



Tri-County Central Office News

There are many paths up the mountain; the view from the top is the same.

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MY SPIRITUAL TOOLKIT

I am an eighty-seven year old alcoholic. I am thirty-three years young in my rebirth by the grace of a God of my understanding and the miracle of Alcoholics Anonymous. This is the way it is, and now here is the way it was. As far back as I can remember, I could never be myself. I didn't know what I really was: My family roots are African, Cherokee Indian, German, Irish, and Jewish. My first attempts at Steps Four and Five in AA helped me begin to let go of deep-seated resentments; I had been filled with fear, anger, and pride about my family and society. I was a mailman for thirty-seven years, and I lost the mail truck twice when I was drunk. I was in the Navy during the second World War, and I couldn't find my way back to the ship because I was drunk. I ended up in a flophouse room. I had lost my wife, my self-respect, and everything else except my job. I was fifty-four years of age. I had been sent to my bottom by King Alcohol and my racial resentments, and it was there that my friend R.H. found me. He was a drinking buddy of long standing, but he'd been sober in AA for three months, and he bought me a copy of the Big Book. I thumbed through the book as I sipped my booze that day and in my stupor I read a quote from Herbert Spencer in the appendices: "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is contempt prior to investigation." The last phrase opened my eyes. At the end of the week, I called my friend and asked him to take me to an AA meeting. I have not had a drink for thirty-three years since the day he bought me the Big Book—yet. I went to my first meeting arrogant, egotistical, and full of hate. I was a know-it-all at my first meeting. I was told in no uncertain terms to shut-up, sit down, and listen. I soon learned that they were helping me to "discover a chink in the walls (my) ego has built, through which the light of reason can shine." I loved the Big Book and slowly, in the book study meetings and at home, the pages began to really shine through and mean my life to me. In my hazy mind, the pages that caught my attention especially were those parts concerning race. I read on page 17, "We are people who normally would not mix....The tremendous fact for every one of us is that we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree. And upon which we can join in brotherly and harmonious action." And I read on page 28, "If what we have learned and felt and seen means anything at all, it means that all of us, whatever our race, creed, or color are the children of a living Creator with whom we may form a relationship upon simple and understandable terms as soon as we are willing and honest enough to try." I began to feel like a member of the human race. In my first year of sobriety, I retired from the postal service and was reunited with my wife, from whom I had been separated for eight years. It is better now than it ever has been in all the fifty-eight years we have been married. That first year, I had learned to drop the word "blame" from my

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AA's STEPS LEAD TO—SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

The Twelfth Step is, in a sense, the culmination of the whole program. It wraps up all the Steps which go before it and gives us a guide for living the whole program every day of our lives. The Step breaks down into three parts—spiritual awakening, trying to carry the message, and trying to practice these principles in all of our affairs. I think I have heard and been a party to more disagreements, puzzlements and confusion about the term "spiritual awakening" than any other in the program—including "God." And most of my difficulty was unnecessary. It could have been avoided just by paying more attention to what the Step itself says and less attention to my "old ideas" about spiritual awakening. First, a small point that made a big difference in my understanding. The Step does not say, "Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these Steps;" it says, "Having had a spiritual awakening as **the** result of these Steps." So a spiritual awakening is not just one of several results of working the Steps. It is the totality of what the Steps are all about, what they are aiming at. Therefore, to define spiritual awakening for myself in AA, all I have to do is describe the results of my work on the first eleven Steps. The work has involved: letting in the truth about my situation as an alcoholic and a loser in life; becoming willing to accept help, not on my terms, but on the terms offered; facing and accepting responsibility for my shortcomings and misbehavior rather than blaming Mums, Dads, my First Sergeant, the boss, the Twentieth Century or fate. The results of this work have been sobriety, stability and responsibility which have, in turn, produced a degree of meaning, satisfaction and joy in my life which were never there before. I have not yet mentioned God or Higher Power in connection with waking up spiritually. This is not because I want to apologize for or leave out God. The reality of God permeates and is the essence of spiritual awakening, but in order to begin to have experience of the reality, it is not first necessary to come to terms with the word God or even the words Higher Power. As long as one remains open-minded and willing about the words, experience of the reality does not have to and indeed ought not be postponed. One of the early fathers of Christian church said, "Do you wish to know God? Learn first to know yourself." This is the key which opens up the opportunity for recovery in AA to so many of us. Spiritual awakening can begin in the absence of much knowledge or understanding about God. It leads to such knowledge and understanding, but it begins with knowledge and acceptance of the truth about ourselves. So I am learning, when looking for signs of spiritual awakening in myself, to look, not for bright lights or emotional upheavals (although I'm sure there is a place for these too), but for sobriety, stability, responsibility, meaning, satisfaction, joy. These are the marks of the beginning of spiritual awakening, and they come as the result of work with the Steps. If they fail to come or, after a time, begin to disappear, the answer is no mystery; it is more work with the Steps.

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TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

Hello, my name is John O. and I am an alcoholic. It is with the utmost sorrow that I write this months TBAIC newsletter. Below is the report give by Cathleen C. a volunteer for the E. Pasco Women's Jails:

It is with deep sadness that I give this report:

On Sunday, July 8th, Sandy B. was killed in a motorcycle as she returned from a cross-country ride. We don't know what God has in store for us, and no one was expecting Him to take her so suddenly. Sandy was a giving soul, and that showed true in everything she did. She's touched many lives, and her legacy will live on, but she will sorely be missed both in and out of the rooms. Sandy thoroughly enjoyed her work at the facility and on this committee. She often expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to reach out to the inmates at Land O Lakes. It was a very important part of her AA life. Her family requested all donations to be made to TBAIC. She will continue to give to the jails and institutions even in her passing.

The report goes on to say that the E. Pasco Women's Jails were already in need of more volunteers and are in further need due to the tragic loss of their coordinator, Sandy B. In memory of Sandy B. the Keystone Discussion Group will be having a Special Speaker Meeting on July 31st at 7:30 PM to benefit TBAIC. The Speaker will be Sandy B. of the Saturday Night Fever Group.

Women's Jails are in need of volunteers across the board. Nancy B. our Hillsborough Women's Jails coordinator reported that meetings are not being covered and volunteers are already currently covering more than one meeting. For all Women interested in giving back please contact either Nancy B. or Cathleen C. to become involved in carrying meetings to Women in jail.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, for anyone interested in becoming involved or learning more about TBAIC we welcome you to call any of our coordinators or join us on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM at the Tri-County Central Office. In Love and Service, John O.

Treasurer's Report – July 1st , 2012

Year to Date Income Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$11,417.40
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Less YTD Literature	-\$ \$9,600.00
Less YTD Expenses	- \$ 257.95
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 1,059.45
Spending Account Balance Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 1,438.98

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on August 11th 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:

Came to Believe Group (\$81.00), Friday Night Live (\$8.00), Keystone Discussion Group (\$15.00), Kingsway Group (\$193.50), Live and Let Live (\$121.00), Living in the Solution (\$21.00), Meeting Place (\$22.00), Middy Matinee Group (\$216.00), New Way Women's Group (\$275.00), Nightly Newcomers 3333 (\$122.82), Noon Big Book (\$124.00), Ruskin Fellowship (\$100.75), Sister in Sobriety (\$45.40), There is a Solution Group (\$33.00), Wellspring Recovery Group (\$63.50),

TBAIC 2011 Committee Members

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

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speech, but I was only giving lip service to the idea. I was hiding my real feelings and still living in a fantasy world, being Sidney Poitier one day, Iron Eyes Cody the next. I did not drink, but it was a tooth-grinding, white-knuckle sobriety. I thank God for those AAs who saw what I was doing. Two men in my group told me to start and finish the Fourth and Fifth Steps and get down to causes and conditions right away! I began to really study the fifth chapter of the Big Book and to follow directions. That was thirty years ago. I no longer have the obsession to drink, not because of any goodness or virtue on my part, but because I have used the kit of spiritual tools passed down to me from Bill W. and Dr. Bob. I use the Tenth Step daily, and take suggestion from my sponsor to study the Big Book and all AA literature. AA has taught me that there are forty-eight tools in "the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet.": the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts, and the twelve articles of the charter, which include the six warranties of the twelfth article. AA principles have taught me to accept myself and to look for changes in attitude that I must make. AA has taught me that I no longer need to hold on to resentment against those people who called me "half-breed." I believe this firmly and with conviction, because I no longer doubt the Fellowship and the miracle of AA. It works—as long as I stay in action, trying to give away what was freely given to me. At eighty-seven with thirty-three years of sobriety, I am still trying. And for that I am grateful to God and AA.
Frank C., Hawthorne, California
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The "tired to carry the message to alcoholics" part of the Twelfth Step is pretty clear to most of us. The term "Twelfth Step work" refers to this part of the Step. The Big Book says, "Nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics." This is true for me. Reasoning my way out of old selfish habits has proven impossible, but the Twelfth Step work enables me to act my way out of myself by working with the problems of others (which so often turn out to be worse than my own). I had one difficulty in doing Twelfth Step work that my sponsor helped me with. I was nervous about talking to older people or people with tough histories because I'm young and high-bottom. He said to me, "That's ego. The Step doesn't say, "carried a terrific message every time; it says, "tired to carry the message." In relation to your recovery, Twelfth Step work has nothing to do with whether you sparkle or not; it has everything to do with whether you make the attempt to communicate your experience, strength and hope in this program. As long as you do your best and are sincere, it's good Twelfth Step work." The last part of the Twelfth Step, about practicing these principles in all my affairs, has come to mean an awful lot to me. For me, it means, don't be a two-stepper, don't take the parts of the program you like and leave the rest out, don't settle for half-measures in your practice of the program. It means these principles won't work for me unless I take them out of the AA meetings and carry them over into my home, business and social life. The first 100 members of this Fellowship, who hammered out the Twelve Steps, knew what they were doing. They could have made it two steps or ten steps or twenty-five steps, but they didn't. I don't think they put anything in they didn't think was needed. They were working the whole program, not because they were saints, but because they were drunks who wanted to get well. I have no reason to suppose I'm any less sick than they were; I have no reason to suppose I need any less of the program than they did. I think I want to "keep it simple" as much as the next guy, but I also think my sobriety, my sanity and my very life depend on keeping all of it.
T.P., Jr, Hankins, N.Y.
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QUALITY OF SOBRIETY

Just as no one can tell a person whether or not he is an alcoholic, no one can tell you about the quality of your sobriety except yourself. It seems lately in working with new members of the program (and some not so new), that while they recognize quality of sobriety they just will not exert themselves to make the effort to acquire it. It seems that they are half-happy! When their attitudes and thinking get out of kilter, they admit that while vacationing for five weeks they just never did get to a meeting or make any AA contact whatsoever. Or they drag to one meeting a week (if nothing interferes) trying desperately to maintain the shaky sobriety they have, not because they want to attend, but because they seem scared not to. If you suggest that they read a chapter a day in the Big Book, they meekly tell you they have loaned their book to someone. At a recent closed meeting this topic was brought up for discussion, and many members didn't seem to know what we were talking about, or were so vague as to contribute that the "quality of their sobriety was the fact that they were sober today." My sponsor and many old-timers taught me that quality was just as important as quantity. You don't have to be half-happy! Alcoholism takes no vacation! No matter where you travel there are meetings available. At home there are meetings every night in the week—try getting some extra ones. Cherish and read your own Big Book; buy the newcomer one of his own! Sobriety is much more than staying dry.
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QUALITY OF SOBRIETY.....continued

It is a daily living (to the best of our ability) of this program according to principles set down to guide us. It is giving of yourself to Twelfth Step work, participating in meetings and doing all you can in gratitude. When you see a happy, contented, sober alcoholic, one whose quality you admire, you will see an active, contributing, working member of the program.
B.B., Fort Lauderdale, FL.
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"The AA way of life is the way we always should have tried to live. 'Grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.' These thoughts become part of our daily lives. They are not ideas of resignation but of the recognition of certain basic facts of living." *Alcoholics Anonymous*, pp. 382-3

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

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

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

Al opened the meeting by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and if everyone has signed in. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Brian read the June Minutes. There were no questions. Minutes were accepted and approved. The Treasurer was not in so Al gave a brief report. There were no questions. Treasurer's report was accepted and approved. In Old Business the new Birthday Envelope was brought up but Tim had misplaced the example so there was no discussion. It was also decided that since there were several other events going on in our local area within the next few months, Central Office would not try to put on another event until it's annual Anniversary Dinner in February. In New Business Jim McI asked what the process is in replacing Board members. Al explained the process. There was nothing else so the Board Meeting ended quickly. At the Council Meeting several new Council Members were introduced. Peter and Daniel from the Mid Day Matinee Group, Lloyd and Melissa from the Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group, Joe C. from the Keep it Simple Men's Group, Steve T. from the Druid Hills Group, and Thelma A. from the Meeting Place Group. After introductions were made, Al opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Thelma read the June Minutes. There were no questions. Minutes were accepted and approved. Al asked Tim to present the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions. Treasurer's report was accepted and approved. In Old Business the new Birthday Envelope was brought up but Tim had misplaced the example so there was no discussion and it was tabled until next month. Al mentioned that since there were several other events going on in our local area within the next few months, maybe Central Office should not try to put on another event until it's annual Anniversary Dinner in February. After some discussion the consensus of the Groups present was that Central Office should only do the Anniversary Dinner and the Founder's Day Event. There was no New Business. Tom F. presented the District 2 Liaison Report noting that the General Service Office in New York is getting stained financially due to lack of contributions. Also the next meeting of District 2 General Service will be August 5th, 2012, from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at The Club, 3333 West Columbus Drive. Several announcements were made and Al reminded everyone to please call ahead for your literature and would have it ready for you when you come in. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

"I'm usually about eighty percent of the problem - well, maybe sixty percent, but the major part, you can bet on that. If I can leave out the largest percent (me), there is hardly any problem at all!"

June 12th, 2012 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
LORRIE J.	REFLECTIONS GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
DONNA L.	SUNSHINE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
LINDA F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
STEVE T.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
CATHLEEN C.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
JOE C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MENS GROUP
JAMES S.	TOWN & COUNTRY MENS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CHRISTA G.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
DANIEL H.	MID DAY MATINEE GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
LLOYD O'H	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
MELISSA N.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
TOM F.	WELLSPRING GROUP
BRIAN S.	LOVE IN SERVICE GROUP
BRANT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
THELMA A.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
KAREN M.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
PATTI G.	THE CLUB???

SOBERSTOCK ELECTIONS

Hello Every one! We just wanted to send you this reminder email that the SoberStock Committee Elections are coming on Saturday, August 4th, 2012. We are in need of fellow AA's to step-up to the plate and help us out, in keeping with A.A's "Spirit Of Rotation", we ask of you to come and help SoberStock to continue! This is your chance to do some service work that is really fun! We are looking for people with all sorts of talents, or some motivation - we can help you succeed in the position you are looking for! Here are the details:
When: Saturday, August 4th 3:30 pm **Where: The Old School Group at Crystal Lakes Plaza 18125 US Hwy 41 just South of Sunset - PLEASE PARK IN DIRT LOT AT SIDE OF BUILDING - NOT IN FRONT OR REAR OF BUILDING!**
For more details, please visit www.soberstock.com
Thanks! The SoberStock Committee

ANNIVERSARY TIME

SELF-SUPPORT-JUNE 2012

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	RICHARD S.	06/19/11	1 YR
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	RAY N.	06/17/11	1 YR
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	GRASON	06/01/11	1 YR
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	GERARD G.	06/06/10	2 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	BILL S.	06/03/10	2 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	CINDY C.	06/09/99	13 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	"T" B.	07/08/07	5 YRS
SAFE HAVEN GROUP	DENIS B.	07/22/06	6 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	TONY S.	07/09/08	4 YRS
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	KATY S.	07/03/03	9 YRS
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	DON K.	07/27/90	22 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHUCK L.	08/18/07	5 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MIKE S.	08/15/08	4 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	18 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JOANNE L.	08/21/05	7 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RUTH F.	08/31/95	17 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	31 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JENNIFER T.	08/07/09	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LINDA P.	08/20/08	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROD G.	08/28/04	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	THAD H.	08/30/06	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/05/06	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NICKI C.	08/01/05	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NANCY C.	08/04/83	29 YRS

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

Honors To	Date	Years
BOB F.	03/28/96	16 YRS
MICHAEL P.	07/0/4/92	20 YRS

IT WORKS. IT REALLY WORKS!!!

A. A. groups exist to help alcoholics achieve sobriety. Large or small, firmly established or brand-new, speaker, discussion or study group has but one reason for being: to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. The group exists so that the alcoholic can find a new way of life, a life abundant in happiness, joy, and freedom. To recover, most alcoholics need the support of a group of other alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope.



☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/ East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in June of 2012 we have **233** Groups with **598** meetings a week. Although we have lost some groups in the past year, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material and more groups are being formed as we speak. This year to date contributions from Groups (June ,2012) have totaled \$41,252.80 for the year. That accounts for what **120** Groups in our area have contributed plus the 50 AA'er's who contributed \$921.59 in contributions anonymously and the \$1000.00 from the Old School Group's Anniversary Dinner and the \$3,055.00 minus \$984.94 in expenses we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner and the \$1,150.00 generated from Raffle Tickets for the First Edition Big Book we are raffling off at our first ever Founders Day Event. And the \$ 272.00 generated from the 12 Step Workshop hosted by the 164 Group and the \$1400.00 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the keystone Group and the \$91.87 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the Cardinal Group. And the \$1500.00 donated to us from the Soberstock event. And the \$36.30 from the Women's Perspective Conference. And the \$218.00 from the 9 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Our Literature sales for June bought in \$5,682.50 plus \$15.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were \$ 6,186.38. This includes \$1,18.00 from the Birthday Plan and \$1,060.21 Our total income for June was \$11,863.88. Our Cost of Goods was \$3,945.02. Subtracting the Cost of Goods from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,918.86. Our Expenses for June were \$8,291.79. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus \$ 372.93 for the month of June . As I have stated in the past, we are not trying to squeeze you for more money. We know we can always count on you. We just wanted to bring some awareness of our situation to those who may be new to A.A. or new to being a Treasurer or Trusted Servant to their Group or to those who do not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. It's the nature of the beast...as our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continue to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support through your contributions, special events that groups put on for the benefit of Central Office and the literature sales. That's why we have started including this report in the newsletter, so you can see how we are doing and what's needed on a monthly basis. Thank You for your Support.



MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

TBAIC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



**A Fund-Raiser for the Tampa
Bay Area
Institutions Committee
hosted by TBAIC.
October 27th, 2012
Gadsen Park
6901 South MacDill Avenue
Call Buddy H. for complete
details at 813-871-2514**

SUNSET ROUNDUP 2012

Key West Florida
August 10-12, 2012
DoubleTree Grand Key Resort
For Info: www.sunsetroundup.com

CARRY THE MESSAGE DAY

Hosted by District 2

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

16th ANNUAL NATIONAL AA ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

October 4-7, 2012
International Palms Resort &
Conference Center
1300 North Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
For Details:
www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com

56th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

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

Fourteenth Annual

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

26th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP

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

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

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

REGISTER ONLINE AT
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Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		150.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		55.10	Saturday Night Candlelight		33.50
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		118.18	Saturday Night Live Group		314.00
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple - YANA		150.00	Serenity Group MLK		
164 Group			Keep It Simple Group (Dade)		224.90	Sisters in Sobriety Group		252.00
A.A. 101 Group		496.48	Keystone Group	174.00	743.00	Sober @ 7 Group	194.78	386.79
A.A. 102 Group		162.25	Kingsway Group	58.00	132.12	Sober on Saturday Group	40.00	460.05
All Groups		1,491.87	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Sunday Group		
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	LateNighters Group	102.57	227.27	Sober Spirits Group	10.00	10.00
Alpha Group	10.00	60.00	Lemon Tree Group		0.70	SOBERSTOCK		1500.00
Anniversary Dinner 2012		3055.00	Life Enrichment Group		222.30	Sobriety Group		88.14
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Little Red Book Group			Softball Tournament / CO		
Anonymous Donations	166.99	926.72	Live and Let Live Group		500.00	Solutions Group	191.61	1060.22
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		300.00	Living in the Solution Group		775.00	Southshore Men's Group		260.00
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		385.23	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It		180.35	Southside Men's Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	200.00	500.00	Lunch Bunch Group		27.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		75.00
Back to Basics Group - Tampa	100.00	100.00	Mainly Sober Group - Zhills			Southside Men's Group # 3		
Barracks Brigade Group			Mapledale Group	200.00	300.00	Spiritual Development Group		150.00
Bel-Mar Group		120.25	Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Growth Group		
Beginners Step Group			Mid Day Matinee Group		1500.00	Spiritual Progress Group		139.75
Bill D's Group		150.00	Monday Nite Madness 3333		546.80	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
BIRTHDAY PLAN	118.00	324.00	Morning Express Group		125.00	Step at a Time Group		496.00
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12		50.00	Morning Group - Zephyrhills	125.00	315.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)		70.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Morning Meditation Meeting			Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Morning Miracles Group		230.57	Sunday Afternoon Meeting	306.00	306.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp			My Turn Group			Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	480.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	90.00	418.44	New Beginnings - Brandon		377.00	Sunshine Group		100.00
Came To Believe Group	162.50	292.50	New Beginnings Our Club		0.19	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa		636.09	New Beginnings Women's		120.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Group	200.00	365.60
Carrollwood NS Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		205.92	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Chancey Road AA Group		50.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	New Day Group		123.50	Tampa Palms Big Book	135.00	335.00
Clean Air Group		9.73	New Way Women's Group	992.00	992.00	Tampa Palms Men's Group	183.75	368.20
Dade City Step Group		150.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		560.71	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			Noon AA Group Brandon			TGIS Women's Group	52.50	265.23
District 2 General Service			Noon Big Book Group	0.58	258.63	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Dover Group		77.40	Nooners Group--Riverview	60.54	108.46	The 164 Group		166.80
Druid Hills Group			Nooners Group--Tampa		202.75	164 12 Step Workshop		272.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		306.90	Noontime Celebration Group		350.00	The Meeting Place Group	19.00	216.60
Easy Does It Group	40.00	60.00	North Brandon Open Forum	30.00	70.00	The Next Frontier Group	100.00	100.00
Expect a Miracle Group		80.00	Northdale Group		133.25	There is a Solution Group		
Fill the Gap Group		55.06	Odessa Group			There is a Solution Group 3333		
Fireside Group			Old School Group	200.77	909.43	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		50.00
Founders Day Event	1,060.21	2,210.21	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club	130.00	315.00	Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety		75.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		73.41	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		204.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			One Day at a Time Group		100.00	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		75.00
Friday Night Lights Group	175.00	635.60	One Day at a Time Mtg.		40.00	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Friday Night Women's Group		260.00	Palma Ceia Group		532.55	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		265.00
Friday Women's Friendship		489.95	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group		187.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		208.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		400.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group	45.00	95.00
Good Day AA Group			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group		
Good Start Group - YANA			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.		150.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Happy Hour Group Brandon			Plank Owners Group		200.00	Warrior's Group	1.41	3.36
Happy Hour Group YANA			Primary Purpose Group		74.23	Weedpatch Group		80.00
Harbor Lights Group			Promises Meeting		80.00	Wellspring Group		140.92
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City		100.00	Prosperity AA Group			Wednesday Night Step Workshop		
Hide-A-Way Group			Red Chip Day Donation			Wesley Chapel Group	100.55	245.13
High Nooners Group	200.00	900.00	Red Door Group			West Side Winners Group	3.89	53.89
Higher Learning Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		325.00	With Room to Grow Group		
Hour Glass Group		200.00	Riverside Group		179.64	Women's Friendship Group		89.75
I.D.A.A.			Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety	31.73	81.73	Women's Perspective Conference		36.30
In the Wind Group		532.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		356.20			
Into Action Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group		250.00			
It's in the Book Men's Group		50.00	Safe Haven Group	75.00	75.00			
Just for Today Group								
TOTAL	2,322.70		TOTAL	2180.19		TOTAL	1663.49	
	YTD	17,237.09		YTD	14335.48	YTD		9680.23
						Grand Total for Month	6166.38	
						Grand Total for Year	41252.80	