



Tri-County Central Office News

The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us, with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves towards others and toward God.

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ME AND MY TRADITIONS

more thoughts on STEP 7

Sometimes passed over all too lightly, our Twelve Traditions are designed to protect YOU, the individual member of AA

Most of us tend to slide over the Twelve Traditions, because we feel they have to do with “organization.” Since our primary concern is our own sobriety, most of us couldn’t care less about “organization.” If we take a really good look at the Traditions, however, it will be revealed to us that the structure they set up has but one ultimate objective—the welfare of the individual AA member. In the past few years, I’ve had the feeling that for me the Traditions are really an extension of the Steps. They affect, not only my activities as a member of an AA group, not only my daily work in an AA service job, but also my efforts as an individual to relate satisfactorily with other people. In other words, I feel the Traditions are additional tools to help me fulfill the last part of the Twelfth Step: trying to practice these principles in all my affairs. Together with the Steps, they have helped me learn what little I know about staying out of the way—my own and other people’s. They have taught me:

1. To try to put the common welfare first, rather than just my own—by being willing to yield, even when I may heartily disagree.
 2. To put faith in the group conscience, and try to believe that it represents God’s will for us today—if not forever.
 3. To remember that the most significant experience of my life was becoming a member of AA, that AA’s had room for me even before I wanted to join, and that they gave me the time to develop the desire to stop drinking, though at first I didn’t have one.
 4. To remind myself that nothing is really good for me unless other people are considered, too.
 5. To take whatever extra time is needed to keep the primary purpose primary—to put first things first.
 6. Not to be beguiled into activities and involvement’s, no matter how worthy or how attractive, that might underline the primary purpose.
 7. To carry my own weight in economic matters, and to support those things in which I believe.
 8. & 9. To remind myself that I am simply one of many trusted servants, with no special training or talent beyond my desire to serve, responsibly and to the best of my ability, those people who have trusted me.
 10. To be aware of the fact that, as an individual, I am entitled to hold any opinions which seem right to me and to defend them in the appropriate places.
 11. To try to be prudent and not promote or oversell even my most cherished beliefs and ideas. If they are all I think they are, they will have made a sufficient difference in my own life and their performance will carry it’s own weight. I am reminded not to seek personal credit for anything that I may do, and not to feel that I deserve it.
 12. To remember that the principle expressed is the important thing—not the person who is expressing it.
- The wonderful thing about our Fellowship is that we are a society of equals; the famous, the handsome, the wealthy, the articulate, the glamorous are no more representative of us than is the most obscure member. →

I have a pretty rocking chair down in my office. When I first bought that building, someone had run off and left it behind. There wasn’t anything there of value, but there was this old rocking chair. It was just a horrible looking mess, painted black, with one of the rungs broken out of the back of it. I decided I’d keep it, thinking maybe one of these days I might put it together. Quite a few years went by and it just sat in the attic. Several times some guys tempted me to throw it away; in fact, I’d find it around by the dumpster and I’d bring it back, saying I was going to look at it one of these days. So I finally got this old rocking chair out of the attic and into the light downstairs so I could really see it. And I began to look at it, and I saw that it was a really fine chair. I got some paint stripper, and I began to strip it. I stripped all the paint away and found that it was solid oak. I took the old raggedy bottom that had been covered over many, many times with different cloth and with tacks, and I tore it off and threw it all away. There was one broken rung and I made an identical one by bending one and putting it there. I sanded and sanded and refinished this chair. Finally, I took it to the upholstery shop. I asked the man there how much it would cost to put a nice white velvet bottom in it. He looked at it and said, “I’ll be glad to put it in there, but before I fix it, I’ll offer you \$350.00 for that chair.” That beautiful, valuable chair was always there. It was there all the time! It was simply covered up. That chair has always been beautiful since the day the guy made it. And that’s the way I am—and you are—with God’s life inside us. God made us this way—beautiful and valuable. Like the rocking chair, over a period of years, I covered myself up with all sorts of things and made a big mess. The Steps of this program have enabled me to uncover, discover, and discard. It’s a program of getting rid of things to get down to what we want. It’s not a program of getting anything. It’s a program of getting rid of things: uncovering, discovering, and discarding. I believe that deep down inside everyone is the fundamental idea of God. We might have covered it up, but it’s there. Regardless of what we see in the most horrible individual, down underneath he still has the qualities of God to live by. He may not be using them, and we may punish him for his actions, but he is created with these things—these God-qualities. Each and every one of us is.

Joe McQ (of the Big Book Study Tapes)

...deep down in every man, woman and child, is the fundamental idea of God. It may be obscured by calamity, by pomp, by worship of other things, but in some form or other it is there. Big Book page 55

Alcoholism is no respecter of persons; it strikes the famous and the obscure, the rich and the poor, the educated and the ignorant, male and female, black and white, young and old alike. No matter what our position in life may be, in our Fellowship we participate as equals in sharing our experience, strength and hope with one another in an atmosphere of love and caring. In my book, that is a spiritual idea, and the Traditions that keep us united therefore must be *spiritual*, rather than merely *organizational*.
 C.L.B., Manhattan, NY/Permission AA Grapevine/1969

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

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Chair Report - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. Followed by the attendees introducing themselves. Jonathan C. started with his report saying that he filled the TBAIC cabinet. He attended the assembly and said he is getting used to the general service environment. Mike B. mentioned that the Treatment budget was brought back to the pre-pandemic level of \$500.00 annually. He also mentioned a document produced by another area for Bridge The Gap which is filling a hole left vacant. Secretary Report - Tom F then read it was accepted as read without any changes to it. Treasurer Report - John T. gave the Treasures report. He started by saying he current "Pink Can" balance was \$10,563.61. We received a total of 4,728.38 from ten different groups, including \$3,500.00 from Soberstock. Our expenses for the month besides literature were as follows: \$50.00 to central office for use of their space to store our literature; \$83.93 for coffee supplies for Zephyrhills CI.; \$494.54 Area Quarterly Travel Reimbursement for Jonathan C.; \$233.19 Area Quarterly Travel Reimbursement for Mike B. We spent \$1,649.63 on literature. More discussion on how to spend money occurred. Treatment - All meetings are being covered now, except for the Sunday noon meeting at ACTS Amethyst Group. New beginnings Monday meeting is going well but the Thursday meeting could use support from a veteran. White Sands is going well as reported by Justin. He is doing a speaker meeting and wants to get one more meeting going, possibly on Wednesdays. Joe reports that things are going well at Sandra Prince. Tom F. reported that the Wellspring group is covering meetings at HCA Florida West Tampa Hospital located on Webb Road in Tampa. Detention Centers - Jason C. sent Mike B. a report stating things are going well at True Core Behavioral there are now 5 female volunteers going in. Jason also mentioned that he feels that he should step down as the Co-Chair of TBAIC. Sarah R. said all is well at the Hillsborough the women's jail and that she has 4 new volunteers. Rich R. reports all is going well on the men's side of the Hillsborough Jails. Tom F. said all is going well at Zephyrhills CI. There is a need to get a coordinator to cover the women's side of the Pasco County Jail in Land O Lakes. Man on the Bed - Tom F reported had 3 calls since the last meeting. Two were for men and one for a woman. Bridging the Gap - John T reported Tracy S had 2 calls via ring central with no luck getting back to them. John T. had responded to 2 of the 6 calls. Discussion occurred about the possibility of setting up text messaging service for Bridge The Gap as well as adding two names to the call chain. A decision was made to not use Bridge the Gap for jails. Even though it had originally been set up for people leaving jails and detoxes. Old Business - It was decided to keep meeting via zoom. New Business - No new business The meeting closed at 11:15 AM with a recitation of the Responsibility Pledge followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Our Next Committee Meeting
July 8th ,2023 9:30 am on **ZOOM**. Contact us at **www.tbaic.org** for more information. 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:

Contributions: May 13th through June 10
Great Way To Start The Day \$1,000.00 , Keystone Discussion Group \$50.00 , XYZ-32 Group \$45.00

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$11,624.22
Pink Can Balance 12/31/22	\$8,063.62
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$10,828.66
YTD Operational Expenses	\$2,774.16
Pink Can Current Balance 01/07/23	\$6,085.02

www.tbaic.org	
Position	Name
Chair	Jonathan C.
Chair (Alt.)	Mike B.
Treasurer	John T.
Secretary	Tom F.
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H. (Men's)
Hillsborough Women's Jails	Sara R. (Women's)
Pasco Jail-Women's	Tracy B.
Treatment Coordinator	John T.
Bridging the Gap	Tracy S.
Man on the Bed	Tom F.
Zephyrhills CI	Tom F.

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 should have or never have been arrested just never got caught!

IT'S AN ACTION PROGRAM

Recently at a meeting in a state hospital, where she was confined because of drinking, a woman asked, "Why can't I stop drinking? I have a sincere desire to stop and I have faith in God, but nothing seems to work." The answer she got was simple and to the point: "Desire and Faith are steps in the right direction, but they are not enough. Sobriety requires action." How true this is! Having a desire merely qualifies us for membership, and faith is something we learn as children. But unless we learn to turn our desire into action and put our faith to work we are apt to fall flat. It is a little like trying to sit on a two-legged stool. The Second Step does not say, "We came to believe in a power greater than ourselves," but rather "—that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity." Those who wrote these Steps apparently assumed that we already believe in something, and were merely trying to show us that this power can be put to good use. They then proceed in Steps Three and Eleven to tell us how to do it, and while the words are clear they cannot be fully understood until they are experienced. These Steps involve action on a mental and spiritual level, as do the Steps dealing with taking inventory and making amends. Finally, we come to the fulfillment Step, Step Twelve. This is the Step which nails down our sobriety while we are helping other alcoholics to achieve theirs. It is the culmination of the first eleven, and tells us that we are now ready to take physical action. Without Step Twelve we would be left hanging. It would be like reading a suspense story only to find that it has no ending. Likewise, trying to take Step Twelve without first trying the other Steps would be like turning directly to the ending without reading the story. Going back to our friend in the hospital, a few questions after the meeting revealed that she had had quite a long exposure to AA, during which time she had done nothing but attend an occasional meeting. There had been no Twelfth Step calls, no talks at open meetings, no making coffee or emptying ash trays, and certainly no attempt at taking on the responsibilities of leadership in a group. It was suggested to her that after she dries out and gets back on the program, she go out and find herself a drunk to help. If it worked for Bill W., it might work for her. Attending meetings is extremely important, of course, but we put our sobriety to the test *after we leave the meeting*. Very few members get drunk during a meeting, but quite a few do afterwards if they neglect to tell other alcoholics what they heard there, or forget to practice what they learned—in all their affairs. I was fortunate to learn early in the game that sobriety is not going to come to me; I have to go out and find it. Not only that, but when I do find some I give it away as fast as I can, only to discover that it comes back two-fold. What Step Twelve is really saying to us is: "You have the tools—go out and use them to build your own sobriety." We find that if sobriety is worth anything, it is worth working for.

J.S.C. New Hartford, Conn

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If we want *"the hand of AA always to be there,"* we each need to assume our own share of responsibility. God has given each of us a share of the responsibility. He has given each of us the tools to work with and the ability to use them. Let's all of us assume our shares so that we may all reap the fruits of selflessness and live in service to our Fellowship.

Anonymous

CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE

From the beginning, 1935, AA has worked closely with treatment facilities to help the alcoholic client get and stay sober. AA co-founder, Bill W. himself, was a patient of a treatment facility – Towns Hospital in New York City. Shortly he got sober, Bill returned to Towns to work with other alcoholics. AA's other co-founder, Dr. Bob, himself a surgeon, realized upon sobering up the need for an alcoholism ward at St. Thomas Hospital in his own city, Akron, Ohio.

With the assistance of nonalcoholic nurse Sister Ignatia, Dr. Bob established a ward for alcoholics. Together he and Sister Ignatia reached out to more than 5000 alcoholics. (Taken from About AA Newsletter for Professionals published by GSO.)

AA in the greater Tampa area is carrying on this established tradition by holding weekly treatment facility AA meetings in detox and recovery facilities. Your Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee is committed to maintaining these meetings in both adult and juvenile settings.

There is always a need for A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with A.A. members in correctional facilities. It is suggested that men correspond with men and women with women. If you would like to share your experience, strength, and hope with A.A.'s who are confined, please come by Central Office to pick up a Correspondence Form. Once you complete the form and mail it to G.S.O., the name of an inmate will be send to you. You will then make the initial contact through the mail. Those who have participated in this service have found sharing with inmates a very gratifying form of Twelfth Step work. Many inmates seeking sobriety through the 12 Steps are happy to know that there are A.A. members like you who are willing to help make it possible for the A.A. message to be carried to those on the "inside."

"An arousing from Sleep"

Are you like so many others in the AA Fellowship, experiencing a hang-up on the "spiritual awakening" bit? And, since the Twelfth Step calls for such an awakening "as a result of these Steps," do you perhaps feel that you have fallen short, despite your best efforts? If so, take heart from this former agnostic, for whom the word "spiritual" created an instant mental block. Actually, the word "awakening" is defined as "an arousing from sleep." It implies a dawning, a beginning, or quickening of interest, rather than an accomplishment in depth. Not many people have had the "flash of light" type of spiritual phenomenon. For most of us, spiritual insight comes subtly, gradually, and slowly. Dr. Harry M. Tiebout, AA's early and great friend from the field of psychiatry, suggests that the spiritual awakening begins in the recovering alcoholic when he simply ceases to rely on his own omnipotence and looks outside himself for help and guidance. *If you have emerged from the cocoon of self sufficiently to feel love and concern for fellow members of your group, your family, and friends, and to feel responsibility to carry the message to the drunk who still suffers, the chances are that you have already had your spiritual awakening.*

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

June 13th, 2023 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
DODY H.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	BOARD MEMBER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
CARL L.	BOARD MEMBER	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
BRAD W.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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June 13th, 2023 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

CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
SUSAN S.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
MIRIAM	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
ISAAC B.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
SONIA T.	BIG BOOK BUNCH
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S
PHIL M.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
KELLY E.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JOHN T.	LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
PRISCILLA M.	SOBRENITY GROUP
FRANK L.	SOBRENITY GROUP
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
KIMBORLY S.	164 GROUP
ANNIE L.	RUSKIN KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP

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., Linda B., Dody H., Brad W., Carl L., Debbie S., & Chris S. Secretary Report:** Debbie read the May Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. **Treasurers Report:** Chris presented the May Treasurer's Report. Contributions in May totaled \$7,011.89. This accounts for what 35 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in May, also included is \$1,274.77 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also, \$100.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for May was \$7,194.56. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for May was \$14,206.45. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,460.22. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,746.23. Our Total Expenses for May were \$8,210.83. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$535.40 for the month of May. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. **Old Business:** None. **New Business:** / **Announcements:** Tim announced that the new June 2023 meeting schedules are now available at the Office. Priscilla announced that she was the Alternate Central Office Rep for the Sobrenity Group. Isaac announced that he was the new Rep for Tampa Bay Young People's Group. Brian announced that he was the new Rep for the Barracks Brigade Group. Brad reminded everyone to remember to sign in with your name & group and email. Brian announced that Barracks Brigade was having a 4th of July Alka-Thon. The Fourth Dimension Group will be having a Pre 4th of July Party. All info is on our web site. Frank noted that they were looking for volunteers for both the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup and the 66th Florida State Convention. Some discussion and questions followed. Tim mentioned that he had received lots of complaints from callers not being able to reach anyone for questions from the State Convention. Brad noted that some speakers had changed for the Roundup, can't change anything on the old flyers but you can see the new line up on the TBFR web site. A little bit of chit chat followed. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Board & Council Meeting will be July 11th, 2023 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM Timothy S. Office Manager

Barracks Brigade
4th of July
ALCATHON
10am – 7pm
381418 Second Ave
Zephyrhills Fl, 33542

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

SELF-SUPPORT-JUNE, 2022

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP	DAVE F.	07/19/85	38 YRS
THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	AL B.	07/15/88	35 YRS
THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY	MICHEAL P.	07/04/92	31 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP	LOUEITA H.	07/18/91	32 YRS
11TH STEP GROUP	LOIS M.	07/09/95	28 YRS
NOONER'S GROUP	JANICE F.	07/22/11	12 YRS
SOBRIETY AT SUNRISE	LEANNE M.	07/22/00	23 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS	LISA H.	07/06/22	1 YR
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS	NANCY H.	07/22/86	37 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS	BERNIE H.	07/17/94	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN A.	07/19/09	14 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CARLOS M.	07/05/00	23 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	37 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN M.	07/21/79	44 YRS
HIGH NOONER'S PLANT CITY	TRAVIS J.	07/15/18	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MORGAN	07/24/05	18 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MATT M.	07/19/05	18 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARK V.	07/09/91	32 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CARLTON P.	07/01/83	40 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LARRY P.	07/08/80	43 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	AL D.	07/19/14	9 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	ANTHONY S.	07/28/05	18 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	MICHELLE G.	07/04/08	15 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	36 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	JANIE M.	07/27/81	42 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE B.	07/24/14	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	SUE D.	07/16/12	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DOLORES E.	07/04/07	16 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	PATTI H.	07/21/06	17 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	ANNETTE J.	07/20/02	21 YRS
CENTRAL OFFICE	TIMOTHY S.	07/04/88	35 YRS

**A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO
CENTRAL OFFICE**

ONE DOLLAR OR MORE FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW BEGINNINGS	SUSANNE B.	05/31/90	33 YRS
LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT	JOHN T.	06/10/85	38 YRS
?	VINCE S.	07/10/07	16 YRS
THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY	MICHAEL P.	07/04/92	31 YRS
WESLEY CHAPEL	DAVE F.	07/19/85	38 YRS

© Today in June of 2023 still 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 198 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 520 meetings weekly. Also we have 38 Zoom Groups with 113 meetings weekly (If I counted correctly). Contributions in June totaled \$9,107.02. This accounts for what 44 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in June, also included is \$948.26 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also, \$165.00 from 5 members for the Birthday Club and \$21.00 for Newsletter Subscriptions. Our literature sales for June was \$9,583.48. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for June was \$18,690.50. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$7,101.12. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$11,589.38. Our Total Expenses for June were \$8,333.76. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$3,255.62 for the month of June. 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 is still looking like 2023 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support of the Central Office. Thank You!!!O.M. tws:)

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. (The 12 Traditions were created to help each A.A. group maintain unity and relate better to the world about us. With that in mind, they have been widely used in helping us learn how to be in better relationships with everyone in our life. Below is a snapshot inventory you can take to see how well you are honoring the spiritual principle found in this Tradition.) TRADITION SEVEN: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. 1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new person who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when drunk in a barroom? 2. How do I (or my group) support our International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and La Viña? 3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be OK to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons? 4. Is it more important for a group to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate? 5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it? 6. Does my group have a "prudent reserve"? If yes, do I know what that amount is? 7. If a family member, work colleague or close friend who is not an AA member wants to make a financial contribution to my group, should the group accept it? What if my group is short on funds?

That's 894 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
Download Flyers from Events Page

FDMC PREFOURTH PARTY
SATURDAY JULY 1ST, 2023 4:00 TO 10:00 PM
AT THE 301 HOUSE 8601 BOWELS RD. TAMPA

\$7.00 PER PLATE
SMOKED BRISKET & PORK,
HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS,
SIDES, CHIPS & DRINKS
BIKE GAMES
BARREL RACE
SLOW RACE
SLOW RACE WITH RIDER
BALLOON TOSS



\$200.00 GIFT CARD
RAFFLE
50/50 DRAWING
DOOR PRIZES
PIE IN THE EYE
MUSIC
SAFE HAVEN GROUP AA
MEETING 6:00

FOREVER GRATEFUL
FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP NO BOOZE NO DRUGS NO
ATTITUDES
FIREWORKS AFTER DARK

The Office will be closed all day July 4th, 2023. The 933-9123 phone number will be active for anyone needing information concerning meetings or needing a 12 Step. Stay Happy, Joyous & Free :)



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

July 14-16, 2023

Hosted by District 1, Pinellas County

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

*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; **ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided. Arrangements for Accessibility accommodations at any meeting, workshop or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by contacting the Area Accessibility Chair at accessibilities@area15aa.org by 06/17/23. Wheelchair accessible rooms need to be booked directly with the hotel.

Saturday Night Banquet
Tickets can be prepurchase via the PayPal Mobile App*. Dinner selections are:
Citrus Chicken Breast, Triple Layer Beef Lasagna, or Mediterranean Chickpea Stew (Vegan)
Steps to purchase your Banquet Ticket via PayPal:
1. Please scan the QR Code below for the District 1 General Service account.
2. Enter \$49 as the Amount
3. In the Notes section, write:
i. Meal Selection: Chicken, Beef or Vegan
ii. Type your Phone Number
2. Finalize by clicking "Next/Pay Now".



*Download and setup of PayPal App is a prerequisite.
Cash/Checks will be accepted at the Assembly.
Questions? Email: Banquet@wvnet15aa.org

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THURSDAY AUGUST 10 - SUNDAY AUGUST 13

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Coming in August Newsletter: *Big Book Group 2nd Anniversary September 2nd, 2023.

***Prodigal Sons V Central Florida AA Men's 12-Step Retreat Fall 2023 November 17-November 19, 2023**

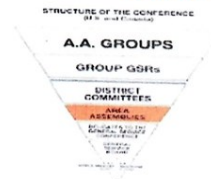
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OLD SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS:

A WORKSHOP ON THE MANY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH GUEST SPEAKERS, LUNCH & Q&A

LEARN ABOUT AA'S SERVICE STRUCTURE AND WHAT YOU CAN DO HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE "STILL SUFFERING"

WE ALL WORK TOGETHER IN AA. COME SEE WHERE YOU FIT IN!



WHEN: SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH, 2023 1:30-4:30PM
WHERE: CRYSTAL LAKES PLAZA
18125 US HIGHWAY 41, LUTZ, FL 33559
(PARKING IS TO THE NORTH THE ENTRANCE IS IN THE BACK)

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Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King			Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group		
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution		400.00	Sober @ 7 Anniversary		
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It	5.16	380.16	Sober on Saturday Group	100.00	400.00
AA 101 Group		520.00	Lunch Bunch Group			SoberSticks Event		130.00
A Common Solution Group	8.00	50.66	Mid Day Madness		45.00	SoberStock Event		2,125.00
Alpha Group	60.00	180.00	Mid Day Matinee Group zoom			Sobrenity Group	4.14	484.14
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee Group		2,650.00	Sobrietea Women's Group		20.00
Anonymous Donations	391.51	2976.88	Morning Express Group			Soberilla		1,066.66
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express (YANA)		697.45	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		1,034.94
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		325.00	Morning Meditation Meeting			Social Distancing Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group		300.00	My Turn Group			Sobriety at Sunset Group		471.90
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	100.00	Never Too Early Group			Solutions Group		
BeginnersFirst Group	130.00	290.00	Never Too Early Group(Zoom)			Southshore Men's Group		
Big Book Bunch Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	72.22	233.20	Southside Men's Group # 1	423.00	423.00
Bill D's Group		175.00	New Beginnings Brandon		486.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	165.00	577.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		200.24	Southside Men's Group #3		500.00
Brandon Big Book Group			Newcomers Group		257.50	Southside Men's Group #4		
By The Book Men's Group	102.87	104.07	New Tampa Monday Men's		331.00	Spiritual Development		150.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		82.00	New Way Women's Group		100.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Came To Believe Group	336.00	748.75	Next Door Group			Stay the Course Group		250.00
Candlelight Group			Nightly Newcomers Group		80.00	Staying Alive @ 5:45		800.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		473.69	Nooners Group--Riverview		333.06	Step Sisters in Sobriety		136.50
Carrollwood Group		135.00	Nooners Group--Tampa		151.61	Stepping Stones Group (w)		206.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.		200.00	Sun City Center Group		30.80
Clean Air Group	67.75	67.75	Odessa Group	117.35	230.35	Sun City Center Zoom		
Close to Home Group		100.00	Old School Group	3,250.00	3,250.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		69.00
Come as You Are Group			Old School Gp Anniversary			Sunday Speakers - 3333		
District Two General Service		763.75	Old Timers Group	97.00	97.00	Sunset Group		500.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's	360.00	360.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		566.93	Sunshine Group		
Expect a Miracle Group	410.00	410.00	One Day at a Time Group			Sweet Surrender Group		
Experience, Strength & Hope			Palma Ceia Big Book Group		200.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
FCYPAA Committee			Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Institutions		300.00
Fear Not Group			Pavillion Peeps		110.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		216.05
Fireside Group	224.37	543.68	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Bay Young People		
Fourth Dimension Group		438.75	Plank Owners Group			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Freedom in Sobriety Group		199.08	Plant City Sunday Night			Tampa Group		
Fresh Start Group			Primary Purpose Group	5.54	6.55	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-(Z)		110.14
Friday @ 4 Group		323.70	Promises Meeting Group		213.41	Tampa Palms Big Book		
Friday Night Lights Group			Promises Group Anniversary			Tampa Sat Night Speakers		200.92
Friday Morn. Women's Friendship		350.00	Red Chip Day			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Friday Night Women's Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		291.70	TGIS Group		
Friends of Bill Meditation (Z)		40.00	Riverside Group		122.20	Thank God it's Friday Group	360.00	712.00
Good Start Group	200.00	1,726.00	Rule 62/Keep it Simple			The 164 Group		
Grapevine Gals Group		255.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		156.00	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Great Way To Start The Day		485.00	Ruskin Womens Big Book			The Meeting Place Group		2.30
Grupo Poco a Poco			Ruskin 11th Step Meditation			There is a Solution		
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Safe Haven Group			Thursday Pavillion Peeps		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Safe, Sane & Sober Group		527.70	To Improve Our Consious Contact		
Happy Destinty Group			Saturday Night Fever Group		1,300.00	Town & Country Wed. Night		
Happy Hour Group	650.00	2,600.00	Saturday Night Live Group			Tues.Big Book of Brandon		72.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Saturday Serenity Group		144.30	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	130.00	585.00
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		300.00	Seekers of Serenity II Group			UpTown/ Downtown Group	150.00	150.00
Hide-A-Way Group		760.50	Serenity Group--ZOOM		194.23	UT 717 Group		
High Nooners Group			Simply Sobriety Women's Group		67.60	Valrico Friday Morning		
Hope Floats Group			Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)		492.95	We Are Not Saints Group		250.77
Host of Friends Group			Sisters Celebrating Sobriety		54.00	Wed Night Step Workshop		14.57
It's in the Book Men's Group		676.67	Sisters in Sobriety Group		281.40	Wed Keep it Simple Group		195.00
In Loving Memory						Wellspring Group		7.21
Into The Triad AA Group						Wesley Chapel Group		310.87
Just What I Wanted Big Book	2.10	187.10				With Room to Grow Group		500.00
Keep it Simple Men's Group		150.00				Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		116.80				Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Keep it Simply Spiritual	268.00	268.00				Women's Friendship Group		745.75
Keep it Simple Group Dade City	195.00	975.00						
Keeping It Real Group						XYZ-32 Group		
Keystone Group	71.01	221.16	Total	3,547.27				
Language of the Heart	250.00	250.00	YTD Total		14,951.54			
Life Enrichment Group	481.00	481.00						
Little Harbor Grapevine Group								
						Total	1,167.14	
						YTD Total		13,170.52
Total	4,392.61					Monthly Total	9,107.02	
YTD Total		20,086.99						
						Grand Total	48,209.05	