



Tri-County Central Office News

When we retire at night, we constructively review our day.

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TRADITION FOUR

TRADITION FOUR from the 12 & 12

A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. Here, the traveler finds three members discussing the Steps in somebody's living room; there, 300 listening to speakers in a church auditorium. In one part of the U.S., respectful silence greets the speaker who begins, "My name is Ann, and I am an alcoholic." In another, everybody happily shouts, "Hi Ann!" And in many other places, she may introduce herself with her full name—at a one-hour meeting or a 90 minute meeting. In each neighborhood in every part of the world reached by A.A., the local group is free to work out its own customs. As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it's up to each group to avoid any action that might harm A.A. And there *have* been such actions—or this Tradition would be unnecessary. "Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions," Bill W. wrote, "is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually." Blown up to multiple size, the Big Ego may inspire one group to take over all the public information work for its area, without consulting any of the other local groups. Once the group has decided, "*We* have all the answers," the lid's off. The group may then decide that, let's say, the Eleventh Tradition is outdated technicality: "This is a competitive age! We're going to come right out and give A.A. some good, vigorous promoting!" To the general public, this one conspicuous group *is* A.A. Its antics reflect, not only on the ignored neighboring groups, but on the entire Fellowship. *In a way, the Forth Tradition is like the Forth Step: It suggests that the A.A. group should take honest inventory of itself, asking each of it's independently planned actions, "Would this break a Tradition?" Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities—they are proved guides toward the chief objective of all A.A. groups...*

When AA was still young, lots of eager groups were forming. In a town we'll call Middleton, a real crackerjack had started up. The townspeople were not as hot as firecrackers about it. Stargazing, the elders dreamed of innovations. They figured the town needed a great big alcoholic center, a kind of pilot plant A.A. groups could duplicate everywhere. Beginning on the ground floor there would be a club; in the second story they would sober up drunks and hand them currency for their back debts; the third deck would house an educational project—quite non-controversial, of course. In imagination the gleaming center was to go up several stories more, but three would do for a start. This would all take a lot of money—other people's money. Believe it or not, wealthy townfolk bought the idea. There were, though, a few conservative dissenters among the alcoholics. They wrote the Foundation, A.A.'s headquarters in New York, wanting to know about this sort of streamlining. They understood that the elders, just to nail things down good, were about to apply to the Foundation for a charter. These few were disturbed and skeptical. Of course, there was a promoter in the deal—a super-promoter. By his eloquence he allayed all fears, despite advice from the Foundation that it could issue no charter, and that ventures which mixed an A.A. with medications and education had come to sticky ends elsewhere. To make things safer, the promoter organized three corporations and became president of them all. Freshly painted, the new center shone. The warmth of it all spread through the town. Soon things began to hum. To insure foolproof, continuous operation, sixty-one rules and regulations were adopted. But alas, this bright scene was not long in darkening. Confusion replaced serenity. It was found that some drunks yearned for education, but doubted if they were alcoholics. The personality defects of others could be cured maybe with a loan. Some were club-minded, but it was just a question of taking care of the lonely heart. Sometimes the swarming applicants would go for all three floors. Some would start at the top and come through to the bottom, becoming club members others started in the club, pitched a binge, were hospitalized, then graduated to education on the third floor. It was a beehive of activity, all right, but unlike a beehive, it was confusion compounded. An A.A. group, as such, simply couldn't handle this sort of project. All too late that was discovered. Then came the inevitable explosion—something like that day the boiler burst in Wombly's Clapboard Factory. A chill chokedamp of fear and frustration fell over the group. When that lifted, a wonderful thing had happened. The head promoter wrote the Foundation office. He said he wished he'd paid some attention to A.A. experience. Then he did something else that was to become an A.A. classic. It all went on a little card about golf-score size. The cover read: "Middleton Group # 1. Rule # 62." Once the card was unfolded, a single pungent sentence leaped to the eye: "*Don't take yourself too damn seriously.*" Thus it was that under Tradition Four an A.A. group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it had been humbly willing to apply the lessons it learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself—and that is the very acme of humility.

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

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Mike B. opened the March 12, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Rich R., Sara R., Scott S., Tracy B., Tracy S., Jason C., John O., John S., and John T. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike said he attended the March district meeting. He summarized the presentation on literature changes on the upcoming General Service Conference agenda. He said he will be presenting changes to corrections/treatment on the conference agenda at the April district meeting. One of the agenda items is the corrections workbook. Mike mentioned that he has been attending a Zoom meeting with other district chairs where changes are being reviewed and discussed. He said anyone interested may attend. He said he would provide Zoom information to anyone interested. Mike said the purchases for and shipping of literature to other districts have been completed. He said he received confirmation that items had been received except for the one to Cayman Island which he believed would take longer to get there. Mike said he will be doing a presentation about TBAIC at the Old School Group service workshop next Saturday afternoon and encouraged others to attend. Mike mentioned the visit to Tampa Hope (discussed more under New Business). John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the original or corrected February minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. The current Pink Can balance is \$11,240.93. Contributions for the month totaled \$1,598.37. Operating expenses were \$381.24 and literature purchases and shipping costs totaled \$2,149.92. The report was approved. **INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES** □ Treatment Center Meetings – John T. said the director of ACTS Detox requested the evening meetings start at 6:45pm rather than 7:30pm. He contacted all chairpersons, and all agreed to change start time. He said meeting chairs are still needed for Monday and Saturday evenings and Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday noon meetings. John said he was contacted by the director of ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program about re-starting meetings at that location (this is further discussed under New Business). John mentioned each of the 14 meetings at ACTS Amethyst have a chairperson but there was always a need for backups and/or speakers. Jason C. said he and one female volunteer have been cleared to enter the TruCore Solutions facility. He said they will be doing weekend meetings starting in mid-April. He said there was a need for more female volunteers. Jason also mentioned a recent meeting at River Oaks Treatment Center where emphasis was placed on individuals in treatment having a temporary sponsor to aid them in transition from treatment into meetings. He said 25 AA people offered to be temporary sponsors. He said he plans to do that at least once a month. He also requested to purchase Big Books for a dedicated book study meeting at River Oaks. He said the books would be kept at the facility and controlled by AA (see further under New Business). □ Orient Rd Jail – Rich R. said the jail is closed and movement to Falkenburg Road has been completed. He said Sunday 10:30am meetings are now at Falkenburg Road Jail. □Falkenburg Road Men's Jail – Mike B. said in addition to the Sunday meeting, Buddy H. said he was chairing a meeting on Saturday afternoon. □ Falkenburg Road Women's Jail – Mike B. said Sara R. and volunteers are holding meetings on Sunday afternoon. □ Pasco Women's Jail –Tracy B. said still no in-person meetings are being held. She also mentioned that she would contact the new District 15 corrections chair about the men's side of the Pasco Jail. Bridging the Gap – Tracy S. said last month she received 5 calls in ring central including 3 in Pasco County. She said connections were made for all 5 calls. Tracy B. said she had 1 call and was able to get the individual to a meeting. She added that the individual she assisted last month is doing well and is still going to meetings. John T. said he received 1 call from a female being discharged from North Tampa Behavioral Health. He provided call back information to three female volunteers and all 3 returned calls but not were able to connect with the individual. Man on the Bed – John T. said Tom F. called him about a female released from Tampa General. He said he provided information to a female volunteer who tried but was unable to connect with the individual. **OLD BUSINESS:** Mike B. said the issue related to stamping literature would be tabled until next month since additional input was needed from correction volunteers not at the meeting. Rich R. said the Grapevine magazines purchased for the women's jail in Parish were received and provided to the requester who expressed appreciation for the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike B. said there is always a need for volunteers. He urged attendees to spread the word. Mike B. said Tampa Hope is a transitional housing facility for the homeless located in Ybor City/East Tampa. He said the program director approached him about holding an AA meeting in the facility. He said he and John T. visited the facility and learned that the residents are free to come and go as they please, but most do not have transportation which makes getting to meetings difficult. He said we agreed to hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon to see if there was any interest. He said the first meeting was held last Saturday with two residents in attendance, one of whom had been drinking and was a little unruly. John T. said he purchased a few pamphlets and got a case of Living Sober and mini Big Books from the TBAIC cabinet to support the meeting. John T. said that he believed the meeting should not be a treatment meeting since residents could leave the facility and go to meetings. However, he said he favored the committee helping to get the meeting started and perhaps supply them with literature. He said ACTS Sandra Prince is a 14-bed men's transitional housing facility. He said meetings there should be handled the same as those at Tampa Hope. He said he knew of one individual who expressed interest in having an open meeting at Tampa Hope and would try to find someone interested in doing the same at ACTS Sandra Prince. John said he would discuss further with managers at Tampa Hope and Sandra Prince and update the committee next month. John O. said he had been approached by management of Riverside Recovery about starting a meeting at their facility for individuals undergoing detox. He said he agreed to do the first meeting tonight and plans on doing so every other Saturday. He said individuals undergoing detox cannot leave the facility and therefore meetings need to be brought into them. John said he would keep the committee informed about the meeting and whether additional volunteers are needed. John T. mentioned that in the past, the committee only purchased literature for not-for-profit treatment facilities such as ACTS. He said literature was not purchased for clients in for profit treatment centers such as River Oaks and Riverside because literature was provided to clients by the facility. Various comments were made about this, but the consensus was that whoever conducts the meetings should control literature used in meetings and decide if literature should be given to meeting attendees. Mike B. agreed and said this issue could be re-visited in the future. Scott S. said he would contact central office and have books purchased for the River Oaks meeting as requested by Jason C. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, April 9th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

TBAIC Contributions (February 13th through March 12th): Cardinal Group - \$32.25, High Nooner's Group (Zephyrhills) - \$456.87, Keep It Simple, Pass It On - \$162.00, New Beginnings Group (Our Club) - \$32.50, Nooner's Group (Our Club) - \$32.50, Old School Group - \$800.00, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) - \$82.25.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 3,393.07
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 2,315.29
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 1,015.33
Pink Can Current Balance 03/12/22	\$ 11,240.94

Is Your Group Linked to A.A. As a Whole?

Most groups in the United States and Canada choose to be linked to A.A. as a whole by listing the group with the General Service Office (G.S.O.), as well as with the Area Assembly, district and local central/intergroup office.¹ Groups listed with G.S.O. have either General Service Representatives (G.S.R.s), or “group contacts,” who act as channels for two-way information and shared experience. Once a group is listed with G.S.O., the group information is shared with the Area Assembly via the delegate. Group information may be first received by the Area, which then shares the information with G.S.O. What’s the point? Each group linked to the local general service structure is automatically a part of the “group conscience” of A.A. in Canada and the U.S. through their G.S.R.’s participation in district meetings and Area Assembly. Each G.S.R. communicates his or her group’s “conscience” on important matters of policy considered by the district and Area Assembly. During the Annual General Service Conference, the Area’s groups are represented by their elected delegate. Groups in our listings are included in the confidential domestic directories² published annually, which provide contact information for traveling A.A. members. New groups listed with the General Service Office are assigned an identifying service number (ID),³ receive a “Group Handbook” (through their G.S.R. or group contact), and are included in mailings sent to all listed A.A. groups. For instance, groups receive our quarterly newsletter Box 4-5-9 that keeps them informed on policies being considered by the Conference, changes to A.A. literature, and when and where their Regional Forum will be held (Forums are weekend gatherings where current experience is shared). Additionally, G.S.R.s or group contacts for listed groups receive registration details for each International Convention, held every five (5) years. How? To participate in services provided by G.S.O. to A.A. groups, it is vital to furnish simple information to G.S.O. through the Alcoholics Anonymous New Group Form. To notify G.S.O. when group information changes, i.e. the group contact or G.S.R. moves or resigns, and a new G.S.R. or contact is elected; or, when there is a change in the group’s location or meeting day(s) and time, please use the Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form. Group changes should also be given to the Area registrar/secretary, to the District Committee Member (D.C.M.), and to the local intergroup/central office. 1 To participate fully, a group lists itself 1) with the general service structure (G.S.O., Area and District); and, 2) with the local intergroup/central office. Domestic directories are: Eastern U.S., Western U.S. and Canada. Each group is identified by city or town, Area and district, group name, meeting day(s), and G.S.R.’s or contact’s name and phone number. Alternate G.S.R.s or contacts are also listed. Directories are widely used by traveling members, so only groups that provide a G.S.R. or contact’s telephone number are listed. 3 Once an ID number is assigned and becomes part of a group’s record, the number remains with the group and is not usable by any other group. 2 A New Group: When a new group forms, the members usually take time to decide on the name of the new group,⁴ elect trusted servants, plan the time and format of meeting(s), and obtain A.A. literature from the nearby central/intergroup office. A new group may first ask to be listed with the local district and Area, or through direct contact with G.S.O. Either way works well. When G.S.O. receives an Alcoholics Anonymous New Group Form, a copy is forwarded to the delegate of the Area where the group is located, so that the delegate may communicate the good news to the D.C.M. and Area registrar/secretary.

Is Your Group Linked...continued

Thirty (30) days after group information is sent to the delegate, the group is assigned an ID number for G.S.O.’s records, and a “Group Handbook” is mailed to the G.S.R. or group contact. Your District: Regardless of how new group information is received, the D.C.M. will make contact and welcome the group to “general service.” Whether a group is “new” or has existed for years, the D.C.M. is the primary contact through the G.S.R. or group contact. Group representatives attend district meetings where they are kept up-to-date on A.A. activities and topics of interest. G.S.R.s attending district meetings are an excellent resource for addressing group problems and concerns. In matters affecting A.A. as a whole, a group’s “conscience” is communicated to the Area Assembly by their G.S.R. If you do not know how to contact your group’s D.C.M., Area registrar/secretary, and delegate, staff members in the General Service Office can often provide that information. Mailing address: Location: General Service Office 475 Riverside Drive P.O. Box 459 11th floor Grand Central Station New York, N.Y. 10115 New York, NY 10163 Telephone: (212) 870-3400 Website: www.aa.org G.S.O. staff members are always happy to hear from A.A. members and groups. G.S.O. has two primary purposes: 1) to serve as a resource to better enable groups to carry the A.A. message of experience, strength and hope to the still-suffering alcoholic; and, 2) to provide services to A.A. as a whole which individual groups cannot usually manage, such as the publication of A.A. literature. The A.A. group is the fundamental unit supporting A.A. recovery. 4 Guidelines for naming an A.A. group are based on “group conscience” as expressed through the as expressed through the Annual General Service Conference. “The A.A. Group” pamphlet, the basic guide for all groups in Canada and the U.S., suggests that a group avoid choosing a name that might suggest affiliation with any organization, club, political or religious institution. New groups are also advised to avoid names that refer to “family,” “double trouble”, “alcohol and pills” or the name of any actual person, living or dead. (“The A.A. Group” pamphlet is available at central or intergroup offices, through G.S.O. or on aa.org. **Locally you can contact District 2 General Service at www.aatampa.org for information**

BANK ACCOUNTS: Question: Our group needs to open a bank account and we were asked for an “I.D. number.” Can we use G.S.O.’s? Answer: No. More and more frequently, A.A. groups in the U.S. are being asked to supply an I.D. number to a bank when opening a checking or savings account, whether or not it is interest bearing. For spiritual as well as legal reasons, no local A.A. organization may use the tax-exempt status or identification number of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., since each entity is autonomous in financial matters. A tax I.D. is separate from the service number given to A.A. groups by G.S.O. Question: How do we obtain an I.D. number for our group checking account? Answer: Local U.S. entities can obtain an “employer identification number” (EIN) from the I.R.S. To get this I.D. number, fill out I.R.S. Form SS-4, “Application for Employer Identification Number,” or apply online at www.irs.gov. This number applies even though the group is not an employer. Look for the section about obtaining an EIN for banking purposes only. The form asks if there is one group exemption number that applies to all, and there is not.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 8th, 2022 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
JOHN T.	TREASURER	LIVING SOBER/PASS IT ON GROUP
RITA Y.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TOM F.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. (Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Al B., Rita Y., John T., Brian L., Tom F. & Linda B.

Secretary Report: Tim read the February Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted.

Treasurers Report: Tim presented the February Treasurer’s Report. Contributions in February totaled \$ 8,218.41. This accounts for what 39 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in February. Included \$ 505.00 from 5 members for the Birthday Club, \$25.00 In Loving Memory of Don G. and \$ 1420.41 from Soberilla. Our literature sales for February was \$ 8,191.96. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for February was \$ 16,410.37. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 6,244.94. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 10,165.43. Our Total Expenses for February were \$ 8,416.02. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 1,749.41 for the month of February. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted.

Old Business: No old Business.

New Business: Andie from Nightly Newcomers asked if anyone knew how to set up a venmo account. Brad replied that would get with her after the meeting.

Announcements : Andie announced that the Nightly Newcomers also has an eating meeting along with a medallion night on the last Friday of each month. Rita from Old School Group announced that they were having a Spring Pot-Luck get together on Easter Day...Sunday April 17, 2022. Food at Noon and a meeting at 1:00 pm. Rita also asked if we would be going back to in-person meetings. Discussion followed. Some were okay for live, some preferred Zoom/Hybrid meetings. Al asked if anyone had some good ideas, get with Tim. John & Tom shared some information about the opening of some of the jails & treatment centers. John also mentioned about the 12 Step Call List, that he is calling around trying to update the list.

A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next Board & Council Meeting will be April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

March 8th, 2022 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

If you attended the Meeting but not listed below, we didn’t catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatamapa-area.org	
JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP
ANTHONY S.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
ANDIE R.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
MICHAELANNE T.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN’S GROUP
JOHN L.	GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY GROUP
TY T.	THE 164 GROUP
BARNEY B.	IT’S IN THE BOOK GROUP
RANDELL D.	KINGSWAY GROUP
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP

FYI: (1) If you are getting Birthday envelopes returned to you in our Thank You letter for your contribution. Please, either use one for yourself or give it to a member who is celebrating an anniversary or better yet—make an anonymous Birthday contribution in their name. Please include their sobriety date and home group. **(2)** Send us a list of your members names and sobriety dates to be included on our Anniversary page in the newsletter. **(3)** Get us a brief history of your home group—when it started—how many members—what type of meeting-etc—we would love to post it in the newsletter....who knows, you just might get some new members. **(4)** Don’t forget our Grapevine drive for TBAIC to take into the jails and treatment centers. **(5)** We are looking for old Meeting schedules from the 70’s and before....the old meeting schedules give us a historical record of meetings in the Tampa-East Pasco area **(6)** Anyone looking for a First Edition Big Book? We have a few here at the office. **(7)** Have you renewed your newsletter subscription? **(8)** Does your group send a representative to our Board & Council meeting? If someone from your group attends the meeting....you can get a 20% discount on your literature, once that month. **(9)** Please call or email and ask for a 12 Step Sign Up sheet. We are updating our old, out-dated list and trying to make it better. Please support your Central Office. We exist for you. Thanks!



“How can the Grapevine keep in touch with your group if you don’t have a GvR?”*

***Grapevine Representative**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

SELF-SUPPORT-March, 2022

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
FRI. NIGHT BIG BOOK	BUD F.	04/16/83	39 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	TAMMY	04/07/07	15 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BRAD	04/16/12	10 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	LINN D.	04/01/15	7 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	SANDY G.	04/14/97	25 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	PAUL F.	04/03/96	26 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	28 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MIKE B.	04/13/87	35 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	TOM R.	04/14/84	38 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	TRACY K.	04/16/15	7 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE	ROBIN D.	04/20/10	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	KORI T.	04/20/14	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEBBIE K.	04/22/19	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	17 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	GEORGE S.	04/26/86	36 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	HECTOR R.	04/24/86	36 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KATHY M.	04/01/13	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	LUANNE M.	04/01/09	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DIANE C.	04/10/02	20 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KAREN	04/19/91	31 YRS
EXPERIENCE STRENGTH & HOPE	STEVE S.	04/29/11	11 YRS
KEEP IT SIMPLE <small>DADE CITY</small>	CHERYL B.	04/22/84	38 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY	CINDY L.	04/11/07	15 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	ANNIE	04/2007	15 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	MARY V.	04/1996	26 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GARY Y.	04/1987	35 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GUS A.	04/1982	40 YRS

© Today in March of 2022 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 some groups are Hybrid (in-person & ZOOM), other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up, and now many groups are getting back to normal pre-pandemic live meetings. Things are looking up and getting better. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have around 210 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 524 meetings weekly. Contributions in March totaled \$ 5,902.08. This accounts for what 43 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in March. Included \$ 38.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club, \$100.00 In Loving Memory of Coffee John and \$ 700.00 for Gene S. Also \$21.00 for Newsletter subscriptions. Our literature sales for March was \$ 6,384.66. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for March was \$ 12,286.74. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 4,436.89. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 7,849.85. Our Total Expenses for March were \$ 9,992.65. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$ 2,142.80 for the month of March. I have to express my Gratitude to not only to the A.A. Groups in our area who continue to support us, but also to those Anonymous A.A. members who generously give, I believe, from the Heart (and I know who many of you are) to support the Central Office. We still have a good Prudent Reserve, all our bills keep getting paid, the lights are on, we have a decent amount of literature available, the phones are working and it looks like 2022 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support of the Central Office. Thank You!!!O.M. tws:)

NOTE: New Mailing Address for contributions to New York
General Service Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members. Thanks to everyone for your continued support!! Become a part of Central Office....volunteer to be a Central Office Representative for your Home Group.

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP	JUDY N.	03/18/84	38 YRS

**That's 615 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out
these people and find out their secret. ☺**

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

2022 Sobersticks April 8th - 10th

Fun & Fellowship all weekend with camping & Kayaking
8pm campfire Meetings!



\$5 per night per person
(if renting a campsite/RV outside of
group site \$5 fee is still required)

Well Be-Haved pets are Welcome

Group rates on Canoe/Kayak
are available under sobersticks name.

For More Info Call:
Stewart @813-455-7260

Little Manatee Canoe Outpost
18001 U.S. Hwy 301 S.
Wimauma, FL 33598

Kayak/Canoe & Cabin Rental
813.634.2228

36th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

"BACK TO BASICS - IT WORKS - IT REALLY DOES"

Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 -
Monday, 5, 2022

Register online at:
www.tampabayfallroundup.com



Founders' Day Herald

87th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous
June 10, 11, & 12, 2022 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

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FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Discussion of One Step Per Hour
Chaired by: Woody W.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting* • 3:00 p.m.
Sandra S. - Cleveland, OH
"She Faced a Hostile Universe Alone
Until A.A. Found Her"
Chaired by: Jerry C.

Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
"Love and Tolerance"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 7:00 p.m.
Christina G. - Brecksville, OH
"Watch Well, Your Beginnings
The Results Will Reveal Themselves"
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 9:00 p.m.
Michael D. - Sioux Falls, SD
"We Work On Broken Souls in A.A., God
Can Fix A Broken Soul"
Chaired by: Scott T.

Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Open Discussion
Chaired by: The Painesville Group

A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Reunión en Español • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and
Aegria de Vivir Group

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.
Speakers - Mike & Diane A.
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Tracy C.

Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
"Love and Tolerance"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 2:00 p.m.
Dick D. - Hamilton, Ontario, CA
"Ain't It Great To Be Sober"
Chaired by: Woody W.

The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.
Presented by: Gail L. - The Villages, FL
Chaired by: Jerry C.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 8:00 p.m.
Jay A. - Scarborough, Ontario, CA
"Optimistic"
"UA Infection Stadium"
Chaired by: Matt H.

*Stadium Weather Contingency Plan
for Saturday Night - See Web Site

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

**MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE*
7:30 a.m.**
Motorcycle procession and graveside
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.
Speaker: Dolly A.
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.
Topic: "When All Other Measures Fail,
Working With Another Alcoholic Just Might
Save The Day"
Rose L. - Cleveland, OH
Laura D. - Cleveland, OH
Melissa P. - Cleveland, OH
Chaired by: Junita W.

**A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting*
10:30 a.m.**
Kerry D. - Seattle, WA
"His Story, The Spiritual Awakening"
Chaired by: Michael B.

AL-ANON FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.
Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"
Maurea D. - N. Attleboro, MA
Cary C. - Akron, OH
Patty M. - Concord, NC
Cin Hall
Chaired by: Marie E.

AL-ANON SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.
"Alateens Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope"
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Sara M.

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.
Speakers - Mike & Diane A.
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Tracy C.

REGISTRATION

**UA STUDENT UNION
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!**
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Registrations must be picked up by
6:00 p.m. Saturday - NO EXCEPTIONS!
Package Plans must be picked up at designated
dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.
**Coffee & Fellowship Room
Student Union**
A.A. Literature Sales
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!
*A.S.L. INTERPRETER



Responsibility

SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY April 8-10, 2022

Hosted by District 8 Palm Beach County, Florida

Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

No. of Chicken _____
No. of Steak _____
No. of Vegetable Stack (Vegan) _____
Total Tickets @ \$42 each _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____
District _____
Guests with Special Dietary Needs (state needs): _____

Make checks payable to District 8. Mail in (with coupon & note "banquet" on
check) to:
General Service District 8 Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 13, West Palm Beach, FL
33402
Venmo payments also accepted: @GeneralServiceDistrict8
If paying with Venmo, include your meal choice and name; pick up your tickets
at the April 2022 Quarterly.
QUESTIONS? Please contact Banquet Chair at: banquet@area15aa.org
PAYMENT DUE BY 3/18/2022

BOCA RATON MARRIOTT AT BOCA CENTER

5150 TOWN CENTER CIRCLE, BOCA RATON, FL 33486

Hotel Room Reservations:

Call (888) 888-3780 or (561) 392-4600

Room Rate: \$161.00 per night + tax

Reference: "South Florida General Service"

HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON JANUARY 17, 2022 @ 12 PM AND

MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 18, 2022

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

FROM I-95, EXIT PALMETTO PARK ROAD (EXIT 44) AND GO WEST.
TURN RIGHT (NORTH) AT MILITARY TRAIL.
TURN RIGHT AT TOWN CENTER CIRCLE & FOLLOW ROAD TO HOTEL
ENTRANCE.

QUESTIONS? Please contact

Quarterly Assembly Chair at

aichair@district8area15.org

NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!

Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King	304.00	304.00	Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group	56.14	56.14
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution			Sober on Saturday Group	100.00	320.00
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			SoberSticks Event		
AA 101 Group			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group	390.00	390.00
Alpha Group	180.00	360.00	Mid Day Madness			Sobrietea Women's Group		
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee Group zoom		100.00	Soberilla		1,420.41
Anonymous Donations	128.67	2339.44	Mid Day Matinee Group		500.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express Group			Social Distancing Group of AA (Zoom)		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	168.34	168.34	Morning Meditation Meeting		0.12	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	150.00	150.00	My Turn Group			Solutions Group		
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	100.00	Never Too Early Group			Southshore Men's Group		160.00
Beginners Group		117.00	Never Too Early Group(Zoom)	200.00	200.00	Southside Men's Group # 1		878.00
Big Book Bunch Group		197.65	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	73.83	222.38	Southside Men's Group # 2		345.00
Bill D's Group			New Beginnings Brandon			Southside Men's Group #3		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	38.00	589.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)			Southside Men's Group #4		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		39.50	Newcomers Group	123.88	123.88	Spiritual Development		
Came To Believe Group	325.00	325.00	New Tampa Monday Men's		206.25	Spiritual Growth Group		460.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Way Women's Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group		300.00
Carrollwood Group		130.00	Next Door Group			Step Sisters in Sobriety	169.00	169.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		1.41	Nightly Newcomers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		
Clean Air Group		25.00	Nooners Group--Riverview	43.19	252.96	Sun City Center Group		33.10
Close to Home Group			Nooners Group--Tampa		159.12	Sun City Center Zoom		133.00
District Two General Service			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Odessa Group		204.42	Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Expect a Miracle Group	572.00	572.00	Old School Group			Sunshine Group	20.00	40.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Old School Gp Anniversary			Sweet Surrender Group		98.10
FCYPAA Committee			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30			Tampa Bay Institutions		150.00
Fear Not Group			One Day at a Time Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	159.76	490.06
Fireside Group	66.04	116.91	Palma Ceia Big Book Group	200.00	400.00	Tampa Group		0.84
Freedom in Sobriety Group		132.00	Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom		277.90
Fresh Start Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Palms Big Book		
Friday Night Lights Group			Plank Owners Group			Tampa Sat Night Speakers		100.00
Friday Morning Women's			Plant City Sunday Night			T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Grapevine Gals Group			Promises Meeting Group		370.88	TGIS Group		
Grupo Poco a Poco			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		251.80	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Riverside Group		61.10	The 164 Group		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Rule 62/Keep it Simple		430.00	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Happy Destinty Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group			The Meeting Place Group		2,239.38
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Ruskin Womens Big Book		19.66	There is a Solution		42.00
Happy Destinty Group			Ruskin 11th Step Meditation			Thursday Pavillion Peeps		92.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Safe Haven Group			To Improve Our Consious Contact		
High Nooners Group			Safe, Sane & Sober Group	208.83	208.83	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		260.00
Hi Nooners Group Plant City	100.00	200.00	Saturday Night Live Group			UT 717 Group		
Hope Floats Group		236.62	Saturday Serenity Group			Valrico Friday Morning		153.69
It's in the Book Group		230.12	Seekers of Serenity II Group			We Are Not Saints Group		
In Loving Memory	800.00	825.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM			Wed Night Step Workshop		
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Simply Sobriety Women's		231.00	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Keep it Simple Men's Group		75.00	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)	299.65	299.65	Wellspring Group	2.21	489.21
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		178.40	Sisters in Sobriety Group		266.70	Wesley Chapel Group		237.10
Keep it Simple Group Dade City	260.00	500.00				With Room to Grow Group		1,000.00
Keeping It Real Group						Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keystone Group	162.50	481.65	Donations thru PayPal	411.04	583.04	Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Kingsway Group						Women's Friendship Group		461.50
Life Enrichment Group			Total	1,560.42		XYZ-32 Group	150.00	300.00
Little Harbor Grapevine Group			YTD Total		5,191.79			
Total	3,294.55					Total	1,047.11	
YTD Total		8,394.04				YTD Total		11,096.43
						Monthly Total	5,902.08	
						Grand Total	24,682.26	