



# Tri-County Central Office News

Be forgetful of favors given; be mindful of blessings received....

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.  
8019 North Himes Avenue Ste. 104, Tampa, Florida 33614-2763

January, 2018

## 1st Year

Is this your first year in AA? Do you get discouraged and wonder if it is worth it? Have you had those terrible doubts that you might not be able to resist that first drink? Let me tell you about my first year in AA. You, who might be having a rough time. Hang on, cut everything down to size—then—pray. Keep in mind that one can only do what one is capable of doing, today. We only have today; even less—just this moment. The first year in AA was one heck of a battle for me. I hung on to my sobriety by the proverbial thread. Oh, I wanted to stay sober, that's for sure, otherwise I never would have made it through that first year. I was not living for today; instead, I concerned myself about the future. The future looked black and the more I worried, the blacker it became. Physically, I was a wreck. Ulcers, colds, aches and pains and not a darn thing to numb the agony. Mentally and emotionally, I felt the worst of all. The car accidents I had had during my drinking days had taken their toll. When I drove the car to meetings I frequently had to stop—three or four times, coming and going—because suddenly I would start shaking violently. This went on for at least six months, but AA taught me to go to any lengths for my sobriety and I was not going to let these “shakers” get me down. There was only one ray of hope in all of this: spiritually, I was coming alive. My first contact with faith was the AA program. Then, I came to believe...in this forgotten (but familiar) power greater than myself. Yet I was not willing to turn my life completely over into God's hands. I was sober but still very much a tyrant at home. I gave in to nervousness and the family took the brunt of my bad temper. I shall never forget the night that I was the last one to be seated at the dinner table. When I looked around the table there were my darling children and good husband all waiting to see if mother was going to be her usual nasty self. I was appalled—and so damned ashamed. I immediately made a silent promise that I would change. The more I tried, the worse I became. So I prayed, and God answered the prayers. I don't know when it happened but it did: one day I realized that I was behaving more decently to my patient family. Just a note to non-alcoholic: don't lose sight of the fact that we alcoholics are really trying, even though it does not look that-a-way. Time, patience and many prayers—that is the clue. During that first year, I had one terrific compulsion to drink. I drove around in the car, telling myself, “I am an alcoholic and cannot take that first drink, Dear God, help me.” It worked! What a relief—realization finally hit me that I did not have to drink, *no matter what*. I was and still am fully aware that alcohol is cunning, baffling, and powerful but, there is one that has all power and that one is God. My sobriety became the most valuable and precious possession I had. By this time. I was sober one year and woke up to the world around me. I'd look up to the sky and feel the awe that comes with realizing how insignificant one really is. I thought about the miracle of birth and looked at my children and felt the love well up in me that had

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## 43 Years

Reprinted from earlier newsletter (2005), just what to relay a little Central Office History.

Since next month Tri-County Central Office will be celebrating it's 30th year in existence, I thought it would be befitting to honor some of the groups that originally helped us to get started. Although Central Office had been in existence since the early-mid 40's, known then as the Tampa Area Service Center or sometimes as the “Headquarters”, we didn't become Tri-County Central Office until 1975. Following will be the original groups that supported Central Office back in 1975. I found these documents as I was doing some research for our upcoming Board Chairperson and I thought it might be interesting to share with everyone else, so here goes:

- The Sunset Men's Group located at 4624 Browning Ave.
- The Closed Women's Group located at 3333 W. Columbus
- The New Start Group located at 6806 Nebraska Ave.
- The Young at Heart Group (address not listed)
- The Big Book Discussion Group located at 3201 S. MacDill
- The Sunday Night 12 Tradition Group at 3209 S. MacDill
- The Bar-None Group located at 3209 S. MacDill Ave.
- The Thursday Nite Discussion Group 1201 S. MacDill Ave
- The Temple Terrace Discussion Group at 502 Druid Hills
- The Brandon Candlelight Group at Hwy 60 & Kingsway
- The Wednesday Morning Study Group at 3333 W. Columbus
- The Sunday Nite Unity Group located at 3333 W. Columbus
- The Riverside Group located at 240 Plant Ave.
- The Women's Friendship Group located at 4311 San Miguel
- The Friday Town & County Group at Memorial Hwy & Webb Road
- The Palma Ceia Group located at Dale Mabry & Bay to Bay
- The Sunday Morning Breakfast Group at 3201 S. MacDill
- The Young Peoples Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The MacDill AFB Group (address not listed)
- The Northgate Group located at 5701 North 20th Street
- The Tuesday Town & County Group at Memorial Hwy & Webb Road
- The Franklin Street Group located on Franklin Street
- The Tuesday Night Discussion Group at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions Group at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Helping Hand Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Sulphur Springs Group located at 5701 North 20th Street
- The Sunday Morning Group located at 3333 W. Columbus
- The Drop-In Group located at 5701 North 20th Street

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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.

□ The December 9th, 2017 meeting of TBAIC was opened by Allan D.; leading the "Serenity Prayer".

• Allan D., on behalf of Linn D. (Treasurer), indicated that funds are sufficient to cover expenses.

• Chris D. (E. Pasco Prison), indicated that all is well with the Big Book study meeting(s) being provided. With changes in leadership at the state level, application process is still proving challenging for new volunteers.

• Ruth N. (E. Pasco Women's Jails), indicated that coverage during the Holidays was a bit challenging, but all meetings were covered. Have been leveraging the Living Sober material to facilitate meetings and working well. Noted that Rita has been doing a great job in keeping the schedule updated. Thank you Rita. Lastly, Ruth indicated that assistance is still needed with the meeting (Wednesday @ 7:30PM) being held at the Veterans facility on 131st Avenue. Looking for men with active or prior military experience to help facilitate these meetings.

• Tom F. (Men's Bridge the Gap Coordinator) indicated that there had been no calls received since the last meeting.

• Kevin D. Indicated that the Thursday night meeting being held at White Sands is going very well; up from 20 to ~50 people in attendance at times. Also indicated that the White Sands coordinator (Tammy) has expressed an interest again in having additional meetings brought into the facility. Scott S. (Secretary) to follow up on this.

• Susan O. is vacating the role of Chair. Motion was made for Allan D. to assume Chair responsibilities and Ruth N. to assume Alternate Chair responsibilities going forward; group approved.

• The following upcoming events were noted: Old Time AA (1/20/18). Additional details can be found on the Tri-County Central Office web site at this web address: <http://www.aatampa-area.org/events.html>

• 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) **Next Meeting** • January 13th, 2018 @ 9:30 AM.

**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**  
**January 13th, 2018** 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:**

**Anonymous - \$60.94, As Bill Sees it Monday Night Men's Odessa - \$10.00, Early Risers Group - \$155.78, Live and Let Live Group - \$7.00, LIVING IN THE Solution Group - \$23.40, Monday Night Mens New Tampa - \$271.00, Morning Meditation group - \$89.00, New Beginnings Group - \$36.73, Nooner's Group - \$26.60, Odessa Group - \$78.85, Promises Meeting Group - \$374.49, Rush Hour Serenity Group - \$15.00, Ruskin Fellowship Group - \$97.90, Saturday Night Fever Group - \$389.00, Sisters in Sobriety Group - \$178.70, Simply Sobriety Group - \$85.30**

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$25,984.49</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 12/31/16</b>	<b>\$1705.00</b>
<b>Money Spent on Literature</b>	<b>\$23,985.45</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$1300.81</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 4/08/17</b>	<b>\$2403.23</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 4/09/16</b>	<b>\$1705.00</b>

<b>TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact</b>
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



**AREA 15 SOUTH FLORIDA  
 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**  
 "THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT"

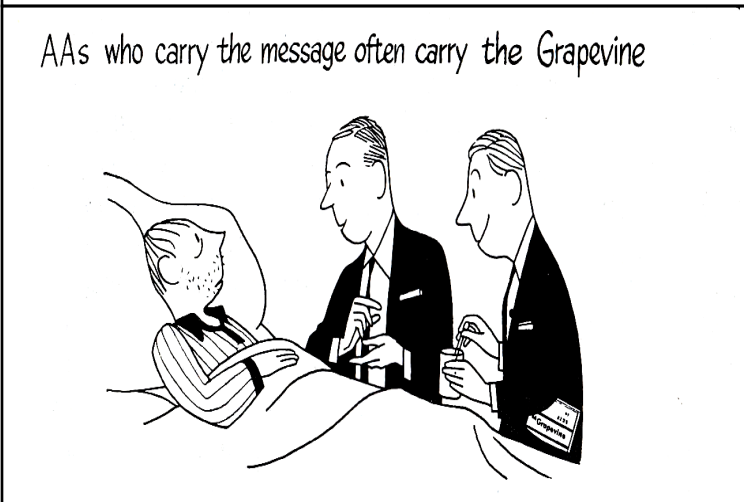
Hosted by Districts 3 and 5 ♦ January 5 - 7, 2018  
 Registration: Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM ♦ Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM ♦ Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**Daily Tips for Old and New Members**

The unhappiest person in the world is the alcoholic who has an insistent yearning to enjoy life as he once knew it, but cannot picture life without alcohol. He has a heart-breaking obsession that by some miracle of control he will be able to do so. Sobriety is the most important thing in your life without exception. You may believe your job, or your home life, or one of many other things come first. But consider, if you do not get sober and stay sober, chances are you won't have a job, a family, sanity, or even life. If you are convinced that everything in life depends on your sobriety, you have so much more chance of getting sober and staying sober. If you put other things first you are only hurting your chances.

- (1) Cultivate continued acceptance of the fact that your choice is between unhappy, drunken drinking and doing without just one small drink.
- (2) Cultivate gratitude you have had the good fortune of finding out what was wrong with you before it was too late.
- (3) Expect as being natural and inevitable, that for a period of time, (and it may be a long one) you will recurrently experience the craving, not for a drink as such, but for the soothing glow and warmth a drink or two once gave you.
- (4) Don't permit yourself to think a drink or two would make some bad situation better, or at least easier to live with. Substitute the thought: "One drink will make it worse, - one drink will mean a drunk."
- (5) Cultivate the enjoyment of sobriety. How good it feels to be free of shame, mortification and self-condemnation. How good it is to be free of fear of the consequences of a drunk just ended, or a coming drunk you have never before been able to prevent.
- (6) Cultivate gratitude. Gratitude that so much can be yours for so small a price. Gratitude that you don't have to drink. Gratitude that A.A. exists, and you found out about it in time. Gratitude that you are only a victim of a disease called Alcoholism, that you aren't a degenerate, immoral weakling, or the self-elected victim of a vice or a person of doubtful sanity.
- (7) Seek ways to help other alcoholics and remember the first way to help others is to stay sober yourself.
- (8) And don't forget that when the heart is heavy and resistance is low, there is much comfort in a true and understanding friend standing by you. You have that friend in A.A.

Anonymous



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been dormant for too many years. I looked at my husband and felt a momentary pang—I thought, "If I could turn back the clock and start all over, be what I used to be like before alcohol took possession of me." But that was yesterday and one can never go back. I had grown up somewhat and knew that I could only show by my example and actions, today, how grateful I am for his patience, tolerance and intestinal fortitude. We hear in AA that it takes guts to stay on this program but I believe *it takes time*. It is a little over three years since I had my last drink. It is also when I first started to live. I thank God and AA for my sobriety and for life. True, I am insignificant and unimportant but without AA, I would be nothing.

Sharon S., Monte Sereno, Cal  
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- The Ruskin Fellowship Group 705 9th Street SW, Ruskin
- The Thursday Clair-Mel Unity Group located at 1205 Windermere Way
- The Friday Clair-Mel Unity Group located at 1024 78th Street
- The Tuesday Clair-Mel Unity Group located at 1024 78th Street
- The Thursday Morning Discussion Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Dade City Group located on 11th and Magnolia, Dade City
- The Trilby 12 Steps Group located in Trilby, Florida
- The Odessa Group (no address listed)
- The Sunday Night Traditions Group corner of Linebaugh & North Blvd.
- The Tampa Heights Discussion Group corner of Central & Columbus
- The Lutz Group located in Lutz, Florida
- The Sunday Morning North-East Fellowship Group (no address)
- The Zephyrhills Group (no address listed)
- The Round Robin Group (no address listed)
- The North West Tampa Group located at 3126 W. Lam-bright St.
- The Monday Nite Group located at 3201 S. MacDill Ave.

So there you have it. 44 groups got together to help support the Central Office. Some of them have faded into the past but many of those original groups still continue to flourish and support us.

If you would like your group featured in the newsletter, why don't you drop us a brief history of the early days of your group's beginnings. We would love to hear from you. Happy New Year!!!!

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

December 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
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S
JANET S.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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**HE'S BACK!!!** Larry B. our Chairperson was able to finally come back to the group after hurting himself from a fall. We are all very grateful for his return. Larry opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. He asked everyone if they had signed in. **Office Managers Report:** Cindy read the November Office Managers Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasures Report:** Tim presented the November Treasures report. Contributions in November totaled \$7,825.038. Our total income for November was \$16,011.14. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,133.01. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our November income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,878.13. Our Total Expenses for November were \$8,212.05. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,666.08 for the month of November. This left us with a total of minus—\$1,164.21 in the red for the year thus far. There was no discussion. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Janet presented the November Secretary Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. Concerning the issue of continuing to print the Newsletter, Tim noted that he had checked out bulk mail price compared to using postage stamps...we would be better off where we are now. Tim will be cleaning out the mailing list for 2018. **Old Business:** Old Business centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner to be held in February of 2018. There was some concern about the amount of people and that it might be too crowded. It was noted that flyers and tickets all stated limit of 300 people. Discussion turned to the food to be served. Still an issue until we talk to Council members. Waiting on papers from MCC to be signed. **New Business:** Tim's evaluation and the upcoming Physical Inventory was discussed. A motion was made by Brian to give Tim and Martin a \$100.00 Christmas Bonus. Motion passed. Tim was asked to leave the room while they discussed his evaluation. A motion was made to give Tim a .50 raise and Martin also a .50 raise. Motion passed. **Council Meeting:** Larry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. New Council Member forms were handed out. New members were Audrey H. from the Nightly Newcomers Group, Chris R. from the

December 12th, 2017 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JENNIFER U.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
NANCY R.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
MATTHEW T.	NEW TAMPA MENS GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
AUDREY H.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
CHRIS R.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
JEFF C.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
ERICA J.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MENS GROUP
CHANSE D.	NEXT DOOR GROUP

Friday Night Lights Group, Jeff C. from the Friday Night Lights Group, Chanse D. from the Next Door Group, & Brian McC. from the Hi-Nooners Group (Plant City). **Office Managers Report:** Diane read the November Office Managers Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasures Report:** Tim presented the November Treasures report. Contributions in November totaled \$7,825.038. Our total income for November was \$16,011.14. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,133.01. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our November income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,878.13. Our Total Expenses for November were \$8,212.05. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,666.08 for the month of November. This left us with a total of minus—\$1,164.21 in the red for the year thus far. There was no discussion. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Old Business centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner to be held in February of 2018. Brian went over the Committee Sign Up sheet with everyone. Still do not have information concerning the foods that we will be supplying. Still time to sign up for the Cakewalk Raffle. **New Business:** Sue announced that their groups at the 301 House would be hosting an All Groups meeting in January 2018. Flyers and tickets were made available. There will be food, live music games & fun. Sobriety will be having Midnight meetings all Christmas week. 301 will be having a New Year Eve Bash. Tickets for our Anniversary Dinner & Big Book Raffle were made available. The next Council Meeting will be **January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 7:00 pm **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.**

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z.	01/16/89	28 YRS
NEW WAY WOMEN'S GROUP	MARY H.	01/08/04	13 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUSAN S.	01/28/10	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF S.	01/08/05	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	PEGGY C.	01/01/14	3 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	SHELLY P.	01/10/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	NANCY	01/13/11	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	VAL M.	01/19/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	LAURA M.	01/06/04	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JUNE T.	01/09/99	18 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	STEPHANIE C.	01/29/91	26 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANDREA E.	01/05/15	2 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	01/02/11	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DAVID G.	01/24/95	22 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TERRY M.	01/05/83	34 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JEANETTE P.	01/01/15	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	34 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	SARAH O.	01/03/09	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	JUNE T.	01/09/99	18 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	LYNN P.	01/11/08	9 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BOURKE	01/29/99	18 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED S.	01/15/86	31 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED P.	01/17/77	40 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	8 YRS

*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 in our area.*

**SELF-SUPPORT-December, 2017**

© Today in December of 2017 we have 224 Groups with 565 meetings a week. Contributions in December totaled \$ 7,306.57. That accounts for what 43 Groups out of 224 Groups in our area have contributed in December. Our total income for December was \$12,538.41. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,822.85. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,715.58. Our Total Expenses for December were \$9,976.83. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$1,261.27 for the month of December. This leaves us with a total of minus—\$2,425.48 in the red for the year of 2017. 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**

164USF will host a 'FOUNDATION MEETING' on February 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The Power Point presentation will include background of the practical program of action and many of the individuals involved in the stories behind how Alcoholic's Anonymous came to exist.



Wednesdays @ 7PM

Chapel Center USF

12849 USF Sycamore Dr

Tampa, FL 33620

164 USF was established in 2010 at the request of USF Medical College. Medical, nursing and mental health students are required to attend some twelve step meetings. The college desired a meeting be held on or near campus for the student's convenience.

This outreach serves to help future health care service providers understanding about alcoholism and the vital purpose AA serves to provide a 'Solution'.

Although still well attended by observers – we also need support by recovered alcoholics.

Questions or Comments to: [Dan@164FL.com](mailto:Dan@164FL.com)

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

**14TH ANNUAL SOBERSTOCK 2018**

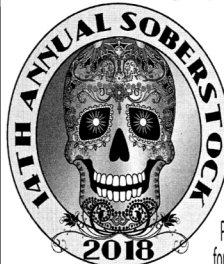
Friday - Sunday,

March 16th to 18th, 2018

A 3-day weekend AA/Alanon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship.

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

Live Bands! Karaoke!  
**Tent Camping ONLY!**  
(No RV's/Popups!)



**When:** Friday, March 16th to 18th, 2018- Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at Noon.

**Where:** "Camp Brorein" - 16901 Boy Scout Rd. Odessa, FL 33556 - **SEE MAP ON BACK OF THIS FLYER**

**What to bring:** Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, LANTERNS, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO cabins at this facility.

**What we provide:** Refreshments, Camp Style Meals - Fri. lunch & dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast.



**ONLINE T-SHIRT ORDERS**

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

1 FREE T-Shirt Per Weekend/Day Pass Order until

January 1, 2018!

Our web site provides most of the details regarding SoberStock, like maps, schedule of events, credit card payment, flyers, & t-shirt ordering and so much more than we can fit on this flyer!

**HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR THE 12TH STEP LIST?**



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

**Old Time A.A.**

4th Annual - Supporting Dr. Bob's Home

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Christ the King Church

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa FL 33608

Doors open at 9:00 AM  
 Program 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Breakfast & Lunch  
 Included

Visit our website  
 www.oldtimeaa.com



**Scheduled Presenters**

Gail L. (Dr. Bob's Home) - Billy N. (Atlanta GA)  
 Mary Thayer (Sante Fe NM) - James L. (Tallahassee FL)

**History Workshop Registration Form**

Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 beginning December 23, 2017. Seating is limited.

For Online registration, go to our website, www.oldtimeaa.com

For more information call 352-556-7711 or email: oldtimeaa@gmail.com

Fax or email completed form to: 888-317-5474 or oldtimeaa@gmail.com

If preferred, make check payable to: Old Time AA and mail with form to: 129 Fairmont Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

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

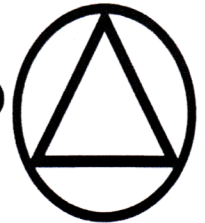
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Proceeds benefit Dr. Bob's Home  
 Lend a hand to those unable to pay the registration fee.  
 Sponsorship Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Tri-County  
 All Groups BBQ  
 Fundraiser**



Saturday January 13th 2018

301 House

8601 Bowles Rd, Tampa, FL 33637

Serving starts at 12:30pm

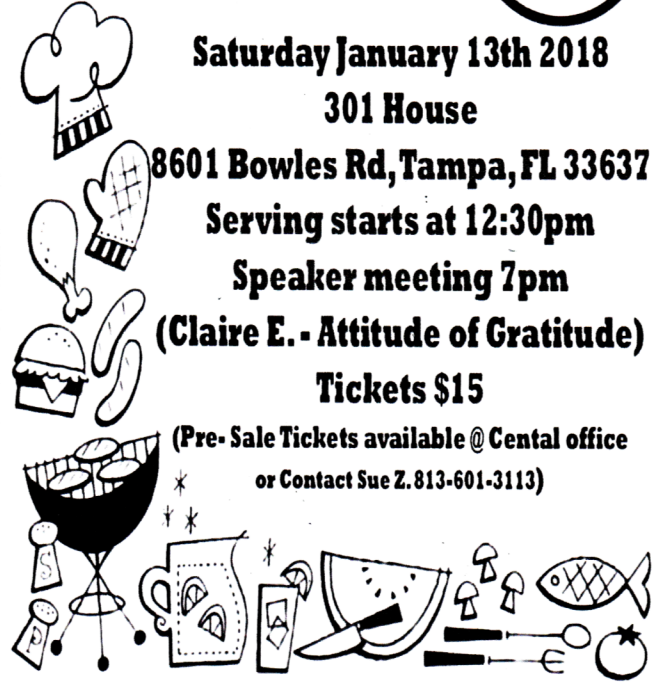
Speaker meeting 7pm

(Claire E. - Attitude of Gratitude)

Tickets \$15

(Pre- Sale Tickets available @ Cental office

or Contact Sue Z. 813-601-3113)



THE '164 GROUP PRESENTS:  
**SOBERILLA**



**STEPS WORKSHOP**

JANUARY 27, 2018

9:00AM - 5PM

REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$10

SPAGHETTI LUNCH INCLUDED

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

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER @ SOBERILLA.ORG

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



**TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE  
 43th ANNIVERSARY DINNER  
 SPEAKER MEETING**

Celebrating 76 Years as our

Area Service Center

Saturday February 10th, 2018

Metropolitan Community Church  
 408 East Cayuga Street  
 Tampa, Florida 33603

Doors Open @ 5:00 pm

Dinner @ 6:15 pm

Tickets for the Dinner: \$15.00

POT-LUCK DINNER

Please bring a side-dish to share

Speaker:

Cappy T.

Sobriety Date: 11-22-1974

The Reflections Group

Seating Limited to 300

Sobriety Countdown-50/50 Raffle—Cakewalk Raffle

& First Edition Big Book Raffle (12th Printing 1948)

Tickets for Big Book Raffle \$5.00 per ticket

You do not need to be present at the event to win.

Tickets available at Central Office and thru Board & Council Members



