



Tri-County Central Office News

HAPPY NEW YEAR—SOBER

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Do Others Have Singleness of Purpose Problems Too?

A friend invited me to attend an open meeting of his group of “Vampires Anonymous.” To protect his anonymity I’ll just call him “Count D.” That night Count D.’s werewolf friend also came. I’ll just call the werewolf friend “Jack.” I learned that whenever a werewolf attends a meeting of Vampire Anonymous, there’s a considerable amount of jousting that takes place. **Count D.:** “You know, Jack, you’re welcome to attend this meeting, but your interests may better be served if you attended a meeting specially addressing your problem.” **Jack:** “What’s the difference? A drink .. a chew .. a drink .. a chew, it’s all the same.” **Count D.** “Not really, I have a problem relating to you because I don’t understand what it is like to be a carnivorous, moon-barking canine!” **Jack:** “Settle down old-timer! Easy does it! You don’t think I know what it’s like to be *out there*? You don’t think I know what it’s like to fear the night? The guilt of the morning after? The remorse of waking up with blood on my hands?” **Count D.:** “Now hold on a minute. I just didn’t fall off a load of turnips. I’ve been anemic through Vampire Anonymous for over a thousand years. Can you boast that kind of long-term sobriety? I think not!! What I am trying to say is that V.A. functions best when it focuses on carrying it’s message to the suffering vampire. “It’s a matter of self preservation. If we try to help the suffering werewolf, the suffering witch, or the suffering zombie, we’d end up spreading ourselves thin and fall apart. On a personal note, when I attend a V.A. meeting I expect to meet and hear recovering vampires. Vampires I understand and they understand me. “The other night, though, I attended a V.A. meeting and felt like an outsider!! In attendance were werewolves, witches, ghosts and a few zombies. I don’t understand all this howling at the moon jive. I don’t own a broom, let alone know how to ride one. And those zombies! Whew...they can keep their distance. Haven’t they ever heard of a shower?” **Jack:** “But what if I enjoy the level of sharing at a Vampire Anonymous meeting over a meeting of Werewolves Anonymous? Why can’t I enjoy the best of two worlds? You don’t hear me complaining.” **Count D.:** “It’s a matter of feeling you belong ... if I feel like an outsider at V.A. meetings, where else is a vampire, looking for recovery, to go?” Anonymous.

It Works When We Work It

In the shuddery, goosebumpy craving for alcohol, I had a clear choice: Get honest or get drunk. A simple prayer of surrender was answered. In the beginnings of honesty, I took Steps One, Two, and Three. God alone could and did protect me from myself. The obsession with drinking went away. Since then, nine years and never a bad day in AA (some days are more mysterious than others) inventories, amends, learning experiences, yes, but never a bad day. Nearly died a couple of times, but our book doesn’t say anything about pneumonia. It says it will show us a way to leave our drinking habit. In a large measure the promises of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous have come true, and for me there is a promise on every page. Especially, I like the shortest paragraph in the book (page 88): “It works. It really does.”
P.H., Colton, CA 1999

GOSSIP CAN KILL!

For a long time after I came to AA and got sober, over three years ago, one of my principal occupations—or perhaps I should say, *preoccupation*—was discussion of other AA people. I didn’t feel I was gossiping. I just felt great respect and admiration for my fellow AA members, I was concerned with the minute details of their business, their home life, their emotions—and their sobriety! I was always delighted in getting together over coffee with AA friends, before and after meetings to talk “AA.” And if I heard something of interest like “isn’t it a shame that John had lost his job after fifteen years” or “Mary left her husband after he hit her” or (most particularly) “guess who is drinking?”—why, naturally, I repeated the news to my close AA friends who would not dream of repeating it to their close AA friends who would dream of repeating it to their close AA friends. Of course, I never, never, meant any harm in those cozy chats. My remarks were always kindly-intentioned and discreet. However, a tragic and unforgettable thing happened one day to change my way of thinking—and talking. A newcomer to our group called me and she was more than a little upset! Do you know what she told me? Some busybody, imagine, who had not seen me in weeks (we go to different meetings anyway) *told her that I was drinking!* Just think! Someone in AA who purported to be practicing these principles in all their affairs, actually passed along a nasty, malicious bit of gossip—yes, gossip—about me! Now I ask you? Was that fair? To talk about *me* that way—without even bothering to see if the story had any basis in fact whatsoever? It was cruel and I felt deeply hurt and wronged because I am so proud of my sobriety—it’s the only thing in my life, because it is my life. Naturally, I immediately wanted to defend myself and proclaim to the whole world that I was *not* drinking. I did some telephoning, but the more I talked, the less inner comfort I received. And then it began coming back to me. All of the many pieces of “news” that I had repeated—stories which I had assumed were true because I placed faith in a teller, could be just as untrue as the rumor about *me*. My own hurt has disappeared and I’m strong enough to laugh about the incident—even if it should happen again. But there are other gossip cases where the ending has not been so fortunate. A young twenty-two year old, sober for several years was planning marriage to young man, also sober for years. A well-meaning (I trust) AA member, not her sponsor, telephoned the girl’s mother, giving her a vivid and detailed hearsay picture of the groom’s past. The mother exploded, the wedding was cancelled, and both the prospective bride and bridegroom went back to drinking and destroyed their careers. Twelfth-Stepping the opposite sex is not recommended even though there are countless instances of a woman saying something meaningful to a male newcomer or a man strengthening the desire for sobriety in a newly-arrived female. These are generally wonderful, innocent and sincere relationships with each party reaping the rewards that are inherent in our Twelfth Step. Gossip, however, regardless of its harmless nature, can inspire and spread a rumor ugly enough to drive others into that first drink. Think about this the next time you are discussing others.

V.B., Falls Church, VA Reprint Permission AA Grapevine 1962

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

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DISTRICT 2 TBAIC BUSINESS MEETING DISTRICT 2 TBAIC BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2023 9:30 AM ZOOM: 345 781 6796 PW: 274T4N Second Saturday of every month @ 9:30 am Chair: Jonathon C. called the meeting to order. In attendance: Jonathon C, Melissa B, John T, Joe R, Vincent P, Vincent L, Jenna M, Mike B, Liz G, Rich R, May S, Sofia C, Tom F OFFICERS REPORTS Chairpersons Report – Went to District, a few minor motions, we voted on the 2024 budget and it was approved. Did half of the Bridging the Gap call list work. Next month is the GSC I will be attending. Report Accepted Secretary Report – Melissa B John helps with emailing for me as I cant e mail to non working addresses.. Report Accepted Treasurers Report – John T attached. We have a lot of money to spend. We received contributions from 3 groups and The State Convention. \$ 7110 is our current balance after purchasing books for our central office storage. If you need lit for meetings go to central and charge it to TBAIC. We spent about around \$20,000 this year and it was covered in the contributions through the year. I ordered 300 packages of grapevine. I have still not received them. I’m working with the bank to get a refund as grapevine has not been responsive. We are almost out of grapevines and this is a problem as we need them for jails and institutions. Please ask in the groups for donations of used grapevines so we don’t run out. Melissa will contact web mistress at D2 for help asking for donations of grapevines. Also, letting everyone know if anyone is taking meetings into somewhere for TBAIC they can get literature at district charged to TBAIC. John says we should pay for THE BIG BOOKS going into jails and institutions as Carrie, Susie, & Marie were asking for \$10 contributions to buy the books for Manatee Co. jails. Report Accepted TREATMENT REPORTS Detox Treatment coordinator - John T Axe people are taking meetings in every night. People have signed up for all the meetings it’s totally covered at both facilities. The juvenile detox has been going well starting slow but considering adding another meeting. Report Accepted Cove Women’s – Linda is not present Cove Men’s – Joe R says it going very, well. I just recruited a new guy Jordan C. Report Accepted TB Community Hosp wellspring – Tom is not present Sandra Prince Intermediate Care ACTS – Joe R still going well. We are losing Donovan but we got a new home group member Hari is going this Tuesday. Wednesdays’ at 131 is going well with enough literature. Report Accepted OTHER FACILITIES River Oaks – Horhey nor present John says Horhey is handling it and active in doing it. New Beginnings – Ozzy not present Sofia says Friday Nights at 7 the resident will be required to attend. Ozzy is conducting the meeting. Attendance is pretty low. It is in the meetings app and fellowship connections so may start growing more now. Sofia will connect Ozzy with TBAIC to get this working better. St Josephs Behavioral Health - is starting up again after Covid, YPG is interested in doing it. Tampa Hope – looking for more people to bring meetings John says at the Thursday meeting there is no sobriety time limit Cove Homeless shelter – need more people to bring meetings John says there is no sobriety time limit to bring meetings in. VA Hospital – Matt not present but says Friday morning meetings needs more help and they need clearance due to it being a psychological facility JAILS AND CORRECTIONS REPORT True Core Behavioral Juvenile Facility – Jenna We are getting more staff as they don’t allow us to be with the girls. We would go and no one could sit in so the meeting did not happen. Sundays has been a problem so Saturday 11 am and Sat 2pm are the new meeting hours. We have 2 new volunteers going through the background check now. We have enough literature as they found our box with our books in it so we won’t need any for awhile. We are talking with admin to start meetings with the male side. We have several men willing to take meetings in we are just waiting for admin to approve. Sofie asks if they stamp the books when their given out and Jenna says no but we will start. John is going to get Jenna a stamp for the literature. Sofie asks, is this a juvenile lockdown? Part of it is secure 24/7 and there is unsecured that can leave for specific reason. Hillsborough Women’s jail – Bianca H. not present John said Susie said Wednesday night meetings are going well after getting them some books.. Report Accepted Hillsborough Men’s Jail – Rich R says things are going smoothly still bringing literature in without issues. Closed for Thanksgiving and will be for Christmas

and NY.- Zephyrhills Corrections – Tom F averaging 40 men and it is going well. Dave McCoy from D1 came back after 14 mos. illness. He won’t be full time again but Tom is the only constant attendee so that’s a concern. The process to clear new volunteers is lengthy mos. And most volunteers quit by the time their approved for bringing the service in. Tom wants to contact D15 to see if they have anyone to come and volunteer. Jonathon says that’s a great idea and gave the go ahead and will be talking to D15 at the Area meeting too. East Pasco Women’s Jail – Brittnei B is not present. John said they need volunteers. They are trying to start a Tues Morning but do not have enough volunteers. She is communicating with John regularly. BRIDGING THE GAP This is a shared responsibility – Jonathon says it’s been very busy last few days. Tom had one for a guy in Brandon. He is working on another in Brandon that was connected with someone so that was also bridged. John had a man in Zephyrhills and is working to connect him with someone in that area. John says the phone system is still not working correctly. Tracy says there is a ton of calls on the answering system but we are not getting the volume of calls anymore and Tom says he will test it Sunday when there are people available to help him test it. Tom said we have had issues in the past from changes of mind in calling which can also be confusing. The phone rings 5 different lines at once and the other 4 get a dropped call while one person gets a call connection which is confusing to the other 4 and makes them think the system is malfunctioning. Tom removed Tracy from calls but added her to text messages to contact those that only left a message so this is a backup method of not catching all the contacts. Report Accepted MAN ON THE BED John – no calls this month. Tom met with PICPC to get Man on the Bed better integrated they said yes YOU should do it and Tom said we are thin on Volunteers so too many hospitals on board would be difficult at this point. Tom is going to try and get Advent health which we have enough volunteers for and if that’s successful we will ask D2 to post a flier for volunteers. A Lady in Ruskin tried St Joes south and they said no. John tried St Joes south they said sounds good but never made contact back. We can’t seem to get traction with them. Tom says contact the Social worker coordinator would be the way in. Everyone’s concerned about HIPPA so it’s hard to get them to sign on for this program. Report Accepted OLD BUSINESS John and Mike finished their contact update work their just waiting on Jonathon to finish his. NEW BUSINESS Soberstock is in March and John is sending out the flier for it as the proceeds go to TBAIC. We will be helping to publicize it by sending the flier to our membership list. Johathon explained the meeting to Vincent and why we have it in welcoming a new participant. Johathon says his 1 year as chair has completed and he is staying for the next year. He says he may be moving to PA at the end of the year their not sure yet so we will see where God brings him and he will be making sure the committee is taken care of. Melissa asks Tom when he will be returning as Secretary so she can plan her service as she is filling in for him he says: next month Tom will be returning but if I want to stay I can. Next month they will discuss Melissa keeping this position permanently as Tom has had many responsibilities in TBAIC over the years and is happy to relinquish it to Melissa if she would like to do it. Motion to close accepted

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$21,180.53
Pink Can Balance 12/22	\$8,063.62
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$18,187.74
YTD Operational Expenses	\$3,945.95
Pink Can Current Balance 01/07/23	\$7,110.46

Daily Tips for Old and New Members

Tradition One December 1947

The unhappiest person in the world is the alcoholic who has an insistent yearning to enjoy life as he once knew it, but cannot picture life without alcohol. He has a heart-breaking obsession that by some miracle of control he will be able to do so. Sobriety is the most important thing in your life without exception. You may believe your job, or your home life, or one of many other things come first. But consider, if you do not get sober and stay sober, chances are you won't have a job, a family, sanity, or even life. If you are convinced that everything in life depends on your sobriety, you have so much more chance of getting sober and staying sober. If you put other things first you are only hurting your chances.

- (1) Cultivate continued acceptance of the fact that your choice is between unhappy, drunken drinking and doing without just one small drink.
- (2) Cultivate gratitude you have had the good fortune of finding out what was wrong with you before it was too late.
- (3) Expect as being natural and inevitable, that for a period of time, (and it may be a long one) you will recurrently experience the craving, not for a drink as such, but for the soothing glow and warmth a drink or two once gave you.
- (4) Don't permit yourself to think a drink or two would make some bad situation better, or at least easier to live with. Substitute the thought: "One drink will make it worse, - one drink will mean a drunk."
- (5) Cultivate the enjoyment of sobriety. How good it feels to be free of shame, mortification and self-condemnation. How good it is to be free of fear of the consequences of a drunk just ended, or a coming drunk you have never before been able to prevent.
- (6) Cultivate gratitude. Gratitude that so much can be yours for so small a price. Gratitude that you don't have to drink. Gratitude that A.A. exists, and you found out about it in time. Gratitude that you are only a victim of a disease called Alcoholism, that you aren't a degenerate, immoral weakling, or the self-elected victim of a vice or a person of doubtful sanity.
- (7) Seek ways to help other alcoholics and remember the first way to help others is to stay sober yourself.
- (8) And don't forget that when the heart is heavy and resistance is low, there is much comfort in a true and understanding friend standing by you. You have that friend in A.A.

Anonymous

☞ A LITTLE PRAYER ☞

"Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help."

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**

Our whole AA program is securely founded on the principle of humility—that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are—"a small part of a great whole." Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why AA Tradition can confidently state, "Our common welfare comes first." "Does this mean," some will ask, "that in AA the individual doesn't count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?" No, it doesn't seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has no "musts." Few AA groups impose penalties on anyone for nonconformity. We do suggest, but we don't discipline. Instead, compliance or noncompliance with any principle of AA is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, "judge not," we observe most literally. "But," some will argue, "if AA has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare does come first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have aught but anarchy?" The answer seems to be that we AAs cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction. So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole, "our common welfare comes first." Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must: we have disciplined ourselves. Eventually, of course, we cooperate because we really wish to; we see that without substantial unity there can be no AA, and that without AA there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm AA. We humbly confess that we are but "a small part of a great whole."

Excerpts: "The Language of the Heart"
Permission to reprint A.A. Grapvevine

TO ALL members who have been sending Contributions to Central Office through PayPal. **THANK YOU! BUT**—If you don't put down the name of your Group—it will be listed as **ANONYMOUS**, so don't have a hissy fit if you don't see contributions from your Group on our Contributions page—just saying



NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

December 12th, 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
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(Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Al B., Linda B., Debbie S., Brad W., David S. standing in for Chris S. & Carl L. Al welcomed the Board and Council members to the meeting. He asked if there was anyone new to the Board. David S. announced that he was standing in for Chris S. for tonight. New Council members recognized were Steve W. from the Sobrenity Group, Ken M. from Safe Haven Group and (although he has been coming to the meetings) Mike M. from the Serenity Group. Al reminded the Board members to stay a few minutes after the regular meeting to discuss some business. Al then opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Secretary Report: Debbie read the November Secretary report. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. Treasurers Report: David presented the November Treasurer's Report. Contributions in November totaled \$13,913.37. This accounts for what 36 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in November, also included is, \$4,652.03 from 13 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. 3 members contributed \$1,048.00 from the Birthday Club and 1 member sent \$75.00 in Loving Memory of a friend who passed away. The Red Chip Day raised \$424.00 for the benefit of the Central Office. Our literature sales for November was \$7,203.63. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for November was \$21,529.41. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,193.98. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our November income left us with a Gross Profit of \$16,335.43. Our Total Expenses for November were \$10,176.81. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$6,158.62 for the month of November. Sonia wanted clarification on some of the numbers from the report. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. Old Business: None New Business: None Announcements: John announced that TBAIC was looking for Grapevine donations to take into the jails. You could drop them off at Central Office. Brad announced online Alka-thons—they are posted in the chat and web site. Debbie announced the Alpha Club Alka-thon A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

December 12th, 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

JOANN B.	DISTRICT 2 CHAIR
KARA	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART
KEN M.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
STEVE W.	SOBRENITY GROUP
BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
JOHN T.	LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM)
NANCY H.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP
CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
ANNIE L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
NORM B.	
SCOTT B.	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
SONIA T.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
RANDELL D.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP
KAITLYN H.	SPEAK EASY GROUP
LYNNE J.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
NEZ Z.	PROMISES GROUP
KITHARA	



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
JANUARY 5-7, 2024
Hosted by District 4 SARASOTA/MANATEE
Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Sunday 7:00AM - 9:00AM

Friday, January 5	
8:30-9:30pm	Speaker Meeting
10:00-11:00pm	Night Owl Meeting
10:00-11:00pm	Spanish Night Owl Meeting
Saturday, January 6th	
7:00-8:00am	Early Bird Meeting
7:00-8:00am	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
8:00-9:00am	Concepts Workshop
8:00-9:00am	Spanish Traditions Workshop
8:30-10:50am	Treatment Facilities Committee
9:00-10:50am	Remote Communities Committee
9:00-10:50am	Archives Committee
9:00-10:50am	Current Practices Committee
9:00-10:50am	Grapevine/La Vina Committee*
9:00-10:50am	Literature Committee
9:00-10:50am	PI/CPC Committee
9:00-10:50am	Accessibilities Committee**
11:00-12:30pm	Spanish Linguistic Committee
11:00-12:00pm	Traditions Workshop
12:00-1:30pm	Website Committee
12:00-1:30pm	State Convention Committee


Saturday, January 6th	
12:30-1:30pm	District Chairpersons Meeting
12:30-1:30pm	District Treasurers Meeting
12:30-1:30pm	District Secretaries/Registrars Mtg
1:00-1:50pm	Spanish Concepts Workshop
1:30-3:50pm	Corrections Committee
2:00-3:50pm	Finance Committee
2:00-3:50pm	Intergroup/Central Office Meeting
2:00-3:50pm	GSR Sharing*
2:00-3:50pm	DCM Sharing
2:00-3:50pm	Quarterly Coordinators Meeting
4:00-5:00pm	Service Manual Workshop
4:00-5:00pm	Spanish Manual Workshop
5:00-6:00 pm	What's on your Mind?
6:00-7:00pm	Outreach Committee
7:00-8:30pm	Banquet
8:30pm-9:30pm	Speaker Meeting***
10:00-11:00pm	Night Owl Meeting
10:00-11:00pm	Spanish Night Owl Meeting
Sunday, January 7th	
7:00-8:00am	Early Bird Meeting
7:00-8:00am	Spanish Early Bird Meeting
9:00am	Area 15 Business Meeting***

*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; **ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided.
Arrangements for Accessibilities accommodations at any meeting, workshop or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by contacting the Area Accessibilities Chair at accessib@area15aa.org by 12/17/23. Wheelchair accessible rooms need to be booked directly with the hotel.

Saturday Night Banquet
Dinner selections are: Chicken, Beef or Vegan

How to purchase your Banquet Ticket
Please scan the QR code or click on the URL below which will take you to the District 4 General Service account.
[Registration for the January 2024 Banquet](https://www.aatamapa-area.org/Registration-for-the-January-2024-Banquet)

Cash/Checks will be accepted at the Assembly.
Questions? Email Banquet@area15aa.org



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Reserve your room [here](#)
Hotel Room Reservations:
Call (888) 421-1442
Room Rate: \$149.00 per night + tax
Reference: "South Florida General Service"
HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON October 9, 2023 @ noon AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 15, 2023

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

QUESTIONS? Please contact
Quarterly Assembly Chair at
quarterlycoordinator@dist4sasaa.org



"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!!!

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS	BRAD W.	01/02/12	12 YRS
A SPANISH GROUP	JERONIMO R.	01/20/56	68 YRS
NEW WAY WOMEN'S	SHERRI F.	01/11/96	28 YRS
11TH STEP MEETING	KATHY M.	01/17/86	38 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z.	01/16/89	35 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	TERRI H.	01/07/13	11 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	ARISSA H.	01/29/17	7 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	LESLIE G.	01/02/90	34 YRS
STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	SONIA T.	01/07/87	37 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	PEGGY C.	01/01/14	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	SHELLY P.	01/10/13	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NANCY	01/13/11	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	VAL M.	01/19/10	14 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	LAURA M.	01/06/04	20 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JUNE T.	01/09/99	25 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	STEPHANIE C.	01/29/91	33 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	32 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JESSICA F.	01/15/11	13 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	41 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	MIKE C.	01/03/11	13 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	ED S.	01/15/86	38 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	KATHY	01/17/86	38 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MELINDA D.	01/24/18	6 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	BILL B.	01/02/11	13 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MARRY D.	01/10/10	14 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	DAVID G.	01/24/95	29 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUSAN S.	01/28/10	14 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF S.	01/08/05	19 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	LYNN P.	01/11/08	16 YRS
HIGH-NOONERS PLANT CITY	CHET K.	01/22/87	37 YRS
HIGH-NOONERS PLANT CITY	KURT R.	01/28/68	56 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JO ANN S.	01/19/05	19 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	ROBIN J.	01/06/02	22 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	HENRY S.	01/28/90	34 YRS

A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
CARDINAL GROUP	MIKE S.	02/04/89	35 YRS

That's 895 Years of Sobriety!

SELF-SUPPORT-December, 2023

© Today in December 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 40 Zoom Groups with 113 meetings weekly (If I counted correctly). Contributions in December totaled \$8,211.09. This accounts for what 25 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in December, also included is, \$2,673.06 from 17 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. 3 members contributed \$63.00 from the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for December was \$5,949.32. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for December was \$14,160.41. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,799.49. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,360.92. Our Total Expenses for December were \$10,485.12. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$1,124.20 for the month of December. 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 looking like 2024 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support . Thank You!!!O.M. tws:)



"I like this place. It has atmosphere."

To the Treasurer or Contact Person of a Group—if you receive a Birthday envelope with the Thank You letter that we sent you—you can use it for yourself or hand it out to someone celebrating an Anniversary or use it to celebrate someone's Anniversary-Anonymously.

Old Time A.A.

Presents: A benefit for Dr. Bob's Home



January 20, 2024
9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Tickets \$30

Breakfast & Lunch Served
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
1200 Snell Isle Blvd NE,
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
oldtimeaa.com



Gail L. - The Villages, FL
The history of Dr. Bob's Home and updates

Deb H. - Akron, OH
Getting sober in Akron

Stephen R. - Tampa, FL
How "Florida and Akron" are so closely related

Sheryl R. - Tampa, FL
Ambassador's Program for Dr. Bob's Home

if preferred, make check payable to Old Time AA and mail to: 21632 State Rd 54, Lutz, FL 33549
For more information call (352) 556-7711 or email oldtimeaa@gmail.com

Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Like to make a contribution to Dr. Bob's Home? Zelle @ 352-556-7711; Venmo @ Stephen-Ryan-56

I wish to volunteer at Old Time A A

OLD SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS: EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY WORKSHOP

→ **FEBRUARY 10TH** ←
1:30-4:30PM

SPEAKERS!

FESTIVITIES!

- **DIANA S**
- **AMY W**
- **JOSE R**

- GAMES!**
- 50/50 RAFFLE**
- FELLOWSHIP!**

CRYSTAL LAKES PLAZA
18125 US HWY 41 NORTH
SUITE 102, LUTZ

PARK NORTH OF BUILDING,
FOLLOW SIGNS, ENTRANCE IN
REAR OF BUILDING

*"I HAVE BEEN
GIVEN A QUIET IN
BRIGHT SUNSHINE"*
BILL W.

POTLUCK!

*BRING A
NEWCOMER,
YOUR SPONSOR &
SPONSEE!*

BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT!

18th Annual SOBERSTOCK 2024



SOBERSTOCK
2024
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MARCH 15-17, 2024 BROOKSVILLE, FL



Soberstock is a 3-day weekend AA/Al-Anon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship.

Soberstock is open to all members of AA/Al-Anon and their families. Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature for District 2 Jails & Institutions. The remaining profits go to the area pie chart.

Speaker Meetings! Campfire Meetings! Live Bands!
Outdoor Meetings! ALL Food & Drinks provided! Tent Camping!

When: Friday, March 15th, 2024- Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at noon. Bike Run!
Where: "Sand Hill Scout Reservation" - 11210 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613
What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, lanterns, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS (except service animals) NO RVs
What we provide: Fri. dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast.

www.soberstock.com

All SoberStock orders are on a "Will Call" basis, which means we do not mail any products or tickets. After orders are received, we simply have you on our list and you will pick up all of your items at the gate. Online orders are safe & secure and we take most major credit cards via PayPal.



FREE MUG
for the first 30 admissions
sold before Jan 1, 2024!

ONLINE PRICING GOOD UNTIL MARCH 1ST, 2024

ONLINE PRICING vs GATE PRICING:

1 DayPass - \$40.00 per person/\$50 Gate

Weekend - \$75.00 per person/\$90 Gate

Child under 12-1 DayPass - \$5.00/\$10 Gate

(CHILDREN ALLOWED ONLY IF ACCOMP. BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

Child under 12-Weekend - \$10.00/\$15 Gate

Tent Pitching: \$15 Per tent (We don't supply tents)

T-Shirts: \$20/ea (Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL)

Bike Run: \$20 (FREE if you buy a day or weekend pass)

NOTE: WE ONLY TAKE CASH OR CHECKS AT THE GATE

NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AT THE GATE!

All sales are final, and non-refundable.

This is a Rain Or Shine Event. When ordering online, we don't ship items to you.

We will have all items for you (INCLUDING TICKETS!) at the front gate day of the event on a Will Call basis.

Thank you so much for your cooperation!

NEW! Bike Run!

We're having our first bike run (motorcycles) at Soberstock this year. Please visit our website for more details!

Scan me for ALL the info!



6th Florida AA Archives Workshop

Hosted by Areas 1,14, 15 and FCYPAA

9am to 4 pm February 17, 2024

Redeemer Lutheran Church

3377 Aloma Ave, Winter park FL 32792

\$20/person registration fee includes lunch

Presentations include Florida's AA history, What to collect, How to organize/digitize, How to Interview Old Timers, How to prepare Group Histories, Area/District/Intergroup Archives Displays, and Ethics

Send Registration check to JoAnn Ball 7202 Morningsgate Way, Riverview, FL 33578 by February 1 2024 . Contact JoAnn B, Registrar, at jballvikingfan@gmail.com if questions.



Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King			Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group	131.28	297.48
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution		880.00	Sober @ 7 Anniversary	522.00	
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		755.16	Sober on Saturday Group		500.00
66th Florida State Convention		4,000.00	Lunch Bunch Group		150.00	SoberSticks Event		130.00
AA 101 Group		520.00	Mid Day Madness		45.00	SoberStock Event		2,125.00
A Common Solution Group		78.81	Mid Day Matinee Group zoom			Sobrenity Group		780.70
Alpha Group	100.00	780.00	Mid Day Matinee Group	1,200.00	3,850.00	Sobrietea Women's Group		90.00
Annual Housecleaning		150.00	Morning Express Group		1,004.25	Soberilla		1,066.66
Anonymous Donations	661.60	5697.66	Morning Express (YANA)		697.45	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	198.90	2,429.26
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Meditation Meeting			Social Distancing Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		650.00	My Turn Group			Sobriety at Sunset Group		471.90
Attitude of Gratitude Group	150.00	600.00	Never Too Early Group			Solutions Group		500.00
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	220.00	Never Too Early Group(Zoom)			Southshore Men's Group		311.32
Beginners First Group		439.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		409.14	Southside Men's Group # 1		1,073.00
Big Book Bunch Group		408.00	New Beginnings Brandon		486.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	70.00	370.00
Bill D's Group		325.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)	232.72	652.62	Southside Men's Group #3		930.00
Birthday Club	114.00	1,844.00	Newcomers Group		257.50	Southside Men's Group #4	392.21	392.21
Brandon Big Book Group			New Tampa Monday Men's		726.00	Spiritual Development		150.00
Brandon Saturday Night Group		57.57	New Way Women's Group	519.20	619.20	Spiritual Growth Group		600.39
By The Book Men's Group		104.07	Next Door Group			Stay the Course Group		500.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		82.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		80.00	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group		800.00
Came To Believe Group		1,391.75	Nooners Group--Riverview		688.02	Step Sisters in Sobriety		136.50
Candlelight Group			Nooners Group--Tampa		355.76	Stepping Stones Group (w)		422.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		926.09	Noontime Celebration Gp.	50.00	250.00	Sun City Center Group		76.40
Carrollwood Group	311.00	446.00	Odessa Group	131.95	517.30	Sun City Center Zoom		
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group			Old School Group		7,800.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		165.00
Clean Air Group		167.75	Old School Gp Anniversary			Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Close to Home Group	1,000.00	1,100.00	Old Timers Group		97.00	Sunset Group		500.00
Come as You Are Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		1,118.13	Sunshine Group		
District Two General Service		763.75	One Day at a Time Group			Sweet Surrender Group		191.40
Early Risers Group - Joe's		360.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		400.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Expect a Miracle Group		410.00	Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	650.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Pavillion Peeps	60.60	170.60	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		216.05
FCYPAA Committee			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		126.00	Tampa Bay Young People		
Fear Not Group			Plank Owners Group			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Fireside Group	27.70	632.43	Plant City Sunday Night			Tampa Group		
Fourth Dimension Group		698.75	Primary Purpose Group	1.13	15.27	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-		170.14
Freedom in Sobriety Group		199.08	Promises Meeting Group		213.41	Tampa Palms Big Book		
Fresh Start Group			Promises Group Anniversary Dinner with Sisters in Sobriety		5,000.00	Tampa Sat Night Speakers		400.92
Friday @ 4 Group		541.45	Red Chip Day		424.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Friday Night Lights Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		618.05	TGIS Group		
Friday Morning Women's Friendship		1,150.00	Riverside Group		188.05	Thank God it's Friday Group		982.00
Friday Night Women's Group			Rule 62/Keep it Simple			The 164 Group		
Friends of Bill Meditation (Z)		95.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		372.45	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Friends of Bill Women's Group		120.00	Ruskin Womens Big Book			The Meeting Place Group		2.30
Good Start Group	430.00	3,259.00	Ruskin 11th Step Meditation			There is a Solution		
Grapevine Gals Group		432.75	Safe Haven Group			Thursday Pavillion Peeps		
Great Way To Start The Day		1,160.00	Safe, Sane & Sober Group		894.96	To Improve Our Conscious Contact		
Grupo Poco a Poco			Saturday Night Fever Group		2,018.00	Town & Country Wed. Night		
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Saturday Night Live Group			Tues.Big Book of Brandon		159.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Saturday Serenity Group	457.60	601.90	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		780.00
Happy Destinty Group			Seekers of Serenity II Group			UpTown/ DOWNTOWN Group		150.00
Happy Hour Group		2,600.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM		194.23	UT 717 Group		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Simply Sobriety Women's Group		294.22	Valrico Friday Morning		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City	100.00	500.00	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)		1,077.46	WAWA Group		300.00
Hide-A-Way Group	276.49	1677.65	Sisters Celebrating Sobriety		54.00	We Are Not Saints Group		250.77
High Nooners Group			Sisters in Sobriety Group		1,018.34	Wed Night Step Workshop	35.93	50.50
Hope Floats Group						Wed Keep it Simple Group		414.70
Host of Friends Group		125.00				Wellspring Group		8.67
It's in the Book Men's Group		1,352.81				Wesley Chapel Group	596.24	907.11
In Loving Memory		75.00				With Room to Grow Group		500.00
Into The Triad AA Group						Women's Big Book Tampa		
Just What I Wanted Big Book	104.00	291.10				Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Keep it Simple Men's Group		300.00				Women's Friendship Group		1249.6
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		665.80				XYZ-32 Group		
Keep it Simply Spiritual		268.00	Total	2,653.20				
Keep it Simple Group Dade City		1,560.00	YTD Total		35,219.47			
Keeping It Real Group								
Keystone Group	326.95	690.46						
Language of the Heart		500.00				Total	1,996.56	
Life Enrichment Group		481.00				YTD Total		22,722.98
Little Harbor Grapevine Group						Monthly Total	8,271.50	
Total	3,621.74							
YTD Total		40,896.73				Grand Total	98,839.18	