



# Tri-County Central Office News

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## SAFE HAVEN

### Keeping the Rooms Free of Sexual Predation

How safe is your AA meeting? Have you ever personally not felt safe? Have you ever had someone give you a hug and walked away with an uncomfortable feeling? I ask questions because I view with concern the sexual predation that I've seen in AA meetings. I have seen it happen in all gender relationships, but my personal experience is as a women being preyed upon by men. I know many of you are thinking, "Well, that's an outside issue," but I disagree. How can it be an outside issue if it affects my safety in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous? Recent history reveals many organizations that have been held in high regard and beyond reproach for many years have recently been scrutinized for turning a blind eye to the behavior of their staff and volunteers toward their vulnerable members. These organizations seemed to have knowledge of the behaviors and stuck their proverbial "heads in the sand." The victims, along with the media and the courts, have forced these organizations to take a long, hard look at what they had knowledge of and what they did or did not do to try and stop it from occurring. Now there are no AA "police," but the membership does take responsibility for its common welfare and carrying the message to those who still suffer. I have heard it said over and over again that the newcomer is the most important person in the room. Do our actions show it? I came into the rooms 22 years ago with all the humiliation and degradation that happens to a practicing alcoholic woman. I needed to feel safe from the life I was leaving behind. Imagine my surprise when what I found was much of the same barroom behavior I had just left. I was groped, received obscene phone calls, stalked, and was nearly date-raped by a member of the Fellowship. Thank God for a strong female sponsor who taught me to not tolerate that behavior and to put a firm stop to it. She shared openly with me the facts about those who could not be trusted in the meetings I attended. There were many times I did not feel safe walking into a meeting, except that I knew she would be there and I would not be alone. What about all of the new women who wander in, do not immediately find a sponsor, and leave in fear? I am deeply saddened when I think about all the female AAs I know personally who have been sexually assaulted by other members. They unfortunately found out the hard way that not all members of

AA are trying to live our spiritual way of life. These women remained; how many left? Calling this behavior "thirteenth stepping" makes it seem benign. This euphemistic terminology makes it sound like a part of the Twelve Steps, when in fact, that couldn't be further from the truth. How can being that self-centered and selfish have anything to do with working the Twelve Steps? Many may think it a bit harsh to call this

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## THE PROBLEM WITH TIME

During my recovery from a nearly fatal battle with alcoholism, I have experienced blessings beyond my wildest dreams. At five years sober, I married my hero, a man I respect and adore. I tell him my inner truths and I trust him not to hurt me. We laugh a lot. The precious children in my life, the young ones and college graduates, have never seen me drunk, and neither have members of my husband's family nor the majority of my friends and acquaintances. I have forged strong and honest relations with my own family and am enriched and protected by these relationships. I experience the love and guidance of the Power of the Universe on a daily basis and I have begun to study an Eastern spiritual path, which is blending my once vague beliefs into a cohesive tapestry. I have the honor of sponsoring several beautiful women who help me "keep it green," and as we work the Steps together, I continue to learn and grow through self-examination and spiritual progress. I want what I get, and I get what I need. I have known peace, I often intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle me, and I constantly realize that God is doing for me what I cannot do for myself. However, being sober for many, many days does not mean that I do not have problems, nor does it mean that I do not need the love and support of my fellows. I try to be ever mindful of the newcomer as I share in meetings, but it would be helpful to occasionally hear from the elders about the nature of their struggles and about how they are staying sober one day at a time. At my home group yesterday, someone asked about an elder who hadn't been to the meeting in several weeks, and none of us could answer. There is also the assumption that with time automatically comes wisdom and answers to all questions, including questions of my own. I sometimes find myself relying solely on my own thinking (the same thinking that convinced me that drinking a bottle of vodka before noon was the next right thing to do). Regardless of time, it is critical that I have trusted mentors, most notably my sponsor of eleven years, who can help me police my thinking and who can offer advice based on their experience, who know my story and history, and therefore know me. Next is the temptation to take full credit for this rich life I am living. I do not mean to minimize the good footwork I do as I participate in my recovery. I work the Steps with my sponsor, I am in service, I sponsor others, and I try, to the best of my ability, to practice the principles of AA in all my affairs. These are things I value about myself. However, I need to remember that I was struck sober and remain so through the grace of my Higher Power, and that others more deserving than I have not been so blessed. I once heard a wonderful definition of grace: unmerited favor. I am granted unmerited favor each day that I do not have to take a drink, as a hostage to my disease. My Higher Power grants me the ability to do good works, to fail and succeed, and to grow.

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**From the Central Office SERVICE DESK**  
A total of 594 phone calls were made to the Central Office in JUNE  
283 for info on AA,  
2 for info on Al-Anon,  
7 messages for other inquiries,  
4 requesting a Twelfth Step call, 302 after Office Hours calls. There were 272 walk-ins visits as well.

**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. Normally this space would put in a brief statement from our coordinators reporting on the months activity, but this month since our committee is going through a transitional period of some significance, I wanted to cover those changes as clearly as I can.

Our Secretary, Annie L., who has normally written this piece for TBAIC has had to step down from that position due to a work schedule that now requires her to work on Saturdays. We will miss Annie's skill and her willingness to meet a very tight publishing deadline that had her writing this newsletter piece no later than two days after the TBAIC business meeting had taken place. Thanks Annie for your great service to this committee. Heather B. our Alt Juvenile Coordinator has said she will fill in, at least temporarily, until a secretary can be found. We thank Heather for her willingness to serve in this capacity.

Our Treasurer, Mark L. who served in this role for the past two years has stepped down and his replacement Lloyd O. has been approved by the committee. Mark will continue to serve as the Alternate Treasurer until such time as a permanent Alternate can be found. We thank Mark for his time of service to the committee in a very demanding role and we look forward to having Lloyd serve as our new Treasurer.

Our Chair, Eric V, is stepping down due to the fact that he is moving to the Washington DC area. Our committee's standard practices manual states, the Alternate Chair will fill in the remainder of the Chair's term if he is unable to continue with his duties. So I will be stepping in for the remainder of this term, which ends December 2010.

We would like to thank Eric for his wonderful service to TBAIC. He has personally recruited a number of people to this committee that have roles serving as officers, coordinators and volunteers. Eric's quiet style belied a fierce determination to have TBAIC be successful in its mission to carry the AA message to those in treatment facilities and correctional institutions. He has always wanted the best for our committee. He will, most certainly, be missed by all of us who have served with him.

At the request of Tim S. of Tri-County Central Office, TBAIC will now meet on the second to last Saturday of each month. This will allow for a more reasonable time frame to produce this newsletter piece.

In a measure to help alleviate the financial pressure that Tri-County Central Office finds itself in, TBAIC has voted to forgo the discount they currently receive for literature purchases and to pay full list price. This motion was passed with the understanding it would be retroactive from the beginning of 2009 and that the discount, we were getting, be requested again when Tri-County Central Office finds itself in a sound financial position. For those interested, the amount owed to Tri-County for our purchases from the beginning of the year is \$1,452.80. This will be reflected in our August Treasurers Report.

In Love & Service,  
 Tom F.

<b>Pink Can Donations YTD 2009</b>	<b>\$ 9,196.59</b>
<b>Less Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>- \$300.00</b>
<b>Less YTD Literature</b>	<b>- \$ 6,324.72</b>
<b>Less YTD Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 294.74</b>
<b>Pink Can Current Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,277.13</b>

**Next Committee Meetings**

August 22 & September 19<sup>th</sup> 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: Dover Group, Druid Hills Group, Friday Night Lights, Meeting Place (LOL), Midday Matinee, New Beginnings Group, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday), Sisters in Sobriety, Sober on Saturday, Sunshine Group, Thursday Night There is a Solution Group 3333, Valrico Morning Group, Valrico Weds Night Group, Wellspring Recovery Group, YANA 5:45 Happy Hour.

**Current Service Opportunities**

Men's Pasco Jail Coordinator... *Call Jack M.*  
 813-417-9945

**TBAIC 2009 Committee Members**

<b>Eric V. - Chair</b>	<b>813-277-4833</b>
<b>Tom F. - Alt Chair</b>	<b>813-818-4439</b>
<b>Lloyd O.—Treasurer</b>	<b>813-748-9116</b>
<b>Mark L. – Alt. Treasurer</b>	<b>813-477-6855</b>
<b>Heather B. – Secretary</b>	<b>760-828-5394</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>Jill J. – HCI Women's Prison</b>	<b>813-349-7048</b>
<b>Open - E Pasco Jail - Mens</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>Jack S. - Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-598-4717</b>
<b>Joe L. - Pre-Release</b>	<b>813-918-3489</b>
<b>Brian B.- Juvenile</b>	<b>760-215-2993</b>

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behavior “sexual predation.” The term “sexual predation” often means a person who habitually seeks out sexual situations. Predation usually refers to one group or person hunting and killing another, or stealing from and destroying another. Is seeking out vulnerable newcomers for sexual gratification not a predatory behavior? Is not taking away a person’s chance to feel safe the same as stealing her chance to stay sober? Does this mean there is not a chair at the table of Alcoholics Anonymous for the sexual predator? Absolutely not: all who wish to recover are welcome. But this does not include taking away someone else’s opportunity to stay sober. Much of this discussion has been changing over the last decade. AA is seeing younger members enter its rooms, and turning a blind eye to what is happening to a minor is very different in the eyes of the law. Like it or not, an individual with knowledge of the behavior could be held criminally liable. We owe it to our members to make sure the meeting rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous are safe for everyone who enter. That means talking about this topic in our group conscience and with each other. It means leaving barroom behavior behind and treating the newcomers like they truly are the most important people in the room. **M.P. Meridian, Idaho**  
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**~ IN REMEMBRANCE ~**

Patricia Herbert passed away June 8, 2009 with 22 years of Sobriety. She was active in service, as a GSR, DCM, Chairperson of District 2, Area 15, chaired a Florida State Convention along with helping many girls in the AA fellowship. She is missed

**I LEARNED EARLY**

Next year I will have the distinct pleasure of being 80 years of age and celebrating one half of my life as a continuous member of Alcoholics Anonymous—40 years. I learned early in the program that when I spoke at a meeting and told my story, I should try to talk as if I were in the audience for the first time and I wanted to hear what was being said. Plus, I work on the following:

1. Do not drink
2. Go to many meetings
3. Read the Big Book
4. Read, understand and try to live the Twelve Steps
5. Get a sponsor and talk to him or her
6. Get involves in Twelfth Step work
7. Develop and try to practice spirituality

I also do my daily “drill.” I usually get up about 5:30 am, long before my wife, get my coffee and sit on my balcony. I open my Big Book randomly, read 15 or so pages, read the Twelve Steps and the Promises, then close my eyes and meditate. I thank my Higher Power for all my blessings, ask for any special favors, and always request he look out for my wife, my children and my grandkids. I then get up and look forward to my day, which starts with a 9 am AA meeting. There, I see 40-60 people who are as pleased as I am that we have a great place to come to and share the fun and pleasure of being in AA.

**Bill K., Treasure Island, Florida**

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**Editors Note: I gotta find this meeting ☺☻**

**MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE:** If you are looking for a new place to start a meeting...see the information below. Please, only those who are fully committed to making sure this gets off the ground need apply.

Dear Tim,

At your request, I am forwarding the information you need in order to start AA meetings at: (Between Six Mile Creek & MLK)

**Highland Oaks Baptist Church,  
4038 North Falkenberg Road, Tampa, Florida.**

The days available will be: Monday thru Saturday.

Chairman of AA Meeting will have a key.

**Contact person: Pastor Ralph Wood**

**Cell: (813) 625-9351**

**Home: (813) 571-7770**

Look forward to hearing from you.

Pastor Ralph

**MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE:**

**The Alpha Club** has space available. If you are looking for a new place to start a meeting...Please, only those who are fully committed to making sure this gets off the ground need apply. Contact **Mark L. at 813-477-6855.**

**New Groups:** starting August 1st, 2009, the **Living Sober / As Bill Sees It Group**, located at St. Anne’s Catholic Church, 106 11th Ave. NW, Ruskin, Florida. **The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

Starting August 6th, 2009, the **Wednesday Night Men’s Group** at the Brandon Christian Church, 910 Bryan Church, Brandon, Florida. **The meeting starts at 8:00 pm.**

Starting August 3th, 2009, the **Tampa Palms Men’s Group**, located at St. James Methodist Church, 16202 Bruce B. Downs. **The meeting starts at 7:00 pm.**

**ONLINE NEW GROUP REGISTRATION:**

Interactive “New Group Forms” will be available by the end of the summer on the AA General Service Office’s website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Representatives of new groups will be able to fill out the forms online and forward them to the GSO’s records department, so information will get to new groups faster, according to a representative of the GSO’s administrative services and special projects office. The GSO reported that 1,485 new groups were registered in 2008.

**Coffee John says.....people enjoy good coffee, so make it with loving care as if you were making it for a really special friend.**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

July 14th, 2009 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:  
**BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	DRUID HILLS GROUP
PAUL G.	VICE-CHAIR	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CATHY K.	TREASURER	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
JIM VK.	BOARD MEMBER	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
Unexcused	BOARD MEMBER	NORTH TAMPA YOUNG & RESTLESS GROUP
RICK D.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
Unexcused	BOARD MEMBER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
JANIE M.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
MICHAEL B.	BOARD MEMBER	BRANDON/VALRICO GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	HELPING HANDS GROUP

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al announced that this was his last night as the Board Chair but he would still be coming to the meetings as an Advisor to the Chair. We can't get rid of him that easily :) Jim read the previous month's minutes and Cathy read the previous months Budget report. Again there was some discussion concerning the difference in the contributions of this year compared to last year. There was going to be some discussion on changes to the Personnel Policy but everyone did not have the changes to look over so it was tabled until next month so everyone could look them over. Rick handed out a new Evaluation form for the Central Office Manager to use when his evaluation comes up, for the Board to consider. More discussion next month. In New Business, Buddy H. informed the Board that they would like to do another Softball Tournament later on this year. Discussion followed about the pros and cons and if it was worth the money the Central Office would have to put out as "seed" money. A motion was made to afford Buddy the cash needed to "get the ball rolling". It passed. Paul G. our new Chairperson starting in August reminded everyone that we needed to start thinking about plans for our Anniversary Dinner and Speaker Meeting that we host every February. Discussion followed with different people throwing out ideas and questions. Who, What & Where..... Jim VK wanted to thank everyone and let them know how much he appreciated working with everyone as a Board member and this would also be his last meeting because it was time for him to rotate out. Paul G. announced that the Sober @ 7 Group and the Friday Night Lights Group would be hosting an **All Groups Meeting October 06, 2009**. More details to follow. At the Council Meeting most of the discussions centered around making the Budget Report easier to read, informing the groups about making contributions to Central Office, getting more Central Office Reps to attend the Council Meeting, and the upcoming Softball Tournament.

July 14th, 2009 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

KRISTIN R.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
SCOTT C.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
KITTY W.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
KIMBERLY T.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
THERESA C.	TAMPA YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
LUANNE M.	NOONTIME CELEBRATION GROUP
GARY N.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
TONY J.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
SANDY S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE M.	DISTRICT 2 LIAISON
BUDDY H.	MORNING MEDITATION & TBAIC
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JACK M.	WELLSPRING GROUP
NICOLE M.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JOHN W.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
CRAIG L.	SINCERITY GROUP
DYANN D.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
FRANK B.	MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP
STEVE R.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
MONICA M.	IN THE MIDDLE GROUP
DEBBIE M.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
JUNE T.	SOBRIETY GROUP
STUART S.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
JACKIE H.	MAPLEDALE GROUP
BILL B.	BRANDON SPEAKERS GROUP
JOHN A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
EARLE W.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
AL F.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
KATHY N.	VISITOR

**Tampa Bay Young People's Group**  
to host an **All Groups Meeting**, Saturday,  
**November 7th, 2009** at the Palma Ceia  
Presbyterian Church located at 3501 West  
San Jose Street from 1:00 pm til 4:00 pm.  
More details to follow soon. Check our  
website at [www.aatampa-area.org](http://www.aatampa-area.org)



<b>ANNIVERSARY TIME</b>				<b>THE PROBLEM WITH TIME...continued from page one</b>
<b>GROUP</b>	<b>Honors To</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Years</b>	
NW YOUNG & RESTLESS	MOLLY J.	07/23/06	3 YRS	I think that the primary problem with having a significant amount of sober time is the dangerous perception that because I have "time" I am somehow immune from the risks that beset those not sober as long. That the mere length of my sobriety protects me. The truth is that with seventeen years or seventeen days, I am one drink away from a descent into hell. Fundamentally, the only difference between me and the person who has not yet found AA is that are drinking and I am not. I will always be alcoholic. Beth S. Vallejo, California Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine 10/2007
KEYSTONE GROUP	THAD H.	08/30/06	3 YRS	
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/05/06	3 YRS	
KEYSTONE GROUP	NICKI C.	08/01/05	4 YRS	
KEYSTONE GROUP	NANCY C.	08/04/83	26 YRS	
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ASHLEY G.	08/03/06	3 YRS	
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	JOANNE L.	08/21/05	4 YRS	
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	RUTH F.	08/31/95	14 YRS	
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MIKE S	08/15/08	1 YR	
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RANDY S.	08/07/08	1 YR	
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	15 YRS	
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SUSAN S.	08/03/07	2 YRS	
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BRYAN B.	08/16/06	3 YRS	
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	RICHARD L.	08/10/96	13 YRS	
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JOE L.	08/15/91	18 YRS	
INTO ACTION GROUP	MARION P.	08/16/95	14 YRS	
INTO ACTION GROUP	SUSAN C.	08/05/93	16 YRS	
INTO ACTION GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	28 YRS	
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHUCK L.	08/18/07	2 YR	

**SPONSEE GETS TOUGH**

I have been sober for over twenty years. Getting to AA was the result of hitting bottom—or so I thought. At the eighteen year mark in my sobriety, I hit an all-time lower, sober. Loss of a business and a marriage almost put me over the top. I quit going to meetings after getting my feelings hurt. I also fired my sponsor and sponsees. I did point out who I thought would make good sponsors for my sponsees. One sponsee did not seem to be making an effort to get another sponsor, so one day I asked if he had someone in mind. He looked at me and said, "I'm not looking for another sponsor. I am waiting for you to get your act together and come back and finish the job you started." Well, that sure was a humbling experience for this drunk. It woke me up enough to realize that there is no greater love than what one alcoholic has for another.  
 Brian B. Astoria, Oregon  
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To be sure, A.A. offers a number of highly useful tools or props. Its group therapy is very effective. I have seen countless demonstrations of how well your '24-hour plan' operates. The principle of working with other alcoholics has a sound psychological basis. All of these features of the program are extremely important." "But, in my opinion, the key principle which makes A.A. work where other plans have proved inadequate is the way of life it proposes based upon the belief of the individual in a Power greater than himself and the faith that this Power is all sufficient to destroy the obsession which possessed him and was destroying him mentally and physically." "For many years I faced this alcoholic problem being sure of one scientific fact - that detoxication by medical treatment must precede any psychiatric approach. I have tried many of these orthodox psychiatric approaches and invented some new ones of my own. With some patients I would be coldly analytical, if they were of the so-called 'scientific' type who is apt to have a superior attitude toward anything emotional or spiritual. With others, I would try the 'scare' method, telling them that if they continued to drink they would kill themselves. With still others, I would attempt the emotional appeal, working both the patient and myself into a lather. He might be moved to the point of shaking hands dramatically and telling me, with tears streaming down his face, that he was never going to take another drink. And I knew that the probability was he would be drunk again within two weeks or less." "Since I have been working with A.A. the comparative percentage of successful results has increased to an amazing extent." "The percentage of success that A.A. has scored leaves no doubt that it has something more than we as doctors can offer. It is, I am convinced, your second step. Once the A.A. alcoholic has grasped that, he will have no more "slips."

## MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN

### TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP "The Language of the Heart"

September 4-7, 2009

Embassy Suites Hotel

3705 Spectrum Blvd

Tampa, Florida 33612

For Details: [www.tampabayfallroundup.com](http://www.tampabayfallroundup.com)

Flyers available at Central Office

### MUSTARD SEED GROUP

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

4311 West San Miguel

Speakers for the Month of

**JULY 2009**

July 4th Gene L. Tampa, Florida

July 11th Earl W. Tampa, Florida

July 18th Tommy S. Tampa, Florida

July 25th Jeff R. Tampa, Florida

Last Saturday of the month-eating meeting, starts @ 7:00 pm  
Bring a cover dish please and share with us.

For more information, email: [g.luker@verizon.net](mailto:g.luker@verizon.net)  
Gene L. 813-205-7663

### Fall Mountain Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat for A.A. & Al-Anon

October 1st-4th, 2009

Hinton Rural Life Center

2330 Hinton Center Road

Hayesville, NC 28904

For Details: <http://fallmountainretreat.com>

### LITERATURE PRICE INCREASES:

In case you haven't heard, GSO and the Grapevine have increased prices for all their literature, starting July 1st, 2009. That means our prices here at Central Office have increased also. Most items have increased anywhere from \$1.50 to \$2.00. We didn't want to do this, but with contributions considerably down compared to last year and the rising cost of expenses, we had no choice. However, at this time, we still continue to give pamphlets away at no charge to our AA groups. It's also a good bet that much of our non-AA literature will probably also see a rise in their prices also. The **20% discount** will still apply to all groups who send a representative to our Council meetings, the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, here at the Central Office. Remember, it's **only on that night** that the 20% discount applies. We hope to see your group represented at the Council Meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at **933-9123**.

### Special Needs Committee

For info: Committee Meeting August 1st, the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 P.M, Noon at The Club on 3333 West Columbus Drive

For info: **210-4865**

### South Florida Area 15 General Service Assembly

Hosted by District 3

October 23-25, 2009

Four Points by Sheraton Sebring,

Château Élan

150 Midway Drive

Sebring, Florida 33870

Complete Details & Flyer

go to

[www.area15aa.org](http://www.area15aa.org)

*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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Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		150.00	High Nooners Group		400.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Hour Glass Group		10.00	Safe Haven Group	107.53	107.53
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	I.D.A.A.		154.00	Saturday Night Fever Group	586.00	586.00
2250 Group			In the Middle Group			Saturday Night Live Group		
A.A. 101 Group	65.00	255.00	Intergrupo Hispano de Tampa			SCC Steps to Sobriety		
A.A. 102 Group		79.00	Into Action Group		60.00	Serenity Sisters Group		
All Groups--			It's in the Book Men's Group		102.00	Sincerity Group		
Alpha Group	40.00	240.00	Just for Today Group	300.00	300.00	Sisters In Sobriety Group (W)		
Anniversary Dinner 2009		2109.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book			Sober At 7 Group		166.00
Annual Housecleaning Retreat		100.00	Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		742.92	Sober on Saturday Group	132.00	524.00
Annual Spring House Retreat		100.00	Keep It Simple - YANA			Sober Spirits Group		75.00
Anonymous Donations	21.51	190.56	Keep It Simple Group (Dade)	175.00	175.00	SOBERSTOCK		
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		400.00	Keystone Group	171.60	533.33	Sober on Sunday Group	260.00	260.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		500.00	Kingsway Group			Sobrenity Group	5.00	16.62
Back to Basics Group - Tampa	50.00	50.00	Lake Magdalene Group			Sobriety at Sunrise	30.00	247.53
Back to Basics Grp. PlantCity			Life Enrichment Group	260.00	260.00	Softball Tournament / CO		1082.95
Barracks Brigade Group		25.00	Little Red Book Group		75.00	Solutions Group	418.26	2646.92
Bayshore Back to Basics		638.00	Live and Let Live Group		195.38	Southshore Men's Meeting		
Bel-Mar Group		304.00	Living in the Solution Group		500.00	Southside Men's Group		
Beginners Step Group		50.00	MacDill Group			Southside Men's Group # 2		
Bill D's Group		260.00	Mainely Sober Group - Zhills		233.73	Speaker Meeting (Our Club)		40.00
BIRTHDAY PLAN	51.00	163.00	Mapledale Group		130.00	Speaker Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Mid Day Matinee Group	975.00	2275.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Monday Nite Madness 3333		473.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		195.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp	455.00	455.00	Morning Express Group		200.89	Step at a Time Group		260.00
Brandon Speakers Group			Morning Group - Zephyrhills		100.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		130.00
Bring Your Own Big Book Gp.			Morning Miracles Group		583.26	Stepping Stones Group (w)		60.00
By The Book Group			Mustard Seed Group		39.82	Sulphur Springs - Disbanded		
Came To Believe Group	325.00	650.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		195.00	Sun City Center Group	250.00	400.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	780.00	780.00	New Beginnings-(Joes Club)	111.16	426.97	Sunday Speakers - 3333	60.00	360.00
Carrollwood Group	5.00	5.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)			Sunshine Group		585.00
Carrollwood NS Group			New Day Group		314.00	Sunrise Meeting Our Club		
Challenge of Living Sober		150.00	New Way Women's Group			SWAMP Group (w)		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.			Nightly Newcomers Group		10.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Clean Air Group (301)			Noon AA Meeting Brandon			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		623.08
Design for Living Grp - Joe's		50.00	Noon Big Book Group-The Club	92.12	92.12	Tampa Palms Big Book		124.00
Dover AA Group	8.56	61.61	Nooners Group		49.85	Temple Terrace Men's Group	50.00	50.00
Druid Hills Group			Noontime Celebration Group		845.00	TGIS Women's Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's		194.33	North Tampa Young & Restless			Thank God It's Friday		
Expect a Miracle Group	172.00	322.00	Northdale Group		130.00	The Meeting Place Group	100.00	125.00
FCYPAA Convention		304.53	Odessa Group		269.43	There is a Solution Conference		
Fireside Group	90.00	290.00	Old School Group	500.00	1900.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		9.39
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club			Town & Country Step Group		
Friday Women's Friendship			On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		601.90	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		336.00	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	Tuesday Night Big Book		
Good Start Group - YANA		286.28	Open Air Group - Gazebo			Tuesday Serenity Group		
Grupo Alegria de Vivir			Palma Ceia Group			Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		
Grupo Latino Sobriedad		15.00	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Uptowners Group		
Grupo Hispano Salvacion			Palma Ceia Big Book Study		200.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Grupo Mano Amiga			Pass It On Group - Plant City	75.00	75.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group	129.00	242.00
Grupo Poco a Poco		15.00	Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night	29.62	82.55
Grupo Una Dia Ala Vez. (PC)			Plank Owners Group		280.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Grupo Una Luz Enmicamino		5.00	Red Chip Day Donation			Wed.NightStep Wksp Joe's		50.00
Happy Hour Group - YANA			Red Door Group			Wednesday Night Women's Gp.		
Happy Hour Mtg.- Apollo Beach			Reflections Group - 3333			Weedpatch Group		85.00
Harbor Lights Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		130.00	Wellspring Group		
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City	30.00	80.00	Riverside Group		475.00	Wesley Chapel Group		
Hide-A-Way Group	150.00	150.00	Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		58.00	West Side Winners Group		50.00
			Rush Hour Serenity Group		535.93	With Room to Grow Group		
						Women's Friendship Group		284.45
						Women's Perspective Conf		801.45
						Zephyrhills Big Book		150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,243.07</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2659.88</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,157.41</b>	
	<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>9,883.31</b>		<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>14281.53</b>		<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>10619.47</b>
						<b>Grand Total for Month</b>	<b>7,060.36</b>	
						<b>Grand Total for Year</b>		<b>34784.31</b>