



Tri-County Central Office News

“Resentments are those things we use to punish ourselves
for the shortcomings of others”

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Carrying the Message

AAs all over the world share their thoughts with the Grapevine or AA World Service Office.

Two Dreams...From Seattle, Wash.: There have been two dreams in my life, and both have come true through AA. I had a short stay in Seattle twenty-two years before joining the program, and I fell in love with the city. I dreamed of returning there, but the dream was hidden behind the bottle. Two years after the bottle was removed and my confidence in myself was restored, this dream became a reality. My first step was to contact Seattle AA. Through the help of members, I was able to find a job and very desirable living quarters and to live again in a conventional atmosphere. My other dream was of visiting Hawaii...During my first week in Seattle, I met a girl who was new in AA, and I was able to give to her what had been “poured” into me by my New York groups. It was most gratifying to see her grow in the AA “school,” learning how to live without alcohol. She made it back to self-respect and job responsibility and eventually was transferred to Hawaii. In December, I received an invitation from her to visit Honolulu and the AA groups there. The meetings were most interesting, and there is close unity, encouraged, no doubt, by the fact that they are so far from the mainland. I found excellent AA at meetings I attended while there; often, I could hardly tell whether I was in Honolulu, Seattle, or New York. H.J.

‘Extraneous subjects’...From San Francisco, Calif., I am a comparative newcomer in AA; but, after having been around a little over a year and a half, I feel that I have learned enough to speak out about something that has been bothering me. Why did *you* come to AA? I came to learn how to stay away from booze, and when I first came in, they told me that the way to do that was to keep coming to meetings. I did and still do. But my understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous must be different from that of some people. I figure that to learn how to keep off the sauce, you have to talk to other alcoholics and learn their ways of doing it. What good, may I ask, does it do to go to a meeting where somebody starts the ball rolling on sex, pills, “trips,” etc? I have been to meetings where some guy stands up and says, “I have a sex problem.” I couldn’t care less about his sex problem. All I want to know about this guy is how he keeps away from alcohol. But once the discussion is started, everyone seems to feel obligated to stay on the subject, plus laughing at off-color remarks. Now don’t misunderstand me; I am not a prude, never was known as one, and don’t mind hearing or telling a joke sometimes, just the same as most everyone else. But to me an AA meeting is a serious thing and neither the time nor the place to bring all this up. I have noticed the trend toward bringing extraneous subjects into a meeting lately, and I wonder if it is a problem in other areas, too. AA has been a lifesaver for me, and I am, God willing, going to hang on to it for dear life. But I liked it much better as it was when I first came in, when we didn’t get all this garbage.

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‘Thanks, but No Thanks’

I am committed to the tradition of not engaging—as an AA member—in public controversy, nor opposing or endorsing causes. But with so much public information on alcoholism being put forth from varied sources, it is hard to withhold my two bits’ worth on occasion. I am also a “two-hatter,” and that complicates the issues. As I see it, the commitment does not keep one from relating his own personal feelings within the AA Fellowship on one hand, while maintaining a neutral or open-end stance at the public or professional level. One “issue” that prompts this writing is the so-called controlled-drinking concept, whereby it is proposed that complete abstinence should not only be the only alternative to arresting our disease—that some alcoholics can or should be treated to enable them to drink “normally.” When this issue arises publicly, I can say, “More power to you if you think this is the answer.” Lord knows, plenty of alcoholics have searched long and hard for such a solution, without success. Privately, I can say that if I were offered a 100% guarantee of success, my answer would be “Thanks but no thanks.” This is not a flippant attitude, nor a self-righteous one. After reading and studying this “issue,” I was thankful for the opportunity it gave me to do some soul-searching and inventorying on the basis and strength of my own sobriety. At first, the concept struck me as almost too ridiculous to consider seriously—one of those “Get thee behind me, Satan,” stinking-thinking things—until it was brought up by a newcomer in AA. You could almost feel his longing as he speculated that maybe there was a chance for an alcoholic to return to controlled drinking, that maybe he was the one who could do it. The answers that I and others offered were more statistical and stereotyped than meaningful, more critical than helpful. It was then that I began searching for the words and feelings in my heart, not in my head. And there I found all of the good things that have come from working the AA program—my peace of mind, regained self-respect, and new life with family, friends, and the AA Fellowship. I recalled the times of frustration, disappointment, and heartache that I was able to cope with through the AA program; I recalled the chances to help others and be helped in turn. To me, this is what AA is all about—not just that I stopped drinking, but that I finally started living. Someone called it “a new adventure in life,” one that’s rich in experiences of many types. AA has led me to a spiritual awakening that I might never knew existed. Trade this for the ability to do a little “social” drinking? No way! But then, I am grateful because I have been granted the chance to enjoy these benefits, as others on the program have. What about those who have not? What about those who don’t make it? Have I the right to judge or to say there is no alternative? We carry a message, that’s all—one that was given to us. Part of that message was that, if I made a decision to turn my life and will over to the care of God as I understood Him, I would not have to drink again, and that this Higher Power could do for me what I could not do for myself. Ever since I made that decision and

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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.

Alt. Chair Ruth N. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer
 Tom F. presented the Treasures report for Scott S. Motion to accept report, group approved.

James S. presented the minutes from May's meeting. Motion to accept report, group approved.

Buddy H. reported all is going well with Men's Hillsborough County Jails.

Sara R. reported all is going very good with Women's Hillsborough County Jails. In need of some new volunteers. Thanks to Cass for help in recruiting. The Jails Administrator is pleased with the meetings being brought into the Jail.

Ed D. has taken on the position of Detox & Treatment Coordinator, replacing Scott R. Welcome aboard Ed.

Ruth N. reported East Pasco Women's Jail is going well. Dist.15 is asking for help with volunteers for the Men's program on Thursday and Sundays. For information on volunteering contact Carl R. at 910-551-1170.

Tom F. reported that East Pasco Men's Prison is almost at a crisis situation. Some of the current volunteers are having health problems and the Prison's policy on accepting new volunteers are leaving vacant AA meetings.

Bridging the Gap received 1 call. The call was from Hudson, Fl. Which is in District 15. District 2 Bridging the Gap will try and acquire the numbers from Districts 1,4,3 and 15 BTG Coordinators for future calls.

New Business- White Sands is showing 3 days on the schedule, and volunteers are only showing up for 1. Our new Detox & Treatment Coordinator will follow up and review the schedule. DACCO meetings on Sunday are now being covered. The banking information needs to be switched out of Tom F.'s name and into Scott S. name. Tom F. needs Officers signature.

Ruth N closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Reporting period May 13th - June 9th

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$8,943.25
Pink Can Balance 12/31/17	\$2,197.89
Spending Account Balance as of FEB 2018	\$4,536.50
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$12,681.05
YTD Expenses	\$ 676.75
Pink Can Balance 6/9/18	\$2,319.84

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

July 14th, 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:

(May 13th - June 9th): AA 101 Group - \$68.00, As Bill Sees It Monday Mens Group - \$20.00, Brandon Big Book Step Study Group - \$112.00, Early Risers Group - \$139.28, Hide A Way Group - \$93.83, Live and Let Live - \$20.00, Meeting Place (Land O Lakes) - \$5.00, Morning Meditation - \$81.43, Ruskin Fellowship - \$70.50, Softball Tournament Proceeds - \$151.00.

TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members

Position	Name	Contact
Chair	Allan D.	813-789-8822
Chair (Alt.)	Ruth N.	813-629-1547
Treasurer	Scott S.	813-765-7376
Treasurer (Alt.)	Open	Open
Secretary	Jim S.	813-679-9130
Secretary (Alt.)	Nancy B.	813-872-0262
Hills Jails	Open	Open
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H.	813-871-2514
Hills Women's Jails	Sara R.	916-289-8172
Detox & Treatment	Scott R.	813-727-8839
E. Pasco Jail-Women's	Ruth N.	813-629-1547
E. Pasco Prison	Chris D.	813-857-5400
Women's Bridge the Gap	Amanda L.	813-418-2127
Men's Bridge the Gap	Tom F.	813-205-4945
Pre-release	Open	Open
Juvenile	Open	Open

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I sympathize with the person who has a narcotics problem, but let him go to NA. Let the one with a sex problem go to a psychiatrist. And let's keep AA for alcoholism! G.M.

'Not in the Preamble'...From Vancouver, B.C.: In a letter to the Grapevine, R.C. of Syracuse, N.Y., says, "We don't talk about sex problems at meetings because it's not in the Preamble. The Fellowship is meant to help us recover from alcoholism. To do this, we try to overcome our shortcomings and/or defects of character. This effort is within our domain." He is right and he is wrong. Alcoholism is only a very general word which, in effect, describes one who drinks too much. Overindulgence in alcohol is symbolic of what is wrong with the person who frequently overindulges. R.C. is correct when he says that sex is not in the Preamble. Resentment—the scalding, burning killer—is not there, either. But no one denies its deadly effects. We've all known those gut-grabbing fears and the insidious insanity of self-pity. They are a part of our ailment, but they are not in the Preamble, either. Moreover, I might add that contentment and peace of mind are not mentioned. Nor is serenity. But these qualities can and often do come to us if this program is applied to our loused-up lives. It is my observation that many of us had and still have hang-ups about sex. Closed meetings or discussion groups could and even should be a place where this problem could be aired. Those who have problems along these lines could learn that they aren't alone and some kind of freak. We share our problems so that we can stay sober. Isn't this so? R.S.

A meeting-skipper gets the word...From Pelham, N.Y.: Some time after I had come into the AA Fellowship and become active in my group, my long-time friend moved away to Chicago. We continued to correspond frequently, but at some point my attendance at meetings slackened. I may have divulged this in a letter. The response was brief and to the point. "Dear B—: I find that *not* going to meetings has a great many advantages. For one thing, you can get your mind back on *yourself*, where it belongs. When you don't have your mind on other people, this is much easier. "And that means you can start doing all those other things that start with 'self.' Things you have been neglecting, like: *self-pity, self-reliance, self-determination, self-indulgence.* "Guess this is enough to say...Ted." **Aid in Step Four...**From APO, San Francisco, Calif.: Am enclosing another little check and application blank to get the Grapevine to a friend of mine down in Chinahae. Once she starts to get it, she will just have to keep renewing it, I figure. I cannot get along without the Grapevine, and although I pass it on, I do so reluctantly, because I always want to read it one more time. Sometimes I think anyone could recover just with the Grapevine, because I know I find all my defects in others stories (I'd find it hard to recognize all mine otherwise). Then, I find so much more courage in the stories that it's pretty hard to keep from gaining a little myself. M.L.B.

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**HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR THE
12TH STEP LIST? WHY NOT!
YOU CAN'T KEEP IT UNLESS YOU GIVE IT AWAY...**

'Thanks, but No Thanks'.....continued from Page 1

admitted I was powerless over alcohol, the concept of taking into my hands or mind any control of drinking has been truly irrelevant and immaterial for me. I came to believe. No doubt, as the research and study of alcoholism continues, there will be many concepts and alternatives proposed. Maybe they will be successful; maybe not. No matter what, the AA message will still be there. I am proud to carry that message to whoever will listen. Whether any individual comes to believe is up to that person and a Higher Power, as it always has been. I do not have to defend this position, nor feel that AA is threatened by such "issues." Those who propose them may be just as sincere as I am in the effort to be helpful. For me personally, "Thanks, but no thanks." I like it as it is.

W.G., Oconomowoc, Wis.
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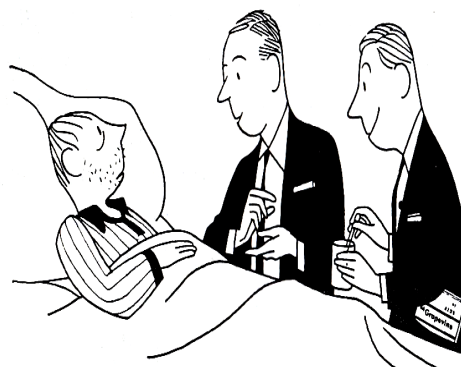
**Signs of the
Zodiac
YOUR MONTHLY DRUNK-O-SCOPE**
by Madame S., Kailua-Kona, Hawaii



**Cancer
(June 21 — July 22)**

You are right to be paranoid . . . everyone is talking about you. A sleepless night can be traced to one of two causes:
1) you need to make amends for something, or 2) you need to avoid green chile burritos after 9PM. You stub your toe while trying to trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. Stay off the shoulder.

AAs who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

June 12th, 2018 the Board of Directors for Central Office

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
Excused	VICE-CHAIR	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SUE Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR 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	
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Al opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He asked everyone if they had signed in.

(Note: Tim (that's me) was unavailable to be at the meeting and take notes. Report is based on my guess-ta-mation?)

Secretary Report: Someone read the May minutes. **Treasurers Report:** Contributions in May totaled \$ 7,374.48. This accounts for what 41 Groups out of 226 Groups in our area have contributed in May. We also received \$65.00 from two members of the Birthday Club celebrating 49 years. Our total income for May was \$14,877.09. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5822.11. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 9,054.98. Our Total Expenses for May were \$ 8,281.48. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 773.50 for the month of May. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$ 5,450.02 in the black so far for the year of 2018. But as they say in the rooms of AA "this too shall past." 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 !!! **Old Business:** Old business was probably about the Founders Day event. I believe it went over very well in spite of some early problems. Our expenses totaled \$699.00. The 50/50 raffle netted \$250.00 and the 7th Tradition basket brought in \$177.00 for a total of \$477.00. So basically we paid out \$272.00 for a nice event. Originally we were going to have to pay extra for use of the sound system but later that was rescinded. **New Business:** None **Announcements:** Tampa Bay Fall Roundup—62nd Florida State Convention—301 House Luau Cookout—Ladies Simply Sobriety 2nd Anniversary Dinner. **Council:** Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. New Council Member's welcomed were Byran O. from the Turning Point Group and Megan J. from the Sobrietea Women's Group. **Office Managers Report:** The May Office Managers Report was read. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** The May Secretary Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasures Report:** The May Treasurer's report was presented. Contributions in May totaled \$ 7,374.48.

June 12th, 2018 the Central Office Representatives met:

COUNCIL MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
JENNIFER U.		HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
SHANNON McC		TGIS GROUP
TINA S.		LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
STEVE S.		EXPERINECE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
LARRY G.		LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
BRYAN O.		TURNING POINT GROUP
MEGAN J.		SOBRIETEA GROUP
SCHREY A.		FREEDOM IN SIBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
MATTHEW T.		NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S
KIMBERLY T.		KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASSIT ON GROUP
KIKI T.		SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
BRIAN S.		THE 164 GROUP
BILL S.		OLD SCHOOL GROUP
KARA H.		SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
KATIE P.		SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
NANCY H.		KINGSWAY GROUP
NORMAN S.		LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
JOHN F.		SOBRENITY GROUP
CARL L.		KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
BETH S.		DISTRICT 2
JAMES M.		YANA

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ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE B.	07/24/14	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	SUE D.	07/16/12	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DOLORES E.	07/04/07	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	PATTI H.	07/21/06	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	ANNETTE J.	07/20/02	16 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	LEANNE M.	07/22/00	18 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	AL D.	07/19/14	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	KEN S.	07/01/14	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MORGAN	07/24/05	13 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MERRILY E.	07/31/14	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SHIRLEY P.	07/12/13	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN A.	07/19/09	9 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SHAUNA L.	07/15/08	10 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	32 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN M.	07/21/79	39 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHARLES D.	07/02/03	15 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE M.	07/27/81	37 YRS
THURSDAY BIG BOOK GROUP	AL B.	07/15/88	30 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SILVIA H.	07/21/08	10 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	MICHELLE G.	07/04/08	10 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	31 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP	LOUEITA H.	07/18/91	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LARRY B.	07/21/86	32 YRS
IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP	WARD H.	07/16/92	26 YRS
BACK TO BASICS GROUP	LOIS M.	07/09/95	23 YRS
SOBER SPIRITS GROUP	CINDY A.	07/14/01	17 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	TIMOTHY S.	07/04/88	30 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
	KEVIN K.	06/16/93	25 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	TIMOTHY S.	07/04/88	30 YRS

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 Our Individual Member's.
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SELF-SUPPORT-June, 2018

© Today in June of 2018 we have 226 Groups with 567 meetings a week. Contributions in June totaled \$ 6,869.57. This accounts for what 45 Groups out of 226 Groups in our area have contributed in June. Included we also received \$135.00 from two members of the Birthday Club celebrating 36 years. Also we received \$177.00 from our Founders Day Event 7th Tradition Basket and \$250.00 from the 50/50. Our total income for June was \$21,141.06. Please note that a large part of this increase was due to an over \$8000.00 literature purchase by TBAIC. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 10,909.62. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 10,231.44. Our Total Expenses for June were \$ 8,173.64. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 2,577.80 for the month of June. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$ 7,507.82 in the black so far for the year of 2018. But as they say in the rooms of AA "this too shall past." 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

FOUNDERS DAY EVENT: On June 9th, 2018 a little over 100 AA members gathered together at the Metropolitan Community Church to celebrate 83 years of Alcoholics Anonymous and 76 years of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Tampa area and 43 years of the Tri-County Central Office as we know it today. This was a free event hosted by the Central Office to give back to those who have supported us through-out the years. In spite of a few mis-haps and inconveniences, the event finally got underway. Some of our old-timers were unable to attend the meeting at the last minute but we were still able to be entertained with a barrage of wit, humor and seriousness as our old-timers shared their experience, strength and hope with us. Our panel consisted of Sonia T. (31 yrs), Patti L. (41 yrs), Kathie N. (39 yrs), Riche R. (44 yrs), Chuck G. (44 yrs) & Dave T. (45 yrs) with a total of 244 years of continuous sobriety. Although everything started a little slow and it looked like we may not have enough food to feed everyone, we were not let down, a couple of waves of AA members started showing up with more scrumptious food and desserts. We had so much left over we had to practically beg people to take some home with them. Thanks to Midday Matinee for all the coffee they supplied for the event (15 large cans of coffee). Also thank you to Al B. for chairing the meeting and all the committees who helped out with the 7th Tradition Basket (Sober @ 7) & the 50/50 raffle (Pass it On/Keep it Simple & Sobriety), Parking (Old School), Greeters (Clean Air), Coffee Maker (Barracks Brigade), Sobriety Countdown (Magnolia), Set-Up & Break-Down (164 & Tampa Bid for FCYPAA) AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO PITCHED IN TO MAKE THIS A REALLY NICE EVENT. THANK YOU!!! ☺🙌

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



**32nd Annual
 Tampa Bay Fall Roundup**

Labor Day Weekend

Friday, August 31, 2018 - Monday, September 3, 2018

"USF EMBASSY SUITES" 3705 SPECTRUM BLVD. TAMPA, FL 33612

AA Speakers

- CATHY C. TAMPA, FL
- RUSS K. TAMPA, FL
- MARTY J. VANCOUVER, BC
- PAULA P. CHAMPAIGN, IL
- TERRI K. WOODVILLE, OH
- MICKEY B. LONG BEACH, CA
- BUTCH M. ONTARIO CANADA
- STACY S. SAN ANTONIO TX
- CHIP B. DESTIN FL
- AFG SPEAKER
- ANGIE B. DESTIN, FL

\$129 per night (1-4 guests)
 Includes complimentary fully cooked breakfast buffet & manager's evening reception daily. Each spacious two room suite has a private living room w/sleeper sofa, microwave, refrigerator & coffee maker. Call **1-800-EMBASSY for reservations (must mention Tampa Bay Fall Roundup)** or register online at <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/T/TPAFRES-TBF-20180831/index.jhtml>
SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/23/2018

- MEETINGS**
 AA AFG ALATEEN
 AA Movies All Weekend
Friday
 Dance – 10pm
Saturday
 7am 5K Walk/Run*
 6:30pm Banquet *
 10pm - Dance
Sunday
 4:30pm Karaoke
 5:00pm Dinner Buffet *
 10 pm Talent Show

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.TAMPABAYFALLROUNDUP.COM

REGISTER & BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW.. to be eligible for a drawing to win 1 FREE COMPLETE REGISTRATION PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES A 1 NIGHT COMPLIMENTARY STAY AT THE EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL-USF & ADMISSION FOR 4 TO BUSCH GARDENS **BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR RESERVATION NUMBER BELOW.** DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8PM.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS (Monday excluded)

Full Name 1		Sobriety/Serenity Date (circle one)	
Full Name 2		Sobriety/Serenity Date (circle one)	
Address:		Phone Number (required for credit card payment)	
City, St, Zip		Email address	
Name Tag 1		Home Group	
Name Tag 2		Home Group	

	Qty.	Cost	Total	PRE-REGISTRATION PRICE ENDS 8/25/2018 – NEW PRICE \$40.00			
Pre-Registration	#	\$35. ea.	\$				
*Walk/Run Event T-shirt included- choose size	#	\$20. ea.	\$	Name 1	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Name 2	S, M, L, XL, XXL
*Friday Night Ice Cream Social	#	\$10. ea.	\$				
*Saturday Banquet-Cutoff #250 Please Choose Meal Type	Must be Registered	\$40. ea.	\$	Name 1	Steak,Chicken,Veg. (circle one)	Name 2	Steak,Chicken,Veg. (circle one)
*Sunday Afternoon Buffet	Must be Registered	\$25. ea.	\$				
T-Shirt (Indicate size) ONSITE PRICE IS \$20.00	#	\$15. ea.	\$	Name 1	S, M, L, XL, XXL	Name 2	S, M, L, XL, XXL
Add <u>service fee ONLY if paying by credit card</u>	Amt	\$2.50	\$				
SCHOLARSHIP DONATION	Enter	Amount	\$	Thank you			
NO REFUNDS AFTER 6/30/2018		TOTAL	\$	Check #or Credit Card #		EXP DATE:	3 DIGIT CODE

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