



# Tri-County Central Office News

We found the Great Reality deep down within us.

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## THE FEARFUL ONE

WHEN I was 21, I was taken suddenly and violently ill and was ill for seven years. As a result of this illness I was left with a poorish nervous system and a curious phobia. As this has a large place in my story, I will try to explain it clearly. After I had been ill some months, I grew strong enough to get out of doors a little each day, but found I couldn't get farther than the nearest corner without becoming totally panic stricken. As soon as I turned back home the panic would vanish. I gradually overcame this particular phase of the trouble by setting myself longer distances to walk each day. Similarly I learned later to take short street car rides, then longer ones, and so forth, until I appeared to be doing most of the things other people do daily. But the things I did not have to do each day, or at least frequently, remained unconquered and a source of great but secret embarrassment to me. So I went on for years, planning always to sidestep the things I was afraid of, but concealing my fear from everyone. Those years of illness were not all total invalidism. I made a good living part of the time, but was continually falling down and having to get up and start over again. The whole process gave me a licked feeling, especially when, towards the end of my twenties, I had to give up the presidency of a small company which was just turning the corner to real success. Shortly after this I was successfully operated on and became a physically well man. But the surgeon did not remove the phobia, that remained with me. During the period of my illness I was not especially interested in liquor. I was not a teetotaler, but I was just a "social drinker." However, when I was about thirty, my mother died. I went to pieces as I had become very dependent on my parents through my illness. When I began to get on my feet again I discovered that whiskey was a fine relief from the terrific nervous headaches I had developed. Long after the headaches were gone, however, I kept discovering other difficulties for which whiskey was a grand cure. During the ensuing ten years I once, by sheer will power, remained dry for five weeks. I had many business opportunities during those ten years which, although I tried to keep them in my grasp, slipped through my fingers. A lovely wife came and went. She tried her best and our baby's birth put me on my mettle for all of six months, but after that, worse and more of it. When my wife finally took the baby and left, did I square my shoulders and go to work to prove to her and to the world that I was a man? I did not. I stayed drunk for a solid month. The next two months were simply a drawn-out process of less and less work and more and more liquor. They ended eventually at the home of a very dear friend whose family were out of town. I had been politely but firmly kicked out of the house where I had been boarding, and although I seemed to be able to find money to buy drinks with, I couldn't find enough to pay advance room rent anywhere. One night, sure my number was up, I chucked my "pride" and told this friend a good deal of my situation. He was a man of considerable means and he might have done what many men would have in such a case.

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## EDUCATED AGNOSTIC

WHY go into the drinking pattern that is so much the same with all of us? Three times I had left the hospital with hope that I was saying goodbye forever. And here I was again. The first day there I told the kindly doctor that I was a thoroughly hopeless case and would probably continue to return as long as I could beg, borrow, or steal the money to get in. On the second day he told me that he knew of something that would keep me off liquor for life. I laughed at him. Yes, indeed, I would do anything or take anything that would produce such results, but there wasn't anything. On the third day a man came to talk with me. He was an alcoholic who had stopped! He talked about alcoholism and a spiritual way of life. I was deeply impressed by his seriousness, but nothing that he said made sense to me. He spoke about God, and a power greater than one's self. I remember being very careful not to say anything that might shake his faith in whatever it was he believed! I was deeply grateful to him for taking the trouble to talk with me, but what he had was not for me. I had thought much about religion and had come to rather definite conclusions. There was no God. The universe was an inexplicable phenomenon. In spite of my sorry state and outlook, there were many beautiful things in life, but no beauty. There were truths discoverable about life, but no truth. There were people who were good, kind, considerate, but no such thing as goodness. I had read rather extensively, but when people began to talk in such ultimates I was lost. I could find in life no eternal purpose nor anything that might be labeled "divine guidance." War, illness, cruelty, stupidity, poverty and greed were not and could not be the product of any purposeful creation. The whole thing simply didn't make sense. About this I felt no deep emotion. I had struggled with the problem during late adolescence, but had long since ceased to give it anxious thought. Many people believe in a god of some sort and worship him in various ways. That was excellent. I thought it nice that so many people, poor misguided souls, could find so simple a solution to their problems. If this world proved too hopelessly disillusioning they could always seek comfort in a more pleasant existence promised in a world to come, where wrongs would be righted and justice tempered with tender mercy would prevail. But none of that was for me. I had enough courage and intellectual honesty to face life as I saw it without recourse to a self-erected deity. The next day another man visited me. He, too, had been an alcoholic and stopped drinking. He pointed out that I had found myself unable to handle my liquor problem by myself. He had been in the same position, yet he hadn't had a drink in over three years! He told me of other men who had found sobriety through the recognition of some power beyond themselves. If I cared to I was to consider myself invited to a gathering the following Tuesday where I would meet other alcoholics who had stopped. With the knowledge I now have, it is hard for me to recall how screwy the whole thing sounded-the blind leading the blind, a union of drunks, all banded

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**TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties**

Time flies when you're having a good time and helping others. That's what we do at TBAIC. We carry the message into jails, detoxes and other facilities and we feel good and we are giving back what was so freely given to us. Dr. Bob's last message contained this: ***And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get such a degree of smug complacency that we're not willing to extend or attempt to extend, to our less fortunate brothers that help which has been so beneficial to us.***

More will be revealed—while it is too early to have the final results from the 2012 “Steps to Freedom” presentation, we can report that the day was an overwhelming success. The presentation of the Steps was skillfully and impressingly delivered. The audience was attentive, respectful and LARGE!

Many of us who attend events such as “Steps to Freedom” simply purchase a ticket, enter a facility shortly before starting time, grab a cup of coffee, chat with friends and then sit back and relax and enjoy the proceedings. What many of us don't realize is that committees were formed, speakers were contacted, locations were selected almost immediately after the Lord's Prayer at the conclusion of the event. In other words, the planning for the 2013 “Steps to Freedom” will begin in July or August of 2012. If you'd like to be on the “inside” at the 2013 “Steps to Freedom”, announcements will be made and flyers will be posted regarding upcoming committee meetings.

Our TBAIC wants to thank and congratulate “Steps to Freedom” for another tremendous job of bring the Steps to life for hundreds of eager learners, newcomers and old-timers alike. We salute you for your great effort. Naming individuals by name because we always unintentionally leave someone's name out. We do know how sensitive we alcoholics are, having said that we would like to name only a few of our friends whose tireless efforts made all of this possible. Kristin, Christopher, Heidi, Bonnie, Donna, Ashley, Terry, Stevie, and Donnie. From set up to clean up and everything in between—Thanks you, Thank you, Thank you! And a special thanks to Jim and Maria who always do a wonderful job of recording these events on CD's for our everlasting enjoyment. Dick D.

**Treasurer's Report – June , 2012**

YTD pink can balance as of 04/12	\$ 7678.63
Pink Can Balance December 31, 2011	1,817.80
Plus Prudent Reserve	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,96.43</b>

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Total Received as of 06/12	\$9,96.43
Prudent Reserve	(\$500.00)
Total Moved to Spending Account	(\$8,600.00)
Total Paid - Operational Expense	\$257.95
Balance 05/12	\$638.48

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

Is at 9:30 am on July 14th, 2012 at the Tri-County Central Office (on Himes & South of 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:**

**Came to Believe (60.00) Friday Night Live (2.00) Keystone Discussion (16.00) Living in the Solution (29.96) Meeting Place (12.84) Midday Matinee (224.00) Nightly Newcomers (8.00) Noon Big Book (134.00) Old School (90.40) Riverside (46.00) Sober on Saturday (1.00) TGIS Group (36.70) There is a Solution (28.00) Wellspring (111.54)**

**TBAIC 2011 Committee Members**

<b>Buddy H. - Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Bobby B. Alternate Chair</b>	<b>813-415-4961</b>
<b>Brian B. Treasurer</b>	<b>813-361-5884</b>
<b>Wayne H.— Alternate Treasurer</b>	<b>813-465-1462</b>
<b>John O. – Secretary</b>	<b>813-263-4998</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail</b>	<b>727-385-5529</b>
<b>Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-872-0262</b>
<b>John D. - Detox</b>	<b>813-526-5106</b>
<b>Michele C.—HCI Women's Prison</b>	<b>813-294-0806</b>
<b>Sandy B. - E Pasco Jail-Women's</b>	<b>813-727-1415</b>
<b>Chris D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-857-5400</b>
<b>Rob T.—Treatment</b>	<b>813-453-6059</b>
<b>Michele S.— Women's Bridge TheGap</b>	<b>813-507-5796</b>
<b>Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-525-8033</b>
<b>Robert - Pre-Release</b>	<b>616-808-0463</b>
<b>Joel C.— Juvenile</b>	<b>813-525-8033</b>

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He might have handed me fifty dollars and said that I ought to pull myself together and make a new start. I have thanked God more than once that that was just what he did not do. Instead, he took me out, bought me three more drinks, put me to bed and yanked me bodily out of town the next noon to a city 200 miles away and into the arms of one of the most extraordinary bunch of men in the United States. Here, while in the hospital, men with clear eyes and happy faces came to see me and told me the story of their lives. Some of them were hard to believe, but it didn't take a lot of brain work to see they had something I could use. And it was so simple. The sum and substance of it seemed to be that if I would turn to God, it was very probably that He could do a better job with my life than I had. When I got out of the hospital, I was invited to stay in the home of one of the fellows. Here I found myself suddenly and uncontrollably seized with the old panic. I was in a strange house, in a strange city, and fear gripped me. I shut myself up in my room. I couldn't sit down, I couldn't stand up, I couldn't lie down, couldn't leave because I had nowhere to go and no money to take me. Any attempt at reasoning accomplished nothing. Suddenly in this maelstrom I grasped at a straw. Maybe God would help me-just maybe, mind you. I was willing to give Him a chance, but with considerable doubt. I got down on my knees-something I hadn't done in thirty years. I asked Him if He would let me hand over all these fears and this panic to Him. I lay down on the bed and went to sleep like a baby. An hour later I awoke to a new world. I could scarcely credit my senses, but that terrible phobia which had wrecked my life for eighteen years, was gone. Utterly gone. And in its place was a power and fearlessness which is a bit hard to get accustomed to. All that happened nearly eight years ago. In those six months a new life has opened before me. It isn't that I have been cured of an ordinarily incurable disease. I have found a joy in living that has nothing to do with money or material success. I know that incomparable happiness that comes from helping some other fellow get straightened out. Don't get me wrong. We are not a bunch of angels. None of us has any notion of becoming such. But we know that we can never go completely back to old ways because we are traveling upward through service to others and in trying to be honest, decent, and loving toward the world, instead of sliding and slipping around in a life of drinking, cheating, lying and doing what we like. Archie T. (Akron Ohio) 1939 Permission to Reprint/AA World Services (From First Edition Alcoholics Anonymous)

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together in some kind of a spiritual belief! What could be more idiotic! But . . . these men were sober! Nuts! I returned to my despairing wife with this incoherent story of a bunch of drunks who had found a cure for their alcoholism through some kind of spiritual exercise and who held regular meetings where, as far as I could figure out, they went through some kind of spiritual exercise! She was very nearly convinced that my mental balance had now been completely and probably permanently destroyed. The only rational support I could find for giving it a try was that it was vouched for by the kindly doctor whom she had meant on →

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several occasions at the hospital. That and the fact that nothing else worked. May I stop at this point and address a few sentences direct to agnostic or atheistically inclined alcoholics: You can't take less stock in the references made to God in this book than I would have if this book had been available to me at that time. To you those references have no meaning. They have simply used a name that people give to a fond delusion. All your life, except possibly in early childhood, when you conceived of an enormous figure with a flowing white beard somewhere beyond the clouds, it has meant nothing. You have now too much intelligence and honesty to allow of such delusions. Even if you could, you are too proud to affirm a belief now that you are in desperate trouble, that you denied when things were rosy. Or, you might possibly persuade yourself to believe in some creative force, or algebraic "X," but what earthly good would an "X" be in solving such a problem as you face? And, even admitting, from your knowledge of psychology, it is possible you might acquire such delusions, how could you possibly believe in them if you recognized them as delusions? Some such thinking must have been going on in your mind as you have weighed these incredible experiences against your own inability to cope with a problem that is gradually destroying your personality. Rest assured that such questions were in my mind. I could see no satisfactory solution to any of them. But I kept hard to the only thing that seemed to hold out any hope, and gradually my difficulties were lessened. I have not given up my intellect for the sake of my soul, nor have I destroyed my integrity to preserve my health and sanity. *All I had feared to lose I have gained and all I feared to gain I have lost.* But to conclude my story: The following Tuesday, hardly daring to hope and fearful of the worst, my wife and I attended our first gathering with former alcoholic slaves who had been made free through the rediscovery of a power for good, found through a spiritual attitude toward life. I know that I have never before been so inspired. It was not anything that happened. Because nothing happened. Nor yet by anything that was said, but more by an atmosphere created by friendliness, sincerity, honesty, confidence, and good cheer. I couldn't believe that these men could have been drunks, and yet gradually I learned their stories, alcoholics every one! That was, with me, the beginning of a new life. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for me to put into words the change that has taken place in me, I have since learned that with many members the change has been almost instantaneous. This was not the case with me. I was tremendously inspired at first, but my basic thinking was not altered that evening nor did I expect any profound change. I felt that while the spiritual aspect of what these men had was not for me, I did believe strongly in the emphasis they put on the need to help others. I felt that if I could have the inspiration of these gatherings and if I could have an opportunity to try to help others that the two together would re-enforce my own willpower and thus be of tremendous assistance. But gradually, in a manner I cannot explain, I began to re-examine the beliefs I had thought beyond criticism. Almost imperceptibly my whole attitude toward life underwent a silent revolution. I lost many worries and gained confidence.

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

June 12th, 2012 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
BRETT B.	VICE-CHAIR	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
LINDA G.	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
NON-EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
VICKIE McG	ALT. BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
CLARK R.	ALT. BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
J. KELLY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JIM McI	BOARD MEMBER	DAILY REFLECTIONS GROUP

After asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and making sure everyone had signed in, Al opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Clark R. read the May Minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept as read was made, seconded and approved. Linda G. presented the May Treasurers report. May was an excellent month leaving us \$1685.95 in the black. There were no questions. A motion to accept as read was made, seconded and approved. In Old Business Tim gave a brief report on the results of the Founders Day Event noting that everything went very well with around 150 people in attendance, plenty of food, fellowship and fun and with the total Big Book ticket sales beginning in January and on the the day of the Event along with the 7th Tradition basket and Food donations we were able to gross \$2,210.21. Then deducting expenses for rental of the room, food and other supplies, final count was \$1,345.00 for the benefit of Central Office. Some brief discussion followed about raffling another First Edition at our Anniversary Dinner in February. Linda suggested a Suggestion Box. A question about how we do our accounting was brought up. This led into a long feisty discussion between several of the Board members. Even after discussion moved the development of a Birthday Contribution Envelope, discussion kept going back to how we manage our accounting. Finally discussion moved into the idea of maybe having another event between now and February. Several ideas were tossed out for thought. Tim presented the District 2 Liaison report in lieu of Tom being unable to attend the meeting that night. The Council meeting was a mirror of the Board meeting with the reading of the May Minutes and Treasurers Report. After Tim gave his report on the results of the Founders Day Event, Christa G. made a motion to have Founders Day Event as an annual event hosted by Central Office. The motion was seconded and approved by all. Tim presented the Council with the Birthday Contribution envelope for their review along with the new suggestion to add, "Make Check payable to Tri-County Central Office." He was approved to make the changes and bring it back next month. A lengthy discussion followed about having another event between now and February. Finally Al asked everyone to take it to their Group and come back with any suggestions for or against the idea. Tim presented the District 2 Liaison report to the Council in lieu of Tom being unable to attend the meeting that night. Christopher made an announcement about the upcoming Steps to Freedom event and Jim made an announcement for a retreat. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

June 12th, 2012 the Central Office Representatives met:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
JENNIFER G.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
CARLOS G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
MATT I.	AS BILLS SEES IT MEN'S GROUP
SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
LINDA F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
?	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
CAROL M.	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
LESLIE G.	PROMISES MEETING
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CHRISTA G.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
JIMMY F.	WELLSPRING GROUP
RONNIE D'A	SINCERITY GROUP
FRED FLEMING	SINCERITY GROUP
BRANT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

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I found myself saying and thinking things that a short time ago I would have condemned as platitudes! A belief in the basic spirituality of life has grown and with it belief in a supreme and guiding power for good. In the process of this change I can recognize two immensely significant steps for me. The first step I took when I admitted to myself for the first time that all my previous thinking might be wrong. The second step came when I first consciously wished to believe. As a result of this experience I am convinced that to seek is to find, to ask is to be given. The day never passes that I do not silently cry out in thankfulness, not merely for my release from alcohol, but even more for a change that has given life new meaning, dignity, and beauty.  
Norman H. (Darien CT) 1939

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**My apology for not getting the Delegates Luncheon included in the Newsletter.....newsletter went to press too late. The event would have already been over...same with Office will be closed July 4th, 2012**

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

**SELF-SUPPORT-MAY 2012**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY E.	07/17/11	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAULA N.	07/08/11	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	OLIVER O.	07/26/10	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	STEVE H.	07/11/10	2 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN A.	07/19/09	S3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARY W.	07/31/04	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY K.	07/22/02	10 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN M.	07/21/79	33 YRS
MORNING MIRACLES GROUP	AL B.	07/15/88	24 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	TIM S.	07/04/88	24 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	LOUEITA H.	07/18/91	21 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DEE H.	07/09/10	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ROBERT K.	07/03/10	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AXEL L.	07/19/00	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE M.	07/27/81	31 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MICHAEL C.	07/05/89	23 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DARRELL W.	07/09/09	3 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CINDY A.	07/12/01	11 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	LORRAINE B.	07/17/92	20 yrs
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	SILVIA H.	07/21/08	4 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	MICHELLE G.	07/04/08	4 YRS
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	25 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DAVID L.	07/25/07	5 YRS
THE 164 GROUP	EARLE W.	07/10/95	17 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	CARLOS M.	07/05/00	12YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	BERNIE H.	07/17/94	18 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	SAM F.	07/19/86	26 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	BARBARA B.	07/24/05	7 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	JOHN R.	07/08/05	7 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	TECHANNA M.	0730/04	8 YRS

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

Honors To	Date	Years
DICK W.	06/10/58	54 YEARS
EARLE W.	07/10/95	17 YRS
TIMOTHY S.	07/04/88	24 YEARS
DAVE F.	07/19/85	27 YEARS

☺ 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 April of 2012 we have **230** Groups with **586** meetings a week. Although we have lost some groups in the past year, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material and more groups are being formed as we speak. This year to date contributions from Groups (May ,2012) have totaled \$35,086.42 for the year. That accounts for what **114** Groups in our area have contributed plus the 37 AA'er's who contributed \$754.60 in contributions anonymously and the \$1000.00 from the Old School Group's Anniversary Dinner and the \$3,055.00 minus \$984.94 in expenses we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner and the \$1,150.00 generated from Raffle Tickets for the First Edition Big Book we are raffling off at our first ever Founders Day Event. And the \$ 272.00 generated from the 12 Step Workshop hosted by the 164 Group and the \$1400.00 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the keystone Group and the \$91.87 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the Cardinal Group. And the \$1500.00 donated to us from the Soberstock event. And the \$36.30 from the Women's Perspective Conference. And the \$181.00 from the 7 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Our Literature sales for May bought in \$10,485.42. Contributions were \$ 6043.45 Our total income for May was \$16,551.76. Our Cost of Goods was \$7,947.07. Subtracting the Cost of Goods from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,604.69. Our Expenses for May were \$6,919.00. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of **plus** \$1,685.69 for the month of May . As I have stated in the past, 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 be new to A.A. or new to being a Treasurer or Trusted Servant to their Group or to those who do not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. It's the nature of the beast...as our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support through your contributions, special events that groups put on for the benefit of Central Office and the literature sales. That's why we have started including this report in the newsletter, so you can see how we are doing and what's needed on a monthly basis. Thank You for your Support.  
 tws:) Office Manager



**IT WORKS, IT REALLY WORKS!!!**

## MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

### South Florida Area 15

General Service Quarterly Assembly  
July 13-15, 2012  
The Waldorf Astoria Naples  
475 Seagate Drive  
Naples, Florida 34103  
For Details: [www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org)

### 56th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

August 1-5, 2012  
Innisbrook Golf & Spa Resort  
36750 U.S. Hwy 19 South  
Palm Harbor, Florida  
For Details: [www.56.flstateconvention.com](http://www.56.flstateconvention.com)

### ALATEEN CONFERENCE 2012

July 13, 14, 15, 2012  
Lake Placid Conference Center  
2665 Placid View Drive  
Lake Placid, FL. 33852  
More Info:  
E-Mail: [ateen2012@yahoo.com](mailto:ateen2012@yahoo.com)  
[www.northfloridaal-anon.org](http://www.northfloridaal-anon.org)

### Fourteenth Annual

**BIG BOOK on the BEACH**  
August 17th and 18th , 2012  
1500 Pass-a-Grille Way  
St. Pete Beach, Florida  
An in depth study of the first one-hundred  
sixty-four pages of the Big Book  
will be moderated by Willie S.,  
Larry H. and Matthew C. (of the Suwannee Big Book  
Week-end)  
and is being held in beautiful St. Pete Beach.  
Space is limited, so register early.  
(We will be serving food from 5 P.M. Friday  
until 9 P.M. Saturday. So come hungry!!!)  
Registration cost per person is : \$30.00  
(Scholarships are available 357 41 st. Ave.  
e-mail address:  
call to reserve a space ) St Pete Beach, Fl  
[bigbookonthebeach@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbookonthebeach@yahoo.com)  
Phone: 727- 204-6444 33706

### SUNSET ROUNDUP 2012

Key West Florida  
August 10-12, 2012  
DoubleTree Grand Key Resort  
For Info: [www.sunsetroundup.com](http://www.sunsetroundup.com)

### CARRY THE MESSAGE DAY

Hosted by District 2

Three Speakers talking about their  
experience  
Carrying the Message  
Bill O. (Tampa, FL)  
Lou (St. Petersburg, FL)  
And one more to be announced  
Location:  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church  
3501 San Jose Street,  
Tampa, Florida, 33629  
When: Saturday, August 18, 2012  
Time: 11:00 am – 6:00 PM  
Contact info: Ryan (813) 323-0798  
\$7 in Advance, \$10 at the Door.  
Lunch will be provided

### 26th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP

Labor Day Weekend  
Friday, August 31, 2012--Monday, September 3, 2012  
"God Either Is or He Isn't"

Embassy Suites-USF  
3705 Spectrum Blvd.  
Tampa, Florida 33612

\$109 (1-2 guests) \$119 (3-4 guests)  
Each spacious two room suite includes a private  
living room w/sleeper sofa, microwave,  
refrigerator, coffee maker, hair dryer & iron. Includes  
complimentary fully cooked breakfast  
buffet & manager's evening reception daily. Call  
1-800-EMBASSY for reservations (must  
mention Tampa Bay Fall Roundup) or register  
online with at [www.EmbassySuitesUSF.com](http://www.EmbassySuitesUSF.com)  
with group code TBF.  
SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/24/2012

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
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### 16th ANNUAL NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

October 4-7, 2012  
International Palms Resort &  
Conference Center  
1300 North Atlantic Avenue  
Cocoa Beach, Fl 32931  
For Details:  
[www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com](http://www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com)

Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		150.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		55.10	Saturday Night Candlelight		33.50
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		118.18	Saturday Night Live Group		314.00
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Serenity Group MLK		
164 Group			Keep It Simple Group (Dade)		224.90	Sisters in Sobriety Group	169.00	252.00
A.A. 101 Group		496.48	Keystone Group	127.00	569.00	Sober @ 7 Group		192.01
A.A. 102 Group		162.25	Kingsway Group		74.12	Sober on Saturday Group	160.05	420.05
All Groups		1,491.87	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Sunday Group		
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	LateNighters Group		124.70	SOBERSTOCK		1500.00
Alpha Group	10.00	50.00	Lemon Tree Group		0.70	Sobrenity Group	61.76	88.14
Anniversary Dinner 2012		3055.00	Life Enrichment Group		222.30	Softball Tournament / CO		
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Little Red Book Group			Solutions Group	252.93	868.61
Anonymous Donations	59.81	760.12	Live and Let Live Group		500.00	Southshore Men's Group		260.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon	300.00	300.00	Living in the Solution Group	200.00	775.00	Southside Men's Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa	270.50	385.23	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It	180.35	180.35	Southside Men's Group # 2		75.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		300.00	Lunch Bunch Group		27.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Back to Basics Group - Tampa			Mainly Sober Group - Zhills			Spiritual Development Group	150.00	150.00
Barracks Brigade Group			Maple Dale Group		100.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bel-Mar Group		120.25	Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Progress Group	61.10	139.75
Beginners Step Group			Mid Day Matinee Group		1500.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Bill D's Group		150.00	Monday Nite Madness 3333		546.80	Step at a Time Group	496.00	496.00
BIRTHDAY PLAN	78.00	206.00	Morning Express Group		125.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		70.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12		50.00	Morning Group - Zephyrhills		190.00	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Morning Meditation Meeting			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Morning Miracles Group		230.57	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	400.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp			My Turn Group			Sunshine Group		100.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		328.44	New Beginnings - Brandon		377.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Came To Believe Group		130.00	New Beginnings Our Club	0.19	0.19	Tampa Bay Speakers Group		165.60
Cardinal Group - Odessa		636.09	New Beginnings Women's		120.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Carrollwood NS Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		205.92	Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Chancey Road AA Group		50.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)			Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	200.00
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	New Day Group	45.50	123.50	Tampa Palms Men's Group		184.45
Clean Air Group	9.73	9.73	New Way Women's Group			Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Dade City Step Group		150.00	Nightly Newcomers Group	193.67	560.71	TGIS Women's Group		212.73
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			Noon AA Group Brandon			Thank God it's Friday Group		
District 2 General Service			Noon Big Book Group		258.05	The 164 Group		166.80
Dover Group		77.40	Nooners Group--Riverview		47.92	164 12 Step Workshop		272.00
Druid Hills Group			Nooners Group--Tampa	75.00	202.75	The Meeting Place Group	33.00	197.60
Early Risers Group - Joe's		306.90	Noontime Celebration Group	200.00	350.00	The Next Frontier Group		
Easy Does It Group		20.00	North Brandon Open Forum		40.00	There is a Solution Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		80.00	Northdale Group		133.25	There is a Solution Group 3333		
Fill the Gap Group		55.06	Odessa Group			Thurs. AM Discusion Group		50.00
Fireside Group			Old School Group		708.66	Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety	25.00	75.00
Founders Day Event	720.00	1,150.00	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club		185.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		73.41	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		204.00	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		75.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			One Day at a Time Group		100.00	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Friday Night Lights Group	229.00	460.60	One Day at a Time Mtg.		40.00	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills	65.00	265.00
Friday Night Women's Group	260.00	260.00	Palma Ceia Group		532.55	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Friday Women's Friendship	339.95	489.95	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group	187.00	187.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		50.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group	70.00	208.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		400.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group		
Good Day AA Group			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Village 12 Step Group		
Good Start Group - YANA			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.		150.00	Warrior's Group		1.95
Happy Hour Group Brandon			Plank Owners Group		200.00	Weedpatch Group		80.00
Happy Hour Group YANA			Primary Purpose Group	15.61	74.23	Wellspring Group		140.92
Harbor Lights Group			Promises Meeting		80.00	Wednesday Night Step Workshop		
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City		100.00	Prosperity AA Group			Wesley Chapel Group		144.18
Hide-A-Way Group			Red Chip Day Donation			West Side Winners Group		50.00
High Nooners Group		700.00	Red Door Group			With Room to Grow Group		
Higher Learning Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		325.00	Women's Friendship Group		89.75
Hour Glass Group		200.00	Riverside Group		179.64	Women's Perspective Conference	36.30	36.30
I.D.A.A.			Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		50.00			
In the Wind Group	532.00	532.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		356.20			
Into Action Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group	250.00	250.00			
It's in the Book Men's Group		50.00	Safe Haven Group					
Just for Today Group								
			TOTAL	1474.32		TOTAL	1690.14	
	TOTAL	2,878.99	YTD TOTAL		12155.29	YTD TOTAL	8016.34	
YTD TOTAL		14,914.78				Grand Total for Month	6043.45	
						Grand Total for Year	35086.14	