

## **Tri-County Central Office News**

It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe.

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#### THE MAN IN THE HOLE

#### A sick alcoholic lay in the bottom of a deep hole where he had fallen during a drunken stupor. He cried for help. A doctor passing by heard the cries and leaning over the top of the hole said, "Give me your hand, my friend, and I'll help you." Desperately the drunk tried to reach the doctor's outstretched hand. After several futile attempts the doctor said, "It's no use. I'll have to get a ladder," and departed. Then a minister hearing the cries for help peered over the top of the hole and he too said, "Give me your hand, my poor man, and I'll help you out." Again attempts to reach the outstretched hands of help were futile. "Try harder," said the minister but the effort so exhausted the sick man that he collapsed onto the bottom of the hole. "Perhaps I can find a rope," said the minister as he went away. Presently a Third Man appeared at the top of the hole and called in a cheery voice: "Hi, pal, you really want to get out of that mess?" "Yes! Yes! I do," wailed the sick man. 'Help me, please, happening the man with the cheery voice had dropped into the hole and was standing alongside him. "You fool," exclaimed the sick man. "Why'd you do that? You can't help me from down here!" "Let me try, anyway," replied the Third Man. "I can see you've been having trouble with booze. I did too, once. I'm an alcoholic and I've been in the same kind of mess you're in...c'mon, climb on my back and I'll try to push you up." After considerable struggling the sick man was pushed over the top, out and joined the other. "Now that you're out of that mess, do you think you want to keep on drinking? Or would you really like to get sober and stay that way? It's your decision to make. I helped you get out of the hole but the choice—to be sober or drunk—is up to you...If you're interested I can tell you about a plan for living I practice that keeps me sober on a day to day basis." He smiled and placed an arm on the other man's shoulder. "How 'bout it?" The sick man's thoughts were wavering, like his body, but he answered, "I'm willing." Although he didn't realize it at the time, the word "willing" was the magic one—the key to his future. Because as admitted alcoholics, it is through willingness to work the program of Alcoholics Anonymous that we learn to surrender our will and our lives over to the care of a Power greater than ourselves. In turn we gain hope and faith, yes even rebirth. The Third Man knew that only through his willingness to help another alcoholic, through understanding and love, could he insure his own daily sobriety...he also knew that it was most important to help the sick man believe that the remorse of yesterday and the fear of tomorrow could be dissolved into one twenty-four hour period called faith in today...He hoped he could help the sick man realize that he need never be alone any more—that gratitude was a vital word in his new vocabulary. Anonymous

Want your group members anniversary listed in the Newsletter—send your list of names and anniversaries. We'll be glad to post them to celebrate their sobriety.

#### PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES

All of us have known at times famous people either personally or through reading about them. Always there have been the very few of every field of endeavor who have "mastered" their work or art or sport. And it is precisely this "mastery" that makes them stand out above all others in their chosen field. All of us too, have had the experience of realizing that some such artist, or musician, or sport figure has suddenly faded from the spotlight and has been relegated back again to the ranks of the mediocre or even into oblivion. It is then that we ask ourselves, why? What happened to cause them to fall from fame? It was one such great violinist who gave insight into what was behind these "failures" when he made the following statement: "If I fail to **PRACTICE** one day, I shall notice the difference in my playing; if I fail to practice two days, my family will notice the difference in my playing; if I fail to practice three days, my public will notice the difference in my playing." Why such failures? What happened? please help me!" Before the sick man realized what was They quit **PRACTICING**. They either gradually or suddenly discontinued that constant repetition that made them masters, and which was necessary to maintain the mastery once acquired. "Repeat and repeat and repeat, day in an day out, hour in and hour out and if necessary, minute in and minute out." The above fact was behind the seemingly endless and, to us, foolish repetitions of our school lessons. It is the reason behind the success of the few who achieve the "top" in any profession. It is behind those very, very few who STAY at the "top"—who out into the sunshine again. The sober Third Man easily climbed remain "masters" in their field of endeavor. And do you know something? It is that same almost starling truth that is behind those who achieve and maintain *mastery* in A.A.—not masters of drinking, but masters of sobriety—which means maintaining complete, total sobriety under every circumstance and in any and every situation. It is the truth behind those few in A.A. who achieve and maintain serenity and happiness and peace of mind in spite of the changing vicissitudes of life and in the face of any and all obstacles. It is the truth behind many who have now gone from A.A. through the portal of death—sober and happy, and courageously meeting their final curtain call. Not necessarily perfection; but mastery. And do you know something else? It is also the above truth that is the missing factor in all of those A.A.'s who were sober or at least "dry" for awhile, or for a few years, or even for many years and who then suddenly "slipped" into the oblivion of drinking again. What happened? Why do A.A.'s slip? Why does the old-timer in A.A. often disappear from our ranks? All of these questions can be answered by the same answer—the same identical truth: THEY QUIT **PRACTICING**. They "learned" A.A.; they "learned" the twelve steps; they "learned" all about alcoholism and the alcoholic. But they **OUIT PRACTICING ALL THOSE THINGS THEY** LEARNED. They seemed to have forgotten that all Twelve Steps are necessary for obtaining sobriety and happiness; and that all of the TWELFTH STEP is necessary for **SOBRIETY** *MAINTAINING* AND*HAPPINESS*—for **RETAINING** the **MASTERY IN SOBRIETY.** They never learned, or they forgot, or they never accepted the truth that to "PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OF OUR

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

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Mike B. opened the June 11, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Sara R., Scott S., John O., Tom F., Jonathan C., Amy H., and John T. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike B. said he was informed of new meetings, new volunteers, and literature requests during the last month. He said he was not able to attend the June district meeting, but alternate chair John O. attended. John O. said the June district meeting was the delegate luncheon. He said there was no discussion specifically related to TBAIC. He said he enjoyed the fellowship and learned something new about AA during the delegate's presentation. New members attending the meeting included: Jonathan C. who had volunteered to chair the Monday evening meetings at ACTS Detox; and, Amy H. who recently moved to Tampa and was interested in getting involved in treatment and jail meetings. Amy had already discussed treatment meetings with John T. and was given Sara R. contact information for jail meetings. John T. said several other individuals recently contacted him about volunteer opportunities and he was working with them to find a place where they could carry the AA message of recovery. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the May minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. The current Pink Can balance is \$10,514.71. Contributions for the month totaled \$798.37. Operating expenses were \$50 and literature purchases totaled \$29.18. The report was approved. Scott said he went by the central office and noticed much of the literature he recently placed in the TBAIC cabinets had been signed out for meetings. He said he would purchase literature to replenish the cabinets supply. INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES Treatment facilities meetings: 

ACTS Amethyst - John T. said volunteers have committed to chair 13 live and 1 Zoom meeting. He said he recently learned of a meeting being held on Thursday at 6:15 pm at the adjacent ACTS Transitional Housing and Veteran's Services facility. He said that facility is not a lock down facility like Amethyst. He asked the committee if they believed the meeting should be added to the meeting list and if TBAIC literature could be provided for the meeting. After some discussion, the committee agreed we would list meetings and provide literature for meetings where we have been invited to hold meetings. This includes sober living and transitional housing facilities for alcoholics. 

ACTS Detox - John T. said chairpersons are still needed for noon time meetings on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday. 

ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program – John T. said there are now two facilities - one on 17th St and one on 131st Ave. John T. said he provided the director's contact information to several members, but no one has committed to chair either of the meetings yet. So, volunteers will continue to be sought. 

Cove Behavioral Health (formerly DACCO). Both men's and women's meetings have restarted. John said a new volunteer is chairing the men's meeting. He contacted Mike B. about literature and indicated he could use help with meetings. John T. said he would pass that on to new and old TBAIC volunteers. 

HCA Florida West Tampa Hospital Detox (formerly Tampa Community Hospital or Town and Country Hospital). John T. said hospital management requested meetings be restarted at their detox unit. He said he solicited volunteers and one individual said his home group - the Wellspring Group - would make the commitment to conduct meetings at the detox on Mondays and Thursdays. The group meets on Sheldon Road which is close to the hospital. Meetings are scheduled to start on or about June 20th . 

Selah House. John T. said he was contacted by two individuals who have been conducting meetings at the women's safe house in Brandon known as Selah House for the last 7 years. John T. said the meeting had been listed on the TBAIC meeting list but was removed since he had no contact information for the meeting. The women conducting the meeting requested literature to support the meeting and John T. told them how to obtain literature. John T. asked the committee if anyone was opposed to that and no one in attendance objected to the women obtaining literature. This aligns with the above comments regarding the committee being invited to hold meetings in facilities. John T. said he would add the meeting to the TBAIC meeting list. 

River Oaks. John T. said he received an e-mail from Jason C. which said: Meetings continue three times per week. Temporary sponsorship meetings once a month have become mandatory for patients to attend. He added it has become very successful as we have helped place many patients with sponsors in their prospective landing areas. Corrections facilities meetings: 

Falkenburg Road Women's Jail - Sara R. said 5 meetings were held last month with good attendance and good support by volunteers. New volunteers are always needed. Zephyrhills CI –Tom F. stated all is going well. Tom said they are moving slowly through the Big Book, so the men can understand what is written in the book. He said there have been 15 to 18 men attending each meeting with several dedicated volunteers. He said he is the only volunteer from District 2 but there are volunteers from both District 15 (West Pasco) and District 1 (Pinellas).

He said he would welcome another volunteer from District 2 who could also assume his role as the group's GSR proxy at district meetings since he is no longer able to attend the Sunday afternoon meetings. 

Pasco Women's Jail – John T. said he received e-mail from Tracy B. which stated still no meetings at the facility due to Covid-19 concerns. 

True Core Behavioral. John T. said he received e-mail from Jason C. which stated he had not heard anything back from the administrator on when meetings will start. He said he believed Covid-19 concerns were delaying the start of meetings. Jason said he had 4 male and 3 female volunteers with paperwork complete and ready to go in once approved. Bridging the Gap – John T. said he received emails from Tracy S. and Tracy B. Tracy S. said she received 3 calls in May, and she returned each call. Tracy B. said she received 1 call with the caller seeking a bed at a rehab facility. She gave the caller some rehab contact information. Mike B. said he received a similar call, but the caller hung up before he could provide him any contact information. John T. said he received 2 calls with 1 caller asking for housing assistance. John said he provided the individual with the Tampa Hope homeless transitional housing contact information. John T. said the other call was from a female caller being released from River Oaks. The female indicated she would be returning to Grand Rapids, Michigan. John T. was able to contact an AA member he knew from Grand Rapids who spends winters in Florida. That individual was able to connect the female caller with several females in Grand Rapids. The female caller started going to meetings in Grand Rapids and is doing well. John T. mentioned that the supply of Bridging the Gap business cards had dwindled and he requested more to be purchased. He said he would carry cards to the central office and to treatment facilities. Mike B. said he would order 1,000 cards and have them sent directly to John T. Man of the Bed - Tom F. said 8 calls from Tampa General for 3 females and 5 males. The 3 females were referred to females on his contact list. Tom said he spoke with and provided some AA literature to the 5 male callers. He said he offered to get the 5 male callers to meetings but none of the 5 accepted the offer. John O. said he would be willing to re-contact any of those individuals and make the meeting offer again. Tom F. said he would provide John O. the contact information. OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. said the issues related to Bridging the Gap business cards and literature requests have been resolved. He said while there were some new volunteers, additional volunteers are always needed and welcome. NEW BUSINESS: The committee agreed to list meetings on the TBAIC meeting list and provide literature to hospitals and institutions which have invited the committee to conduct meetings including sober living and transitional housing facilities for alcoholics. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, July 9th, at 9:30 AM via

TBAIC Contributions (May 15th through June 11th): 301 House - All Groups - \$90.00, Great Way To Start The Day Group - \$288.00, New Beginnings Group-Our Club - \$24.80, Nooner's Group-Our Club - \$30,85, Sober On Saturday Group - \$10.00, We Are Not Saints (Friday Night Womens) Group - \$354.72.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 8,293.00
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 7,524.57
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 1,432.21
Pink Can Current Balance 03/12/22	\$ 10,514.71

Pink Can Drive
Our committee is 100% self-supporting

#### THE ROCKS OF AA

All members of Alcoholics Anonymous who are honest with themselves are sober. Some are reluctantly sober. Others are passively sober. Some are happily sober. Others are joyously sober. Why is there a difference? It's the quality of their sobriety. Sober is sober, you may say. If a guy or the gal isn't drinking then he's sober. If he or she is drinking then he or she isn't sober. That's all there is to it. But that isn't all there is to it. A ride on the water wagon will bring sobriety, at least for the duration of the ride. But it's likely to be a pretty low grade of sobriety. It's a reluctant sobriety, the I-don't-like-this-but-I've-got-to kind. The rider is so sorry for himself he won't even talk to the driver. He might just as well be going through a tunnel for all the passing scene means to him. Some members of AA are like that. Then there's the passive sobriety. This alcoholic has reached the bottom below which he doesn't want to go, so he joins AA. He comes to meetings, listens a bit, talks a bit, puts enough of the principles to work to keep himself sober, takes only a passive interest in the group, seldom has time for Twelfth Step work, absorbs as much as he needs and gives only what is brushed from him through contact. He's sober, yes. But he isn't the kind of member that has made AA grow, that has enabled AA to reach out to the thousands of hopeless drunks and restore them to sanity. He isn't particularly happy or unhappy. He's rather numb about the whole thing. Fortunately, there aren't too members like him. Then there's the happy type of sobriety. This fellow accepts his defeat that he and liquor don't get along—and takes hold of AA with enthusiasm. He seems to grasp the program quickly and shows that he's putting it to work. He enters into group affairs and carries his share or more than his share of the load. He attend meetings. He does Twelfth Step work as it comes and hunts for more. He tends to be a little evangelistic at the start, later cools off as he gains experience and becomes a solid member of the group. He's pretty happy about the whole thing. He's changes his pattern of life and his associations. And while occasionally he may long momentarily for the good old days when liquor was funbefore it became a problem to him—he doesn't brood about it and he's fairly well satisfied with his lot. Many members stay in this class throughout their association with the fellowship. But a great many more stay in this group only for awhile, then slip almost unnoticed into another classification. This last is the group which enjoys a joyous sobriety. Those who are blessed with joyous sobriety can't be separated physically from the happily sober ones. No halo hangs over their heads. No particular gleam sparkles from their eyes. Theirs is an inward joyousness that stems from gratitude to a gracious God. These joyous AA's are humble folk who know that humility consists not in groveling but in having a true perspective of their spiritual assets and liabilities. These are the members to whim others refer as having achieved serenity, although they'd be the first to deny it. Their lives aren't serene, but they have achieved the ability to take things as they come, to roll with the punches, to change those things they can and to ask the God of their understanding for guidance and counsel in all things. These are the folks who started doing for others because they were told they should, that it was a part of the program. But as they grew spiritually they found that in direct proportion to the amount of good they did willingly and freely, with no thought of recompense, the good things in life both spiritually and materially were returned to them. Soon they needed no reason for doing good. They now just do it as a part of decent living.

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AFFAIRS" means to REPEAT AND REPEAT AND REPEAT—DAY IN AND DAY OUT, HOUR IN AND HOUR OUT, and, if necessary, MINUTE IN AND MINUTE OUT those PRINCIPLES we learned in A.A. in ALL OF OUR AFFAIRS, i.e., in EVERY area of living:

In our home life.
In our social life.
In our business life.
In our financial life.
In our spiritual life.
In our emotional life.
In our physical life.
In our thought life.

All slippees. All unhappy people in A.A., all unhappy people—period, have never begun to, or have not continued to apply, the most important part of the whole program for continued sobriety and happiness:

#### "TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OF OUR AFFAIRS"

Reprinted from "Sobriety and Beyond" by Father John Doe

### THE ROCKS OF AA....continued

They live a day at a time, place themselves in the hands of a Higher Power each morning to carry out His will for that day, ask daily to be so filled with His grace that it can be passed on to others. In doing these things they don't think of themselves as anything special. They do only what they think in their hearts they should. We all know them. While they give no outward indication they stand out everywhere. They're the rocks with which the temple of AA has slowly risen. We can all be like them if only we will put forth the effort. It's up to us.

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Three AA members who met by chance on a train fell to bragging about their respective groups. One maintained his group was tops in teaching the Twelve Steps, and the second AA member that his group was a leader in the study of the Big Book. The third AA member admitted that his group was not outstanding in either but added, "We're tops in humility and proud of it." Anonymous 🖭

You can be a Central Office supporter by participating in the Birthday Plan. Send in your Name, Sobriety Date, name of Home Group and \$ 1.00 for each Year you have been sober and we will post your name in our special column reserved for Central Office supporters. It's probably no real big deal in the larger scope of life but your dollars do help us to be able to sometimes give away free literature, pamphlets, pay our staff, keep the lights and telephone on and a multitude of other things that help us to carry the message.

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#### NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

June 14th, 2022	the Board of Directo	ors for Central Office
BOARD MEM	IBERS	REPRESENTING GROUP

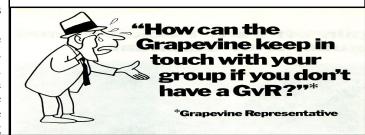
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
JOHN T.	TREASURER	LIVING SOBER/PASS IT ON GROUP
RITA Y.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TOM F.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
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Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al also introduced Chris S. from the Ruskin Fellowship Group has our newest Board Member. (Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Al B., Rita Y., John T., Brian L., Tom F., Linda B. & Chris S. Secretary Report: Tim read the May Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. Treasurers Report: Tim presented the May Treasurer's Report. Contributions in May totaled \$ 4,227.28. This accounts for what 28 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in May. Included \$ 81.00 from 2 members for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for May was \$ 10,510.30. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for May was \$ 14,737.58. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 8,043.43. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 6,694.15. Our Total Expenses for May were \$ 9,076.61. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus -\$ 2,382.46 for the month of May. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. **Old Business:** Rita introduced Nancy as the Old School Group's new Central Office Rep. and that she was also new to the area. Welcome Nancy. New Business: Tim brought to the Board & Council a question concerning the printing of new meeting schedules. Currently we have over 2000 July 2021 meeting schedules in stock @ a cost of \$770.00. Should I continue to keep trying to sell them or should we bite the bullet and print new schedules? Tom F. thought that we should go ahead and print new schedules. By the time we get them back from the printers, many may already have been sold. Rita Y. asked if there was a reason why we were waiting. Tim explained the cost factor. Once new schedules are printed, no one will buy any of the old schedules. Tom F. noted that TBAIC would take 500 of the schedules. Tim also let the body know that World Services is out of many of their published books, so if you need anything, now is the time to get them, once we are out—we are out. David asked if there was a time-line on when the books would be back in stock. Tim answered—no time-line. Tom F. asked if it was related to the supply line. Brad W. noted that he had emailed World Services and they had told him that there was a problem with getting paper. Al B. stated that we had a motion on the table and it had been seconded. Motion to go ahead with printing new schedules was a unanimous yes. Tim reminded the new members tonight to send in your info to the Central Office (aainfo@aatampa-area.org) so he could get you on the mailing June 14th, 2022 the Central Office Representatives met: COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

If you attended the Meeting but not listed below, we didn't catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatamapa-area.org				
JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP			

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EMMA D.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
MARGARET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
САТНҮ С.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
FRANK L.	SOBRENITY GROUP
NANCY	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
MAY	THE 164 GROUP
RANDELL D.	KINGSWAY GROUP
MICHAELANNE T.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
RYAN S.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CORINNE B.	FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S GROUP
ANDREW D.	THE PROMISES GROUP
KYLE M.	DID NOT CATCH NAME OF GROUP

Old School Group announced that they were having a Sponsorship Workshop this Saturday. John T. announced that they was a meeting on Wednesday at the Homeless Camp and invited anyone interested to come out for support and also that there were some residential homes looking for people to provide meetings. Rita Y. noted that some of the women from OSG take meetings to the women at the Salvation Army, she also announced a Gratitude Dinner in November. May from the 164 Group thanked everyone for letting her be of service. Al B. asked how the 12 Step List was coming along and reminded everyone to go back to your groups and get people to sign up. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be July 12th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM. Timothy S. Office Manager/Secretary for the Board & Council



There is an Open AA meeting, Wednesday 7:30pm at Tampa Hope located at 3704 East 3rd Avenue, Tampa. Tampa Hope is a homeless transitional housing facility. Access is controlled by a gate guard. For anyone wanting to attend the meeting, please call John T. at 850-855-9757 no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting

#### **ANNIVERSARY TIME** SELF-SUPPORT-JUNE, 2022 It Works-It Really Does-Ask them how they did it!!! **GROUP Honors To** Date Years WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP DAVE F. 07/19/85 **37 YRS** THURSDAY NIGHT B.B. AL B. 07/15/88 **34 YRS** MIDDAY MATINEE LOUEITA H. 07/18/91 **31 YRS** 11TH STEP GROUP LOIS M. 07/09/96 **26 YRS** CAME TO BELIEVE **19 YRS** CHARLES D. 07/02/03 CAME TO BELIEVE JANIE M. **41 YRS** 07/27/81 JUST WHAT I WANTED SILVIA H. 07/21/08 **14 YRS** JUST WHAT I WANTED MICHELLE G. 07/04/08 **14 YRS** JUST WHAT I WANTED JACKIE W. 07/03/87 **35 YRS** THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY **30 YRS** MICHAEL P. 07/04/92 **28 YRS** FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS BERNIE H. 07/17/94 SOBER @ 7 GROUP HELEN A. 07/19/09 **13 YRS** SOBER @ 7 GROUP CARLOS M. 07/05/00 **22 YRS** SOBER @ 7 GROUP SAM F. 07/19/86 **36 YRS** SOBER @ 7 GROUP JOHN M. 07/21/79 **43 YRS** HIGN NOONERS PLANT CITY TRAVIS J. 07/15/18 4 YRS RIVERSIDE GROUP **MORGAN** 07/24/05 **17 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP MARK V. 07/09/91 **31 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP CARLTON P. 07/01/83 **39 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP LARRY P. **42 YRS** 07/08/80 Thank you for your support of the Central Office. Thank You!!! O.M. tws:) KEYSTONE GROUP AL D. 07/19/14 8 YRS KEYSTONE GROUP KEN S. 07/01/14 8 YRS KEYSTONE GROUP ANTHONY S. 07/28/05 **17 YRS** FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP DIANE B. 07/24/14 8 YRS FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP SUE D. 07/16/12 **10 YRS 15 YRS** FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP DOLORES E. 07/04/07 FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP ANNETTE J. 07/20/02 **20 YRS** FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP LEANNE M. 07/22/00 **22 YRS** CENTRAL OFFICE TIMOTHY S. 07/04/88 **34 YRS** A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE ONE DOLLAR OR MORE FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY **Home Group Honors To Date** Years FOR GOT TO ADD IN MAY **15 YRS** BILL J. 05/19/07 CHRISTA G. 05/24/87 **35 YRS** SOBER @ 7

STEPPING STONES

WOMEN'S B.B. STUDY

WESLEY CHAPEL

RITA C.

**KARREN McG** 

VINCE S.

DAVE F.

06/28/04

06/10/75

07/10/07

07/19/85

**18 YRS** 

**47 YRS** 

**15 YRS** 

**37 YRS** 

© Today in June of 2022 COVID has changed the way many groups contribute to the Central Office. Some groups have remained steady in their contributions, some groups have gone to ZOOM, A few ZOOM groups have made some contributions and some groups are Hybrid (in-person & ZOOM), other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up, and now many groups are getting back to normal pre-pandemic live meetings. Things are looking up and getting better. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have 209 Groups in Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 529 meetings weekly. We also have about 34 Zoom Groups with 111 meetings weekly. Contributions in June totaled \$ 4,727.38. This accounts for what 44 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in June. Included \$ 231.00 from 6 members for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for June was \$ 7,362.93. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for June was \$ 12,097.31. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,650.24. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 6,447.07. Our Total Expenses for June were \$ 8,667.38. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus -\$ 2,220.31 for the month of June. I have to express my Gratitude to not only to the A.A. Groups in our area who continue to support us, but also to those Anonymous A.A. members who generously give, I believe, from the Heart ( and I know who many of you are) to support the Central Office. We still have a good Prudent Reserve, all our bills keep getting paid, the lights are on, we have a decent amount of literature available, the phones are working and it looks like 2022 just might be a better year to look forward to.

**NOTE:** New Mailing Address for contributions to New York **General Service Office** Post Office Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

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 Thanks to everyone for your continued support!! Become a part of Central Office....volunteer to be a Central Office Representative for your Home Group.

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER RULE 62 THIS YEAR LET US LAUGH AT OURSELVES FIRST **INSTEAD OF OTHERS** 

### MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

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## PROMISES ANNIVERSARY DINNER

"A SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS CAN CAUSE RIPPLES OF HEALING."

- Great Food and Fellowship
- 50/50 Raffle
- Cake Walk Fundraiser for Central Office
- Great Speakers: Hugh and Diane B.

For info on the Cake Walk, contact Robin F. at 973-945-2122. Text or email Nes for questions or interests in service:

813-507-6408 | Nes.Zapata@gmail.com



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PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT DOORS OPEN AT4:
WWW.THEPROMISESANNIVERSARYDINNER.COM

Oceans of Devotion

### 65th Florida State Convention 2022

Wednesday, August 3rd — Sunday, August 7th www.FloridaStateConvention.com Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa Fort Lauderdale, Florida www.MarriottHarborBeach.com

Name	Name to be printed on nametag				
Home Group					
City	StateZip	☐I would like to Volunteer			
Phone	The committee I'd	like to serve on is			
		neone from the Volunteer Committee will contact you!			
	Special Needs	: Hearing Vision Wheelchair			
	I am a(n): AA AlAnon Alateer				
	Delegate Past Delegate Trustee	Past Trustee			

REGISTRATION AND SPORTS						
Item,	Price	Qty	Sub Total			
Registration	\$40.00					
All-Inclusive Package	\$159.00					
Scholarship Contribution	\$5.00					
Alateen Only Registration	\$15.00					
Friday Ice Cream Social	\$15.00					
Saturday Ice Cream Social	\$15.00					
Friday Pasta Banquet Vegan Gluten-free	\$45.00					
Saturday Chicken Banquet Vegan Gluten-free	\$49.00					
Golf Tournament	\$85.00					
2 Mile Walk/Run	\$15.00					
Beach Cornhole	\$20.00					
Beach Volleyball	\$20.00					
Select shirt size for your sport	SML	XL 23	KL 3XL			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 65th Florida State Convention 5201 SW 9th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317

MERCH	ANDISE		
Item	Price	Qty	Sub Total
Tee: S M L XL XXL XXXL  Tee Color (circle one):	\$11.00		
Women's Tank: S M L XL XXL Tank Color (circle one):	\$18.00		
Unisex Tank: S M L XL XXL XXX Tank Color (circle one):	\$11.00		
Zippered Hoodie: S M L XL Zippered Hoodie: XXL XXXL	\$28.00		
Baseball Cap (circle one):	\$10.00		
Flat Bill Cap	\$10.00		
Unisex Sun Hat	\$21.00		
Canvas Drawstring Backpack	\$15.00		
Ceramic Mug (circle one):	\$7.00		
20oz Water Tumbler (circle one):	\$18.00		
Convention Lapel Pin	\$5.00		
Beach Towel (presale only)	\$25.00		

## NEW SPEAKER MEETING

5:45 New Beginnings GROUP



SUNDAYS 5:45pm



At "Our Club" 3218 Gandy Blvd Tampa, FL, 33611

Come and listen to speakers share their experience, strength, and hope!



District 2 Annual Gratitude Dinner



benefiting General Service Office

# GRATITUDE IS KEY

Sat Nov 5 2022

Doors open at 5 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm at New Hope United Methodist Church 213 Kings Ave., Brandon, FL 33510

CAKE WALK
50/50
TWO SPEAKERS





or go to aatampa.org

For more information, contact Wendy (434) 566-8182 or April (813)966-1189

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	JUNE	YTD	Group	JUNE	YTD	Group	JUNE	YTD
11th Step Group- Christ King		304.00	Live and Let Live Group	250.00		Sober @ 7 Group	119.79	175.93
11th Step Meditation 11th Step Retreat			Living in the Solution LivingSober/As Bill Sees It	250.00	500.00	Sober on Saturday Group SoberSticks Event	100.00	520.00 100.00
AA 101 Group			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group	8.65	398.65
Alpha Group		360.00	Mid Day Madness	100.00	100.00	Sobrietea Women's Group	0.00	370.03
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee Group zoom		100.00	Soberilla		1,420.41
Anonymous Donations	36.72	2667.01	Mid Day Matinee Group			Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
As Bill Sees ItRiverview			Morning Express Group	136.40	136.40	Social Distancing Group of AA (Z)		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		168.34	Morning Meditation Meeting		0.12	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	300.00	450.00	My Turn Group		586.00	Solutions Group		
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	220.00	Never Too Early Group			Southshore Men's Group	208.00	368.00
Beginners Group		182.00	Never Too Early Group(Zoom)		200.00	Southside Men's Group # 1		878.00
Big Book Bunch Group	379.98	577.63	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	171.06	393.44	Southside Men's Group # 2	130.00	475.00
Bill D's Group		125.00	New Beginnings Brandon		209.00	Southside Men's Group #3		300.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	184.00		New Beginnings-(Our Club)			Southside Men's Group #4		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		84.00	Newcomers Group		253.64	Spiritual Development	60.00	60.00
Came To Believe Group						•	00.00	460.00
·		325.00	New Tampa Monday Men's		404.25	Spiritual Growth Group	200.00	
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Way Women's Group Next Door Group		1 628 02	Stay the Course Group	200.00	200.00
Carrollwood Group Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		1.41	Next Door Group Nightly Newcomers Group		1,038.92	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group Step Sisters in Sobriety		169.00
Clean Air Group	25.00	50.00	Nooners GroupRiverview	68.31	364.05	Stepping Stones Group (w)		98.00
Close to Home Group	23.00	30.00	Nooners GroupTampa	00.51	259.82	Sun City Center Group		57.50
Come as You Are Group		63.50	Noontime Celebration Gp.		237.02	Sun City Center Zoom		133.00
Common Solution Group	0.54		Odessa Group		287.42	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		
District Two General Service			Old School Group		50.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Early Risers Group - Joe's		260.00	Old School Gp Anniversary			Sunshine Group		60.00
Expect a Miracle Group		572.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		190.19	Sweet Surrender Group		98.10
Experience, Strength & Hope			One Day at a Time Group			Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	350.00
FCYPAA Committee			Palma Ceia Big Book Group		400.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	234.05	907.61
Fear Not Group			Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Group		0.84
Fireside Group	5.26	222.34	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom	141.90	419.80
Freedom in Sobriety Group		231.00	Plank Owners Group Plant City Sunday Night			Tampa Palms Big Book		200.00
Fresh Start Group Friday Night Lights Group			Promises Meeting Group		370.88	Tampa Sat Night Speakers T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		200.00
Fri. Morning Women's Friendship		735.80	Reflections Group-Lake Mag			TGIS Group		
Grapevine Gals Group		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Riverside Group			Thank God it's Friday Group		275.00
Grupo Poco a Poco			Rule 62/Keep it Simple		486.00	The 164 Group	250.00	250.00
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Ruskin Fellowship Group			The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa		(2.00	Ruskin Womens Big Book		19.66	The Meeting Place Group		2,739.40
Happy Destinty Group Happy Hour Group		63.00 500.00	Ruskin 11th Step Meditation Safe Haven Group		50.00	There is a Solution Thursday Pavillion Peeps		42.00 92.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa		300.00	Safe, Sane &Sober Group		208.83	To Improve Our Consious Contact		92.00
Hide-A-Way Group		268.71	Saturday Night Fever Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.	130.00	780.00
High Nooners Group	100.00		Saturday Night Live Group			UT 717 Group		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City			Saturday Serenity Group	210.00	210.00	Valrico Friday Morning		153.69
Hope Floats Group	24.80	261.42	Seekers of Serenity II Group		600.06	We Are Not Saints Group		
It's in the Book Group			Serenity GroupZOOM			Wed Night Step Workshop		
In Loving Memory Just What I Wanted Big Book		825.00	Simply Sobriety Women's Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)			Wed Keep it Simple Group Wellspring Group		489.21
Keep it Simple Men's Group		150.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group			Wesley Chapel Group	10.65	629.47
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		178.40			3 2.00	With Room to Grow Group		1,000.00
Keep it Simple Group Dade City		955.00				Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keeping It Real Group			Donations thru PayPal	462.00	1,485.04	Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Keystone Group	<b>=</b> 0.0=	481.65		1 20= ==		Women's Friendship Group	2 = -	202.51
Kingsway Group	79.95	307.45		1,397.77		XYZ-32 Group	2.71	302.71
Life Enrichment Group Little Harbor Grapevine Group	533.00	533.00	YTD Total		15,688.42			
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