



Tri-County Central Office News

WE ARE SURIVORS!!!

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THE AA WAY

A favorite saying at AA meetings in Ireland, and I'm sure elsewhere, is: "The newcomer is the most important person in the room." My own experience certainly was that I was made to feel important at my first meetings. At that time, even though I had been through treatment for some weeks, my self-esteem was low, and I needed the boost that group members gave me. Their presentation of AA to me was that of a caring, concerned group of people, who knew how I felt and who wanted to help me stand on my own two feet. From that, hope grew that I could get well. I wasn't dragged or pushed into meetings but their importance was stressed, and it was left to me to make the first move to get there. I was told that "AA doesn't need you, but you need AA." It was also pointed out to me that alcoholism was a physical, mental, and spiritual disease, and that I should count myself fortunate not to be feeding that disease with alcohol. I was encouraged to go to AA for myself because it was I who would suffer if I drank. If I was staying sober for somebody else, I might get annoyed with them and drink because of it. The sincere love, manifested by the caring and sharing of the group members, showed me I was not alone. This unselfishness, foreign to me at that time, got through to me, attracted me, and kept bringing me back for more. The emphasis on anonymity made me feel secure in any sharing I did. Also, I was assured that I did not have to speak at any meeting, except to declare myself an alcoholic, if I believed I was one. I was brought to a wide variety of meetings in all parts of the country, and then left to choose the ones I would attend regularly. I was told to go to meetings, but particularly to go when I didn't want to go, since not wanting to go could be a symptom of the disease returning in some form. I heard people say that they had had the experience of being first too busy, then too tired, and eventually too drunk to go to meetings. My disease, it was explained, was one that told me I didn't have a disease. The danger of going into pubs was pointed out: If the insanity of thinking I could take a drink hit me in the pub all I had to do was just call for it, whereas if I wasn't there, sanity might prevail. I was encouraged to get myself an anchor group, which I became part of and where I was introduced to the joy of service in AA, helping with the refreshments and tidying up. This involvement helped me enormously to feel part of a group as well as useful, a feeling I had not experienced for a long time. It was emphasized that I should never miss that group's meeting except for a very good reason, such as a funeral—my own! I came to see that what I could not do alone, "we can do together." It wasn't just what people said, either. It was their cheery spirits, their sense of responsibility, their willingness to spend time listening to me either in the group or person-to-person. All that convinced me I could become as they were, in my own and God's good time. And the time has come when I have become a part of the wonderful service structure of AA, and able, I hope, to give pointers on the road to sobriety and happiness to Newcomers. That AA is not a religious organization

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A Nun's Story

Alcoholics Anonymous. Can I help you? Said a man's pleasant voice. "I am wondering if I have a problem. I've been hiding little bottles of liquor and drinking more often." "I think you do have a problem. Will you give me your name and number, so we can help you?" "I can't do that. I don't want everyone to know I am affiliated with AA." "If you don't give me your name, everyone will know about you anyway." When I said, "My name is Sister _____," the voice at the other end died entirely. When the gentleman recovered from his shock, he wondered if he had used language he should not have in speaking to someone you address as Sister." We both laughed about it then, and he promised to send a lady to see me. The next night, two ladies called, and we talked for at least two hours. I stated my problem and heard my sponsor-to-be's story. The next Sunday, this good lady called for me in the pouring rain and took me to my first meeting. I was sure they would tell me not to come back, I received the warmest welcome I've ever had anywhere. I've not missed a meeting with this particular group since that first Sunday in December. When I was xalled upon that day to tell my story, I did. There were many chuckles, as they began to identify with me. I spoke of how my dad told me I used to drain the glasses after a dinner party; of how I entered a workingman's tent in the mountains when I was four years old and on the prowl, and found a flask half full of amber fluid, which I recognized on smelling it. As I staggered back up to the inn, my mother met me, smelled me, and promptly put me to bed. At fourteen, I accidentally got very sick drinking three cocktails on an empty stomach on Thanksgiving. I was supposed to get plain punch, but there was a mistake. I had no turkey that Thanksgiving. Also, I lost my liking for alcohol. Then, some years after entering the convent, I had wine on important feast days and enjoyed it and was not sick from it. I began to look forward to having wine for dinner. This would occur about six times a year, not too often. As time went on, I sometimes got the job of pouring out the wine, and then I returned later to finish off whatever was not consumed. In the past three or four years, Sisters have gone along with the modern changes, which include social drinking at dedications, anniversaries, wedding receptions, and feast days in the convent. This has all been very pleasant, but in my case it was not enough. My appetite for alcohol had increased. I wanted more and more. So I began taking it cautiously (stealing it from the party) and hiding it in my room to drink later during the week. I also had a unique way of going into the cobbler shop through the back door, out through the front door, and down the street to the liquor market, picking up a bottle or two, half-pints, and putting them in the briefcase, then picking up the shoes and proceeding out the back door to the waiting car, with the Sister driver none the wiser. In the meantime, the soft voice within kept asking, "How does all this fit in with your life as a nun? What are you after, anyway? Oblivion? Do you see where you are headed if you continue?" I thought I would

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

(877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672!

Special note: TBAIC literature is available for distribution at the TBAIC meeting which is usually held the second Saturday of each month or the 4th Thursday of the month from 5:50 pm to 6:50 pm at the Tri-County Central Office.) Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials.

The August 12th, 2017 meeting of TBAIC was opened by Susan O.; leading the "Serenity Prayer". Linn D. (Treasurer) distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions expenses. Linn announced that a donation was received from SoberStock in the amount of \$4,000.00. Thank you to everyone who was instrumental in coordinating and facilitating the latest SoberStock event and to all participants who contributed to this very generous donation. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's report; group approved.

Scott S. (Secretary) read the July minutes. There was a motion to approve; group approved.

Sara R. (Hillsborough Women's Jails) - Indicated that, with the exception of two meetings, all meetings were covered last month and literature provided.

Scott R. (Detox & Treatment Coordinator) - indicated that the meeting schedule has been updated and distributed; added White Sands and updated Riverside Recovery detox center with new meeting times. As a reminder, Riverside Recovery detox center requires 2-years of sobriety and meeting facilitators must interview with the Facility coordinator in advance.

Ruth N. (East Pasco County Women's Prisons Coordinator) indicated that meetings are going well and that a couple new volunteers had recently been cleared to lead meetings.

Amanda L. (Women's Bridge the Gap Coordinator) indicated that there had been 1-call received and ride provided since the last meeting.

Tom F. (Men's Bridge the Gap Coordinator) indicated that there had been 2-calls received and rides provided since the last meeting.

Allan D. announced that "Carry the Message Day" is on September 23, 2017 from 4 - 7PM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. In addition, the Steps to Freedom Halloween party will be held in October; more details to come on this.

In July, the group had approved changing the Bridge the Gap literature stamp to help clarify that rides were available. There was a motion to proceed with the change and have Tom F. and Linn D. finalize the wording; group approved.

Group approved a motion to reinstate/print Bridge the Gap business cards that were used in years past.

As a follow-up to July's discussion on creating posters to help socialize TBAIC, Tom F. provided the group with a sample poster and cost details. There was a motion to approve the purchase of 20-posters; group approved.

The back-ordered "where & when" booklets have been received and are in the supply cabinet. There was a motion to purchase another cabinet to house additional literature being purchased: group approved. Allan D. suggested that a meeting with coffee, etc.. be held to thank all those taking meetings in area Jails and Institutions. There was a motion to form a committee to review/plan this event; group approved. The Steps to Freedom Committee meets the first Sunday of every month at 6pm at club 3333. Below are the dates for upcoming meetings: September 3 - 6PM, October 1 - 6PM As a reminder, scheduled times to obtain meeting materials are noted below. Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials. Last Thursday of the month, 5:50 - 6:50PM 2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 - 10:30AM (monthly TBAIC meeting) Motion made to close the meeting; group approved.

Our Next Committee Meeting

September 9th 12th, 2017 9:30 AM on 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 last Month:

Wellspring Recovery Group - \$6.91, Turning Point Zephyrhills - \$17.00, Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group - \$178.11, Steps To Freedom - \$1300.00, Soberstock - \$4000.00, Primary Purpose Group - \$82.78, Nooners Group - \$15.23, Morning Meditation Group - \$88.50, St. James Monday Night Men's Group - \$105.00, Living In The Solution Group - \$15.00, Live & Let Live Group - \$20.00, Keystone Discussion Group - \$74.82, High Nooner's Group - \$162.40, Came To Believe Group - 50.00, Barrick's Brigade Group - \$46.02, Anonymous - \$49.42, AA 101 Group - \$140.00

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$19892.41
Pink Can Balance 12/31/16	\$1705.00
Money Spent on Literature	\$6125.00
YTD Expenses	\$1096.82
Pink Can Balance 4/08/17	\$1317.04
Pink Can Balance 4/09/16	\$ 570.60

TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members

Position	Name	Contact
Chair	Susan O.	813-325-6538
Chair (Alt.)	Martin G.	813-516-0557
Treasurer	Linn D.	813-777-3007
Treasurer (Alt.)	Open	Open
Secretary	Scott S.	813-765-7376
Secretary (Alt.)	Nancy B.	813-872-0262
Hills Jails	Open	Open
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H.	813-871-2514
Hills Women's Jails	Sara R.	916-289-8172
Detox & Treatment	Scott R.	813-727-8839
E. Pasco Jail-Women's	Ruth N.	813-629-1547
E. Pasco Prison	Chris D.	813-857-5400
Women's Bridge the Gap	Amanda L.	813-418-2127
Men's Bridge the Gap	Tom F.	813-205-4945
Pre-release	Open	Open
Juvenile	Open	Open

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But that there is a need to seek help from a power outside ourselves, and there is a vast spiritual content to the program, are emphasized. More than the quantity, the quality of our prayer is important. The Third and Seventh Step prayers as they appear in the Big Book, as well as the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Pray, are recommended to new members. Our Conference-approved AA literature is on display, and newcomers are encouraged to buy some, especially the "Twelve and Twelve" and the Big Book, and to read them. Also available are the Grapevine, and our own *Road Back*. Newcomers are soon made aware that becoming sober is not just a matter of putting the cork in the bottle. There is a lot of living to be lived and some changes to be made in their attitudes. The slogans point the way to this new life: "First Things First" means that the priority must not be to drink, while families and jobs must also be given a top rating. "Easy Does It" advocates patience in recovery. "Keep It Simple" means that there should not be too much analysis of things, but that the program should be utilized. "Bot for the grace of God" reminds people to develop an attitude of gratitude. "Let Go and Let God" tells us that we can only do so much in any given situation, and that we must leave the results of our actions to God. "Live and Let Live" says we must live our own life to the fullest and let others live it as they see fit. "This Too Shall Past" is AA's way of saying that things change continuously and that if we are not finding it easy today, it is likely that it will be better tomorrow. "Think Think Think" tells us to consider the results of any action we are about to take. Another saying in our part of the world is, "If you bottle it up, you may drink," so quite early on it is suggested to members to get themselves a trustworthy friend who has been around for a while with whom they can identify, and share with their sponsor *everything* that is going on in their lives. Time has proven that sponsorship by someone of one's own sex works more successfully. Newcomers are quickly shown that our Tradition of self-support is important to AA has a whole, and how each member is responsible to ensure AA's independence in that respect. If they are like me, they soon will see how much growth can be achieved by their becoming self-supporting and paying their won way, both in and outside of AA. So AA members in Ireland, generally, do express their gratitude by showing newcomers the AA way. Not all that many become trusted servants beyond the group level, but most, in their own way, are active. The beauty of AA is that it allows us all the freedom to develop as we see fit and to make ourselves available for someone who might identify with us and become attracted into this wonderful Fellowship.

Anonymous, Ireland
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine/ September 1991

The Corrections Committee needs all types of volunteers. They need people to attend meetings in the facilities, people to help spread the word about this type of service work. It is okay if you have never been to jail yourself! You can still help. You can still carry A.A.'s message of hope to an alcoholic who is incarcerated. Let's face it: many of us who have never been arrested just never got caught!

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Air my problem in the confessional. My confessor was very kind and asked me to offer it all up and not to take a drink without permission. I promised. The next day, I forgot all about my promise and went out and bought a half-pint of gin. While fixing a drink for myself, I remembered, and thought of pouring it all down the sink. Instead, I thought I would finish the bottle and not buy any more. By this time, I had found out that a sip of gin on rising took away that awful headache. I would drink any hour of the day or night. However, I never quite lost my sensibilities. I finally stopped buying anything alcoholic and called AA. Why did airing the problem in the confessional not help? Because it is not a mortal problem, but a physical and psychological problem. I was obsessed with the idea of having liquor hidden away for whenever I needed it. I wondered and wondered what was causing the obsession; there had to be a cause. The answer, of course, is that I am an alcoholic. I watched my conversation with the Sisters. It was mostly about liquor: how to make certain cocktails; jokes about drunks. It was financial: comparison of prices of liquor here and prices on the mainland. I listened to myself more and more. I knew I had to call AA. I am happier now than I have ever been. AA has saved my religious vocation for me. The way I was going, I would soon have hit a bottom lower than anyone, because I am an extremist by nature. I use the *24 Hours a Day* book for my morning meditation and refer to it again during the day. The Big Book I keep in the chapel and use very often, as well as the Twelve and Twelve. The desire to drink is gradually leaving me. A couple of weeks ago, I began to think maybe it would be all right now to try to drink the way normal Sisters drink, but my mentors advise strongly against it. I have been in the program nearly five months. My birthday is November 23rd. The words that meant so much to me, a Loner, are: "Remember, Sister, you are not alone." I correspond with two Sisters on the Atlantic Coast and want them to remember they are not alone either.

Sister M.E., Honolulu, Hawaii
Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine, September 1969

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...aainfo@aatampa-area.org

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

August 8th, 2017 the Board of Directors for Central Office		
BOARD MEMBERS	REPRESENTING GROUP	
LARRY B.	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
BRIAN L.	VICE-CHAIR	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SUE Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR GROUP
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BILL J.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S
JANET S.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Brian L. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. **Office Managers Report:** Peter presented the Office Managers report for July. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. **Secretary Report:** Bill presented the July minutes. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. There was also a mentioning of Vivian J. and Ron J., both of who recently passed away. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the July Treasurers Report. We were \$2,217.21 in the black for the month, and we were \$2,235.93 in the black for this year so far. (This too shall pass) A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion centered around future sites to hold our events. Some discussion followed. It was decided that we would wait and see if the Council had any other suggestions before we locked down any venue to hold our Anniversary Dinner at. Decisions would be made at the September meeting. Cindy would also contact the Holy Innocents Church to see what Saturdays would be available if it's decided to use their facilities. **New Business:** None. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. **Council Meeting:** Brian L. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to please turn down their cell phones. He then asked that if we have any new members to please fill out our information sheet. **New Council Members were:** Zac P. from the Midday Matinee Group. **Office Managers Report:** Renee read the Office Managers report for July. There were no questions. Report was seconded and approved. Renee asked what were the purchases made that month? Recovery Accents & World Services. **Secretary Report:** The May Council minutes were read by Debbie. It seems Tim had a senior moment and handed out the wrong minutes. It should have been the July minutes. Tim gave a quick rundown of what the minutes should have said. There were no questions. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sue presented the July Treasurers Report. We were \$2,217.21 in the black for the month, and we were \$2,235.93 in the black for this year so far. (This too shall pass) A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Discussion centered around future venues to hold our events. Lots of discussion and possible suggestions followed. Zac noted that he worked for a catering service and may be able to help. He was asked to bring back more information. Lots of talk about catering vs pot-luck and the possibility of having the Anniversary Dinner in Brandon. Several people made comments of how nice the facility was and also how well our Founders Day event went off. It was

August 8th 2017 the Central Office Representatives met: COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP	
NOTE: SOME NAMES	LEFT OUT BECAUSE I COULD NOT DECIPHER
SARAH H.	TGIS GROUP
RENEE R.	PROMISES GROUP
MARY S.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
ZAC P.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
ROBERT C.	MAGNOLIA GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
RON H.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
SCOTT G.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
BUD C.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
JARROD H.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JACK J.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

decided that the next meeting will be the cut-off date for any other suggestions on venues. Cindy would also contact the Holy Innocents Church to see what Saturdays would be available if it's decided to use their facilities. **New Business:** None. **Announcements:** Sue announced the Fall Roundup. An announcement for a Retreat in September was made. Some others announcements were made but I forgot them and no one left any flyers. **Everyone is reminded to call your literature order in early a day or two before the meeting, that way can have it packed and ready for you.** The next Council Meeting will be **September 12th, 2017** at 7:00 pm at the Central Office Suite # 104 South-East corner of building.

...And You Don't Drink

The pain is worse than you can remember. You look up and say the Serenity Prayer, and nothing happens. You pace the floor and then sit down and light a cigarette and then get up and fix another cup of coffee and then take a deep breath and wait. "This too, will pass" is like a scratched record in your brain, and you wonder: When? And you don't drink. You drive and turn the radio up loud to drown out the thoughts, then stop to look over the city from the hill. You cry, and you hurt. Each day after each sleepless night, you ask, "Is this the day, God? Is this the day when it will be over?" And each day, it isn't. You stay in when it rains. You stay in when the sun shines. You don't notice the difference. Food doesn't go down. You go to meetings. You cover up, and you smile and ache. You call a friend, and it doesn't help. You feel as if you will explode if you don't unload on someone, and then you finally do. It brings a little relief. And you don't drink. You say the Serenity Prayer ten times with closed eyes and clenched fists and smoke some more. You beat the pillow with your fists, look at the clock, and know you have made it through one more day, one minute at a time. You hurt some more. Then the day comes. You open the door, and the sun is shining and warm. You see the trees. And you say, Is this day, God?" And it is.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	CINDI M.	09/23/90	
KEYSTONE GROUP	BRENT M.	09/14/14	
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS L.	09/09/14	
KEYSTONE GROUP	STEPHEN C.	09/17/13	
KEYSTONE GROUP	ERIC V.	09/10/13	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SAM J.	09/23/14	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL A.	09/09/14	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MIKE C.	09/25/11	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DARLENE M.	09/10/07	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	WENDY C.	09/07/04	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BARRY H.	09/25/99	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CAROL C.	09/07/93	
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE C.	09/21/07	
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	NANCY F.	09/17/85	
JUST WHAT I NEEDED GROUP	SANDY J.	09/15/88	
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	CAROL C.	09/08/88	
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JESSICA O.	09/29/13	
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JUNE W.	09/18/86	
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NANCY	09/17/85	
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEREMY C.	09/20/11	
RIVERSIDE GROUP	AIDA	09/23/87	
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ALEX A.	09/11/04	
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LENNY G.	09/24/00	
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	TOM V.	09/02/88	

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP	SINIA P.	10/28/11	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DICK W.	06/10/58	59 YRS

AA's who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



WE CONTINUE TO NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are **you** ready to help? Will **you** help? Come by the Office and fill out a 12 Step Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out. Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

SELF-SUPPORT- August 2017

© Today in August of 2017 we have 224 Groups with 565 meetings a week. Contributions in August totaled \$ 3,676.61. That accounts for what 30 Groups and 10 Individuals out of 224 Groups in our area have contributed in August. Our total income for August was \$12,023.62. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,153.97. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$5,869.65. Our Total Expenses for August were \$8,212.20. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus—\$2,342.55 for the month of August. This leaves us a total of minus—\$106.62 in the red for the year thus far. No matter *how good or bad* it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions to keep us operating on a steady level. 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 continue to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support . Thank you for all of your support !!!

SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

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 in our area.

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PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER

Practice These Principles . . .

Tradition Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program — even if no one makes me do so — with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully — and profit thereby — when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

Traditions Checklist reprinted from the February 1971 Grapevine.

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Something **BIG** is happening on
 September 15th from 6-8 P.M.
 First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
 404 West Reynolds St. Plant City
 Pizza and more...starting at 6:00 P.M.
 Guest speaker: Roger... at 7:00 P.M.
 Hosted by Sober at 6 and Helping Hands
 Join us for food, fellowship and recovery.
 50/50 raffle

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Carry The Message Day
 Saturday, September 23, 2017
 4 – 7 PM
 Dinner at 5 PM

Free to all attendees

Come learn about District Two service opportunities available to help you grow in recovery while carrying the message. Bring your sponsor and sponsees!

St. Mary's Hall
 St. Mary's Episcopal Church
 4311 W. San Miguel Street
 Tampa, FL

For more information or to volunteer, call/text Sarah S. at 702-521-7220 or email carrythmessage@aatampa.org

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September 22-24, 2017
 Day Spring Conference Center
 Ellenton, Florida
 Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>

11th Step Retreat For AA / Al-Anon

September 22-24, 2017
 DaySpring Conference Center (Map on Reverse)
 Ellenton, FL

Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>

Fall Sobersticks

October 13th, 14th & 15th 2017

Fun and Fellowship all weekend with camping, kayaking/canoeing and campfire morning meditation and 8pm campfire meetings

Stewart 813-455-7260
 Sharon 813-943-9838

\$5.00 per night per person (kids are free)
 Well Be-Haved pets are welcomed

Group rates on canoe or kayak rentals



Little Manatee River Canoe Outpost
 18001 U.S. hwy 301 S.
 Wimauma, FL 33598
 813-634-2228



**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**
 "Spirit of Rotation"

Hosted by District 9 * Broward County, Florida * October 6th-8th, 2017
 Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM



Bringing Florida AA Together for Recovery

REGISTER NOW! space is limited
Florida Unity Roundup
 October 6, 7 & 8, 2017
 Lexington Hotel and Conference Center
 Jacksonville Riverwalk
 Register and pay securely online @
www.floridaunityroundup.com

**THURSDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
 GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR
 16th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**
 (LOCATED AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1698 S. BELCHER RD,
 CLEARWATER, FL)
DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 26TH

SSAASA

4th Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly
 Co-hosted by Area 1 (AL & NW FL), Area 16 (GA) & Areas of the Southeast Region

November 10-12, 2017

All A.A. members are invited & encouraged to attend!

Holiday Inn & Suites
 Atl. Airport North
 1380 Virginia Ave
 Atlanta, GA 30344
 Room Rate \$109/Suites \$139.00/Parking \$4.00
 (404) 669 - 1214

What's Happening?

- Service Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Sharing SERVICE EXPERIENCE with others who have the same job and more!
- AA Meetings

Holiday Inn - Atlanta - Reservations
 Online registration aaarea1.org/ssaasa.html

Registration Form [Clip & Send](#)

Name _____ AA Area # _____ Name on Badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Special Needs _____

Service Commitments (Check all that apply)

- AA Member
- GSR or Alternate
- DCM or Alternate
- Central Office or Intergroup
- Area Committee or Officer
- Delegate or Alternate
- Past Delegate
- Other _____

Willing to be of service at SSAASA?

- Participate on a panel or workshop
- Be a Greeter
- Work at Registration Table
- Lead an AA Meeting
- Be a Reader
- Other _____

Enclose check or money order:
 Early Bird (\$25) postmarked by
 Nov 1, 2017

No. Registrations _____ X \$25 = _____
 (\$30 at the door)

Total enclosed _____

(Please include a separate registration form for each participant.)
SSAASA 2017
 PO Box 831
 Satsuma, AL 36572

SSAASA flyer edition date August 30, 2016

Group	AUG	Y T D	Group	AUG	Y T D	Group	AUG	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		629.04	Keystone Group		653.25	Simply Sobriety Women's		323.40
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keystone All Groups		832.00	Singleness of Purpose		109.43
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Kingsway Group			Sisters in Sobriety Group		490.95
AA 101 Group		1,250.12	Live and Let Live Group		172.50	Sober @ 6 Group		147.55
Alpha Group		480.00	Living in the Solution		890.00	Sober @ 7 Group		733.00
Anniversary Dinner 2017		5,017.28	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		200.00	Sober on Saturday Group	100.00	260.00
7th Tradition Basket		195.00	Lutz @ Noon	11.00	93.00	Soberilla		833.12
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2017		184.00	Mad Dogs Group	97.50	184.22	SoberSticks Event		100.00
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2017			Mainely Sober Group		102.00	Soberstock Committee		1,000.00
Housecleaning Retreat			Mid Day Matinee Group		1,330.16	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	10.00	80.00
Anonymous Donations	14.31	674.90	Monday Night Madness	0.25	76.09	Sobrenity Group	0.13	201.67
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		620.00	Morning Express Group			Solutions Group		422.38
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	137.41	404.09	Morning Group -Zephyrhills			Southshore Men's Group		507.95
Attitude of Gratitude Group		100.00	Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	120.00	350.00
Barracks Brigade Group		219.50	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		22.00
Bel-Mar Group		105.30	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		1,575.50	Step Sisters in Sobriety	65.00	195.00
Bill D's Group		250.00	New Beginnings Brandon		867.15	Stepping Stones Group (w)		370.16
BIRTHDAY CLUB	31.00	464.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)	637.22	1,123.56	Sun City Center Group		114.62
BYO 12 & 12 Group		208.00	New Day Group		65.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		625.00
Came To Believe Group	3.68	923.55	New Hope Big Book		199.61	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	500.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		325.00	New Way Women's Group		500.00	Sweet Surrender Group		180.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof		50.00	Nightly Newcomers Group	0.58	1.95	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		322.67
Carrollwood Group		132.60	Nooners Group--Riverview		204.53	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		601.39
Chancey Road Group		118.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	51.99	398.12	Tampa Palms Big Book		150.00
Clean Air Group	25.00	150.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.	75.00	175.00	Tampa Palms Monday Men's		504.00
Design for Living Group	37.00	88.80	Northdale Group		242.39	Tampa Recovery Group		100.00
Dover Group		95.16	Odessa Group		503.75	TGIS Group		37.50
Early Risers Group - Joe's		265.77	Old School Group	500.00	1,500.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		227.00
Expect a Miracle Group		343.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC	94.00	272.00	The 164 Group		25.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	100.00	428.64	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		264.00	The 164 Group USF		40.00
Fear Not Group		60.00	One Day at a Time Group		200.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		209.95
Fireside Group		924.39	Palma Ceia Group		190.79	To Improve Conscious		226.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		134.28	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		200.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Fresh Start Group		75.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		195.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		89.05
Friday Night Lights Group	23.50	423.89	Plank Owners Group		440.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	130.00	230.00
Friday Night Step Study		81.00	Plant City Keep it Simple	30.00	222.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		230.00
Friday Night Women's Group		195.00	Primary Purpose Group		94.25	Wed Night Step Workshop		45.00
Friday Women's Friendship		200.00	Promises Meeting Group		530.83	Wed Keep it Simple Group		52.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		2.13	Recovery Bootcamp Group		3.25	Weedpatch Group		455.00
Grapevine Gals Group		325.97	Red Chip Day			Wellspring Group	1.11	201.11
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		150.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		477.31	Wesley Chapel Group		694.85
Hide-A-Way Group	371.00	1347.48	Riverside Group		118.10	Women's Friendship Group	315.70	853.49
High Nooners Group		200.00	Riverview Mens Blackbelt	5.66	37.38	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		109.85
Hi- Nooners Group		100.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		263.67			
HOW Group		15.50	Ruskin Fellowship Group		50.00			
It's in the Book Men's Gp.	356.00	356.00	Safe Haven Group	75.00	175.00			
Just What I Wanted Big Book		103.06	Saturday Night Fever Gp.	50.00	1,050.00	Total	816.94	
Keep It Simple - YANA	2.57	152.57	Saturday Night Live Group		192.30			
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		429.57	Seekers of Serenity II Group		48.12	Monthly Total	3,676.61	
Keeping it Simple Group		162.50						
							YTD Total	13,170.09
Total	1,101.47		Total	1,758.20				
						Grand Total	50,502.25	
	YTD Total	20,193.31		YTD Total	17,138.78			