



# Tri-County Central Office News

**BE SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS  
DON'T DRINK GO TO MEETINGS**

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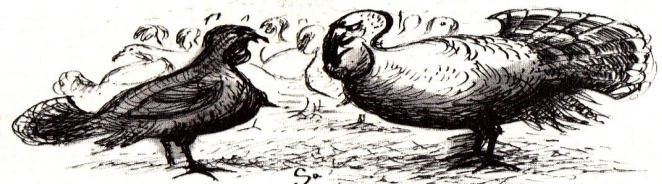
## WARNING! HOLIDAYS AHEAD

It never seems to fail that when November rolls around there's a struggling newcomer in our group who asks at a closed meeting: "But how am I to get through the holidays?" The answer from old-timers present is, just as unfailingly, the same: "A holiday, like any other day, need not be coped with until it comes. And when it does come, it is only twenty-four hours long." There are other answers, of course—to the effect that one mustn't get too tired, must remember to eat, and would do well to avoid the kind of festivities that present particularly difficult temptations. It may be suggested that the newcomer try to look beneath the tinsel commercialism for the deeper meanings of thanksgiving, peace, good will, and the dawning of a new year. All very helpful advice. But, remembering how I had my own last drink one late October, and how near I came to panic at the thought of the meant-to-be-happy season ahead of me, I believe that the twenty-four hour concept was the most immediately effective tool I was given. As a beginner in AA, I was one of those who had to break the concept down into periods of thirty, twenty, or even ten minutes at a time. Often the lines of a favorite poem ran through my head as a kind of prayer: "Suffer this moment to be fair and clear." It is indeed only the *moment* we can hope to handle, whether or not that moment falls on a hectic holiday. As it happens, I had then (as I have now) a home to manage, a family to feed, and an office job to do. Then (though to a much lesser degree now), I had hard-drinking friends who loved to party. So the holidays meant too many demands on my time, as well as on my emotional and physical strength. I have learned this is apt to be especially true of women, even if they are not alcoholics. But the holidays may be just as hard in quite another way for the man or woman who has lost home and family and job and friends, who lives quite alone, haunted at such a time by the rest of the world's apparent gaiety. The desire to escape too many people and activities and the desire to blot out loneliness and boredom can lead equally fast to the bottle. This is a frightening truth for one still battling the physical compulsion to drink. But it need not be fatal. What do I remember about those first holidays? We had a houseful of guests for Thanksgiving. I know this only because I find it noted in an old date book. The day is a blank in my mind. On Christmas we had more guests, people who enjoyed cocktails before the feast while I hid out in the kitchen fussing over the food. We were invited to "open houses," which I had to skip. On New Year's Eve I asked my husband to take me to a double feature at the local movie. I was thus removed from temptation all evening, and when we came out it was past midnight. A new year had begun. I know that I cried some during those holidays. I was often tight-lipped. More than once, I flounced out of the house to walk off a temper or a temptation. It was rough. And I was helped by remembering that, in a very different sense, it was rough for the Pilgrims on the first Thanksgiving, for the shepherds of Bethlehem on the first Christmas.

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## DR. BOB

In January 1933, Anne Smith attended a lecture by Frank Buchman, the founder of the Oxford Group. For the next two years she and Dr. Smith attended local meetings of the group in an effort to solve his alcoholism, but recovery eluded him until he met Bill Wilson on May 13, 1935. Wilson, an alcoholic who had learned how to stay sober by helping other alcoholics through the Oxford Group in New York, was in Akron on business that had proven unsuccessful and he was in fear of relapsing. Recognizing the danger, he made inquiries about any local alcoholics he could talk to and was referred to Smith by Henrietta Sieberling, one of the leaders of the Akron Oxford Group. After talking to Wilson, Smith stopped drinking and invited Wilson to stay at his home. He relapsed almost a month later while attending a professional convention in Atlantic City. Returning to Akron on June 9, he was given a few drinks by Wilson to avoid delirium tremens. He drank one beer the next morning to settle his nerves so he could perform an operation, which proved to be the last drink he would ever take. The date, June 10, 1935, is celebrated as the anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. Wilson and Smith sought to develop a simple program to help even the worst alcoholics, along with a more successful approach that empathized with alcoholics yet convinced them of their hopelessness and powerlessness. They believed active alcoholics were in a state of insanity rather than a state of sin, an idea they developed independently of the Oxford Group. To produce a spiritual conversion necessary for sobriety and sanity, alcoholics needed to realize that they couldn't conquer alcoholism by themselves—that surrendering to a higher power and working with another alcoholic were required. Sober alcoholics could show drinking alcoholics that it was possible to enjoy life without alcohol, thus inspiring a spiritual conversion that would help ensure sobriety. The tactics employed by Smith and Wilson to bring about the conversion was first to determine if an individual had a drinking problem. To do this they would first approach the man's wife, and later they would approach the individual directly by going to his home or by inviting him to the Smiths' home. The objective was to get the man to surrender, and the surrender involved a confession of powerlessness and a prayer that said the man believed in a higher power and could be restored to sanity. Dr. Bob was called the "Prince of Twelfth Steppers" by Bill Wilson because he helped more than 5000 alcoholics before his death. He was able to stay sober from June 10, 1935, until his death, November 16th, 1950 from colon cancer.



**"As for me, I rely heavily on the Serenity Prayer."**

**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 October 1st meeting of TBAIC was opened by chair Susan O. leading the “Serenity Prayer”.  
 Buddy H. reported in that all is fine at Falkenburg and Orient Road Jails.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. The position of Treasure is still open and a candidate needs to be found for the December elections. He will be meeting with Tim S. at Central Office to reconcile the difference between what TBAIC records show and what Central Office shows as the amount purchased from Central Office.

Cydney P. says there is a shortage of female volunteers for Falkenburg Jail. She is going to be working with another individual to makeup a flyer to distribute to groups in an attempt to get more volunteers. There will be more frequent orientations to get volunteers ready to start sooner.

Ruth N. of E. Pasco Women’s has had some new volunteer applications approved. The new meeting schedule with the combined groups is working out better than expected. She said the girls seem to be policing themselves and are actively participating in the meetings.

Chris D., is not experiencing any problems at Zephyrhills Prison. They are looking for additional volunteers to assist at Morton Plant, particularly Thursday nights from 6pm to 7pm.

Jim S. left word through Nancy B. that there were no Bridge the Gap calls.

Larry B.’s position as Secretary is open as part of the “Spirit of Rotation” to be filled at election time in December along with the Treasurer position.

Nancy B. will assist Susan O. in callings Detox contacts, trying to bring the list up to date as much as possible.

“The bleeding deacon is one who is just as surely convinced that the group cannot get along without him, who constantly connives for reelection to office...” (12&12, pg. 135)

**YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$20,750.81**  
**YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$19,573.59**  
**Money in Spending Account at Year End 2015 \$55.02**  
**YTD Money Spent on Literature \$19,522.14**  
**YTD Expenses \$1,061.12**  
**Pink Can Balance as of 12/12/2015 \$168.27**  
**Pink Can Balance as of 10/01/2016 \$264.02**

**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!**

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
**November 12th, 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 \$144.64; Anonymous \$67.27; Brandon Big Book Study Group \$44.00; Clean Air Group \$18.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$31.61; Live and Let Live Group \$39.00; Morning Meditation Group \$114.00; New Beginnings Group Brandon \$177.11; Nooner's Group \$118.55; Old School Group \$247.30; Sunshine Group \$6.56; Town and Country Men’s Group \$22.00; Wellspring Recovery Group \$91.00;**

<b>TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members</b>	
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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Somehow, as I clung to the sobriety of the present moment, I felt closer than ever before to the long-ago origins of the holiday season. For all my shows of temperament, I believe I even made it a happier time for those around me than I had done in the past. Most importantly, I got through it without a drink. It was not until the evening of January first that I felt a full surge of thankfulness—blessed emotion—to my AA friends and to the Power beyond us all that had sustained me a few hours, a few minutes at a time. I had discovered that the program works, and I was far stronger within myself than I had been in mid-November. If there is any message here for those coming to our Fellowship new and shaky in the late fall, it is this: Hang on; stick close; live for the day or the moment; don't let the mechanical reactions of the past sneak up on you; don't spoil the present, imperfect as it may seem, with a single shot, a single glass of enticingly sparkling wine. The sense of accomplishment and *comfortableness* that follows on making it through one's first sober holidays is beyond compare. There may be tensions in later years, but none quite so traumatic. And if ever the holiday blues do strike, call on your AA friends. They understand because they've been there, too. They have learned, as you will, the more than compensatory joys of gratitude, and giving, and beginning each day anew.

M.C., Pleasantville, N.Y.

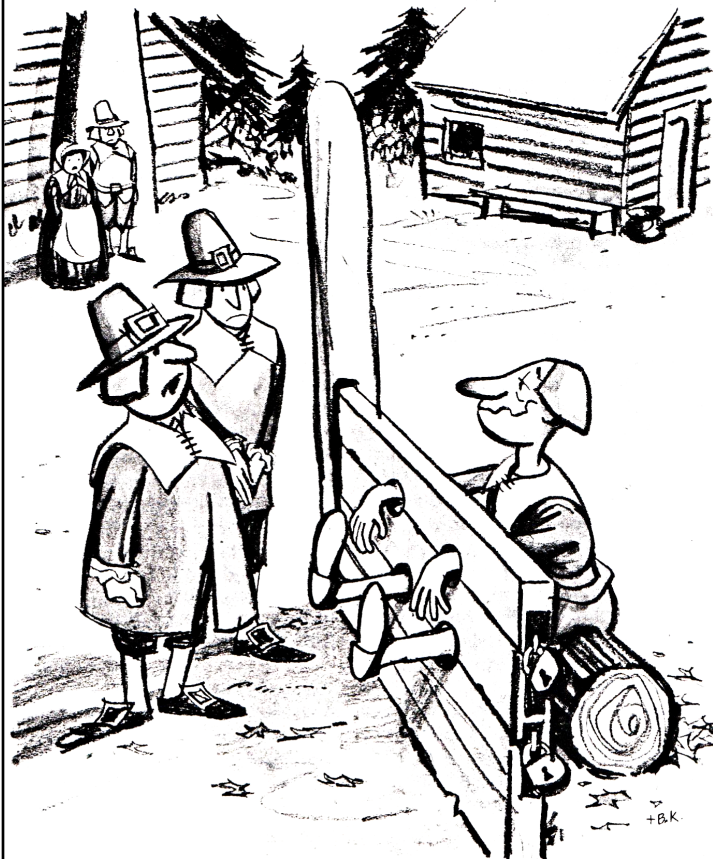
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**MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN**

**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. C.O.A.



“All we ask is that you try it for ninety days.”

**Red Chip Day**

Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>

@ 2:00 PM

**Guest Speaker: Don S.**

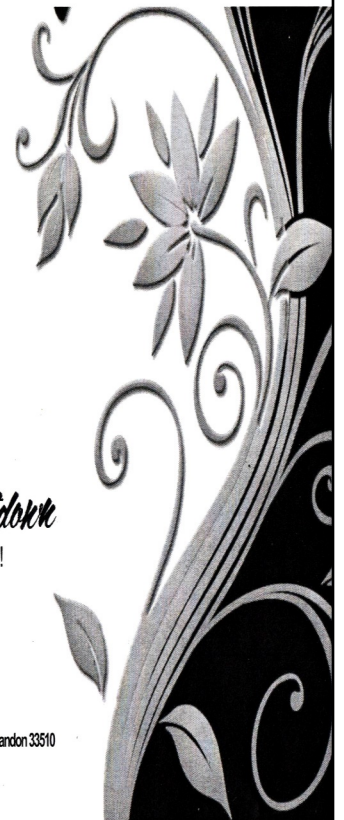
From North Carolina

*Raffle & Sobriety Countdown*

Please bring finger food for all to enjoy!!

All Proceeds Benefit Central Office

Apostles Lutheran Church 200 Kingsway Rd. Brandon 33510



**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

October 11th, 2016 the Board of Directors for Central Office		
BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
EXCUSED	CHAIRPERSON	164 WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
EXCUSED	VICE-CHAIR	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
ALEX K.	TREASURER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
LARRY B.	BOARD MEMBER	AA 101 GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
Resigned	BOARD MEMBER	WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Open	BOARD MEMBER	

Alex opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. There were 4 Board members absent this evening. Larry read the September minutes. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. Bill read the Office Managers report. This was seconded and approved. Alex presented the September Treasurers report. We are currently \$ 753.67 in the red for the month and \$ 2028.14 in the red for the year. We could use an increase in contributions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. Bill asked if anyone had looked at past years to see if there was any trend showing a pattern in sales and contributions. There was some brief discussion about the Anniversary Dinner. Board Meeting ended early. Alex opened the Council Meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Debbie read the September Council minutes. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. Alex presented the September Treasurers report. We are currently \$ 753.67 in the red for the month and \$ 2028.14 in the red for the year. We could use an increase in contributions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. Jeff read the Office Managers report. This was seconded and approved. In Old Business discussion centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February. The separate duties were briefly described, some talk about what kind of prizes or what-not for the raffles, what kind of dinner—should it be catered or pot-luck and if so, how much should we charge?. Some members noted that since this is a special event, they really didn't want to have to bother with bringing something but rather have an opportunity to enjoy the event by sitting down to a good meal. Fred asked if we could form a committee to take care of all this but he nor anyone else wanted to volunteer to take over the responsibility. Brian mentioned Alan as someone who could prepare a dinner. Ted was in favor of a Pot-Luck because it was "WE" doing it rather outside people. A few motions were made but never got pass discussion. Other concerns continued to be, how food was needed, the price for the tickets—more if catered—less if Pot-luck. A suggestion was made to get ideas and bring them back to the next meeting. Pam asked why we couldn't hold our event in Zephyrhills, she had found a nice facility and it was pretty cheap in price. It seemed some people did not want to drive out that far although it was noted that they drive that far to come to the Central Office meetings and events in South Tampa. It was suggested that since we are locked up for our events for 2017 we look further into it after our Founders Day event in June 2017. Meeting ended with a few announcements and the Lord's Prayer.

**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.**

**October 11th 13th, 2016 the Central Office Representatives met: COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SAM F.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
PEG M.	SUN CITY CENTER GROUP
JEFF M.	CARDINAL GROUP
CINDI M.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
TED I.	BRANDON VALRICO WEDNESDAY NIGHT GROUP
MEGHAN M.	FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
KELLY D.	TGIS GROUP
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
LINDA F.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
THOMAS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
CHRIS H.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
PAM C.	TURNING POINT GROUP
JOYCE D.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CIERRA L.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
KATHIE N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
BILL L.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
ISAAC M.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

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

There are hundreds, probably thousands of active alcoholics in our area. Many may never think they need our help or even want our help. But, just like you and I, there will be a few who desperately want and need our help. Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are you ready to help? Will you help? Come by the Office and fill out a 12 Step Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out. Email: [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)

*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.*

**Do You Have A Subscription To Our Newsletter "Tri-County Central Office News " ? Why Not???- For \$7.00 You can Receive 12 Issues.**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JOANNE	11/16/13	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KELLY T.	11/05/13	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KRISTIN	11/20/12	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KERRY L.	11/14/11	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	MALIN	11/11/10	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JOANN S.	11/19/05	11 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANE E.	11/04/14	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RICK A.	11/01/10	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	28 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY B.	11/11/94	22 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SCOTT P.	11/01/14	2 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CLINT V.	11/18/88	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BEVERLY W.	11/01/11	5 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LINDA	11/23/08	8 YRS
THE MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BRADY G.	11/15/10	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DAVE D.	11/24/13	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JONI K.	11/23/13	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TAMMY B.	11/07/13	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY M.	11/19/05	11 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY VI.	11/12/90	26 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	KENNETH A.	11/27/13	3 yrs
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX R.	11/16/09	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CAREY H.	11/25/77	39 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CAPPY T.	11/22/74	42 YRS

**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.	10/31/83	33 YRS
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	CINDI M.	09/23/90	26 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TOM F.	10/19/81	35 YRS

**Come change and grow with us at the  
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S  
GROUP**  
**Located at 202 East Broad Street in  
the "comfy Clubhouse"**  
**We meet every Thursday at 7:00 pm**

**SELF-SUPPORT-October, 2016**

© Today in October of 2016 we have 220 Groups with 535 meetings a week. Contributions in October totaled \$8605.54. That accounts for what 48 Groups out of 220 Groups in our area have contributed in October. This also takes into account the \$153.00 from 8 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$481.00 contributed from the Sober @ 7 Anniversary Dinner. Our total income for October was \$14,019.77. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,107.54. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,912.23. Our Total Expenses for October were \$7738.61. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$2173.62 for the month of October. 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

**CENTRAL OFFICE** will be closed the following days in observance of the following Holidays:  
 1. Thursday November 24th, 2016—Thanksgiving Day  
 2. Saturday December 24th, 2016—Christmas Eve  
 3. Because Christmas Day is on a Sunday the Office will be closed Monday December 26th, 2016—Christmas  
 4. Saturday December 31st, 2016—New Years Eve  
 5. Because New Year Day is on a Sunday the Office will be closed Monday January 2th, 2017—New Year  
 6. Saturday January 7th, 2017—Annual Physical Audit  
 ☺🙌🙏  
 Don't Drink, grab plenty of Friends and take them to meetings, don't get Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired. HALT. Volunteer for After Hours Phone Service....933-9123. :)

## 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

### November 25-27, 2016 Conscious Contact Retreat

For Men in AA only.

Retreat Leader: Sister Cathy Cahill

Where: The Franciscan Center

3010 N. Perry Ave.

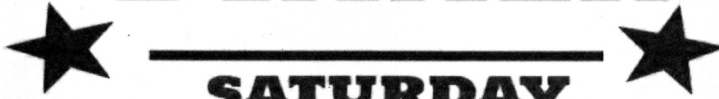
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Conscious Contact Men's Retreat: "...not a theory. We have to live it."

Fri, November 25, 5 pm -

Sun, November 27, 11:30 am

## DISTRICT 2 PRESENTS GRATITUDE DINNER



**SATURDAY  
19. NOVEMBER**

..... **SPEAKERS** .....

**SHERYL + STEPHEN R.**

**SPRING HILL, FL**

**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH**

**821 SOUTH DALE MABRY**

**TAMPA, FL 33609**

**DOORS OPEN 5PM**

**DINNER 5:30PM**

**DESSERTS WELCOME!**



**FOOD-FUN-FELLOWSHIP**

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, proceeds to C.S.O.

for more info call Allan @ 813-789-8822

### The Early Risers Group

### 34th Anniversary & Brunch



**Sunday November 20th**

**10:00 AM Coffee & Donuts**

**10:30 Double Speaker Meeting**

**After Meeting Brunch**

Come celebrate our Group Anniversary along with our Speakers  
celebrating their 50th Year of Continuous Recovery in AA



**Rick D.**



**Tommy D.**

Bring a covered dish, we'll have everything else.

50/50 to benefit Tri-County Central Office

Joe's Suburban Club 11601 Downs Loop Riverview—just off Symmes Rd & Rt301

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.

## 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

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King	200.00	740.00	Keystone Group	332.80	900.85	Sisters in Sobriety Group	160.00	1,012.68
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups		480.00	Sober @ 6 Group		160.00
A.A. 101 Group	433.60	1,582.19	Kingsway Group	63.00	642.00	Sober @ 7 Group	201.65	989.66
AA Big Book Survival Gp.		20.00	Last Call Meeting			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups	481.00	481.00
PC Keep it Simple All Gps Mtg			LateNighters Group		53.75	Sober on Saturday Group	40.55	473.22
Alpha Group	120.00	660.00	Late Night Red Door Group			Sober Spirits Group		
Anniversary Dinner 2016		2,591.43	Lemon Tree Group		237.65	SoberSticks Event		100.00
7th Tradition Basket		93.00	Life Enrichment Group		400.40	Soberstock Committee		193.75
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2016		329.00	Live and Let Live Group	437.92	440.26	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		371.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		1,099.00	Living in the Solution		576.00	Sobriety at Sunset Group		530.80
Housecleaning Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It	714.00	714.00	Sobriety Group		325.00
Anonymous Donations	63.55	1806.79	Lunch Bunch Group		121.26	Sobriety 30th Anniversary		635.25
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		470.68	Lutz @ Noon	17.00	107.00	Solutions Group		1,841.58
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		810.81	Mad Dogs Group		150.00	Southshore Men's Group		152.75
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	200.00	Mapledale Group		50.00	Southside Men's Group		
Barracks Brigade Group			Mid Day Matinee Group	326.71	1,423.55	Southside Men's Group # 2		293.00
Bel-Mar Group		103.35	Monday Night Madness		0.13	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Bill & Bob's Excellent Adventure		530.00	Morning Express Group		235.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Bill D's Group	125.00	375.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill		200.00	Spiritual Growth Group	425.00	425.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	153.00	711.00	Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.15
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		181.20	New Beginnings - Brandon			Step Sisters in Sobriety	130.00	260.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		61.00	New Beginnings Women's		140.00	Step at a Time Group		673.40
BYO 12 & 12 Group		529.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		580.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)	60.50	517.56
Came To Believe Group	260.00	1,079.74	New Beginnings-(Our Club)	948.00	1,371.59	Sun City Center Group	66.68	90.68
Cardinal Group - Odessa	412.74	943.09	Newcomers Group		286.77	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	675.00
Carrrollwood Group	1.54	101.54	New Day Group	65.00	130.00	Sunshine Group		195.19
Clean Air Group		50.00	New Hope Big Book		229.26	Suvivors Big Book Group		20.00
Design for Living Group		96.00	New Tampa Mon. Night Men		350.00	Sweet Surrender Group		155.96
Dover Group		94.92	New Way Women's Group		900.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	458.72	1,038.59
Early Risers Group - Joe's	100.14	357.44	Nightly Newcomers Group	7.00	509.42	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		261.88
Expect a Miracle Group		395.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		264.48	Tampa Palms Big Book	200.00	400.00
Experienc, Strength & Hope	50.00	495.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	680.76	1,536.57	Temple Terrace Men's		33.00
FCYPAA Convention		248.36	Noontime Celebration Gp.		150.00	TGIS Women's Group		
Fireside Group	138.30	514.78	N. Brandon Open Forum		50.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		312.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		110.93	Northdale Group		151.45	The 164 Group		125.00
Friday Night Lights Group		526.00	Odessa Group		443.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		569.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		200.00	Old School Group		2,400.00	The 164 Group USF		100.00
Friday Night Lights Movie			Old School Group All Gps			The Meeting Place Group		127.00
Friday Night Women's Group	97.50	487.50	Oldsmar Group		5.00	The Next Frontier Group		
Friday Women's Friendship		65.00	OldTimers Ask it Basket		193.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		200.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		70.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		461.00	To Improve Our Conscious		1.57
Good Start Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		767.89	Town & Country Men's Group		380.00
Grapevine Gals Group	84.67	331.84	One Day at a Time Group		400.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		300.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		300.00	Palma Ceia Group		557.10	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		331.11
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		240.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1,118.44	Pathfinders Group		30.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
High Nooners Group		100.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		143.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		175.00
Hi- Nooners Group		75.00	Plank Owners Group		130.00	Valrico/Brandon Wednesday		165.75
HOW Group	46.61	197.87	Plant City Keep it Simple	91.00	431.00	Village 12 Step Group		
International Doctors of AA			Primary Purpose Group		117.50	Warrior's Group		
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		123.00	Promises Meeting Group		508.30	We Have a Way Out Group		
Just What I Wanted Big Book		170.00	Prosperity AA Group		170.00	Weedpatch Group		
Keep It Simple - YANA		375.00	Red Chip Day			Wed Night Step Workshop		53.00
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	185.59	1,081.14	Red Door Group		450.00	Wed Keep it Simple Group	50.00	100.00
Keeping it Simple Group		351.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		422.71	Wellspring Group		152.55
			Riverside Group		183.30	Wesley Chapel Group		640.25
			Rush Hour Serenity Group	39.61	185.62	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raffle		
			Ruskin Fellowship Group		100.00	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
			Safe Haven Group		35.00	Women's Friendship Group		472.92
			Saturday Night Fever Gp.		560.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		101.00
			Saturday Night Live Group		100.00			
			Seekers of Serenity II Group	11.40	49.69			
Total	2,522.24		Total	3,734.20				
	YTD Total	23,292.04	YTD Total		22249.50	Total	2,349.10	
						YTD Total	8,605.54	16949.25
						Grand Total	62,491.38	