



Tri-County Central Office News

Just how and when we tell the truth—or keep silent—can often reveal the difference between genuine integrity and none at all.

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Fear Gave Way to Faith

“Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence—these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine.” So says the opening paragraph on Step Nine from the “Twelve and Twelve.” Because I am a “normal” alcoholic my first response to Step Nine was to postpone doing it until tomorrow. Not only did I want to postpone it but I also had a tendency to turn the rest of the program into an obstacle course. However, despite having to negotiate this obstacle course of my own making, I had already experienced some of the miracle that is Alcoholics Anonymous. Had I not somehow managed the impossible—stopping drinking “one day at a time”? I had been around long enough to know that perhaps I was not hopeless. I knew that I was willing and had a conscious desire to be open-minded and honest. I knew that I was committed. In fact, I was prepared to go to any length to get what the program had to offer. Eventually I found myself facing the very real challenge of making direct amends. I would like at this point to share something with you which accurately illustrates some of what it was like for me. There was a period during my drinking when the family stopped talking directly to me and in fact addressed what they wanted to say to one another. Being a drunk is confusing enough without having to decide what comments were in fact meant for me. There was a clue however and that was that by now everyone referred to me as “it.” The conversations were a little like this: “How does she put up with it?” “How does it keep its job?” “Never mind, it will kill itself in its motor car one of these days.” When the people from Alcoholics Anonymous came to our house one night they were met at the front door by my wife and informed, “It is in the third bedroom.” By God’s grace, “It” stumbled into Alcoholics Anonymous and now stood on the threshold of Step Nine. There could be no more evasion. The time had come to accept the full consequences of my past acts. What was the real fear? Rejection or maybe just embarrassment? Who would believe me anyhow? Had it not all happened before? I had said “I’m sorry” a thousand times and promised to change. Would I be able to effect this change? The Big Book says you have to live the *spiritual program*. If we are painstaking about this phase, we’ll have a new peace and a new happiness—two commodities that had been absent from my life for many years. But the real stumbling block was my late mother. My father died when I was seven years old—old enough to know that there was a problem in our home to do with drinking. My mother sacrificed all her life for her three children and gave us all the love a mother can give. After eighteen years of sobriety I am still haunted by those last few months of her life. She lived long enough to know that her eldest son had followed in his father’s footsteps and that the problem was booze. I still vividly remember visiting my mother in various hospitals. I never managed a sober visit. I remember that most times I did not have the time to spend the whole of the visiting period with her. I generally came late and left early. She died before I came to Alcoholics Anonymous.

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EGO

In one year, 1965, I spoke at more than 200 AA meetings throughout northeast Ohio. On an average, I was speaking at four meetings a week. Every time I spoke, I would get three more offers to speak. I don’t know how it started, but by the end of that year, I had abandoned everything that did not cater to the insatiable appetite my ego had developed. I had already had one eight-year experience in this Fellowship, from 1951 to 1959. After two years of experimenting with my “right to drink,” I came back into AA in 1961. By 1964, I was ready to share my experience, strength, and hope with other suffering alcoholics. On the outside, my life was in perfect order. On the inside, it was a complete shambles. I was very deeply into what I have come to recognize as a dry drunk. During the first few weeks of this marathon speaking engagement, I stuck pretty close to my own story. But it began to wear on me. It lacked substance and authority. So I armed myself with books, other literature, and compendiums from every available source dealing with the problem of alcoholism. Gradually, I added some of the more impressive statistics to my talk until, within a few months, I had become a self-styled expert on the drinking problems of the world. I mastered this talk with such dexterity that in addition to speaking before AA groups, I was invited to speak before civic associations and business functions. I could tell you instantly and unequivocally how to solve your drinking problem, what caused it, and what surely would happen if you continued. I could take your inventory (and I would) at the drop of a hat. I had found an audience upon which to vent my own frustration, and the proof of my success was the frequency of my speaking engagements. But something was happening. Something I could not see or would not look at, although a voice was whispering at me inside. My wife and children, who rarely saw me anymore, began to drift away from me. I had no time for them. After all, I was doing something positive about my drinking problem, wasn’t I? There was no time for me to attend meetings to listen and learn; I was always too busy preparing my next talk or basking in the compliments of admirers I had carefully cultivated over the months. In swift succession, I lost my wife of over sixteen years and the love and respect of three beautiful children, took a position far above my capabilities in another city, and married again. Knowing as much as I did about alcoholism and not being inclined to get involved with AA in this new city, I decided to rest on my laurels for a little while. Only a few short months passed before I treated my new bride to the realities of what she had married. I came home from a road trip drunk. Not only was I drunk, but I had immediately stepped back into character as an uncontrollable alcoholic, not wanting to be that way, but powerless to stop. My God, how could this have happened? The authority on alcohol, the one to whom others looked with admiration and envy—drunk. What a crushing experience for an incredible ego! I was to spend several years going through the endless tunnel of

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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 or the 4th Thursday of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm at the Tri-County Central Office.)

The August 8th meeting of TBAIC was opened by Chair Susan O. with the "Serenity Prayer".

Buddy H. (Hillsborough Co. Jail Coordinator) was unable to attend the meeting, but he did communicate that the Saturday 9:30 am meeting is being held at the Orient Road Jail instead of Faulkenburg. She is working with Scott R. (Detox Coordinator) with corrections to the meeting schedule. Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. Deposits for the month were the best ever. Along with the group deposits, TBAIC received \$2000 from "Steps to Freedom" and \$825 from the Keystone Group's fundraiser in memory of their Sandy B. (Known as Motorcycle Sandy. She was the E. Pasco coordinator at the time of her death.) If there any corrections with the group deposits, please let him know. Literature supply has been replenished and there is now some Spanish literature on hand. More Spanish literature will be ordered. Mary R. will be assisting Ruth N. with the meetings and coordinating the volunteer schedules for the E. Pasco Women's Jail. The recent rains have not interrupted the meetings at the Pasco facility. Jim H. reported Bridge the Gap received 5 calls and 2 rides were given. The rides were for female Bridge the Gap callers. In addition, 2 prerelease requests were received from female inmates which Susan O. will be handling. Scott R., Detox Coordinator, asked that any known changes to meeting times, new locations or other issues regarding the meeting list be given to him to keep the schedule information as current as possible. He will also forward a copy of the "Bridge the Gap" poster via email to TBAIC volunteers. Cas. K. asked when the next Correction Workshop would be held. It is September 27th in Sanford, Florida. More information is available on the Tri-County website under the Events tab. Jim H. will be in contact with the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup committee for the proper requirements to display the TBAIC tri-fold panel and literature. Susan O. and Scott R. are in the process of updating the tri-fold display. Tom F. has made contact with someone at Tampa Community Hospital (formerly known as Town & Country Hospital) for "The Man in the Bed" program and is waiting for their response. Julie L. inquired about getting a new Sunday meeting at the DACCO women's location. Tom F. will try to speak to someone from DACCO. However, it was pointed out that an institution or jail usually contacts us for their need of additional meetings. Literature will also be available for pickup on the 4th Thursday of the month from 6 pm to 7 pm. If the Tri-County is closed on the 4th Thursday, there will be no access to the literature. It would be wise to verify that the office is open before coming to Tri-County.

("It was five years ago I first met, Bill...I shall never forget, nor cease to be grateful. (Dr. Bob (1940, quote taken from GSO brochure P53 "The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous")

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$15,378.38
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$13,927.80
Money in Spending Account at Year End 2014 \$260.10
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$14,122.13
YTD Expenses \$566.21
Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$918.22
Pink Can Balance as of 08/08/2015 \$1,802.59

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **September 12th, 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 \$168.51; Anonymous \$150.65; As Bill Sees It Group (Odessa) \$25.00; Brandon Big Book Step Study Group \$26.00; Came To Believe Group \$17.00; early Risers Group \$151.04; Experience Strength and Hope Group \$123.51; In Memory of Sandy B (Keystone Discussion Group) \$825.00; Just What I Wanted Group \$41.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$31.00; Kingsway Group \$146.70; Live and Let Live Group \$66.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$69.00; Morning Meditation Group \$214.29; New Beginnings Women's Group-Dade City \$15.00; Noon Time Celebration Group \$75.00; Old School Group \$144.53; Promises Meeting Group \$57.26; Rush Hour Serenity Group \$128.00; Ruskin Fellowship Group \$17.00; Sisters in Sobriety Group 143.62; Steps to Freedom \$2,000.00; Wellspring Group \$8.36;

TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members

Susan O. - Chair	813-325-6538
Jim S. — Alternate Chair	813-679-9130
Tom F. — Treasurer	813-205-4945
Carolyn L. Alt. Treasurer	813-961-1144
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Nancy B. — Alt. Secretary	813-872-0262
Open- Hills Jails -	
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B. — Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Scott R. Detox & Treatment	813-727-7290
Ruth N. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-629-1547
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
Michele S. --Women's Bridge The Gap	813-507-5796
Jim S. — Men's Bridge The Gap	813-679-9130
OPEN- Pre-Release	
OPEN— Juvenile	

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of drinking, trying to get sober, trying to hold on to my new life, and losing the battle. I tried to justify my drinking by pointing to all the pressures around me, and I upheld my right to drink by deceiving myself with the belief that I was different from other alcoholics. The tunnel of darkness grew deeper. I went through various detox centers, talked to psychiatrists, went to doctors with my physical ailments, whose real base was in alcohol, and occasionally slipped into a back seat at an AA meeting to see whether there was something I had missed. There was, but the torturous route I had to travel still lay ahead of me. I had to learn surrender and humility first. These lessons did not come easily or in time to save yet another failing marriage. The tangent of self-delusion I had taken had led me so far from the world of reality that only a miracle could turn me off the path of destruction. But somehow, that miracle did occur. After I had beaten myself into moral, physical, and spiritual bankruptcy, had lost all my material possessions, and had alienated every person I had loved or cared about, it happened. It was my second day at the last of a succession of detox centers. I sat at a picnic table in a grove of oak trees, barely able to hold a cup of coffee with both hands, and I surrendered. In the most undramatic way, this hurt and broken human being came to believe that a power greater than himself could restore him to sanity. I admitted I was powerless over alcohol and that my life had become unmanageable. And I asked for help. Tears of relief began to fill my eyes. I still had my life but knew I couldn't run it. So I asked my higher power to run it for me. More than ten years had passed since my marathon speaking engagement, and now, at last, I was ready to listen and learn. Today, I speak rarely. When I do, it is with great difficulty. Gone are the statistical references and the dynamic presentation with which I had become identified. I keep it simple. I keep my primary purpose primary and stick to basics. I attend meetings, contribute what I am able to work of the program, and keep a diligent guard against the pit-falls of self-indulgence that so often swallowed me up before. I have little of life's material objects today, but a fortune in AA friends and a life of genuine happiness that I could never have dreamed possible. The very thing that I sought came to me only after I had given up trying to create it for myself. Every day, I remind myself that if I start adding to this AA program or leaving out some key ingredient, my incredible ego will get terribly drunk, even though I have not touched a drop of alcohol.

R.M., Orlando, Florida
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Over the years, I have come to terms with this. But in those quiet secret moments I share with God, the hurt remains. The other amends sometimes seem not to matter as much. But I had to examine the real purpose of Step Nine, to try to do something about the relations in my life. The major portion of my amends was owed to my wife. She had stuck with me, suffered with and for me, through all of my worst times. There had been tears, disappointment, and unhappiness. The dreams of a young marriage had become a nightmare. Disappointment and regret had made me self-pitying and stubbornly angry. The real risk might only be ridicule and dented pride. But Alcoholics Anonymous asks of me a manner of living which demands rigorous honesty: self-survey, confession and restitution, in that order. What had begun as a venture into the unknown was soon to become a revelation for me. Fear gave way to faith and with God's help and guidance my dilemma was to become yet another wonderful experience in sobriety. Despite my own misgivings it was possible for me to practice humility and to say with sincerity and to mean it, "I was wrong and I am sorry." I know from my own experience that I have been able to acquire three personal attributes from the program that I did not have before—namely: self-control, self-discipline, and self-sacrifice. I know of no other Step which demands more of me, than Step Nine.

John H., Benoni, South Africa
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine, September 1989



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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

August 11th, 2015 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:		
BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
BRETT B.	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
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
JOHN G.	ALT. BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
Robert L.	BOARD MEMBER	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
Open Position	VICE-CHAIR	
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	
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Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and if everyone had signed in. John G. read the July Minutes. There were no questions. The minutes were seconded and approved. Sam F. presented the July Treasurer's Report. We were \$2,807.63 in the black for the month and \$6,367.99 in the black for the year. Treasurer's Report was seconded and approved as read. There was no Old Business. In New Business there wasn't much to talk about, just general discussion. One idea did come up about getting groups to submit a story to the Newsletter and maybe have a drawing to pick one for publication. Discussion moved to Tim and his setting up tables at the Roundup to sale. It was noted that Tim had always paid for his own room and gas, so after some discussion a motion was made to paid for his room since he was working there on behalf of the Central Office. The motion was seconded and approved. Brett 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 Marty J. from the New Tampa Monday Night Men's Group, Luanne M. from the Reflections Group, and Carol J. filling in for the Sisters in Sobriety Group. John G. read the July Minutes. There were no questions. The minutes were seconded and approved. Sam F. presented the July Treasurer's Report. We were \$2,807.63 in the black for the month and \$6,367.99 in the black for the year. Treasurer's Report was seconded and approved as read. Brett had Luanne read "What is Tri-County Central Office" and Brian read "What is the Central Office Representative." Brett noted that now you know what a Central Office Rep is. Brett then asked everyone to refrain from any non-Central Office announcements until we have concluded Central Office business. Brett went on to explain what a Board member is and what they can do and not can do. This was followed by an explanation of Tim working at the Roundup and why they approved paying for his room. The Council was asked if this was okay and the Body was in agreement. In Old Business discussion centered around the Founders Day for next year, starting up discussion in October for the Annual Tri-County Anniversary and Dinner and ways to help generate funds for Central Office. Ideas like having All Groups Meetings, maybe doing something like a bowling night or some other special event. Discussion came up about drawing interest to the Newsletter. Try to get members to submit their story and have a drawing and the winner would have

August 11th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
BRIAN M.	SOBER AT 6 GROUP
GUY S.	KEYSTONE GROUP
JAMIE C.	SUNSHINE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
RUSS K.	MUSTARD SEED GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT MEN'S GROUP
JERRY K.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
FORD H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
MARTY J.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S
CAROL J.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
GUY S.	KEYSTONE GROUP
TAMMY P.	TOWN N COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
JULIE J.	TOWN N COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
DANA C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
T.J.M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ALAN G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
LUANNE M.	REFLECTIONS GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
JON S.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP

put on the front page. Tim noted that what he would like to see is the history of the local groups and maybe a photo of the meeting room that they had their meetings in. This could draw attention to your group and maybe even give a boost to your membership. In New Business it was simply noted that at this time of the year business is a little flat. Sue made announcement for the All Groups Meeting held in September at the 301 House and also the Roundup over Labor Day weekend. Jon from Plant City asked about it being okay to do a fundraiser for Central Office separate from the Church. It's okay. Dave announced the opening of his new group, the Seminole Heights Big Book Study Group at the Salvation Army on Sligh Avenue and Sue announced that on September 26th there would be a 4th Step Workshop, more details coming soon.

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

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	CINDI M.	09/23/90	24 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JESSICA O.	09/29/13	2 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JUNE W.	09/18/86	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM J.	09/23/14	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL A.	09/09/14	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WENDY C.	09/07/14	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MIKE C.	09/25/11	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BARRY H.	09/25/99	16 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	BOB V.	09/01/03	12 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	CAROL C.	09/08/88	27 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	SANDY J.	09/15/88	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ALEX A.	09/11/04	11 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	TOM V.	09/02/88	27 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE C.	09/21/07	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SHELIA H.	09/02/07	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NANCY F.	09/17/85	30 YRS
NOONTIME CELEBRATION	JIM H.	09/22/87	28 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
AS BILL SEES IT GROUP	MICHAEL P.	07/04/92	23 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	29 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-AUGUST, 2015

© Today in August of 2015 we have 223 Groups with 588 meetings a week. Contributions in August totaled \$4500.45. That accounts for what 43 Groups out of 223 Groups in our area have contributed in August. This also takes into account the \$57.00 from the 2 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$35.00 contributed from the Wesley Chapel Big Book Raffle.. Our total income for August was \$10,765.55. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,538.93. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,226.55. Our Total Expenses for August were \$7,381.63. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus -\$ 1,155.08 for the month of August. 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 out 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.



**Taking Care of Business
The Al-Anon Way**
Hosted by District 6

September 18-20, 2015

- Speakers
- Workshops
- AA & Alateen Participation
- Spanish Speaking Workshops
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet
- Evening Banquet
- Entertainment



**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**
"We Will Be Amazed"

Hosted by District 9 * Broward County, Florida * October 2nd-4th, 2015
Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Friday, October 2	Saturday, October 3	Sunday, October 4
8:30-9:30 PM Night Owl Meeting	12:30-1:30 PM District Chairpersons Meeting	7:00-8:00 AM Spanish Early Bird Meeting
10:00-11:00 PM Spanish Night Owl Meeting	12:30-1:30 PM District Secretaries/Registrars	8:00-9:00 AM Early Bird Meeting
7:00-8:00 AM Spanish Early Bird Meeting	12:30-2:00 PM Spanish Traditions Workshop	8:30-9:00 AM Concepts Workshop
8:00-9:00 AM Spanish Early Bird Meeting	1:30-3:50 PM Corrections Committee	9:00-9:00 AM Spanish Concepts Workshop
8:30-10:50 AM Treatment Facilities Committee	2:00-3:50 PM Finance Committee	9:00-10:50 AM Remate Communities Committee
9:00-10:50 AM State Convention Committee	2:00-3:50 PM GSR Sharing	9:00-10:50 AM Archives Committee
9:00-10:50 AM Current Practices Committee	3:00-6:00 PM "What's On Your Mind?"	9:00-10:50 AM Grapevine/La Vina Committee**
9:00-10:50 AM Literature Committee	3:00-3:50 PM Banquet	9:00-10:50 AM P/CPC Committee
9:00-10:50 AM Special Needs Committee***	8:30-9:30 PM Speaker Meeting*	9:00-10:50 AM Spanish Linguistics Committee
11:00 AM-12:00 PM Traditions Workshop	10:00-11:00 PM Night Owl Meeting	11:00 AM-12:00 PM Website Committee
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Website Committee	10:00-11:00 PM Spanish Night Owl Meeting	
	7:00-8:00 AM Early Bird Meeting	
	7:00-8:00 AM Spanish Early Bird Meeting	
	9:00 AM South FL Area 15 Business Mtg*	

*ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided; **Spanish Language Interpreter provided; *** ASL Interpreter Provided
Special needs at any meeting or workshop, hotel room with wheelchair access or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be arranged by contacting the Area Special Needs chair (941)238-5271 or specialneeds@area15aa.org by 9/18/15

Saturday Banquet
Banquet Menu

No. of Sliced Sirloin _____
 No. of Baked Chicken _____
 No. of Pasta Primavera _____
 Total Tickets at \$35 each _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
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 E-mail _____
 Guests with special needs (state needs) _____

PAYMENTS DUE BY: September 25, 2015
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 Room Rate: \$106.00 (1-4 people)
 Must be received by Sept 10th, 2015
 Reference "South Florida General Service Assembly"
 Book online at www.marriott.com
 Search for Marriott North in Fort Lauderdale
 and use **Group Code GSC GSCA**

Directions:
 I-95 to Exit 33B (Cypress Creek West), turn right at second traffic light onto Andrews; hotel is 1/2 mile north on the right.

QUESTIONS? Contact Quarterly Chair
 Karen V. at 954-554-0346 or
quarterly2015@aol.com
 Please contact Quarterly Coordinator or Quarterly Chair if you must cancel your reservation.

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MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

11th Step Retreat For AA / Al-Anon

September 18 - 20, 2015

DaySpring Conference Center (Map on Reverse)
Ellenton, FL

Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>

Carry the Message Day

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

September 12th, 2015, 1 to 5 pm

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

District 2 Carry the Message Day Presents:

"THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL: THE MUSICAL"

FEATURING SPECTACULAR & AMAZING & INCREDIBLE & SOMEWHAT TOLERABLE PERFORMANCES
INCLUDING:

SIR MIX-A-JATEN- "BABY GOT BOOK"

THE SERVICE MANUAL SINGERS- "ALL ABOUT THAT A.A. SERVICE MANUAL"

THE VIOLENT MATTHEW R.- "GRAPEVINE IN THE SUN"

FROZEN LOUIS F.- "LET US VOTE"

ALLIE O'MARS- "UPSIDE DOWN TRIANGLE FUNK"

THE CONCEPT FIVE- "MINORITY OPINION"

CARRY-THE-MESSAGE ELLIE- "BABY DO SOME SERVICE WORK"

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2015, 1 TO 5 PM

PALMA CEIA BAPTIST CHURCH

3511 W BAY TO BAY BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33629

1:00-2:00 LUNCH SERVED PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT!

2:00-2:30 "THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL: THE MUSICAL"

2:30- 3:00 SERVICE COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

3:00-4:00 DELEGATES PRESENT: "HOW SERVICE WORK KEEPS US SOBER"

4:00 DOOR PRIZE DRAWING, 50/50 RAFFLE

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE ALL GROUPS DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2015

Being held at :

THE 301 HOUSE

8601 BOWLES RD. TAMPA 33637

813-988-7783

GUEST SPEAKER @ 7PM

GENE L. - THE MUSTARD SEED GROUP

ALL NET PROCEEDS GO TO

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE

Sponsored by:

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE GROUP / SAFE HAVEN GOUP

IN THE WIND GROUP / CLEAN AIR GROUP

Tickets are also available @ Central Office—\$7.00 or

Call Sue Z to arrange for ticket purchase

813-601-3113



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.

Group	AUG	Y T D	Group	AUG	Y T D	Group	AUG	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		355.00	Keystone Group	50.00	504.30	Sisters in Sobriety Group		691.18
11th Step Retreat	100.00	100.00	Keystone All Groups			Sober @ 7 Group	172.42	979.08
A.A. 101 Group		1,286.07	Kingsway Group		651.00	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
A.A. 102 Group		54.00	Last Call Meeting		396.00	Sober on Saturday Group	44.00	271.75
All Groups Meeting		36.00	LateNighters Group	91.00	317.75	Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
Alpha Group	40.00	230.05	Late Night Red Door Group			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		325.00	Soberstock Committee		500.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015		211.00	Living in the Solution		722.10	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	30.00	296.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		603.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobriety at Sunset Group	201.50	201.50
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		440.05
Housecleaning Retreat			Lutz @ Noon		64.00	Solutions Group	126.81	1,481.28
Anonymous Donations	0.13	816.89	Main Purpose Group			Southshore Men's Group		165.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon	295.10	591.42	Mapledale Group	75.00	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	70.00	258.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	400.00	Morning Express Group		300.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group	39.43	1,776.77	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		300.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Meditation Group			Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group		93.45	Mustard Seed Group		31.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
BIRTHDAY CLUB	57.00	534.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		247.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety	65.00	195.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt			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	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	64.00	401.00	Newcomers Group (JC)			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Came To Believe Group	5.64	596.11	New Day Group		105.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	50.00	460.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		200.00	New Hope Big Book		134.15	Sunshine Group		300.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			New Tampa Monday Men's		187.25	Suvivors Big Book Group		10.00
Carrrollwood Group		50.00	New Way Women's Group		500.00	Sweet Surrender Group		500.00
Carrrollwood Blue Roof Group			Nightly Newcomers Group	100.00	100.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	295.00	1,042.50
Clean Air Group	25.00	148.23	Nooners Group--Riverview	77.05	182.20	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		411.50
Dade City Step Study Group			Nooners Group--Tampa		388.19	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	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		130.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	143.50	434.12	Northdale Group	58.50	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	50.00	50.00	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 Chapel		
Fireside Group		979.22	Old School Group Anniversary			The Meeting Place Group		118.00
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	98.91	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	160.00
Friday Night Lights Group		385.72	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		127.60	Town & Country Men's Gp		100.00
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.		130.00
Friday Night Step Study Group	60.00	80.00	Palma Ceia Group		1182.29	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	100.00	300.00
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	130.00	325.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		
Good Start Group		586.39	Plant City Keep it Simple	45.00	275.00	Village 12 Step Group		300.00
Grapevine Gals Group	69.57	315.12	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.		175.00	Prosperity AA Group		99.45	Weedpatch Group		325.00
Hide-A-Way Group		725.24	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	100.00	200.00	Wellspring Group		140.00
International Doctors of AA		12.00	Riverside Group		260.94	Wesley Chapel Group	35.00	536.15
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		183.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		178.80	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raffle		109.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Ruskin Fellowship Group			With Room to Grow Group	250.00	250.00
Keep It Simple - YANA		75.00	Safe Haven Group			WST Memorial Day Picnic		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		949.07	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		340.00	Women's Friendship Group	222.03	413.32
Keeping it Simple Group			Saturday Night Live Group			YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		55.57
			Seekers of Serenity II Group		56.96	TOTAL	1,781.76	
						YTD TOTAL	TOTAL	15,165.02
TOTAL	999.37		TOTAL	1719.32		Grand Total for Month	4,500.45	
YTD TOTAL	19,180.36		TOTAL	13658.59		Grand Total for Year		48,003.97