



Tri-County Central Office News

HAPPY NEW YEAR
ANOTHER YEAR HAPPY, JOYOUS & FREE!!!

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I Had Hoped That You Could Help...

John Y. has got to be the most dedicated and active member of AA I have known in my four years in the Fellowship. What's more, John Y. is my sponsor, and that's why I was so upset about this thing that happened to him. When I say dedicated and active, I mean John Y. thinks nothing of driving a hundred miles in a blizzard to speak at a meeting, and when he stands up and says, "My name is John Y. and I'm an alcoholic," everyone knows they're going to get the real word straight from the book. When a newcomer slinks into our meeting, you can bet that John Y. will be at the door and will be the first to stick out his hand and say, "Welcome, friend. My name is John Y." Then too, when there's any question about the Traditions and such, John Y. is the one who has done his homework and can give you chapter and verse. Early on in my AA sobriety, John Y. set me straight on the anonymity tradition. He explained that telling people about your membership in AA—even on a personal, face-to-face basis—is merely feeding your own ego. "God meant us to be sober," he says, "and it's strictly our own business how we stay that way. What's more, if I tell someone I'm in AA and then—God forbid—I ever take a drink, I'm doing a lot of damage to AA." All in all, there are a lot of people in our group who feel that John Y. is sort of the sticking plaster that holds the whole group together. I'm sure I don't know what I'd do without him, and it isn't just that he's my sponsor. Now about this thing that happened to John Y. He works for the electric company—sort of clerical job—I don't know just what. John Y.'s boss is apparently a pretty nice guy. During John Y.'s drinking days, this boss covered for him the best he could, so John Y. never lost his job. After John Y. sobered up, they never talked about it. John Y. naturally felt that his sobriety spoke for itself, and the boss didn't ask any questions—except just once. That was a couple of years ago when John Y. and his boss ran into each other at the local diner one Saturday morning, over a cup of coffee. The boss sort of fished around about how come John was managing to stay sober, and John Y. made it clear to him, nicely but firmly, that this was strictly his own business. So the boss right away backed off. Well now, to get down to this thing that has got John Y. so upset. Here's what happened. John Y. was having a cup of coffee at the diner last Saturday when again in walks his boss. According to John Y., the boss looked terrible—almost like he'd been crying. He sat down next to John Y., and for awhile he didn't say a word. Finally, John Y. says to him, "Mr. Brady, you look like something was on your mind." "Yeah," says Mr. Brady. "My son." "He sick?" asked John Y. Mr. Brady didn't answer right away. Finally he says, "John, it's a problem I had hoped you knew something about—alcoholism." "Your son got a problem with alcohol?" asked John Y. "Not now," said Mr. Brady, "He's dead."

B.F.P., Manhattan, N.Y.

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Dr. Bob said there were two ways to break the Anonymity Tradition: (1) by giving your name at the public level of press or radio; (2) by being so anonymous that you can't be reached by other drunks."

Working the Steps Early

In sharing my experience, I have been a very strong advocate of working all the Steps as soon as possible after coming to AA. When I first started doing this, I was very direct about how soon I had worked them—less than four months after my first meeting—but it wasn't long until I started hedging in my talks. When I told people that it was not only desirable but possible to work the Steps within three to four months after coming on the program, it seemed to make many members very uncomfortable. I was invariably told, either openly or privately, as a "friendly piece of advise,; that this is an individual program and that I was scaring people off by trying to rush them into working the Steps so fast. Since it is a suggested program, what these people said made sense to me at the time, and I stopped referring to how soon I had worked the Steps. Today, however, I believe that I and most certainly many other members have been guilty of not fully sharing our AA experience. We have cheated ourselves and the whole of AA by trying not to be different from what seemed like the majority, rather than speaking out and having the courage to show what can be accomplished by working the Steps early. If we will start fully sharing our AA experience, I think we will find this "majority" shrinking; AA couldn't exist today if everyone was as slow to work the Steps as some would have us believe. Until now, I thought that my working the Steps in three to four months was very fast, and perhaps it would be too fast for some members. But my attention has been drawn to page 292 in the Big Book, telling how Dr. Bob spent three to four hours" with a new man, taking him through the equivalent of the first eight Steps on that day. Knowing that the Big Book not only suggests the program but suggests how to work it, I turned to Chapter 5 and found that those word-changing elves had been at it again. As many times as I have read Chapters 5 and 6, I hadn't understood what was so plainly said. The first part of Chapter 5 brings us through the first three Steps, and the last paragraph beginning on page 63 states: "Next we launched out on a course of vigorous action, the first step of which is a personal housecleaning, which many of us had never attempted. Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us." The emphasis on "at once" is mine, but it is there, taking us at once to Step Four. Now if the writers of the Big Book had meant that we could take several months or even years to work the Steps at a comfortable pace, then I hardly think that those two simple words would have been there. They wouldn't have been there any more than Chapter 6, which takes us through Steps Five through Eleven, would have been entitled "Into Action." It is true that, because we are individuals, each of us must work the program at our own pace, but it is also true that we get out of the program what we put into it. "A man of action" gets things done, and he gets them done as soon as possible. He knows that the sooner he gets the work done, the

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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 December 12th meeting of TBAIC was opened by chair Susan O. leading the "Serenity Prayer". Buddy H. left word with Susan that the men's meetings at Falkenburg and Orient Jails are all being covered and no problems to report. Tom F. will have the Treasurer's Report emailed to those attending today's meeting. Approximately \$2300.00 was spent on literature and the literature cabinet is stocked. There are no little 12&12, but there are a few of the regular 12&12's on hand. He has been announcing at the meeting he attends, the opening for the Treasures position of TBAIC as he is rotating out of the position by December 2016.

Nancy B. has lost 5 volunteers from the Falkenburg program. She said the remaining 13 volunteers have managed to cover the 12 meetings per week at Falkenburg Jail.

Jim S. of Bridge the Gap received three calls with one ride given. He has decided not to rotate out of his position with Bridge the Gap. He is planning on continuing his position and concentrate on building up a volunteer base. He is also seeking a female volunteer to assume the duties for the women's Bridge the Gap position.

Scott R., Detox Coordinator, has added River Oaks in Riverview to the schedule. He collected corrections and will be distributing an updated meeting schedule soon.

In new business Jim S. requested ordering some Bridge the Gap brochures available through GSO. The request was approved. There was a general discussion on how to interest more people into volunteering. Distributing and posting "HELP WANTED" flyers was suggested. Hosting a meet and greet reception for current volunteers to show appreciation was an idea and volunteers could also meet each other.

Alan D. will be getting together a signup sheet for ACTS Drew Park. District 2 is updating their website. To make it easier for people to access TBAIC information, the possibility of having a separate website maintained by TBAIC was discussed. Scott R. will research the cost of starting and maintaining a website.

A question was asked about not being able to have NA meetings available. Since TBAIC is not familiar with NA's service structure, TBAIC can not answer that question.

"But I never forget that God acts through me. I am only His instrument." (Daily Reflections for December 9, pg. 352)

- YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$21,978.34**
- YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$21,927.80**
- Money in Spending Account at Year End 2014 \$260.10**
- YTD Money Spent on Literature \$22,013.33**
- YTD Expenses \$800.49**
- Pink Can Balance as of 12/14/2014 \$918.22**

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **January, 16th 2016** 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 \$165.02; Barrack's Brigade \$15.83; Brandon Big Book Study Group \$20.00; Canadian Tom M. \$20.00; Good Day AA and Stay Alive Groups \$235.00; High Nooner's Group \$126.29; H.O.W. Group \$50.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$28.45; Live and Let Live Group \$88.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$52.00; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa Group \$166.00; Morning Meditation Group \$81.50; Mustard Seed Group \$130.57; Noon Big Book Group \$58.87; Odessa Group \$28.00, Old School Group \$85.16; Ruskin fellowship Group \$36.00; There is a Solution Group \$27.00; Women's Friendship Group \$146.57

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	

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. It is okay if you have never been to jail yourself! You can still help us. You can still carry A.A.'s message of hope to an alcoholic who is incarcerated. Let's face it: many of us who have never been arrested just never got caught!

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sooner he will reap the benefits of his labors. A person who takes several months or years to accomplish eleven simple, but not necessarily easy, tasks may be described as comfortable, but surely not as a person of action. I don't believe that comfort is necessarily equated with happiness, serenity, and the other benefits we receive from the program. Further, when there is work to be done and we sit in our easy chairs, thinking how to do it best, we are not just comfortable; we are lazy. I believe the writers of the Big Book intended that we work the first eleven Steps just as fast as we can. They knew that once we had completed the Steps for the first time, and had begun to practice the principles in all our affairs, we would then be comfortable. In Chapters 5 and 6, the Steps follow one immediately after the other; there is no indication that we should rest between them. There is no minimum or maximum time recommended for accomplishing each Step, but we are told to get into action and go immediately from one Step to the next. One exception is granted—but only under certain circumstances and not for our comfort or a chance to take a breather. On page 74, we are shown several suggested choices for people with whom we may take the last part of the Fifth Step, and are told that “we think well before we choose the person or persons.” We are also told that “notwithstanding the great necessity for discussing ourselves with someone, it may be one is so situated that there is no suitable person available. If that is so, this step may be postponed, only, however, if we hold ourselves in complete readiness to go through with it *at the first opportunity.*” (Again, the emphasis is mine.) The paragraph ends with the sentence “But we must not use this as a mere excuse to postpone.” It is my belief, based on my own experience, that if a person has honestly completed the Fourth Step, the Higher Power will provide that first opportunity very soon thereafter. I spent seven full days working on my inventory. On the eighth day, I couldn't find anything more to add. Then, I realized that in working the Fourth Step, I had actually taken the first two parts of the Fifth Step. With this realization came the unmistakable first opportunity to complete the Fifth Step. I took that opportunity and thus finished the Fourth and Fifth Steps in the same day. As the Big Book promises, I have never been happier. Having had the good fortune to work the Steps so fast is exactly what has made my life so different since coming to AA. It is also something that I intend to share in working with others from now on. If this makes me different, then I am sure the HP will give me the courage to speak out. I want what those old-timers had, and I am more ready than ever to go to any length to get it.

R.G., Fort Knox, Ky
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ January 1978

Our recovery program was really complete. Then came the test whether our growing groups could live and work together, whether the enormous explosive quality of our fellowship would find in our principles of recovery a sufficient containing element. Soon we came to realize little by little that we of Alcoholics Anonymous must hang together or indeed we should hang separately. Bill W.

RED CHIP DAY

In 1943 there were only two A.A. groups in Tampa. One was the Victory Group and the other one was the DeSoto Group. There were a limited number of meetings. After about four years, The DeSoto Group started having an anniversary banquet. In 1947 the first anniversary banquet was held at the ballroom of the Old Hillsborough Hotel. There were between 350 and 400 people present. They came from all the surrounding areas, Lakeland, Bartow, Sarasota, Bradenton and St. Pete. The first banquet speaker was Horace M. from Texas. After that, if a person had around five years sobriety, he became the speaker for this event. Back then five years was a long time. A few years later there was a man who came here from Baltimore, MD., bringing with him the idea of the chip system as we know it today, telling that it works as a reminder of what we are trying to do. So eventually the meeting changed from the Anniversary Banquet to Red Chip Day. It was the one time during the year that everyone would join together to honor all the members that had red chips. It was a day of Fellowship and Food and Meetings. The money that was taken up was sent to General Service in New York to show gratitude. It then became a traditional event down through the years. For many years now, several groups in the Brandon area now come together in a spirit of Unity, 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 show our gratitude and continue to help other still suffering alcoholics. Red Chip Day was held this year, November 15th, 2015 in Brandon Florida. So, in that spirit of Gratitude, we 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.

THANK YOU !!!! ☺

- Wednesday As Bill Sees It Group**
- Promises Meeting Group**
- Positive Thinkers Group**
- Valrico Morning Group**
- Brandon Big Book Group**
- New Beginnings Group**
- Kingsway Group**
- Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night Group**
- Brandon Saturday Night Group**
- Dover AA Group**
- Spiritual Growth Group**
- And one Anonymous Donor**

These groups contributed \$356.00 from their own pockets to help get this event started and along with the raffle collection and the basket collection they were able to raise \$816.36. After they paid for their expenses of \$239.17, the monies left over to donate to Central Office was \$577.19.

THANK YOU !!!! ☺👏


NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

December 08th, 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
VICKI M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
ROBERT L.	BOARD MEMBER	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
MINDY W.	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	
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Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jim read the November Minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made and all were in favor. Sam presented the December Treasurer's report. We were \$1809.35 in the red for the month. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made and all were in favor. Brett asked the Office Manager for any updates for a location to hold the Anniversary Dinner. "We have Christ the King scheduled for February 6th, 2016, no invoice—yet, for how much it will cost to rent the facility." Mindy mentioned that she had been looking at a church in Brandon. Brett brought up the fact that we had copies of the 12 Step Sign Up sheets here available at the meeting. Discussion moved to ideas for the Office Managers report. The Office Manger entered into the conversation and suggested to let him present something at the January meeting, then it would be tweaked out to everyone's satisfaction. Some discussion followed about having the reconciliation of the books done in a more timely fashion. Office Manager's health insurance was brought up. After some discussion a motion was made to play the new premium until the Office Manager goes onto Medicare Part B. Motion passed. Discussion then moved to the annual evaluation of the Office Manager. The Office Manager was asked to step out of the meeting while this discussion took place. Viki announced that would be resigning from the Board because her family is moving out of state. At the Council Meeting, Brett announced that we had a small gift for everyone, a really nice Daily Planner. Now you can jot down all the Council Meeting times. Dana presented the November minutes. Other than some spelling corrections, there were no questions. A motion to accept was made and all were in favor. Two new Council Members were, Kara H. from the Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety Group and Greg R. from the New Day Group. Sam presented the November Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made and all were in favor. Brett gave a brief talk about coming up with ideas to help support the Central Office. This was followed with Brett going over the different Committee duties for the Anniversary Dinner in February. Tim had talked with Allen D. about doing a Lasagna dinner and Steve from Experience, Strength & Hope Group had information for a Chicken style dinner. After some discussion it was decided to go with the Lasagna dinner. Tickets for the Dinner will be \$10.00. Tickets will be available soon. Schedules will be coming out soon. There are currently three openings on the Board so please respond if your group gets a letter. Meeting ended happy, joyous and free.

December 08th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met:	
COUNCIL MEMBERS	REPRESENTING GROUP
BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
RUSS K.	MUSTARD SEED GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, & HOPE GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
GREG R.	NEW DAY GROUP
EMILE L.	NEW DAY GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
TOM P.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
LARRY G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
GUY S.	KEYSTONE GROUP
TAMMY P.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
KARA L.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
ISAAC M.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JERRY K.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
KATHY N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
JON S.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP
DANA C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP

THE '164 GROUP' PRESENTS:
STEPS AND TRADITIONS WORKSHOP
SOBERILLA



JANUARY 30, 2016
9:00AM - 5PM

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$10
SPAGHETTI LUNCH INCLUDED
(*PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE)

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER @ SOBERILLA.ORG

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

ANNIVERSARY TIME

It Works-It Really Does Ask them how they did it!!

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBRENITY GROUP	BILL B.	12/17/14	1 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	CAROL K.	12/24/13	2 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	BILL R.	12/07/13	2 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	MICCA D.	12/24/10	5 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	WAYNE B.	12/1998	17 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	RODNEY	12/19/96	19 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	DON B.	12/12/89	26 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	2 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	PEGGY C.	01/01/14	2 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	SHELLY P.	01/10/13	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	3YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	NANCY	01/12/11	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	VAL M.	01/19/10	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	LAURA M.	01/06/04	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	JUNE T.	01/09/99	17 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP	STEPHANIE C.	01/29/91	25 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANDREA E.	01/05/15	1 YR
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	01/02/11	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DAVID G.	01/24/95	21 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TERRY M.	01/05/83	33 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JEANETTE P.	01/01/15	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	33 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	24 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUSAN S.	01/28/10	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF S.	01/08/05	11 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	LYNN P.	01/11/08	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SARAH G.	01/03/09	7 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	BURKE	01/29/99	17 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	ED S.	01/15/86	30 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	ED P.	01/17/77	39 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-December, 2015

© Today in December of 2015 we have 218 Groups with 576 meetings a week. Contributions in December totaled \$7,231.87. That accounts for what 42 Groups out of 218 Groups in our area have contributed in December. This also takes into account the \$6.00 from the 1 member who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$194.50 contributed from the All Groups Meeting held by the Plant City Keep it Simple Group, and \$577.19 donated from the Red Chip Day. Our total income for December was \$14,584.92. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,488.08. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,096.84. Our Total Expenses for December were \$8,818.59. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 278.25 for the month of December. In spite of all the ups and downs we had through the year, we ended up \$ 3,774.91 in the black. This is a result of your continued support. Thank you for a good year. 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 !!!

**From the Central Office
SERVICE DESK**

**A total of 195 phone calls
were made to the
Central Office in
December
179 for info on AA,
2 for info on Al-Anon,
8 messages for other
inquiries,
6 requesting a Twelfth Step call,
Office Hours calls—unknown for December.
There were 151 walk-ins visits as well.**

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE GROUP	MARY R.	10/21/83	32 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/99	16 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	AL G.	12/02/86	29 YRS

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

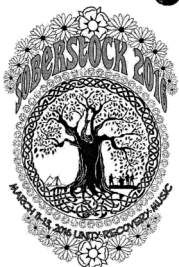
**12TH ANNUAL
SOBERSTOCK 2016**

Live Bands! Karaoke!
Tent Camping ONLY!
(No RV's/Popups!)

Friday - Sunday,
March 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016
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.



When: Friday, March 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016 - Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at Noon.
Where: "Camp Brorein" - 16901 Boy Scout Rd. Odessa, FL 33556 - **SEE MAP ON BACK OF THIS FLYER**
What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, LANTERNS, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO cabins at this facility.
What we provide: Refreshments, Camp Style Meals - Fri. lunch & dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast.



Sobrenity Group's 30th Anniversary
Sunday, March 13, 2016
American Legion Post #111
3918 North Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Old Time AA: A History Workshop January 16, 2016 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Join us for our 2nd Annual Workshop honoring the Pioneers of our Fellowship



"And one more thing; none of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to have done numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get the degree of smug complacency so that we're not willing to extend or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers. Thank you very much."

Dr. Bob's Last Message
Presented at
First International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous
July 28 - 30, 1950 at Cleveland, Ohio

Breakfast and Lunch Served!

Christ the King Church 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33609
Visit Dr. Bob's House Long Timers Panel
Meet the Women Behind the Men

History Workshop Registration Form

Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 beginning December 14, 2015. Seating is limited. Pay via check only on secured website: <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/printallpromotions>; under "invoice/reference #" use OTAA.

For more information call 352-777-4714 or email: OldTimeAA@gmail.com. Fax or email completed form to: (888) 317-5474 or OldTimeAA@gmail.com. If preferred, make check payable to: Old Time AA and mail with form to: 129 Fairmont Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Proceeds benefit Dr. Bob's House

Lend a hand to those unable to pay the registration fee.

Sponsorship Contribution: \$ _____

What's The Point ?!?!

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

< A 12 Steps Weekend Workshop >

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

January 22, 23 & 24, 2016

Palm Lake Christian Church

5401 22nd Ave N., St. Petersburg, FL

Come join us for a weekend Big Book 12 Steps journey ... "To Freedom!"

Friday:	Registration	6:00pm to 7:00pm	Sessions I & II	7:00pm to 10:00pm
Saturday:	Registration	9:00am to 10:00am	Sessions III - VI	10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday:	Fellowship	1:30pm to 2:00pm	Sessions VII & VIII	2:00pm to 5:00pm

Pre-Registration: \$20.00 — At the Door: \$25.00

For further details, contact Megan C. at 303-921-0659 or Jennifer B. at 727-514-0508

Email Jennifer at: bloomerjl@gmail.com

Sessions I - IV Steps 1 - 3: Alcoholism: The Invisible Disease <i>We Uncover The Problem</i>	Sessions V & VI Steps 4 - 9: To Live Life in the Mainstream <i>We Discover and Discard The Results of The Problem</i>	Sessions VII & VIII Steps 10 - 12: W The Source & The Solution <i>We Recover from The Problem</i>
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Fill out, detach and mail your registration with a Check or Money Order made payable to Friends of Bill W., P.O. Box 632, New Port Richey, FL. 34666 ...

Name _____ Name Tag _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Guest Name _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please check applicable box: AA Al Anon Friend of AA "Life's in Session ... Are you IN or out?"

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE 41st ANNIVERSARY DINNER SPEAKER MEETING

Saturday February 6th, 2016

Christ the King Church

821 South Dale Mabry Tampa, Florida 33629

☺ ☐
Doors Open @ 5:00 pm

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Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Tickets for the Dinner: \$10.00 Allen D. will be preparing the Dinner...side dishes, finger foods-desserts are encouraged.

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Speaker @ 7:00 pm Speaker: Alex C.
(Old School Group)

Sobriety Date: 1/20/1991
Seating Limited to 220

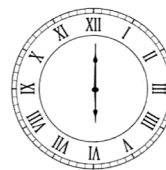
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Sobriety Countdown-50/50 Raffle—
Cakewalk Raffle & More
Tickets available at Central Office and thru
Board & Council Members

Valentine's Steak Dinner

presented by
Attitude of Gratitude and Safe Haven Groups
at 301 House

and Speaker Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2016



First Seating
6:00 pm



Second Seating
7:00 pm



Menu

Steak ☒ Salad ☒ Baked Potato
Bread ☒ Dessert ☒ Drink

Speakers

TJ M. and Ronnie B.
Begins 8:30 pm



Tickets are Pre-Sale ONLY
Contact Sue Z.
for additional info on ticket purchase
813-601-3113 ☒ srz4211@verizon.net



301 House ☒ 8601 Bowles Rd ☒ Tampa FL 33637
www.301House.org ☒ 813-988-7783

There will be no smoking in the building during dinner or the meeting

Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		550.00	Keystone Group		504.30	Sisters in Sobriety Group		919.34
11th Step Retreat			Kingsway Group			Sober @ 6 Group		120.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups			Sober @ 7 Group	180.64	1,159.72
301House Groups Fundraiser		1,006.00	Kingsway Group		722.00	Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		990.00
A.A. 101 Group		1,620.42	Last Call Meeting		396.00	Sober on Saturday Group	52.45	438.70
A.A. 102 Group	109.00	163.00	LateNighters Group	24.00	409.75	Sober on Sunday Group		400.00
PC Keep it Simple All Gps Mtg	194.50	36.00	Late Night Red Door Group		109.25	Sober Rewards Group		2.00
Alpha Group	40.00	310.05	Lemon Tree Group		325.00	Sober Spirits Group		
Anniversary Dinner 2015		2,593.97	Live and Let Live Group		573.90	Soberstock Committee		500.00
Anniversary Dinner 2016		100.00	Living in the Solution		722.10	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	28.00	359.00
7th Tradition Basket		167.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobriety at Sunset Group		530.26
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015		211.00	Lunch Bunch Group			Sobriety Group		440.05
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		603.00	Lutz @ Noon	13.00	123.00	Solutions Group	521.32	2,122.64
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014			Mad Dogs Group		100.00	Southshore Men's Group		373.00
Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	Main Purpose Group			Southside Men's Group		862.00
Anonymous Donations	73.83	1488.70	Mapledale Group		125.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		345.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		591.42	Mid Day Matinee Group	545.54	1485.85	Southside Men's Group # 3		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		652.24	Morning Express Group	100.00	400.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	100.00	550.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		400.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Barracks Brigade Group		1,807.22	Morning Meditation Group			Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Bel-Mar Group		126.75	Mustard Seed Group		56.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		195.00
Bill D's Group		111.47	New Beginnings - Brandon		325.00	Step at a Time Group		429.65
BIRTHDAY CLUB	38.00	811.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		241.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		185.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	188.00	1081.86	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Tues. Big Book		45.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		501.76	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Newcomers Group (JC)			Sunday Speakers - 3333	50.00	660.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		500.00	New Day Group		105.00	Sunshine Group		400.00
Came To Believe Group		823.61	New Hope Big Book		234.15	Suvivors Big Book Group		10.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		500.00	New Tampa Monday Night Men's	175.00	598.50	Sweet Surrender Group		547.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			New Way Women's Group		700.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrollwood Group		50.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		1,042.50
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group			Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		579.60
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		249.38	Tampa Palms Big Book		400.43
Clean Air Group		221.81	Nooners Group--Tampa		485.78	TGIS Women's Group		100.67
Dade City Step Study Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.	200.00	550.00	Thank God it's Friday Gp		250.00
Design for Living Group		1,197.00	N. Brandon Open Forum	30.00	140.00	The 164 Group		175.00
Dover Group	107.73	227.73	Northdale Group		176.14	The 164 12 Step Workshop		382.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		547.05	Odessa Group		470.00	The 164 Group USF		75.00
Expect a Miracle Group		234.00	Old School Group	1500.00	2092.43	The 164 Group W. Chapel		
Experiance, Strength & Hope	50.00	202.15	Old School Group All Gps		869.30	The Meeting Place Group		308.00
Fear Not Group			Old School Group Anniversary			The Next Frontier Group		144.87
Fireside Group	500.00	1,608.29	OSG Ladies Birthday Event			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		220.00
Founders Day Event			Oldtimer's Group - JC		98.91	Town & Country Men's Gp		250.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		388.58	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		127.60	Town & Country Wed. Gp		1,000.00
Friday Night Lights Group	49.00	536.72	One Day at a Time Group		100.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.	50.00	335.90
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			Page 112 Group		20.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		325.00
Friday Night Lights Movie		136.00	Palma Ceia Group		1182.29	Uptown/Downtown Group		114.00
Friday Night Step Study Gp		110.00	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		215.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.	520.00	520.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		
Friday Women's Friendship	65.00	130.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		325.00	Village 12 Step Group		300.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		220.35	Plant City Keep it Simple	45.00	445.00	Warrior's Group		0.57
Good Start Group		586.39	Primary Purpose Group		20.00	We Have a Way Out Group		17.00
Grapevine Gals Group		424.37	Promises Meeting Group		499.00	Weedpatch Group		325.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		300.00	Prosperity AA Group		99.45	Wed Night Step Workshop	26.00	70.25
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	100.00	375.00	Red Chip Day	577.19	577.19	Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
Hide-A-Way Group	477.88	1,721.31	Red Door Group		245.90	Wellspring Group		340.00
High Nooners Group		100.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		300.00	Wesley Chapel Group		696.05
Hope in Progress Group			Riverside Group		508.77	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raf		109.00
HOW Group	39.66	139.66	Rush Hour Serenity Group		360.63	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
International Doctors of AA		12.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			WST Memorial Day Picnic		
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		183.00	Safe Haven Group			Women's Friendship Group	458.00	982.56
Just What I Wanted Big Book		45.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		860.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		55.57
Keep It Simple - YANA	3.13	153.13	Saturday Night Live Group					
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		1,190.17	Seekers of Serenity II Group		73.77			
Keeping it Simple Group								
TOTAL	2,467.73		TOTAL	3397.73		TOTAL	1,366.41	
Year to Date Total		27,462.56	Year to Date Total	21044.96		Year to Date Total		21,146.03
						Grand Total for Month		
						Grand Total for Year		69,653.55