



# Tri-County Central Office News

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

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## Keeping the Focus Clear

Why have so many open Alcoholics Anonymous meetings become public confessionals, or Oprah-type sessions, far outside the scope of our experience in sobriety, and light years beyond our ability to offer guidance? Perhaps it's a sneaky desire to be titillated by the lurid details of the past. Perhaps it's because we live in a nation populated by more and more victims, and talk show hosts who make a splendid living off their misery. I'd like to suggest that it's time for a massive AA group conscience, a re-examination of where we are, how we got here, and where we're going. Maybe your group has seen something like these recent examples: A Sunday morning breakfast speaker detailed his narcotics problems and his compulsive incestuous relations with his ten-year-old stepdaughter, his vocabulary salted with words that would get him tossed out of many a tough bar. A young of about the same age as the described victim, brought to the meeting by her mother, turned scarlet, shifted nervously, and obviously wanted to be anywhere but at this meeting. A woman at a discussion meeting announced immediately that she had no drinking problem but was a manic-depressive and then described her problems with her employer. "I come here because you're so nice," she said. "You listen to me." At a large, open-mike meeting we heard all the juicy details of a difficult relationship. Others had unfeeling bosses, sick pets, dishonest mechanics or other afflictions thrust upon them by a cruel fate that kept them from "feeling good." All these meetings were of what I call the "dead cat" variety: the victims slouch into the meeting, carrying loaded sacks, and toss their problems out on the table like so many dead cats. Those attending either decide which cat smells the worst or play "I Can Top That Cat." The emphasis is on problems instead of recovery or—a preferable term—sobriety. I'm not for a moment suggesting that problems stop the moment we put the plug in the jug. And there are usually many more things wrong with us than abusing alcohol. The emphasis on inventory in Steps Four and Ten makes that clear. Individually, we have a case of terminal mortality, of being human. Alcoholics Anonymous does not solve these problems but shows us how we can get through difficult times and build better lives, if we work all the Steps and follow the program for recovery offered us. Here are some possible reasons for AA straying from it's primary purpose: 1) Failure of individuals and groups to study the Traditions and abide by them. 2) Sponsors seen more as coffee buddies than experienced guides who've lived through adversity and who can pass on to newcomers our primary purpose. 3) A tendency to use the group as a dumping ground, instead of working with a sponsor or a spiritual adviser on those troubling specifics that bug us all. "Our stories disclose in a general way"—remember? 4) Our own success, world-wide, shown by the number of twelve-step programs that have been started to deal with problems other than alcohol. There are also well-intentioned AA members whose good-hearted desire for a perfect world leads them to counsel all types of the afflicted. It's bad for them

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## Inward, Outward, Upward

Thinking about the Twelfth Step brings to my mind our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. These make up my unwritten IOU to Alcoholics Anonymous. "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps..." This, for me, is the *inward* result of working the program. As a result of taking the Twelve Steps to the best of my ability, I have been changed on the inside. Major defects of character have been reduced in intensity and more minor defects have been removed. This is not to say that I am perfect—far from it! I still have a long way to go, but by the grace of God and by the principles of this program I have come a long way, too. I still like to go through "seasonal house-cleanings," which the "Twelve and Twelve" talks about in chapter ten. Being human, I am going to make mistakes, I am going to have good days and bad days; I will screw up. But this is all okay. It is all part of the learning and growing experience in living sober. I am able to look in the mirror and accept myself, like myself, and even laugh at myself. This has been brought about by the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and God as I understand him. Thus we have the *I* of the IOU. This is Recovery, the first legacy. "...We tried to carry this message to alcoholics..." for me refers to the *outward* working of the program—carrying the AA message. Well has it been written. "When all else fails, work with another alcoholic." In working with others, I am taking out insurance against taking that first drink. By caring and sharing with others, I provide a firmer foundation for my own program and I get out from myself and away from my own little selfish world where I am the center of the universe. Each time I try to carry the message to another alcoholic whether by Twelfth Step calling, answering the phone, or making coffee and cleaning up the AA meeting room, I am helping myself. It is not up to me to keep anyone else sober; it is up to me to keep myself sober (with God's help, of course). This is Service, the second legacy, in it's most basic form. Thus we have the *O* of this IOU. "...and to practice these principles in all our affairs." Now we come to the *upward* result of the program. It is referred to as "growing up." When I poured alcohol into my system as an immature teenager, then later as an immature adult, I stunted my own emotional and spiritual growth. This even affected my mental growth. I look back to my post-secondary education, and I see that the lowest mark in my first term was higher than my highest mark in the second term. I was already an active alcoholic in my second term. Thus, I cannot say that I experienced much that might be seen as emotional or spiritual maturity. I was ego-driven and self-centered even well into my sobriety. At times I must still keep my ego in check. If I don't, others might help keep it in check (isn't that what sponsors are for?) So, for me, an important part of my recovery is about finally starting to grow up after all this time. This is the *U* part of IOU. I relate this to the third legacy of Unity. This is because of the Twelfth Tradition which states: "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us

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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 5:50 pm to 6:50 pm at the Tri-County Central Office.)**

The November 12th meeting for TBAIC was opened by chair Susan O. leading the "Serenity Prayer". The quarterly meeting that was scheduled for October 7th - 9th was cancelled due to hurricane Matthew. A one day session was reschedule for October 23rd in Sebring for the elections to take place.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. Expenses, other than literature, were for printer ink and gas reimbursement for Susan O. to attend the quarterly assembly, A balance remains in the spending account to allow for next month's known expenditures for Bridge the Gap phone line, newsletter subscriptions, annual website fee and corporation fees.

Cydney P. has the women's meetings covered at Falkenburg Jail. Two new volunteers have passed the background check and will be attending the next orientation.

Scott. R. will be using Susan O's. and Nancy B's. corrections that they have worked on and given to him for an updated meeting schedule,

Mary R. of E. Pasco women's said they have adequate volunteers for the Sunday and Thursday 7pm meetings. Ruth N., also of E. Pasco, and her sponsee have been taking the meeting to the women's dorm at DACCO.

Chris D. said there has been a great turnout of volunteers at Zephyrhills Men's Prison.

Jim S. received seven Bridge the Gap calls. Three were referred to District 15. One caller never answered the number provided as a callback phone number.

Alan D. said tables will be provided for groups to display their tri-folds at the Gratitude Dinner

November 19th. Service positions will also be available at the event, Currently old and current members of TBAIC receive an annual subscription to the Tri-County Newsletter, paid by TBAIC. Should this practice continue since the newsletter is available online at no cost? Discussion tabled until the December meeting.

"He told how he lived in constant worry about those who might find out about his alcoholism. He had, of course, the familiar alcoholic obsession that few knew of his drinking." (BB, pg 155)

**YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$23,164.31**  
**YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$20,820.29**  
**Money in Spending Account at Year End 2015 \$55.02**  
**YTD Money Spent on Literature \$20,769.51**  
**YTD Expenses \$1,142.38**  
**Pink Can Balance as of 12/12/2015 \$168.27**  
**Pink Can Balance as of 11/12/2016 \$1,348.86**

**The Corrections Committee needs all types of volunteers. We need people to attend meetings in the facilities, people to help spread the word about this type of service work.**

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

**December 10th, 2016 9:30 AM** on 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 Group \$118.90; As Bill Sees It Group Brandon \$68.56; Barracks Brigade \$28.60; Came To Believe Group \$25.00; Early Risers Group %155.38; Hide A Way Group \$229.30; High Nooner's Group \$52.60; HOW Group \$50.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$107.14; Kingsway Group \$220.20; Live and Let Live Group \$15.41; Meeting Place \$100.00; Monday Night St. James New Tampa Group \$164.00; Morning Meditation Group \$112.05; Mustard Seed Group \$75.00; New Beginnings Women's Group Dade City \$189.86; Nooner's Group \$68.51; Odessa Group \$35.00; Old School Group \$336.49; Ruskin Fellowship Sunday \$36.00; TGIS Women's Group \$57.50; Turning Point Zephyrhills Group \$24.00; Women's Friendship Group 144.00;**

**TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members**

Susan O. - Chair	813-325-6538
Jim S. — Alternate Chair	813-679-9130
Tom F. — Treasurer	813-205-4945
Steve H. Alt. Treasurer	937-474-8358
Larry B. - Secretary	813-215-8423
Nancy B. — Alt. Secretary	813-872-0262
Open- Hills Jails -	
Buddy H. - Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Cydney P. Hills Women's Jails	813-475-1136
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	

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and it's bad for us. I'm not qualified to advise anyone on how to kick narcotics or get over a pill problem. I can share with the dually-addicted person my experience with alcohol, what happened, and what I'm like now, twenty-eight consecutive years since I took what I hope was my last drink. But for help with narcotics or pill problems, I direct that person to more qualified sources. Sober dual addicts have a very special gift which is sorely needed as more and more persons hooked on alcohol and narcotics seek help. That help should be extended on an individual basis, not in group meetings. The Fifth Tradition tells us that "each group has but one primary purpose—to carry it's message to the alcoholic who still suffers." The discussion of Tradition Five in *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* tells us that it is better to do one thing well than many badly. Tradition Six recounts the travails of early AA members who attempted to start hospitals and take on many other worthy projects for which they weren't qualified. It's humbling to admit we don't have all the answers. It takes courage for a group to politely but firmly advise the uninformed that "we don't try to handle your problem. We deal only with alcohol." It takes persistent follow-through to tell well-intentioned parole officers, social workers, treatment centers, and others about what we do and don't do. We certainly need to stay friendly with our friends, but experience shows that we will do the most good for us alcoholics if we keep our primary purpose clear and undiluted.

Bob L., Albuquerque, New Mexico  
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**RED CHIP DAY**

In 1947 the first AA Anniversary Banquet was held at the ballroom of the Old Hillsborough Hotel. There were between 350 and 400 people present. For many years now, several groups in the Brandon area have come together in a spirit of Unity to continue this tradition, in both money and time, to carry out this, as an annual gratitude meeting, sending all monies above the expenses to the Central Office. In this way we can still show our gratitude and continue to help the other still suffering alcoholics. Red Chip Day was held this year, November 20th, 2016 in Brandon Florida. There were approximately 125 spirited AA members in attendance to enjoy the event. There was a fine spread of food for their enjoyment and the guest speaker was Don S. from North Carolina. So, in that spirit of Gratitude, we the Central Office would like to thank the following groups for their spirit, energy, time and money to help forward the efforts of the Central Office to carry the message to the still suffering (*and not so suffering*) alcoholic. These groups contributed \$698.00 from their own pockets to help fund this event. After their expenses of approximately \$296.47, they were able to contribute \$402.00 to the benefit of Central Office.

**THANK YOU !!!!** ☺👋

Our hats are off to the following groups for their service:

- Spiritual Growth Group**
- Step Sisters in Sobriety Group**
- New Beginnings Group**
- Kingsway Group**
- Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night Group**
- Expect a Miracle Group**
- Brandon Saturday Night Group**
- Dover AA Group**
- And one Anonymous Donor**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOBRIETY!!!**



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to place principles before personalities." In trying to practice these principles, I am maintaining my recovery and a spiritual way of life which works "come hell or high water." My own recovery depends on AA unity (Tradition One). I shudder to think where I might be today if not for AA. This comprises the gist of my IOU to Alcoholics Anonymous. I trust that this is a "forgivable loan." As long as I do my part in AA to give away what I have received, I am contributing to the "principle" of this trust. Maybe I will never be able to repay all I have received from Alcoholics Anonymous, but I can certainly do my part to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Norman C., Winnipeg, Man.  
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ December 1993

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

**November 8th, 2016** the Board of Directors for Central Office

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
Resigned	CHAIRPERSON	164 WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
ROB L.	VICE-CHAIR	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
EXCUSED	TREASURER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
MINDY W.	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
LARRY B.	BOARD MEMBER	AA 101 GROUP
PEDRO P.	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
Open	BOARD MEMBER	
Open	BOARD MEMBER	

The Office Manager opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and then informed the body that the Chairperson had to resign. He then called for a vote for a new Chairperson. With all in favor, Larry B. was elected as the new Chairperson. **Office Managers Report:** Tim read the Office Managers report for October. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Bill read the October minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Tim presented the October Treasurers Report. We were \$2,173.62 over budget for the month we were \$145.48 to the good for the year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** There was much discussion about the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February. There were concerns about attendance and food to be served. Should it be catered or pot-luck. Much discussion followed. A question was brought up concerning the prices we were paying when we ordered catering service from a certain vendor we had used in the past. Because this person was also an AA member, he was giving us the service at a reduced price as one of his ways of giving back to AA. A question arose asking if this was against Traditions. Much discussion followed. A motion was made to go ahead and use this vendor but moving forward to find clarification for future events. Motion passed. After some discussion a motion was made to price the Dinner tickets at \$10.00. The motion was made, seconded and approved. **New Business:** None The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. **Larry opened the Council Meeting** in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then asked everyone to please turn down your cell phones. Information sheets were handed out to new Council members. **Office Managers Report:** Tim read the Office Managers report for October. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Kathy read the October Council minutes. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Tim presented the October Treasurers Report. We were \$2,173.62 over budget for the month we were \$145.48 to the good for the year. Some questions were asked about of of the differences in amount compared to last year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Office Managers Report:** Jeff read the Office Managers report. This was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion on Anniversary Dinner. The Board recommitted having the Dinner catered by Wrights and that the Dinner Tickets would be \$10.00. Big discussion followed. Some people were tired of having lasagna all the time. Some were for it. Questions then arose for the amount to charge for the Dinner.

**November 8th, 2016** the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

JERRY K.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
JON S.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
PEG M.	SUN CITY CENTER GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
TIM B.	SUNDAY SPEAKERS GROUP 3333
LINN D.	KEYSTONE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
MEGAN F.	WOMEN'S SOBRIETEA GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
THOMAS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
BRAD W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
KATHIE N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
GREG R.	NEW DAY GROUP
ISAAC M.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

Some members felt that since this is our major fund-raiser for the year we should be charging a little bit more. More discussion. The discussion between having the Dinner as a Pot-Luck or Catered followed. After much discussion a vote was taken between pot-luck or catered. Catered won. A motion was made to charge \$15.00 for the tickets. The motion was seconded and approved. (This overrides the motion that had come from the Board). **New Business:** None. Some announcements were made and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. *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.* The next Council Meeting will be **December 13th, 2016.**

**SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**

*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.*

*We Thank and Wish all of our Supporters and Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**  
**It Works-It Really Does—Ask them how they did it!!!**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
STEP BY STEP GROUP	KAY M.	12/08/01	15 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	NICK C.	12/12/11	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROB S.	12/26/07	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BOB C.	12/28/90	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	PAUL H.	12/07/10	6 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MARK L.	12/17/00	16 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RITA M.	12/02/92	24 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BOBBY B.	12/31/07	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BRIAN A.	12/02/94	22 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LAURA M.	12/24/08	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	BARBIE A.	12/31/03	13 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MICHAEL P.	12/26/09	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BRET W.	12/01/14	2 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BART S.	12/31/12	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DONNIE L.	12/01/11	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BETSY B.	12/18/02	14 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	AL G.	12/02/86	30 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DEBBIE S.	12/12/11	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	TERRI P.	12/23/09	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	BETH P.	12/09/09	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	GABRIELLE S.	12/26/08	8 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NEVA	12/31/99	17 YRS
YOU COULD BE HERE			

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
GRAPEVINE GALS GROUP	ANGELICA D.	10/23/10	6 YRS
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	PHILIP S.	11/08/07	9 YRS
LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP	JIM VK	11/28/04	12 YRS

**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**

**WE STILL NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!**  
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)

**SELF-SUPPORT-November, 2016**

© Today in November of 2016 we have 220 Groups with 535 meetings a week. Contributions in November totaled \$4,996.00. That accounts for what 40 Groups out of 220 Groups in our area have contributed in November. This also takes into account the \$62.00 from 4 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$ 178.00 contributed from the Sisters in Sobriety Raffle and the \$402.00 contributed from Red Chip Day. Our total income for November was \$9,837.31. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,523.30. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our November income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,314.01. Our Total Expenses for November were \$8,504.41. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2190.40 for the month of November. 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 continue 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 !!!

**TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE**  
**42nd Annual Anniversary Dinner**  
**& Speaker Meeting**  
**February 11th, 2017**  
**Christ the King Church**  
**821 South Dale Mabry Hwy**  
**Dale Mabry & Henderson**  
**Details to be Announced soon**

**The Birthday Club:** Contributions to the Central Office help support the local services to members and groups throughout Hillsborough and East Pasco Counties and help ensure that the A.A. message is carried around our area. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. Ask your Treasurer if they have any Birthday envelopes available. We usually send one out when a group sends in their contribution to Central Office or call or email your Central Office.  
[933-9123...aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:933-9123...aainfo@aatampa-area.org)

**CENTRAL OFFICE** will be closed the following days in

- observance of the following Holidays:
1. Saturday December 24th, 2016—Christmas Eve
  2. Saturday December 31st, 2016—New Years Eve
  3. Saturday January 7th, 2017—Annual Physical Audit

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**Don't Drink, grab plenty of Friends and take them to meetings, don't get Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired.**  
**HALT.**

**Want to get involved in some Service Work? How about volunteering for the After-Hour Phones. Call Martin after Office Hours @ 813-933-9123 and get all the details.**



## MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

### MUSTARD SEED GROUP

Invites you to their December 19th, 2016

Eating Meeting

with special candle light ceremony

Beginning @ 8:30 pm

Mustard Seed Group

St. Chads Episcopal Church

5609 North Albany Avenue



### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

### CANDLE LIGHT MEETING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30, 2016 7:30 pm

FAITH WORX CHURCH, 202 FLAMINGO DR

APOLLO BEACH, FLA. 33572

## Old Time A.A. A History Workshop Supporting Dr. Bob's Home



Saturday, January 28, 2017  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Christ the King Church

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa FL 33609

Lake Yale Baptist  
Conference Center  
39034 County Road 452  
Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: 352-483-9800  
Web Site: <http://www.lybcc.org>

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Spiritual Retreat  
for A.A. & Al-Anon



LAKE YALE  
CONFERENCE CENTER, FL  
MARCH 10-12, 2017

Online Registration Available:  
[www.retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com)



### SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15

### GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

*"A Shared Experience - A New Life"*

Hosted by District 7 \* Sarasota County, Florida \* January 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Hyatt Regency Sarasota

1000 Boulevard of the Arts

Sarasota, Florida, USA, 34236

Phone: 941-953-1234

Reservations: 1-888-421-1442

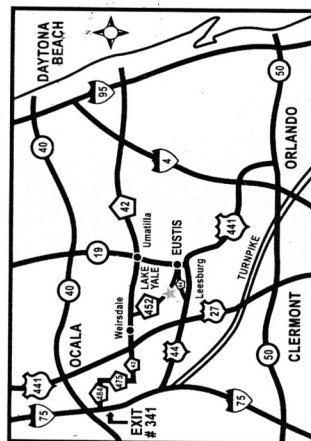
Reference "South FL Area General Service"

Room Rate: \$139.00 S/D \$149 T \$159 Q

Must be received by Dec 3, 2016

Book online at:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SFLAreaGeneralServices2017>



SUGGESTED WEB DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

<http://www.lybcc.org/about-us/directions/>

ALL Food & Drinks provided!  
Speaker Meetings!  
Outdoor Meetings!

## 13th ANNUAL SOBERSTOCK 2017

Friday - Sunday,

March 17th, 18th & 19th, 2017

A 3-day weekend AA/Alanon/Alateen event  
featuring speakers, meetings, bands,  
food & fellowship.

This festival is open to all members of AA/Alanon and their families.  
Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature  
for District 2 Jails & Institutions  
remaining profits going to the area pie chart.



## What's The Point ?!?!

**"Twelve Steps to Emotional Sobriety ~  
Living Life in the Mainstream"**

Speaker: Wayne B. -- St. Petersburg, Florida

January 20, 21 & 22, 2017

Residence Inn Marriott ~ 2101 Northpointe Pkwy,  
Lutz, FL 33558 ~ Phone (813) 792-8400

