



# Tri-County Central Office News

## HAPPY VALENTINES!!!

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### Gateway to Sanity

The words of the Second Step struck me with a kind of elemental force—a force I recognized as truth the first time I read them in southern Arizona after my husband had called AA for help. My first reaction was anger toward him for letting “other people,” as I put it, share in the secrets of our married life. It was 1966—we knew nothing about AA—and I didn’t think it was anyone’s business if I drank a little or a lot. And anyway, I had pressures in my marriage and job which made me special, and allowed the letting-off of a little steam each night! My rationalizing, of course, was the mirror image of Step Two: I believed that through the force of my own will and intelligence, I could shape the world into my personal concept of sanity! But in my heart of hearts, I knew that something was terribly wrong, that my personal life and my marriage were headed for some kind of disaster. My husband’s academic career was going nowhere, and our marriage, instead of growing in strength as the years went by, was degenerating into a sodden and nonproductive drinking partnership. Each morning, we would drag ourselves out of bed, eat something if we could, or—if the hangover was too intense—sip beer until it stayed down and the morning “glow” from alcohol temporarily replaced the horror of the early morning shakes. Then we were off to work, trying to nurse ourselves through the day, living first for lunch, always laced with a few drinks, and then for dinner, inevitably preceded by a fifth of Scotch. This was quietly consumed in our little home out on the Arizona desert, blinds and drapes drawn, air conditioner efficiently whirring. Often, even before dinner came around, unconsciousness would overtake us, and we would awaken again at dawn, facing the whole dreadful cycle all over again. But my husband *did* call AA, and that evening a wonderful man who was to become our lifelong sponsor walked into our lives, smiling outrageously and carrying an armload of AA literature. His obvious delight and happiness with life was at such variance with the absolutely horrendous story he told us of his many years of disastrous drinking that we listened to him in wonder and astonishment. Could this serene man be saying something that had to do with *our* situation? He left after an hour—we had hidden our drinks in the closet when he came—and we made strong new Scotches and sat down to read the literature he had left. And then it happened—that sense that the Big Book, the “Twelve and Twelve,” and pamphlets had been designed and written with me in mind. We pored over each sentence, as we poured more and more drinks, and we read all the literature that had been left, exclaiming to each other, “Hey, listen to this!” or “My God, doesn’t this sound like us!” or “This is *exactly* the way I feel!” We were utterly charmed, that special AA lightning had struck, and we passed out in the middle of the night, still talking about the magic of the evening—our sponsor-to-be and the literature—not realizing then that we had had, a day at a time, our last drink. In the morning, we looked at each other in the knowledge that something special and different had

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### Personality Change

In the book *As Bill Sees It—the AA Way of Life*, it is stated,...no true alky ever stops drinking permanently without undergoing a profound personality change. This statement has frequently puzzled me. Recently, at discussion meetings, I have been led to believe that others also are confused about it. I went to Webster’s Dictionary and found these definitions: “1. Personality—the quality or fact of being a person. 2. Personality—the quality or fact of being a particular person, personal identity; individuality. 3. Personality—habitual patterns and qualities of behavior of any individual as expressed by physical and mental activities and attitudes; distinctive individual qualities of a person considered collectively.” I broke down the third definition into four parts: habitual patterns, qualities of behavior, physical activities, and mental attitudes. Before AA, my habitual patterns and physical activities were from bar to bar and bottle to bottle. My qualities of behavior were, for the most part, lousy; my mental attitudes, for the most part, “stinking thinking.” During my time in AA, much of this has changed. I have no halo, but my wife tells me I am now a pleasure to have around. My physical activities are from meeting to meeting, and my mental attitude is one of gratitude for this gift of sobriety, which I must never take for granted. My habitual patterns include a prayer for guidance each morning and a prayer of thanks each night. My qualities of behavior—and this I even notice myself—are much better. Hence, I believe I may have attained a personality change., if not profound, very close to it. Like a spiritual awakening, it unfolded gradually yet firmly. “Stinking thinking” will creep in, but I have always remembered something a teacher once told me: “Thoughts are like birds. You can’t stop a bird from flying into your hair, but you can stop him from building a nest there.”

D.B., Glen Gardner, N.J.

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On Saturday, January 7th, 2017 we were here to do our annual Physical Inventory. That’s where we have to count all items for sell here at the Office, this is part of our auditing process. Only one person showed up.

On Saturday, January 14th, 2017 we here again at the Central Office and conducted our annual Physical Inventory. This time we had some help. We started around 9:30 am and ended around 12:30 pm. I just wanted to give a shout-out to those who came in to help:

Jan B. from the **Nightly Newcomers Group**, Diane S. from the **Sober @ 7 Group**, Heidi W. and Cindy L. from the **Simply Sobriety Group**, Jennifer B. from the **Solutions Group**, Brenda W. from the **Sweet Surrender Group**, Martin S. from the **Sobriety Group**, Larry B. from the **AA 101 Group**, John B. from the **Solutions Group**, and Steve S. from the **Experience, Strength, and Hope Group**.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!!**

**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 January 14th (2017) meeting of TBAIC was opened by chair Susan O.; leading the “Serenity Prayer”.

Linn D. distributed the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the contributions expenses. Martin G. has assumed the position of Alternate Chair; previously filled by Jim S. Linn D. has assumed the position of Treasurer; previously filled by Tom F. Scott S. has assumed the position of Secretary; previously filled by Larry B.

Susan O. (Chair) attended the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly; hosted by District 7, held January 6th – 8th, 2017 in Sarasota.

Treatment’s Bridging the Gap needs a Chairperson at the Area level. Position is funded by the Area; requires 2-years of sobriety, participation in Assemblies and able to attend out of state workshop(s). When going into detox centers, please tell patients about the Bridge the Gap program and refer to the stamp on the literature provided. There are currently 69-meetings being held in 19-treatment facilities and there were 11-bridges last quarter.

Corrections has positions open at the area level; Alternate Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. There are currently 12-meetings a week brought into jails and prisons.

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

Susan O. announced the 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. Martin G to follow up on obtaining necessary permits.

Heidi requested 2-TBAIC “cans” for her home group—The Solutions Group. Susan O will provide one; can be used a guide for making another. Flyer for around the “can” is available on the TBAIC website. Ruth N. indicated that the timing changes associated with the Pasco Detention Center meetings are working out well; meeting sizes are more manageable. Ruth N. requested 12-Living Sober books for use at the Veteran’s facility (on Tuesdays). Group approved. Additionally, ask if little Big Books could be brought into the DACCO facility? Group agreed that they could.

Committee Member Changes Martin G. – Alternate Chair (813-516-0557) Linn D. – Treasurer (813-777-3077) Scott S. – Secretary (813-765-7376)

**Motions**

Request to retroactively reimburse the Chair Person’s Lodging and Gas expenses for the January Assembly. Motion to approve by Allen D, 2nd by Ruth N., all approved. Request to reimburse the Chair Person’s Lodging (limited to 1-night) and Gas expenses when attending future Assemblies. Motion to approve by Allen D, 2nd by Ruth N., all approved. Next Meeting February 11, 2017

**Ytd contributions, \$ 1417.45**  
**\$spent on literature, \$1417.15**  
**YTD expenses, \$253.71**  
**Pink can balance as of 1/14/16 \$693.87**

**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**

**February 11th, 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:**

**AA101 \$165.45, Brandon big book study \$50.00, Early risers \$117.97, Freedom in sobriety \$200.00, Live and let live \$16.00, Monday night men's -St. James \$131.00, New begining group Brandon \$63.52, Noone Group \$34.56, Old school group \$171.73, Rush hour serenity group \$60.75, Ruskin fellowship Sunday \$49.00, Staying alive @ 5:45 \$203.00, Keystone Group \$26.00, Sunshine Group \$15.00, Womens Friendship go up \$79.20**

**TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members**

<b>Susan O. - Chair</b>	<b>813-325-6538</b>
<b>Jim S. — Alternate Chair</b>	<b>813-679-9130</b>
<b>Linn D. — Treasurer</b>	<b>813-777-3007</b>
<b>Open Alt. Treasurer</b>	<b>937-474-8358</b>
<b>Open – Secretary</b>	<b>813-215-8423</b>
<b>Nancy B.— Alt. Secretary</b>	<b>813-872-0262</b>
<b>Open- Hills Jails -</b>	
<b>Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Cydney P. Hills Women’s Jails</b>	<b>813-475-1136</b>
<b>Scott R. Detox &amp; Treatment</b>	<b>813-727-8839</b>
<b>Ruth N. - E Pasco Jail-Women’s</b>	<b>813-629-1547</b>
<b>Chris D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-857-5400</b>
<b>Michele S. --Women’s Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-507-5796</b>
<b>Jim S. — Men’s Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-679-9130</b>
<b>Open- Pre-Release</b>	
<b>Open- Juvenile</b>	

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entered our lives. Our sponsor was coming in the evening to take us to our first meeting, and we spent most of the day continuing to go over the literature, especially the Steps and Traditions. The First Step immediately made a great sense to me because it suggested that I merely admit that I was powerless over alcohol and that my life was unmanageable. But the Second Step posed an urgent problem, I felt, because it suggested I must believe in some strange, far-off power greater than me who could restore my sanity! What is this? Am I insane, as suggested? Why, I had a quite successful career which flowed from my university achievements. I had taken pride in my intellectual attainments, my "superior" brain, the quality of my reasonable and tolerant nature. Now am I to think of myself as insane? And what about this concept of a power greater than me? Formal religion and I parted company some years before, and I wondered what, if anything, I had to believe if I joined AA. I went over the first two Steps again. I had certainly come to the realization, subconsciously if not consciously, that I was powerless over alcohol, and when I saw the words in clear black print, I knew somehow I could accept them. And my husband and I knew that our best attempts to properly manage our lives had come to nothing—that we were in the grip of dark forces over which we seemed to have no control whatsoever. But that Second Step which alluded to the insanity of our present lives and the need of some greater power necessitated for me a leap into what seemed terribly risky darkness. Yet that early faith in AA was already present. I had the feeling deep down that the program *must* be correct, and that I had little choice but to throw myself without reservation into the full arena of the Steps. I had tried diligently with my intellect to understand myself and my drinking, and to control and properly manage my life. All my efforts had not only failed, but failed abjectly and totally. So I listened to that inner voice saying, "Accept, try, have hope! Just perhaps, something might work here!" And my life of day-to-day sobriety began, a life satisfaction and joy beyond my wildest, most alcoholic dreams. When I discovered through reading AA history and listening to old-timers about how the Second Step came to be, tears came to my eyes—and again I had that strange, almost mystical feeling that AA's principles had been hammered out with me in mind! Bill W. tells us that since Ebby's notable visit to him in the fall of 1934, the program was basically word-of-mouth, with most of the basic program ideas coming from the Oxford Group, William James, and Dr. Silkworth. There were six major ideas, ranging from acceptance and powerlessness to the need for a full inventory. The sixth concept seems closest to our present Second Step. It read, as Bill remembers, "We prayed to whatever God we thought there was to practice these precepts." Bill realized, as he put it, that these "...six chunks of truth should be broken up into smaller pieces." So the first version of the Twelve Steps was written, the number twelve coming up quite accidentally. The revised Second Step read, "Came to believe that God could restore us to sanity," and immediately controversy began. Bill says there were conservative, liberal, and radical viewpoints. Some felt the Christian message should dominate, while others would have nothing to do with doctrinal issues. They emphasized that the Fellowship was

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spiritual, not religious. Many who read the Steps wanted the word "God" taken entirely out, while others wanted a clear religious statement throughout. The final version of the Steps reflects the force and value of these heated early discussions, and attempts to strike a balance, making AA open to all, regardless of personal beliefs, or no beliefs at all. And the particular decision regarding the vital Second Step seems particularly providential. Bill doesn't remember who first suggested the actual compromise words, but he says, "In Step Two we decided to describe God as a 'power greater than ourselves,'" and "we inserted the words 'God as we understood Him'" in Steps Three and Eleven, deleted the expression "on our knees" from Step Seven, and added, as a lead-in sentence, "Here are the steps we took which are suggested as a program of recovery." I still feel a bit of a shiver when I read this history, because I wonder if I could have accepted a Step like the Oxford Group sixth concept or the Second Step as it appeared in the first version of the Twelve Steps. No, I doubt it. I needed exactly the freedom and openness and tolerance so beautifully expressed in the Step as it was finally decided upon. In fact, Bill said—in referring to the heated discussions and final compromise language—that "such were the final concessions of those of little or no faith; this was the great contribution of our atheists and agnostics. They had widened our gateway so that all who suffered might pass through, regardless of their belief or *lack of belief*." It is paradoxically the strength of surrender and acceptance of help from a "Power greater than ourselves" which set me free from those tight bonds of alcoholic thinking and drinking. The Second Step in its careful language which denies no one, along with the other Steps similarly structured, provides an infinitely wide acceptance pathway. In reflecting on the final formulation of the Second Step, and the other eleven, Bill says, "God was certainly there in our Steps, but He was now expressed in terms that anybody—*anybody at all*—could accept and try. Countless AAs have since testified that without this great evidence of liberality they never could have set foot on any path of spiritual progress or even approached us in the first place. It was another one of those providential ten-strikes." Yes, some time spent reflecting on how the Second Step became so central in our program teaches me again how fortunate I am. We came to believe—perhaps not instantly but in good time—that a power greater than ourselves—however we as free individuals wish to define or perceive this power—could "restore us to sanity." For me, this was the full education of my AA program, the gradual realization of who I was, where I should be headed, and the source of joy and serenity in my life.

Jan P., Spokane, Wash.  
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**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

**January 10th, 2017** the Board of Directors for Central Office

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
LARRY B.	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
ROB L.	VICE-CHAIR	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
OPEN	TREASURER	
MINDY W.	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
PEDRO P.	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Larry B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones.

**Office Managers Report:** Bob read the Office Managers report for December. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. At that time the Office Manager's review was presented. The Office Manager received a good evaluation and it was also decided to present the Office Manager and the Martin who handles the After Hour Phones and works part-time at the Office with a 50 cent raise each. Tim thanked everyone. **Secretary Report:** Tim read the December minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Tim presented the December Treasurers Report. We were \$2,311.54 in the red for the month and \$5,066.54 in the red for the year. After some discussion a motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** There was continued discussion about the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February. There was some brief discussion concerning the event and it was decided to continue at the Council meeting as we updated info concerning the different committees. **New Business:** A brief discussion about how to do the Sobriety Countdown for the Anniversary event The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Larry opened the Council Meeting** in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He then asked for everyone to please turn down your cell phones. Information sheets were handed out to new Council members. New Council members and/or updated Council member information are as follows, David S. from the Midday Matinee, Chris W. from the Nightly Newcomers, Robert H. from the Keep it Simple Men's, Amanda L. from the Mustard Seed, Ron H. from the Live and Let Live, Scott G. also from the Live and Let Live, Sarah H. from the TGIS, Chris H. from the Plant City Keep it Simple, Diane S. from the Sober @ Seven, Richard E. from New Tampa Monday Night Men's, Mike M. from Sobrenity, Benji R. from Monday Night Madness and Ray D. from Keystone. **Office Managers Report:** Debby read the Office Managers report for December. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Mike read the December Council minutes. A question was asked about bringing side dishes to the Anniversary event. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Tim presented the December Treasurers Report. We were \$2,311.54 in the red for the month and \$5,066.54 in the red for the year. After some discussion a motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Tim explained that we were unable to complete the physical inventory because only one person showed up. We would try it again next Saturday. Tammy went over all

**January 10th, 2017** the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
JEFF M.	CARDINAL GROUP
SCOTT G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
CHANTAL K.	NEW HOPE BIG BOOK GROUP
TIM B.	SUNDAY SPEAKERS GROUP 3333
THOMAS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ROBERT H.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BENJI R.	MONDAY NIGHT MADDESS GROUP
SARAH H.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
CINDI M.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
AMANDA L.	MUSTARD SEED GROUP
DAVE G.	164 GROUP
CINDY L.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOME'S GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
CHRIS H.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TREVOR S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
DAVID S.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
RAY D.	KEYSTONE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
MAM N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
KATHIE N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
MIKE M.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ISAAC M.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
LARRY G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

details of the food we would be serving at the Anniversary Dinner and all that it entailed. Total would be around \$577.84 but we would be getting a little bit of that back once we returned the stands and some other minor details. It was noted that we still need sterno for the burners and also not to use Hot Pink or White tickets for the 50/50 raffle because that is what they are using for the Cakewalk raffle. **New Business:** Everyone was reminded that we will need volunteers to help with our Physical Inventory January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Some announcements were made and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MIKE P.	02/26/15	2 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE H.	02/13/07	10 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SHARON B.	02/11/11	6 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BRYAN A.	02/21/01	16 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BILL F.	02/12/06	11 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CARL M.	02/02/16	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RYAN Y.	02/24/13	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	HALA L.	02/04/02	15 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	PAZETTA	02/20/02	15 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KATHY A.	02/23/81	36 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	PAULA B.	02/03/81	36 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH L.	02/08/11	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DAMIEN B.	02/04/10	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	LISA C.	02/03/97	20 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	LESLIE S.	02/19/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TED R.	02/19/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK D.	02/04/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	LARA C.	02/07/12	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE K.	02/01/12	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BRIAN B.	02/10/05	12 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK L.	02/16/89	28 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	PEGGY D.	02/10/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	VIKKI	02/28/12	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	BARBARA N.	02/12/09	8 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DIANE S.	02/10/88	29 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW WAY WOMEN'S GROUP	MARY H.	01/08/04	13 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z.	01/16/89	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED S.	01/05/86	31 YRS

**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

**SELF-SUPPORT-January, 2017**

© Today in January of 2017 we have 222 Groups with 556 meetings a week. Contributions in January totaled \$7,353.82. That accounts for what 55 Groups out of 222 Groups in our area have contributed in January. This also takes into account the \$79.00 from 3 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and \$67.05 from the Promises Group special Gratitude. Also included in this amount is \$960.00 collected from pre-Tri-County Central Office Anniversary Dinner ticket sells. Our total income for January was \$16,073.52. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,795.46. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,278.06. Our Total Expenses for January were \$8586.01. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$692.05 for the month of January. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we continue to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support . Thank you for all of your support !!!

**TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE  
42nd ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
SPEAKER MEETING**

**Saturday February 11th, 2017**

**Christ the King Church  
821 South Dale Mabry  
Tampa, Florida 33629**



**Doors Open @ 5:00 pm**



**Dinner @ 6:00 pm**

**Tickets for the Dinner: \$15.00**

**Cuban Dinner prepared by  
Riverview Fresh Market**



**Speaker @ 7:00 pm**

**Speaker: Sarah O.**

**(Expect a Miracle Group)**

**Sobriety Date: 5/20/1974**

*Seating Limited to 220*



**Sobriety Countdown-50/50 Raffle—Cakewalk Raffle  
& More**

**Tickets available at Central Office and thru Board  
& Council Members**

**MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA**

Our 14th Year  
  
**Steps To Sobriety**  
 Feb. 24,25,2017



With **Myers R.**  
 Dallas Texas

**Place On The Water**  
 Calvary Episcopal Church  
 1615 1st Street  
 Indian Rocks Beach  
 Florida, 33785

[www.stepstosobriety.com](http://www.stepstosobriety.com)

Pre registration By 2/01/2017 \$20.00  
 Registration After 2/02/2017 \$25.00  
 Contact Warren 727-365-0661  
 Jim 727-251-3188, Maria 727-251-2188  
 Make Checks Out to: Steps To Sobriety  
 Mail To: 3001 Karen Ave, Largo FL33774  
 Room Max 150 People

**Work Shop Starts**  
 Fri. 7 PM  
 Sat. 9 AM

**Door Prizes**  
**Raffle's**  
**Food**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Annual Florida A.A. Archives Workshop**



*Documenting our history,  
 How important is it ?*



**Saturday, February 18th 2017**  
**9AM - 5PM**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**3377 Aloma Avenue**  
**Winter Park FL. 32792**

Registration - \$15.00 per person, includes Lunch.

Lake Yale Baptist  
 Conference Center  
 39034 County Road 452  
 Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: 352-483-9800  
 Web Site: <http://www.lybcc.org>

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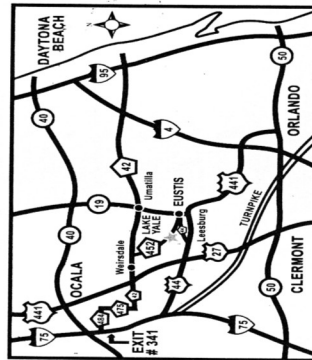


**Spiritual Retreat**  
**for A.A. & Al-Anon**



**LAKE YALE**  
**CONFERENCE CENTER, FL**  
**MARCH 10-12, 2017**

Online Registration Available:  
[www.retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com)



SUGGESTED WEB DRIVING DIRECTIONS:  
<http://www.lybcc.org/about-us/directions/>

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

**13th ANNUAL SOBERSTOCK 2017**

Friday - Sunday,  
 March 17th, 18th & 19th, 2017  
 A 3-day weekend AA/Alanon/Alateen event  
 featuring speakers, meetings, bands,  
 food & fellowship.



This festival is open to all members of AA/Alanon and their families.  
 Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature  
 for District 2 Jails & Institutions  
 remaining profits going to the area pie chart.

[www.soberstock.com](http://www.soberstock.com)

**Sweet Surrender**

(AKA The Music Meeting)

**Spring Fling**

Enrich your program with some music, food, fellowship,  
 experience, strength, and hope!

**Speaker: Jaten**

**Thursday, March 23**

Catered Dinner from  
 Riverview Fresh Market Provided

Doors Open: 5:45  
 Dinner: 6:00  
 Speaker: 7:00

**New Hope United Methodist Church**  
**Meeting Hall (next to the church)**  
 121 North Knights Avenue, Brandon, Florida

301 HOUSE - 8601 BOWLES RD. TAMPA, 33637

*Valentine's Day*

**STEAK DINNER**

AND

**SPEAKER MEETING**

(PETE S. "AKA" TORQUE WITH 22 YEARS)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30  
 DINNER SERVED AT 5:00  
 SPEAKER AT 7:00

**TICKETS ARE \$10**

INCLUDES RIBEYE STEAK, SALAD,  
 POTATO, VEGGIES & DESSERT

**50/50 DRAWING AND**  
**GIFT BASKET RAFFLES!**

