



Tri-County Central Office News

The AA Group

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THE TWELVE TRADITIONS TRADITION FOUR

A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. Here, the traveler finds three members discussing the Steps in somebody's living room; there, 300 listening to speakers in a church auditorium. In one part of the U.S., respectful silence greets the speaker who begins, "My name is Ann, and I am an alcoholic." In another, everybody happily shouts, "Hi Ann!" And in many other places, she may introduce herself with her full name—at a one-hour meeting or a 90 minute meeting. In each neighborhood in every part of the world reached by A.A., the local group is free to work out its own customs. As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it's up to each group to avoid any action that might harm A.A. And there *have* been such actions—or this Tradition would be unnecessary. "Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions," Bill W. wrote, "is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually." Blown up to multiple size, the Big Ego may inspire one group to take over all the public information work for its area, without consulting any of the other local groups. Once the group has decided, "*We* have all the answers," the lid's off. The group may then decide that, let's say, the Eleventh Tradition is outdated technicality: "This is a competitive age! We're going to come right out and give A.A. some good, vigorous promoting!" To the general public, this one conspicuous group *is* A.A. It's antics reflect, not only on the ignored neighboring groups, but on the entire Fellowship. *In a way, the Forth Tradition is like the Forth Step: It suggests that the A.A. group should take honest inventory of itself, asking each of it's independently planned actions, "Would this break any Tradition?" Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities—they are proved guides toward the chief objective of all A.A. groups...*

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TRADITION FOUR from the 12 & 12

When AA was still young, lots of eager groups were forming. In a town we'll call Middleton, a real crackerjack had started up. The townspeople were not as hot as firecrackers about it. Stargazing, the elders dreamed of innovations. They figured the town needed a great big alcoholic center, a kind of pilot plant A.A. groups could duplicate everywhere. Beginning on the ground floor there would be a club; in the second story they would sober up drunks and hand them currency for their back debts; the third deck would house an educational project—quite non-controversial, of course. In imagination the gleaming center was to go up several stories more, but three would do for a start. This would all take a lot of money—other people's money. Believe it or not, wealthy townsfolk bought the idea. There were, though, a few conservative dissenters among the alcoholics. They wrote the Foundation, A.A.'s headquarters in New York, wanting to know about this sort of streamlining. They understood that the elders, just to nail things down good, were about to apply to the Foundation for a charter. These few were disturbed and skeptical. Of course, there was a promoter in the deal—a super-promoter. By his eloquence he allayed all fears, despite advice from the Foundation that it could issue no charter, and that ventures which mixed an A.A. with medications and education had come to sticky ends elsewhere. To make things safer, the promoter organized three corporations and became president of them all. Freshly painted, the new center shone. The warmth of it all spread through the town. Soon things began to hum. To insure foolproof, continuous operation, sixty-one rules and regulations were adopted. But alas, this bright scene was not long in darkening. Confusion replaced serenity. It was found that some drunks yearned for education, but doubted if they were alcoholics. The personality defects of others could be cured maybe with a loan. Some were club-minded, but it was just a question of taking care of the lonely heart. Sometimes the swarming applicants would go for all three floors. Some would start at the top and come through to the bottom, becoming club members others started in the club, pitched a binge, were hospitalized, then graduated to education on the third floor. It was a beehive of activity, all right, but unlike a beehive, it was confusion compounded. An A.A. group, as such, simply couldn't handle this sort of project. All too late that was discovered. Then came the inevitable explosion—something like that day the boiler burst in Wombly's Clapboard Factory. A chill chokedamp of fear and frustration fell over the group. When that lifted, a wonderful thing had happened. The head promoter wrote the Foundation office. He said he wished he'd paid some attention to A.A. experience. Then he did something else that was to become an A.A. classic. It all went on a little card about golf-score size. The cover read: "Middleton Group # 1. Rule # 62." Once the card was unfolded, a single pungent sentence leaped to the eye:



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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 February 11th (2017) meeting of TBAIC was opened by Chair Susan O.; leading the "Serenity Prayer".

Scott S. read the January minutes. There was a motion to approve; group approved.

Linn D. distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions expenses. There was a motion to approve; group approved.

The next Area 15 Quarterly Assembly, to be hosted by District-6, will be held on April 7th – 9th in Boca Raton.

The next TBAIC softball tournament is to be held in May @ Gadsden Park. Respective Home Groups fund a 12-person team with a \$100 donation; proceeds go to TBAIC.

Ruth N., East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator, reported that the format change (combining all pods into 1-large meeting) is still working out well. Ruth will be speaking with the Program Director to get their feedback/assessment on the new approach.

Scott R., Detox Coordinator, distributed the latest list of TBAIC meetings and requested that the group review and note updates, where needed. Volunteers are needed for open chair positions. In addition, Scott R. will work with Sylvia (manages TBAIC website) to have the updated meeting schedule posted to the TBAIC website.

Jim indicated that there were two (2) Bridging the Gaps requested and accommodated.

Liz S., representing Steps to Freedom, presented TBAIC with a \$1900 donation. The Steps to Freedom Committee meets the first Sunday of every month at 6pm at club 3333. Here are the dates of the upcoming meetings: April 2 - 6pm May 7 - 6pm June 4 - 6pm July 2 - 6pm August 6 -6pm September 3 - 6pm October 1 - 6pm

Linn D., Treasurer, requested that people please note where meeting material being removed from the supply cabinet is being distributed; there is a place on the sign-out sheet to note this. For reference, scheduled times to obtain meeting materials is noted below:

Last Thursday of the month, 5:50 – 6:50PM
 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 10:30AM (monthly TBAIC meeting)

Jim made a motion to close; group approved.

Next Meeting
 April 8, 2017

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$5053.82
Money Spent on Literature	\$5628.15
YTD Expenses	\$ 592.91
Pink Can Balance as of 3/11/17	\$ 537.76
Pink can Balance as of 3/5/16	\$ 16.25

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

Our Next Committee Meeting

April 8th, 2017 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:

Women's Friendship Group \$31.85, Wellsprings Recovery Group \$40.00, Turning Point (Zephyrhills) \$46.25, Town & Country Wednesday Group \$39.43, 3333 Sunday Speakers Meeting \$100.00, Odessa Group \$45.00, Nooner's Group \$14.00, New Beginnings Group – Brandon \$47.16, Mustard Seed \$75.00, Morning Meditation (Buddy's Group) \$103.80, Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$112.00, Meeting Place (Land 'o Lakes) \$180.00, Live and Let Live \$9.00, Keystone Discussion Group \$121.15, Keep it Simple Yana Men's Group \$220.25, H.O.W. Group \$86.62, High Nooner's Group \$184.13, Hide a Way Group \$86.15, BYOB 12 & 12 Group \$39.00, Barrick's Brigade \$49.50, As Bill Sees It Group Brandon \$10.00, Anonymous \$15.00, AA 101 Group \$173.00

TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members

Susan O. - Chair	813-325-6538
Jim S. — Alternate Chair	813-679-9130
Linn D. — Treasurer	813-777-3007
Open Alt. Treasurer	937-474-8358
Open – 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	

GROUP INVENTORY from the AA Group pamphlet

Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles.

1. What is the basic purpose of the group?
2. What more can the group do to carry the message?
3. Is the group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community?
4. Do new members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as a group do?
5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do better?
6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other AA's outside the meeting rooms? Do we also leave the confidences they share at meetings behind?
7. Do we take the time to explain to all members the value to the group of keeping up with the kitchen/housecleaning chores and other essential services that are part-and-parcel of our Twelfth Step efforts?
8. Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities?
9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care?
10. Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive meeting place?
11. Does the group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of AA—as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service?
12. What has the group done lately to bring the AA message to the attention of professionals in the community—the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators, and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?
13. How is the group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?

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Well...how about it! Is your group honest enough to take the inventory? Or maybe I should ask is it even willing enough to take the inventory? Go to your group and find out. You may be surprised!!! If they do, let us know the results.....

TRADITION FOUR from the 12 & 12....from page One

"Don't take yourself too damn seriously." Thus it was that under Tradition Four an A.A. group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it had been humbly willing to apply the lessons it learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself—and that is the very acme of humility.
Permission AA World Services 12 & 12 pages 147-149

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Tradition Four: Each Group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in A.A.?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know who I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

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AA's who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**
April 7-9, 2017

Hosted by District 6
Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center
5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, Florida 33486

Registration: Fri. 4:00 pm-8:30 pm, Sat. 8:00 am-8:30 pm, Sun. 7:00 am-9:00 am

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 14th, 2017 the Board of Directors for Central Office

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
LARRY B.	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
ROB L.	VICE-CHAIR	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
SUE Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR GROUP
RESIGNED	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMAN'S
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S GROUP
JANET S.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
WAYNE R.	BOARD MEMBER	MAPLEDALE GROUP

Larry B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. He also noted that last month we spent time talking about the money we brought in from the Anniversary Dinner that he forgot to Thank everyone and their groups. Thank You. **Office Managers Report:** Janet presented the Office Managers report for February. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Peter presented the February minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the February Treasurers Report. We were \$480.99 in the black for the month, and we were \$1,173.04 to the good for this year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved.. **Old Business:** Tim presented any late updates to the Anniversary Dinner totals. **New Business:** Started discussions on the upcoming Founders Day event scheduled for June 10, 2017 at Christ the King Church. Usual questions, when, does cost (no charge for admission), what type of food (pot-luck), how many do we expect (100-150), do we need parking people (No), what kind of format (Ask it Basket)-etc. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. **Council Meeting:** Larry B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. He also noted that last month we spent time talking about the money we brought in from the Anniversary Dinner that he forgot to Thank everyone and their groups. Thank You. **Secretary Report:** Debby read the February Council minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Office Managers Report:** Amanda read the Office Managers report for February. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the February Treasurers Report. We were \$480.99 in the black for the month and \$1,173.04 to the good for this year. Renee asked if the minutes were sent to them? (Yes) Sue also showed the Budget report and Contributions listed in the newsletter. It was noted that the minutes are mailed to those who do not have email. It was also noted that Tim had received the deposit back from Riverview Fresh Market and a couple of receipts for some minor expenses from the Dinner. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Steve asked if we have a record of the food cost and items and other expenses we incurred from the event to pass along for next year. (Sort of we do).

March 14th, 2017 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
ERICA J.	SIMPLY SOBRIETYWOMEN'S GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
BRAD W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
LARRY G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
DAVID S.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
CHAZ T.	SUNSHINE GROUP
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
AMANDA L.	MUSTARD SEED GROUP
LINDA E.	TURNING POINT GROUP
RAY D.	KEYSTONE GROUP
RENEE R.	PROMISES GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
DIANA M.	SOBRENITY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
SARAH H.	TGIS GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

New Business: Discussion centered around the upcoming Founders Day event scheduled for June 10, 2017 at Christ the King Church. Usual questions, when, does cost (no charge for admission), what type of food (pot-luck), how many do we expect (100-150), do we need parking people (No), what kind of format (Ask it Basket)-etc. We are trying to find members with 40 plus years to serve on the panel. If you have someone in mind—contact Central Office. A question was asked if the Archives would be there? We will try to have them along with any other committees that might like to participate. Flyers and committee sign up sheets will be emailed to everyone in a few days. **Announcements:** new woman's meeting at the 301 House, Grapevine Committee Meeting here at Central Office, Special Needs meeting at 301 House Traditions meeting at the Sobrenity Group, and Soberstock. *Everyone is reminded to call your literature order in early a day or two before the meeting, that way can have it packed and ready for you.* The next Council Meeting will be **April 11th, 2017** at 7:00 pm at the Central Office.

Action is The Key Word



**31st ANNUAL
TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

"SHERATON TAMPA EAST HOTEL" 10221 PRINCESS PALM AVE, TAMPA, FL 33610

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH HOPE	STEVE S.	04/29/11	6 RS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BRAD	04/16/12	5 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	CHRIS S.	04/29/07	10 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	STEVE S.	04/01/03	14 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	HECTOR R.	04/24/86	31 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	TRACY K.	04/16/15	2 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	NANCY B.	04/24/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KATHY M.	04/01/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	LUANNE M.	04/01/09	8 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DIANE C.	04/10/02	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KAREN	04/19/91	26 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	BUD F.	04/16/83	34 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP	ROBIN D.	04/20/10	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	TRACY S.	04/27/10	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KEY M.	04/20/10	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LIZ T.	04/10/10	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	DEBBIE N.	04/25/09	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	RHONDA B.	04/13/09	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	KORI T.	04/20/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JESSICA P.	04/15/15	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	KAREY H.	04/03/12	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARK D.	04/19/10	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARY ANN L.	04/17/10	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEB P.	04/02/08	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	12 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	STAN W.	04/16/96	21 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	ANNIE	04/2007	10 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	DIANE C.	04/2002	15 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
LATENIGHTERS GROUP	ROBERT L.	04/16/09	8 YRS
RESTONE US TO SANITY GROUP Spring Hill, Tennessee	O.C.	04/28/89	28YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MARY S.	03/12/87	30 YRS

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.

SELF-SUPPORT-March, 2017

© Today in March of 2017 we have 225 Groups with 559 meetings a week. Contributions in March totaled \$5,069.16. That accounts for what 49 Groups out of 225 Groups in our area have contributed in March. This also takes into account the \$66.00 from 3 members who contributed to the Birthday Club. Our total income for March was \$13,300.82. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,451.33. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,849.49. Our Total Expenses for March were \$7,513.01. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$336.48 for the month of March. No matter how good it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions to keep us operating on a steady level. 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 !!!

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

WE STILL NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are you ready to help? Will you help? Come by the Office and fill out a 12 Step Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out. Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

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.

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**



**61st Florida State Convention
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July 27 – July 30, 2017
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**Both H., Cary NC; Chuck H., Cary NC
Cindy S., Helotes TX; John S., Helotes TX
Cushing P., Montgomery AL
Heather G., Powell TN; Pat Y., Palm Desert CA
Teresa F., Van Nuys CA; Billy N., Atlanta GA**

Workshops

**Rule 62
The (Higher) Power of Prayer
We Agnostics & Free-Thinkers
Our Primary Purpose
Corrections – We Are Responsible**

Book your accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville @ the Convention Rooms Link:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FSC2017>
Rates: Single to Quad \$119; Premier Suite \$169; Queen / King Waterfront Upgrade \$30/\$40
Parking Rates: \$10/day Self Parking, \$15/day Valet Parking
Hotel Cutoff Date 7/5/2017 – 904-588-1234

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Central Office Founder's Day Event Saturday--June 10th, 2017

Christ the King Church
821 South Dale Mabry Tampa, FL 33609
From 1:00 pm-4:00pm

Pot-Luck Mid-Afternoon Dinner

We hope everyone will bring something to share or we may not be able to feed everyone

This is a Fun Event hosted by Central Office and all the Central Office Representatives for your enjoyment!!! The Dinner will be followed by a panel of some of our local Old-Timers answering questions (Ask it Basket Style) and sharing their experience, strength & hope

Panel Speakers: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Free Admission 50/50 Raffle & More

Sobersticks *SPRING-IN*

April 7-9 Th. 2017

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

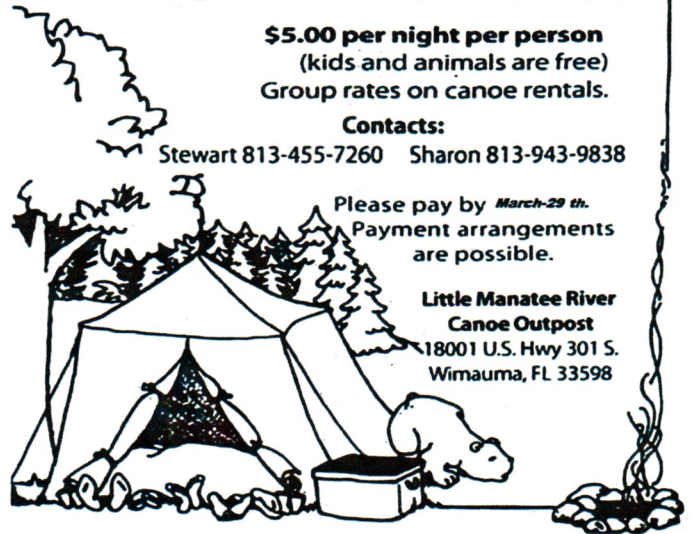
\$5.00 per night per person
(kids and animals are free)
Group rates on canoe rentals.

Contacts:

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

Please pay by *March-29 th.*
Payment arrangements are possible.

**Little Manatee River
Canoe Outpost**
18001 U.S. Hwy 301 S.
Wimauma, FL 33598



DICK D. MEMORIAL- KEEP IT SIMPLE

CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SATURDAY May 6, 2017

Gasden Park
6901 South MacDill Avenue,
Tampa, FL, 33611

From 8:30 AM TILL WE ARE DONE

COST \$100.00 per Team

For a team of 12 players that's only \$8.33 per player

Contact Susan O. 813-325-6538

Buddy H. 813-871-2514

or Tim @ Central Office 813-933-9123

Deadline to Register is May1st, 2017

This tournament is a fund-raising event for the Tampa Bay Area Institutional Committee (TBAIC) which carries the message into jails, prisons, detox centers and hospitals* ALL money raised is spent to buy and place pocket sized Big Books, 12 x 12s and AA literature in these facilities.

Even if you don't plan on playing ball, come on out, support your team and enjoy a day of fun and fellowship while supporting our 5th Tradition!
There will be a 50/50 raffle to win

Steps to Freedom

12 Steps Speaker Workshop

Saturday, June 17, 2017 | 9am-4:30 PM

Tickets

\$15.00 in advance
\$20.00 at the door

Speakers

Steps 1,2&3 | Roger Hightower, Seminole, FL

Steps 4&5 | Doug F., Brandon, FL

Steps 6&7 | TBD

Steps 8&9 | Kelly, Treasure Island, FL

Steps 10&11 | Steve, Springhill, FL

Step 12 | TBD

Location

Christ the King Church | McLoughlin Center
821 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL 33609

Refreshments

Coffee & pastries
Lunch

