



# Tri-County Central Office News

"In order to keep it, you must give it away,"

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## A GOOD FIGHT TO LOSE

In July, 1947, I borrowed a dollar to buy several slugs to quite my nerves to give me the voice to make a long distance call collect to ask for help from Alcoholics Anonymous. And I quote Lefty H.; it was the kids last fight. It wasn't much of an appeal, that call from Chicago to a little town in the short grass country of Oklahoma. I merely said, "Sam, I need help." Sam knew what I meant, and help was on it's way. I quote the first thing he told me. "*Don't worry about how or why AA works. Just be happy in your new way of life, and pass it on to some poor devil who wants it and needs it desperately, and doesn't know where to find it.*" No great thinker am I. My philosophy of life today is borrowed, a series of quotes from others. Sure, back in the growing days I tried to change the Twelve Steps, to make my own rules. But these efforts were, I hope, merely the stirring of a dormant spirit that had suddenly found that it is good to be alive. I accept the Twelve Steps, I believe in the big Book." I have returned from my perch in the heavens to the teachings of basic AA, the keeping it simple type. At my first meeting a little guy named John said, "Just get it through your head that you can't take that first drink." I quote John, because from him I learned. These then, are not my thoughts as of tonight, but they are thoughts of others, gleamed from many a meeting, many a session over the coffee cup. But these thoughts I believe. There is a vast amount of fun about it all. I laugh even today at the man whose wife gave him a \$20 for the initiation fee in AA, about the man who buried a case of whiskey in his dirt-floor garage only to have his wife surprise him by putting in a concrete floor, of the man who enjoyed drinking so much he threw away his false choppers so he would never eat again. I envy the new member, and I quote from a man named Al; the new member is the most important member. The old timers have to lean on and depend on the new members, with their enthusiasm and spirit. It is the new members "eager-beaver" attitude that makes the program work. An alcoholic isn't a bad guy. He's simply a man or woman whose drinking has become a problem to his family and friends. Oh you can talk all you want to about compulsions and neuroses and complexes, but let's give the new man the facts in simplified form. It's hard for a new man to understand a discussion on character defects...which comes first, the chicken or the egg. You'll get him so confused he won't know

**From the Central Office  
SERVICE DESK**  
A total of 597 phone calls  
were made to the  
Central Office in  
June  
285 for info on AA,  
2 for info on Al-Anon,  
3 messages for other  
inquiries,  
5 requesting a Twelfth Step call,  
302 after Office Hours calls.  
There were 205 walk-ins visits as well.

whether this is AA or a poultry farm. What we can do is give him hope, and show him the way. The new man doesn't know whether the Twelve Steps is a new dance or a brand of whiskey. But we can break them down for him. First, of course is the admission: I am an alcoholic. I not only admit, but accept the fact that I am an alcoholic. I'm simply hooked

## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS IN TAMPA AREA

**It has come to my attention that a rumor has started circulating around that I am resigning from the Central Office. Let me clear the air. I AM NOT RESIGNING! I repeat....I AM NOT RESIGNING! As usual, people only hear sometimes what they want to hear. A few months ago, I resigned from doing District 2 General Service work. I gave up my position as ACM for Sub-District M and I gave up my position as Central Office Liaison for District 2. I did not resign from the Central Office. I repeat...I did not resign from the Central Office. If you hear announcements being made that I have resigned, please inform the group that I AM NOT RESIGNING! Thanks and Keep Coming Back! tws:) Central Office Manager**

## ON CULTIVATING TOLERANCE

During nine years in AA I have observed that those who follow the AA program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety, but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in educational advantages; and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own. I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with it's radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes. To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of it's being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance we might tend to become a bit smug or superior—which of course is not helpful to the person we are trying to help, and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything which might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another, and a patronizing attitude can slow up this process. Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered to opinions. In other words it often promotes an open-mindedness which is vastly important in fact a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual. These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

**Dr. Bob of Akron/ Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine July 1944**



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

Hello everybody! My name is John O. and I am an alcoholic. This month has been an exciting one for TBAIC, Thank you everyone who volunteered and attended Steps to Freedom. This year's Steps to Freedom had a great turn out and thanks to our speaker Mickey B and from all the support from everyone who made it possible. Steps to Freedom is a great help in funding carrying the message to Tampa Bay Area Institutions.

Thanks to all the groups that pass the Pink Can that help TBAIC be completely self-supporting. Brian B. the TBAIC treasurer said that many groups are sending in donations anonymously, and we would please ask for groups to give their names so that we can give credit to where credit is due.

John S, the Juvenile chair reported that everything is great with the two juvenile institutions we cover. As Alternate Chair, he reported that he contacted the assistant chaplain at Zephyrhills prison and received applications to get Florida Department of Corrections approval for those interested in carrying the message into Florida's prisons. Amazing how TBAIC continues to grow and carry the message to more and more of the still sick and suffering alcoholics.

Sandy, the East Pasco Detention Center chair reported that everything is going well at her facility. Paul, the Hillsborough County Jails coordinator, said that things have been a little confusing with Orient Road jail making so many changes to their programs schedule. But that everything should be back in order soon. Carl reported that ever things are going great with treatment facilities.

We would like to send a special thanks to Cas, Wayne and Anthony who came to our monthly meeting to show support.

We welcome all those interested in volunteering or becoming a part of TBAIC at our next business meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM at the Tri-County Central Office. Thank you all again for your hard work and support, and also for the opportunity to be of service. John O.

**Treasurer's Report – May 14, 2011**

Year to Date Income Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$12,354.96
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$500.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$8,500.00
Less YTD Expenses	-\$528.22
Pink Can Current Balance	\$2,826.74
Spending Account Balance Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$2,580.18

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
 Is at 9:30 AM on August 13<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:**  
 Early Risers Group (\$66.01), Midday Matinee Group (\$377.30), Monday Night Madness (\$53.08), New Beginnings Group-Brandon (\$14.00), Noon Big Book (\$171.00), Old School Group (\$279.74), Primary Purpose Group (\$10.00), Ruskin Fellowship (\$31.50), Sisters in Sobriety (\$11.75), Sober on Saturday (\$4.00), Solution Group (\$384.89), There is a Solution Group (\$85.00), Wellspring Recovery Group (\$73.75), Women's Big Book 3333 (\$2.00).

**TBAIC 2010 Committee Members**

<b>Buddy H. - Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>John S.—Alternate Chair</b>	<b>813-562-5601</b>
<b>Brian B. Treasurer</b>	<b>813-361-5884</b>
<b>John O. – Secretary</b>	<b>813-263-4998</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail</b>	<b>727-385-5529</b>
<b>Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-872-0262</b>
<b>Scott D. - Detox</b>	<b>813-403-2714</b>
<b>Paula L.—HCI Women's Prison</b>	<b>813-770-3729</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>Chris D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-857-5400</b>
<b>Carl C.—Treatment</b>	<b>813-215-9195</b>
<b>Melissa—Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-405-7966</b>
<b>Joe L. - Pre-Release</b>	<b>813-918-3489</b>
<b>John S.— Juvenile</b>	<b>813-562-5601</b>
<b>Heather B.—Alt. Juvenile</b>	<b>813-361-5884</b>

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with a disease, so I make the most of it, and rebuild my life around the fact. There is the spiritual phase to Alcoholics Anonymous. Most people have a preconceived idea that we AA's are a bunch of hymn singers, bible thumpers, and pleasure haters. To quote from a speaker at Albuquerque: AA doesn't care whether you were sprinkled, baptized, or dry-cleaned. A Protestant, a Catholic, and a Jew can go on a two-weeks binge, and they will look alike, act alike, and smell alike. You simply have to have some kind of faith in AA. When the tornado used to strike down there in the short grass country, mother would grab us and head for the storm cellar. We didn't ask the others inside that storm cellar if they were Rotarians or Kiwanians. Faith is like a radio: I frankly don't understand how it works, but I can accept it and enjoy it. Neither do I understand all about a Higher Power, but I can accept Him and enjoy Him. And AA has given me an entirely different notion about Him: I believe with all my heart that God is a happy God, and He likes to see us happy, too. All of us have tried to stop drinking. We tried love, law, medicine—all man-made powers. The only power that put an end to our drinking was a Power greater than any of us. And when we accept that Higher Power, a change will come over us, and we'll be the last person in the world to know about it. The third part of AA is the inventory and restitution. AA itself is a way of life. You can't sit down and say, well, I'm sober, and let it go at that. AA is a program of personal growth, emotional growth, spiritual growth, mental growth. It's a program in which you learn to be part of life and to give to life. In taking our inventory and getting our lives in order, we just straighten up some of the mess we were in. And I quote another speaker from Texas: the more I worried, the more I drank. The more I drank, the more I worried. That wasn't entirely normal, was it? A normal person will either stop worrying or stop drinking. Finally, the fourth phase of AA: the active work. You can't force sobriety; it has to be of your own free choice. And you have to safeguard it. In active work in AA, attending meetings, going on Twelfth Step calls, just smiling at people and giving them a hearty handshake, we safeguard our own happiness by sharing our sobriety with others. There is the gratitude of remembrance. Sometimes we forget how grateful we actually are for what AA has given us. We didn't know the meaning of the word friendship before. I've heard a person is a success if he can count his friends on five fingers. We have 150,000 or so. And when we forget what AA has done for us, when we stop coming to meetings or helping others, we are letting somebody down. To quote Macon F.: AA is not a rocking chair program. We can't just sit back and rock and rock. We've all ridden bicycles. We keep going as long as we keep pedaling. But when we stop pedaling, and still go along, we are going downhill. My innate ego still surges when I heard someone say of me "that guy sure knows his AA." Actually, all of this knowledge is borrowed, but borrowed for keeps. If I had not attended meetings, I would have missed these precious gems which have become a part of my daily thinking. So I keep on attending meetings, picking up borrowed treasures from Walt and Ray and John. I have been in AA seven years, now. I don't have to attend meetings. I can always go back to drinking. I can always go

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**JUDGE NOT...**

At times we run into disappointments. Someone who we thought was an ideal member of AA suddenly takes on a different roll. We fail to realize or remember that we are only a group of individuals and that we all have different ways of staying sober and working the program. So when we hear something about a guy who has been a leader in our organization and a guy whom we have for many years looked up to and respected, it makes it hard for us to accept some of the things that we think of in regard to our Twelve Steps. Then we suddenly realize that it doesn't make any difference to us, that the way some one else stays sober is none of our business. The only thing that should concern us is how we stay sober and practice the principles of the Twelve Steps in our daily program. When we look in the glass *that* is the guy we have to satisfy and not the other guys who maybe we can't quite understand how they can do the things that they have done. So after all, why should we even so much as let the thought enter our heads that that guy isn't doing right. If he isn't, he is the guy that will know; he's the guy that he has to satisfy. If we let what he does bother us, then we are in danger of taking a drink because the old resentments must be coming back again; and they are something that all of us have been bothered with for years. Let's just be thankful that we are sober and that we have our Twelve Steps to turn to and show us the way to go on living a good life regardless of the things that we hear and see going on around us. After all, who are we to judge? Maybe to some this is hard to do, but I think it is the hard things we have to do that denote our growth on the AA program which is our salvation. Let's all try to do a better job of living this program and practicing these principles in all our affairs all the time. Cedar Rapids Newsletter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
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**Q - If an alcoholic comes to an A.A. meeting under the influence of alcohol, how do you treat him or handle him during the meeting? A -** Groups will usually rum amuck on that sort of question. At first we are likely to say that we are going to be supermen and save every drunk in town. The fact is that a great many of them just don't want to stop. They come, but they interfere very greatly with the meeting. Then, being still rather intolerant, the group will swing way over in the other direction and say, "No drunks around these meetings." We get forcible and put them out of the meeting, saying, "You're welcome here if your sober." But the general rule in most places is that if a person comes for the first or second time and can sit quietly in the meeting, without creating an uproar, nobody bothers him. On the other hand, if he's a chronic "slipper" and interferes with the meetings, we lead him out gently, or maybe not so gently, on the theory that one man cannot be permitted to hold up the recovery of others. The theory is "the greatest good for the greatest number." Bill W. (Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies, June 1945)

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back to being a drunken bum, a hopeless, frightened derelict, living the miserable, lonely life of an alcoholic. But somehow, I'd rather be happy. I quote Bill: I don't ever want to sober up again. K.J., Pikes Peak Group, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
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**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

July 12th, 2011 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:		
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>		<b>REPRESENTING GROUP</b>
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
OPEN	VICE-CHAIR	
STAN P.	TREASURER	INTO ACTION GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
GAIL F.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
HUD R.	BOARD MEMBER	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON
CHRIS R.	BOARD MEMBER	IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP
JIM M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GP.
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones, then asking if everyone had signed in and to hold any announcements until the end of the meeting. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jim read the June minutes. There were no questions or corrections and the minutes were accepted as is. Stan presented the June Treasurer's report. He noted that the month wasn't very good, about \$900.00 less than last month which wasn't very good either. At least we are doing about \$2100.00 better for the year to date than last year. Stan stated that Tim had cashed in one of the CD's. Old business was all about the CD that had been transferred into operational cash. Tim read his article from the July newsletter showing how a typical month goes as far as cash flow goes. Discussion followed about using half of the CD for the purchase of books and leaving half in a savings account to be used if needed. The Council meeting was a mirror of the Board meeting with most of the discussions centered around the use of the CD and how to inform the groups of why it's important to support Central Office. Some members talked about putting two dollars in the basket, one group now had a yellow can put out for donations to the pie-chart, another group had a green can for Central Office and one member noted that every other month their extra money had been allocated for Central Office. One member asked if Central Office donated to New York and Tim replied that we had in the past but haven't had the extra cash to do for quite some time. There was no new business. Several announcements were made. Patti asked for some guidelines on doing an All Groups meeting. Al noted he and Tim were celebrating 23 years this month. Earle W. was celebrating 18 years, Steve J. was celebrating 24 years and Jennifer U. was celebrating 1 year. Martin suggested that we start having cake to celebrate our anniversaries with. The meeting ended fairly early and everyone had plenty of time to purchase their literature.

A man sat in front of his home, contemplating his future. He had just gotten a divorce, lost his children, been fired from his job, and now faced eviction. He noticed a case of beer bottles in his trash and walked up to it. He took out an empty bottle and smashed it, swearing, "You are why I don't have a wife!" He threw a second bottle: "You are why I don't have my children!" And a third: "You are why I lost my job!" But then he discovered a fourth bottle, still sealed and full of beer. He took it, tucked it into his pocket, and said, "Stand aside my friend—I know you were not involved."  
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July 12th, 2011 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
BRIAN L.	TURNING POINT GROUP
STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
JAMIE H.	TAMPA BAY SPEAKERS GROUP
PATTI L.	MID DAY MATINEE GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
DALE H.	SATURDAY SERENITY STUDY GROUP
JULIET SB	SUNSHINE GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
JOHN DP	CARDINAL GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
EARLE W.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
MARTIN S.	WARRIOR GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
MICHELLE C.	WELLSPRING GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
MARIA G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
ARLENE S.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
WINSTON L.	POCO A POCO GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CHRIS B.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JENNIFER U.	TGIS GROUP
JASON O'S	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP

**Central Office Softball Tournament**  
**(For AA members & their family members only)**  
**OCTOBER 29th, 2011**  
**(Saturday)**  
**At Gadsden Park**  
**Located at: 6901 S. MacDill Ave., Tampa, FL 33611**  
**10 players per team with a minimum of 4 men/**  
**women on each team—Cost: \$100 per team—**  
**all proceeds go to support**  
**Tri-County Central Office**  
**Team Registration Cut Off Date is:**  
**October 26th, 2011**  
**Play begins at 9:00am**  
You can bring your fee and players list to Tim at Central Office

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LINDA P.	08/20/08	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROD G.	08/28/04	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JENNIFER T.	08/07/09	2 YRS
SOBER @7 GROUP	BARRON B.	08/18/08	3 YRS
SOBER @7 GROUP	CHUCK L.	08/18/07	4 YRS
SOBER @7 GROUP	FRED G.	08/05/83	28 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MIKE S.	08/15/08	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	17 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SHERRY C.	08/19/10	1 YR
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SUSAN S.	08/03/07	4 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JOE L.	08/15/91	20 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CHRIS N.	08/01/84	27 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	30 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JOANNE L.	08/21/06	5 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RUTH F.	08/31/95	16 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	THAD H.	08/30/06	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/05/06	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NICKI C.	08/01/05	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NANCY C.	08/04/83	28 YRS

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

Honors To	Date	Years
CINDY A.	07/14/01	10 YRS
In Memory of DARLENE K.	07/14/87	Passed away with 22 YRS
EARLE W.	07/10/95	16 YRS
MICHAEL P.	07/04/92	19 YRS
STEVE J.	07/12/87	24 YRS
JACKIE W.	07/03/87	24 YRS
DAVE F.	07/07/86	25 YRS

**25th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY  
FALL ROUNDUP**

Labor Day Weekend  
Friday September 2, 2011– Monday September 5, 2011

Embassy Suites Tampa – USF/Busch Gardens  
3705 Spectrum Boulevard  
Tampa, Florida 33612  
(813) 977-7066

Info: [www.tampabayfallroundup.com](http://www.tampabayfallroundup.com)

**Guest Speakers:**

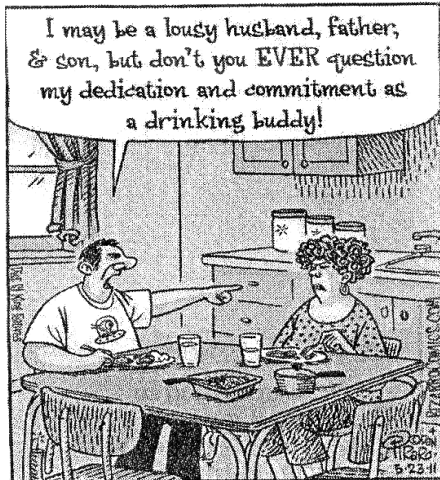
- Matthew M. - Long Beach, CA
- Paul McQ. - Oceanside, NY
- Frank J. - Sherman Oaks, CA
- Theresa F. - N. Hollywood, CA
- Angie P. - Cincinnati, OH
- Katie P. - Austin, TX
- Jerry J. - Whitney, TX
- AFG Speaker:  
Steve B. - Harker Heights., TX

*There will be plenty of AA & AFG discussion meetings to attend (Spanish Also).*

**Activities Include:**

- Friday Night:** Dance, Ice Cream Social\*
- Saturday:** Golf Tournament\* (Lunch)  
Plus you could win a car with a "Hole In One" or other prizes.  
5K Walk/Run\* - Free T-Shirt and lots of other GOODIES!  
Dinner banquet\*, Dance
- Sunday:** Karaoke, Dinner Buffet\*  
"Win It In a Minute" - Lots of FUN and PRIZES

**BIZARRO** by Dan Piraro



A one dollar bill met a twenty dollar bill and said, "Hey, where have you been lately?" The twenty answered, "I was on a cruise ship for a while and hung out in the casinos, then I came back to the states and flew out to L.A., went to a couple of baseball games, out to dinner, took in some of the new movies, that sort of thing. How about you?"

The one dollar bill said, "Oh, you know, the same old thing-meetings, meetings, meetings.

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From: A Rabbit Walks into a Bar

*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.*

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**



**MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA**

**The District 2 General Service Meeting**  
  
First Sunday of each Month  
August 7th, 2011  
  
The Recovery Club of Brandon  
328 West Robertson Street  
Brandon, Florida 33551  
  
GSR Orientation & DCM Sharing @ 2:00 pm  
Business Meeting 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**GRAPEVINE MEETING**  
August 6th, 2011  
1:30 pm  
The Meeting Place  
2736 Land-o-Lakes Blvd  
Land-o-Lakes, Florida  
  
Calling all Grapevine Representatives to come to the  
Grapevine Meeting.

**District 2 Redistricting Committee Meeting**  
August 7th, 2011  
1:00 pm  
The Recovery Club of Brandon  
324 West Robertson Street  
Brandon, FL. 33510  
  
All DCM's, ACM's and GSR's are invited and encouraged  
to attend.  
Brian L. 973-277-4866

**2011 DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
GRATITUDE DINNER**  
  
Saturday November 5th, 2011  
**Christ the King Church**  
821 South Dale Mabry  
Tampa, FL. 33609  
  
Net Proceeds to benefit GSO in New York  
Doors Open: 6:00 pm  
Dinner: 6:30 pm-7:45 pm  
Speaker: 8:00 pm  
  
Chairperson: Kaeli McC, High Nooners Group  
Guest Speaker: Jim F.-Wesley Chapel Group,  
District 2 DCM  
  
FOOD-FELLOWSHIP-FUN-50/50 RAFFLE  
Tickets: \$6.00 (Call Brian L. @ 813-788-4146 )

**SUNCOAST ROUNDUP 2011**  
Friday October 21, 2011- Sunday October 23,  
2011  
**Dolphin Beach Resort**  
**4900 Gulf Boulevard**  
**St. Pete Beach, Fl. 33706**  
For Complete Details:  
[www.suncoastroundup.org](http://www.suncoastroundup.org)

**Open Door Group 40th Anniversary**  
  
Friday, August 5th, 2011  
Dinner and Open Speaker meeting  
  
Speaker: Bob D. from Las Vegas, NV  
  
Parish Center, St. Jerome Catholic Church  
10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, FL  
  
FREE event, FREE parking, Air  
Conditioned  
Ample seating, Bring a covered dish  
Friday, August 5th 2011  
Dinner 6:00pm | Speaker 7:30pm  
  
For more info: Dave H. @ 727-735-7860  
Jeff S. @ 727-831-2844  
  
VISION AUDIO will be recording this live event  
with CD's available immediately following the  
Speaker—CD cost \$8.00

**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL  
SERVICE QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY**  
OCTOBER 28-30, 2011  
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