



Tri-County Central Office News

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.

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Where Are the Old-Timers?

Frank lives in the suburb of Chicago. He took his last drink in September 1955. "I came around AA in 1952," he said, "but it took me three years to figure out that I wasn't supposed to drink. I'm still in AA today, because it gives me those things I want and never could find anywhere else." Frank is that relatively rare member of Alcoholics Anonymous: a person with many years of sobriety who remains active. He goes to meetings, works with other alcoholics, keeps working the Twelve Steps, and retains an awareness of precisely why he found freedom from his killing compulsion to drink. Where do the others go, these men and women who sober up in AA and then, as their lives improve and they begin to get the things they want, disappear? Perhaps they keep some contact with other AA members, but they give up regular group membership. "I'm still willing to make Twelfth Step calls," these alcoholics say. "I'm always ready to carry the message." The obvious response to that is: What message? The message that after a while we no longer need to participate in the Fellowship that saved our lives? The message that gratitude is simply a word? That we have no continuing commitment to show up at a group every week to help keep AA alive? Today, there are many men and women in our Fellowship sober for substantial periods of time. I know many of these nondrinking alcoholics in various sections of the United States and Canada; generally, they prove to be superb advertisements for what our program offers. They live constructively, meet problems positively, and continue to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Twelve Steps. On the other hand, there are countless thousands who no longer participate with any regularity; many, not at all. What causes an alcoholic to move away from the Fellowship that transformed his life? With the evidence from so many members whose "retirement" from AA has been followed by drunkenness, why would anyone take the chance? What causes dwindling interest? Finally, what can I do to keep from becoming a disappearing old-timer? I discussed this with a number of AA friends and found their ideas interesting. Perhaps you will, too. What's an old-timer? One definition is: an alcoholic who has been sober so long, he's afraid the new man might throw up on him. Regardless of how the term is defined, the members quoted here are sober anywhere from nineteen years to more than thirty. For example, Dennis lives in another Chicago suburb and has been sober since October 1959. He says, "The founder of my first AA group died as a drinking suicide in a fleabag hotel, with a plastic bag over his head. He had been sober nearly twenty years. I never met him, because he had quit going to meetings by the time I came to the group. I remember wondering, when I heard about his suicide, how a man with that much time in AA could return to drinking. "Then, I answered my own question. With ten years of sobriety, I began to fall apart with depression and fear, almost to the point of suicide. I sought professional help from psychiatrists, psychologists, and group therapy and only got more depressed and fearful. I finally concluded that AA had failed me.

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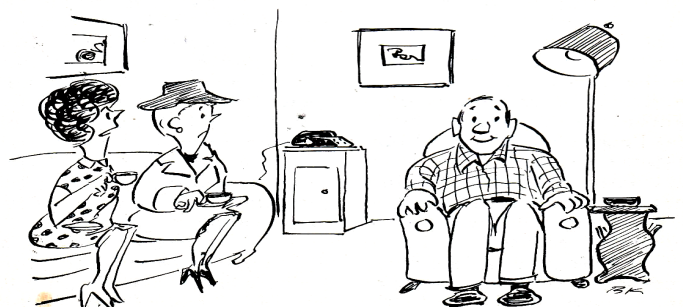
Your Way, My Way—or AA's Way?

Around the tables, we seldom hear anyone saying, "Each one can do it his own way." The idea is put into practice there, but not voiced. Mostly, we hear it said aloud by those who simply don't get around the tables very often. This is not my own observation; rather, it was deftly pointed out to me. I then did some minor research. Indeed, the members giving lip service to the freedom of AA are, strangely enough, those who just don't get to many meetings and are, not so strangely, miserable. For all those you know who are out there on the fringe of happiness, I recommend the following paragraph from page 152 of *Alcoholics Anonymous*: "Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship, and so will you." There is no way to find this fellowship and enjoy the multitude of benefits except to be part of the Fellowship—be at meetings and get active in AA. How simple, how easy! And the rewards keep going on and on. For an alcoholic, there is *no* substitute for AA, but AA is clearly more than a substitute for alcohol.

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RECENT NEW GROUPS IN THE PAST 60 DAYS

- © **Seminole Heights Big Book Study**—Wednesday @ 7:00 pm
Salvation Army Worship Center—1100 W. Sligh Avenue
Bring your own Big Book
- © **Back to the 40's Group**—Sundays @ 9:00 am—Closed
2250 US Hwy 92, Plant City
- © **Men's Southside Blackbelt 4 Group**—Monday @ 7:30pm
Closed Men's Meeting
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church-3501 W. San Jose Room 305
- © **Wide Awake Group**—Thursday @ 6:30am
1001 North Florida Avenue
- © **Blackbelt Noon Men's Group**—Monday @ Noon
The Club—3333 West Columbus Drive
- © **A Vision for You Group**—Sunday @ 6:pm
Tampa Community Hospital—6001 Webb Road



"He comes home from a meeting and just sits there and smiles!"

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 or the 4th Thursday of the month from 5:50 pm to 6:50 pm at the Tri-County Central Office.)

Chair Susan O. opened the September 12th meeting of TBAIC leading the "Serenity Prayer". Buddy H. left word with her that the men's jail meetings were going along fine and the Saturday morning men's meeting are now being held at the Orient Road Jail. Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. There were expenses other literature for the month and these are noted on the report. (Gas expense for area assembly, newsletter subscription fees and postage stamps) Literature supply is being maintained and additional Spanish materials have been added. Nancy B. has lost a few volunteers but the meetings for the most part are being covered at Falkenburg.. No women's meetings are taking place at the Orient Road Jail. An orientation for new volunteers is scheduled in October. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer must be preapproved prior to the orientation. Ruth N. of E. Pasco Women's will be setting up a meeting with the new Programs Director. A few volunteers have withdrawn their services but the meetings are being covered. Weather has delayed or cancelled a few meetings. Chris D. of E. Pasco Men's said the meetings at Zephyrhills are going well, but more volunteers would be appreciated. Tampa Behavioral Health is still having meetings seven days a week at 7:15 pm. New volunteers are always welcome. Jim S. reported the Bridge the Gap received 15 calls (3 wrong numbers) and 4 rides were given. One caller did not return calls to him. Jim will be attending the next district meeting to pass along Bridge the Gap volunteer signup forms and information. Alan D. distributed a flyer for the Steps to Freedom Halloween Party on October 31st which will be held at Hyde Park Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Steps to Freedom is also planning a St. Patrick's Day dinner with a guest speaker. Tom F. reported back that he received word from Tampa Community Hospital regarding the "Man in the Bed" program and that because of their concern with HIPAA regulations, they did not want to implement the program. They are willing to have AA information provided to them and they will give it to a patient who requests information about AA. He is passing this information to the PI/CPC committee. A question was asked about the length of sobriety requirement for volunteers at Detoxes and Rehabs. These requirements (if any) are established by each facility so if there are any doubts, the facility itself has to be contacted. Direct any questions to the Detox Coordinator (Scott R. 8137278839). A request was received if TBAIC would provide the Steps and Traditions window shades for their facility. TBAIC gives literature to the alcoholic who has the desire to stop drinking, not to the facility. The committee voted to decline the request. Susan O. has been contacted about bringing meetings into Memorial Hospital and by Grace Point for a facility they will be managing in conjunction with the Florida Department of Correction. Susan will get more information before a commitment is made. Literature pickup times will be changed to 5:50 pm to 6:50 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month.

"Adversity gives us more opportunity to grow than does comfort or success." (As Bill Sees It, pg 234)

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **October 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:

301 House (All Groups) \$11.59; AA 101 Group \$143.00; As Bill Sees It Group (Brandon) \$51.46; Keystone Discussion Group \$80.77; Morning Meditation Group \$111.62; Noon Big Book Group(3333) \$29.26; Odessa Group \$27.54; Primary Purpose Group \$31.48; Ruskin Fellowship Group \$62.00; Sunshine Group \$55.00; There is a Solution Group \$3.10; Town and Country Men's Group \$25.00; Wellspring Group \$69.00;

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	813-727-8839
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	

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$16,079.18
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$15,827.80
Money in Spending Account at Year End 2014 \$260.10
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$15,927.53
YTD Expenses \$740.47
Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$918.22
Pink Can Balance as of 09/12/2015 \$1,802.59

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Fortunately, I ran into an AA with more than thirty years on the program, who pointed out that I had never worked the Twelve Steps and so had missed the whole program. With ten years of sobriety, I started writing Fourth Steps, taking Fifth Steps, making direct amends. Surprisingly quickly, my depression and fears began to disappear. Dennis has been working the Steps on a continuous basis since that time and says, "I believe that many of the men and women I have seen return to drinking simply drifted away from AA sober, just as I had. Either they never did much on the Steps or simply stopped working them after a time. Often today, I look around the table at a meeting and wonder where the members are who sobered up in 1955 or 1960, or '65 or '70. It seems to me that the problem is often a failure to continue working the Twelve Steps and thereby experience the fulfillment this provides." As Dennis suggests, perhaps a major reason for an old-timer's disappearance is dwindling interest and enjoyment in AA. That would be a predictable result of continuing sobriety without continuing growth. Twenty years of sobriety that consists of one year's experience twenty times is boring. Without the spark generated by regular use of all Twelve Steps, there's a good chance that meetings, conferences, and other activities will begin to seem dull, repetitive, and dispensable. How often do we hear an AA with a substantial period of sobriety say, "Man, I almost got drunk the other day. I'd better go to more meetings." Meetings are important, certainly, but if a longtime-sober AA is still that close to drinking, there's some work in the Twelve Steps that he has missed. For many AAs who stay active, it seems to be easy. "I just like what I'm doing," explained Bob, sober since 1954. "I like the AA people and stay in AA because it's more fun than any other way of life I know. The only manifestation of gratitude that makes sense to me is to devote some of my time, energy, money, interest, and enthusiasm to the thing that made all of this possible. It seems to me that the AA members who remain active have made the AA way of life their lives." He continued, "As a person gets older (and this certainly doesn't apply to me), his energy drops and he just naturally does less. That includes AA. However, there's still plenty he or she can do in the AA community. I've known a number of members who gradually dropped out and stayed sober. In the process, they've lost their zest for life, and I think it's because they've quit giving." Bob lives in a Texas community that he modestly describes as "The AA Capital of the World." Bob brings up what is surely one of the fundamental points in any question of remaining active in Alcoholics Anonymous: gratitude. Drunks who come to AA with a sincere desire to stop drinking and willingness to follow directions begin to stay sober for the rest of their lives, one day at a time. There is nothing else available to an alcoholic that provides these kinds of results. *Nothing!* Common sense says that the easiest and most obvious form of repayment is simply to remain a part of the Fellowship that created this change. However, alcoholics are not noted for common sense and have a far greater capacity for self-centeredness than gratitude. An AA who is sober since 1961 adds his thoughts to the question of disappearing old-timers. Gardner lives in still another Chicago suburb. He travels to his work, may stay in a community for as long as a year, and goes to AA meetings in these towns. ➡

Where are the Old-Timers?.....continued

He says, "Almost without exception, I hear about a good old so-and-so who started the group and has been sober some twenty-five years. But I never get to meet good old so-and-so, because he doesn't come to meetings anymore. He has gone on to other interests. This tendency for longtime AA people to disappear makes me a bit anxious. Is there something, or some other program, that serves a higher purpose for the drunk than the Twelve Steps of AA? "I like the feeling of being a student with all the others in AA meetings. And when one of the thoughtful comments in a meeting comes from what turns out to be an old-timer, who is still excited about learning and sharing just like all of us students, I think I have my answer. Everything I need to know for living a productive, sane life, I'll find by staying a student in the community of Alcoholics Anonymous. I'll learn these lessons by reworking the Twelve Steps, all of them. And in the process, my life will be so interesting, I'll have to stay active in AA because, obviously, nothing else could equal its enjoyment." An AA member sober more than thirty years adds, "I agree with what Frank, Dennis, Bob, and Garder say about our disappearing old-timers. It raises the question of what I can do about it. It took me a while to recognize that AA *does* contain the answers I need for living the rest of my life. After sobering up, I spent years looking at "advanced" approaches. With depressing confidence, I could talk at exhausting length about the difference between Zen and Yoga meditation, the teachings of the Desert Fathers, the Hesychast tradition in medieval Christianity, the practices of Tibetan mysticism. No matter that my egotistical myopia afflicted my listeners with terminal boredom. "Eventually, I grasped the truth in the last paragraph of the story in the Big Book titled 'Freedom From Bondage': 'I get everything I need in Alcoholics Anonymous—everything I need I get—and when I get what I need I invariably find that it was just *what I wanted all the time.*' "It's my responsibility to remain a useful member of AA by persistent work with the Steps, which will keep me in condition to carry the message to another alcoholic as well as live effectively and joyously. With this kind of commitment to the program, I can meet the injunction on page 77 of the Big Book: 'Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us.' By this kind of example, we may help an old-timer on the verge of disappearing to see that what he's leaving is far more attractive than what he's pursuing." P.M., Riverside, Ill.
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A boozer was walking along the edge of a cliff. He fell over but fortunately grabbed a strong root several feet below. Hanging there, he looked heavenward and cried out, "Is there anyone up there who'll help me?" A deep voice from the clouds replied, "I'll help you, my son, but only if you have complete faith in me." "Oh, I have, I do have!" babbled the drunk. "Then let go of the root," the voice commanded. There was a period of silence, after which the guzzler shouted, "Listen, is there anyone else up there?" From a Grapevine cartoon.....

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

September 8th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

September 8th, 2015 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

Unexcused	CHAIRPERSON	164 WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
SAM F.	TREASURER	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
JIM W.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
DIANE S.	BOARD MEMBER	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
VICKI M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
ROBERT L.	BOARD MEMBER	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
MINDY W.	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	

MARTY J.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRIAN G.	SOBER ON SUNDAY GROUP
BIANCA M.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CINDI M.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
BRIAN M.	SOBER AT 6 GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
MARLENE M.	TURNING POINT GROUP
GREG R.	DOVER GROUP
JOE M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
GUY S.	KEYSTONE GROUP
THOMAS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NOGHT LIGHTS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
DRU M.	SOBRENITY GROUP
JEANNETTE	SOBRENITY GROUP
JON S.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP

Sam 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. **Secretary Report:** Jim read the August minutes. There were no questions or comments. The minutes were seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sam presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that we were \$1122.08 in the red for the month of August but \$5212.91 to the good for the year. The Treasurers report was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** In Old Business, a motion had been made last month to fund the Office Managers lodging at the Roundup (since he was working there selling items for Central Office) and Diana had a question rather than voting on this each year, shouldn't we make this a permanent item. Some discussion followed on how to include this in the Personnel Policy. Discussion was moved to next month. **New Business:** Jim asked a question about how the Board Minutes are kept. Tim replied that we have copies in the Computer. A motion was made to also keep a hard copy of the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Sam opened the Council Meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and if everyone had signed in. New Council members were recognized. They were Drucilla M. and Jeannette from the Sobrenity Group **Secretary Report:** Cindy read the August Minutes. There were no questions. The minutes were seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sam presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that we were \$1122.08 in the red for the month of August but \$5212.91 to the good for the year. Looks like contributions and literature were down this month. The Treasurers report was seconded and approved. A question was asked about the money put aside for the CD's and Tim noted that they were presently in a Money Market.

Old Business: None **New Business:** None

A few announcements were made: All Groups meeting at the 301 House and a 4th Step Workshop. Also a 12 Step-12 Traditions line by line Step Study at the Hull House in Plant City.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer for all of those who wished to join in.

Everyone is reminded to call your literature order in early a day or two before the meeting, that way we can have it packed and ready for you.

Let us get to know you. We are looking for any and all AA groups to send us a history of your AA group. When it started, what kind of meeting is it, some of the early members, experiences you have had at the group, anecdotes you or your members have heard that are meaningful to you, anything about your Home Group. **A picture of your meeting room must also be included.** It doesn't matter how short or how long it is, we will publish your group's story in the Newsletter. That way we can get to know you better and the AA'er's in the area get to know you better. Hey, it may even boost up your attendance or membership.

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

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.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BETTY E.	10/08/09	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN W.	10/26/97	18 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ANN S.	10/01/88	27 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	41 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	MEGHAN M.	10/31/10	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	DOTTY R.	10/10/10	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	MAURA	10/04/04	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ED D.	10/17/05	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE B.	10/16/05	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX P.	10/11/90	25 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TOM F.	10/19/81	34 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE E.	10/08/12	3 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SCOTT D.	10/10/07	8 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROBERT R.	10/26/87	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROSE ANN C.	10/15/84	31 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-SEPTEMBER, 2015

© Today in September of 2015 we have 228 Groups with 593 meetings a week. Contributions in September totaled \$4332.64. That accounts for what 39 Groups out of 228 Groups in our area have contributed in September. This also takes into account the \$44.00 from the 2 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$27.00 contributed from the Live & Let Live Anniversary. Our total income for September was \$11,721.80. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,429.38. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,292.42. Our Total Expenses for September were \$7,541.80. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus -\$ 1,249.38 for the month of September. 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 as soon as possible.

**SATURDAY
 OCT 31ST
 9:30PM-
 DEATH**
 after
 medallion
 meeting!

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A
 HALLOWEEN
 PARTY**

**THE MEETING PLACE
 8801 LAND O LAKES BLVD
 LAND O LAKES, FL**

**COSTUME CONTEST!
 FOOD AND FUN!
 GHOULISH GOOD TIME!
 FREE FOR ALL!**

SOBERSTICKS
 OCT. 9-10 2015

Fun and fellowship all weekend with camping, canoeing, campfires, morning meditation meetings and 8 pm campfire meetings.

\$5.00 per night per person
 (kids and animals are free)
 Group rates on canoe rentals.

Contacts:
 Stewart 813-455-7260 Sharon 813-943-9838

Please pay by Sept... 29th.
 Payment arrangements are possible.

**Little Manatee River
 Canoe Outpost**
 18001 U.S. Hwy 301 S.
 Wimauma, FL 33598

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



Sober @ 7 Group presents

ALL GROUPS MEETING & 12th ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER MEETING & DINNER

(All Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

\$5.00 Donation per person

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6th, 2015
ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
106 11TH Avenue, NE (Rt. 41 in Ruskin)
Ruskin, FL 33570**

**POTLUCK DINNER: 6:30 P.M.
SPEAKER MEETING: 7 P.M.**

**Speaker: Randy A.
Tampa, FL**

*WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (WITH FOOD IN IT) TO THE CHURCH
BY 6:00 P.M. SO WE CAN SETUP THE FOOD.*

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

Old School Group's

Annual All Groups Meeting

Speaker Meeting with Appetizers & Desserts



Speaker: Bill L. St. Pete, FL

(All proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

\$5.00 Donation per person

Saturday October 17th 2015

6:30 Appetizers and Desserts – 7:00pm Speaker meeting

Crystal Lakes Plaza

18125 US Hwy 41

Lutz, FL 33549

For more information or questions contact Shanna B. 813-390-3558

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31st, 2015

COURAGE TO CHANGE YPG PRESENTS...



A HALLOWEEN DESSERT RAFFLE

Please bring a Halloween themed dessert to be raffled.
Dinner will be provided by the group. Enjoy a costume
contest, a 50/50 raffle, food fun & fellowship.

ENTRY IS FREE

Location: Brandon Assembly of God, 710 S Kings
Event starts at 5:00PM, following the meeting at 7:30PM



SOBERWEEN HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 31, 2015 at 8:20 - midnight
Hyde Park UMC,
501 Platt Street
After Saturday Night Fever

Please join us for some ghoulish music, freaky fun, and
frightening food!

\$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door

To Benefits Jails and Institutions, through Steps to Freedom!



"Grim grinning ghosts come out to socialize"

Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		355.00	Keystone Group		504.30	Sisters in Sobriety Group		691.18
11th Step Retreat			Kingsway Group			Sober @ 6 Group	120.00	120.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups			Sober @ 7 Group		979.08
A.A. 101 Group		1,286.07	Kingsway Group	71.00	722.00	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
A.A. 102 Group		54.00	Last Call Meeting		396.00	Sober on Saturday Group	30.75	302.50
All Groups Meeting		36.00	LateNighters Group			Sober on Sunday Group	200.00	400.00
Alpha Group		230.05	Late Night Red Door Group		317.75	Sober Rewards Group		2.00
Anniversary Dinner 2015		2,593.97	Lemon Tree Group			Sober Spirits Group		
7th Tradition Basket		167.00	Live and Let Live Group	27.00	352.00	Soberstock Committee		500.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015		211.00	Living in the Solution		722.10	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		296.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		603.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobriety at Sunset Group		201.50
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		440.05
Housecleaning Retreat			Lutz @ Noon	33.00	97.00	Solutions Group		1,481.28
Anonymous Donations	140.51	957.40	Main Purpose Group			Southshore Men's Group	208.00	373.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		591.42	Mapledale Group		125.00	Southside Men's Group		494.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		456.29	Mid Day Matinee Group		555.31	Southside Men's Group # 2		258.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		400.00	Morning Express Group		300.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group		1,776.77	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		300.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Bel-Mar Group	126.75	126.75	Morning Meditation Group			Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group		93.45	Mustard Seed Group		31.00	Spiritual Progress Group		37.70
BIRTHDAY CLUB	44.00	578.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		247.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		195.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt	185.00	185.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Step at a Time Group		429.65
Brandon Tues. Big Book		45.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		893.86	Stepping Stones Group (w)		163.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Beginnings-(Our Club)		501.76	Sun City Center Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		401.00	Newcomers Group (JC)			Sunday Afternnoon Meeting		
Came To Believe Group	227.50	823.61	New Day Group		105.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	50.00	510.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	300.00	500.00	New Hope Big Book	100.00	234.15	Sunshine Group		300.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			New Tampa Mon Night Men's		187.25	Suvivors Big Book Group		10.00
Carrollwood Group		50.00	New Way Women's Group	200.00	700.00	Sweet Surrender Group	47.00	547.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group			Nightly Newcomers Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		1,042.50
Clean Air Group	23.58	171.81	Nooners Group--Riverview		182.20	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	168.10	579.60
Dade City Step Study Group			Nooners Group--Tampa	66.71	454.90	Tampa Palms Big Book		300.43
Design for Living Group		1,197.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		250.00	TGIS Women's Group		100.67
Dover Group		120.00	N. Brandon Open Forum		110.00	Thank God it's Friday Group	120.00	250.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		434.12	Northdale Group		176.14	The 164 Group		175.00
Expect a Miracle Group		234.00	Odessa Group		470.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		382.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	37.00	87.00	Old School Group		592.43	The 164 Group USF		75.00
Fear Not Group			Old School Group All Groups		546.30	The 164 Group Wesley Chp		
Fireside Group	30.90	1,010.12	Old School Group Anniversary			The Meeting Place Group	190.00	308.00
Founders Day Event			OSG Ladies Birthday Event			The Next Frontier Group		144.87
Freedom in Sobriety Group		312.88	Oldtimer's Group - JC		98.91	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	180.00
Friday Night Lights Group	54.00	439.72	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		127.60	Town & Country Men's Gp	150.00	250.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			One Day at a Time Group		100.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		1,000.00
Friday Night Lights Movie		136.00	Page 112 Group		20.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.	55.90	185.90
Friday Night Step Study Group	30.00	110.00	Palma Ceia Group		1182.29	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	25.00	325.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Uptown/Downtown Group		114.00
Friday Women's Friendship		65.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		215.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		220.35	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		325.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		
Good Start Group		586.39	Plant City Keep it Simple		275.00	Village 12 Step Group		300.00
Grapevine Gals Group	12.75	327.87	Primary Purpose Group		20.00	Warrior's Group		0.57
Happy Hour Group YANA			Promises Meeting Group		382.00	We Have a Way Out Group		17.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	100.00	275.00	Prosperity AA Group		99.45	Weedpatch Group		325.00
Hide-A-Way Group	518.19	1,243.43	Red Chip Day			Wed Night Step Workshop		44.25
High Nooners Group		100.00	Red Door Group		245.90	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Hope in Progress Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		200.00	Wellspring Group		140.00
HOW Group	100.00	100.00	Riverside Group		260.94	Wesley Chapel Group		536.15
International Doctors of AA		12.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		178.80	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raffle		109.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		183.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			With Room to Grow Group		250.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Safe Haven Group			WST Memorial Day Picnic		
Keep It Simple - YANA		75.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	520.00	860.00	Women's Friendship Group		413.32
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		949.07	Saturday Night Live Group			YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		55.57
Keeping it Simple Group			Seekers of Serenity II Group		56.96	TOTAL	1,384.75	
						YTD	TOTAL	16,549.77
TOTAL	1,930.18		TOTAL	1017.71		Grand Total for Month	4,332.64	
YTD	TOTAL	21,110.54	YTD	TOTAL	14676.30	Grand Total for Year		52,336.61