To the Rush Hour Serenity Group and any other Group whose contributions who may have been inadvertently posted incorrectly in last years newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you and will try to do better this year. Thank you for your continued support. tws:)

DO YOU HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR NEWSLETTER
"TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS "?

SELF-SUPPORT-JANUARY, 2015

© Today in December of 2014 we have 213 Groups with 572 meetings a week. Contributions in January totaled \$8185.96. That accounts for what 65 Groups out of 213 Groups in our area have contributed in January. This also takes into account the 4 AAer's who contributed \$419.04 in contributions anonymously, \$53.00 from the 2 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund, and \$705.00 from the Dinner Tickets and the Big Book Raffle tickets sold for the 2015 Anniversary Dinner. Our total income for January was \$16,940.31. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,317.38. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$10,622.93. Our Expenses for January were \$8,103.55. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus +\$2,519.38 for the month of January. Not a bad way to start the year off. 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 !!!

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In all but two cases, I simply went up and shook their hands and said that I "knew" them from a long way off. I thought they couldn't possibly realize how much they and all of AA meant to me. But many other first thoughts of mine have been wrong, and I suppose that one was, too. Surely, each of us, in our own time and in God's own way, comes to feel and see the miracle each day and in each meeting. And the last miracle is that the Navy allowed me to stay until I am eligible for retirement—naturally with the unspoken understanding that I don't drink and that I keep on trying to live the kind of life offered by Alcoholics Anonymous. With God's help through you, I will.

C.W.Y., FPO, New York, N.Y.

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TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Invites you to our 40th Anniversary Dinner & Speaker Meeting Celebrating 40 years as Tri-County Central Office and 73 years as your Area Service Center February 7th, 2015. The Event will be held at: Christ the King Church 821 South Dale Mabry Tampa, Florida 33603 Lasagna Dinner catered by Wrights Gourmet Dinner Tickets: \$15.00 Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner at 6:00 pm Speaker at 7:15 pm. Rick D. Member of the Early Risers Group Sobriety Date: 10/06/1966 will be our Speaker for the evening. Also included will be a Cakewalk Raffle / 50/50 Raffle And more.......... We will also be raffling off a First Edition Big Book Twelfth Printing 1948. Tickets are \$5.00 each—you do not have to be present to win.

Group	DEC	YTD	Group	DEC	YTD	Group	DEC	YTD
11th Step Group-Christ King	26.00	391.00	•	DEC				
<u> </u>	20.00	391.00	Keystone Group		881.45	Sisters in Sobriety Group	559.40	999.38
11th Step MeetingSun City		100.00	All Groups Keystone Group		941.00	Sisters in Sobriety TRICO Raffle		34.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Kingsway Group		225.00	Sober @ 6 Group	400.00	1 460 40
A.A. 101 Group	20.00	1,295.70	Last Call Meeting	60.00	5.00	Sober @ 7 Group	400.00	1,468.48
Alpha Group	20.00	120.00	LateNighters Group	69.00	611.00	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups	40.00	582.00
Anniversary Dinner 2015	225.00	255.00	Late Night Red Door Group	47.00	48.18	Sober on Saturday Group	40.00	420.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		2,380.00	Lemon Tree Group		629.50	Sober on Sunday Group	200.00	400.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2014		674.00	Live and Let Live Group		1307.90	Sober Rewards Group		10.20
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2014		388.00	Living in the Solution	420.00	2049.75	Sober Spirits Group		15.00
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014		114.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		375.00	Soberstock Committee		500.00
Dick D. Memorial Fund Rob L. Memorial		1078.00 24.32	Love & Service Group Lunch Bunch Group		57.00 139.36	Sobriety at Sunrise Group Sobrenity Group	5.02	131.00 655.02
Sandy B. Memorial		1080.00	Lutz @ Noon	16.00	147.00	Soberilla Tees	3.02	20.00
Housecleaning Retreat		300.00	Main Purpose Group	10.00	41.00	Solutions Group		5.77
Anonymous Donations	314.82	3767.39	Mapledale Group		135.00	Southshore Men's Group		282.60
As Bill Sees ItBrandon	336.70	1057.55	Mid Day Matinee Group	294.00	4502.11	Southside Men's Group		421.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		929.53	Morning Express Group		425.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	60.00	345.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	350.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill	100.00	425.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group	179.14	854.62	Morning Meditation Group		1.60	Spiritual Development Gp.	75.00	375.00
Bel-Mar Group	<u> </u>	106.08	New Beginnings - Brandon	<u> </u>	481.00	Spiritual Growth Group	436.00	436.00
Bill D's Group	200.00	326.00	New Beginnings Women's	-	140.00	Spiritual Progress Goup	107.00	87.65
BIRTHDAY CLUB Rrandon Mon's Blockholt	66.25	790.25	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		2414.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety Step at a Time Croup	195.00	195.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Brandon Tues. Big Book		190.90 430.00	Newcomers Group (JC) New Day Group	21.00	270.00 314.54	Step at a Time Group Stepping Stones Group (w)	 	404.00 169.60
Brandon Saturday Night Group	50.00	50.00	New Tampa Mon Night Men's	21.00	532.70	Sun City Center Group		109.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	100.00	790.00	New Way Women's Group	100.00	600.00	Sunday Afternnoon Meeting	1	
Came To Believe Group	5.62	798.33	Nightly Newcomers Group		39.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	480.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		200.00	Noon Big Book Group		435.00	Sunshine Group		330.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			Nooners GroupRiverview		301.04	Sweet Surrender Group		3.88
Carrollwood Group		52.61	Nooners GroupTampa	57.75	557.34	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		500.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		75.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		800.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	260.00	1,057.32
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	North Brandon Open Forum		60.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		554.76
Clean Air Group	25.00	93.13	Northdale Group		46.15	Tampa Palms Big Book		300.04
Dade City Step Study Group		97.85	Old Sahaal Guarra		500.00	TBSBBEA Scavenger Hunt		110.00
Dover Group Early Risers Group - Joe's		108.62 6.80	Old School Group Old School Group All Groups		532.44	TGIS Women's Group Thank God it's Friday Group	30.00	167.61 370.00
Expect a Miracle Group		196.51	Old School Group Anniversary		1201.00	The 164 Group	30.00	50.00
Experience, Strength & Hope		675.00	OSG Ladies Birthday Event		100.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		30.00
Fear Not Group		175.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		120.00	The 164 Group USF		90.00
Fireside Group		2.39	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		457.08	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		634.00
Founders Day Event		528.00	One Day at a Time Group		300.00	The Meeting Place Group		131.23
Freedom in Sobriety Group		153.69	Palma Ceia Group		18.27	The Next Frontier Group		390.00
Friday Night Lights Group	55.00	717.64	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		240.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		247.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		400.00	Town & Country Men's Group		276.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Town & Country Wed. Group		2.86
Friday Night Step Study Group		50.00	Plant City Keep it Simple	25.00	68.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		102.70
Friday Night Women's Gp.		100.00	Primary Purpose Group		292.56	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Friday Women's Friendship		250.03	Promises Meeting Group		554.96	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		150.00
All Grps Friday Women's Friendship		287.00	Prosperity AA Group	146.25	388.50	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night	<u> </u>	125.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		455.00	Red Chip Day	-	515.00	Village 12 Step Group	45.50	450.00
Good Start Group	1	1,453.54	Red Door Group Reflections Group-Lake Mag		100.00	We Have a Way Out Group	45.50	97.50
Grapevine Gals Group	1	332.97 400.00	·		531.35 734.05	Weedpatch Group	1	190.00
Happy Hour Group YANA Helping Hands GpP.C.		200.00	Riverside Group Rush Hour Serenity Group		634.09	Wed Night Step Workshop Wed. Keep it Simple Group		175.50
Hide-A-Way Group	470.56	1,849.34	Rushin Fellowship Group	200.00	350.00	Wellspring Group	<u> </u>	380.99
High Nooners Group	470.30	500.00	Safe Haven Group	200.00	276.67	Wesley Chapel Group	<u> </u>	1,101.25
Hope in Progress Group		67.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		665.20	Wesley Chapel Group Big Bk Raf	<u> </u>	84.00
International Doctors of AA		748.00	Saturday Night Live Group		298.87	With Room to Grow Group		500.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		317.00	Seekers of Serenity II Group		108.12	WST Memorial Day Picnic		165.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book						Women's Friendship Group	575.26	1,187.36
Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	300.00				YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety	59.63	59.63
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		684.74						
Keeping it Simple Group		200.00						
			Monthly Tota	1496.00			1	
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						Grand Total for Year	2,273.70	77,811.64

Group	JAN	YTD	Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	YTD
11th Step Group Christ King	125.00	125.00	Keystone Group	245.00	245.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	0020	
A.A. 101 Group	443.91	443.91	Kingsway Group	121.00	121.00	Sober @ 7 Group		
A.A. 102 Group	54.00	54.00	Last Call Meeting			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
Alpha Group			LateNighters Group	36.00	36.00	Sober on Saturday Group	30.00	30.00
Anniversary Dinner 2015	705.00	705.00	Late Night Red Door Group			Sober on Sunday Group		
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015			Lemon Tree Group	100.00	100.00	Sober Rewards Group	2.00	2.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2014			Live and Let Live Group	302.28	302.28	Sober Spirits Group		
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014			Living in the Solution			Soberstock Committee		
Housecleaning Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobriety at Sunrise Group	62.00	62.00
Anonymous Donations	424.11	424.11	Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group	115.05	115.05
As Bill Sees ItBrandon			Lutz @ Noon			Solutions Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	16.13	16.13	Main Purpose Group			Southshore Men's Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	50.00	Mapledale Group	50.00	50.00	Southside Men's Group	494.00	494.00
Barracks Brigade Group	30.58	30.58	Mid Day Matinee Group			Southside Men's Group # 2	1, 1,00	., ., ., .
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Express Group	100.00	100.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Bill D's Group			Morning Group -Zephyrhill	100.00	100.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	53.00	53.00	Morning Meditation Group			Spiritual Growth Group		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt	33.00	33.00	New Beginnings - Brandon	52.00	52.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		
Brandon Tues. Big Book			New Beginnings Women's	32.00	32.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Saturday Night Group			New Beginnings women's			Step sisters in Sobriety Step at a Time Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's Newcomers Group (JC)	1		Stepping Stones Group (w)	55.00	55.00
Came To Believe Group	1.25	1.25	• ` ` `	10.00	10.00	Sun City Center Group	33.00	55.00
	1,23	1,23	New Day Group	10.00	10.00	<u> </u>		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Tampa Mon. Night Men's	100.00	100.00	Sunday Afternnoon Meeting	00 00	80.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			New Way Women's Group	100.00	100.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	
Carrollwood Group			Nightly Newcomers Group			Sunshine Group	100.00	100.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group	400.00	100.00	Noon Big Book Group			Sweet Surrender Group	500.00	500.00
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers	100.00	100.00	Nooners GroupRiverview		76.05	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Clean Air Group			Nooners GroupTampa	76.95	76.95	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Dade City Step Study Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Tampa Bay Young Peoples	144.00	144.00
Dover Group			N. Brandon Open Forum	30.00	30.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	100.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	105.44	105.44	Northdale Group			TGIS Women's Group	100.67	100.67
Expect a Miracle Group			Odessa Group			Thank God it's Friday Group	130.00	130.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Old School Group	592.43	592.43	The 164 Group		
Fear Not Group			Old School Group All Groups			The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Fireside Group			Old School Group Anniversary			The 164 Group USF		
Founders Day Event			OSG Ladies Birthday Event			The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Freedom in Sobriety Group	156.89	156.89	Oldtimer's Group - JC			The Meeting Place Group	35.00	35.00
Friday Night Lights Group	78.00	78.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	40.00	40.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			One Day at a Time Group			Town & Country Men's Group		
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Palma Ceia Group			Town & Country Wed. Group		
Friday Night Step Study Group			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Tues Big Book Study Gp.		
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Turning Point Group -Z-H.	50.00	50.00
Friday Women's Friendship			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Valrico Fri. Morning Group	115.00	115.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group			Plant City Keep it Simple			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		
Good Start Group	221.39	221.39	Primary Purpose Group	20.00	20.00	Village 12 Step Group	300.00	300.00
Grapevine Gals Group	46.46	46.46	Promises Meeting Group	260.00	260.00	Warrior's Group	0.57	0.57
Happy Hour Group YANA			Prosperity AA Group			We Have a Way Out Group		
Helping Hands GpP.C.			Red Chip Day			Weedpatch Group		
Hide-A-Way Group			Red Door Group	200.00	200.00	Wed Night Step Workshop	20.25	20.25
High Nooners Group	100.00	100.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		22.00	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Hope in Progress Group	130.00		Riverside Group			Wellspring Group		
International Doctors of AA			Rush Hour Serenity Group			Wesley Chapel Group	166.40	166.40
It's in the Book Men's Gp.	75.00	75.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			Wesley Chapel Group Big Bk Raf	100.40	100.70
Just What I Wanted Big Book	73.00	73.00	Safe Haven Group			With Room to Grow Group		
Keep It Simple - YANA			Saturday Night Fever Gp.	100.00	100.00	WST Memorial Day Picnic		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	342.07	342.07	Saturday Night Live Group	100.00	100.00	Women's Friendship Group		
	344.07	342.07		22.12	22.12			
Keeping it Simple Group			Seekers of Serenity II Group	22.13	22.13	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		
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						Grand Total for Year		8,185.96