



# Tri-County Central Office News

Two men met in a small room 75 years ago and sent their message to first one, then two, then millions. Every one of us is sober because Alcoholics Anonymous has remained unified and working toward one primary purpose. Jay M. Akron Intergroup Chairman

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## COMFORT IN ACTION

One of the sayings a newcomer soon hears, upon arrival in AA, is “*Stick with the winners.*” When a newcomer asks for a definition of a winner, he is sometimes told that a winner is an AA who is “comfortably active and actively comfortable” in the program. I like that description, for, if the name of the game in AA is comfort in our lives, then these winners are probably the best examples. A newcomer, full of confusion and fear, comes into AA with the idea that *he* must manage to control everything in his life, otherwise it won’t work. At our local AA intergroup office, we have a lady who is fond of telling newcomers that this feeling is natural, since we alcoholics seem to be the doers of this world. As we look at the successful, happy, sober AA’s around us, we see that these are the people who are completely involved in the program. They run; they help; they see to it that things are in order for the good of the group. I think, from what I have seen, that the *doing* alone accounts for only half their success. Of course, the mere taking of action keeps these AA’s from feeling bored with themselves, by keeping them involved with the people around them, so that they don’t get tripped up by a lonely-self-pity problem. But the real secret—what makes them “winners”—seems to lie in the *attitude* with which they serve. Here is the real test, the true measure for an alcoholic in AA. If I am asked to help, can I do so and not take notice of the result? Can I lose enough of my ego to just *do* the job, regardless of its fruits? After all, if my real motive in an action is the reward other people will give me, the action probably isn’t worth taking. One asset this program has given me, for which I will always be grateful, is the sure knowledge that I don’t have to live my life to satisfy the wants of everyone around me! Now that I don’t have to be concerned with the other guy’s opinion, I don’t have to count on his praise, either! We all know what happens to us when we try to live our lives as others expect us to. In my drinking years, I had to bat a thousand; any degree of failure was too much for me to handle. Today, I don’t have to do that any more. Even through there are still plenty of people who know how to live my life better than I, today I live for me, not for them. Over the months that its taken me to get this through my head, I’ve had a chance to see a change in *my* attitude toward service. I must admit, the job of Regional Trustee on the AA General Service Board looked mighty inviting when I heard the applause those Trustees got at our International Convention last summer. I’ve always been a pushover for applause, anyway. So,

From the Central Office  
SERVICE DESK  
A total of 540 phone calls  
were made to the  
Central Office in  
JANUARY  
234 for info on AA,  
1 for info on Al-Anon,  
4 messages for other  
inquiries,  
3 requesting a Twelfth Step call,  
298 after Office Hours calls.  
There were 230 walk-ins visits as well.

when the spirit moved me to look around and see what I could do to help the Fellowship, naturally I looked right to the top! Since then, while my sobriety has continued to run its emotional obstacle course, I’ve been able to become a little more realistic. Somewhere along the line, I got the message that, even if I *could*

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## MORE THAN SOBRIETY

Sobriety, of itself, is not a goal which insures victory; it is not merely an accomplishment which we achieve on a certain date. Sobriety in AA is much more. It is like finding, after a long search, the right road—a road on which we can travel confidently, knowing that we are going properly in the right direction. I believe all of us experienced periods of sobriety even before AA—periods when we were on the wagon because of poor health, money troubles, or all kinds of other troubles. Most of the time, such periods were quite miserable, principally because we felt deprived of something and were not at all sure of ourselves. We knew it wouldn’t work, at least not for any extended time. And it didn’t. We tried many other tricks and subterfuges, but each time we ended up where we had started. We were lost! That is why many of us experience a feeling of elation when we meet AA. Then, finally, we know that this is the right road. We feel safe. We are going in the right direction. We in AA have the soul-satisfying advantage of traveling a way that many like us have traveled successfully before. They offer us a map suggesting the best route, in Twelve Steps. They have posted signs along the way—signs of encouragement or signals of possible dangers—and are even ready to help if we stray from the road a bit. We take the First Step along this road, when we admit we are powerless over alcohol, that our lives have become unmanageable. Oh yes, we have in the past admitted secretly to ourselves, in our saner moments, that alcohol was making a mess of us and that we were making a mess of the lives of others. But such temporary admissions only added to our guilt and forced us to seek another drink to forget it all. Our First Step, our first admission within AA, is quite different. No longer are we resentfully admitting *part-time* powerlessness or *occasional* unmanageability. We admit *total* helplessness. We ask for help. AA tells us about the disease of alcoholism, the cause of our trouble. We learn that we are it’s victims. This is a good start. Now we realize that we were not always the horrible people we thought we were. In the nature of our disease, much of what we did was not entirely our choice. We learn that alcoholism is a physical allergy coupled with a mental obsession. One drink set up in our bodies a compulsion which by ourselves we were totally unable to resist. In our minds, many drinks created an obsession which blinded us to reality, giving alcohol a value which, in fact, it never had. Now, with this knowledge and a desire to stop drinking, we are prepared to follow directions, to do what is prescribed for an alcoholic who wants to improve his position. The directions are clearly outlined. They come to us at meetings, from our new friends in AA, and from our books and pamphlets. All of these outline the AA way of life, to be lived one day at a time, without alcohol. We learn that we cannot live haphazardly or carelessly. We cannot follow our whims nor always do just what we want to do. We don’t want to live dangerously. We see other alcoholics

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**TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties  
 (877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672!**

Hello everybody! My name is Tom F. and I am an alcoholic.

Men's Falkenburg Coordinator: Buddy H. could not attend the meeting but reports everything is going great as usual at Falkenburg.

Hillsborough Women's Jails Coordinator: Lindsay T. could not attend the meeting but reports all is well at both Falkenburg and Orient Road.

Both Buddy and Lindsay are hoping to get the folks just cleared in the January orientation involved as soon as possible with the current meetings.

Men's Orient Road Jail Coordinator: Paul D reports that Orient rd is business as usual. Paul says that progress has not been as yet on getting another men's meeting started there and he is also looking at getting the new cleared volunteers involved in the meetings he is covering.

Juvenile Coordinator: Brian B. reports all is well with the meetings he is responsible for.

Rob T. also could not attend but reports that all meetings are being covered at both Acts Detox and Town and Country. As previously mentioned he is looking for some help covering the ACTS detox on 50<sup>th</sup> Street and ARC in Drew Park.

East Pasco Women's Coordinator: Cathy C. also could not attend the meeting but reports all is well in East Pasco.

Pre Release Coordinator: Joe L. did not attend but reports that the past two months have been completely quiet in terms of requests coming for contacts with inmates who are about to be released.

Jean P. and John S attended the meeting for their first time and we are happy they came.

We have a number of service positions opened at this if you would like to get involved with our committee please contact me by phone my number is on the right or by e-mail (tfitzgel@tampabay.rr.com)  
 In Love & Service,  
 Tom F.

**Next Committee Meetings**

March 23rd at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work in Detox/Treatment/Jail/Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Pink Can Drive**

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

**Thank you to those groups** who have sent in a donation this Month: Anonymous donor, Friday Friendship Women's Group, In the Middle Group, Midday Matinee Group, Noon Big Book Group, Old School Group, Sober at Seven, Sober on Saturday Group, Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group, Thursday Night There Is A Solution Group (Club 3333), Wellspring Recovery Group.

**TBAIC 2010 Committee Members**

<b>Tom F. - Chair</b>	<b>813-818-4439</b>
<b>Buddy H. - Alt Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Lloyd O.—Treasurer</b>	<b>813-748-9116</b>
<b>Kelly K. – Secretary</b>	<b>813-313-0387</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Paul D. – Men's Orient Rd</b>	<b>727-385-5529</b>
<b>Buddy H. – Men's Falkenburg</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Lindsay T.– Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-326-5408</b>
<b>Rob T. - Detox</b>	<b>813-453-6059</b>
<b>Nikki S.—Detox</b>	<b>727-686-8857</b>
<b>HCI Women's Prison- POSITION</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>E Pasco Jail - Mens- POSITION</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail - Women's</b>	<b>813-727-1415</b>
<b>Tom D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-782-7209</b>
<b>Barbie R. - Treatment</b>	<b>727-804-3229</b>
<b>Position Open - Bridge The Gap</b>	
<b>Joe L. - Pre-Release</b>	<b>813-918-3489</b>
<b>Brian B.- Juvenile</b>	<b>760-215-2993</b>
<b>Heather B.—Juvenile</b>	<b>760-828-5394</b>

**Treasurers Report – FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

2009 Balance Carried Into 2010 Including Donations YTD	\$5494.52
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$300.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$1,284.00
Less YTD Expenses	-\$188.27
Pink Can Current Balance	\$1,773.93
Spending Account Balance	\$3504.41

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be a Trustee, I would still be one more drunk, working together in partnership with my Higher Power and a bunch of other drunks—just so we could all stay alive! Why not, I asked myself, just get busy in my own group, do what I can, and forget the glory? It's much simpler, for I have to lose my ego-centric attitude if I expect to be any good to anybody—even myself. Being sorry for myself because I'm not getting enough attention, feeling thoroughly bored because my ego won't let me look outside myself—that's not the answer. Getting active—extending my hand to a newcomer, making coffee, and doing it all because *it makes me feel better*—this seems like a better way to comfortable sobriety. The “winners” are the people I see contributing without any thought of themselves at all. If I, too, can learn to be a selfless contributor, I don't think I'll miss the applause one little bit.  
R.S., Queens, N.Y.  
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following directions and staying sober. (Just so, we have observed that people who have arrested cases of diabetes or tuberculosis live well as long as they observe the way of life prescribed by their physicians) The Twelve Steps outline the AA way of life clearly. They take us, a step at a time, along a road which hundreds of thousands of recovered alcoholics have traveled before us. The Steps sum up their way of living successfully. For any anxiety or problem that might have prompted a return to alcohol, they found the solution in the Twelve Steps. We, too, can live that way. Related to and supporting the Twelve Steps are many other features of this new AA way of life. These are our meetings, with our home groups and wherever we travel. There is my phone call to you, and your call back to me. You tell me a bit of your experience, and you hear some of mine. We get to know each other. There is our literature, giving us inspiration, strength, and courage for the journey and giving us also a common language, understood through-out all of AA. All that AA has gathered together for us results in an enrichment of our lives which we can call only “the AA way of life.” This enrichment comes slowly, gradually, and continuously. It comes in addition to better mental and physical health and growth. It appears in new ideals, new attitudes, new capabilities, and new accomplishments, which never were at any time a part of our drinking lives, nor could we have imagined them then, even in our wildest dreams. The only requirements are to stop drinking and, with an open mind and as much honesty as we can command, to give serious and steady attention to all that AA is offering us. Our new road leads to a genuine interest in others and a desire to share this way of life with them. We are no longer alone. We accept help for ourselves—then we reach out and aid those who seek our experience, our understanding, and the grace of God given us so abundantly.  
**Permission to Reprint/AA Grapevine/December 1960**

**AND THEY WAITED....**I am a recovered alcoholic. Eleven years ago, I had my last drink, thanks to AA. It had taken those patient, ever-forgiving, and often caustic people about four years to get through to me. I had as much humility as a dictator. I used defenses like they were going out of style. I could make the Serenity Prayer seem the most controversial piece of philosophy ever written. I was an intellectual snob who torn the program to pieces. And they waited. Yes, they had watched and heard guys like me before. While most of the group went on trying to help, I'm sure they were disgusted and disheartened. They trucked the body back and forth to drying-out places, and my sponsor hung on. Somehow, some way, I got the program—because AA can wait “and not be tired by waiting,” as Kipling said in his poem “If.” I considered myself a pretty smart and able person. It should have been obvious, from the progression of my drinking, that something emotional was short-circuiting my smarts; but I could not recognize the emotional factor. When I was told to stop drinking, I refused to see sobriety as the answer. When I heard the Slogans, they came through as kindergarten psychology. When I listened to the stories of others, I agreed that they were alcoholics and that they were in the right place for them. So.....in and out, in and out, sober and drunk, drunk and sober. The smarts were working just fine. I lost my job, the family, and last, but not least, my human dignity. Was this happening to *me*? Could a smart guy let himself get caught in this self-destructive bind? I had never given a thought to my emotional immaturity. To me, maturity had meant accomplishing and getting ahead in this world, and by God I had done that! But there I was. Everything I had depended on to prove my stability was gone. At this point, I knew I had to stop drinking. But I didn't need AA! You had better believe it! But they waited and they waited and they waited, and they were not tired tired by waiting.  
**J.H., Meriden, Conn. Permission to Reprint/AA Grapevine/1971**

**A funny thing happened.....**A very curious thing happened after I'd been sober awhile. I found that almost all the people I couldn't relate to were changing! I had to go up to people I didn't like and shake their hands, talk to them. It was amazing how their thinking was the same as mine. Time passes, and more and more people are becoming the kind of person I get along with very well. The meetings are changing too. I guess it's because the chairpersons are being more selective or something. It's also very curious about people outside the groups—family, too. They all seem to be taking an attitude more to my liking. Friends tell me that maybe I'm changing, but that's hard to believe. Who could change a stubborn old reprobate like me?  
G.J., Newmarket, Ont.  
Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine/ March 1982

**☺Resentment involves the decision and the plan to change some one else instead of myself. ☺A pessimist is one who complains of the noise when opportunity knocks. ☺When you argue with a fool make sure that he is not similarly occupied.**

**God must have great faith in me: for today my burdens have been a little heavy, yet I have not taken a drink.**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

February 09th, 2010 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
CATHY K.	CHAIRPERSON	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
RICK D	VICE-CHAIR	EARLY RISERS GROUP
DIANA H.	TREASURER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
JANIE M.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
MOLLY J.	BOARD MEMBER	NORTH TAMPA YOUNG & RESTLESS GROUP
DANIELLE E.	BOARD MEMBER	WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
CINDY H.	BOARD MEMBER	HELPING HANDS GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
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AL B.	ADVISOR TO THE CHAIR	DRUID HILLS GROUP

Cathy K., our new Chairperson opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Danielle E. representing the Woman's Friendship Group was welcomed as our newest Board Member. Cindy H. read the January Minutes. There was no discussion, a second was made to approve the Minutes as read. All were in favor. Diana H. our new Treasurer read the January Treasurer's Report and asked for any discussion. Cathy had a question about the Health Insurance, was it paid monthly, yearly, how was it paid? It was explained that it's paid, now, every other month. A motion was made to accept the report as read, all were in favor. Old Business was a recap and finalization of the previous meetings concerning the upcoming Anniversary Dinner. Discussion ensued over some of the remaining commitments that had not been filled yet. Who's bring what? It was decided that anything left after discussion with the Council would fall to the Office Manager making sure the items were purchased. This was the result of the Motion made that: If no one else volunteers at the Council meeting, Central Office will supply the ice, water tea, coolers-etc. This motion passed. Diana noted that she would be having eye surgery but would try to be there for the event and asked that Janie be in charge of things in case she can't be there. Everyone was in agreement. Chris S. bought up the idea of having the Board Meeting moved to another day, something like a Saturday. Other than the Office Manager, no one else liked the idea. Danielle noted that she would be at the Anniversary Dinner to help with the set-up but would have to leave because she was the guest-speaker that night at the Saturday Night Fever Group. Diana noted that Janie would be in charge of the name tags for the event. Cindy H. had a question concerning Traditions 11, Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. There seems to be a big billboard on I-4 advertising Alcoholics Anonymous. It was noted that this was acceptable. It's not an endorsement by someone using the AA name but rather information put out for anyone interested in finding AA. The Council Meeting was nothing but a recap of everything that took place at the Board Meeting. Many of the members turned in the cash and/or tickets from their attempts to sell tickets for the Anniversary Dinner. Everyone got to leave pretty early that night. ☺👋

February 09th, 2010 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

DEBBI M	CENTRAL OFFICE LIAISON
STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
BRAD S.	IN THE MIDDLE GROUP
LINDA C.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
GARY N.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
SANDY S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JOHN W.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
COVEY M.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
FRED L.	TEMPLE TERRACE MEN'S GROUP
JUNE T.	SOBRENITY GROUP
CARLOS M.	5:45 NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
CHRIS B.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
TERRY Y.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JOHN DP	CARDINAL GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
STUART S.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
CATHY B.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
TONY P.	SUNSHINE GROUP
DALE H.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
RICHARD E.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
ARLENE S.	THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP
AL W. (ALT.)	THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP
JONATHAN L.	WELLSPRING GROUP
EMILE L.	CLEAN AIR GROUP

The **35th Tri-County Central Office Anniversary Dinner and Speaker Meeting** took place Saturday night February 13th, 2010 at the Christ the King Church. The tables were nicely decorated by the Safe Haven Group & friends with bits of hard candy and live flowers set in a coffee mug. One lucky person (*who-ever had the triangle under their chair*) got to take the flowers and mug home with them. Once again we had Lasagna as the main meal, along with a salad supplied by the Sober @ 7 Group, with the TBYP Group ready to dish it out. Paul G., out-going Chairperson of the Board was the M.C for the evening and Tommie D. from the Sober @ 7 Group and Jonie E. from the All Ages Group were our guest speakers. There were many, many people and Groups that helped out to ensure this event would go off without a hitch, most of them are listed above in the roster list, that a special **Thank You!!!** should go out to all of them for helping to make this a very special and wonderful evening. Although there wasn't as many people (260???) who attended the Dinner, as we were expecting, it was still a very well attended meeting. The current count at the time of this writing, of monies collected for the fund-raiser were \$2636.00, minus \$950.86 for food and expenses, leaving us a total of \$1685.14 to benefit the Central Office. More will be revealed..... ☺👋

<b>ANNIVERSARY TIME</b>			
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SUE H.	03/28/03	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL G.	03/02/02	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICHARD E.	03/26/88	22 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BILL S.	03/20/09	1 YR
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MATT F.	03/12/09	1 YR
KEYSTONE GROUP	DONNA L.	03/27/06	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	SANDY B.	03/06/03	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JAY D.	03/15/95	15 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BOB W.	03/26/92	18 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SCOTT R.	03/10/08	2 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BRETT L.	03/04/08	2 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	STUART S.	03/06/06	4 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	RILEY T.	03/19/01	9 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DARLENE L.	03/18/95	15 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MICHELE A.	03/28/88	22 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	DIANE I.	03/25/85	25 YRS
SOLUTIONS GROUP	DALE H.	03/31/92	14 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	STACIE S.	03/16/94	16 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	MARY S.	03/12/87	23 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SHARON A.	03/24/77	33 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RON E.	03/17/07	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOE M.	03/01/71	39 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	ANGELO M.	03/19/89	21 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	KAREN M.	03/26/99	11 YRS
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	MELINDA R.	03/03/05	5 YRS

**In Remembrance:** Sam P., with over 30 years of sobriety, a dedicated and active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, a long-time member of the Joy in Sobriety Group, DCM for sub-district M and Alt-Chairperson for District 2 General Service, passed away February 25, 2010. He was one of us, my friend and I will miss him.

**~SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE~**

Our primary purpose is to make Alcoholics Anonymous available to everyone with a special need. We take meetings to the sick at home, in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and any other way we can carry the message. We meet the first Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at Joe's Club, 11601 Downs Loop, Riverview, FL 33569

**Editors Note:** Take a moment for reflection.....what if it was you. What if you had served for countless years within your Home Group and the AA community at large and now you find yourself disabled through an illness, an accident, old age or countless other things that could keep you from being able to get around on your own the way you used to do. Does that mean you have to give up AA because you can no longer get yourself to a meeting? Does that mean you have to suffer the doubts, the fears, the sadness and loneliness of being by yourself, locked away in your own mind with no friendships, no place to go, no AA? Thank God for the Special Needs Committee. They go where very few bother to go and they need your help. With only a handful of volunteers, they travel across our District trying to take the message to those who want it but can't get to it. Would you fellow AA'er consider volunteering some of your time and energy to help with the Special Needs Committee? They need your help and so do those who are out there but just can't get to us. **What if you needed a meeting and there was none?**

**The first Saturday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at Joe's Club, 11601 Downs Loop, Riverview, FL 33569—  
 Or Call  
 Central Office @ 813-933-9123 for Contact Information**

*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.*

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**MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN**



**South Florida Area  
 General Service  
 Quarterly/Assembly**

**April 9-11, 2010  
 Hosted by  
 District 2 - Tampa**

"To a man, we of A.A. believe that our *freedom to serve* is truly the freedom by which we live --  
 the freedom in which we have our being." *Concert XII Warranty 6*

**Registration Friday 4:00pm - 8:30pm, Saturday 8:00am - 8:30pm, Sunday 7:00am - 9:00am**

**Friday, April 9**

8:30 PM Speaker Meeting  
 10:00 PM Night Owl Meeting  
 10:00 PM Spanish Night Owl Meeting

**Saturday, April 10**

7:00 - 8:00 AM Early Bird Meeting  
 7:00 - 8:00 AM Spanish Early Bird Meeting  
 8:00 - 9:00 AM Spanish Concepts Workshop  
 8:00 - 9:00 AM Concepts Workshop  
 8:00 - 9:00 AM Remote Communities Meeting  
 8:30 - 10:50 AM Treatment Facilities Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM Literature Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM Grapevine Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM PI/CPC Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM Special Needs Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM Archives Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM Current Practices Committee  
 9:00 - 10:50 AM State Convention Committee  
 11:00 - 12:00 PM Spanish Traditions Workshop  
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**Saturday, April 10**

12:00 - 1:30 PM Web Site Committee  
 12:30 - 1:30 PM District Chairpersons  
 12:30 - 1:30 PM District Treasurers  
 12:30 - 1:30 PM District Secretaries/Registrars  
 12:30 - 2:00 PM Linguistic Committee  
 1:30 - 3:50 PM Corrections Committee  
 2:00 - 3:50 PM Intergroup/Central Office  
 2:00 - 3:50 PM GSR Sharing  
 2:00 - 3:50 PM DCM Sharing  
 2:00 - 3:50 PM Finance Committee  
 3:00 - 3:50 PM Quarterly Coordinator  
 4:00 - 6:00 PM Conference Agenda Review  
 7:00 - 8:30 PM Banquet  
 8:30 - 9:30 PM Speaker Meeting  
 10:00 PM Conference Agenda Review

**Sunday, April 11**

7:00 - 8:00 AM Early Bird Meeting  
 7:00 - 8:00 AM Spanish Early Bird Meeting  
 9:00 AM South FL Area Business Meeting  
 1:00 PM South FL Area Assembly

Special needs for any meeting/workshop, hotel room with wheelchair access or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting/assembly can be arranged by contacting Jan S. (786) 282-8643 or specialneeds@area15aa.org by 03/09/09.

**Saturday Banquet**

Must be received by 03/26/09

No. of tickets @ \$34.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity Dinner \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest with Special Needs (state needs)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: District 2,  
 P.O. Box 20623, Tampa, FL 33622

**USF Embassy Suites**

3705 Spectrum Boulevard  
 Tampa, FL 33612

**Phone:**

813-977-7066

**Fax:**

(813) 977-7933

**Directions:**

I-75 North to Exit 265 Fowler Avenue  
 (travel west 4 miles), hotel on right

**Reservations:**

1-800-EMBASSY  
 Room Rate: \$124.00

Must be received by 03/26/09  
 Reference South FL Area General  
 Service Quarterly/Assembly

**Room Reservations**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ room(s)  
 for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s).

Arrival date \_\_\_\_\_

Departure \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ AmEx \_\_\_\_ M/C \_\_\_\_ Check

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (please attach)

Questions: Please contact District 2 Chair Ron J. at (727) 510-8355

