



Tri-County Central Office News

HOME GROUP = UNITY

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PRACTICING THESE PRINCIPLES

Bill says, in "The Milestones Ahead," "It is true that the love of one drunk for another is wonderful to behold." As we go all out to help another alkie in our Twelfth Step work, he says, "there is an expression of almost pure love that has no price tag on it." But in our association with others (to quote Bill again) "are we able to carry these principles into all our affairs? We sometimes quarrel a great deal, not often about things that matter too much, but there is a great deal of unnecessary anger, ambition, pride, a tendency to cling to people. All the problems of personal relationships which have to do with an emotional sobriety, a happy sobriety, are yet far from solution. "It is plain to all of us that unless this society can develop enough brotherhood and partnership amongst its members, we shall some day fall into disunity, and the basis of partnership and brotherhood has to be greatly improved personal relations." All of which brings to mind the following thoughts. It sometimes seems as though we are the most scrappy bunch of people in society. Small wonder, since before AA we fought in the saloons and then went home and fought with our wives for no reason at all. Then we fortunately found AA but we just don't get well over night. We find fault with the manner in which our group Secretary and Chairman conduct the meetings; we engage in factional disputes regarding inter-group affairs, and complain about AA business in general. But doesn't most of this occur because we think that matters are not being conducted in the best possible manner? Perhaps since we are all so enthusiastic about our wonderful program, and being a super-critical lot to start with, we are unconsciously only trying to protect and guard it against anything that we think might prove injurious. In the final analysis, don't we all want to do only what is good for AA? Then we have no major differences but differ only in our opinion as to how best to do good, which is, after all, only a matter of detail. Thus, perhaps the remedy for our problems is already available through the application of our First and Second Traditions in the following manner: When a question involving a difference of opinion arises, all members of the group can be invited to express their opinion on the subject. Then all the facts pertaining to the subject will be presented which makes it much easier to judge the issue in a fair and impartial way. Since our first tradition says, "personal recovery depends upon AA unity," it would make sense to be certain to be certain that our unity comes first. We can play it safe by adopting the policy used by the General Service Conference which provides that no action should be taken on any question unless by consent of at least three-quarters of the Conference members. A mere majority should not authorize action if even a small minority are in opposition, this would tend to destroy our unity. But the important thing is that by asking the entire group to voice its sentiments, we are using our Second Tradition, which says: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

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THAT NEW GANG OF MINE

I had been in AA a year and a half when we had to pull up stakes and move to new state. It was a crucial time for me in relation to the group. My entrance into AA was an unusually happy one. Never less than ten, sometimes more than twenty people gathered around the table every Thursday and Sunday night to share their experience, strength, and hope with each other..." Under these circumstances, AA had been easy for me. Even the excessive social drinking in this community was a help rather than a hinderance to my sobriety—for I felt a real achievement in being free from it and grateful for the insight gained through AA to the very real and frightening danger of alcoholism. To be suddenly uprooted from my native group produced a very alarming reaction in me. Although I stepped up my meetings and gave a very "inspirational-type" dissertation on my proposed move, a strange alchemy was quietly taking place in the upper story. I found myself wondering if I really was an alcoholic and considering the idea of trying out a little normal drinking in the new environment. My family doctor of fifteen years laughed at my AA connection, and advised me, now that my family situation was improved, to forget this silly idea that I was an alcoholic and to resume drinking if I felt like it. Fortunately for me, I recognized what was happening to me and I acted on it immediately. I found out, from our secretary, the names of two representatives of AA in the new community. I wrote to one of them at once to announce the time of my arrival and to find out where they conducted their meetings. In this way, I couldn't wriggle out of declaring myself—nor postpone, indefinitely, a new association. My letter was answered by return mail and when I did arrive at my new home, exhausted from moving and traveling, I hardly had time to take my hat off before a telephone call and a knock on the door hustled me off to my first meeting. AA is totally different here—and yet the same. I am the only woman, whereas "back home" there were more dames than gents. We have one meeting a week, no visiting speakers. To visit another group, one drives twenty to thirty miles, and one is not honored with an invitation to lead or tell one's story, nor applauded. One slips in quietly and sits at the table, and one may not get the opportunity to speak at all. At first, I was not happy in my new group of five members. I sat in judgment, not so much participating as judging. At this time one of the men was reading from the Big Book week after week, giving me no chance to say ANYTHING! They read The Twelve Traditions every blessed meeting. We never did that back home. I fidgeted and fussed until one night I really listened to the Traditions and I heard "Each group should be autonomous..."and I learned and accepted yet another great truth in AA. I am completely acclimated to our group now and love it dearly. I am deeply aware of the support of each member and their warm and welcoming acceptance of me, and I am grateful. It is odd, the funny little things that can bother us. Now, I see no Heavy drinking at all in my social circle. At most

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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 April 8th (2017) meeting of TBAIC was opened by Martin G. (filling in for Chair Susan O.); leading the "Serenity Prayer".

*Scott S. read the March minutes. There was a motion to approve; group approved. *Linn D. distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions expenses. It was noted that donations are down; group was asked to reiterate the pink cans and TBAIC donations at respective meetings. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's report; group approved. Linn D., Treasurer, indicated that there is a new sign-out sheet in place for when meeting material is being removed from the supply cabinet. *As a reminder, scheduled times to obtain meeting materials are noted below: **Last Thursday of the month, 5:50 - 6:50PM 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 - 10:30AM** (monthly TBAIC meeting) Elizabeth T. volunteered to assist with Treasurer responsibilities going forward. *The next TBAIC softball tournament is to be held on May 6th @ Gadsden Park. Respective Home Groups fund a 12-person team with a \$100 donation; proceeds go to TBAIC. *Steps to Freedom will be held on June 17th at Christ the King Church. The Steps to Freedom Committee meets the first Sunday of every month at 6pm at club 3333. Below are the dates for upcoming meetings: May 7 - 6pm, June 4 - 6pm, July 2 - 6pm, August 6 - 6pm, September 3 - 6pm, October 1 - 6pm *Sarah R. inquired as to how donations from the pink cans are to be sent to TBAIC. Linn D., Treasurer, indicated that a check is preferred from the groups, but cash is also an acceptable alternative. *Cydne P., Hillsborough Women's Jails Coordinator, indicated that there are three (3) new candidates available to take meetings into the Falkenburg Jail. *Chris D., E. Pasco Prison Coordinator, indicated that they are light on volunteers to chair meetings due current volunteers being off for the next 5-weeks. Also, indicated that the meeting format change to a Big Book study has been going well. *Ruth N., East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator, indicated that things are going well. *Martin G. (on behalf of Jim S.) indicated that there were two (2) Bridging the Gaps requested; zero accommodated. Additional women volunteers are needed to help ensure these requests can be accommodated going forward. Elizabeth T. expressed an interest in volunteering and will follow up with Jim on this. *Julie L., Falkenburg Women's, provided positive feedback indicating that she was seeing people at open meetings that use to attend TBAIC facilitated meetings. *Ruth N., East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator, indicated that there is currently a Wednesday night meeting being taken into the Veterans Facility on 131st. The Veterans Facility coordinator (Eric) is requesting a Sunday meeting be brought into the facility. Martin G. expressed an interest in chairing this meeting and will follow up. Martin G. made a motion to close the meeting; group approved. ***Next Meeting:** May 13, 2017

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$7996.90
Pink Can Balance 12/31/16	\$1705.00
Money Spent on Literature	\$8139.15
YTD Expenses	\$ 766.16
Pink Can Balance 4/08/17	\$ 796.59
Pink Can Balance 4/09/16	\$ 75.16

Our Next Committee Meeting

May 13th, 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 \$118.00, Early Riser's Group \$209.69, Hide A Way Group \$134.89, Keystone Discussion Group \$79.00, Live & Let Live Group \$20.00, Living In The Solution Group \$7.00, Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$216.00, New Beginnings Group Brandon \$44.13, Nooner's Group \$13.00, Odessa Group \$24.00, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) \$51.00, STEPS TO FREEDOM \$1900.00, Sunshine Group \$51.00, Women's Friendship Group \$75.76

TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members

Susan O. - Chair	813-325-6538
Jim S. — Alternate Chair	813-679-9130
Linn D. — Treasurer	813-777-3007
Open Alt. Treasurer	937-474-8358
Open - Secretary	813-215-8423
Nancy B. — Alt. Secretary	813-872-0262
Open- Hills Jails -	
Buddy H. - Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Cydne 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	

PRACTICING THESE PRINCIPLES...from Page One

Here we tie ourselves to the greatest power in existence, the power that really makes AA tick. If we are sincere in our approach this plan will invariably give us the right answer as the group conscience speaks. When working in AA we are dealing with the most precious commodity in the world, human lives. Since we all have the same disease, God knows we do need, and have a right to expect, the help of one another. If we waste time in petty bickering, we are not only jeopardizing our own serenity and sobriety but are also endangering the chances of recovery for “the millions who don’t yet know.” Therefore, it behooves us to remember at all times that in our association with one another, our AA unity must come first.

G.B., Columbus, Ohio
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THAT NEW GANG OF MINE...from Page One

dinner parties, one small exquisite glass of chilled sherry is passed, and I feel like a fool refusing it. (Believe me, it confounds the hosts too.) I find it more difficult to refuse this “innocent” drink than the stream of hard likker poured out before. Crazy? Last week, one of our members drove me thirty miles to visit a new town I hadn’t yet seen. There, in the back room of an old church, sat one AA member behind a long table with the AA folders neatly laid out. His wife sat four rows away, facing him, surrounded by a sea of empty chairs, waiting. The four of us had a beautiful meeting and one I shall always remember. So, mow I know. There are all kinds of AA: the teeming, tingling, jumping variety that can exist in a large city—the delicate, quiet, slow-blooming variety that exists in an isolated village. I know that I must be constant, faithful, vigilant—and grateful, every moment of my waking life, that AA was given to me at a time when I stood at the crossroads and needed it terribly. Our particular group does not celebrate anniversaries nor mention them. It doesn’t seem significant now. I passed my second anniversary anonymously—without a birthday cake—sober and happy and grateful for my new group. Thanks to them, and to the Great Brotherhood which extends all around this wonderful world I moved safely and successfully—but not out of AA!

H.H. State College, Penna
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- SPEAKERS**
Janine G, Tpa, FL
- Candice M, Los Angeles, CA
Butch M, Barrie, ON
Juanita U, (AFG)
Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Sheldon F, Las Vega, NV
June G, Los Angeles, CA
Tom U, Santa Fe New Mexico
- Tim H, Louisville, KY
Teri K, Woodville, OH
- Monday meeting only...
OPEN TO THE
AA COMMUNITY
NO REG FEE REQUIRED

**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

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 1-800-335-4535 and identify yourself with The Tampa Bay Fall Roundup
Online: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TBFR2017>
SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/26/2016



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

BY DEFINITION—TO HELP

I have only one purpose in this message. I simply want us to think more often, daily if possible, that the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is “to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.” This is a spiritual program, as is our church. It belongs to God. We do not think less of our church because there are some members, sometimes even office-holders, who are not doing a first-rate job. We cannot look down on the sober alcoholic because of his choice of words or actions when he is doing himself and another alcoholic, who might just happen to understand such a person, a good service in staying sober. I have never seen a sober alcoholic who did not grow and learn, as time went by, and even the worst choice of expressions changed to better. We need time and patience. God waits until our life is finished to pass his judgment. Who are we to be impatient? Our short little chance to do and to learn looks insignificant to Him who deals in eternities. If we develop this patience, maybe we will acquire a bit of humility and be a bit surer of our sobriety, a day at a time. Let’s remember the common good of this wonderful organization. Let’s build it up, and not pick at it. Let’s be grateful.

T.W., Scarsdale, New York
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ONE NEVER KNOWS

A few weeks ago, while applying for a position a rather queer thing happened to me. I thought that you might like a little story. Answering an ad in our local paper, I went to one of our large hotels to keep a noon appointment. There was also another applicant for the position there. I’ll call her Mary and the man who interviewing us, Ed. While Ed was talking to us, he invited us into the dining room for lunch. When we were seated, he very politely asked us if we would like cocktails before lunch. Mary went into a story about being a member of a temperance group an oh! She never drank alcoholic beverages. I replied, “No thank you, I’m not drinking today.” Just then, Mary spotted an acquaintance at another table and excused herself to go over to speak to her friend. After Mary left the table, Ed quite took me by surprise by quietly saying, “I’m a member of AA myself.” One never knows, does one?

J.B.C., Springdale, Conn
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ May 1954

☞ A horse walked into a bar and ordered a drink. “That’ll be one dollar,” said the bartender. “By the way,” he added, “you’re the first horse I ever saw in here.” The horse slapped down a dollar bill, “At these prices,” he said, “I’m the last one, too, bub.”

☞ In Connecticut, a police sign warns motorists: “He who takes one for the road will get a trooper for a chaser.

☞ “I’m getting along all right without AA,” boasted a backsliding member. “A few months ago when the telephone rang, I was afraid to answer it. Now I answer it whether it rings or not.”

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

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

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

Larry B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. **Office Managers Report:** Bob presented the Office Managers report for March. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Cindy presented the March minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the March Treasurers Report. We were \$336.48 in the black for the month, and we were \$1,509.52 to the good for this year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion for the upcoming Founders Day event scheduled for June 10, 2017 at Christ the King Church was moved to be more fully discussed at the Council meeting. **New Business:** Bob announced that this was his last meeting as a Board member. It's the end of his second term. We will miss his experience, strength & hope. Linny, the District 2 Archives Chair was present to ask the Board if he could (1) store the District 2 Archives here at the Central Office & (2) if he could set up a Display. After some discussion it was decided that it would be a great idea but unfortunately there is no room available to store their Archives here and there was no possibility of rearranging the Office to set up a Display. **Larry B. opened the Council meeting** with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. **Office Managers Report:** Steve read the Office Managers report for March. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** The March Council minutes were read. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the March Treasurers Report. We were \$336.48 in the black for the month, and we were \$1,509.52 to the good for this year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. New Council Members were: Chris W.-Nightly Newcomers, Dan G.-Live & Let Live Group, Nicholas C.-Monday Night Madness Group, Mary Jo S.-Primary Purpose Group, George R.-Primary Purpose Group, and John F.-Sobrenity Group **Old Business:** Discussion centered around the upcoming Founders Day event scheduled for June 10, 2017 at Christ the King Church. Larry went over the Committee Sign Up sheet. Currently **Sober @ 7** will be doing the 50/50 Raffle, **Safe Haven** is doing the 7th Tradition Basket, **Improve our Conscious Contact** will be greeting, **TBYPG** will do Kitchen clean-up, **AA101** will help with the Food, **Old School** will do Sodas, **Freedom in Sobriety** will do Water and

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

BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
RENA	SIMPLY SOBRIETYWOMEN'S GROUP
TIM F.	AS BILL SEES IT MEN'S GROUP
MARY JO S.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
GEORGE R.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
DAN G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CATHY K.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
ISAAC M.	TAMPA YPG
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
NICHOLAS C.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
ROBERT H.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
AMANDA L.	MUSTARD SEED GROUP
LINDA E.	TURNING POINT GROUP
RAY D.	KEYSTONE GROUP
CIERA L.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S GROUP
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

Ice, **Safe Haven** will supply Paper products and Barracks Brigade will supply Coffee. (I may have missed some so speak up now.) Everyone was reminded that this would be a Pot-Luck luncheon and to make announcements for everyone to bring a covered dish. **New Business:** None **Announcements:** It was noted that there was no contact information available for the Steps to Freedom event so no one knew how to get tickets. Amanda announced that the Grapevine Committee needed support and the Special Needs Committee would be meeting at the 301 House. Sue wanted to put the word out to any District 2 Committees that they would be welcome to set up displays at the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup. *Everyone is reminded to call your literature order in early a day or two before the meeting, that way can have it packed and ready for you.* The next Council Meeting will be **May 9th, 20**

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	JULIE L.	04/25/93	24 YRS
FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY Women's	VIVIAN J.	05/16/89	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	TAMALA H.	05/13/13	4 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	DAN M.	05/11/11	6 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE G.	05/23/98	19 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BILL D.	05/18/86	31 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JAN J.	05/20/85	32 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	KATIE	05/18/14	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROBERT B.	05/05/14	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TODD S.	05/23/13	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LEONA	05/13/13	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TINA	05/?/13	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JAMES S.	05/25/07	10 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARLOWE	05/20/06	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	TRACY B.	05/28/11	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DRUM	05/09/11	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED Women's	KARLA O.	05/01/10	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED Women's	FELICIA K.	05/31/08	9 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED Women's	SUSAN Y.	05/20/00	17 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED Women's	MARILYN A.	05/01/98	19 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED Women's	CANDY J.	05/20/86	31 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DEE H.	05/18/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BENJAMIN M.	05/17/15	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHRISTA G.	05/24/87	30 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TOM C.	05/22/80	37 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JACKIE B.	05/13/14	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	KELLY P.	05/12/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DOUG T.	05/01/11	6 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
EXPERIENCE STRENGTH & HOPE	STEVE S.	04/29/11	6 \$60.00

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members.

SELF-SUPPORT-April, 2017

© Today in April of 2017 we have 225 Groups with 559 meetings a week. Contributions in April totaled \$ 7,406.14. That accounts for what 44 Groups out of 225 Groups in our area have contributed in April. This also takes into account the \$60.00 from 1 member who contributed to the Birthday Club and \$832.00 from the Keystone Group from their annual All Groups/St. Patty Day event. Our total income for April was \$12,713.68. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,959.03. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our April income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,754.65. Our Total Expenses for April were \$8,022.81. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$731.84 for the month of April. No matter how good it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions to keep us operating on a steady level. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we continue to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support . Thank you for all of your support !!!

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Want to get involved in some Service Work? How about volunteering for the After-Hour Phones. Call Martin after Office Hours @ 813-933-9123 and get all the details.

The Birthday Club: Contributions to the Central Office help support the local services to members and groups throughout Hillsborough and East Pasco Counties and help ensure that the A.A. message is carried around our area. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. Ask your Treasurer if they have any Birthday envelopes available. We usually send one out when a group sends in their contribution to Central Office or call or email your Central Office. **933-9123...aainfo@aatampa-area.org**

Steps to Freedom

12 Steps Speaker Workshop

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

Tickets

\$15.00 in advance
 \$20.00 at the door

Speakers

- Steps 1,2&3 | Roger Hightower, Seminole, FL
- Steps 4&5 | Doug F., Brandon, FL
- Steps 6&7 | TBD
- Steps 8&9 | Kelly, Treasure Island, FL
- Steps 10&11 | Steve, Springhill, FL
- Step 12 | TBD

Location

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



Refreshments

Coffee & pastries

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

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



Christ the King Church
821 South Dale Mabry
Tampa, FL 33609



From 1:00 pm-4:00pm
Doors open at Noon

Pot-Luck Mid-Afternoon Luncheon

Please, everyone bring something to share or we may not be able to feed everyone. Soda, Coffee & Water will be provided.

This is a Free Admission Event

50/50 Raffle & More

This is a Fun Event hosted by Central Office and all the Board Members & Central Office Representatives for your enjoyment!!!

The Dinner will be followed by a panel of our local Old-Timers answering questions (Ask it Basket Style) and sharing their experience, strength & hope

Panel Speakers:



Gene L. 6/10/78
(Mustard Seed Group)

Riche R. 10/01/74
(Sober @ 7 Group)

Dick W. 6/10/58
(Sober @ 7 Group)

Sonja P. 1/07/87
(Step Sisters in Sobriety Group)

Kathie N. 6/11/79
(Sobrenity Group)

Pattie L. 2/08/77
(Midday Matinee Group)

Christ the King Catholic Church has a NO-SMOKING Policy
However they are granting us a designated smoking area.
Smoking will be allowed in that area only.
No Exceptions...please respect their wishes. ☺

