



# Tri-County Central Office News

## HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

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### We Could Blow the Whole Thing

What if suddenly there was no AA? If, in some nightmare future, AA groups forgot all about the Twelve Traditions. Nothing in my life had prepared me for the six months through which I had just lived. Not my education, not my drinking, not my recovery in AA. I'd been assigned to the field as a representative for my company, to oversee the operation of an experimental system for mining copper in South America. It meant spending exactly 180 days cut off from civilization, living and working with a hard-drinking bunch of men from everywhere, assembled for the project. Fresh from the office, a lovely home and family, and an active life in AA locally, I was suddenly thrust into a dark and treacherous existence in a jungle camp, thousands of miles away. Right from the beginning, it was every man for himself. There were bosses and sub-bosses, some of whom knew only the authority born of physical violence. Cliques were everywhere, and because of the extreme isolation, men's nerves wore thin. Recreation ended in drunken brawls almost every night. In the morning, sick and hung over, everyone got back to work. I kept asking myself, "What's a nice AA like you doing in a place like this?" At the end of my stint, there was only one thought in my mind: How fast can I get to a meeting? As it happened, there was a day's layover on my trip home, and I knew there'd be a meeting somewhere nearby. I remember the feeling of excitement as, in the rented car, I pulled out of the hotel parking lot. My International AA Directory was safe at my side, and my anticipation grew as I found the street, and then the address of the meeting. What a welcome sight that church was, as I walked briskly to the side door. I could almost smell the coffee, and I reached for the handle. The door was locked. In fact, there wasn't a sign of life anywhere. I checked the directory, and it showed clearly I was in the right place. A glance at my watch told me the meeting scheduled should begin in ten minutes. I scratched my head--where was everyone?--and I walked back to the car. I stood on the street for a few minutes more, and when no one appeared, I shrugged and got in, and turned on the light. Well, I thought, there should be another meeting somewhere nearby. Looking down the list, I found a Step group across town. Within a few minutes, I pulled up to a large church, its lights beckoning everywhere. My enthusiasm was short-lived, however. A thorough search of the parish house revealed a number of empty rooms, one vestry meeting, and no AA to be found. The eerie feeling that had begun to grow in me now turned to anger. What the heck was going on here? I left the church and headed my car back out of town, toward my hotel. As I drove, I ranted and raved. Some way to treat a visitor! I was sure nothing like this could ever happen back home--we knew how to keep AA together a lot better! I was halfway through the blistering letter I'd fire off to the AA General Service Office upon my return home, as I pulled into the hotel lot and went to my room. Still grouching, I went to bed. The next morning, as I stepped out of the shower, I hadn't shaken off the indignant rage that haunted me.

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### THE STATUS OF "SLIPPERS"

In the first pamphlet put out in Alcoholics Anonymous, "**A Manual for Alcoholics Anonymous**" published in early 1940, shortly after the Big Book, by AA Group No. 1, Akron, Ohio, Dr. Bob's Home Group, is the following statement about the status of "Slippers". Dr. Bob probably was instrumental in the writing and distributing of this pamphlet.

**"An Alcoholic Anonymous is an alcoholic who through application of and adherence to rules laid down by the organization, has completely forsworn the use of any and all alcoholic beverages. The moment he wittingly drinks so much as a drop of beer, wine, spirits, or any other alcoholic drink he automatically loses all status as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous." That statement is still very true today, and will always be true.**

The following clarifies some misunderstandings that found among today's current Fellowship taking exception to this very important statement. As soon as a member wittingly takes a drop, they have broached the only requirement for membership, the desire to stop drinking, and they lose all status as a member ... They are always welcome back, of course, but they start over as newcomers, from day zero and counting again, to try to see and learn how they tried to short cut the program ... hopefully to learn how to not make the same mistakes again. The Program of Alcoholics Anonymous is one hundred percent effective for those who faithfully follow the rules. It is those who try to cut corners who find themselves back in their old drunken state, and newcomers again if they make it back alive. The opening paragraph of Chapter Five very plainly states who these people, the slippers, are, **those who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program**, who will not or cannot get honest with themselves. This, incidentally, implies that some of us may not make it, we may come to the program (**the Twelve Steps**) over and over and yet again and we still may not make it ... Why? For one reason only, we cannot get honest with ourselves. And if we do make it **we have to stay honest with ourselves**. To do that we must continue to practice the Steps, One Day At A Time. The book in the opening paragraph of the Foreword to the First Edition uses the word "**precisely**" ie, "**To show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered is the main purpose of this book...**" If we are to recover, we must follow the same path, the Program, **the Steps**, as **precisely** as we are able. One thing we must come to realize once and for all is that the "Fellowship" is **NOT** the "Program". **The Steps are the "Program"**. The Fellowship is where we learn to practice the Steps so that we can learn to form true partnerships with our Inner Self, with our Fellows and our Higher Power. Many have gotten sober and stayed sober with the Big Book and the Steps alone, not being in a place where a fellowship existed, or can exist, being sponsored by Bill and Dr. Bob in the first 164 pages, and in

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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 December 10th (2016) meeting of TBAIC was opened by chair Susan O. leading the "Serenity Prayer".

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report and reviewed the contributions expenses. The literature order was kept to minimum because of known upcoming expenses of approximately \$800.00.

Scott R. collected any corrections needed to revise the meeting schedules for meetings where TBAIC volunteers conducts a meeting. He wasn't sure if St. Joseph's Behavioral Health should still be on the meeting schedule. Susan O. will call St. Joseph's to verify. Also, coverage of the Wednesday night meeting at Town and Country needed to be checked into. Ruth N. will check on the Tuesday in-house meeting at the women's DACCO facility. One volunteer has been banned from coming into any DACCO facility. Another reminder that TBAIC abides by the facility's rules. Ruth N., of E. Pasco Women's, still has two meetings a week, but instead of all the women attend the meeting at the same time has been changed (Pod E Sunday and Pod D on Thursday). She has been soliciting her group for monies to obtain six (6) Grapevine subscriptions to use the Grapevine along with Living Sober. East Pasco has also started an Alanon meeting.

Chris D., Zephyrhills Men's, said there has been good attendance by both inmates and volunteers. One meeting had Eight (8) volunteers and eight (8) inmates. He also met with the new warden. Jim S. received no calls for Bridging the Gap.

In old business, the decision on the courtesy subscriptions to the Tri-County Newsletter was tabled for review until October 2017.

Literature orders, the little Big Books are top priority. Little 12 & 12's are ordered occasionally.

New business, literature requests were approved for ten (10) full sized Big Books for the DACCO library and six (6) subscriptions for the Grapevine magazine for the E. Pasco Women's facility.

Elections were held. Susan O. remains chairperson. Linn Durbin was elected Treasurer and the positions of Alternate Treasure and Secretary are now currently open positions.

"When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it." (12 & 12, pg. 106)

**YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$25,326.09**  
**YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$22,431.54**  
**Money in Spending Account at Year End 2015 \$77.90**  
**YTD Money Spent on Literature \$22,408.66**  
**YTD Expenses \$1247.38**  
**Pink Can Balance as of 12/12/2015 \$168.27**  
**Pink Can Balance as of 12/10/2016 \$1,705.09**

**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**  
**January 14th, 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:

**AA 101 Group \$260.45; Anonymous \$31.17; As Bill Sees It Group Brandon \$61.93; As Bill Sees It Group Odessa \$7.00; Good Day AA & Staying Alive Groups \$219.00; Hide A Way Group \$125.35; High Nooner's Group \$108.86; HOW Group \$24.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$77.71; Kingsway Group \$220.20; Live and Let Live Group \$63.00; Morning Meditation Group \$208.00; New Beginnings Women's Group Brandon \$176.18; Noon Big Book Group (3333) \$95.66; Nooner's Group \$48.37; Odessa Group \$40.95; Old School Group \$151.87; Sisters In Sobriety Group \$124.88; Town & County Wednesday Group \$106.02; Turning Point Zephyrhills \$68.07; Women's Friendship Group \$73.31**

<b>TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members</b>	
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	

**We Could Blow the Whole Thing...from page One**

On an impulse, I looked at my watch. It was about half past ten in New York, and I knew GSO would be open. I picked up the phone, not trusting my anger to last till I returned home, and placed the call. The operator and I listened to the recording: "The number you have reached is not in service at this time." My shock was indescribable. A verifying operator obtained the same message, and I hung up. Now, for the first time, I was genuinely afraid. There was obviously something really wrong, and I wasn't sure I knew what to do. Funny, all I could think of was that old saw "Don't drink, and go to meetings." What a laugh! Later, I turned the car in at the airport and boarded a plane for home, arriving late that evening. Naturally, the first thing I did when I was settled in with my family was to get on the phone to some of my AA friends. There was no one home anywhere I called, and I felt the oddest sensation. I was suddenly in the Twilight Zone. Everything I knew about the AA program, all the tools I'd been using for the past few years, were suddenly gone! The next morning I was out early, and I drove to the roadside coffeehouse that had become the unofficial AA club. It had always provided an all-day meeting, of sorts, and surely there someone could tell me what was going on. There was only one car in the parking lot. I walked inside, and I saw only George T., who owned the place, sitting at the end of the counter. He greeted me warmly. "Well, hello, buddy. Where've you been? It's been an age since I've seen you!" I shook his hand eagerly but decided to skip the small talk. "George, what's going on?" I began at the beginning and told him of all the strange things that had happened to me. George never really changed expression, and when I finished my tale, he just looked at me. Then, staring into his coffee, he said, "Y'know, buddy, I'll bet you're the last guy on earth to hear the news, and I'm sure sorry I gotta be the one to tell you. It's all over, buddy--AA is just a figment of your alcoholic imagination now. It's all gone." I stared at him. "What are you saying?" "Just that, buddy. There is no more AA--not here, not anywhere!" "But--but how can that be?" I stammered. "Well now, that's a long story," George said, like a man retelling something for the umpteenth time. "It was a case of benign neglect, I guess you could say. Sort a slow, like a cancer, it was. You know, there was always lots a groups--thousands of them--and folks to carry the message all over the place. And that GSO office in New York to send out stuff. Who'd ever think a thing like that could just fall apart? But y'know, buddy, that's just what it did. It just went to seed and died," I couldn't speak. I just stared openmouthed at George. After a minute, he went on. "I guess it was in the spring, just after you left on that trip of yours, that we got a letter from New York appealing to all AAs for help. They said it felt like they were under attack from all sides, and the structure was beginning to fall apart. That rash of anonymity breaks, y'know, that started last fall --and that national telethon didn't help, with all those AAs getting their faces on TV. Seems like all our friends at the churches just started closing out our meetings faster than we could get new places. Didn't want any part of the 'new AA,' they said! "Then, in April, there was that last General Service Conference. Boy, it must've been something! See, there was this bloc of delegates that got together, nobody seemed to

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know how, and just took over! They said it was about time the real group conscience had its day. Threw out the whole board of trustees and did over the whole general service structure. Yep—they really did it, vote by vote. What a bunch of super salesmen! Of course, they were only the tip of the iceberg. It turned out they had a regular organized bunch of drunks all over the country. "Well, the rest was predictable. Before you could blink, they sent out a long 'restructure bulletin' from this new World AA Office, and they laid down a whole set of rules and new procedures, and began to badger the groups for pretty heavy 'donations.' In a few weeks, almost a third of all the groups in the whole Fellowship had already folded. They died like flies! The rest were all confused and couldn't cope with the load, plus all the bickering that broke out. Finally, I guess everybody just gave up. There've been some halfhearted attempts around town to keep it going, on an independent basis--y'know, in homes, here at the club--but believe me, it just ain't the same, if you know what I mean. Nobody feels like a part of anything anymore." I was stunned. When I finally found my voice, I said, "George, what happened to the Traditions? That's why we had the Twelve Traditions!" George blinked. "The Twelve what?" he asked. . . .Of course, it's all a fantasy. I'm not even a mining engineer. And one thing I've learned in AA is not to be an alarmist. Still, around the groups I attend, it does seem that we AAs sometimes get a little funny about the Traditions. That's what prompted me to wonder: What would happen if we all decided to let somebody else safeguard these twelve foundation stones? If you woke up one morning, and found there was simply no more AA, where would that leave you? Yeah, that's the feeling I got, too.

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**THE STATUS OF "SLIPPERS" from page One**

A meeting with their fellow alcoholics as they read the stories in the back of the book...They are the Loners, although they now, for the most part, have a fellowship going over the years via short-wave radio, letters, and now the net .As in so many things, especially with we alcoholics, **our History is our Greatest Asset!**.. We each arrived at the doors of AA with an intensive and lengthy "History of Things That **Do Not Work**" .. Today, In AA and In Recovery, Our History has added an intensive and lengthy "**History of Things That DO Work!!**" and We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it!! **Barefoot Bob**

**From the Central Office SERVICE DESK**

**A total of 239 phone calls were made to the Central Office in December: 228 for info on AA, 0 for info on Al-Anon, 9 messages for other inquiries, 2 requesting a Twelfth Step call, There were 176 walk-ins visits as well.**

**A total of 129 phone calls were made to the After Hours Hotline in December: 92 for info on AA, 17 for info on Al-Anon, 8 messages for other inquiries, 12 requesting a Twelfth Step call.**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

December 13th, 2016 the Board of Directors for Central Office		
BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
LARRY B.	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
ROB L.	VICE-CHAIR	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
ALEX K.	TREASURER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
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
Excused	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:** Peter read the Office Managers report for November. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Bob read the November minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Alex presented the November Treasurers Report. We were \$2,190.40 over budget for the month and we were \$5,210.35 in the red for the year. Questions were raised as to why we were so far off budget. After some discussion, it was decided that it was due to the monies put aside for the money market account. Tim was asked to try and include the Prudent Reserve and the money market account on our upcoming budget reports in order to give us a better overall picture of our finances. Alex informed everyone that he was going back to school and would no longer be able to fulfill his duties as a Board representative. It was decided to wait until next month to vote in a new Treasurer. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** There was continued discussion about the upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February. Tim informed the body that we would be having a Cuban style dinner and a good chance we will have the Cake Walk raffle. There was some discussion on speakers for the event. **New Business:** A motion was made to give Tim and Martin each a \$100.00 Christmas bonus. This was accepted, seconded and approved. Tim thanked everyone. Tim also reminded everyone of the Physical Inventory set for Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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 if anyone was new to the meeting, for everyone to please turn down your cell phones. Information sheets were handed out to new Council members. **Office Managers Report:** Peter read the Office Managers report for November. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Fred read the November Council minutes. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Alex presented the November Treasurers Report. We were \$2,190.40 over budget for the month and we were \$5,210.35 in the red for the year. Questions were raised as to why we were so far off budget. After some discussion, it was decided that it was due to the monies put aside for the money market account. Tim was asked to try and include the Prudent Reserve and the money market account on our upcoming budget reports in order to give us a better overall picture of our finances.

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

BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CIENA L.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
JERRY K.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
JON S.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
PEG M.	SUN CITY CENTER GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TREVOR S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JEFF M.	CARDINAL GROUP
LINN D.	KEYSTONE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
TAMMY J.	PROMISES GROUP
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
MEGAN F.	WOMEN'S SOBRIETEA GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
JUSTIN M.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
PAM C.	TURNING POINT GROUP
LOGAN C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
KATHIE N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
NOREEN M.	SOBRENITY GROUP
SHANE W.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
ISAAC M.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
FRED H.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP

Alex informed everyone that he was going back to school and would no longer be able to fulfill his duties as a Board representative. A question was asked about the literature sales. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** A lengthy discussion followed about the upcoming Anniversary Dinner. Tammy gave a well rounded presentation concerning her talks with the Fresh Market who will catering our food and also details and on what should be done since we would be having the Cake Walk raffle. With several people weighing in on different ideas as to what we would be having as our dinner, the menu was read and the different foods and prices were discussed. Do we have chicken or pulled pork, what kind of rice, what kind of side dishes. How about giving Tammy a general idea and leave it up to her, how should we spend, let's make sure we have enough---etc. The body was also reminded that Central Office had plenty of paper products and coffee supplies here for the event.

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUSAN S.	01/28/10	7 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BURKE	01/19/99	18 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED S.	01/15/86	31 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED P.	01/17/77	40 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	25 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SARAH G.	01/03/09	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JUNE T.	01/09/99	18 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	LYNN P.	01/11/08	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JEANETTE P.	01/01/15	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	34 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANDREA E.	01/05/15	2 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	01/02/11	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DAVID G.	01/24/95	22 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TERRY M.	01/05/83	34 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	PEGGY C.	01/01/14	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	SHELLY P.	01/10/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NANCY	01/13/11	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	VAL M.	01/19/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	LAURA M.	01/06/04	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JUNE T.	01/09/99	18 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	STEPHANIE C.	01/29/91	26 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	7 YRS
NEW TAMPA MENS GROUP	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	23 YRS
NEW WAY GROUP	ELLIE C.		30 YRS
BYO 12 & 12 GROUP	AL G.	12/02/86	30 YRS

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A motion was made to go with chicken and pork from the Fresh Market along with the side dishes and people could bring side dishes if they wanted to. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **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. The next Council Meeting will be **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Call in any Literature orders a day or two before the meeting so we can have them ready for you.

**SELF-SUPPORT-December, 2016**

© Today in December of 2016 we have 220 Groups with 535 meetings a week. Contributions in December totaled \$5,160.90. That accounts for what 42 Groups out of 220 Groups in our area have contributed in December. This also takes into account the \$107.00 from 5 members who contributed to the Birthday Club. Our total income for December was \$12,159.15. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,233.02. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,926.13. Our Total Expenses for December were \$9,837.67. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2,911.54 for the month of December. 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**

**Old Time A.A.**  
*A History Workshop*  
 Supporting Dr. Bob's Home



Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017  
 10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
 Christ the King Church  
 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy  
 Tampa Fl. 33609

**Gail L. Dr. Bob's Home - Tommy M. Largo FL.**  
**Jimmy M. Sarasota FL. - Don F. Ft. Lauderdale FL.**  
*(Breakfast & Lunch served)*

**History Workshop Registration Form**

Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 beginning December 29, 2016. Seating is limited. Pay via Paypal: <https://www.paypal.me/printallpromotions>

For more information call 352-777-4714 or email: [OldTimeAA@gmail.com](mailto:OldTimeAA@gmail.com). Fax or email completed form to: (888) 317-5474 or [OldTimeAA@gmail.com](mailto:OldTimeAA@gmail.com). If preferred, make check payable to: Old Time AA and mail with form to: 129 Fairmont Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets for Sale around the Tampa Bay Area**  
 Contact Tamara C. (850) 879-0562  
 Proceeds benefit Dr. Bob's Home  
 Lend a hand to those unable to pay the registration fee.  
 Sponsorship Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



THE '164 GROUP PRESENTS:  
**SOBERILLA**



**STEP WORKSHOP**

JANUARY 28, 2017 9:00AM - 5PM

REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$10

**SPAGHETTI LUNCH INCLUDED**  
 (\*PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE)

**ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 15520 NORTH BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33613  
 DIRECTIONS: I-275 TO BEARSS AVE - WEST TO NORTH BLVD  
 TURN RIGHT (NORTH) TO ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH ON LEFT.

**What's The Point ?!?!**

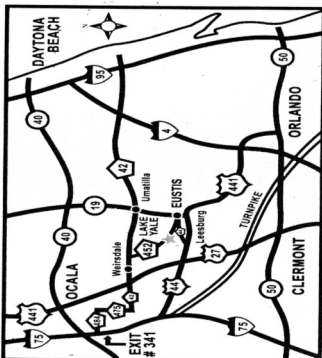
**"Twelve Steps to Emotional Sobriety ~  
 Living Life in the Mainstream"**

Speaker: Wayne B. -- St. Petersburg, Florida  
 January 20, 21 & 22, 2017

Residence Inn Marriott ~ 2101 Northpointe Pkwy,  
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Lake Yale Baptist  
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 39034 County Road 452  
 Leesburg, FL 34788

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 Calvary Episcopal Church  
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Pre registration By 2/01/2017 \$20.00  
 Registration After 2/02/2017 \$25.00  
 Contact Warren 727-365-0661

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

**Door Prizes**  
 Raffle's  
 Food

Jim 727-251-3188, Maria 727-251-2188  
 Make Checks Out to: Steps To Sobriety  
 Mail To: 3001 Karen Ave, Largo FL.33774  
 Room Max 150 People

**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.

Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		740.00	Keystone Group		900.85	Sisters in Sobriety Group		1,554.72
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups		480.00	Sober @ 6 Group	110.00	270.00
A.A. 101 Group		1,582.19	Kingsway Group	123.00	765.00	Sober @ 7 Group	288.50	1,278.16
AA Big Book Survival Gp.		20.00	Last Call Meeting			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		481.00
PC Keep it Simple All Gps Mtg			LateNighters Group		53.75	Sober on Saturday Group	59.00	532.22
Alpha Group		660.00	Late Night Red Door Group			Sober Spirits Group		
Anniversary Dinner 2016		2,591.43	Lemon Tree Group		411.15	SoberSticks Event		100.00
7th Tradition Basket		93.00	Life Enrichment Group		400.40	Soberstock Committee		193.75
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2016		329.00	Live and Let Live Group		440.26	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		371.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		1,099.00	Living in the Solution		907.00	Sobriety at Sunset Group		808.47
Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	LivingSobier/As Bill Sees It		714.00	Sobrenity Group		325.13
Anonymous Donations	107.76	1998.41	Lunch Bunch Group		121.26	Sobrenity 30th Anniversary		635.25
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		470.68	Lutz @ Noon	12.00	134.00	Solutions Group		1,841.58
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		1,107.86	Mad Dogs Group		150.00	Southshore Men's Group		152.75
Attitude of Gratitude Group		200.00	Maple Dale Group		50.00	Southside Men's Group		
Barracks Brigade Group			Mid Day Matinee Group	413.49	1,837.04	Southside Men's Group # 2	65.00	358.00
Bel-Mar Group		103.35	Monday Night Madness		0.13	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Bill & Bob's Excellent Adventure		530.00	Morning Express Group		235.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Bill D's Group		375.00	Morning Group -Zephyrhill	200.00	400.00	Spiritual Growth Group		425.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	107.00	880.00	Mustard Seed Group		50.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		37.15
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		181.20	New Beginnings - Brandon			Step Sisters in Sobriety		260.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		61.00	New Beginnings Women's		140.00	Step at a Time Group		673.40
BYO 12 & 12 Group	58.00	587.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	275.00	855.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		517.56
Came To Believe Group	325.00	1,405.07	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		1,371.59	Sun City Center Group		90.68
Cardinal Group - Odessa		943.09	Newcomers Group		286.77	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	825.00
Carrollwood Group		101.54	New Day Group		130.00	Sunshine Group		195.19
Clean Air Group	25.00	75.00	New Hope Big Book	80.41	309.67	Suvivors Big Book Group		20.00
Design for Living Group		96.00	New Tampa Mon. Night Men's		350.00	Sweet Surrender Group		155.96
Dover Group		244.36	New Way Women's Group	100.00	1,200.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		1,038.59
Early Risers Group - Joe's		357.44	Nightly Newcomers Group	225.00	743.03	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		261.88
Expect a Miracle Group		395.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		317.66	Tampa Palms Big Book		400.00
Experience, Strength & Hope		550.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	45.79	1,620.30	Tampa Recovery Group		75.00
FCYPAA Convention		248.36	Noontime Celebration Gp.		250.00	Temple Terrace Men's		33.00
Fireside Group		1,239.78	N. Brandon Open Forum		50.00	TGIS Women's Group		
Freedom in Sobriety Group	173.33	284.26	Northdale Group		151.45	Thank God it's Friday Group		312.00
Friday Night Lights Group	59.00	703.00	Odessa Group		443.00	The 164 Group	75.00	200.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream		200.00	Old School Group	1,200.00	3,600.00	The 164 12 Step Workshop		569.00
Friday Night Lights Movie Night			Old School Group All Gps			The 164 Group USF		100.00
Friday Night Women's Group		487.50	Oldsmar Group		5.00	The Meeting Place Group		127.00
Friday Women's Friendship		65.00	OldTimers Ask it Basket Mtg.		193.00	The Next Frontier Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		70.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		461.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		200.00
Good Start Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		767.89	To Improve Conscious		1.57
Grapevine Gals Group		371.79	One Day at a Time Group	100.00	500.00	Town & Country Men's Group		380.00
Happy Hour Group YANA		300.00	Palma Ceia Group	0.57	557.67	Town & Country Wed. Group		500.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		325.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Tues Big Book Study Gp.		331.11
Hide-A-Way Group	444.68	1,563.12	Pathfinders Group		30.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		50.00
High Nooners Group		100.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		143.00	Uptown/Downtown Group	100.00	100.00
Hi- Nooners Group		100.00	Plank Owners Group		240.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		175.00
HOW Group		217.87	Plant City Keep it Simple	62.00	525.00	Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night		165.75
International Doctors of AA			Primary Purpose Group		117.50	Village 12 Step Group		
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		123.00	Promises Meeting Group		508.30	Warrior's Group		
Just What I Wanted Big Book		170.00	Prosperity AA Group		170.00	We Have a Way Out Group		
Keep It Simple - YANA		375.00	Red Chip Day		402.00	Weedpatch Group		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		1,081.14	Red Door Group		450.00	Wed Night Step Workshop		53.00
Keeping it Simple Group	159.00	510.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	2.13	484.71	Wed Keep it Simple Group		100.00
			Riverside Group		244.40	Wellspring Group		302.55
			Rush Hour Serenity Group		185.62	Wesley Chapel Group		840.45
			Ruskin Fellowship Group		150.00	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raffle		
			Safe Haven Group	30.00	65.00	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
			Saturday Night Fever Gp.	0.24	560.24	Women's Friendship Group		472.92
			Saturday Night Live Group		100.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety	60.00	161.00
			Seekers of Serenity II Group		49.69			
			Seminole Heights Big Book		6.13			
Total	1,458.77		Total	2,869.63		Total	832.50	
	YTD Total	26,561.44	YTD Total		26784.46	Monthly Total	5,160.90	
						YTD Total		19301.79
						Grand Total	72,647.69	