



Tri-County Central Office News

You Are The Reality The Other Person Faces

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.
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Follow the Directions

I had read the first sentence on page 58 of the Big Book: "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path." Yet I took no action, for I had no understanding. I was without a drink from my first AA meeting on, but it took me twenty-seven months to begin my first attempt at Steps Four and Five. I realized at the completion of these Steps, ten months later, that they were written for a defiant, grandiose, sensitive, childish, stupid, and stubborn drunk like me. Having skipped these Steps for so long, I almost picked up that first drink. I even had it poured out into a glass. I had read, reread, and underlined the Big Book and the "Twelve and Twelve," yet at that crucial moment, I could remember not one spiritual principle they contained. I had memorized a few passages of the Big Book so I could grandstand my great memorizing ability. I showed off in some of my entertaining pitches at the meetings in Hollywood and on skid row downtown. I was a comedian who almost got drunk because of my grandiosity, while at the same time feeling inferior. I forgot I was the drunken mailman who lost a U.S. mail truck at Christmastime. But I did remember one thing when I was about to take that first drink: I had been told at my first AA meeting, "Get phone numbers. Call someone before you drink the drink." I had Bob's phone number and called him. He told me to read pages 58 through 76 of the Big Book and said, "Follow the clear-cut directions." He did not waste time and words with me. He said goodbye and hung up quickly. I was peeved no little! But I poured the drink back into the bottle and began on the AA path. It's nine years and some now without a drink. That drink was going to be a "deliberate drink" aimed at my wife. We had been separated eight years. At the end of the first year of my sobriety, we were united. After a three-month second honeymoon, "the stuff hit the fan." Fortunately, my wife is in Al-Anon. "But for the Grace of God," AA and Al-Anon, we could not have made it this far. Had I thoroughly followed the AA path in the beginning, I could have saved both of us much mental and emotional stress and strain. It grieves me to hear more experienced members of AA tell newcomers they need not hurry along the AA path of the Twelve Steps. I sometimes hear statements to ne people like "Take your time," "God will tell you when," "Don't let your sponsor rush you." Hell, when I first came through the doors of AA, I knew it was time to do *something* — and quickly! ("Quick" and "quickly" are used many times in the Big Book, "Twelve and Twelve," and other AA literature.)

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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

FEAR

On the morning of my fifth AA birthday, now some time ago, I arrived at my office to be greeted by the receptionist with the message that a telegram awaited me. Upon opening it, I discovered that it was a thoughtful greeting from an old AA friend thousands of miles away in the East. The considerate impulse that motivated this gesture impressed me; however, the message inside proved to be of even more value. It said: "Fear knocked on the door, faith answered, and nothing was there. Happy Birthday. In the many, many twenty-four-hour periods of continued sobriety that have elapsed since that morning I have thought often of my friend and his message, particularly about fear. Some people discredit fear as an important factor in the disease of alcoholism. Unfortunately, in the eyes of many, the word *fear* immediately associates images of being cowardly, yellow, scared, chicken, etc. Therefore, they tend to discredit it or attempt to ignore it. Actually, fear, in my opinion, not only has a lot to do with excessive drinking nut, if understood, can be useful in recovery. Let us begin by recognizing that fear can be divided into two types: positive and negative. The positive elements of fear are healthy and it is doubtful if we could survive without them. The negative elements of fear are sick or sickness producing. When used for positive purposes the chief goals of fear are self-preservation and the preservation of those things we hold dear. Under the impetus of this emotion we build shelters or homes for ourselves and our families; we clothe ourselves and our loved ones; we interpolate ourselves into societies with laws, customs, mores. The negative elements of fear are anxiety, worry, dread, uncertainty—the whole spectrum of the emotions of insecurity, one might say. The practicing alcoholic uses the negative elements of fear as his power, rather than the positive. The result is a further sinking into the abyss of progressive, compulsive drinking. More negative fear—more drinking—more negative fear—so it goes in a chronic vicious cycle. In coming to the AA program the problem drinker learns to recognize these character defects but, more important, he is given the tools to forge the weapons to combat them and replace them. To combat them he becomes slowly familiar with a program of "spiritual progress," one of whose eventual goals is faith. Faith is the antidote for negative fear. Many years ago at an AA meeting an old-timer told me: "You can't think your way into sober living but you can live your way into sober thinking, one day at a time." This philosophy is the key to recovery and the path to faith. As the newcomer embraces AA he soon learns that there are others here just like himself and he sees that they have vanquished their primary problem one day at a time. This creates hope. If the newcomer continues to stick, sooner or later he begins to grow and a sense of trust appears. With time and continues progress, faith, like a sunrise, eventually is born. As the sun of this new faith begins to rise, the shadows and darkness of negative fears proportionally begin to fade and dim. When faith progressively replaces negative fear we begin our journey on an

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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 August 13th meeting of TBAIC was opened by Susan O. leading the Serenity Prayer. Susan received word from Buddy H. that the meetings at Falkenburg and Orient Jails were going well.

Tom F. presented the Treasurer's Report. No literature was purchased. Representative from two fundraising events, Soberstock and Steps to Freedom, presented their checks to TBAIC.

Jim S. reported 10 rides were given through Bridge the Gap.

Chris D., E. Pasco Men's, said the meetings are running smoothly. New volunteers are always welcome.

Scott R. requested any changes to the Detox/Institution meeting schedule be given to him as soon as possible so he can make the necessary corrections and have a new revised copy sent out.

Linn D., of the Keystone Group, volunteered to update the TBAIC tri fold display and have it ready in time for the Fall Roundup, Labor Day weekend.

Nancy B., Women's Jail Coordinator for Hillsborough County had previously announced her wish to rotate out of that position. Cydney P. was approved as the new coordinator.

"The most heated bit of letter writing can be a wonderful safety valve providing the wastebasket is somewhere nearby."

(As Bill Sees It, pg 39)

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$15,549.36

YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$14,098.69

Money in Spending Account at Year End 2015 \$55.02

YTD Money Spent on Literature \$13,820.29

YTD Expenses \$1,027.99

Pink Can Balance as of 12/12/2015 \$168.27

Pink Can Balance as of 07/09/2016 \$570.60

Our Next Committee Meeting

October 8th, 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!

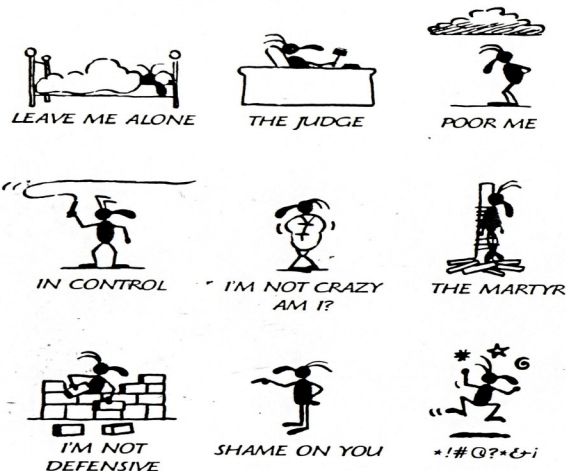
TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation last Month:

: AA 101 Group \$169.37; Anonymous \$6.00; As Bill Sees It Group (Group) Odessa \$32.00; Brandon Big Book Study Group \$31.00; Early Risers Group \$146.47; Hide A Way Group \$95.23; High Nooner's Group \$184.13; In Memory of Sandy Burnham \$573.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$106.77; Kingsway Group \$182.47; Living in the Solution Group; Lunch Bunch Group \$6.00; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa Group \$171.00; Morning Meditation Group \$75.00; New Beginnings Group Brandon \$120.40; Noon Big Book 3333 \$46.57; Odessa Group Nooner's Group \$42.00; Promises Meeting Group \$109.84; Sunshine Group \$13.95; Turning Point Zephyrhills \$76.35; Women's Friendship Group 65.05;

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	



**Do not disturb.
 The Committee is in session.**

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Story of the Sinful Knight

But in those days, I was often guilty of telling the new prospect he or she did not have to hurry. Being a rationalize, justifier, and qualifier, also manager, arranger, and regulator, I couldn't see that I was a liar, cheat, and thief— an alcoholic affected spiritually, mentally, and emotionally by the disease of alcoholism. I was in no shape to lead a prospect onto the true path of AA. To know a principle of the AA path, but not realize what it means and fail to take action, can be disastrous for a recovering alcoholic like me. The words know, realize, and understand embodied in the principles of AA are very meaningful to me and my growth in sobriety. They tell me that my Higher Power, God as I understand Him, works in a mysterious way performing wonders among us in our Fellowship. All I need do, one day at a time, is to follow the AA path quickly and thoroughly.
 F.C. Hawthorne, Calif.
 Permission to Reprint/ AA Grapevine/ September 1982

Once upon a time a knight set out to do an evil deed. He was a young knight who, up to a certain time, had lived a decent and upright life, and then he was tempted to do something inherently evil. He set out to do it, to give in to the temptation. The place where the evil deed was to be committed was at a distance so he armed himself, took his spear in hand, put down his vizot and rode out to commit the sin. Halfway on his journey he came to a place where the road went down into a little valley and up on the other side. He looked across the valley, and saw on the other side straight on his way, another knight, a man whom he did not know, whose shield he could not read, and who was blocking his way to his sin. And he put his spear in rest and rode down the hill in order to sweep this man from his path, so that he might make haste to go on and do the evil deed that he had in mind. He struck the other man down, struck him from his horse, and then as his enemy lay there helpless he went and unlaced the helmet and looked in his face. He looked down into the face of his own best self. He looked down into his own face, the face that he had known and recognized for so many years when he had tried to live a decent life. He saw his own good self, his own best self, lying dead at his own feet. There was a little spring beside him and he wondered, "If this is I lying dead beside me, what must I look like myself?" So he mirrored his face in the water and he saw the evil in him and all the good departed. Suddenly he realized what he had done and what it meant when he had ridden out to do the evil. There, where he had fought, was a little wayside shrine, and a crucifix and he brought himself to the foot of the cross and raised his head to the crucified Saviour and said, " I am sorry. I did not realize, I did not understand." And the pierced hand released itself from the cross and came down and embraced the knight as he knelt there and the Lord's head bent down and kissed him on the forehead, and saw that one of the pierced hands was pointing him back to where his good self lay. And he went back and looked again and behold it was no longer his good self, his best self, that lay dead. It was his evil self that lay conquered at his feet. This is an old, simple story of our own fights and of our own struggles, of our combat with ourselves, and with the things that drag us down, put in a rather fantastic way. But after all, that is what it amounts to. All our lives we are fighting battles of various kinds with ourselves. All the time we are falling and struggling and picking ourselves up and going on again. Life consists merely in that....of going on with divine courage no matter how many the falls may be; falling down, and picking ourselves up, and going on again
 Author Unknown/ Permission AA Grapevine / September 1953

FEAR.....from page 1

WE STILL NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

upward plane of sober thinking. In this state we become conscious of our God-given positive endowments. Now, healthy positive fear can take its rightful position and begin to replace any lingering negative elements that might still be about. Positive healthy fear induces good qualities that need nurturing to grow, such as caution, patience, tolerance, open-mindedness, tact and discretion. These, as they become stronger, will replace the old unwanted, discarded negative elements. We are no longer afraid of alcohol. Rather, now, we are aware of it and respect it. This awareness and this respect we try to keep salient lest we become negligent or careless — two obvious pitfalls for the alcoholic. We try to choose our paths carefully under the guidance of a Higher Power. We attend AA meetings frequently and regularly. We pursue Twelfth Step work with diligence and enthusiasm. We rely on the Tenth and Eleventh Steps as our daily maintenance. Above all else, we try to "practice these principles in all our affairs." This is healthy. This is good. This is sane. This is a new way of life.
 Dr. Hal S., Claremont, Calif.
 Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ September 1963

There's a lesson in this for all of us in the story of the judge who scanned the record of the pitiful and shaking boozier before the bench and said, "John, this makes thirteen times in less than a year that you've been in this court because of drinking. I've fined you, put you in jail, referred you to A.A., and even prayed for you. I don't know what to do. Do you have anything to say?" John looked up meekly and begged, "Whatever you do, Your Honor, please don't give up on me."

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

**WE REALIZE WE KNOW ONLY A LITTLE.
 GOD WILL CONSTANTLY DISCLOSE
 MORE TO YOU AND TO US.
 ASK HIM IN YOUR MORNING MEDITATION
 WHAT YOU CAN DO EACH DAY
 FOR THE MAN OR WOMAN
 WHO IS STILL SICK.
 THE ANSWERS WILL COME,
 IF YOUR OWN HOUSE IS IN ORDER.**

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

August 9th, 2016 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

BRETT B.	CHAIRPERSON	164 WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
Excused	VICE-CHAIR	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
ALEX K.	TREASURER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
MINDY W.	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
JIM M.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
LARRY B.	BOARD MEMBER	AA 101 GROUP
PEDRO P.	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
ASTRID S.	BOARD MEMBER	WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Open	BOARD MEMBER	

Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and asking everyone to turn down their cell phones. Our newest Board Astrid from the Women's Friendship Group was introduced along with Jim who was acting as an alternate for the Monday Night Men's Group. **Secretary Report:** Mindy read the July minutes. There were no questions. Minutes were seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Alex presented the July Treasurer's Report noting that we were \$1,612.93 in the red for the month. Alex announced that it seemed contributions were somewhat down compared to last year. Some extra expenses for the month were computer repairs, a new printer and ink, and a floor cleaner for the tile floor. Astrid had a few questions on how to read the report. Brett expounded a little bit more concerning the budget. The July Treasurer's report was seconded and approved. **Office Managers Report:** Brett presented the Office Managers Report. There were no questions. The Office Managers report was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion centered the upcoming Old Timers Ask it Basket Meeting. The date for the event is August 27th, 2016 at Christ the King Church. There was more discussion concerning the budget for food in case we need extra cash. Lot's of discussion concerning what food to bring, if we needed to put up signs about taking one serving, food needs to be prepared before coming to the event, Pot Luck means Pot Luck—etc. **New Business:** Mindy mentioned about supplying 12 Step Sign-up sheets. Alex noted the need to get more people to sign up on the 12 Step List, Pedro mentioned that he is working on a map system for the web site, lots of friendly chitter-chatter. **Brett opened the Council** meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. Our newest Council members were introduced. Nick B. & Will P. from the Nightly Newcomers Group, Manny R. from the Midday Matinee Group, Peg S. from the Sun City Center Group, Jim M. & from the Monday Night Men's Group. **Secretary Report:** Fred read the July minutes. There were no questions, the Minutes were seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Alex presented the July Treasurer's Report noting that we were \$1,612.93 in the red for the month. Alex announced that it seemed contributions were somewhat down compared to last year. Some extra expenses for the month were computer repairs, a new printer and ink, and a floor cleaner for the tile floor. Brett expounded a little bit more concerning the budget that's it just the ebb and flow of doing business. We usually even out at the end of the year. The August Treasurer's report was seconded and approved. **Office Managers Report:** Brett presented the Office Managers Report. There were no questions.

August 9th, 2016 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

GREG R.	NEW DAY GROUP
BRIAN M.	SOBER @ SIX GROUP
JUSTIN T.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
MANNY R.	MID DAY MATINEE GROUP
SHANE W.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
PEG S.	SUN CITY CENTER GROUP
LINDA F.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
THOMAS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
WILL P.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JON S.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
JERRY K.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
KATHIE N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ASHLEY C.	WOMENS SOBRIETEA GROUP
CINDI M.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
CIERRA L.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
PAM C.	TURNING POINT GROUP
BILL L.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
NICK B.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
ISAAC M.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

The Office Managers report was seconded and approved. Tim was asked to check where the Nightly Newcomers were on the Board rotation list. He also noted that he would send out the agenda for the Ask it Basket meeting. Some friendly chitter-chatter then Brett when over the duties for the Ask it Basket meeting making sure everyone was on-board with what they needed to do. Everyone was asked to bring some food. **Old Business: None New Business:** Brett reminded everyone that it was their responsibility to bring concerns to the Board. If we can't answer it then, we would have an answer at the following meeting. Brett read "What is Central Office." Kathie noted that "if it ain't broke—don't fix it." Several announcements were made for upcoming events. Several announcements were made. Martin reminded everyone that we were looking for 12 Steppers. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

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ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	AMANDA L.	09/12/15	1 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOHN L.	09/03/15	1 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BRENT M.	09/14/14	2 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS L.	09/09/14	2 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	STEPHEN C.	09/17/13	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ERIC V.	09/10/13	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM J.	09/23/14	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL A.	09/09/14	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MIKE C.	09/25/11	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DARLENE M.	09/10/07	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WENDY C.	09/07/04	12 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BARRY H.	09/25/99	17 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CAROL C.	09/07/93	23 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	CAROL C.	09/08/88	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ALEX A.	09/11/04	12 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	TOM V.	09/02/88	28 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	AIDA	09/23/87	29 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY J.	09/15/88	28 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE C.	09/21/07	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NANCY F.	09/17/85	31 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NANCY	09/17/85	31 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT - August, 2016

© Today in August of 2016 we have 218 Groups with 576 meetings a week. Contributions in August totaled \$4392.70. That accounts for what 40 Groups out of 218 Groups in our area have contributed in August. This also takes into account the \$34.00 from 1 member who contributed to the Birthday Club and \$193.00 from our Old-Timers Ask it Basket Meeting. Our total income for August was \$13,701.40. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,909.72. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,792.18. Our Total Expenses for August were \$7,378.39. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$586.21 for the month of August. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support. Thank you for all of your support !!!

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JIM G.	03/18/86	30 YRS

From the Central Office SERVICE DESK

A total of 184 phone calls were made to the Central Office in August: 170 for info on AA, 0 for info on Al-Anon, 7 messages for other inquiries, 5 requesting a Twelfth Step call, There were 176 walk-ins visits as well.

A total of 143 phone calls were made to the After Hours Hotline in August: 89 for info on AA, 14 for info on Al-Anon, 17 messages for other inquiries, 23 requesting a Twelfth Step call.

SOBERWEEN III
HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY
10.26.2016

Where: The Hip Room Dance Studio
 1701 N Franklin St., Tampa, FL 33602

In Advance: \$10 Proceeds to benefit TBAIC
 At Door: \$15 (Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee.)
 Parking: Free

**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 G.S.O.
 for more info call Allan @ 813-789-8822

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Fall Sobersticks October 7th, 8th & 9th, 2016

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

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



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

Little Manatee River
Canoe Outpost

18001 U.S. Hwy 301 S.
Wimauma, FL 33598
813-634-2228



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY "Spirit of Rotation"

Hosted by District 9 * Broward County, Florida * October 7th-9th, 2016
Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Fort Lauderdale Marriott North

6650 N Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309
Phone: 954-771-0440 / Fax: 954-772-9834
Reservations: 800-228-9290

Room Rate: \$109.00

Must be received by September 7th, 2016
Book your group rate for GSA15SFGENERAL

Group Code: GSA15 SF GENERAL

Directions:

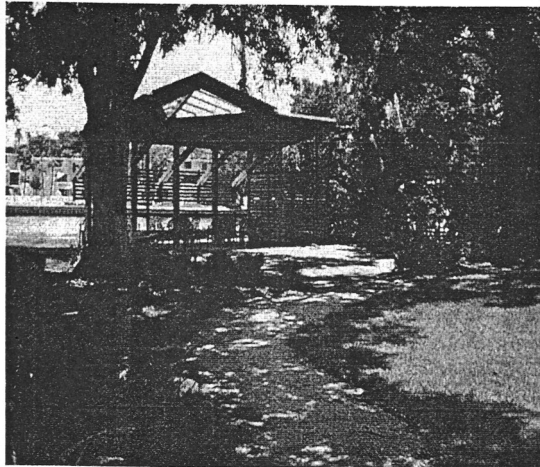
I-95 to Exit 33B (Cypress Creek West), turn right at second traffic light onto Andrews, hotel is 1/2 mile north on the right.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Quarterly Chair Jackie S. at 954-901-1345 or quarterlychair@district9aa.org

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed on a hotel room wait list, please contact hotelinfo@area15aa.org

October 13-16, 2016 Conscious Contact Retreat

For Women in 12 Step Recovery



Retreat Leader: Sister Cathy C

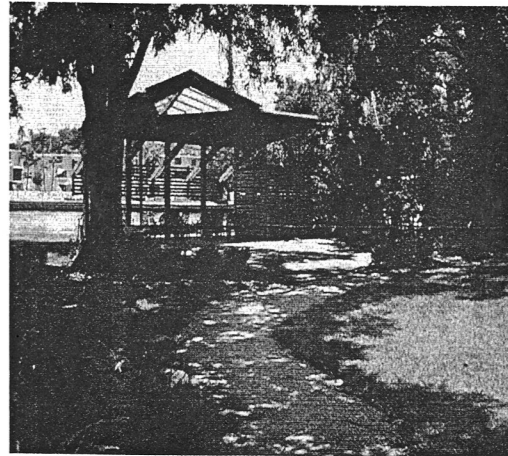
Where: The Franciscan Center
3010 N. Perry Ave.
Tampa, Florida 33603-5345

Conscious Contact Women's Retreat: "Progress, Not Perfection"

Thu, October 13, 5 pm -
Sun, October 16, 11:30 am

November 25-27, 2016 Conscious Contact Retreat

For Men in AA only.



Retreat Leader: Sister Cathy C

Where: The Franciscan Center
3010 N. Perry Ave.
Tampa, Florida 33603-5345

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

Fri, November 25, 5 pm -

Sun, November 27, 11:30 am

Group	August	Y T D	Group	August	Y T D	Group	August	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		540.00	Keystone Group		568.05	Sisters in Sobriety Group		610.28
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups		480.00	Sober @ 6 Group		160.00
A.A. 101 Group		1,148.59	Kingsway Group	127.00	579.00	Sober @ 7 Group	197.00	788.01
AA Big Book Survival Gp.		20.00	Last Call Meeting			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
PC Keep it Simple All Gps Mtg			LateNighters Group		53.75	Sober on Saturday Group	40.00	393.92
Alpha Group	60.00	540.00	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	400.40	Soberstock Committee	193.75	193.75
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2016		329.00	Live and Let Live Group	0.69	2.34	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	200.00	371.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		1,099.00	Living in the Solution		313.00	Sobriety at Sunset Group		530.80
Housecleaning Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobrenity Group		325.00
Anonymous Donations	180.02	1537.68	Lunch Bunch Group		62.68	Sobrenity 30th Anniversary		635.25
As Bill Sees It--Brandon	105.30	470.68	Lutz @ Noon		73.00	Solutions Group	185.05	1,416.93
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		810.81	Mad Dogs Group		150.00	Southshore Men's Group		152.75
Attitude of Gratitude Group		150.00	Mapledale Group		50.00	Southside Men's Group		
Barracks Brigade Group			Mid Day Matinee Group		1,096.84	Southside Men's Group # 2		218.00
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		115.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Bill D's Group		250.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill	100.00	200.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	34.00	528.00	Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.15
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		181.20	New Beginnings - Brandon			Step Sisters in Sobriety	65.00	130.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		61.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Step at a Time Group		673.40
BYO 12 & 12 Group		370.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	280.00	580.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		457.06
Came To Believe Group		819.74	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		423.59	Sun City Center Group		24.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		530.35	Newcomers Group		286.77	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	525.00
Carrollwood Group		100.00	New Day Group		65.00	Sunshine Group		195.00
Clean Air Group		50.00	New Hope Big Book	76.88	229.26	Suvivors Big Book Group		20.00
Design for Living Group	12.00	96.00	New Tampa Mon. Men's		350.00	Sweet Surrender Group		10.00
Dover Group		94.92	New Way Women's Group		700.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		579.86
Early Risers Group - Joe's		256.98	Nightly Newcomers Group		350.88	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		261.88
Expect a Miracle Group	295.00	395.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		188.49	Tampa Palms Big Book		200.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	50.00	395.00	Nooners Group--Tampa		855.81	TGIS Women's Group		
FCYPAA Convention		248.36	Noontime Celebration Gp.		150.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Fireside Group		376.48	N. Brandon Open Forum		50.00	The 164 Group		125.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		110.93	Northdale Group		151.45	The 164 12 Step Workshop		569.00
Friday Night Lights Group	39.00	460.00	Odessa Group		443.00	The 164 Group USF		100.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		200.00	Old School Group		1,200.00	The Meeting Place Group		127.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Old School Group All Gps			The Next Frontier Group		
Friday Night Women's Group	390.00	390.00	Oldsmar Group		5.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	20.00	180.00
Friday Women's Friendship		65.00	OldTimers Ask it Basket	193.00	193.00	Town & Country Men's Gp		200.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		70.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC	65.00	461.00	Town & Country Wed. Gp		300.00
Good Start Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		595.89	Tues Big Book Study Gp.	50.00	331.11
Grapevine Gals Group	68.17	247.17	One Day at a Time Group		400.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		300.00	Palma Ceia Group	101.55	557.10	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	90.00	240.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		175.00
Hide-A-Way Group	320.37	1,118.44	Pathfinders Group		30.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		165.75
High Nooners Group		100.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		143.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Hi- Nooners Group		75.00	Plank Owners Group		130.00	Warrior's Group		
HOW Group	52.26	151.26	Plant City Keep it Simple	40.00	340.00	We Have a Way Out Group		
International Doctors of AA			Primary Purpose Group		117.50	Weedpatch Group		
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		123.00	Promises Meeting Group		508.30	Wed Night Step Workshop		25.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book		50.00	Prosperity AA Group		60.00	Wed Keep it Simple Group		50.00
Keep It Simple - YANA		375.00	Red Chip Day			Wellspring Group		150.67
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		895.55	Red Door Group		450.00	Wesley Chapel Group		640.25
Keeping it Simple Group		351.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		90.61	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raffle		
			Riverside Group		183.30	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
			Rush Hour Serenity Group		146.01	Women's Friendship Group	270.35	472.92
			Ruskin Fellowship Group		100.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		101.00
			Safe Haven Group					
			Saturday Night Fever Gp.		560.00			
			Saturday Night Live Group		100.00			
			Seekers of Serenity II Group	15.91	38.29			
						Total	1,296.15	
Total	1,696.12		Total	1,400.43		YTD Total		13021.74
	YTD Total	20,138.92	YTD Total	15,710.09		Grand Total	48,871.35	