



# Tri-County Central Office News

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The Birth of Alcoholics Anonymous

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## We Get What We Give Back

*No matter whether the job is great or small, when you help the group, you help yourself.*

It's been almost four years since my last drink. No big deal to most folk, but to me, the most amazing accomplishment of my life. If I never do anything history-making, I can always say, "I came back from hell!" and be happy for it. But what kept me sober these four years? What has held my interest? Surely, after all those 24 hours, wouldn't I know the pitfalls to watch for? Wouldn't I know the Steps and the Traditions? Wouldn't I know how to stay away from that first drink? Maybe. But one thing about AA never fails to amaze me: The more interest an AA takes in a group, the more healthy he or she becomes. For me, the more I give, the more I get in return. This concept may be hard for a brand-new member to swallow. I remember my first few meetings. All the people in the room seemed to know what they were doing, talked with one another, laughed, and seemed quite content. Meanwhile, I was sitting on my hands, shaking, dizzy, hung-over, disturbed, and feeling left out. I thought surely these people must all have umpteen years of sobriety, and only by a fantastic display of talent and popularity, luck and wisdom, were they fortunate enough to run a group. Stop for a minute. At your first few meetings, did you ever get the impression that some people in a group were more important than others? I did. And I think it's natural. Throughout our drinking, some of us became more and more wrapped up in our shells. We were withdrawn, concentrating on our miserable lot in life. When we suddenly saw happy, busy, concerned people at a meeting, we thought they *must* be better than we were. Even after more meetings, I was still feeling left out. I wanted to be part of the "clique." I was jealous of these "team captains." It took more than just some kind words to straighten out my thinking. So a few AA friends and I started our own group. My best friend was elected secretary, and I became program chairman. I was responsible for parties and anniversaries; I was responsible for making up bulletins and inviting guests...I was responsible. And for a while, elated. Then I was elected secretary, and I was even more thrilled. I had finally gotten what I wanted. A place at the head of the table. The right to call the shots! But it was not to be. There was a group conscience. No matter what ideas I had about the way the group should be run, there was always *that* higher power keeping me in check. Looking back, I realize this whole experience was one of the finest in my AA life. It taught me that responsibility did not mean power for me to use as I saw fit. I learned that my activity was for the help of the group—but mostly for *my* help. If I hadn't been secretary of that group, I might have skipped a few meetings here and there. But knowing I had an obligation kept me coming every week. Later, I was no longer secretary. Someone else was elected to fill the post, to experience what I had experienced. But I didn't feel left out any more. I felt that I had done something for AA, for my friends, and for

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## Get Active!

*The first job in AA service work usually begins "at home"*

A story about service work must have a beginning, and we may as well begin with the job in AA that is often the start of service life. That job is coffee-maker. Service work is a God-directed endeavor; so it is inconceivable to me that it can be anything but rewarding. In many cases, the coffee-maker gets to the meeting long before anyone else in the group arrives and stays long after other members have gone home to lead the lives we talk about so much during meetings. The coffee-maker greets newcomers and is often a focal point for group activities. Somehow, it wouldn't seem like an AA meeting without this member or that brewing beverage. Coffee making can be service work at its very beginning. I will never forget the guy who made the coffee in my group. He was tall and robust and had a ruddy complexion. Except for talking at meetings and staying sober, he rarely got involved in other activities. But oh, how he did enjoy that coffeepot and the countless people it introduced him to, over the years! Frank could be very cranky. You might think he was the wrong person to expose to new people, but he was perfect. In one of those mysterious AA ways, he turned out to be a gruff lamb with newcomers. He could show them that there was this thing called a recovery program and that if it kept a zany like him sober, it could work for them, and they had best find out about it. Many a GSR (general service representative), area delegate, and trustee started out in the kitchen (many of the best ones, I suspect), but Frank chose not to try for those other jobs. He wanted to work the kitchen. This way, he got to confer with serene older members, as well as offer words of encouragement to shaky new people. He did all this with a bark in his voice and a wink in his eyes and a pretty apron wrapped around his pot belly. Service work is team effort. The minute we forget that, trouble seems to pop up all over the place. The minute service workers feel like generals or presidents of corporations, they are listening to their own egos speaking demagoguery, instead of listening to a loving God as He expresses Himself in our informed group conscience. Frank was part of the team effort in our group and in our area and in AA as a whole. He often grumbled, "I can't get too far away from this kitchen. It reminds me of what a mess I was before I got sober." One day, a well meaning citizen who knew where we met brought a drunken derelict to the meeting room. Only two of us were there, and Frank was getting coffee ready. The derelict was in no shape to sit in a chair and probably could have used a hospital bed. The citizen said, "This is AA, isn't it? I've brought you a new member." Frank's face got red, and he exploded, "Good Lord! What the hell are we gonna to do with this one?" The citizen shook when he saw Frank's anger. By this time, one of the women in the group had arrived, and she took the derelict in tow. The drunk looked at Frank and said to the woman, "He's right. Nobody can help me." "Whaddya mean, nobody can help you?" Frank said. "You ain't so special. If they can help a mess like me, they can help anybody. Wait until I get some of

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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.**

Chair Allan D. opened the meeting, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 am, with the Serenity Prayer.

Scott S. Treasure presented the monthly report. He explained the monthly spending report is now reflected with the spending account. Thank you letters will be mailed to the groups who have donated. The literature cabinet is now well stocked. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made, group approved.

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

Sara R. Hillsborough Women's County Jail reported all is going well.

Ruth N. East Pasco Women's Jail reported the jails program director will no longer allow Big Books to be brought in too meetings. The books can now be brought in to Administration and will be handed out by the jail. Everything is going well, and holidays are being covered.

Chris D. East Pasco Prison's reported issues with new volunteers getting cleared by the new program director in Tallahassee. An inmate from the Zephyrhills prison who has been released here in the Tri-County area is doing well in his recovery.

Detox & Treatment Chair is still vacant, Allan D. has been trying to keep the schedule up to date.

Tom F. Men's Bridging the Gap reported 1 bridge.

Amanda L. Women's Bridging the Gag reported 1 bridge.

Old/New Business – Susan O. reported that Dick Drysdale Memorial Softball Tournament went well, and a good time was had by all. Once again, one of the teams from Sarasota will carry home the trophy. Susan O. will purchase the trophy. Thanks to Riverside Recovery, Old School Group, Koala House, and the teams from Sarasota for your participation. Thanks to Buddy H. for your time to help organize and bringing refreshments. White Sands in Plant City could use some new volunteers as the meeting is now attended by around 125 participants, suggestion was made to start an open meeting at the facility. North Behavioral in Wesley Chapel needs volunteers. The District 2 Quarterly will be held in Tampa this July, and Allan D. would like a new display for TBAIC, Ruth, Tom, Amanda, and Ruth volunteered to help with the quarterly workshop. Ruth and Tom may know volunteers to speak at the quarterly who have benefited from carrying the message of hope into their facility.

Allan D. closed the meeting with the "I am responsible" statement  
*WHEN ANYONE ANYWHERE REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO BE THERE AND FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE*

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$8,182.21
Pink Can Balance 12/31/17	\$2,197.89
Spending Acct Balance as of FEB 2018	\$4,536.50
Money Spent on Literature	\$4,536.50
YTD Expenses	\$576.75
Pink Can Balance 5/12/18	\$9,803.35

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

**June 9th, 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:**

**(April 15th - May 12th )** AA 101 Group - \$80.00, H.O.W. \$28.00, Incarnation - \$68.99, Keystone Discussion - \$86.91, Live and Let Live - \$26.00, Morning Meditation - \$71.00, New Beginnings Group - \$91.15, Nooner's Group - \$31.26, Old School Group - \$305.61, Promises AA Group - \$220.69, Rush Hour Serenity Group - \$14.14, Ruskin Fellowship - \$70.00, Saturday Night Fever Group - \$341.00, Simply Sobriety - \$95.86, Wellsprings Recovery Group - \$43.00, Women's Friendship - \$184.77.

**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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myself. Today, I am treasurer of another group. I still take responsibility. But now I know *why*. To help *me*. To get *me* to more meetings. To learn from others what this business of sobriety is all about. If you're new, get active! You may not be elected secretary or treasurer of your group, and sometimes that means you're lucky! But you can pick up a broom (as I have) or empty ashtrays (as I have) or scrub off tables (as I have). You can help sort literature, greet people at the door, a lot of things! This activity is *not* intended to keep your group functioning perfectly. Believe me, the groups I've helped get along just fine without me. The whole idea is to get *yourself* to more meetings and make you feel that *you're* doing something for AA, that you're giving instead of taking. We get what we give back. In my case, I've been rewarded a thousand-fold. Through my experience and continued participation in group activity, I've strengthened my grip on sobriety. May it happen to you.

**John B., Rochester, N.Y.**

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**Come Join Us for  
Food, Fun, and Fellowship**

**Ladies**

**Simply Sobriety**

**2nd Anniversary Dinner**

Pot Luck Dinner  
Please bring an entrée, side dish or  
dessert

Tuesday, June 26, 2018  
Dinner at 6:00  
Meeting at 7:00

Speaker: Kim C

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501 S. KINGSWAY ROAD  
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homebrew into you." The citizen left quickly, and the new guy said to Frank, "I bet you do know what it means to not be able to stop." The neat housewife smiled, and Frank muttered, "You bet I know." The housewife fed him lots of Frank's coffee. Frank watched him like a mother hen. The derelict did not upset the meeting once. (If he had, Frank would have brought him into the kitchen.) You begin to have some idea of the impact Frank had on AA if you multiply this incident by the countless number of times Frank did this. He was always helping someone new or on a slip. He also helped the older members by his regular attendance at meetings. He was probably one of those members who would mumble that he didn't want any part of "politics" or big-shot-ism in AA. Still, he liked our area delegate and even encouraged our GSR by listening closely whenever the GSR reported on the latest area assembly. He never sabotaged the group's service needs by refusing to listen or staying away on nights when we discussed the Traditions. Frank was interested in general service activity; he simply felt it was not for him. He was not jealous of anyone in AA. He may have been in a foul mood once in a while, but there was not one sour grape in his diet. As a self-willed drunk, Frank had fought life and God for many years. In AA, he realized that if he got outside himself by helping his fellow alcoholic and asking nothing in return, he would enjoy life. How did he get into the kitchen? I don't know. He just did. Frank had found his service niche, and he knew it. Everyone in AA should be that lucky. Come to think of it, we can be whenever we want to be. All ready for us and waiting to be filled. The many different types of service jobs can help anyone to enjoy Sunday afternoons—even (as Frank would say with a twinkle in his eye) a former mess like me.

**E.S., Manhattan, N.Y.**

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*AAs who carry the message often carry the Grapevine*



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

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

May 8th, 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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May 8th, 2018 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

SHANNON McC	TGIS GROUP
NICHOLE D.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
MIKE C.	SOBER@ 7 GROUP
CHANSE D.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
SCHREY A.	FREEDOM IN SIBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
RYAN C.	FRIDAY STEP STUDY GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA YPG
TED M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
AUDREY H.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
KIKI T.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
BRIAN S.	THE 164 GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
NANCY H.	KINGSWAY GROUP
HAROLD G.	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
NORMAN S.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
GREG R.	NEW DAY GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP

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. Al noted that since we did not have enough Board members present at the April meeting, we were unable to hold a Board meeting. If you are unable to come in, please send someone in your place. We do the business of the Central Office. **Secretary Report:** No report from the April meeting doing to lack of attendance. **Treasurers Report:** Sue presented the April Treasurer's report. Contributions in April totaled \$ 6,252.30. Our total income for April was \$12,974.36. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 4,819.62. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our April income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8154.74. Our Total Expenses for April were \$7,939.79. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 214.95 for the month of April. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$ 4,676.52 in the black for the year of 2018. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Continued discussion for the Founders Day Event. Tim has spoken with the church, gotten the speakers lined up, contacted the tapers, paper plates, napkins, plastic utensils—etc.. It was decided that there wasn't much more to talk about until the Council Meeting so further discussion was waved off until the Council meeting. **New Business:** None **Announcements:** Tampa Bay Fall Roundup—62<sup>nd</sup> Florida State Convention—301 House Luau Cookout—Ladies Simply Sobriety 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Al noted that he likes to take his Big Book to special events to have the speakers sign it. Sue also noted that they are still volunteer spots available at the Fall Roundup. **Council Meeting:** Board Members present were: Al B. Chairperson, Sue Z. Treasurer, Cindy L., Janet S. & Bill J. Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. New Council Member forms and member update forms were handed out. Schrey A.—Freedom in Sobriety Women's Group and Beth S. A District 2 representative were welcomed. **Office Managers Report:** Tim read the April Office Managers Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Kara presented the April Secretary Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasurers Report:** Sue presented the April Treasurer's report. Contributions in April totaled \$ 6,252.30. Our total income for April was \$12,974.36. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 4,819.62. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our April income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8154.74. Our Total Expenses for April were \$7,939.79. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net

Income of plus+\$ 214.95 for the month of April. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$ 4,676.52 in the black for the year of 2018. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Final discussion for the upcoming Founders Day event were made. Are there any changes that need to be made, does anyone have any questions, do you know what you need to do—etc were asked. Al went over the Committee list and it looks like all the spots are currently filled. This is our last meeting before the event. **New Business:** None. **Announcements:** Tampa Bay Fall Roundup—62<sup>nd</sup> Florida State Convention—301 House Luau Cookout—Ladies Simply Sobriety 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Al noted that he likes to take his Big Book to special events to have the speakers sign it. Sue also noted that they are still volunteer spots available at the Fall Roundup. Chanse announced meetings for the Tampa Bid for FCYPAA. First Sunday (12:00 pm) and Third Monday (8:30 pm) of each month—for more information email: [tampabid@gmail.com](mailto:tampabid@gmail.com) Everyone is reminded to call your literature order in early a day or two before the meeting, that way can have it packed and ready for you. The next Council Meeting will be June 12th, 2018

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

**Email: [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)**

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

**Oops! I did it again. I missed getting the sobriety years for the May anniversaries posted, so..... here they are!** ☺ 🙌

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DRUM	05/09/11	7YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JACKIE B.	05/13/14	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	KELLY P.	05/12/13	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DOUG T.	05/01/11	7YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	KATIE	05/18/14	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROBERT B.	05/05/14	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TINA	05/13	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JAMES S.	05/25/07	11 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARLOWE	05/20/06	12 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BENJAMIN M.	05/17/15	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHRISTA G.	05/24/87	31 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TOM C.	05/22/80	38 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DEE H.	05/18/14	4 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KARLA O.	05/01/10	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	FELICIA K.	05/31/08	10 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SUSAN Y.	05/20/00	18 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	MARILYN A.	05/01/98	20 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	CANDY J.	05/20/86	32 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	DAN M.	05/11/11	7YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE G.	05/23/98	20 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BILL D.	05/18/86	32 YRS
BARRICKS BRIGADE GROUP	BRIAN L.	05/30/93	25 YRS

**SELF-SUPPORT-May , 2018**

© Today in May of 2018 we have 226 Groups with 567 meetings a week. 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 !!!  
**SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**

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GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	DIANE M.	06/21/11	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JERI T.	06/07/10	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KATHIE N.	06/11/79	39 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	DONNA C.	06/27/06	12 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	TOM L.	06/18/06	12 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	LISANN M.	06/06/89	29 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TOM N.	06/28/03	15 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARCY	06/13/99	19 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BILL M.	06/29/99	19 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JUDY K.	06/24/93	25 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN vl	06/07/89	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	Wray W.	06/10/84	34 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DICK W.	06/10/58	<b>60 yrs</b>
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	COLLEN	06/22/15	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	WENDY B.	06/08/15	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BOB P.	06/23/85	33 YRS
MONDAY MENS BLACKBELT	ERIC H.	06/28/05	13 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JAY McC	06/01/86	32 YRS
SUN CITY CENTER GROUP	RITA C.	06/28/04	14 YRS
5:45 HAPPY HOUR GROUP	CHUCK R.	06/21/80	38 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	BRIAN B.	06/21/89	29 YRS \$40.00

**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 or aainfo@aatampa-area.org**

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 Our Individual Member's.  
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**MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA**



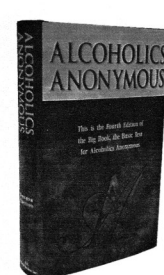
**NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP**  
**40 TH ANNIVERSARY**  
 Food, Fun and Fellowship 50/50  
**06/17/2018 @ 1:00 PM**  
**Al Lopez Park Pavilion # 305/306**  
 Activity Coordinator - Chelsea S 229-563-8509

**Steps to Freedom Workshop**  
 June 16, 2018  
 9:00AM until 4:30 PM  
 St Mary's Church  
 4311 West San Miguel  
 Tampa, Fl. 33629



Come and join us and learn how to walk a free man and/or women.  
 Food, fellowship and more!

CALLING ALL BIG BOOK THUMPERS  
 THE MAGNOLIA GROUP PRESENTS  
**BIG BOOK TRIVIA**



Teams include 2 - 5 players.  
 \$5 a player to participate  
 Winning team walks away with bragging rights and...  
 An assortment of gift cards!

Hyde Park Methodist  
 414 S Magnolia Ave  
 Tampa, FL 33606

Thurs, June 28th  
 Event starts at 6pm  
 Guest speaker at 7pm

**SOARING INTO SERVICE**

**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY JULY 6-8, 2018**

Hosted by District 2 Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties, Florida  
 Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

<p><b>Friday, July 6th</b>                  6:30-8:20pm Inventory Ad-Hoc Comm. Meeting                  8:30-9:30pm Speaker Meeting***                  10:00-11:00pm Night Owl Meeting                  10:00-11:00pm Spanish Night Owl Meeting</p>	<p><b>Saturday, July 7th</b>                  7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting                  7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting                  8:00-9:00am Concepts Workshop                  8:00-9:00am Spanish Concepts Workshop                  8:30-10:50am Treatment Facilities Committee                  9:00-10:50am Remote Communities Committee                  9:00-10:50am State Convention Committee                  9:00-10:50am Archives Committee                  9:00-10:50am Current Practices Committee                  9:00-10:50am Grapevine/La Viña Committee*                  9:00-10:50am Literature Committee                  9:00-10:50am PI/CPC Committee                  9:00-10:50am Accessibilities Committee**                  11:00-12:00pm Spanish Linguistic Committee                  11:00-12:00pm Traditions Workshop                  12:00-1:30pm Website Committee</p>	<p><b>Saturday, July 7th</b>                  12:30-1:30pm District Chairpersons Meeting                  12:30-1:30pm District Treasurers Meeting                  12:30-1:30pm District Secretaries/Registrars                  1:00-1:50pm Spanish Traditions Workshop                  1:30-3:50pm Corrections Committee                  2:00-3:50pm Finance Committee                  2:00-3:50pm Intergroup/Central Office                  2:00-3:50pm GSR Sharing                  2:00-3:50pm DCM Sharing                  2:00-3:50pm Quarterly Coordinators Meeting                  4:00-5:00pm Service Manual Workshop*                  5:00-6:00pm "What's On Your Mind?"                  7:00-8:30pm Banquet                  8:30-9:30pm Speaker Meeting***                  10:00-11:00pm Night Owl Meeting                  10:00-11:00pm Spanish Night Owl Meeting</p>
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**Sunday, July 8th**  
 7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting  
 7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting  
 9:00am South FL Area 15 Business Meeting\*\*\*

\*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; \*\* ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); \*\*\*ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided. Arrangements for Accessibilities accommodations at any meeting, workshop, hotel room with wheelchair access or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by contacting the Area Accessibilities Chair at [accessibilities@area15aa.org](mailto:accessibilities@area15aa.org) by 6/31/18.

**SATURDAY BANQUET**

No. of Citrus Chicken \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Meat Lasagna \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Vegetarian/Vegan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Tickets at \$45 each \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guests with special dietary needs (state needs): \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENTS DUE BY: June 20, 2018**  
 Make checks payable to: District 2  
 P.O. Box 996  
 Riverview, FL 33568

**QUESTIONS? Contact Banquet Chair at [July18Banquet@gmail.com](mailto:July18Banquet@gmail.com)**

**Marriott Tampa Airport**  
 4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa, Florida 33607

Hotel Room Reservations:  
 (800) 228-9290 or (813) 879-5151  
 Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, Parking \$6.00  
 Reference: "South Florida General Service Conference"  
**HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON APRIL 9, 2018 AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 6, 2018**

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed on a hotel room wait list, please contact:  
 Ty, Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at [hotelinfo@area15aa.org](mailto:hotelinfo@area15aa.org)

Directions from South: Take I-275 North to Exit 39 for FL-60 West toward FL-589 Clearwater/Tampa Airport, Keep right to continue on George J. Bean Pkwy, follow signs to Marriott Tampa Airport.

**QUESTIONS? Please contact**  
 Jim M., Quarterly Assembly Chair, at [allchair@aatampa.org](mailto:allchair@aatampa.org) or 502-836-2688  
 or Ty M., Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at [hotelinfo@area15aa.org](mailto:hotelinfo@area15aa.org) or (813) 805-7300

