



Tri-County Central Office News

A
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REWARDS OF STEP FOUR

I faced Step Four with some trepidation, but my sponsor did not allow time for irrational fear to take over. He had me begin "Spontaneous writing" immediately after we prayed the Third Step Prayer. I was instructed to ask God to help me write down where I had been selfish, dishonest, resentful, or afraid. This process lasted about a week. At our next meeting we used this list to follow (Read and do) the clear-cut Step Four directions from Big Book. This session took only an hour or so—there was no reason for my previous apprehension.

When finished, I was amazed by the many unsuspected "rewards" I had received! I had learned how to face and be rid of resentment and irrational fear. What Great Rewards! I also learned (admitted) where I had harmed others though my selfishness and how my dishonesty was more prevalent than realized. Also, I had a list of persons I had harmed for upcoming Steps Eight and Nine.

I had asked God to relieve me of the "bondage of self" in Step Three but had little knowledge of what that bondage was, but Step Four provided the answer! Not only had I truthful information to share with my sponsor in Step Five, but I then possessed a list of character defects and shortcomings to ask God remove in Steps Six and Seven! These rewards were not only helpful in my daily living but also paved the path to the many powerful AA promises. The main of which is on page 85: "The problem has been removed. It does not exist for us." The "problem" was, of course, the mental obsession, not the physical allergy. This release from desire to drink alcohol has been with me for many years, thanks to the rewards of Step Four.
Bob S.

Back in February we had our Annual Tri-County Central Office fund-raiser. It was kind of rushed at the last minute and we didn't have enough time to get the word out to everyone. We put out an Anniversary Challenge to the groups and netted \$276.00 from two groups and one individual.....but more came in in March. We also had our 46th Tri-County Central Office Speaker Meeting on ZOOM February 27th, 2021. Gene L. (Sobriety 6/10/78) from the Mustard Seed Group was our quest speaker. We had a small attendance but that didn't keep Gene from giving a great AA talk. What I hear that night was the humbling gratitude of an AA member sharing his experience, strength and hope.....what it was like, what happened and what it's like now.....**straight from the heart**. Gene is probably the only member left in our area who actually went through the Steps with Clarence Snyder, one of the first 100 in Alcoholics Anonymous(his story is the *Home Brewmeister* page 274 in the First Edition Big Book) Gene reminded me of what it was like when I first came into AA at The Club in the late 80's as a stumbling bumbling wreck of a person not knowing what I was looking for but sure glad it found me. It was people like Gene L. and Chuck P. and Larry O. and Wayne I. and a whole host of others who were the foundation stone of my early recovery. I just wanted to said **Thank You** for my sobriety.
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LISTEN TO LEARN-LEARN TO LISTEN

One of the greatest acts we can perform is to teach another human being how to discover their true potential by showing them how to work the Steps and to live life on life's terms. No doubt you have experienced the sense of fulfillment that comes when you've helped someone. Unfortunately, our ability to be teachers often gets entangled with our agenda and we turn into preachers. We start to gain some insights into the way the program works and then the next thing you know, we're experts at everything. We used to share for a few minutes at a meeting but now we head off into a 15 or 20 minute speech and still have to double or even triple dip with even more of our great wisdom and knowledge. There's an old Indian saying, "Thunder is loud but lightening gets the job done." Maybe, perhaps, we need to focus more on being teachers and not preachers by focusing on what we need to fix, instead of looking at what's wrong with others. When we are *walking the talk*, people feel it. They notice that we are changing and that's what will help them the most. They'll want to know what our secret to sobriety is and that curiosity will build the desire for them to open up. A great tool to use is to become a better listener. We need to feel people at the level that they'll coming from if we want them to hear us. The only way to do that is to listen to them. For many of us our first response is to talk. The truth is, when someone comes to us for advice, they don't really want advice. What they want is a sounding board, a medium for them to sort out their jumbled thoughts so they can get down to the answers they already possess. So a good exercise to increase your listening skills is to avoid interrupting. When you're talking with someone, fight the urge to take front-stage. Don't try to teach them anything. Just be silent, and if the person asks for feedback, paraphrase back to them what they told you without making judgments or giving advice. You will see that the person wants to share more with you and you in turn will learn more about what the person needs. Learn to pay less attention to what goes in your mouth and more attention to what comes out. Sometimes we are so quick to give advice that we don't realize how powerful our words are. We can easily send someone in the wrong direction by saying the wrong thing. Imagine yourself telling someone how to invest in a million dollars. Most likely, you'll give a lot more thought to what you're saying. Ask yourself often, "am I sure this is what this person needs to hear?" If you keep doing that, you will soon see dramatic improvements in your ability to teach others.
Anonymous

TO ALL GROUPS IN THE HILLSBOROUGH AND EAST PASCO COUNTIES. WE ARE UPDATING OUR WEB SITE AND PERPARING FOR THE NEW PAPER MEETING SCHEDULES. PLEASE WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CHECK THE WEB SITE TO SEE IF WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION LISTED. . ☺

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

CONTACT---(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.

Mike B. opened the March 13, 2021, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Sara R., Jason C., Hezekiah D., Tracy B., Cathy B., Alberto V., Martin S. and John T. New Member: Jason C. from the By the Book Men's Meeting and the new liaison for the River Oaks Treatment Center in Riverview. Visitors: Cathy B., District 15 Treatment Chair; Martin S., and Alberto V. Mike B. presented the chair report. He attended the recent District 2 meeting and gave a brief synopsis of items discussed. He also offered to provide attendees additional material regarding the literature presentation made at the District 2 meeting. Mike B. indicated that Dan S. resigned from his position as detox coordinator and asked if anyone was willing to stand for the position. John T. said he would stand. No one objected which makes John T. the new detox coordinator. John T. read the minutes from the February 2021 meeting. The minutes were approved. Mike B. presented the Treasurer's report he received from Scott S. The Treasurer's report was approved. INSTITUTION MEETING UPDATES ACTS Amethyst Drew Park - Mike B. said Allan D. reported all meeting except Wednesday 1 PM and Friday 7 PM were being covered. All meetings still via Zoom. ACTS Henry Ave - John T. said Tom F. reported all meeting were being covered. Tom further said the director would like to start live meetings with some older AA members who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Tom F. said he would be trying to identify members willing to go into the facility. W.T. Edwards Juvenile facility - Hezekiah D. said he was not able to go to the facility the last two weeks due to personal reasons. He said he should be able to return this coming week. He said he wanted both his name and the name of Dino listed as co-chairs for the meetings since they are working together. River Oaks Treatment Center - Jason C. said he assumed the coordinator role from Ron B., who is his sponsor. He said they tried Zoom meetings last month and that did not work out. So, he contacted the center management and they agreed to allow face to face meetings with one outside member chairing meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He said he got volunteers from his home group - By the Book Men's Group - to chair meetings. The first meeting was held last night. He asked about literature and was told how to obtain literature from central office. Jails/Prisons - Still no meetings due to Covid-19 Man on the Bed report provided by Tom F. indicated 1 call in the last month. Tom F. said the man was being released when he received the call. He tried calling the individual a few times but received no call back. Bridging the Gap report provided by Tracy S. indicated 8 calls in the last month which included 3 from treatment centers, 2 from nonworking numbers and 3 voice mails. OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. said he coordinated with the central office liaison and central office personnel agreed to answer the Bridging the Gap calls. There was much discussion about how that would work along with other possible ways of handling the calls. Martin S. suggested an alternative to

Our Next Committee Meeting
April 10th, 2021 9:30 am 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

calling central office and offered to provide that information to Tracy S. Mike B. agreed with that and Martin said he would contact Tracy S. to discuss. Mike tabled the issue until next month. NEW BUSINESS: Sara R. talked about the current condition of corrections meetings in District 3 which includes Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties. She requested TBAIC provide Big Books for use at those institutions. She said she currently had a case of Big Books which were purchased for the Falkenberg Jail and asked if they could be used in District 3 instead. Mike B. asked for committee approval and the request was approved. Sara R. then asked for an additional 2 cases of Big Books and 2 cases of the mini Big Books. Mike B. asked for committee approval and the request was approved. Cathy B. indicated the director of the North Bay Recovery Center in Lutz contacted her about getting meeting schedules and other AA handouts without staples brought to their facility. Cathy B. said she provided meeting schedules for District 15 and a few AA handouts. However, since the facility is located within District 2, she requested that someone from District 2 do the same. John T. volunteered to contact the point of contact for the facility and arrange to provide them District 2 meeting schedules and other literature as well as to determine if they desired to have a meeting carried into the facility. Tracy B. reminded attendees that all literature provided by TBAIC should be stamped with TBAIC contact information. She indicated the stamp is in the TBAIC storage area at the central office. Sara R. mentioned that she did not want the Big Books for District 3 stamped. She said she would add District 3 information to the books. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, April 10th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom

TBAIC Contributions (February 14th - March 13th): Anonymous - \$208.50, High Nooner' Group (Zephyrhills) - \$337.94, Living In The Solution Group - \$40.00, Promises AA Group - \$48.55.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$2,020.77
Pink Can Balance 12/20	\$7,339.13
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$73.50
YTD Expenses	\$1,163.22
Pink Can Balance 2/13/2021	\$8,123.18

THE GROUP & IT'S G.S.R.

For most A.A.'s, membership in a home group is one of the keys to continuing sobriety. In a home group, they accept service responsibilities and learn to sustain friendships. The home group affords individual A.A.'s the privilege of voting on issues that affect the Fellowship as a whole; it is the very basis of the service structure. While most A.A. members attend other groups regularly, the home group is where they participate in business meetings and cast their vote as part of the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole. As with all group conscience matters, each member has one vote. The Long Form of Tradition Three and a section of Warranty Six, Concept 12, aptly describe what an A.A. group is: **Tradition Three:** *"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."*

Warranty Six: *"...much attention has been drawn to the extraordinary liberties which the A.A. Traditions accord to the individual member and to his group: no penalties to be inflicted for nonconformity to A.A. principles; no fees or dues to be levied-voluntary contributions only; no member to be expelled from A.A.-membership always to be the choice of the individual; each A.A. group to conduct its internal affairs as it wishes—it being merely requested to abstain from acts that might injure A.A. as a whole; and finally that any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose or affiliation."* Group service—from coffee maker to secretary, treasurer, or chairperson—is usually the way members first experience the joy and the growth that can be derived from A.A. service. (The pamphlet "The A.A. Group" provides extensive information on group organization and opportunities for service.) **The General Service Representative (GSR):** The general service representative has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole. The G.S.R. represents the voice of the group conscience, reporting the group's thoughts to the district committee member and to the delegate, who passes them on to the Conference. This communication is a two-way street, making the G.S.R. responsible for bringing back to the group Conference Actions that affect A.A. unity, health, and growth. Only when a G.S.R. keeps the group informed, and communicates the group conscience, can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole.

Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions.

Qualifications: Experience shows that the most effective G.S.R.'s have been active in group, intergroup or other service, where they have developed a desire to serve, and encountered situations in which the Twelve Traditions have been called upon to solve problems. Usually, prospective G.S.R.'s have at least two years of continuous sobriety. They have time available for district and area assemblies and they have the confidence of the group, and an ability to listen to all points of view.

Duties: G.S.R.'s attend district meetings. They also attend area assemblies. G.S.R.'s serve as the mail contact with General Service Office, and they are listed in the A.A. directories as contacts for their groups. They receive the G.S.O. bulletin Box 4-5-9, and keep their groups abreast of A.A. activities all over the world. They serve as mail contact with their district committee member and with the area committee.

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G.S.R.'s supply the D.C.M.'s with up-to-date group information, which is relayed to G.S.O. for inclusion in the directories and for G.S.O. mailings. They are knowledgeable about material available from G.S.O., new literature, guidelines, bulletins, videos, tapes, kits, etc. and they are responsible for passing such information on to the groups. They learn everything they can about the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts and are familiar with the A.A. Service Manual, the books Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and A.A. Comes of Age, Twelve Concepts for World Service, and the pamphlets "The A.A. Group," "A.A. Tradition—How It Developed," "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated," and "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated." They usually serve on group steering committees and they work with group treasurers to develop practical plans for group support of G.S.O., such as the Regular Contribution Plan and the Birthday Plan. They encourage the group to support the area and district committees and local central offices or intergroups, and they are familiar with the leaflet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." They participate in district and area service meetings, and often help with planning for area get-togethers and conventions. Following these events, they make reports to their groups for the benefit of those who could not attend. G.S.R.'s serve for two years and the term frequently runs concurrently with those of committee members and the delegate. They represent their home group and are nominated and elected by group members. Reprint Permission: A.A. World Services

Make sure your GSR attends the April Quarterly
IT'S NOT A JOB—IT'S A WAY OF LIFE

"While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. Service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their Intergroup/Central Office, local services, District, Area and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose—to help the alcoholic who still suffers." **GSO Self-Support Card (the green card)**

So the next time your group is talking about sending out contributions, think about the bigger picture here, think about what each of the different service entities do to help maintain A.A. so that you can have your meeting and remember also, that all the A.A. Service entities need not only your physical support but also your financial support.

"Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility—one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and A.A. as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid." Bill W.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 9th, 2021 the Board of Directors for Central Office

March 9th, 2021 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
DEBBIE S.	IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT <small>GROUP</small>
KARA H.	WEDNESDAY NIGHT INCARNATION <small>GROUP</small>
MELISSA A.	SOBRENITY GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CHRISTA C.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP
MICHAELANNE	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JEFF H.	IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP

Absent	CHAIRPERSON	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
JOHN T.	TREASURER	LIVINGSOBER/PASS IT ON GROUP
MICHELE S.	BOARD MEMBER	SAFE,SANE & SOBER GROUP
RITA Y.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TOM F.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
AL B.	BOARD MEMBER	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Tim B. (Painter Tim) Graveside Service

Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 12:44 PM

To: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

Subject: Tim B.'s service

Tim passed away on March 29th, 2021

He was a good friend to many of us in the Tampa AA Community. He will be missed.

There will only be a graveside service on April 20th at 1:30
at
Bushnell National Cemetery.

6502 SW 102nd Ave
Bushnell, FL 33513
United States

THE TWELVE STEPS:

There are many things Dr. Bob definitely did say, and many he might well have said. Apart from "Let's keep it simple," however, it is difficult to tell which are which. Dr. Bob did elaborate on his keep-it-simple theme as far as the A.A. program was concerned in the September 1948 article of the Grapevine. *"As finally expressed and offered, they (the Twelve Steps) are simple in language, plain in meaning. They are also workable by any person having a sincere desire to obtain and keep sobriety. The results are the proof. Their simplicity and workability are such that no special interpretations, and certainly no reservations, have ever been necessary. And it has become increasingly clear that the degree of harmonious living which we achieve is in direct ratio to our earnest attempt to follow them literally under divine guidance to the best of our ability."*

Although times are tough for many of us during the COVID and just regular living day by day, do not be discouraged, we have something that many folks do not have. We have the Twelve Steps, we have Faith, we have a host of like-minded people found at any Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. We have friends and sponsors we can go to when we're feeling down and out of sorts. We have the gratitude that comes from escaping the pains of active alcoholism. We have the Twelve Steps to guide us through any problem. If we use them. So **get up right now**, call somebody, go to a meeting, just go out and help somebody, **they may need your help.**

Tim S. opened the meeting in lieu of absence of Chairperson. He then introduced three new Board Members. Tom F. from the Keystone Group, Brian L. from the Barracks Brigade Group and Al B. from the Thursday Night Big Book Group. He then opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. (Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Michele S., Tom F., Brian L., & Al B. Tim then went into elections for a new Board Chair, asking if anyone would like to stand. After a moment of silent he asked Al if he was going to stand. Al said he would and it was approved by the Board. Secretary Report: Tim gave a brief synopsis of where we are currently standing here at the Central Office in February. Treasurers Report: Tim presented the February Treasurer's Report noting that the report they had received would not be the report he is giving. Tim noted that because contributions from PayPal go directly into our banking account, it's not reflected in our Quickbooks. I had to make a separate spread-sheet to include the contributions from PayPal and any PayPal fees. So rather than \$5,241.85 in contributions, we actually received \$7,581.85. Our expenses were \$9,871.49 leaving us in the red by \$917.64. Our Previous Year comparison leaves us \$3,121.51 in the red through the months of January and February. Tim gave updates on the Anniversary Challenge and the Anniversary Speaker meeting on ZOOM. The Challenge netted \$276.00 between two groups and one individual. However, Tim noted that more has come in during March. The speaker meeting had 15 people in attendance and netted \$20.00 from one individual as a contribution. Tim noted that because everything was kind of rushed and at the last minute, that was probably the reason for the lack of attendance. It couldn't be helped. (We will do better next time) Old Business: John T. asked about the comparison between the Anniversary this year and last year. Last year was live and this year it wasn't. John asked how much of a difference in contributions were there, was it in the hundreds, the thousands??? Tim noted it was in the thousands. (UPDATE to the question: In 2020 the Sisters in Sobriety Group took over the responsibility of hosting the event. They did everything, securing the venue, on-line ticket sales, speaker, food, cakewalk raffle, everything. It was a great event and netted \$7007.81) New Business: Michele noted that this was her last night as a Board member, her term was up. Tim replied that it was but hoped she would come back as a Council member, we really need the support and would love to have her back. Michaelanne offered to do any volunteer work for anyone if they needed it. She's not working right now and would love to help out in any way that she could. Tim reminded everyone to make sure you have signed in in the chat or email me aainfo@aatampa-area.org with any questions or concerns. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. **The next Board & Council Meeting will be April 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	TRACY K.	04/16/15	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	SANDY G.	04/14/97	24 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	PAUL F.	04/03/96	25 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	27 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	MIKE B.	04/13/87	34 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TOM R.	04/14/84	37 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KATHY M.	04/01/13	8 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	LUANNE M.	04/01/09	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DIANE C.	04/10/02	19 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KAREN	04/19/91	30 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	BUD F.	04/16/83	38 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	TRACY S.	04/27/10	11 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	KEY M.	04/20/10	11 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	LIZ T.	04/10/10	11 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	DEBBIE N.	04/25/09	12 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	RHONDA B.	04/13/09	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	KORI T.	04/20/14	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEBBIE K.	04/22/19	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	16 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	GEORGE S.	04/226/86	35 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	HECTOR R.	04/24/86	35 YRS
EXPERIENCE,STRENGHT & HOPE	STEVE S.	04/29/11	10 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	DIANE C,	04/02/08	13 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	ANNIE	04/2007	14 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	MARY V.	04/1996	25 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GARY Y.	04/1987	34 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GUS A.	04/1082	39 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	CINDY L.	04/21/07	14 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BRAD	04/16/12	9 YRS
A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY			
Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
WED. TOWN & COUNTRY	MARY S.	03/12/87	34 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-March 2021

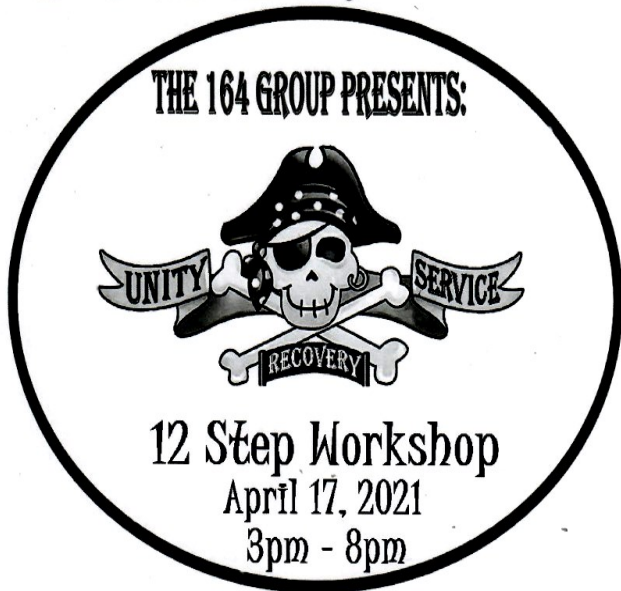
© Today in March of 2021 COVID has changed the way many groups contribute to the Central Office. Some groups have remained steady in their contributions, some groups have gone to ZOOM, A few ZOOM groups have made some contributions and other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. Contributions in March totaled \$ 9,930.78. This accounts for what 73 Groups or individuals in our area have contributed in March. 14 of those contributions were for \$3.00 or less. Included we also received \$34.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club. We also received from the February & March Anniversary Challenge \$500.00 from the Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group, \$175.00 from the Friday Women's Friendship Group, @343.00 from the FCYPAA Committee, \$127.00 from the Next Door Group, \$440.00 from the Sober @ 7 Group, \$ 50.00 from the Simply Sobriety Women's Group,\$ 99.00 from the Alpha Group, \$ 87.00 from the Sobrenity Group, \$ 100.00 from the It's in the Book Men's Group and \$25.00 from one individual member. Contributions through PayPal totaled \$ 1185.23. Our literature sales for March was \$ 7,717.46. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for March was \$ 17,648.24. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,739.51. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 11,908.73. Our Total Expenses for March were \$ 8,349.77. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 3,558.96 for the month of March. As a reminder, we now have a contribution button on our web site www.aatampa-area.org. Many meetings are still live, but many have gone to ZOOM for the time being due to the requirements of the facility that they meet in. We thank you for your continuing support. As they say in the rooms of AA "this too shall past." And this virus will. No matter *how good or bad* it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions and support 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 !!!

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**

That's 604 Years of Sobriety! ☺

EVENTS AROUND THE AREA

SOBERILLA



SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$12 (\$15 at door)
 SPAGHETTI DINNER INCLUDED
 (*PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE)

ALL INFO @ SOBERILLA.ORG

SALVATION ARMY CHURCH - 1100 W SLIGH AVE, TAMPA, FL 33604
 I-275 TO SLIGH AVE - WEST 3/4 MILE ON LEFT - JUST PAST NORTH BLVD



**ACCESSIBILITIES
 COMMITTEE
 MEETING**

**Meets 1st Saturday of
 each month at 11:30 AM
 @ the Barracks**

**BARRACKS BRIGADE
 38418 2ND AVE
 ZEPHYRHILLS, FL 33542**

**South Florida Area 15 Quarterly Assembly
 April 9-11, 2021 Hosted by District 6**

 Friday Night: In addition to our Meet and Greet, we will have an orientation meeting for our **Area 15 Virtual Quarterly**. We will discuss participation procedures in all meetings, including the Area business meeting. . If you rename yourself in your zoom account, your name will be established for each meeting all weekend, as opposed to renaming yourself in the meeting directly, when you will need to repeat that process for each meeting. We are planning a full agenda, which is laid out in the program, except for the banquet. Our Virtual Sub-Committee will have a Help Desk to assist with any technical issues that arise over the weekend. Please call or text our HELP DESK @ (813) 597-1655.

Sunday Area 15 Business Meeting room will open at 8 AM. Please arrive early so your District can get an accurate vote count for rollcall. Please remain in Business meeting room for Conference review. Renaming document is posted on www.area15aa.org

Help Desk Line is (813) 597-1655

**South Florida Area 15 Quarterly Assembly
 April 9-11, 2021 Hosted by District 6**

SSAASA 6
 Hosted by Area 15 South Florida
 November 19-21, 2021
 Tampa Airport Marriott
 4200 George J. Bean Parkway
 Tampa, Florida 33607

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Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King			Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group	74.00	144.00
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution		110.00	Sober @ 7 Group Anniversary Challenge	440.00	440.00
AA 101 Group			Living Sober/As Bill Sees It			Sober on Saturday Group	100.00	400.00
Alpha Group			Lunch Bunch Group			Sober on Saturday Anniversary Challenge	100.00	100.00
Alpha Group Anniversary Challenge	99.00	99.00	Lutz @ Noon			SoberSticks Event		
Anniversary Challenge 2021		295.00	Mad Dogs Group			Sobrenity Group	390.47	390.47
Annual Housecleaning		200.00	Mid Day Madness Group	30.00		Sobrenity Group Anniversary Challenge	87.00	87.00
Anonymous Donations	871.66	2555.97	Mid Day Matinee Group	1,200.00		Sobrietea Women's Group	65.25	65.25
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express Group		30.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa			My Turn Group		1,200.00	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	100.00	100.00	Never Too Early Group	215.00		Solutions Group		130.00
Back to Basics Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	153.63		Southshore Men's Group		247.00
Barracks Brigade Group		34.00	New Beginnings Brandon		215.00	Southside Men's Group # 1	875.00	875.00
Bill D's Group			New Beginnings-(Our Club)		153.63	Southside Men's Group # 2		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	34.00	247.00	New Hope Big Book		258.39	Southside Men's Group #3		
Brandon Free Thinkers			New Tampa Monday Men's		249.56	Southside Men's Group #4		
BrandonSaturday Night			New Way Women's Group			Spiritual Development		
By the Book Men's Group			Next Door Group		25.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		22.50	Next Door Group Anniversary Challenge	127.00	127.00	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group	200.00	200.00
Came To Believe Group		354.30	Nooners Group--Riverview	59.83	226.37	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group Anniversary Challenge	500.00	500.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	432.90	432.90	Nooners Group--Tampa	58.85	383.52	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Clean Air Group	25.00	50.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		200.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		
Close to Home Group			Northdale Group			Sun City Center Group	20.70	20.70
District Two General Service		666.00	Old School Group	50.00	253.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		
Dover Group			Old School Gp Anniversary		200.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Druid Hills Big Book Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		53.00	Sunshine Group		55.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		108.25	One Day at a Time Group		400.00	Sweet Surrender Group		84.00
Expect a Miracle Group			Palma Ceia Group			Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	136.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	50.00	100.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		59.00
FCYPAA Committee Anniversary Challenge	343.00	343.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Group		1.34
Fireside Group			Plank Owners Group		110.00	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom		148.69
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Primary Purpose Group			Tampa Palms Big Book	165.64	165.64
Fresh Start Group		67.00	Promises Meeting Group	138.00	138.00	Tampa Sat Night Speakers		195.00
Friday Night Lights Group		23.79	Reflections Group-Lake Mag			TGIS Group		
Friday Night Big book			Riverside Group		61.10	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Friday Women's Group Anniversary Challenge	175.00	175.00	Rule 62/Keep it Simple	194.25	194.25	The 164 Group		
Friday Morning Women's Friendship	635.20	1,056.40	Rush Hour Serenity Group			The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Grapevine Gals Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group		100.00	The Meeting Place Group		
Grupo Solo por Hoy	3.00	3.00	Ruskin 11th Step Meditation		42.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa		3.00	Safe Haven Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		65.00
Happy Destinty Group	89.40		Safe, Sane & Sober Group		20.00	UT 717 Group		
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.			Safe, Sane & Sober Anniversary Challenge		300.00	Wed Night Step Workshop		
Hide-A-Way Group			Saturday Night Fever Gp.			Wed Keep it Simple Group		50.00
High Nooners Group	100.00	300.00	Saturday Night Live Group		188.86	Wellspring Group		8.10
High Nooners Group Plant City		100.00	Saturday Serenity Group			Wesley Chapel Group		
It's in the Book Group		148.50	Seekers of Serenity II Group		42.77	With Room to Grow Group		
It's in the Book Anniversary Challenge	100.00	100.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM		15.00	Women's Big Book Tampa		
In Loving Memory			Simply Sobriety Women's	0.67	402.67	Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Just What I Wanted Big Book	3.00	3.00	Simply Sobriety Women's Anniversary Challenge	50.00	175.00	Women's Friendship Group		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		130.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group		102.90			
Keep it Simple Group Dade City		345.70	Sober @ 6 Group					
Keeping It Real Group		183.75	Donations thru PayPal	1,185.23	3,525.23			
Keystone Group	225.50	232.00						
Kingsway Group	232.00	390.00						
Life Enrichment Group		390.00						
Little Harbor Grapevine Group	404.00	404.00	Total	3,462.46		Total	3,068.06	
						Monthly Total	10,453.18	
			TD	Total	9,502.25			
Total	3,922.66					YTD Total	4,567.19	
YTD	Total	9,663.06				Grand Total	33,395.56	