



Tri-County Central Office News

DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE?

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HALF-TRUTHS

When I first arrived in AA, some years ago, I took everything I heard completely literally. And I heard a lot of “truths”—some of them frequently repeated. Taken with total literalness, they had me very confused. For example: At one meeting, I discussed my teenage son who was creating the usual teenage problems for me and my wife. I was told, “Expect nothing.” Everyone nodded, so I knew that must be good advice. But it went against what good sense I had left. Why not expect certain things of your son, your wife, your friend in AA? I came to realize there is nothing wrong at all in such expectations; the mistake drunks like me made and mine is *demanding* that people live up to our picture of what’s right or wrong, then falling apart when they don’t—and maybe even reaching for a drink when the frustration becomes too much. I still expect good things and good behavior from people around me; I certainly don’t insist on it. When they fail to meet my expectations, I look at those expectations to see if they were reasonable. Whether they were or not, I try not to lose any sleep over it. And I certainly don’t think about picking up another first drink. “Don’t worry about tomorrow.” I heard that one when I talked about leaving a longtime job and starting a whole new life that would be much more exciting and a lot more precarious. Again, everyone nodded. Again, it took me some time to realize that just about everyone is concerned, to one degree or another, about tomorrow. If you weren’t, you wouldn’t put money aside for the rent. The danger drunks like me lies in allowing tomorrow to obsess me, to be the focal point of my thoughts, so I fail to enjoy today. If I can keep tomorrow in proper perspective, making the now the *important* part of my program without neglecting the future, I am practicing the program as I understand it. “Don’t make judgments.” The first time I heard that, it sounded very good, momentarily. But who doesn’t make judgments? You look at a sunset and say it’s beautiful. You hear a speaker and say she really was terrific. Those are judgments. Everyone makes them, many of them, each day. Again, the danger for me is insisting that only *my* judgments are valid. And the healthy road lies in continuing to make judgments, but always giving the other person the right to be wrong, without insisting that *my* will be done. Another impressive AA observation was “Don’t let resentment or fear affect your thinking.” How can we keep it from being affected? “We are not saints.” I learned I cannot prevent fear or anger from entering my thoughts occasionally; what I *can* do is step back, know the danger they represent, examine why I felt that way, and put them out of my head and life by doing something constructive, like making a Twelfth Step phone call or visit. But as long as I am human, I expect I’ll experience some fear, some resentment. The big difference is that now I think I know how to recognize and deal with these feelings with some degree of sanity. I heard, too, “Don’t be concerned about results—look only at the effort.” Sounds good. But for me, I *had* to think about the Results of my actions. Such forethought was

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WHAT IS AN ENABLER?

When I was drinking I depended on others gullibility and basic sympathy to get me out of scrapes, indulge my temper tantrums, and in general enable me to conduct a bizarre, insane, drunken life. I thought it would go on forever. But in time, my enablers revolted. They ceased their indulgence and psychologically, if not actually, shook me by the shoulders. Today, I thank God they did. Thirty-one years ago, my former enablers ushered me—or perhaps I should say threw me—into AA. And I have been pretty happy here ever since. End of story? Yes, except for one small thing. I find that now I myself may be an enabler of bizarre, injurious behavior. I could be permitting, by my silence at certain AA meetings, the wholesale cheapening and trivializing of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. That could cause real harm to the drunks who haven’t got here yet, as well as those who are already here. Should I let it happen? *Example:* “All addictions are the same,” intones the leader of a closed AA meeting. “There’s no need to differentiate among ourselves. It doesn’t matter to what substance we are addicted. All we need to do is learn more about addictions and through this knowledge free ourselves from all addictions—not only alcohol, but nicotine, caffeine, salt, sugar, meat and all animal products, as well as sex and bicycle riding. That’s what AA is for.” *Question:* Is there an inner wisdom in the group that will by itself cause us to ignore this malarkey as we should? What needs to be done to reassure newcomers that they are in the right place for an alcohol problem—that we are truly not a cult with a multipurpose agenda? That our essential purpose is to carry our message to the *alcoholic who still suffers*? Do I sit there quietly or do I stand and say my piece about the singleness of purpose of AA? Do I become an enabler if I don’t speak up? Or a bad guy if I do speak up? *Answer:* I have no answer. You tell me. *Another example:* An AA meeting becomes more “sales and service” than love and service. The constant din of requests for more money causes Seventh Tradition contributions to go way down instead of up, as many AAs, normally responsive, turn off. Some of the leadership, feeling its power threatened, becomes rough and arrogant, attacking personalities and blaming others for its failures. It even refuses, after numerous petitions from members, to properly account for funds it handles. Bizarre? Hardly believable? Maybe, but it’s true. *Question:* By silence, indifference, and perhaps a kind of spiritual fatigue, do I, along with a good number of others, allow myself to become an enabler? If I take the easiest way and say nothing, what about my conscience? What kind of example do I set for those who trust me as a sponsor? *Answer:* Up to now I have felt I should reject the role of enabler. But when I ask my sponsor or my friends or others in the Fellowship what to do, the results are mixed. Some urge silence and acceptance, others suggest openness and action. So I’m asking you. Which is the right way? To enable—or not?

John R., Santa Barbara, Calif.

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District 2 - Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee covering Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

(877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672!

Special note: TBAIC literature is available for distribution at the TBAIC meeting which is usually held the second Saturday of each month or the 4th Thursday of the month from 5:50 pm to 6:50 pm at the Tri-County Central Office.) Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials.

Due to Hurricane Irma, the September TBAIC meeting was not held. In lieu of September meeting minutes, a subset of the August 12th, 2017 meeting minutes are being re-published.

Linn D. (Treasurer) distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions expenses. Linn announced that a donation was received from SoberStock in the amount of \$4,000.00. Thank you to everyone who was instrumental in coordinating and facilitating the latest SoberStock event and to all participants who contributed to this very generous donation. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's report; group approved.

Scott R. (Detox & Treatment Coordinator) – indicated that the meeting schedule has been updated and distributed; added White Sands and updated Riverside Recovery detox center with new meeting times. As a reminder, Riverside Recovery detox center requires 2-years of sobriety and meeting facilitators must interview with the Facility coordinator in advance.

In July, the group had approved changing the Bridge the Gap literature stamp to help clarify that rides were available. There was a motion to proceed with the change and have Tom F. and Linn D. finalize the wording; group approved.

Group approved a motion to reinstate/print Bridge the Gap business cards that were used in years past.

As a follow-up to July's discussion on creating posters to help socialize TBAIC, Tom F. provided the group with a sample poster and cost details. There was a motion to approve the purchase of 20-posters; group approved.

The back-ordered "where & when" booklets have been received and are in the supply cabinet.

There was a motion to purchase another cabinet to house additional literature being purchased; group approved.

Allan D. suggested that a meeting with coffee, etc.. be held to thank all those taking meetings in area Jails and Institutions. There was a motion to form a committee to review/plan this event; group approved.

The Steps to Freedom Committee meets the first Sunday of every month at 6pm at club 3333. Below are the dates for upcoming meetings:

November 5th – 6PM

December 3rd – 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)

The Corrections Committee needs all types of volunteers. They need people to attend meetings in the facilities, people to help spread the word about this type of service work. It is okay if you have never been to jail yourself! You can still help. You can still carry A.A.'s message of hope to an alcoholic who is incarcerated. Let's face it: many of us who have never been arrested just never got caught!

Our Next Committee Meeting

October 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 - \$102.00, As Bill Sees It Monday Mens Group - \$15.00, Brandon Big Book Step Study - \$70.00, BYOB 12 & 12 Group - \$6.00, Hide-a-way Group - \$216.43, High Nooner's Group - \$46.00, Keystone Discussion Group - \$685.57, Live & Let Live Group - \$23.00, Living in the Solution Group - \$10.75, Morning Meditation Group - \$93.05, Mustard Seed Group - \$60.00, New Beginnings Group (our Club) - \$57.76, Odessa Group - \$120.00, Ruskin Fellowship Group - \$50.00, TGIS Group - \$38.70, Town & Country Wednesday Group - \$58.58, Turning Point Zephyrhills Group - \$6.00, Wellspring Recovery Group - \$75.00, Women's friendship Group - \$150.00,

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$21776.25
Pink Can Balance 12/31/16	\$1705.00
Money Spent on Literature	\$21600.95
YTD Expenses	\$ 1250.81
Pink Can Balance 4/08/17	\$ 629.49
Pink Can Balance 4/09/16	\$ 1056.72

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

The Most Important Job in AA

When I was new in AA, I went to the meetings and sat in the chairs and drank the coffee and tried to make sense out of what I heard. After a while, I picked up the pamphlets and read them. Later, I bought a Big Book and began to read that. I stayed sober, and my family life and my business affairs improved, and I continued to sit in the chairs and drink the coffee. But, like a small, protected child, never once did I wonder why the chairs were always ready when I came into the meeting hall. Then one night there was no coffee. When the people came in and saw no big, shiny urn in its usual place, they stood dazed. In petulant tones, they asked each other, "Why haven't they made the coffee?" I looked around for the mysterious "they." Finally, one of the regular members rushed in from the parking lot, ran to the kitchen, took the urn down from the shelf, and began filling it with water. "They" had arrived. "They" turned out to be just one person—a quiet little man who had faithfully made the coffee each meeting night for more than a year. On this particular evening, his car had broken down on his way to the hall. On that night, I may have crossed the invisible line that separates the indifferent from those who are aware that well-placed chairs and tables, and coffee and cookies and literature, just don't happen. I did not immediately transform myself into an active, useful member of AA as the result of that one lesson. But I began to appreciate a little more the efforts of the group secretary, the chairman, the treasurer, and the members of the steering committee. Fairly early in my sobriety, my group chose me at different times to be secretary, program chairman, and a member of the steering committee. Later in 1967, my group elected me their general service representative (GSR). It was then that my education about AA really began, and with it a deepening love of the program and appreciation of its power. As GSR, I was my group's link with AA as a whole, the means of conveying my group's views and needs to the General Service Conference. Through me, if I acted in a responsible manner, my group in turn learned how other groups were solving common problems, not only in my area, but all over the United States and Canada. Among the service offices I have held are district committee member, delegate, and several functions in many service conferences in the Pacific Coast Region in which AAs from seven Western states participate. This does not make me an expert nor qualify me to speak for the Fellowship. But just as we learn about our recovery program from AAs who have experienced sobriety, so I learned about the problems of communication and service from my fellow GSR's, delegates, and other elected AA workers. I would like, through the Grapevine, to share with you some of my thoughts based on these experiences and observations. The most important job in AA, in my opinion, is that of the GSR. This may seem strange, since there are thousands of GSRs and a rapidly decreasing number of other offices as one scans the structure chart from GSR on to district committee member, delegate, and trustee. There are, for instance, ninety-one Conference delegates (from area of the United States and Canada) and fourteen alcoholic trustees. Why, then, don't I consider delegates or trustees more important? The importance of the GSR to our Fellowship was beautifully summed up by a trustee from Canada at a General Service Conference a few years ago: "If we want better trustees, we need better delegates. If we want

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inevitable and human. Here again, it was a matter of proportion. If I was so zeroed-in on results that every action was guided by that perspective, I could miss a great deal. My concentration—without *disregarding* possible results—is always on the action, on the effort. If that is right and wholehearted, I know the results are likely to be good and positive. But results still *do* enter into my thinking. Finally, there's the one we all know: "Don't analyze. Utilize." As if there was a contradiction between the two! I learned it was possible for me to over examine and overanalyze aspects of this program and become mired in complete bewilderment—bewilderment dangerous for me as an alcoholic. It was necessary for me, a complicated thinker from way back, to "keep it simple." That did not mean I had to give up my right to think. But always, always uppermost in my mind was the need to put the program as I understood it into action. That is the main thrust of my AA life. I have not stopped and probably never will stop trying to understand the program better. But my priority is the utilization of the program to make my life fuller, richer, more serene. All this has meant for me, finally, is that sometimes truths oversimplified can become half-truths. And I prefer my truths to be whole.

B.I., Studio City, Calif.

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better delegates, we need better district committee members. If we want better district committee members, *we need better GSRs.*" Practically all our service people, including the alcoholic trustees on AAs General Service Board, come from that potentially ample pool of GSRs. Yet of our 17,819 reported groups in the United States and Canada, a large proportion do not elect GSRs. And how carelessly some groups choose their GSRs; once the groups have chosen, how little encouragement and guidance they offer. As a new GSR, attending my first district meeting, I began to grasp, at gut level, the tremendous extent of AA. Intellectually, of course, I had known that AA was more than my home group and the few groups in the immediate vicinity. But in AA service sessions, I began to feel it emotionally, and it became *real*. I heard the current delegate and past delegates talk about the annual General Service Conference in New York, and they communicated to me their excitement and gratitude at being a part of this tremendous, worldwide Fellowship. Not all the GSRs shared my excitement, however. Many were confused and bored. They did not know why they were there. Some did not even care, and dropped out—often without the formality of an honest resignation. Many groups think they have a GSR because they elected one "a while back." I learned that some of the groups did not even ask their GSRs for reports on district or area meetings. The more eager and responsible GSRs were often brushed aside or given very little time for their reports. This kind of treatment is discouraging to the GSR. It shows respect neither for a fellow AA nor for the essential AA service structure upon which the recovery of millions of suffering alcoholics eventually depends. During my own first few weeks as GSR, I, too, had Trouble getting time for my announcements.

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

September 12th, 2017 the Board of Directors for Central Office		
BOARD MEMBERS	REPRESENTING GROUP	
LARRY B.	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
BRIAN L.	VICE-CHAIR	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SUE Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR GROUP
PETER F.	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
JANET S.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Due to Hurricane Irma, the September Board and Council meetings were cancelled. Since we did not have our regular meeting this past month, these are a few items I wanted to pass on. It looks like we may not be able to use the church in Brandon. If anyone has other suggestions, please email me the info. Our other choice, so far, is the MCC where the Rainbow Recovery Club holds their annual New Years Dance. I'm told that it is very nice. Or I can try and get Christ the King Church if available. Make a decision on our Food. Catered or Pot Luck. We will need to make decisions and finalize everything at this meeting so we can get out flyers and tickets. (10-10-2017). Think of what Committee you would like to serve on. I have sent out the Facility Questionnaire, the Committee Sign Up List and the Cakewalk Raffle Sign Up Sheet by email to everyone. Also of note: I had a chance to look at our new website which is still in the building stage. It's, I think, awesome. It will have a brand new look with many new and friendly features. There is still a lot of work to be done entering in all the data. It will have things like, if you just want to find meetings for a particular day or if you are just looking for Big Book meetings, Women's meetings—etc, it will have drop-downs for those types of items. Many new items that can be added. Also, we gave our Council groups an opportunity to take advantage of the 20% discount for the month of September. Many groups took advantage of the 20% discount throughout the month. Group contributions were lower than usual—perhaps due to the storm.

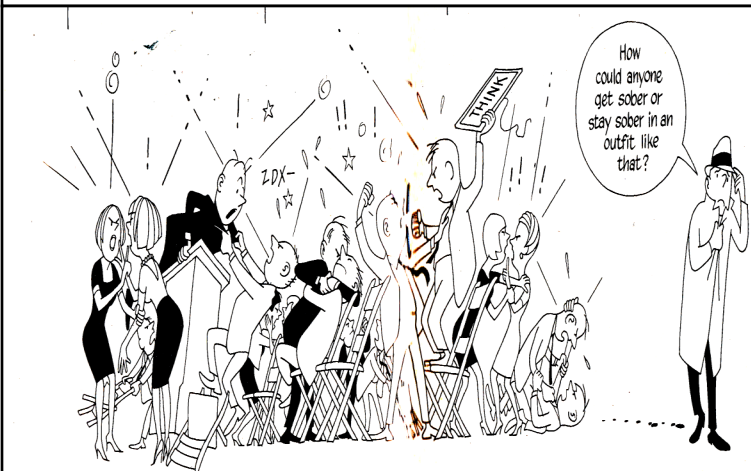
September 12th, 2017 the Central Office Representatives met:	
COUNCIL MEMBERS	REPRESENTING GROUP
NOTE: SOME NAMES	LEFT OUT BECAUSE I COULD NOT DECIPHER
SARAH H.	TGIS GROUP
RENEE R.	PROMISES GROUP
MARY S.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
ZAC P.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
ROBERT C.	MAGNOLIA GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
SCOTT G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BUD C.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
JARROD H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

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Then I made some blackboards out of panels of Masonite, two feet by four feet. I hung them on a wall in front of the room, and wrote pertinent information on them. While members listened to the speaker, they couldn't help seeing the boards. When the chairman called for announcements about the next meeting, I'd make some announcements about service whether it concerned the meeting or not. Eventually, group members would automatically look at me when the leader asked if there were any announcements, because they knew I'd have one. In *The AA Service Manual*, Bill W. defines AA service as anything that helps us reach a fellow sufferer. Bill lists Twelfth Step calls, a cup of coffee, and on to AA's General Service Office and Board for national and international action, pamphlets, books, and this magazine, the Grapevine. In St. Louis in 1955, Bill—the surviving co-founder—turned AA over to the membership. As Bill phrased it, AA had come of age. I don't believe that we have ever fully accepted that responsibility in all these twenty-one years. The General Service Conference is the ultimate acceptance of our responsibility for survival of AA. The quality of the delegates we send to that Conference is determined by the quality of the members we choose as GSRs.

C.B., Santa Maria, Calif.
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AA's who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



(From the February 1967 Grapevine)



ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

Because I had another senior moment last month I forgot to add the Years in the Year column. The correction is included in this Month's edition. My Apologies. ☺🙏

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	CINDI M.	09/23/90	27YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BRENT M.	09/14/14	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS L.	09/09/14	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	STEPHEN C.	09/17/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ERIC V.	09/10/13	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM J.	09/23/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL A.	09/09/14	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MIKE C.	09/25/11	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DARLENE M.	09/10/07	10 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WENDY C.	09/07/04	13 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BARRY H.	09/25/99	18 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CAROL C.	09/07/93	24 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE C.	09/21/07	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NANCY F.	09/17/85	32 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	SANDY J.	09/15/88	29 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	CAROL C.	09/08/88	29 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JESSICA O.	09/29/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JUNE W.	09/18/86	31 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NANCY	09/17/85	32 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEREMY C.	09/20/11	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	AIDA	09/23/87	30 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ALEX A.	09/11/04	13 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LENNY G.	09/24/00	17 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	TOM V.	09/02/88	29 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE C.	10/31/12	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ED D.	10/17/05	12 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	STEVE D.	10/31/90	27 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX P.	10/11/90	27 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GUY S.	10/24/88	29 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	MITCH S.	10/22/87	30 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TOM F.	10/19/81	36 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BETTY E.	10/08/09	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN W.	10/26/97	20 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ANN S.	10/01/88	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	43 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	MARTIN G.	10/17/13	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF C.	10/21/96	21 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-September 2017

© Today in September of 2017 we have 224 Groups with 565 meetings a week. Contributions in September totaled \$ 3,221.06. That accounts for what 29 Groups and 2 Individuals out of 224 Groups in our area have contributed in September. Our total income for September was \$11,478.11. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,253.90. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$5,224.21. Our Total Expenses for September were \$7,913.35. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus—\$2,689.14 for the month of September. This leaves us a total of minus—\$2,795.76 in the red for the year thus far. No matter *how good or bad* it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions to keep us operating on a steady level. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we continue to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support. Thank you for all of your support !!!

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

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GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE E.	10/08/12	5 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SCOTT D.	10/10/07	10 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROBERT R.	10/26/87	30 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROSE AC	10/15/84	33 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	SUE I.	10/16/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	MEGHAN M.	10/31/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DOTTY R.	10/10/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	MAURA	10/04/04	13 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	31
TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP	SINIA P.	10/28/11	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DICK W.	06/10/58	59 YRS

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

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**
"Spirit of Rotation"

Hosted by District 9 * Broward County, Florida * October 6th-8th, 2017
 Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM



Bringing Florida AA Together for Recovery

REGISTER NOW! space is limited
Florida Unity Roundup
 October 6, 7 & 8, 2017
 Lexington Hotel and Conference Center
 Jacksonville Riverwalk
 Register and pay securely online @
www.floridaunityroundup.com

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

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

Stewart 813-455-7260
 Sharon 813-943-9838

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

Group rates on
 canoe or kayak rentals



Little Manatee River
 Canoe Outpost
 18001 U.S. hwy 301 S.
 Wimauma, FL 33598
 813-634-2228

**THURSDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
 GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR**

16th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

(LOCATED AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1698 S. BELCHER RD,
 CLEARWATER, FL)

DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH

SAVE THE DATE!
SOBERWEEN '17
 OCTOBER 28TH, 2017 8PM - 11PM

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TICKETS:
 \$15 IN ADVANCE
 \$20 AT THE DOOR

HOSTED BY STEPS TO FREEDOM

Sisters in Sobriety
14th Anniversary Dinner

Welcoming all women to join in the celebration!

Tuesday, October 17, 2017



Guest Speaker
Lorinda W.

Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale
 710 E Bloomingdale Ave
 Next to Dunkin Donuts

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm Speaker



December 2, 2017
 5:30 pm — 12:00 am

**Gratitude
 Dinner**

THIS IS AN EVENT TO SUPPORT GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

GRATITUDE DINNER

Area 15—District 2 - General Service

December 2, 2017 5:30 pm — 12:00 am

Fellowship at 5:30

Dinner at 6:30

Speaker, Peter M. from Boca at 8:30

DJ Paul F and Rapper Clinton James to lead us in a
 dance and entertainment, following the speaker.

To volunteer please contact Robin 786-543-3555

MCC Church
 408 E Cayuga Street,
 Tampa, FL 33603

Committee Chair Robin 786-543-3555
 Decorating Chair Cathy V. 941-623-8935
 Meal to be prepared by Chef Rod

Tickets available by table or individual sales.

Contact Niki D. 813-928-0503
 To purchase tickets.
 Tickets are \$20.00 each

We are asking groups to donate a basket of AA
 approved literature for the raffle



Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		629.04	Keystone Group	224.90	878.15	Simply Sobriety Women's		323.40
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keystone All Groups		832.00	Singleness of Purpose	97.28	206.71
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Kingsway Group			Sisters in Sobriety Group		490.95
AA 101 Group		1,250.12	Lemon Tree Group	214.55	214.55	Sober @ 6 Group	305.18	452.73
Alpha Group	120.00	600.00	Little Harbor Grapevine Gp	164.00	164.00	Sober @ 7 Group	234.00	967.00
Anniversary Dinner 2017		5,017.28	Live and Let Live Group		172.50	Sober on Saturday Group		260.00
7th Tradition Basket		195.00	Living in the Solution		890.00	Sober on Sunday	2.74	2.74
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2017		184.00	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It		200.00	Soberilla		835.86
Cakewalk Raffle Event 2017			Lutz @ Noon		93.00	SoberSticks Event		100.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Mad Dogs Group		184.22	Soberstock Committee		1,000.00
Anonymous Donations	1.00	675.90	Mainly Sober Group		102.00	Sobrietea Womens Group	18.75	18.75
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		620.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		1,330.16	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	15.00	95.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		404.09	Monday Night Madness		76.09	Sobriety Group		201.67
Attitude of Gratitude Group		100.00	Morning Express Group			Solutions Group		422.38
Barracks Brigade Group		219.50	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Southshore Men's Group		507.95
Bel-Mar Group		105.30	Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		350.00
Bill D's Group		250.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Spiritual Growth Group	515.58	515.58
BIRTHDAY CLUB	92.00	556.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		1,575.50	Spiritual Progress Goup		22.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	64.00	272.00	New Beginnings Brandon		867.15	Step Sisters in Sobriety		195.00
Came To Believe Group		923.55	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		1,123.56	Stepping Stones Group (w)		370.16
Cardinal Group - Odessa		325.00	New Day Group		65.00	Sun City Center Group		114.62
Carrollwood Blue Roof		50.00	New Hope Big Book		199.61	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		625.00
Carrollwood Group		132.60	New Way Women's Group		500.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	575.00
Chancey Road Group		118.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		1.95	Swamp Meeting	65.00	65.00
Clean Air Group		150.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		204.53	Sweet Surrender Group		180.00
Design for Living Group		88.80	Nooners Group--Tampa	1.52	399.64	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	549.53	872.20
Dover Group		95.16	Noontime Celebration Gp.		175.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		601.39
Early Risers Group - Joe's		265.77	Northdale Group		242.39	Tampa Palms Big Book		150.00
Expect a Miracle Group		343.00	Odessa Group		503.75	Tampa Palms Monday Men's		504.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	50.00	478.74	Old School Group		1,500.00	Tampa Recovery Group		100.00
Fear Not Group		60.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		272.00	TGIS Group	129.00	166.50
Fireside Group		924.39	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		264.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		227.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		134.28	One Day at a Time Group		200.00	The 164 Group		25.00
Fresh Start Group		75.00	Palma Ceia Group		190.79	The 164 Group USF		40.00
Friday Night Lights Group	33.00	456.89	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		200.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		209.95
Friday Night Step Study		81.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		195.00	To Improve Conscious		226.00
Friday Night Women's Group		195.00	Plank Owners Group	110.00	550.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Friday Women's Friendship		200.00	Plant City Keep it Simple	30.00	252.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		89.05
Gifts of Sobriety Group		2.13	Primary Purpose Group		94.25	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		230.00
Grapevine Gals Group		325.97	Promises Meeting Group		530.83	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		230.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		150.00	Recovery Bootcamp Group		3.25	Wed Night Step Workshop		45.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1347.48	Red Chip Day			Wed Keep it Simple Group	50.00	102.00
High Nooners Group		200.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	14.38	491.69	Weedpatch Group		455.00
Hi- Nooners Group		100.00	Riverside Group		118.10	Wellspring Group		201.11
HOW Group	40.00	55.50	Riverview Mens Blackbelt	4.65	42.03	Wesley Chapel Group		694.85
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		356.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		263.67	Women's Friendship Group		853.49
Just What I Wanted Big Book		103.06	Ruskin Fellowship Group		50.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		109.85
Keep It Simple - YANA		152.57	Safe Haven Group		175.00			
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		429.57	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		1,050.00			
Keeping it Simple Group		162.50	Saturday Night Live Group		192.30			
			Seekers of Serenity II Group		48.12			
							Total	2,057.06
							Monthly Total	3,221.06
							YTD Total	15,229.89
	Total	400.00		Total	764.00			
							Grand Total	53,726.08
	YTD	Total	20,593.41	YTD	Total	17,902.78		