



Tri-County Central Office News

What seemed at first to be a flimsy reed, has proved to be the loving and powerful hand of God. A new life has been given us or, if you prefer, "a design for living" that really works.

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SHORTCUT TO MISERY

In my first shaky days in AA, two instructions were all I could handle: "Don't drink today" and "Come back to the next meeting." Those simple tasks made no sense to me at the time, but with the help of my Higher Power and a couple of AA members, I was learning to take care of "First Things First." As my head began to clear, more suggestions kept coming my way. "Read the AA literature—it's free" was next, and I balked. I really don't know why. It could be I figured I was going to a meeting every night and that was enough, or maybe I just didn't want to put out the effort. Somewhere out there between Day Thirty and Day Ninety, I was beginning to feel halfway human again, and the Big Book was suggested to me. I dug into it, but after Chapter Five, I bogged down. "Who needs that chapter!" I thought. I heard a portion of it read every night at the meetings, and the part that stuck in my mind was "What an order! I can't go through with it." Things were going pretty good for me by this time, so I put the Big Book up on the shelf and tried to forget it. When one of my friends asked me if I had read it, I would happily say yes, without revealing just how little I had read, and I usually had to show how smart I was by quoting something from it. Every time in my life that I've taken a shortcut, I've had to suffer for it. I had been in the program for about three years, and things had been rolling along pretty well, I thought—when all at once, the bottom fell out of everything. In one week's time, my doctor told me my health had failed to the point where I could no longer work, my wife informed me she was getting a divorce, and my employer let me know he could no longer use me. I thought I had come to the end of the world. I was trapped. How could all this happen to me after three years in AA? To this very day, I thank God for guiding me along the right way. I can think of no other reason that I found myself talking to another AA member who had come into the program about the same time I did. We had never been great friends, as he had always been active in AA, serving on committees and going on speaking tours, while I was busy working overtime on my job trying to make up for my sins of the past. I spent most of the afternoon pouring my heart out to him and finished up by asking how come this had to drop on my back after three years of being dry. He told me in his blunt manner that my Higher Power figured I was strong enough to stand it now—that if all this happened to me before I came into AA, it could have killed me. He leaned forward in his chair and really laid it on by saying, "You've told me about the jam you're in, and you want to know how to get out of it. Well, let me share my experience, strength and hope with you, and chances are you'll find the way. First of all, I suggest you go right back to doing the same things you were doing when you first came into AA, such as going to a meeting every night. In fact, you might try getting the job of coffee chairman for a while. "Another thing that works wonders for me is to read the Big Book again from cover to cover. It wouldn't hurt for a

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MY WILL and ALCOHOL

In the course of my experience, I have discovered certain characteristics about the human will related to the use of alcohol, and I pass them on for whatever they may be worth to others. As a teenager, I listened to those who profited from the manufacture, distribution, and use of alcohol in social and economic affairs. I listened to what they said about the good life that went with alcohol. I surrendered my will to them and drank. As a young adult, I listened to those who had become dependent upon the use of alcohol, and they told me the advantages of not worrying about how often or how much I drank. I surrendered my will to them also, and I became an alcoholic. As a middle-aged husband and father, I listened to those in the healing professions who sought to heal my illness and help me to control my use of alcohol with the use of substitute and supposedly less harmful drugs. I surrendered my will to them also, but I couldn't stop or control my drinking, and my illnesses progressed. Then in final desperation, I listened to those who no longer had a desire to drink, as a result of using a Higher Power rather than the human will. Soon, I surrendered my will to them and to the source of this Higher Power, and I drink no more. Since then, my illnesses have healed, and the power of the human will that would have me dependent upon the use of alcohol in any of my daily affairs no longer has control over my life. I am free at last. Now I carry this message to others like me, in order that I may help to set them also free of the human will and the use of alcohol, and keep the freedom I have gained.

T.G., Madison, Wis.

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The next time I reach for the AA number in the phone book, I'm going to remember this. I'm so glad for this chance to give back just a little to this program which has given me five years of a life I never dreamed of. R. H.

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

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 February 10th, 2018 meeting of TBAIC was opened by Chair Allan D.; leading the "Serenity Prayer"

Jim S. (Secretary) reviewed the January minutes. There was a motion to approve; group approved

Scott S. (Treasurer) distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions and expenses. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's report; group approved. Scott noted that the State of Florida has been notified of changes to Officers pertaining to the 501c.

Sara R. (Hillsborough Women's Jails), indicated that 2 new women have signed up and completed orientation. Congrats ladies. Monday's meetings at Faulkenburg needs volunteer support.

Buddy H. (Hillsborough Men's Jails), indicated all is going well.

Tom F. (Men's Bridge the Gap Coordinator), indicated there had been 2 calls to 877-AATAMPA, and both were successful bridges.

New Business – 2 guests were welcomed from Riverside Recovery in Tampa, requesting detox meetings to be brought in 7 days a week at 7 pm, and updated their contact information. DACCO is requesting a meeting to be brought in on Sundays. North Tampa Behavioral in Wesley Chapel is in need of volunteers. Northside Behavioral has opened a new facility and is requesting a meeting to be brought in. TBAIC has received a letter from an inmate currently incarcerated in Daytona Bch. Fl., and will be returning to the Tri-County Area in the coming months and requested help in his recovery when released. Tom F. will follow up. TBAIC committee discussed paying Tri-County Central Office, rent for the use of the facility on Himes Ave. for monthly meetings and for the storage of literature. A \$50.00 monthly fee was agreed upon, and made retroactive from Jan. 2018. A special thanks to Tim for his help.

Motion to close was approved and ended with The Lords Prayer.

TBAIC Treasurer's Report - January 13, 2018

YTD Contributions	\$1,649.74
Pink Can Balance as of December 31, 2017	\$2,197.89
YTD Money Spent For Direct Purchase from AAWS	\$0.00
YTD Operational Expenses	\$104.30
Pink Can Current Balance	\$3,743.33

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

March 10th 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:

Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee		
December 10 through January 13		
Group Name	Group Number	Current Month Contribution
AA 101	#685308	\$ 258.00
301 House - All Groups		\$ 98.85
Barricks Brigade	#126283	\$ 29.75
Cardinal Group	#129372	\$ 70.00
Hide A Way Group	#649371	\$ 210.91
High Nooners' Group (Plant City)		\$ 20.00
Keystone Discussion Group	#600199	\$ 129.13
Live and Let Live	#175675	\$ 11.00
Meeting Place (Land O Lakes)	#128975	\$ 86.07
Monday Night Mens St. James New Tampa	#697232	\$ 131.00
Morning Meditation (Buddy's group)	#605583	\$ 87.14
New Beginnings Group-Our Club	#698546	\$ 83.20
Nooners' Group	#156460	\$ 20.80
Primary Purpose Group	#687547	\$ 23.00
Saturday Night Fever Group	#633445	\$ 141.00
Sunshine Group		\$ 22.61
TGIS Group (Women)	168,968	\$ 37.75
Wellspring Recovery Group	#672953	\$ 86.00
Women's Friendship	#168265	\$ 103.53
TOTALS		\$ 1,649.74

TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members

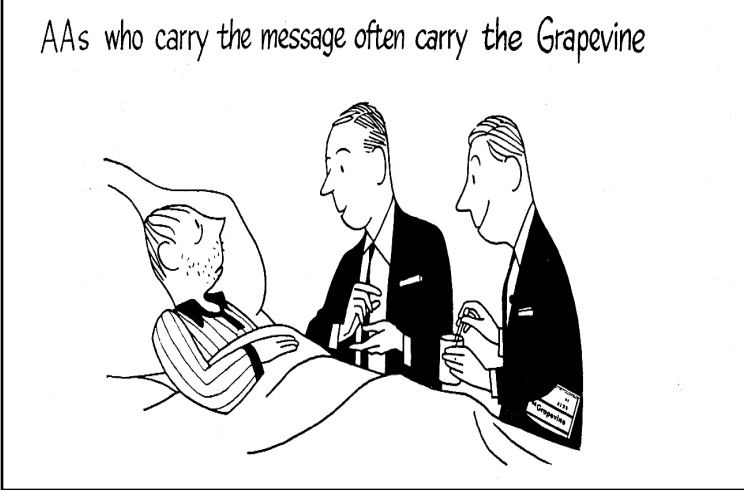
Position	Name	Contact
Chair	Allan D.	813-789-8822
Chair (Alt.)	Ruth N.	813-629-1547
Treasurer	Scott S.	813-765-7376
Treasurer (Alt.)	Open	Open
Secretary	Jim S.	813-679-9130
Secretary (Alt.)	Nancy B.	813-872-0262
Hills Jails	Open	Open
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H.	813-871-2514
Hills Women's Jails	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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bonehead like you to read it once a year. You'll be surprised to find how much it changes from one time to the next. On Wednesday nights, they have a study group over at the church. Each week they study a Step or a Tradition from the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. It's helped me to a greater understanding of life than I ever dreamed possible, and it could do a lot for you." I did all the things my friend told me to do. I went to meetings every night and sometimes an extra one during the day. I got the job of coffee chairman with the local group, and I felt humiliated at first, because I thought of myself as too good for that job. After all, hadn't I been around for three years? I read the Big Book, the "Twelve and Twelve," and all the other writings of Bill W. I could lay my hands on. I went to the study group. Weekends, my friend would pick me up to go out of town on speaking tours or to "fidget farms" around our area to visit the institution meetings. It seemed like I would go bonkers at first. But little by little, my problems began working out. In fact, some of my worse problems were turned into my greatest blessings. That was eight years ago, and if anyone had told me then what things would be like for me today, no way would I have believed them. This life I have today is far beyond my wildest dreams of eight years ago. I'm sitting high on the shore, looking out over calm water, as I write this. The peace in my soul and the joy in my heart take me back to Bill W.'s explanation of Steps Eleven and Twelve in the "Twelve and Twelve." I must admit, I never thought that could happen to me. I feel a twinge of remorse, remembering the time when I stopped reading the fifth chapter because it looked like the whole AA program was just hard labor. If only I had continued then to learn of all the rich rewards and great blessings that are a part of the AA program as I know it now! Well, I've learned I shouldn't try to live in the past. So I'll jump right back into this twenty-four hours and proceed to live every minute of it.

T. H., Rochester, N.Y.
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February 2018

Each year Central Office conducts a physical inventory of all items we have in stock. Normally we do it the first Saturday of January but due to some unseen circumstances, we had to do it in February. We had a fair turn-out of dedicated volunteers who showed up that Saturday morning. All in all, everything went rather smoothly and we managed to finish up around 12:30, right after noontime. It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge these members and say THANK YOU!!!

For your hard work and service: **THANK YOU TO:**
 Larry B., Board Chair and member of the AA 101 Group. Also Doug T. from the AA 101 Group and Julie L. also from the AA 101 Group, Diane P. from the Freedom in Sobriety Women's Group, Sydney M. a Council member and a member of the Magnolia Group, Polly P. a member of the It's a Beautiful Day Group St Pete Beach, and Dory from the St. Pete Group (Thanks for crossing the Bay ☺👏), Thanks to Amanda L. a member of the Old School Group, and Ola M. and Nubs D. representing the **Tampa Bid for FCYPAA** and last but not least, Martin S. the After Hours phone guy for the Central Office. Service Work is not Dead but alive and well in Tampa Bay ☺👏!!!

Also February 10th, we held our 43th Anniversary Dinner and Speaker meeting at the Metropolitan Community Church on Cayuga Street, celebrating 43 years as Central Office and 76 years as your Area Service Center. The dinner was a pot-luck dinner with Central Office supplying the chicken (which was really good), coffee, sodas, water—etc. Many members brought in an array of delicious food with plenty of food to go around for everyone's enjoyment. Not to mention the Cakewalk Raffle with over 50 different cakes, cup-cakes, cookies also for everyone's enjoyment. We had members of the Next Door Group and the Magnolia Group and the Tampa Bid for FCYPAA come in early and help set up and get everything prepared for the event, they also stayed late after the event to put the Church back to it's original set up. Great job guys and gals. I can always count on you to be there! Sue Z. (Board member) and a member of the Clean Air Group along with some of her helpers brought in the chicken and cut and quartered everything. Great job! Robin, the Cakewalk Lady, brought in her crew of 10 or 15 gals to help with the Cakewalk Raffle. It was a sight to see. Everyone did a fantastic job. Jennifer from the Hide-a-Way Group did a wonderful job selling First Edition Big Book Raffle Tickets. Rich R. and members of the Sober @ 7 Group did a great job with the Sobriety Countdown and the 7th Tradition Basket. Of course I can't forget Cindy L. and her help from the Simply Sobriety Women's Group manning the Ticket Table...THANK YOU!!! Thanks to John B. from the Solutions Group for Chairing the meeting and THANKS!!! to Cappy T. (Sobriety: 11-22-1974) a member of the Reflections Group who was our Speaker for the evening. Listening to his experience, strength and hope just strengthened more, my faith in the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous and I'm sure many others there felt the same way. Thanks to Vision Audio for taping the event. If I have missed anyone, and I'm sure I did, please forgive me. February 10th, 2018 was a wonderful experience, at least for me. **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You**

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

January 9th, 2018 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
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
AL B.	BOARD MEMBER	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

BOARD: Larry 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. **Office Managers Report:** Tim read the January Office Managers Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. Al B. was recognized as a new Board Member. **Secretary Report:** Bill presented the January Secretary Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasures Report:** Sue presented the January Treasurer's report. Contributions in January totaled \$ 7,034.11. Our total income for January was \$13,197.28. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,513.14. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,684.14. Our Total Expenses for January were \$8,522.99. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$161.15 for the month of January. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$161.15 in the black for the year of 2018. Discussion followed concerning how to increase contributions and how to motivate the groups to get the word out about Central Office. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Tim gave a brief rundown on how the Anniversary Dinner turned out. We managed to bring in \$2,214.00 in ticket sales & donations. The Big Book Raffle brought in \$490.00, the 7th Tradition Basket netted \$172.00, the 50/50 Raffle netted \$ 276.00 and the Cakewalk Raffle brought in \$ 930.00 for a gross total of \$4282.00. Our total expenses were \$1,094.84 leaving us a net profit of \$ 3187.16. **New Business:** This was Larry's last night as a Board Member and our Board Chairperson. It was rotation time. Tim presented Larry with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his service. Elections for a new Board Chair were made. Al B. was elected as our new Board Chairperson. Motion was seconded and all were in favor. **COUNCIL:** Larry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. New Council Member forms were handed out. New members Chris D.--Keep it Simple Men's Group, Kimberly T.--Keep it Simple/Pass it On Group, Wiston L.--Grupo 3 Legados, Chris C.--Monday Night Men's Group, Chris J.-- Sobriety @ Sunrise Group & Paul L.--Keystone Group, **Office Managers Report:** Tim read the January Office Managers Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Kimberly presented the January Secretary Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasures Report:** Sue presented the January Treasurer's report.

January 9th, 2018 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

KARA H.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
KIMBERLY T.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
NICK C.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
WISTON L.	GRUPO 3 LEGADOS
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
MARY N.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
SYDNEY M.	MAGNOLIA GROUP
ELIA R.	SOBRIETEA WOMEN'S GROUP
JENNIFER U.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
MARY JO S.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
MATTHEW T.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
CHRIS C.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
CHRIS J.	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
KIKI T.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
PAUL L.	KEYSTONE GROUP
CHANSE D.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
HAROLD G.	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
ROB R.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
AUDREY H.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
MIKE C.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
SHANNON M.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
RYAN C.	WATERMARK STEP STUDY GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ADAM H.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP

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ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	MARY C.	03/21/01	17 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RAY D.	03/29/15	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS L.	03/13/15	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	PATTY E.	03/24/13	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BOB W.	03/28/92	26 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	MARY L.	03/09/73	45 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	JESSICA S.	03/28/04	14 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MELISSA W.	03.27/15	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BILL	03/14/13	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOE D.	03/03/09	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	RHONDA C.	03/26/09	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	SUE T.	03/19/90	28 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOSE G.	03/16/10	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BOB S.	03/28/95	23 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	GREG O.	03/21/93	25 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JIM G.	03/18/86	32 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DAWN F.	03/24/14	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	PHILLIP S.	03/18/12	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA H.	03/31/10	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOANIE	03/12/84	34 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE MCS	03/01/71	47 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	TRICIA S.	03/18/08	10 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	MELINDA R.	03/03/05	13 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	PHIL C.	03/10/01	17 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MARY S.	03/12/87	31 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-February, 2018

© Today in February of 2018 we have 226 Groups with 567 meetings a week. Contributions in February totaled \$ 8,644.37. This partially accounts for what 33 Groups out of 226 Groups in our area have contributed in February. The groups from the 301 House held an All Groups meeting for the benefit of Central Office and made a contribution of \$800.00 from the event. Our Annual Anniversary Dinner with ticket sales, Big Book Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, 7th Tradition Basket and the Cakewalk Raffle netted us \$3,492.00 before expenses. Without these events we would of fell well before our budget and ended the month in the red. I'm not complaining, just stating the facts. If you look at our contributions page, you will see several groups who also made sizable contributions also. We thank everyone who contributes to the Central Office, whether it's a few dollars or hundreds of dollars. No one is better or worse. We are all in this together. Thank You! Our total income for February was \$17,736.82. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,780.27. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$10,956.55. Our Total Expenses for February were \$9,396.80. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,559.75 for the month of February. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$1,720.90 in the black so far for the year of 2018. 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

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



"Spiritual Adventure in Bonaventure"

Hosted by District 10. Miami-Dade County, Florida
Registration Friday 4:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 6 th	Inventory Ad-Hoc Comm. Meeting	Saturday, April 7 th	7:00-8:00am	Early Bird Meeting	Sunday, April 8 th	7:00-8:00am	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
6:30-8:20pm	Speaker Meeting**	8:00-9:00am	8:00-9:00am	Spanish Concepts Workshop	8:00-9:00am	8:00-9:00am	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
8:30-9:30pm	Night Owl Meeting	9:00-10:50am	9:00-10:50am	Treatment Facilities Committee	9:00-10:50am	9:00-10:50am	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
10:00-11:00pm	Spanish Night Owl Meeting	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:00am	Remote Communities Committee	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:00am	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
		11:00-12:00pm	11:00-12:00pm	State Convention Committee	11:00-12:00pm	11:00-12:00pm	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
		12:00-1:30pm	12:00-1:30pm	Archives Committee	12:00-1:30pm	12:00-1:30pm	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Current Practices Committee			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Grapevine/La Vifa Committee*			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Literature Committee			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				PI/CPC Committee			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Accessibilities Committee**			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Spanish Linguistic Committee			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Traditions Workshop			Spanish Early Bird Meeting
				Website Committee			Spanish Early Bird Meeting

*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; ** ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided. Arrangements for Special Needs 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 by 3/31/18.

Saturday Banquet

No. of Chicken _____
 No. of Fish _____
 No. of Vegan Ravioli _____
 Total Tickets at \$45 each _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____
 E-mail _____
 District _____
 Guests with special needs (state needs): _____

PAYMENTS DUE BY: March 21, 2018
 Make checks payable to: District 10
 P.O. Box 661634
 Miami Springs, FL 33266-1634

QUESTIONS? Contact Banquet Chair at
April18Banquet@gmail.com

Weston Bonaventure
 250 Racquet Club Rd, Weston, Florida 33326

Reservations: (800) 327-8090 Room Rate: \$125.00
 Reservations must be received by March 16th, 2018
 Reference "South Florida General Service Assembly"

Book online at
<https://aws.passkey.com/go/SouFlGenSvc>

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed on a hotel room wait list, please contact Alex @ hotelinfo@area15aa.org

Directions: Take I-595 West to FL-84 W in Sunrise. Take the exit towards Naples. Drive to Racquet Club Rd in Weston.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Regina, Quarterly Assembly Chair at Quarterlyhost@district10miami.org or (305) 613-3540.

**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!

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



The Magnolia Group Presents First Annual Art Auction

There's so much artistic talent in AA! Who knew!?

We will be auctioning off donated works of art in all forms to support The Magnolia Group. There will be paintings, knick knacks, and much more. If you're interested in donating art to

be auctioned please bring it with you to the event!

Late entries accepted! No door fee.

Art may be purchased with cash or check only.

Guest Speaker: TBA

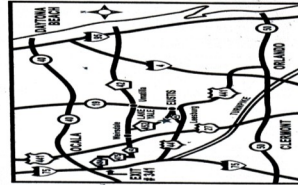
Free Food: We'll be providing Italian cuisine.

WHERE & WHEN?

6PM Thursday March 29th, 2018
 500 W Platt St. Tampa, FL
 Hyde Park Methodist
 In the MAGNOLIA BUILDING

Lake Yale Baptist
 Conference Center
 39034 County Road 452
 Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: 352-483-9800
 Web Site: <http://www.lybcc.org>



SUGGESTED WEB DRIVING DIRECTIONS:
<http://www.lybcc.org/about-us/directions/>

DON'T PASS ME UP!

25th Annual Housecleaning Retreat
 March 9-11, 2018

WHERE: 39034 County Road 452
 Leesburg, FL 34788
(Map on reverse side)

WHEN: Supper 6:00 p.m. Friday
 Through Sunday noon

COST: **\$185.00 Per Person**
 Single room available for additional \$55.00
(Transferable, but not refundable)

DEPOSIT: **\$ 90.00**
 Required for advance reservations
 Balance due by Jan 15, 2018
 After Feb. 1st, check for space.

PAYMENT: Make check payable to:
Tom Brown

SEND CHECK TO:

Tom Brown/Carmen Leon
 Annual Housecleaning Retreat
 2118 S. Cortez Avenue
 Tampa, FL 33629
 Phone: 813-951-5740

For more information Call:

Carmen L. Leon	Trinidad Park, FL	352-541-2577
Roger S.	Largo, FL	352-242-3399
Diene E.	Orlando, FL	352-484-2378
Jennifer A.	Odessa, FL	352-510-6218
John S.	Falmouth, FL	352-748-2001
Paul E.	St. Petersburg, FL	352-498-2321
John S.	Trinidad Park, FL	352-541-2577
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Bernie S.	Lansingville, PA	252-841-1761
Auto. I.	Frammingham, MA	617-899-3928
Marnie L. Al-Anon	Lansingville, PA	252-841-3262

25th ANNUAL HOUSECLEANING

Spiritual Retreat
 for A.A. & Al-Anon



LAKE YALE
 CONFERENCE CENTER, FL
 MARCH 9-11, 2018

Online Registration Available:
www.esicretreatforalanon.com

Please only one name per Registration

25th Annual Housecleaning Retreat
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*Please print name clearly and
 Return with deposit or full payment
 (Circle appropriately)*

Name: _____ AA/Al-Anon

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sobriety/Serenity Date: _____

* Physical Need: _____

* Over 60: _____

Name your significant other if attending
 Room assignments will be separate

These prices are Pre-Paid with registration:
 TEE SHIRT: \$16 How many?
 S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___
 SWEATSHIRT: \$22 How many?
 S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Registration: _____ Amount _____
 T-Shirt: _____
 Sweatshirt: _____
 Total Enclosed: _____

**Proceeds from Tee Shirt & Sweatshirt
 Sales Support Scholarships*

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

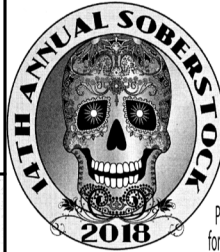
14TH ANNUAL SOBERSTOCK 2018

Friday - Sunday,

March 16th to 18th, 2018

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

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



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.

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

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!



TAMPA BID FOR FCYPAA 38

HELP BRING FCYPAA TO TAMPA

The Florida Conference of Young People in AA was founded for the purpose of providing a setting for an annual celebration of sobriety among young people in AA. Since its inception, a growing group of people, who at first would not consider themselves as "young people," has become regular attendees. The number of young people suffering from alcoholism who turn to AA for help is growing, and FCYPAA helps to carry AA's message of recovery to alcoholics of all ages. This meeting provides an opportunity for young AA's from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA members who attend FCYPAA return home better prepared to receive young people who come to AA looking for a better way of life.

JOIN US

on the
FIRST SUNDAY
 of every month @ 10:00 pm

&
THIRD MONDAY
 of every month @ 8:30 pm

Email TAMPABID@GMAIL.COM for more info

Spring Sobersticks April 13th, 14th & 15th 2017

Fun and Fellowship all weekend with
 camping, Kayaking/canoeing
 8pm campfire meetings

\$5.00 per night per person.
 Well Be-Haved pets are welcomed
 Group rates on canoe or kayak rentals

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
 Stewart: 813-455-7260
 or
 Sharon: 813-943-9838



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 18001 U.S. hwy 301 S.
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