



Tri-County Central Office News

Today is the first day of the rest of your Life!
What are you going to do with It?

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Ease of Sobriety

Happy sobriety is not the result of not drinking. It is the result of a new way of life. We cannot live a new life in the way that we used to live the old one. To think that we can is like thinking that we can control our drinking. The habits of the old life are not compatible with those of the new one and the new one, because it is new, is simple. When our ego is finally busted and our sick will completely broken we become aware, often very gradually, of a supreme power which makes the program of Alcoholics Anonymous work. With this growing awareness that we are not God we are enabled to receive forgiveness and love. Thus cleansed by this feeling of forgiveness, relaxed and strengthened by this love, we are able to start the adventure of living with gratitude and simple trust. Whereas before, in our drinking days, every detail was a problem, now most problems are a detail. They are that way to God. They will stay that way unless we wrestle with them. God salvaged the human wreckage which was us and one way or another, in spite of our selves, shunted us into Alcoholics Anonymous. We do not know why, but we know it is intended for us to be happy in our new way of life and that to maintain our happiness we seek to share it. It is a simple rule that when we give we get, and we can give to anyone, anywhere, anytime. The day is bulging with opportunity. The day is as good as we let it be. I read in the Big Book one short sentence in the chapter "Into Action." It says, "We don't struggle." To struggle means, eventually, to drink. To struggle means to take every opportunity and turn it into a problem which cannot be solved. To struggle means to clutch to ourselves fear, pride, shame, remorse, jealousy, dishonesty, conceit and selfishness; to make a great show of overcoming; and then, in an orgy of self-pity, to be overcome. If that is what we want we can get it straight and quickly in one short drink, a drink that will never, never end. But we want it no more because we have learned through experience a truth which cannot be refuted, a living truth which is responsible for the pulse-beat at our wrists today: that we were specially blessed people made to live abundantly, and more abundantly still, made to know humility—and joy—and new life. Our life is made worthwhile. It takes time to learn to live the new way. It takes time to uncomplicate ourselves. It takes experience to learn by experience. It takes just as long as it takes—but meanwhile with our new-found gifts of honesty, open-mindedness and willingness we are very much taken up in something which we had no part of before: living life in the world as it is, and liking it. Our selfishness begins to fall away through neglect as we start giving of what we have, and the least of what we have in AA is hope for the hopeless and love for the loveless. The program of AA is unlimited. Its healing action is infinite. Moreover it is not intricate. It is simple, straight-forward and proven. It works.

Tani W., London, England

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Today is the Day

There are many things to be considered regarding an approach toward a happy day. Strange but true, we can fashion our day as we choose, provided we take cognizance of the difference between happiness and despair. This difference can well be our attitude regarding the problems that face us in a twenty-four-hour period. Most people do not participate in the activities of the day with a premeditated approach. Think of the ease with which we could cope with a problem if we had a practical formula worked out prior to the existence of one of the many problems of life. The first thing we do in the morning can have an important bearing on our outlook for the day. If we face our first task each day with zest and cheerfulness we have gotten off to a good start. Be kind to the wife or husband upon arising, as they too detest an alarm clock with its persistent manner of sounding off. A smile early in the morning can assist us to a good outlook for the challenge the day offers. If we survey the situation we realize that other people do not make us intolerant toward them. We become intolerant because they either impose a restriction upon us, disagree with our opinions, or do not react according to our desires. We sometimes resent other people's rights to think, act, and live. We have a false pride in the judgment of our own abilities. Rarely do we concede to the philosophies of other people. It is only after consideration, hashing and rehashing and much resistance, that we accept the accomplishments of others. Imagine the success that could be realized if we were forearmed to guard against false pride and an overestimation of our own importance. Because it is our nature to be selfish, we resent other people who interfere with our freedom of thought. We fail to recognize that a compromise is the only way to deal successfully with conflicting opinions, especially if one of those opinions is our own. We are biased regarding our belief, and we exercise subjective thinking. We should give a little more than the other fellow, knowing that we cannot change him. We are envious of other people simply because we know them only slightly. We are not aware of their strife regarding this business of living. They too have their problems which present a challenge. It is quite possible that they are envious of us and our apparent serenity. We are not rare in that we are not the only ones subjected to frustration, emotional disturbances and material want. This is part of the task of growing up. It has been said that Jesus Christ exemplifies maturity. In comparison to Christ our problems are few. In reality we are a school of fish in the same pool of human behavior. One thing to remember is that the shop will not close down, the office will not fold up, nor would we create chaos if we were suddenly to drop dead. We are one of many mister nobodies who make up our population. An overestimation of our own importance can be damning. On the other hand do not underestimate our importance. I think that our conscience will arrive at a happy medium if we permit it. We are all gifted with abilities to achieve certain goals. It would be futile to give up because of initial failings. Our

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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.) Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials.

The July 8th, 2017 meeting of TBAIC was opened by Susan O.; leading the "Serenity Prayer". **Linn D.** (Treasurer) distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions expenses. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's report; group approved. **Scott S.** (Secretary) read the June minutes. There was a motion to approve; group approved. **Linn D.** (Treasurer) mentioned that the "where & when" booklets are on back-order and that there is a PDF version that can be leveraged in the interim. **Scott S.** will get a copy of the PDF version and email to all TBAIC committee members. In addition, this information (meeting schedules) can be obtained on the Tri-County Central Office website (<http://www.aatampa-area.org/meetings.html>). **Linn D.** (Treasurer) announced that a donation was received from Steps to Freedom in the amount of \$1,300.00. Thank you to everyone who was instrumental in coordinating and facilitating the latest Steps to Freedom event and to all participants who contributed to this very generous donation. **Ruth N.** (East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator) indicated that the recent meeting split (Delta on Thursdays & Echo on Sundays) is working out very well. Requested old Grapevine material to take into these meetings going forward. **Chris D.** (E. Pasco Men's Prison Coordinator) indicated that meetings are still going well and all meetings are covered. In addition, indicated that a couple of men recently released are staying in touch and doing well. **Amanda L.** (Women's Bridge the Gap Coordinator) indicated that there had been no calls since our last meeting. However, based on the flyer she created/distributed, 10-women have volunteered their time to either provide rides and/or take phone calls. **Ruth N.** (East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator) indicated that they could use volunteers to lead meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at the Veterans facility on 131st. **Frank P.** expressed an interest in helping and will work with Ruth to proceed. If you are interested any helping in this area, please contact Ruth N. for more details. Contact information available in the "TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members" section of this newsletter. **Pat F.** indicated that he is currently taking a Thursday meeting into Memorial Hospital (Swann Avenue) and is interested in pursuing additional days of the week. **Susan O.** will provide Pat with the facility coordinator contact information to pursue further. **Kevin D.** currently taking a meeting into Brandon Hospital (Behavioral Health) on Wednesdays @ 7PM and would like to change to 7:30PM to accommodate shift changes at the facility. **Susan O.** to talk with Larry to determine who the facility coordinator is so that this changed can be pursued. **Kevin D.** and **Cierra L.** indicated that there are meetings currently being taken into the White Sands Treatment center on Wednesdays and Thursdays @ 7PM. **Kevin** indicated that the facility coordinator (**Tammy**) has expressed an interest in having additional meetings brought into the facility. **Scott S.** to reach out to the facility coordinator to discuss further. **Allan D.** suggested that flyers be made up to help socialize TBAIC further at meetings, etc... There was a motion to table this discussion until the next meeting; group approved. In response to **Amanda L.**'s previous inquiry concerning the requirements to bring/lead a meeting into jails & institutions, **Susan O.** indicated that she has hard-copy requirements of Committee Officers and will work to get these on the website. **Susan** to follow-up with **Amanda** after the meeting to share details. **The Steps to Freedom Committee meets the first Sunday of every month at 6pm at club 3333. Below are the dates for upcoming meetings: August 6 – 6PM, September 3 – 6PM, October 1 – 6PM**

Our Next Committee Meeting

August 12th, 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:

Early Risers Group - \$195.29, Expect a Miracle Group - \$126.00, Good Day AA & Staying Alive Group - \$215.00, Hide a Way group - \$103.25, Keystone Discussion Group - \$157.00, Live and Let Live - \$52.00, Living in the Solution Group - \$17.00, Morning Meditation Group - \$76.00, New Beginnings Group - \$72.90, Nooner's Group - \$13.00, Ruskin Fellowship - \$59.00, Saturday Night Fever Group - \$492.00, Wellspring Recovery Group- \$105.00, Women's Friendship Group - \$143.00

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 13,541.22
Pink Can Balance 12/31/16	\$ 1,705.00
Money Spent on Literature	\$ 13,058.55
YTD Expenses	\$ 1,096.82
Pink Can Balance 6/10/17	\$ 1,090.85
Pink Can Balance 6/11/16	\$ 570.60

TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members

Position	Name	Contact
Chair	Susan O.	813-325-6538
Chair (Alt.)	Martin G.	813-516-0557
Treasurer	Linn D.	813-777-3007
Treasurer (Alt.)	Open	Open
Secretary	Scott S.	813-765-7376
Secretary (Alt.)	Nancy B.	813-872-0262
Hills Jails	Open	Open
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H.	813-871-2514
Hills Women's Jails	Sara R.	916-289-8172
Detox & Treatment	Scott R.	813-727-8839
E. Pasco Jail-Women's	Ruth N.	813-629-1547
E. Pasco Prison	Chris D.	813-857-5400
Women's Bridge the Gap	Amanda L.	813-418-2127
Men's Bridge the Gap	Tom F.	813-205-4945
Pre-release	Open	Open
Juvenile	Open	Open

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importance to ourselves is great but let other people be the judge of our importance to others. It is easy to exercise hate and difficult to exercise love; the point of difference between the two is very fine and very vital. To hate a person is poison to us but to feel sympathy for him is to develop our character. Hate manifests distrust and once a person is distrusted it is difficult to heal the wound. We can curse, rant and rave, and be a slave to our own impulses. It is not mandatory to impose a restriction upon our vulgar acts. To control our own desires creates a hardship at times but the rewards are great. Vulgarism is a strong indication of a weakness of character. Weakness can become strength through exercise. Criticism can impose a hardship upon others without the benefit of a defense. At times we inflate our own ego with this practice at the expense of one who could justify his actions more often than not. It has been said that, "Before we criticize others, we should walk in their boots for a fortnight." Pettiness is akin to gossip and criticism. It has all the earmarks of the expressions of a weakling. We cannot afford to practice self-condemnation lest we become prey to despair and self destruction. If we are kind in self-analysis we are better equipped to be kind to others. Human relations is a job of selling ourselves to others. Let's not overestimate nor underestimate our product. Laziness and day-dreaming are a sublimation of action. Avoid being burdened with these negative aspects of living. If we believe in something we should be strong enough to put it to good use. A good thought which is dormant is of benefit to no one. To achieve the utmost in life it is necessary to strive for assets of character. This can only be done with desire and practice. We should accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. We should not harbor happiness but rather it should be radiated so that those about us might become infected with it. After all, the fruit of toil is happiness. This can be the key to a very successful day.

Sgt. Bill, San Antonio, Texas
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AAs who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



“Try it—you’ll like it—or your misery refunded!”

God As I Desire Him

Around the tables, strength of character and purpose, love of life, joy, and serenity are but a few of the benefits flowing from the AA program. Too often, however, the beneficiaries of AA begin to forget how and from where they gained such gifts. One AA meeting and soon many meetings are put aside for this study, that religion, and the other new meditation group. Before long, the inevitable drunk occurs. When I was asked why I didn't hear so often from a certain friend, I explained that so-and-so had found religion and didn't need AA. Now, so-and-so has abandoned both AA *and* religion, to pursue a fantasy: "I really wasn't an alcoholic, so I can drink socially." Over and over, my life is filled with examples of where adherence or non-adherence to the AA program leads. As AA has matured me, my concept of a Higher Power has grown and changed. It is a sweet-tasting experience to awake sober knowing that God has an immense storehouse of joy at my disposal, to be used this day to whatever degree I wish, so long as I don't take the first drink. AA and my practice of its program have led me, not only to God as I understand Him, but also to God as I desire Him. The more I **want** my sobriety, the more of it I get, and the greater my sobriety, the more I *desire* to be closer to God. My relationship with God grows warmer and closer, because I want Him, and with this comes prosperity (not in the material sense only) beyond the wildest dream. Yet this desire is fed only by close attention to working the AA Steps in all my affairs, for without AA I would have nothing.

My sobriety is neither richer nor poorer, higher nor lower, faster nor slower, newer nor older than anyone else's. It is neither longer nor shorter, wilder nor narrower, shakier nor surer, heavier nor lighter than the sobriety of others. My sobriety is mine. If yours is different, it is because you are different. My sobriety is physical, mental, and spiritual, and whatever my sobriety is, I am.

Anonymous
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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**

The Corrections Committee needs all types of volunteers. They 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. 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!

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

July 11th, 2017 the Board of Directors for Central Office

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
LARRY B.	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
OPEN	VICE-CHAIR	
SUE Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR GROUP
UnExcused	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
PEDRO P.	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S GROUP
JANET S.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
UnExcused	BOARD MEMBER	MAPLEDALE GROUP
OPEN		

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. **Office Managers Report:** Cindy presented the Office Managers report for June. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Bill presented the June minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Tim presented the June Treasurers Report. We were \$637.40 in the black for the month, and we were \$18.72 in the black for this year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion centered around future sites to hold our events. Bill J. had put together a brief format for us to follow as we go out looking for venues to hold our next future events. Bill went over the Annual Dinner/Founders Day Location Questionnaire. It was noted that the questionnaire was simply a guideline and each participant investigating different venues could tweak the questionnaire to fit their needs. Cindy gave some more information concerning the use of the church in Valrico. A question came up about coffee urns. Brian talked about how we had been able to use the urns at Christ the King. Tim noted that we also had some coffee urns here if needed. Pedro gave us some information about Metropolitan Community Church and the use of their facility. Brian asked about insurance and some more discussion followed. Tim asked Cindy about the Cakewalk Raffle Ladies and although Cindy was no longer with the group she would check into it but it looks favorable. **New Business:** We all took a moment of silence for one of our members Vivian J. who had just passed away. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Larry B. opened the **Council meeting** with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. He then asked for a moment of silence for Vivian J., a member who had just passed away. **New Council Members were:** Nicole H. from the Sobrietea Group, Amanda L. from the Just What I Wanted Women's Group, Ellen S. from Step Sisters in Sobriety Group, Robert C. from the Magnolia Group & Bud C. from the Clean Air Group. **Office Managers Report:** Kara read the Office Managers report for May. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. Renee asked what were the purchases made that month? Recovery Accents & World Services. **Secretary Report:** The May Council minutes were read by Diane. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the May Treasurers Report. We were \$2,334.59 in the red for the month, and we were \$506.36 in the red for this year. Some were

July 11th, 2017 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

NANCY R.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
RENEE R.	PROMISES GROUP
PEG S.	SUN CITY CENTER GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ELLEN S.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
NICOLE H.	SOBRIETEA WOMEN'S GROUP
ROBERT C.	MAGNOLIA GROUP
ERICA J.	SIMPLY SOBRIETYWOMEN'S GROUP
JERROD H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT GROUP
JON S.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
AMANDA L.	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
BUD C.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
ROBERT H.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JARROD H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
MATTHEW T.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

shocked at the deficit. What happened? Contributions were down also literature sales were doubled. Harold went on to explain that although we bought a lot of literature, we won't see an upside to it until it gets sold. Ward noted that everyone should check the contributions page in the newsletter and see what their group is contributing to Central Office. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion centered around the Founders Day event. Mary thought it was great, good turn out, cool and comfortable. Steve noted that he liked it because it ran tighter and on time and was a home run. Tim noted that everything went off without a hitch and we were cleaned up and out of there well before 5:00. The event was a total success with an estimated count of 180 people in attendance. The panel was great. The 7th Tradition basket netted us \$195.00 and the raffle brought in \$184.00. After paying out all expenses we spent about \$368.58 for a really nice Founders Day party. Larry asked if anyone had checked for any new venues to hold our upcoming events. Ward noted that we had used Palma Ceia in the past. **New Business:** Bill brought up the question of moving forward and finding new venues for next year for our two events at the Board meeting and this was carried over to the Council meeting. He had suggested an idea of making up a list of questions to use as a format in selecting venues that could possibility be used in the future. Questions like location, cost, capacity, amenities such as kitchen use,

ANNIVERSARY TIME			
It Works-It Really Does—Ask them how they did it!!!			
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE E.	08/31/14	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JONAS A.	08/20/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/05/06	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GREG L.	08/17/82	35 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MISTY M.	08/10/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	FRED G.	08/05/83	34 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AMANDA T.	08/24/14	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LARA M.	08/20/13	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	STEPHEN B.	08/20/10	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ASYA A.	08/04/07	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RANDY K.	08/21/85	32 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JENNIFER T.	08/07/09	8 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	36 YRS
FRIDAY WOMENS FRIENDSHIP	DEBORAH K.	08/07/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY WOMENS FRIENDSHIP	ANNA V.	08/03/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY WOMENS FRIENDSHIP	KATHIE G.	08/18/88	29 YRS
FRIDAY WOMENS FRIENDSHIP	DARLENE H.	08/31/87	30 YRS
RIVERDIFE GROUP	KIRK	08/05/13	4 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	23 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP	MIKE B.	11/19/06	10YRS

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

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 in our area.

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SELF-SUPPORT-July 2017

© Today in July of 2017 we have 228 Groups with 562 meetings a week. Contributions in July totaled \$ 8,781.33. That accounts for what 54 Groups and/or Individuals out of 228 Groups in our area have contributed in July. This also takes into account the \$1000.00 from the Soberstock Event and \$104.00 from 3 members in the Birthday Club. (*My contribution was there ☺👏*) Our total income for July was \$14,004.06. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,089.69. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our July income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,914.37. Our Total Expenses for July were \$7,697.16. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$2,217.21 for the month of July. This leaves us a total of \$2,235.93 in the black for the year thus far. No matter **how good or bad** 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

COUNCIL MINUTES....FROM PAGE 4
 restrooms—etc. A lot of chit-chat followed. It was noted that the Promises Group had a great place to hold an event. Cindy had talked to Sue Scott, the administrator at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church at 604 N Valrico Rd, Valrico, FL 33594. She was very helpful and informative. She said the fellowship hall can accommodate up to 250 people. They request a love offering around \$200. That entitles us to the fellowship hall, kitchen, and bathrooms. If they have a church function the following day and have to call in a cleaning crew, we would be charged an additional \$125. There's no charge for insurance. we would need to be out by 9:30. It's about 20 miles (35 minutes) from Central Office, but I still think it's a viable possibility for the Anniversary Dinner and/or the Founder's Day dinner for 2018. The Promises meeting has had several dinners there, and it is nice and comfortable. Parking is not an issue. Tim also noted that others were also looking into other sites, so we should wait and see what they have before we vote on one site, for now. We have plenty of time. Harold noted that we are talking about a central location, it's usually for the people located in that location. We need to bring that thought here. Tim mentioned that Bill J. had won a First Edition Big Book at one of our events and was now offering it to use as a Raffle for our Anniversary Dinner in February 2018. **Announcements:** Harold announced that the Delegate's Luncheon July 2nd at the 3333 Club. Sue announced the Fall Roundup and an announcement for the Promises Group 7th Anniversary was made. An announcement for a Retreat in September was made. **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 **August 8, 2017** at 7:00 pm at the Central Office Suite # 104 South-East corner of building. See you there.....

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

RECOVERY RODEO



Please Join us for AA Workshops including Spanish workshops

28th Annual North Florida AFG Convention Recovery Rodeo

August 25-27, 2017

Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay
 2900 Bayport Drive
 Tampa, FL 33607
 813-874-1234

For details visit: AFGAREA9.ORG/Convention2017
 (online registration available)

HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS A RESULT OF THESE STEPS, WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS, AND TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS.

Carry The Message Day
 Saturday, September 23, 2017
 4 - 7 PM
 Dinner at 5 PM

Free to all attendees

Come learn about District Two service opportunities available to help you grow in recovery while carrying the message. Bring your sponsor and sponsees!

St. Mary's Hall
 St. Mary's Episcopal Church
 4311 W. San Miguel Street
 Tampa, FL

For more information or to volunteer, call/text Sarah S. at 702-521-7220 or email carrythemessage@aatampa.org

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September 22-24, 2017
 Day Spring Conference Center
 Ellenton, Florida
 Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>

11th Step Retreat For AA / Al-Anon

September 22-24, 2017
 DaySpring Conference Center (Map on Reverse)
 Ellenton, FL

Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>

Action Is The Key Word

31st ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP
 Action Is The Key Word
 Friday, Sept 1, 2017 to Monday, Sept 4, 2017
 FRIDAY 1PM REGISTRATION OPENS / 3PM SPEAKER
 Register online at:
www.tampabayfallroundup.com

SPEAKERS
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Candice M, Los Angeles, CA
 Butch M, Barrie, ON
 Juanita U, (AFG)
 Santa Fe, New Mexico

Sheldon F, Las Vega, NV
 June G, Los Angeles, Ca
 Tom U, Santa Fe New Mexico
 Tim H, Louisville, KY
 Teri K, Woodville, OH

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 OPEN TO THE AA COMMUNITY
 NO REG FEE REQUIRED

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 Traditional King/Double \$105 (1-2 guests) \$115 (3-4 guests)
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Action Is The Key Word

AA, AFG, Al-Atteen Meetings
 AA Movies All Weekend
 Friday
 TALENT SHOW 10pm
 SIGN UP ONLINE OR BY
 7PM AT REGISTRATION TABLE
 Saturday
 6:45am- Meditation-Carmen L.
 8:30 Late Riser Meditation
 7am 5K Walk/Run*
 6:30pm Speaker Banquet *
 10pm Dance
 Sunday
 6:45am Meditation - Carmen L.
 8:30 Late Riser Meditation
 4:30pm - Karaoke Poolside
 5:00pm Poolside Dinner Buffet *
 10 pm Play "Win It A Minute"

Fall Sobersticks October 13th, 14th & 15th 2017

Fun and Fellowship all weekend with camping, kayaking/canoeing and campfire morning meditation and 8pm campfire meetings

Stewart 813-455-7260
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\$5.00 per night per person (kids are free)
 Well Be-Haved pets are welcomed

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SSAASA

4th Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
 Co-hosted by Area 1 (AL & NW FL), Area 16 (GA) & Areas of the Southeast Region

November 10-12, 2017

All A.A. members are invited & encouraged to attend!

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 Atl. Airport North
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 \$139.00/Parking \$4.00
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What's Happening?
 • Service Workshops
 • Panel Discussions
 • Sharing SERVICE EXPERIENCE with others who have the same job and more!
 • AA Meetings

Holiday Inn - Atlanta - Reservations
 Online registration aaarea1.org/ssaasa.html

Registration Form Clip & Send

Name	AA Area #	Name on Badge	State	Zip
Address	City	E-mail		
Special Needs				
Service Commitments (Check all that apply)				
<input type="checkbox"/> AA Member <input type="checkbox"/> GSR or Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> DCM or Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Central Office or Intergroup <input type="checkbox"/> Area Committee or Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate or Alternate <input type="checkbox"/> Past Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
Willing to be of service at SSAASA?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate on a panel or workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Be a Greeter <input type="checkbox"/> Work at Registration Table <input type="checkbox"/> Lead an AA Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Be a Reader <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
Enclose check or money order: Early Bird (\$25) postmarked by Nov 1, 2017 No. Registrations _____ X \$25 = _____ (\$30 at the door) Total enclosed _____ (Please include a separate registration form for each participant.) SSAASA 2017 PO Box 831 Satsuma, AL 36572				

SSAASA flyer edition date August 30, 2016

Group	JULY	Y T D	Group	JULY	Y T D	Group	JULY	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King	213.04	629.04	Keystone Group	378.95	653.25	Simply Sobriety Women's		323.40
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			All Groups Keystone Group			Singleness of Purpose		109.43
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups		832.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	131.95	490.95
AA 101 Group	316.90	1,250.12	LateNighters Group			Sober @ 6 Group		147.55
AA Big Book Survival Gp.			Lemon Tree Group			Sober @ 7 Group	214.00	733.00
PC Keep it Simple All Gps Mtg			Life Enrichment Group			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
Alpha Group	120.00	480.00	Live and Let Live Group		172.50	Sober on Saturday Group		160.00
Anniversary Dinner 2017		5,017.28	Living in the Solution	290.00	890.00	Soberilla		833.12
7th Tradition Basket		195.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		200.00	SoberSticks Event		100.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2017		184.00	Lunch Bunch Group			Soberstock Committee	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2017			Lutz @ Noon	13.00	82.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	30.00	70.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Mad Dogs Group		86.72	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Anonymous Donations	6.52	660.59	Mainly Sober Group		102.00	Sobrenity Group		201.54
As Bill Sees It--Brandon	355.00	620.00	Mapledale Group			Sobrenity 31st Anniversary		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		266.95	Mid Day Matinee Group		1,330.16	Solutions Group		422.38
Attitude of Gratitude Group		100.00	Monday Night Madness		75.64	Southshore Men's Group	233.00	507.95
Barracks Brigade Group		219.50	Morning Express Group			Southside Men's Group		
Bel-Mar Group		105.30	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Southside Men's Group # 2		230.00
Bill & Bob's Excellent Adventure			Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group	100.00	250.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		22.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	104.00	433.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	93.00	1,575.50	Step Sisters in Sobriety		130.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt			New Beginnings Brandon	86.00	867.15	Step at a Time Group		
Brandon Tues. Big Book			New Beginnings-(Our Club)		486.34	Stepping Stones Group (w)	115.00	370.16
BYO 12 & 12 Group		208.00	Newcomers Group			Sun City Center Group	38.90	114.62
Came To Believe Group	455.00	919.87	New Day Group		65.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		625.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	325.00	325.00	New Hope Big Book		199.61	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	425.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof		50.00	New Way Women's Group	300.00	500.00	Sunshine Group		
Carrollwood Group		132.60	Nightly Newcomers Group	1.37	1.37	Suvivors Big Book Group		
Chancey Road Group		118.00	Nooners Group--Riverview	59.99	204.53	Sweet Surrender Group		180.00
Clean Air Group		125.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	35.79	346.13	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		322.67
Design for Living Group		51.80	Noontime Celebration Gp.		100.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	593.70	601.39
Dover Group		95.16	N. Brandon Open Forum			Tampa Palms Big Book		150.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	161.79	265.77	Northdale Group	157.30	242.39	Tampa Palms Monday Men's	100.00	504.00
Expect a Miracle Group		343.00	Odessa Group		503.75	Tampa Recovery Group	100.00	100.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	28.64	328.64	Old School Group	1,000.00	1,000.00	Temple Terrace Men's		
FCYPAA Convention			Oldsamar Group			TGIS Group		37.50
Fear Not Group		60.00	OldTimers Ask it Basket Mtg.			Thank God it's Friday Group		227.00
Fireside Group	259.22	924.39	Oldtimer's Group - JC		178.00	The 164 Group	25.00	25.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		134.28	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		264.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		
Fresh Start Group		75.00	One Day at a Time Group		200.00	The 164 Group USF		40.00
Friday Night Lights Group	62.00	400.39	Palma Ceia Group		190.79	The Meeting Place Group		
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			Palma Ceia Big Book Group		200.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		209.95
Friday Night Step Study		81.00	Pathfinders Group			To Improve Conscious	134.00	226.00
Friday Night Women's Group		195.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		195.00	Town & Country Men's Group		
Friday Women's Friendship		200.00	Plank Owners Group	110.00	440.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		2.13	Plant City Keep it Simple	30.00	192.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		89.05
Grapevine Gals Group	135.44	325.97	Primary Purpose Group	94.25	94.25	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		100.00
Happy Hour Group YANA			Promises Meeting Group		530.83	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		150.00	Prosperity AA Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		230.00
Hide-A-Way Group		976.48	Recovery Bootcamp Group		3.25	Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night		
High Nooners Group		200.00	Red Chip Day			Wed Night Step Workshop	25.00	45.00
Hi- Nooners Group		100.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	202.31	477.31	Wed Keep it Simple Group		52.00
HOW Group		15.50	Riverside Group	30.00	118.10	Weedpatch Group		455.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.			Riverview Mens Blackbelt	14.29	31.72	Wellspring Group		200.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book		103.06	Rush Hour Serenity Group	64.08	263.67	Wesley Chapel Group	256.75	694.85
Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		50.00	With Room to Grow Group		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	49.38	429.57	Safe Haven Group		100.00	Women's Friendship Group		537.79
Keeping it Simple Group		162.50	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		1,000.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety	41.60	109.85
			Saturday Night Live Group		192.30			
			Seekers of Serenity II Group	15.17	48.12			
			Seminole Heights Big Book					
Total	2,691.93		Total	2,975.50		Total	3,113.90	
	YTD Total	19,092.11		YTD Total	15,380.38	Monthly Total	8,781.33	
							YTD Total	12,353.15
						Grand Total	46,825.64	