



Tri-County Central Office News

Anybody who complains that there is nothing to do in AA needs to get their head out of their.....pillow! ☺👏 Happy Holidays!!!

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.
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RED CHIP DAY

RED CHIP DAY was held Sunday, November 6th, 2011 at the Apostles Lutheran Church in Brandon, Florida. Although I was unable to attend, AGAIN, (I had massive truck problems) I was told that it was a very good turn-out. Originally, (in the olden days) Red Chip Day was an annual celebration for all of those who had made it to a year or more of sobriety and the proceeds were send to New York. Each year a group or groups would host this event inviting all AA members to come and Fellowship with them and enjoy a meal and a speaker. Eventually, over time as AA grew in the Hillsborough area it was decided by the hosting groups to start contributing the proceeds to the Central Office . At some point, unknown, Red Chip Day became the annual event hosted by the groups in the Brandon area. This year was no exception. Rose P. was the speaker for the event and there was plenty of good fixin's to be shared by everyone. After all was said and done, Red Chip Day netted a total of \$267.45 to contribute to Central Office. We here at Central Office (me & the committee in my head ☺) would like to thank the following groups for banding together in true Unity and supplying the cash and the man/women power to make this a very truly happy and joyous event. Those groups are the Valrico Friday Morning Group, the Kingsway Group, the North Brandon Open Forum Group, the Friday Night Spiritual Growth Group, the Brandon Tuesday Big Book Group, the Thursday New Beginnings Group, the Brandon Saturday Night Group, the Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night Group and the Expect a Miracle Group and a special **Thank You** to Martha. If anyone else was left out, please accept my apologies but know that we are deeply grateful for all your hard work.

Thank you all for your efforts, we are in your debt.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012 we will conducting our annual inventory of all our stock on hand. If you would like to volunteer and help us out—be here at the Central Office at 9:30 a.m. We have had a fairly good turn out for the past few years so we should be out of here no later than Noon, if everything goes as planned.

From the Central Office
SERVICE DESK
A total of 548 phone calls were made to the Central Office in October
232 for info on AA,
1 for info on Al-Anon,
15 messages for other inquiries,
3 requesting a Twelfth Step call,
297 after Office Hours calls.
There were 264 walk-ins visits as well.

With so much going on, we are hoping to have new Meeting Schedules ready by January 2012. If you have updates for your Group, get them to me now or forever hold your peace.

Need 12 Steppers! All areas of Hillsborough and Pasco.

Sober @ 7 & Friday Night Lights Groups

On October 4th, 2011 the Sober @ 7 Group and the Friday Night Lights Group got together to hold an All Groups meeting and celebrate the Sober @ 7 Group's 9th Anniversary. It was a pot-luck dinner followed by a speaker meeting. The guest speaker was Don P. from Naples, Florida. Again, another event I couldn't attend but it must have been a really good one because they were able to raise \$828.00 for the benefit of the Central Office. A big **Thank You** ☺👏 goes out to all of you who put the time and effort into making this a wonderful event and **Thank You** for the generous contribution.


NEW BEGINNINGS
Open AA
Women's Meeting
Non-Smoking

Monday—7:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Downtown Dade City
Lock House

SERENITY WOMEN'S GROUP
Open AA
Covenant Family Church
6326 U.S. Hwy 301
Riverview
Wednesday—6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MEETING
Open AA
The Club
3333 West Columbus Drive
Tampa
Friday—10:00 p.m.

South Florida Area 15
General Service Quarterly Assembly
Hosted by District 1 and 15. January 13-15, 2012
Registration 4pm – 8:30pm, Saturday 8am – 8:30pm, Sunday 7am – 9am
Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
333 First Street South • St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727-894-5000 • Room Rate \$89.00
Deadline for registration is December
http://www.area15aa.org/M/Quarterly_Flyer.pdf



TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

Hello everybody! My name is John O. and I am an alcoholic. This has been another exciting month for TBAIC, with lots to be grateful for, and even more to look forward to in the near future.

Lots of updates throughout TBAIC. First couple of notes, Scott D. our Detox Coordinator reported that everything was going great. He will soon be making his rounds to check that all meetings are being covered. Nancy B. our Hillsborough Women's Jail Coordinator said that they recently had an orientation for five new volunteers and will find out soon if they all got their PV numbers. Sandy B. our E. Pasco Women's Jail Coordinator said that she had a couple new volunteers and that everything was going well, but could always use more volunteers. Michelle C. our HCI Women's Prison Coordinator said that currently we have one meeting going into HCI and that we need more volunteers. Currently she only has two volunteers.

Bridging the Gap now has a new coordinator, Michelle, who will be taking over for Melissa. Along with Michelle, Joel has volunteered to be the Bridging the Gap Alternate. Also Bobby will be taking over for John S. as the Alternate Chair. Congratulations and thank you to all of you for taking over your new service positions.

Currently, TBAIC is seeking to fill a couple of positions. We are asking that the following open positions and needs be announced at all area meetings:

- Treatment Facilities Coordinator
- Juvenile Coordinator
- Meeting Chair for HCI Women's Prisons on Wednesday Nights

The Treatment Facilities Coordinator is the contact person between three to four treatment facilities, including the Salvation Army, arranging speakers and meeting chairs. The Juvenile Coordinator works to coordinate three meetings going into two separate facilities. All of these positions are relatively easy and do not require too much time, yet are highly rewarding. If you are looking to do more service work and feel any of these would be a fit for you, feel free to contact Buddy H. or to attend our next TBAIC meeting.

We welcome all those interested in volunteering or becoming a part of TBAIC to our next business meeting on December 10th at 9:30 AM at the Tri-County Central Office. Thank you all for your hard work and support, and also for the opportunity to be of service. We would also like to close by thanking John S. for all of his service and support for TBAIC, as John will be going to India for 6 months before attending Grad School and will be passing on his TBAIC commitments. Thank you John S.

Our Next Committee Meeting
 Is at 9:30 AM on December 10th at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/ Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Pink Can Drive
 Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ... We will put it to great use!
 TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation this Month:

Bring Your Own Big Book (Ruskin) (\$9.00), Lunch Bunch (\$200.00), Meeting Place (\$8.00), Midday Matinee Group (\$227.00), Noon Big Book (\$90.00), Old School Group (\$121.29), Riverside (\$22.00), Ruskin Fellowship (\$40.00), Sister in Sobriety (\$43.83), Town & Country Wednesday Night (\$30.71), TGIS (\$18.94), There is a Solution Group (\$34.00), Wellspring Recovery Group (\$95.98).

TBAIC 2011 Committee Members

Buddy H. - Chair	813-871-2514
John S.—Alternate Chair	813-562-5601
Brian B. Treasurer	813-361-5884
Wayne H.— Alternate Treasurer	813-465-1462
John O. – Secretary	813-263-4998
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail	727-385-5529
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Scott D. - Detox	813-403-2714
Michele C.—HCI Women's Prison	813-294-0806
Sandy B. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-727-1415
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
OPEN—Treatment	
OPEN—Bridge The Gap	
Robert - Pre-Release	616-808-0463
John S.— Juvenile	813-562-5601

Treasurer's Report – November 1, 2011

Year to Date Income Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 17,972.32
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Less YTD Literature	-\$ 16,000.00
Less YTD Expenses	-\$ 575.60
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 896.71
Spending Account Balance Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 1,497.77

NEWS AROUND TOWN

SUMMER KICKOFF CLASSIC

Presents

AA History Workshop

Saturday, January 27-28, 2012

Hope Presbyterian Church

1698 S. Belcher Rd.

Clearwater, FL. 33764

Featuring Mel B.

Over 60 yrs Sober, Author of My Search for Bill W,
many other books and Grapevine articles.

Also Contributed to "Pass it On"

And Gail LaC.

Well Known Historian, Past Archivist

Akron Ohio Intergroup Archives

Friday Doors open at 5 - Meeting begins at 7

Saturday 9 to 6 - Lunch is provided

Registration \$20.00

Attendance Limited to 150 People

Make Checks Payable To :

Summer Kick Off Classic

Mail To:

Summer Kick Off Classic

9925 Ulmerton Rd. #281

Largo, FL 33771

Information Phone - Jim 727-251-3188

Maria 727-251 -2188

www.summerkickoffclassic.org/uploads/

**CENTRAL OFFICE 37th
ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Saturday, February 11th, 2012**

Christ the King Church

(Parrish Center)

821 Dale Mabry Hwy S.

Tampa, FL. 33609

**More Information next Month
Tickets available at Central Office**

SPECIAL SPEAKER MEETING

Presented by:

The Friday Night Live Group

Friday at 10:00 PM on

December 2 2011

The Club

3333 West Columbus Drive

Tampa, Florida 33607

We will be having a special speaker meeting .
Bryan K. from the 101 Club in Pompano will be
our Guest Speaker. Come out and join us.

All are welcome.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER—DANCE
SPEAKER MEETING—SANDY B., TAMPA, FL.**

Saturday December 31st 2011

Ramada Westshore Tampa Airport

1200 N. Westshore Blvd.

Tampa, FL, 33607

1-866-257-5990

Room Rates \$65.00 S/D

Dinner—Speaker Meeting—Dance
Party Favors & Balloon Drop at Midnight

30.00 Per Peron PREPAID ONLY

NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE

SOLD AT THE DOOR

Cutoff date 12/23/2011

DINNER SERVED at 7PM

SPEAKER MEETING at 8PM

Sandy B., Tampa, FL

DANCE from 9PM—1AM

DJ: LARRY

CELEBRATION PRODUCTIONS

DANCE ONLY Tickets: \$15.00

Prepaid or at the door @ 7:45pm

Dinner-Speaker-Dance @ \$30

Dance Only @ \$15

Total Amount \$

Mail Check or Money Order Payable to:

Tampa Bay Fall Roundup

P.O. Box 262545

Tampa, FL. 33685

Contact: Gene L. 813-205-7663

Register online at <http://tampabayfallroundup.com/>

Email: Tbfr1987@verizon.net

Contact: Sue Z. 813-601-3113

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

November 08, 2011 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
OPEN	VICE-CHAIR	
STAN P.	TREASURER	INTO ACTION GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
GAIL F.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GP.
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BRETT B.	BOARD MEMBER	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones which was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Our newest member on the Board was Lois M. from the Back to Basics Group from the Good Shepherd Luther Church on Dale Mabry. Rob read the October Minutes. There were no questions and the minutes were approved as read. Stan presented the October budget. He was happy to report that we had actually made \$182.00 last month. Salaries were a little high. Tim had taken some vacation time and Keith and Martin filled in for him while he was out. Everything look pretty good and contributions were up. A question was asked about line item Contract Labor. Tim explained that that was the after hours phone guy. In Old Business discussion centered around the Anniversary Dinner scheduled for February 2012. The question about raffling a TV to raise funds for Central Office was discussed and was decided that this would not be a good idea. Other ideas were talked about. One idea was having groups make some kind of fruit basket or something like that to raffle off. In New Business, discussion also centered around having a Founders Day event in June, 2012 and the idea of raffling off a First Edition Big Book. This seemed to be more in line with what we would like to do. Tim was asked to check prices on Ebay for First Editions. Some brief discussion about yellow cans being used at meetings to raise funds for Central Office was tossed around. The Council Meeting was a reflection of the Board meeting with the minutes and Treasurer's report being read and approved. Discussion about the Anniversary Dinner was bought up and three group representatives volunteered their groups to do a fruit basket. The Reflections Group, the Live & Let Live Group and the Lunch Bunch Group. Jim had a question for Tim that if he ever contacted any of the groups who don't contribute to Central Office to find out why they don't contribute.. Tim explained that the only way he could do anything like that is when he puts articles in the newsletter about supporting Central Office or one on one at the Office if the subject comes up. It's not our place to contact groups and ask those kind of questions. Todd had a idea about adding an extra phone number to our web site so that if anyone wanted to talk

Got old AA material you been hanging onto for years that you don't use anymore? Is it piling up your closet and you need to make room for your other stuff but you don't want to throw it in the trash? Then bring it to the Central Office. We will find some use for it.....

November 08, 2011 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
TRISH R.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
LORIE J.	REFLECTIONS GROUP
LESLIE G.	PROMISES MEETING
JAMIE H.	TAMPA BAY SPEAKERS GROUP
BARBARA L.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
JULIET SB	SUNSHINE GROUP
CHRIS B.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
TODD C.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
BRANT W	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
CHRIS T.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
EARLE W.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
MARTIN S.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
MARIA G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
ANN S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
ARLENE S.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
DAVID M.	SERENITY GROUP
RANDY B.	ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE GROUP
BRIAN L.	TURNING POINT GROUP

to someone or a 12 Step call, the number would be available and would be manned by volunteers. Not being sure how this would actually be initialized Tim asked to look it over before making any real decision but it did sound like something that might be good. More to follow. It was announced to the Council by the Board that we were going to do a Founders Day event in June 2012. Tim already has a room reserved at Christ the King and a date set for June 9th, 2012. There was a question concerning the Great Events Will Come To Pass event hosted by Sandy B. and Bob B. Al asked for any suggests about our event and Ann noted that she had started to put a list together from last year when we thought we would be doing the event then. It was decided to let Ann bring in the list for all to look over at the next meeting. Al asked everyone to go back to their groups for any ideas and we would discuss them next month. Tim was asked to look around for some good old-timers to either speak or set on a panel and discuss the history of AA. Ideas were tossed around but nothing written in stone at this time. Dave announced that ACTS would be having a Christmas party December 14, 2011. The meeting ended in the usual matter with the Lords Prayer. Next meeting December 13th, 2011. 6:00pm and 7:00pm.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MICHAEL V.	12/07/06	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BOB C.	12/26/90	21 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUNNY F.	12/31/79	32 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	LAURA M.	12/24/08	3 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	BARBIE A.	12/31/03	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JODI W.	12/19/09	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JANET S.	12/01/09	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN K.	12/04/00	11 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	KAREN H.	12/27/84	27 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	PAUL H.	12/06/10	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BILL M.	12/15/06	5 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JUAN A.	12/04/85	26 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CONNIE B.	12/27/04	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	12/03/03	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BETSY	12/18/02	9 YRS

A BIRTHDAY PLAN SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE
ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY

Honors To	Date	Years
CORK F.	12/19/90	21 YRS



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.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE



SELF-SUPPORT-October Report

☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in 2011 we have 242 Groups with 853 meetings a week. That's a lot of meetings and that's a lot of Groups wanting material. This year to date contributions from Groups (**up to October**) have totaled **\$58,205.65** for the year so far. That accounts for what **137** Groups (**8 groups more than last month ☺👏**) in our area have contributed. **137 Groups out of 242.** I know I have been around long enough to realize some Groups are barely making it and are lucky just to make their rent and buy some literature, if any, and that's okay. You got to take care of your Group first. But it's something to think about isn't it? **137 Groups out of 242, 853 meetings per week.** But I don't want to forget those **many** AA'er's who have made contributions anonymously or to the AA members who participate in the Birthday Plan or those Groups who have put on an All Groups meeting or Red Chip Day or Soberstock or any other fund raiser in order to help raise some funds for Central Office. Our Literature sales have also generated **\$ 65,909.31** of income to date. We here at Central Office know that those **137** Groups have always given to help Central Office and always will and we **Thank You** for your constant support and we **Thank** all of you who would rather buy your literature here than to order from other vendors. We are not trying to squeeze you for more money. We know we can always count on you. We just wanted to bring some awareness of our situation to those who may not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. We apologize to those who have come in to the Office and we were out of the material you were expecting to be able to purchase. After cashing in an \$11,000.00 CD which was part of our Prudent Reserve, we are in the process of remedying this problem very soon. tws:) Office Manager

**SOBERSTOCK 8
Unity, Recovery,
Music,
March 16th-18th, 2012**

For Complete Details:

<http://www.soberstock.com/index.html>

Proceeds to benefit TBAIC
and our local Service Entities

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

**PUBLIC INFORMATION
&
COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL
COMMUNITY
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CARRY THE MESSAGE**

MEETING LOCATION:

Tri-County Central Office
8019 North Himes Ave. Ste. 104
Tampa, Florida 33614

NEXT MEETING DATES

December 3, 2011 @ 11:00 am

January 7, 2011 @ 11:00 am

For more information, please email picpc@district2tampaaa.org
or call (813) 933-9123

District 2 Workshop Meeting

Existing & Future DCM's & ACM's
December 4th, 2011

1:00 pm

The Recovery Club of Brandon
328 West Robertson Street
Brandon, Florida 33551

For Info: Brian L. 973-277-4866

Old School Group 10th Anniversary Gratitude Dinner and Speaker Meeting

Featuring:

Polly P. – Jacksonville, FL
Sobriety Date: April 11, 1977

Saturday, January 7, 2012
Christ the King Catholic Church
821 South Dale Mabry
Tampa, FL 33609

7 pm - CATERED Gratitude Dinner – Tickets \$15.00
350 Total seats available

Dinner Tickets are Available at: Tri County Central Office
or from an OSG Group Member

8 pm - AA Speaker Meeting

Everyone is Welcome to Come & Listen

50 / 50 Raffle at the door

Proceeds to benefit -
Tri County Central Office



ALL GROUPS DINNER

In Memory of Don M.

Saturday December 3rd, 2011

Sponsored by All the Groups @ the 301 House
301 House

8601 Bowles Road
Tampa, Florida 33637
813-988-7783

Barbeque Dinner \$10.00

Includes Chicken, Ribs, Sides and Beverage
Dinner at 4:30 pm

Guest Speaker at 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker will be Karen R.

Author of "Crossing the River of Denial"
from the 4th Edition of the Big Book

All net proceeds for this event will be donated
to

Central Office
In honor of Don

Bingo @ 8:15 pm

Tickets available at 301 House
or
Central Office

TAMPA BAY YPG

10th Anniversary Celebration
Potluck and Speaker
December 8th, 2011

6:00 pm

Hyde Park Methodist Church
500 West Platt Street
Tampa, Florida 33606

Speaker: Yisrael C.

from Jerusalem and New York
Please bring a covered dish if you can,
if not, bring a newcomer!!!
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE



12 Step Workshop

January 28th, 2012

9am - 5pm

Tickets are \$5

Includes Spaghetti Lunch

(proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

St Mary Catholic Church 15520 North Blvd, Tampa, FL 33613

275 to Bearss Ave – West to North Blvd - Turn Right (North) to St Mary Catholic Church on left.

Map & More Info: www.164FL.com



