



Tri-County Central Office News

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The Meaning of Money

Within a week of having my last drink, I found my way into a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Because of chronic alcoholism, I had lost my teeth, my ability to read, and control over most of my bodily functions. I couldn't stop shaking. I was at the end of the road; I had nowhere else to go, and despite my best efforts, I couldn't die. I was welcomed at the doors of AA by a man who several years earlier had asked me to leave a rather shoddy bar because of my inappropriate behavior. I figured if it was all right with him, then I would probably be allowed to stay. I don't remember much about that meeting except that I was given hope that maybe I didn't have to drink again. No one told me to believe in God or tried to sell me anything. I was encouraged to just show up and use what I wanted. It had been a long time since I'd felt welcome anywhere; here were people who understood where I had been and where I was now. I did what was suggested, got a sponsor, and started on the road of recovery. My life changed. During the initial meeting with my first sponsor, he asked if I had a Big Book. When I said no, he bought me one. I told him I'd pay him back, and he said he expected nothing less. The day I received my first paycheck from a not-so-good job, I did pay him. I also started contributing to the Seventh Tradition basket. I really wanted to be part of this thing. That first night, he told me I couldn't keep what I didn't give away and that I couldn't give away what I didn't have. He started me on my journey through AA's Twelve Steps of recovery and got me into group service as the greeter for the eight o'clock meetings. Shortly afterward, I went to my first steering committee meeting and was astonished to learn that our treasurer had lost a great deal of the group's money. He had bought a new car and left the group. We were in severe financial trouble, but no one felt it was appropriate to seek legal recourse. The group members were concerned he might drink. They realized that they needed to be more careful when electing trusted servants. They believed that they had let the man down by putting too much pressure on his short-term sobriety and had let the group down by not having the foresight to see potential problems. I thought they were just nice people; I had no idea that what I was witnessing was a greater understanding of a Higher Power at the group level. I came up with the incredibly wonderful idea of seeking help from a charitable organization to get us through this dilemma. That's when my sponsor began teaching me about our Twelve Traditions. Once again, my life changed. While studying the Seventh Tradition, I learned that self-support is more than money in the basket. It's the participation by individual members within the group as well as group participation by elected members in local service work and in AA as a whole. I found out that he who pays the bills calls the shots. At first, the most important thing to me was that our group was autonomous and made all our own decisions. As my mind cleared, I realized that with freedom there is responsibility, and that if the group didn't pay it's way, no one would. The Seventh Tradition

Watching it Grow

I have been taking meetings into prison for about 13 years now. It keeps me close to the middle of AA, where we are truly needed. Six years ago, I was given the opportunity to help take a weekly meeting into the minimum general population at a women's prison. It was an open discussion meeting lead by the women. We brought in Big Books and Grapevines, and when things got off track, one of us would share and try to bring things back to AA. Occasionally we had a gal who would get serious about working the Steps and we might get through the first five with her in anticipation of her release date. Then a few years ago, the meeting started to change. One gal in particular started talking about her experience with the Steps. And then she started sponsoring other women. Apparently she had been sponsored by a woman who was recently released who was sponsored by a woman on the outside. An amazing chain of sponsorship began to grow. One evening, one of the women spoke about waking up and hearing voices talking quietly in her dorm. She sat up and looked around to see where they were coming from and discovered a couple of women from the meeting huddled up at a table with their books open, talking about the Steps. I got goose bumps. That's when I realized that our role as volunteers had changed. What they most needed from us was the tools of AA so that they could work the program and have access to the bigger AA community. The women even held business meetings and registered the group with the General Service Office. They anxiously waited until the package came. It was so emotional reading the letter from New York at the meeting. I was so proud of what these women were doing. We volunteers had been bringing a meeting in to them for an hour every week; now they brought Alcoholics Anonymous into the facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week! And only inside members of AA can do that. A couple of years have passed now. Several women in that sponsorship chain are now living on the outside and are sober. I know where each one is today. That's the miracle of our program. It's been amazing to watch what these women have accomplished with each other through AA. Who would want to miss an experience like this?

Annalee P. Portland, Ore.

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AAs who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



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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 June 10th (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. read the April minutes. There was a motion to approve; group approved. *Frank P. is new to the area and interested in volunteering. Tom F. to assist in starting the process to get a PV number. *Jodi N. is looking for volunteer opportunities; will get with Susan O. and/or Ruth N. to discuss opportunities. *There are new Bridge the Gap Coordinators in place; Tom F. (Men's) and Amanda L. (Women's). Linn D. suggested that the Bridge the Gap literature stamp be changed to clarify that a ride is available. There was a motion to approve; group approved. Tom F. suggested that we work with the facility coordinators to have them help socialize the Bridge the Gap service that is available. Allan D. suggested that a TBAIC sign/poster be visible at all facilities where meetings are held. Tom F. to follow up on associated printing fees and report back at the next meeting. *Susan O. announced that Sara R. is the new coordinator for Hillsborough County Women's Jails; replacing Cydney P. Martin G. indicated that there are 2-new facilities being considered; Whitesands Treatment Center and Riverside Recovery. More to come on this! *Ben J. indicated that they are still in need of Big Book donations for meetings being taken into Sober Living America. There was discussion among the group about providing little Big Books. Ruth N. made a motion to table a decision until the next meeting; group approved. In the meantime, anyone wishing to donate a Big Book can contact Ben directly at (724) 581-1276. *Sara R., Hillsborough County Women's Jails Coordinator, indicated that all meetings are currently being covered. However, they are currently recruiting in Lutz. *Ruth N., East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator, indicated that all meetings are going well. *Chris D., E. Pasco Men's Prison Coordinator, indicated that the Big Book study meeting at Zephyrhills is going well; participants enthusiastic and engaged. *Allan D. indicated that the detox center at DACO has closed. In addition, there two new meetings being held at ACTS (Drew Park); Monday @ 1PM and Tuesday @ 2PM. *Ruth N. indicated that assistance is needed with the Wednesday meeting(s) being held at the Veterans Facility on 131st.. *Amanda L. inquired about the requirements to bring/lead a meeting into jails & institutions. Working with Susan O. and others to understand these requirements going forward. *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. *As a reminder, scheduled times to obtain meeting materials are noted below. Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials. Last Thursday of the month, 5:50 - 6:50PM, 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 - 10:30AM (monthly TBAIC meeting) *Motion made to close the meeting; group approved. *Next Meeting July 8th, 2017

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

July 8th, 2017 9:30 AM on at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Pink Can Drive

Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ... We will put it to great use!

TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

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

AA 101 Group - \$284.00, As Bill See It Monday Night Mens - \$10.00, Came to Believe Group - \$ 100.00, Hide A Way Group - \$154.82, High Nooner's Group - \$17.00, Live and Let Live Group - \$120.00, Monday Night Mens St. James - \$91.00, Morning Meditation Group - \$74.00, Noontime Celebration Group - \$50.00, Odessa Group - \$49.50, Old School Group - \$554.49, Sisters in Sobriety - \$274.94

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 13,419.78
Pink Can Balance 12/31/16	\$9761.03 7,705.00
Money Spent on Literature	\$1705.00 1,338.65
YTD Expenses	\$9291.45 1,004.42
Pink Can Balance 6/10/17	\$ 766.46 1,076.71
Pink Can Balance 6/11/16	\$1408.72 864.00
	\$ 913.96

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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became very important to me; it meant that I could belong. I could be a small part of a great whole, something I had never been before. It also meant that I could earn a living and start making financial amends in order to pay back the many debts that had built up through the years. It meant that I had a chance to be free one day. I became involved in my home group and did service with our local Hospitals and Institutions Committee. I went to places I'd never dreamed of going to help carry the message of hope to the hopeless. The history of Alcoholics Anonymous became very important to me, as did serving this sober group of drunks that had given me life. I started to put Alcoholics Anonymous in front of my own wants and needs. In addition to giving much of my time, as I was able to secure better jobs I began to put more money in the basket at meetings. Sometimes, I was rather showy in my contribution. However, maturing through service and living within the principles embodied within the last three Steps, I realized that if the Seventh Tradition were just about money, the haves could, and certainly would, support the have-nots. Then we would likely become a society wracked with perilous wealth and power, and the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous would not be heard through group participation but only through those who, in Bill's words, "paid the freight." The Fellowship had to be supported through a broad base of groups, and the group had to be supported through a broad base of individual members. Therefore, I should give my fair share but not more. I learned that I would serve best as an example of leadership, not as someone filled with the false pride that comes with carrying the group, either financially or through self-appointed positions of importance. I came to realize this was a Fellowship made up of the dregs of society who have found freedom and happiness in a power greater than themselves through the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Serving it and trying to carry its message would be the highest goal I ever attempted. In the early days of Alcoholics Anonymous, the groups of newly sober men and women came up with all kinds of ideas to bring money into the Fellowship. Most ideas involved relying on ways to squeeze even a few pennies from former spendthrifts who became miserly once they got sober. Great amounts of money were dreamed of and sought after, so that the miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous could be spread as quickly as possible. It took time and wisdom for Alcoholics Anonymous members to see that the Fellowship must be self-supporting or the entire movement could be lost forever. As AA grew in numbers and maturity, it became apparent that what we had was truly a gift from God. One of the surest ways to maintain the existence of our marvelous Fellowship was to ensure that it remain self-supporting and refuse outside gifts, no matter how compelling the need or how loving the offer. In 1937, during discussions concerning possible financial support from the Rockefeller Foundation, Albert Scott, an early friend of Alcoholics Anonymous, asked, "Shouldn't we be most careful *not to do anything*, which might lead to a *professional or propertied* class within your ranks?" This profound statement is one of the cornerstones that has kept our Fellowship in the unique position of actually practicing corporate poverty, out of harm's way. When all was said and done, the Rockefeller Foundation had helped in a very minor financial way, but its spiritual **(next column →)**

The Meaning of Money....continued

contribution was immense. It became evident that we would have to make do with our own efforts. As we know, shortly afterward the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous was published, and our life as a Fellowship changed. When members of the media saw that we ex-problem drinkers were making self-support part of our foundation of recovery, they become some of our most valued friends. Throughout those early years and after the inception of the General Service Conference, discussions of the wise use of funds have continued. These talks have offered us some of our greatest opportunities for spiritual growth. Sales of literature have always been key in paying for needed services. Occasionally it appeared that group contributions would support all our services except for the cost of publishing. There have been times when we have gone to great lengths to accomplish that goal, but the concept has thus far stayed out of our reach. Maybe it should remain that way since literature pricing can be the throttle that keeps us on an even keel while we attempt to maintain a balanced operation of the Reserve Fund. We need to encourage groups to continually contribute to our various service entities, not only to ensure that those services will be adequate, but also to afford the freedom of each group the benefits of our Second Legacy. In November 1957, Bill wrote in the Grapevine that "our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility—one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid." With this commentary, Bill makes it clear that the Seventh Tradition is money in the basket, but it's also participation at the group and area service levels. Self-support is the very essence of Alcoholics Anonymous. As the result of paying our own bills, the Fellowship will be here for all the years to come when hopeless drunks walk into AA meetings looking for sobriety and a new way of life.

Jim M., Shingletown, California
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 <p>SPEAKERS Janine G, Tpa, FI</p> <p>Candice M, Los Angeles, CA Butch M, Barrie, ON Juanita U, (AFG) Santa Fe, New Mexico</p> <p>Sheldon F, Las Vega, NV June G, Los Angeles, Ca Tom U, Santa Fe New Mexico Tim H, Louisville, KY</p> <p>Teri K, Woodville, OH</p> <p>Monday meeting only... OPEN TO THE AA COMMUNITY NO REG FEE REQUIRED</p>	<p align="center">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</p> <hr/> <p align="center">SHERATON TAMPA EAST HOTEL 10221 Princess Palm Ave. Tampa, FL 33610 Traditional King/Double \$105 (1-2 guests) \$115 (3-4 guests) Junior Suite 3^{1/2} 4th Floor (Limited number avail) \$125 (1-2 guests) \$135 (3-4 guests) Complimentary Breakfast Buffet included with all room rates Complimentary Guestroom Internet Access Enjoy the heated pool & the Core Performance fitness room Call 1-800-432-4332 and identify yourself with The Tampa Bay Fall Roundup Online: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TBFR2017 SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/26/2016</p>	 <p>AA, AFG, AI-Atteen Meetings AA Movies All Weekend</p> <p align="center">Friday TALENT SHOW 10pm SIGN UP ONLINE OR BY 7PM AT REGISTRATION TABLE</p> <p align="center">Saturday 6:45am- Meditation-Carmen L. 8:30 Late Riser Meditation 7am 5K Walk/Run* 6:30pm Speaker Banquet * 10pm Dance</p> <p align="center">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 In A Minute"</p>
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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

June 13th, 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
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S GROUP
Excused	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. **Secretary Report:** Bill presented the May minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Office Managers Report:** Cindy presented the Office Managers report for May. There were no questions. Report was 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. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. Bill had a question asking if anyone had ever done a balance comparison month by month and year by year to see if this is a common occurrence. It was noted that yes this is. Some months are good, some bad, most of time we balance out. Discussion followed. **Old Business:** Discussion centered around future sites to hold our events at. 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. Lots of chit-chat followed. **New Business:** 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. Thank You Bill. Tim will start making up raffle tickets soon and put it on display for raffling in the next few months. Lots of thanks went out to all who helped with Founders Day. **Council Meeting:** Larry B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. **New Council Members** were: Karla B. from the Step Sisters in Sobriety, Alexa B. from Sobrietea Women's Group, Ward H. from It's in the Book Group & Bruce m. from Primary Purpose 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.

June 13th, 2017 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

NANCY R.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
KARLA B.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
WARD H.	IT'S IN THE BOOK MEN'S GROUP
BECKY	SOBRIETEA WOMEN'S GROUP
ALEXA B.	SOBRIETEA WOMEN'S GROUP
ERICA J.	SIMPLY SOBRIETYWOMEN'S GROUP
CINDY L.	SIMPLY SOBRIETYWOMEN'S GROUP
HAROLD G.	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
RENEE R.	THE PROMISES GROUP
JERRY K.	SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER GTOUP
TIM B.	SUNDAY SPEAKERS GROUP
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRUCE M.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JARROD H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
CIERA L.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
CHAD M.	SOBER AT SIX GROUP
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

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 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.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
KEYSTONE GROUP	AL D.	07/19/14	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	KEN S.	07/01/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MERRILY E.	07/31/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SHIRLEY P.	07/12/13	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN A.	07/19/09	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SHAUNA L.	07/15/08	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN M.	07/21/79	38 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHARLES D.	07/02/03	14 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE M.	07/27/81	36 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	SILVIA H.	07/21/08	9 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	MICHELLE G.	07/04/08	9 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	30 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	LOUEITA H.	07/18/91	26 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE B.	07/24/14	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	SUE D.	07/16/12	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DOLORES E.	07/04/07	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	PATTI H.	07/21/06	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	ANNETTE J.	07/20/02	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	LEANNE M.	07/22/00	17 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	KITTY W.	07/14/08	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MATT M.	07/19/05	12 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MORGAN	07/24/05	12 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	AIDA	07/09/91	26 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CARLTON P.	07/01/83	34 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LARRY P.	07/08/80	37 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	KIMBERLY C.	07/12/10	7 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MARK F.	07/07/04	13 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	AXEL L.	07/19/00	17 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MICHAEL C.	07/05/89	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LARRY B.	07/21/86	31 YRS
NOON BIG BOOK GROUP	EARLE W.	07/10/95	22 YRS
IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP	WARD H.	07/16/92	25 YRS
BACK TO BASICS GROUP	LOIS M.	07/09/95	22 YRS
SOBER SPIRITS GROUP	CINDY A.	07/14/01	16 YRS
THURSDAY BIG BOOK GROUP	AL B.	07/15/88	29 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	TIM S.	07/04/88	29 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SUN CITY CENTER GROUP	RITA C.	06/28/04	13 YRS \$65.00
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	TIM S.	07/04/88	29 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-June 2017

© Today in June of 2017 we have 225 Groups with 559 meetings a week. Contributions in June totaled \$ 6,458.42. That accounts for what 42 Groups or Individuals out of 225 Groups in our area have contributed in June. This also takes into account the \$158.00 from the Sister's in Sobriety Women's Group's 50/50 Raffle. Our total income for June was \$13,384.99. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,339.55. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,045.44. Our Total Expenses for June were \$7,390.55. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$654.89 for the month of June. This leaves us a total of \$148.53 in the black for the year thus far. No matter how good it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions to keep us operating on a steady level. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we continue to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support . Thank you for all of your support !!!

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

Council Minutes....continued from page 4: 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, 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.

The next Council Meeting will be **July 11th, 2017**

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

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



Archway to Freedom

SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY "ARCHWAY to FREEDOM"

Hosted by District 4 * Sarasota County, Florida * July 21st-23rd, 2017
 Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Saturday Banquet Banquet Menu

No. of Chicken Dish _____
 No. of Lasagna _____
 No. of Vegetarian Option _____
 Total Tickets at \$43 each _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____
 Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 District _____ Day you will arrive: Fri or Sat
 Guests with special needs (state needs)

PAYMENTS DUE BY: July 15th, 2017

Checks payable to: District 4 G.S.
 Mail to: Central Office of Sara-Mana
 1748 Independence Blvd.,
 Suite B-2 Sarasota, 34234
 QUESTIONS? Contact: Mick G. (Banquet Chair)
 at 941-587-0881
 or District4 banquet chair at: esalt1@aasro.org

Hyatt Regency Sarasota

1000 Boulevard of the Arts
 Sarasota, Florida, USA, 34236
 Phone: 941-953-1234

Reservations: 1-888-421-1442

Reference "South FL Area General Service"

Room Rate: \$119.00 S/D \$129 T \$139 Q
 Must be received by July 18th, 2017

FOR HOTEL ROOM WAIT LIST OR TO CANCEL A
 ROOM PLEASE CONTACT: hotelinfo@area15aa.org

Directions:

I-75 to Exit 210, turn West on Fruitville Road towards Sarasota
 for approx.. 7 miles, turn right on Tamiami Trail,
 turn left first at traffic light onto Boulevard of the Arts

QUESTIONS? Contact Quarterly Chair

Text please or call Cori F 727-400-8991 or

District 4 Quarterly Chair at: district4quarterly@gmail.com

MID-SUMMER DANCE

JULY 29TH FROM 8:30-MIDNIGHT

SEE YOU AT 301 HOUSE
 8601 BOWLES RD. TAMPA, FL 33637

\$5 ADMISSION...

*DANCE PARTY WITH A DJ

*9 BALL TOURNAMENT (\$10 BUY IN, 1/2 TO THE WINNER AND 1/2 TO THE CLUB!)

LATE NIGHT SNACKS AT THE KROSSTALK KAFE (PRICING ACCORDING TO THE MENU..CASH ONLY!)

COME FOR THE MEDALLION MEETING AT 7..
 STAY FOR THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!!

LET'S HAVE FUN IN SOBRIETY TOGETHER!!!

Limited Donated Tickets for
 Newcomers Will be at the Door.

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>



61st Florida State Convention
 Jacksonville, FL

July 27 - July 30, 2017

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

Register and Pay Securely By Visa/MC at:
www.floridastateconvention.com

Speakers

Both H., Cary NC; Chuck H., Cary NC
 Cindy S., Helotes TX; John S., Helotes TX
 Cushing P., Montgomery AL
 Heather G., Powell TN; Pat Y., Palm Desert CA
 Teresa F., Van Nuys CA; Billy N., Atlanta GA

Workshops

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

Book your accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville @ the Convention Rooms Link:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FSC2017>

Rates: Single to Quad \$119; Premier Suite \$169; Queen / King Waterfront Upgrade \$30/\$40
 Parking Rates: \$10/day Self Parking, \$15/Day Valet Parking
 Hotel Cutoff Date 7/5/2017 - 904-588-1234



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

PASCO BIG BOOK
 36TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH • 1-3PM

FREE
 HOTDOGS
 +BURGERS

EDNA AVE
 CLUB
 7137 Edna Ave
 Hudson Fl 34667



• FOOD • FUN • FELLOWSHIP •

Please bring covered dish or sodas to share.
 Tell your friends and bring a guest!

All Welcome

Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		416.00	Keystone Group		274.30	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	359.00	359.00
AA 101 Group		933.22	LateNighters Group			Sober @ 6 Group	147.55	147.55
AA Big Book Survival Gp.			Lemon Tree Group			Sober @ 7 Group		519.00
PC Keep it Simple All Gps Mtg			Life Enrichment Group			Sober @ 7 Group All Groups		
Alpha Group		360.00	Live and Let Live Group		172.50	Sober on Saturday Group	60.00	160.00
Anniversary Dinner 2017		5,017.28	Living in the Solution		600.00	Soberilla		833.12
7th Tradition Basket	195.00	195.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		200.00	SoberSticks Event		100.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2017	184.00	184.00	Lunch Bunch Group			Soberstock Committee		
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2017			Lutz @ Noon	12.00	69.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	40.00	40.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Mad Dogs Group		86.72	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Anonymous Donations	199.73	654.07	Mainely Sober Group		102.00	Sobriety Group	0.38	201.54
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		265.00	Maple Dale Group			Sobriety 31st Anniversary		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		266.95	Mid Day Matinee Group	794.05	1,330.16	Solutions Group		422.38
Attitude of Gratitude Group		100.00	Monday Night Madness		75.64	Southshore Men's Group		274.95
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	100.00	230.00
Bill & Bob's Excellent Adventure			Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group		150.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		22.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB		329.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	105.50	1,482.50	Step Sisters in Sobriety	65.00	130.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt			New Beginnings Brandon		781.15	Step at a Time Group		
Brandon Tues. Big Book			New Beginnings--(Our Club)	486.34	486.34	Stepping Stones Group (w)		255.16
BYO 12 & 12 Group	33.00	208.00	Newcomers Group			Sun City Center Group		75.72
Came To Believe Group	1.71	464.87	New Day Group		65.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		625.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Hope Big Book	74.61	199.61	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	350.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof		50.00	New Way Women's Group		200.00	Sunshine Group		
Carrollwood Group		132.60	Nightly Newcomers Group			Suvivors Big Book Group		
Chancey Road Group		118.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		144.54	Sweet Surrender Group	180.00	180.00
Clean Air Group	25.00	125.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	66.67	310.34	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		322.67
Design for Living Group		51.80	Noontime Celebration Gp.		100.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		7.69
Dover Group		95.16	N. Brandon Open Forum			Tampa Palms Big Book		150.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		103.98	Northdale Group		85.09	Tampa Palms Monday Men's		404.00
Expect a Miracle Group	343.00	343.00	Odessa Group	503.75	503.75	Tampa Recovery Group		
Experience, Strength & Hope	50.00	300.00	Old School Group			Temple Terrace Men's		
FCYPAA Convention			Oldsmar 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	400.00	665.17	Oldtimer's Group - JC		178.00	The 164 Group		
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	100.00	200.00	The 164 Group USA		40.00
Friday Night Lights Group	35.00	338.39	Palma Ceia Group		190.79	The Meeting Place Group		
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			Palma Ceia Big Book Group	100.00	200.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		209.95
Friday Night Step Study		81.00	Pathfinders Group			To Improve Conscious		92.00
Friday Night Women's Group	195.00	195.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		195.00	Town & Country Men's Group		
Friday Women's Friendship		200.00	Plank Owners Group		330.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group	2.13	2.13	Plant City Keep it Simple	30.00	162.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		89.05
Grapevine Gals Group		190.53	Primary Purpose Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		100.00
Happy Hour Group YANA			Promises Meeting Group		530.83	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	100.00	150.00	Prosperity AA Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group	115.00	230.00
Hide-A-Way Group		976.48	Recovery Bootcamp Group		3.25	Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night		
High Nooners Group	100.00	200.00	Red Chip Day			Wed Night Step Workshop		20.00
Hi- Nooners Group		100.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		275.00	Wed Keep it Simple Group		52.00
HOW Group		15.50	Riverside Group		88.10	Weedpatch Group		455.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.			Riverview Mens Blackbelt		17.43	Wellspring Group		200.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book	100.00	103.06	Rush Hour Serenity Group		199.59	Wesley Chapel Group		438.10
Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group	50.00	50.00	With Room to Grow Group		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		380.19	Safe Haven Group	30.00	100.00	Women's Friendship Group		537.79
Keeping it Simple Group		162.50	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	1,000.00	1,000.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		68.25
			Saturday Night Live Group		192.30			
			Seekers of Serenity II Group		32.95			
			Seminole Heights Big Book					
Total	1,963.57		Total	3,352.92		Total	1,141.93	
	YTD Total	16,400.18		YTD Total	12,404.88	Monthly Total		
							YTD Total	9,239.25
						Grand Total	38,044.31	