



# Tri-County Central Office News

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

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### A Different River

As stated in our Big Book in Appendix II, open-mindedness is one of the essentials of recovery. When I got to Step Three, it was explained to me that it would be necessary for me to trust in something higher and wiser than myself, something personal to me. I started out with a faith in a new group of friends. And that grew into the belief in a power behind the love of a grand fellowship and then into the faith in a God of my understanding and finally, a trust in a Higher Power. The last of which is beyond what words could describe. Many times, I would come to an understanding of my Higher Power that is so real and joyful that my mind says "Now I've got it," but in doing so I close my mind to anymore understanding for I've just told myself that I have no more to learn. Today, for the purpose of my spiritual growth, I try not to do that, I do my best to continually keep an open mind. It has been explained to me that the spiritual journey can start in many places, and take many different courses along the way, but the destination is always the same; to realize that the joy is in the journey itself and getting 'there' isn't all that important anyways. My journey began with the AA program, and now I'm on that path. I continue to attend AA for opportunities to help others, to be reminded of the basic daily things I must do, to continue to learn and for fellowship in a spiritual community of people. My sobriety and new life depend upon my continued participation yes, but that's not only why I do it today - not just because I have to, but because I want to. AA recovery points the way. It doesn't necessarily claim to be 'the' spiritual way, yet points and opens the way to guide one to find his or her own spiritual path. My AA program keeps me on course. My spiritual life is the journey itself. I have found that the spiritual path is best experienced by action. This action can take the form of thoughts, actual physical action, intentions, willingness and speech. The spiritual path is a changing one. There is an old saying that states "you cannot step into the same river twice." That is because it is flowing and ever changing. To grow I must change too. Open-mindedness is the key. In order to keep a fresh program and spirituality circulating in my life I must practice keeping an open mind. It keeps my 'spiritual circulatory system' healthy and flowing. My sponsor told me early on that when considering new spiritual ideas, if I find some of these ideas beyond understanding, or conflicting with my own ideas, to simply skip over them, thinking to myself, "I do not understand this yet." The yet is the key, leaving an open-mind for growth. I then take what I can use and put the rest aside

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### Get With the Program

When I first got to AA, I heard a lot of talk centering around the word "program"—as in, "That's how I work my program." But what the heck *was* a program, anyway? I knew I needed one, so I decided to ask someone about it. I asked Jane who was setting up chairs and making coffee for our evening meeting. "Jane," I asked, "What's your program?" "I go to fourteen meetings a week, I'm secretary for five of them, I answer phones at the central office three nights a week, I have one sponsor for each of my character defects, plus a Big Book sponsor, and a backup to help me when the others aren't around." "Incredible!" I said. "How long have you been sober?" "Ninety-three days, nineteen hours, and twenty-seven minutes," she said. "And I'm doing just great!" Well, I loved to hear what Jane said at meetings but I was exhausted just watching her go by. So I did what most of us do when a question is beyond us—I called my sponsor. "Read the Big Book," he said. "Chapter five says something about 'program.' See if you can find it." I somehow failed to see it but I sure came to love that chapter. Then, one crisp fall day as I was driving to work and listening to one of my AA tapes, I finally heard it: "Here are the Steps we took, which are suggested as a program of recovery." Son of a gun, the Steps *are* the program! One of the dictionary definitions of the word "program" is "any organized list of procedures; schedule." And that's exactly what the Steps came to be for me. First of all, nothing can begin unless I take Step One. I haven't yet figured out what happened the day I finally went to my first meeting—that hadn't happened in the previous twenty years—but I went, and I'm still here. I had to take Step One and quit drinking to start the process of physical, mental, and spiritual recovery. Step Two was the next logical place to go. I started to understand that while I didn't believe in churches, I had to see that something or someone was working in my life that hadn't been there before. The insanity part wasn't hard to grasp—I had scars on my arms and new clippings in my desk to prove it. Then, as my mind further unclouded, I could accept that my life had gotten on track and that the new "engineer" was doing better than I ever had. Step Three fit into the schedule perfectly. Step Four follows Three because, with someone like a Higher Power on my side, what could I possibly be afraid of? While doing Four, I wrote about meeting my soon-to-be ex-wife. My mind was thinking that she was attractive and had many personality traits that complemented mine as my pencil wrote, "I was looking for someone to take the place of my mother." I dropped the pencil! Those words hadn't been in my conscious mind. "For heaven's sake," I thought, "She even *looks* like my mother. Five foot three, brown hair and eyes, little dusting of freckles. Well, I'll be..." Step Five is fantastic. Once I had the character defects identified I *wanted* to do Five. With all this stuff out in the open, no one could trip me up with some awful discovery of something in my past. What a feeling of relief. Now Six and Seven became possible and

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

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

(Special note: TBAIC literature is available for distribution at the TBAIC meeting which is usually held the second Saturday of each month at the Tri-County Central Office.)

The December 13th meeting of TBAIC was opened by Alternate Chair Susan O. leading the Serenity prayer.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's report. 2014 was a record year for TBAIC. Special gratitude to all support given by the fundraising events on TBAIC's behalf. Other than literature, the next major expense will be the annual phone invoice for Bridge the Gap.

Both the men's and women's meetings at Faulkenburg Jail are going well and all meetings are being covered. Nancy B. did lose 2 volunteers but the other volunteers have been willing to fill in as necessary. A renewal and new orientation for Faulkenburg volunteers will be held in January.

Scott R. Detox Coordinator is trying to locate volunteers to fill openings at various locations. He is also updating the Detox/Institution schedule so he can have it distributed and also post the updated schedule online.

Chris D. of E. Pasco Men's said except for the usual struggles people have coping during the holidays, the meetings are going well.

Jim S. reported Bridge the Gap received 5 calls with 1 ride given.

Alan D. is hoping Steps to Freedom may be able to give TBAIC an interim donation. A fundraising event hosted by the Live and Let Live group will be held January 11 from 1:30pm to 5:30pm at the Rainbow Recovery Club.

Sylvia L. from Soberstock has asked the committee for possible volunteers to assist with security and parking during the event.

The Man on the Bed program is still a work in progress. Brian L. from the PCIP committee has some information that may be helpful in implementing the program.

Elections were held and the new elected positions are Susan O. Chair, Jim S Alternate Chair, Carolyn J Alternate Treasurer and Nancy B. Alternate Secretary.

"When I am truly committed to this purpose, it matters little what clothes I wear or how I make a living. My task is to carry the message, and to lead by example, not design." (Daily Reflections, pg. 353)

- YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$20,367.40
- YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$19,165.11
- YTD Money Spent on Literature \$18,905.01
- YTD Expenses \$848.45
- Direct Purchase from AAWS \$238.00
- Pink Can Balance as of 12/31/2013 \$829.29
- Spending Account Refund \$3.01
- Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$948.14

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

Is at 9:30 AM on **January 10th, 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 \$168.18; Anonymous \$20.20; Came to Believe Group \$27.00; H.O.W. \$72.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$32.00; Live and Let Live Group \$54.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$80.00; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$74.00; Morning Meditation \$79.25; Odessa Group \$40.47; Primary Purpose Group \$31.69; Sunshine Group \$29.92; Wellspring Recovery Group \$56.02; Wesley Chapel Group \$47.00.

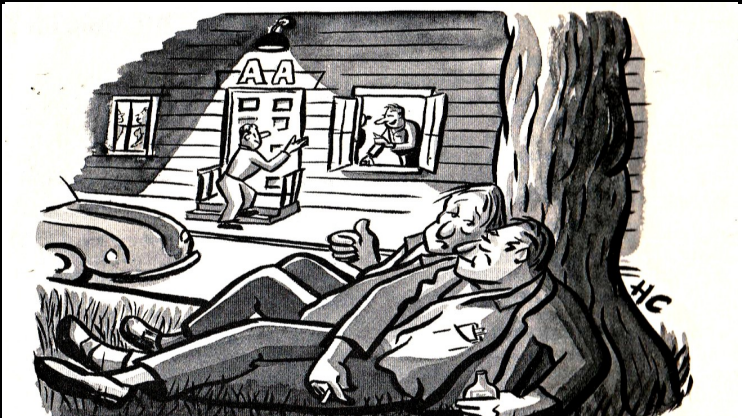
**TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members**

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	

**Get With the Program.....from page One**

necessary. I very much wanted to get rid of the stuff that didn't work. That's the stuff that hurts! I wanted to become a friend among friends, a worker among workers—a contributing member of the human race. The first Seven Steps, then, got me okay with me and with this Higher Power character. But I discovered that I still lived in the world of people I had to face every day...and there were problems in this. Step Eight would identify those problems and get me ready for Nine. Eight was my preparation for speaking to persons I had harmed, which was a really big task for me. These were the folks that I dreaded seeing. And of course it was in seeing *them* that my greatest healing was realized. I don't work Step Ten; it works me, especially when I'm screwing something up! My stomach starts to tighten and I can't put it off to the end of a day. I've got to stop right there and take a different tack or I'm going to be absolutely miserable until I do. A visitor to my home group meeting once said that Step Ten allows him "to clean up the wreckage of the present." That's pretty on the mark in my experience. Ten has to come before Step Eleven because I can't get quiet to meditate or pray until I've dealt with lingering problems from the day just past. Prayer and meditation. Talking to God, as you understand God, and then listening for the answers. Amazing! You just kind of know the folks who work this Step by who they are. They have an inner calm about them that tells everyone they're actually connected to a power greater than themselves. I'm getting there but I've still got quite a way to go. Now for Step Twelve. My "spiritual awakening" is still underway and will be for the rest of my life. Sometimes I "carry the message" by just being a sober presence in an AA meeting, a presence that says to another alcoholic that there is hope. And the practice of "these principles" is evident in my daily doing of whatever I do in a manner that doesn't harm myself or others. The single greatest thing I've gotten from following the program is the relationship I have with a Higher Power as I now understand it. At a meeting, I overheard a lady saying that "AA is like a wagon train. Some of us drive wagons and some of us are scouts. And whenever the scouts come back, they tell us it's really bad out there. But if you ask the wagon-master for help, then you can drive a wagon—and you don't have to be a scout." I think she's on to something and I intend to keep coming back until I find out what it is!

Dennis O., Naples, Italy  
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"I think I'll look into that Athletic Association—they all seem so damn healthy and happy."

**A Different River.....from page One**

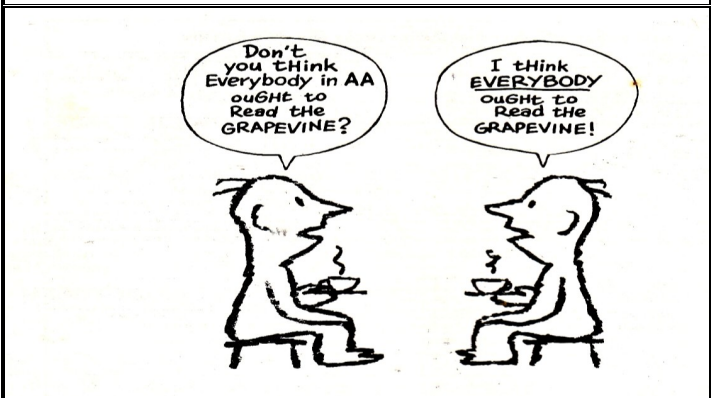
for later review. Today I trust that I come into my spiritual awakening and growth as life sees fit. Not faster or slower than the next person, but right where I am supposed to be at just the right time. As stated in the chapter 'We Agnostics' on page 47, "Do not let any prejudices you may have against certain spiritual terms keep you from honestly asking yourself what they mean to you." That is open-mindedness in a nutshell. Despite my prejudices or judgments, I openly try it all. What do I have to lose? I only lose when I don't try. The HOW of the program – Honesty, Open-mindedness and Willingness - for me works something like this: In early recovery, Honesty: I need help. Open-mindedness: I think you can help me. Willingness: I'm going to try. And for continued recovery, Honesty: I still have much to learn. Open-mindedness: I openly explore all points of view. Willingness: I'm still willing to change my mind.

Russ K.  
Tampa, FL

**I Want to Share**

After my first AA meeting, I returned home loaded with free reading material, sat down, and began reading. Then and for some time to come, AA for me was Step One. But gradually, as I noticed the change in several members who had entered with me, I began to wonder whether dry was enough. Already, others were twelfth-stepping, giving what they had received. I began wanting to share. At first, this meant entering more fully into group activities: cleaning ashtrays and coffee cups; later, chairing meetings and welcoming new members. Eventually, I was called upon to twelfth-step. Yet these calls are rare, and if my service to AA depended upon them alone, it would be slight indeed. Little by little, I have come to realize that, for me, continuous sharing means continuous and regular attendance at meetings, even when it is inconvenient or burdensome. It is true that I need those meetings. But others do, too, both old and new members. If we didn't come, there would be no meetings, no place of fixed and continuous help for the suffering alcoholic. So I have made regular attendance at meetings a major part of my AA program. When I don't feel like going, I think of what might have happened to me that first night if John, Dave, Josephine, and all the others had not been there. Probably, I would never have returned. They helped by being there; now it is my turn.

R.O., Seattle, Wash.  
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# January 2015

## NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

**December 9th, 2014** the Board of Directors for Central Office met:  
**BOARD MEMBERS** **REPRESENTING GROUP**

WARD H.	CHAIRPERSON	PALMA CEIA BIG BOOK GROUP
BRIAN L.	VICE-CHAIR	HIGH NOONERS GROUP
SAM F.	TREASURER	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
DAVE F.	BOARD MEMBER	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
RALPH R.	BOARD MEMBER	WED. NIGHT STEP WORKSHOP
DREW D.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
JIM W.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
DIANA S.	BOARD MEMBER	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
JIM VK.	BOARD MEMBER	SEEKERS OF SERENITY GROUP II
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	

Ward opened meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer, then asking everyone to turn down their cell phones. Drew read the November minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and approved. Sam presented the November Treasurer's report. We were minus \$1597.63 for the month. It was also noted that we were \$11608.79 in the black for the year with \$9000.00 of that total put away in a Money Market account to go back into our Prudent Reserve. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and approved. In Old Business we briefly went over some of the details for the Anniversary Dinner. The Board approved a Christmas Bonus for the Office Manager and our part-time helper. The Board also approved to continue to pay the Office Managers insurance for 2015. The Office Manager was not present during discussion. No one brought any money in for Dinner or Raffle Ticket sales. It was also noted that this would be Dave's last meeting as a Board Member. Thanks for your Service. Meeting adjourned early. At the Council Meeting we had a pretty good turn out of Council Members. Tim handed out his annual Christmas presents which consisted of a 2015 Daily Planner and a Central Office Supporter Coffee Mug to all the Board and Council members present. Sorry—if you were not there—they are all gone. Ward opened the Council meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer, then asking everyone to turn down their cell phones. John read the November minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made and approved. Sam presented the November Treasurer's report. We were minus \$1597.63 for the month. It was also noted that we were \$11608.79 in the black for the year with \$9000.00 of that total put away in a Money Market account to go back into our Prudent Reserve. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and approved. The Office Managers evaluation, Health Insurance and Christmas bonus were discussed and all items were approved by the Council. The Office Manager was not present during discussion. Some of the Dinner and Raffle tickets sales and tickets were turned in. It was noted that our Physical Inventory would take place here at the Office January 3th, 2015 at 9:30 am and that we could use all the help we could get. It was also noted that letters had been send out for new Board Members. Ward went over the and confirmed the committee assignments for the Anniversary Dinner. Tom F. announced that Sylvia L. was the new PI/CPC Chair for District 2 . Brett announced that the 164 groups were hosting Soberilla, a Steps and Principles Workshop January 31st, 2015 and all proceeds were for the benefit of Central Office. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer for all of those who wished to join in.

**December 9th, 2014** the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS** **REPRESENTING GROUP**

BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
JAMIE C.	SUNSHINE GROUP
MARLENE M.	TURNING POINT GROUP
ANGIE M.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
KEVIN G.	SINCERITY GROUP
BONNIE G.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
BRIAN G.	SOBER ON SUNDAY GROUP
GLEEN D.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
LAURIN D.	TGIS GROUP
SALLY O.	TGIS GROUP
BRETT B.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
RILEY T.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
GREG R.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
RICH E.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JANET S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
AL B.	THURSDAY NITE BIG BOOK GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ANDREA D.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JERRY S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TOM F.	KEYSTONE GROUP
DANA C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
CRAIG O.	THE PROMISES MEETING GROUP
ALAN G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP

As a side-note to the Board and Council Report...the Physical Inventory was held on January 3rd, 2015. We had a total of 12 AA members and one non-AA'er who volunteered their time and energy to help with the inventory. I must say that this was probably the fastest inventory we have conducted so far. We started right around 9:30 am and finished up around 11:35 am. We would wish to offer a special Thank You to Evelyn H. from The Promises Meeting Group, Diane P. and Vivian J. from the Freedom in Sobriety Group, Steve S. from the Experience, Strength & Hope Group, Lauren D. from the Young People's Group, Jahnell, Joyce G., Robin F., Nancy H., Cindy L. and Mary D. from the Sisters in Sobriety Group, and Tom F. from the Keystone Group and his wife Joanne .

**THANK YOU** 😊 🙌

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

**SELF-SUPPORT-DECEMBER, 2014**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	LYNN P.	01/11/08	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ASHLEY W.	01/05/14	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOYCE S.	01/07/98	17 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	32 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MARILYN H.	01/18/12	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NANCY	01/13/11	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MICHEAL S.	01/20/07	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOHN L.	01/03/96	19 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	23 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	TOM G.	01/31/84	31 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BURKE	01/29/99	16 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED S.	01/15/86	29 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED P.	01/17/77	38 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SARAH G.	01/03/09	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JUNE T.	01/09/99	16 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	1 YR
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	2 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	LAURA M.	01/06/04	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	JUNE T.	01/09/99	16 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	01/01/04	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DAVID G.	01/24/95	20 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	MARK M.	01/03/91	24 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SEEKERS OF SERENITY	JIM VK	11/28/04	10 YRS
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	TERRY F.	12/04/09	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	5 YRS
STEP BY STEP GROUP	KAY M.	12/08/01	13 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.*

© Today in December of 2014 we have **213** Groups with **572** meetings a week. Contributions in December totaled \$6,675.90. That accounts for what **48** Groups out of **213** Groups in our area have contributed in December. This also takes into account the 7 AAer's who contributed \$114.82 in contributions anonymously, \$200.00 for the Sandy B. Memorial, \$61.25 from the 4 members who contributed to the Birthday Fund, and \$225.00 from the tickets sold for the 2015 Anniversary Dinner and \$110.00 from the Big Book Raffle. Our total income for December was \$10,541.59. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$2,577.59. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,964.00. Our Expenses for December were \$7817.93. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus **+\$146.07** for the month of December. 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 !!!

**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](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)

**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.

**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**

Sobriety definitely can become a habit. Start your morning by asking God (God as you understand Him) to give you a lift for the day; ask for help in your problems, and guidance in Sobriety. At night before going to sleep, thank your Higher Power for the help given you for that day and pray that you may be sober another 24 hours. You'll notice that the folks who are most active have the easiest time keeping sober. Acquire the habit of being faithful to friendships and responsibilities and remember the greatest pleasure in life is to do a good turn in secret and have it discovered by accident

## MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

### Come join us for OSG's Annual Gratitude Speaker Dinner and Central Office fundraiser!

January 24th, 2015

Christ the King Church  
821 S Dale Mabry Hwy  
Tampa, FL 33609

Dinner at 6 pm, Speaker at 7

Dinner catered by Carrabba's -  
Chicken Marsala, Penne Pomodoro,  
Caesar Salad, Bread and Dessert

Our Speaker will be Erica R, sober since 1991

Tickets- in advance \$16.50, \$20.00 at the door

Unused tickets will be considered a donation for Central Office  
50/50 raffle as well to also benefit central office

link to register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/osg-gratitude-dinner-tickets-14434039601>

### TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Invites you to our 40th Anniversary  
Dinner & Speaker Meeting  
Celebrating 40 years as  
Tri-County Central Office  
and 73 years as your Area Service Center

February 7th, 2015

The Event will be held at:

Christ the King Church  
821 South Dale Mabry  
Tampa, Florida 33603

Lasagna Dinner catered by Wrights Gourmet

Dinner Tickets: \$15.00

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Speakers at 7:00 pm

Cakewalk Raffle / 50/50 Raffle

Speakers to be announced later

We are also raffling off a First Edition Big Book  
Twelfth Printing 1948

Tickets available at Central Office

\$5.00 a ticket—you do not have to present to win



## Old Time AA

### A History Workshop



## JANUARY 24, 2015

Breakfast and Lunch Will Be Served!

### 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Tommie D. - Fort Lauderdale**

**Sandy B. - Tampa**

**Tommy M. - St. Petersburg**

**Gail L. - Akron, OH (The Villages)**

Hyde Park United Methodist 500 W. Platt Street, Tampa, FL 33606

Sandy B. passed away in September, 2014. In  
lieu of a replacement speaker, I have been told  
that they will play one of his CD's.

THE '164 GROUP' PRESENTS:

## SOBERILLA



### STEPS AND PRINCIPLES WORKSHOP

JANUARY 31, 2015 9:00AM - 5PM

REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$ 10

SHIRTS (PRE-ORDER ONLY): \$15

SPAGHETTI LUNCH INCLUDED

(\*PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE)

### DETAILS @ SOBERILLA.ORG

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - 15520 NORTH BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33613  
1-275 TO BEARSS AVE - WEST TO NORTH BLVD - TURN RIGHT (NORTH) - ON LEFT



Group	NOV	Y T D	Group	NOV	Y T D	Group	NOV	Y T D
11th Step Group Christ King		365.00	Keystone Group		881.45	Sisters in Sobriety Group		439.98
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			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		
A.A. 101 Group		1,295.70	Last Call Meeting		5.00	Sober @ 7 Group		1,068.48
Alpha Group		100.00	LateNighters Group	82.25	542.00	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		582.00
Anniversary Dinner 2015	30.00	30.00	Late Night Red Door Group		1.18	Sober on Saturday Group	30.00	380.00
Anniversary Dinner 2014		2,380.00	Lemon Tree Group	137.00	629.50	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
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		1629.75	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		1078.00	Love & Service Group		57.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	50.00	131.00
Rob L. Memorial		24.32	Lunch Bunch Group		139.36	Sobrenity Group		650.00
Sandy B. Memorial	200.00	1080.00	Lutz @ Noon		131.00	Soberilla Tees		20.00
Housecleaning Retreat		300.00	Main Purpose Group		41.00	Solutions Group		5.77
Anonymous Donations		3452.57	Maple Dale Group		135.00	Southshore Men's Group		282.60
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		720.85	Mid Day Matinee Group		4208.11	Southside Men's Group		421.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		929.53	Morning Express Group		425.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		285.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		300.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		325.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group		675.48	Morning Meditation Group		1.60	Spiritual Development Gp.		300.00
Bel-Mar Group		106.08	New Beginnings - Brandon		481.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group		126.00	New Beginnings Women's	70.00	140.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		87.65
BIRTHDAY CLUB	7.00	724.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	156.00	2414.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		190.90	Newcomers Group (JC)		270.00	Step at a Time Group		404.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		430.00	New Day Group	33.00	293.54	Stepping Stones Group (w)		169.60
BYO 12 & 12 Group	130.00	690.00	New Tampa Monday Night Men's	161.70	532.70	Sun City Center Group		
Came To Believe Group	195.00	792.71	New Way Women's Group		500.00	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Cardinal Group - Odessa		200.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		39.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	40.00	440.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			Noon Big Book Group		435.00	Sunshine Group		330.00
Carrrollwood Group		52.61	Nooners Group--Riverview	82.48	301.04	Sweet Surrender Group		3.88
Carrrollwood Blue Roof Group		75.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	42.28	499.59	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		500.00
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.	300.00	800.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		797.32
Clean Air Group		68.13	North Brandon Open Forum		60.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		554.76
Dade City Step Study Group		97.85	Northdale Group		46.15	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	300.04
Dover Group		108.62	Odessa Group		500.00	TBSBBEA Scavenger Hunt		110.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		6.80	Old School Group	532.00	532.44	TGIS Women's Group		167.61
Expect a Miracle Group		196.51	Old School Group All Groups			Thank God it's Friday Group	60.00	340.00
Experience, Strength & Hope		675.00	Old School Group Anniversary		1201.00	The 164 Group		50.00
Fear Not Group		175.00	OSG Ladies Birthday Event		100.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Fireside Group		2.39	Oldtimer's Group - JC	120.00	120.00	The 164 Group USF		90.00
Founders Day Event		528.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		457.08	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		634.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		153.69	One Day at a Time Group		300.00	The Meeting Place Group	39.84	131.23
Friday Night Lights Group	155.00	662.64	Palma Ceia Group		18.27	The Next Frontier Group		390.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		247.00	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	240.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Palma Ceia Big Book Study		400.00	Town & Country Men's Group		276.00
Friday Night Step Study Group		50.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Town & Country Wed. Group		2.86
Friday Night Women's Gp.		100.00	Plant City Keep it Simple		43.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		102.70
Friday Women's Friendship		250.03	Primary Purpose Group	135.56	292.56	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
All Groups Friday Women's		287.00	Promises Meeting Group		554.96	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		150.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group	130.00	455.00	Prosperity AA Group		242.25	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		125.00
Good Start Group	217.13	1,453.54	Red Chip Day	515.00	515.00	Village 12 Step Group		450.00
Grapevine Gals Group	149.00	332.97	Red Door Group		100.00	We Have a Way Out Group		52.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		400.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		531.35	Weedpatch Group		190.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		200.00	Riverside Group		734.05	Wed Night Step Workshop	25.10	175.50
Hide-A-Way Group		1,378.78	Rush Hour Serenity Group	1.79	634.09	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
High Nooners Group	100.00	500.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	Wellspring Group		380.99
Hope in Progress Group		67.00	Safe Haven Group		276.67	Wesley Chapel Group		1,101.25
International Doctors of AA		748.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		665.20	Wesley Chapel Group Big Bk R.		84.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		317.00	Saturday Night Live Group	298.87	298.87	With Room to Grow Group	250.00	500.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Seekers of Serenity II Group		108.12	WST Memorial Day Picnic		165.00
Keep It Simple - YANA		225.00				Women's Friendship Group		612.10
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		684.74						
Keeping it Simple Group		200.00						
Monthly Total	1313.13		Monthly Total	2667.93		Monthly Total	614.94	
	YTD	28,065.44		YTD	27587.78		YTD	15,482.52
						Grand Total for Month	4,596.00	
						Grand Total for Year		71,135.74