



# Tri-County Central Office News

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE—GET READY TO PARTY!!! SOBER!!!

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## MISSTEPS ON THE TWELFTH STEP

A letter to the AA Grapevine began, "I've just had a slip, after only three weeks in AA. It was only a one-night stand and I was scared, scared I couldn't stop. So I called my sponsor to talk it over. He came, all right, but we didn't talk! He lectured! Demanded to know why I hadn't remembered the things he had taught me, why I did this, why I didn't do that, etc. It sounded just like before AA. Why, why, why? Gosh, those were things I had hoped he could tell me! If another AA hadn't got hold of me that same day I don't think I would have come back to the group." The writer wants to know if that sponsor is typical. Let's not quibble! This instance is no isolated case of a "spoiled sponsor." The Twelfth Step is a beautiful thing when it is performed with complete humility and compassion by an AA who understands that he has been given another opportunity to help and to serve. It is not so pretty when he sits in judgment. Too many of us, perhaps, are concerned with running up a "score," forgetting it is a human life we are trifling with, not some game to see how many people we can "sober up." Surely, we've learned by now that the only person we sober up, or ever will sober up is —ourselves! None of us is perfect but on the Twelfth Step some of us really go haywire and the more obvious mis-users of the privilege of helping the other fellow fall into certain easy-to-recognize categories. This lecturing sponsor is the "Judge and Jury" type. He "sits" above his "baby," who is treated like a prisoner at the bar. He hands down decisions from on high out of his infinite wisdom. Another type could be labeled "the Doctor." Preoccupied by the disease aspect of alcoholism and probably being a hypochondriac himself, he "treats" his Twelfth Step cases as clinical patients. We've known some who think nothing of handing out pills when their "patients" have trouble sleeping. Then there are our "Thirty-Day Psychiatrists." They explain to the newcomer just how it is that an alcoholic gets that way and they do it with an ease that must have Freud spinning in his grave. In many instances they make AA sound so complicated that the poor drunk, already confused, runs screaming back to the bottle! Then there are those who "play God." Self-aggrandizement is what they're really seeking, not help for the other guy. Consciously or unconsciously, they get so overcome by their own good works that pretty soon they're believing it is their effort alone

**From the Central Office  
SERVICE DESK**  
A total of 652 phone calls were made to the Central Office in SEPTEMBER  
289 for info on AA,  
3 for info on Al-Anon,  
7 messages for other inquiries,  
6 requesting a Twelfth Step call, 347 after Office Hours calls. There were 222 walk-ins visits as well.

which sobers up so many people. I know of one man who took himself so seriously that he couldn't find time to get a job and support his rather large family. He honestly thought that "so many people were depending on him for their sobriety" that he couldn't be spared for such base, mundane matters as earning a living. Charity still begins at home! Comes now, "the Preacher—the Saver of Souls." Having had his own "spiritual experience"

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## RESPONSIBILITY is the name of the game

When I crept into my first AA meeting, sober, and sank into the corner of a room, it didn't occur to me that I was finally discharging a responsibility to myself. Actually I didn't have anywhere else to go. Yes, I had a wife, a home and a bank account, but still I had no other place to go. My home had become alien to me; I'd run my wife out of the house on my last day of drinking; the money couldn't buy what I was looking for. All my life I'd looked for something outside of me, not for the answers to being comfortable within. Some "thing" would make me happy, some person would change my life and I would find my place. "Seek and ye shall find" meant to me trying to fulfill the distorted values I had come to hold. It never occurred to me that I was using alcohol as a medicine in an attempt at a self-cure, to make me comfortable while I was rehearsing my way to the bottom. That knowledge only came to me after I'd "cured" meself into AA. God works in strange ways, and He had allowed me to beat myself almost to mental and physical death in an attempt to get me to face up to the responsibility of becoming a human being. Alcohol was the runaway freight train I used in my no-brakes, downhill ride. Even though I was in the caboose I rode in the cupola above the rest of the train and had a good view, but was busy looking down at the book I was writing, Dante's Inferno. There are still times when I just plain and simple don't like responsibility. Responsibility irks me. As a young boy I wouldn't enter sports because it carried with it the responsibility of winning. School carried with it the responsibility of studying and making good grades. As a young man, work carried with it the responsibility of making good. Marriage carried with it the responsibility of making a home, being true to one woman, raising kids. I backed off from them all. The feeling of inadequacy was a rationalization to enable me to escape responsibility. I used the guilt's of the past to feel that no matter what I did I would never be forgiven by God, if there was a God. Until I came to AA I didn't realize what a magnificent rage and hate I had for people, life, living—me. I told myself I wasn't responsible for wars, rape, arson, mayhem. Didn't people know that was all wrong? Why did they do it? I didn't realize that it was my responsibility not to add to those horrors, but add to them I did, especially when I slipped into my vodka bottle. People became indistinct shadows to me, they were bent upon my destruction, everybody threatened me. I was escaping the responsibility of living, true, but I was also adding to being responsible for the curtain going up on opening night with me flat on my back, asking for help from the only Prompter who can rescue me. The job looked too big when I came to AA. It bugged me that I was responsible for attending meetings. I was hurt and enraged when my sponsor didn't call or stop by and take me to a meeting—thereby making me responsible for going to meetings by myself. I disliked meetings because

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

Hello everybody! My name is Tom F. and I am an alcoholic. Our Secretary Kelly K., who normally would write this, has to attend to personal business so bear with me until she returns.

**Men's Falkenburg Coordinator:** Buddy H. reports everything is going great at Falkenburg.

**Hillsborough Women's Jails Coordinator:** Lindsay T. reports everything is going good. Another Hillsborough County Jail Orientation is not being held until next January and this is upsetting for some. Spread the word for the January orientation! (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>).

**HCI Coordinator:** Patty L. reports that she is taking over for Jill J. She has attended 3 meetings, Weds attendance was really sparse and Sat almost none. The format was open discussion and it wasn't cutting it, they switched to the Book and Steps and their attendance is looking up. Great gals. Jill helped her the first three weeks and that was great. There is a woman named Rita who is fabulous, a yr sober and promised to keep coming back.

**Zephyrhills CI Coordinator** Jim H: meetings are going good out there; 10-12 guys going there for a long time. Sees it as the best AA meeting in a facility he has ever been to, really working the program. Chaplin has finally quit and that is a good thing; hopefully it will loosen up so there will be more orientations and more people can go out to that facility. Will keep us informed

**Juvenile Coordinator:** Brian B. reports he had a pretty good month. Brian said that he did find out that the meeting at Leslie Peters Halfway was not always being covered on Saturday but he has stepped into handle that meeting himself. Brian also says he really enjoys covering these meetings. All of the other centers are being covered.

**Rob T.** reports that all meetings are being covered at both Acts Detox and Town and Country. There is a new facility currently being looked into and there is a possibility of needing volunteers in the future.

**Bridging the Gap Coordinator** Jack S couldn't not attend the meeting but reports that he bridged 3 people for bridge the gap, got 6 calls and three were for help and brought them to meetings. Cathleen C. reports that all is good in Pasco, and that all meetings are being covered.

Also, we had one new face this month! Vicki W. who is a volunteer working with Cathy C. at the **East Pasco County Women's Jail**. For anyone interested in carrying the message into a Prison there is going to be an Orientation given at Hillsborough CI on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. For more information on this service opportunity please call me, Tom F., at 813-818-4439

In Love & Service,  
 Tom F.

**Treasurers Report—October 17th, 2009**

<b>Pink Can Donations YTD 2009</b>	<b>\$16,217.75</b>
<b>Less Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>- \$300.00</b>
<b>Less YTD Literature</b>	<b>- \$ 12,853.82</b>
<b>Less YTD Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 294.74</b>
<b>Pink Can Current Balance</b>	<b>\$2,766.19</b>

**Next Committee Meetings**  
 November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 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: Big Book Noon (Club 3333), Keystone Discussion Group, KIS Pass It On, Midday Matinee, New Day Group, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday), Saturday Night Live Group, Sun City CTR GRP (12 Step Group), Sunshine Group, Thursday Night There Is A Solution Group 3333, Wellspring Recovery Group.

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

<b>TBAIC 2009 Committee Members</b>	
<b>Tom F. - Chair</b>	<b>813-818-4439</b>
<b>Buddy H. - Alt Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Lloyd O.—Treasurer</b>	<b>813-748-9116</b>
<b>Kelly K. – Secretary</b>	<b>813-313-0387</b>
<b>Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus</b>	<b>813-254-4423</b>
<b>Paul D. – Men's Orient Rd</b>	<b>727-385-5529</b>
<b>Buddy H. – Men's Falkenburg</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Lindsay T.– Hills Women's Jails</b>	<b>813-326-5408</b>
<b>Rob T. - Detox</b>	<b>813-453-6059</b>
<b>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>
<b>Heather B.—Juvenile</b>	<b>760-828-5394</b>

**MISSTEPS ON THE TWELFTH STEP . . .** continued from page one

he feels duty bound to share his knowledge with the world, by force if necessary. A nice motive but one that runs roughshod over the fact that most alcoholics, in their first timid approach to AA, are usually God-shy. Maybe they're not atheists or even agnostics but they're likely to have a deeply ingrained aversion to being "preached at." We have deliberately overdrawn these "types" so as to create a sharp contrast with the humble spirit of the Twelfth Step—the simple picture of one drunk sitting down with another to bring him the one thing he really can—understanding! In its finest form the Twelfth Step is impersonal! Each new call for help is a fresh opportunity to give of ourselves; to exercise and strengthen our own need to grow. Naturally, we hope with all our hearts that the poor guy we're talking to will get sober and start living. But if he doesn't—well, strictly speaking, that's his business, not ours. The situation calls for no holier-than-thou lecture. It may call for a more thorough searching of our souls to see what more we can give—a further chance for us to become still bigger persons, and better ones. If, on the other hand, our man does "get the program," it is for us to be humbly grateful, not smug. Its value to us is lost if we take any part of the credit. Our "reward" is in seeing, at first hand, the miracle happening all over again—the renewal of our own faith in the miracle of our own sobriety. Anon.  
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**WILLING MEANS ABLE, IN AA**

No one has ever resigned from alcoholism. But over a hundred thousand men and women have assigned themselves to sobriety through this simple program.

- It's not will power that gets you into AA—its want power.
- If you want anything bad enough, go where there's plenty of it.
- There's plenty of sobriety at an AA meeting.
- There are but two things you need to make the grade....
- Willingness and Time.
- If you are willing enough you'll never notice time.
- Willingness opens the door, and willingness can keep you everlastingly at it.
- If you are going to take first things first, take willingness.
- Be willing to go to meetings, be willing to believe, be willing to come back to many meetings.
- That's a prescription that's hard to beat.
- It's not a cure-all, but believe me, it's a sure-all.
- It's easy to take if you're willing.

**"The Eye-Opener"**

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**WHY WORRY**

There are only two things to worry about. Either you are well, or you are sick. If you are well there is nothing to worry about. But if you are sick, there are only two things to worry about. Either you will get well or you will die. If you get well, there is nothing to worry about. If you die there are only two things to worry about. Either you will go to heaven or you will go to hell. If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about. But if you go to hell you will be so darn busy shaking hands with friends you won't have time to worry. Reprint Permission / AA Grapevine / November 1959 ☺👏

**RESPONSIBILITY**...continued from page one

those present didn't talk about things I wanted to hear, or they said things I didn't understand. When some members seemed serene and competent my defenses went up—who did they think they were? When I asked a question at a discussion meeting and it was answered, I became enraged because I thought everyone was after me, putting me down. If we hit bottom with a public bang the time will come in our AA tenure when we have to venture out of the house and face that public. Face the very same people who were eye witnesses to our final day of disgrace, whatever it may have been. This is definitely a responsibility. By the time I exposed myself to the view of my knowing neighbors and business associates and acquaintances, I'd fortified myself with months of AA. Some of the first things I learned were: That if I thought God could forgive me, who was I not to forgive myself?; that now I had a new life, was a member of a fellowship that cared; that there were understanding people standing behind me; that I should not fear. That I had a responsibility to stand up and be counted, sober. As our Big Book says, I could go anywhere, do anything within my capabilities, as long as my motive was right, as long as I felt I was putting myself under the Big Director, my Higher Power. Even today it bugs me to feel that I am responsible for my actions. Worse yet, I am responsible for the thoughts that lead to the actions. At times the whole shebang becomes so overwhelming I am forced to go back and start all over again—First Things First; One Day At A Time. I must put one foot carefully after the other; be careful that I don't always look down, but also look up to see where I am going and note that the sun is shining, that I am sober, well physically, my mind cleared of booze and pills. I must be grateful in the knowledge that there is a Power greater than myself. Perhaps I am not responsible at all times for the adversity in my life, but I certainly am responsible for trying to cope with adversity, sober. To my chagrin I've learned, the hard way, that I am responsible for slipping into mental and emotional depressions. I can usually take action that will forestall a depression when I conjure one up and begin to slide into it. My depressions are mostly brought on by frustration, fear of the future, self-pity, rage at my lot in life, but above all, fear. AA has taught me that I will not be asked to bear more than I can, regardless of what I think, but that I am responsible for reporting for duty and making the effort to overcome the adversity, and in doing so to overcome myself, which is my first responsibility.  
D.W., Van Nuys, Calif.

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**Coffee John says:** Making coffee for a Group allows me to not only **serve the Group** and give back freely to AA for saving my life, but it has helped me to realize a new freedom and happiness, losing that feeling of uselessness and self-pity, intuitively knowing how to handle situations that used to baffle me, realizing that God is doing for me what I could not do for myself.

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

October 13th, 2009 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:		
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>REPRESENTING GROUP</b>	
<b>PAUL G.</b>	<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	<b>SOBER @ 7 GROUP</b>
<b>RICK D.</b>	<b>VICE-CHAIR</b>	<b>EARLY RISERS GROUP</b>
<b>Excused</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	
<b>MOLLY J.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>NORTH TAMPA YOUNG &amp; RESTLESS GROUP</b>
<b>DIANA H.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE GROUP</b>
<b>JANIE M.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP</b>
<b>MICHAEL B.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>BRANDON/VALRICO GROUP</b>
<b>CHRIS S.</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP</b>
<b>Excused</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>HELPING HANDS GROUP</b>
<b>AL B.</b>	<b>ADVISOR TO THE CHAIR</b>	<b>DRUID HILLS GROUP</b>

Paul opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to turn down their cell phones-etc. Molly J. our newest Board Member representing the Northwest Young & Reckless Group read the minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes was made and all were in favor. Al B. presented the Treasurer's Report stating that we had money in the Bank—any questions? The meeting moved over into Old Business which was updates from Janie concerning our upcoming Anniversary Dinner in February. A lot of discussion followed about whether to serve chicken or lasagna. What would be more cost effective, what would serve the most, where to get the best deals for our money, can we get it delivered or do we have to pick it up—etc. Discussion followed about getting speakers and a taper. Tim mentioned that he had already talked with Jim and Maria and that they would be doing the taping. Other old business was the proposal that our accountant had presented to the Board last month. Carrie took several minutes to explain what needed to be done to bring our "Books" up to be more current. After much discussion a motion was made to approve the money and the go ahead for her to do the work. After this discussion Paul announced that he had asked Rick D. to be our Vice-Chair and that Rick had accepted. Rick then announced that his group the Early Risers and other groups from Joe's Club had decided to do an All Groups Meeting in November. See the flyer on page 6. The Council meeting was well attended and Paul welcomed two new Central Office Rep's, Jackie from the Life Enrichment Group and Tony from the Sunshine Group. The Council Meeting was pretty much the same as the Board Meeting with discussion centered around the Anniversary Dinner. Janie continued to ask for help on the different committees. Buddy talked a few minutes on the upcoming Softball Tournament scheduled for October 31st. Only three teams had signed up at that time but several others had said that they would be signing up. It's going to be a lot of fun and fellowship. Would love to have everyone come out and support us. Al F. from the Sober @ 7 Group announced that their All Groups Meeting was a big success and they had raised

October 13th, 2009 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS**      **REPRESENTING GROUP**

<b>TIGGER F.</b>	<b>SOLUTIONS GROUP</b>
<b>HIRAN H.</b>	<b>LIVE 7 LET LIVE GROUP</b>
<b>TONY P.</b>	<b>SUNSHINE GROUP</b>
<b>BUDDY H.</b>	<b>MORNING MEDITATION GROUP</b>
<b>AL F.</b>	<b>SOBER @ 7 GROUP</b>
<b>STEVE J.</b>	<b>ODESSA GROUP</b>
<b>IRIS W.</b>	<b>TAMPA YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP</b>
<b>GARY N.</b>	<b>SAFE HAVEN GROUP</b>
<b>SANDY S.</b>	<b>CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP</b>
<b>VIVIAN J.</b>	<b>FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP</b>
<b>JACK M.</b>	<b>WELLSPRING GROUP</b>
<b>JOHN W.</b>	<b>KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP</b>
<b>MARK K.</b>	<b>MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP</b>
<b>JACKIE W.</b>	<b>LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP</b>
<b>DICK D.</b>	<b>RIVERSIDE GROUP</b>
<b>JUNE T.</b>	<b>SOBRENITY GROUP</b>
<b>KITTY W.</b>	<b>MUSTARD SEED GROUP</b>
<b>JOHN G.</b>	<b>TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP</b>
<b>JOHN A.</b>	<b>OLD SCHOOL GROUP</b>
<b>EARLE W.</b>	<b>NOON BIG BOOK GROUP</b>
<b>JOHN DP</b>	<b>AS BILL SEES IT GROUP</b>

\$660.00 for Central Office. He also offered his help to anyone else who may want to do an All Groups but not quite know how to go about doing it. Buddy from TBAIC announced that everything was going great with the Institutions Committee and the next Orientation would be sometime in January.

Central Office would like to officially thank the Sober @ 7 Group for all their hard work and enthusiasm in putting together a wonderful All Groups Meeting.

**THANK YOU!!!!**



**INSTANT AA**

Don't be misled by the title. This isn't a formula for achieving ten years' sobriety in two weeks, nor is it a substitute for the day to day practice of the AA philosophy in all its variety. It is merely a simplification that may be helpful to some newcomers who find the variety of AA confusing and even to some not so new members who have become so fascinated by the byways of AA that they forget its basic lack of complexity. We have all seen newcomers, still shaky mentally if not physically, who have been further befuddled by a host of well-meaning and in themselves perfectly sound suggestions from fellow members. A newcomer in this state of mind is ready for a slip. He may be able to avoid it by concentrating on these three phases of instant AA: *Stay away from the first drink.* Obvious as heck, but there is many a pigeon who quite honestly doesn't understand it. Sometimes the confusion comes from his being told that whether he drinks or not is his own business. (It is, of course, but not in the sense in which he may interpret the statement.) Sometimes the confusion comes from AA honesty itself, from the stories of older and successful AAs who relate many tries it took them to get the program. Such honesty is an important part of the backbone of AA, but sponsors should be alert to see that it also isn't interpreted to mean, "I have a few tries coming myself." A bearing down on *stay away from the first drink* may turn the tables to success. *Attend meetings.* Attend whether you like them or not, whether you're going through a pink cloud of confidence or a phase of boredom. Something will come to you from meetings. More will come to you from meetings if you try to participate in them, if you come to them without a drink in the last twenty-four hours, but even under all the wrong conditions constant attendance at meetings will eventually force some AA through the thickest skull. *Try consciously to practice some AA principle each day.* This doesn't mean trying to swallow the whole program at once. A beginner might best be advised, after following the first two suggestions, to play this section by ear. You will be surprised at the applications of AA slogans, of the Steps themselves, of the Serenity Prayer, the twenty-four hour philosophy and other AA adjuncts that will come up in an average day. And the more you use AA in your daily life, the more uses you will find for it. As the mind loses its load of alcohol and the attendant haze, more AA principles will fall into their proper place as helpful aids in the business of living. Stay away from the first drink. Attend meetings. Try consciously to practice some AA principles each day. If you can make room for these three small thoughts in your mind and follow them with your heart, it won't be long before you are accepting the whole program of AA and enjoying its endless benefits.

A.H., New Milford, Conn.

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**Special Needs Committee  
 NEW TIME-NEW LOCATION**

For info: Committee Meeting meets the first Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm, Noon at Joe's Club  
 11601 Downs Loop, Riverview, FL. 33578  
 For info: 210-4865

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
THE REFLECTIONS GROUP	JEFF H.	10/16/07	2 YRS
CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP	JIM VK	11/29/04	5 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MARY C.	11/21/01	8 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LADY LOU D.	11/14/79	30 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JASON B.	11/27/08	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDY S.	11/25/02	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BONNIE M.	11/17/99	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	21 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	CHRIS F.	11/04/05	4 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	BARBARA M.	11/15/03	6 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	LINDA P	11/07/95	14 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	CHARLES M.	11/04/92	17 YRS

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

Honors To	Date	Years
JIM VK	11/29/04	5 YEARS
JEFF H.	10/16/07	2 YRS

**THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP**

INVITES YOU TO THEIR  
 8th ANNIVERSARY GRATITUDE DINNER  
 AND SPEAKER MEETING

**January 16th, 2010**

**Christ the King Church**  
**821 South Dale Mabry**

**Tampa, Florida**

**Guest Speaker: Joe McC from Oklahoma**

**of the Joe & Charlie Big Book Study**

**Tickets: \$15.00 for the Catered Dinner**

**6:00 pm--Gratitude Dinner**

**There will be a total of 350 total seats available for the Dinner**

**8:00pm--AA speaker Meeting**

**Only 750 total seats available for the Speaker Meeting**

**Those who attended the Gratitude Dinner will be seated in the main room with the Speaker, Once this room is filled all others will be seated in the over-flow room.**

**Audio & Video Monitor in the over-flow room.**

**Get your Tickets Now!!!**

**Available from Alex @ the Old School Group or Tri-County Central Office**

**Proceeds go to Benefit the Central Office**

**MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN**

**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.**

**Attitude of Gratitude**  
I Thank God for AA...and I thank AA for God!  
Rick L. - Sober on Saturday Group - 3333 Club  
**District 2 General Service**  
Welcomes you to the  
**2009 Gratitude Dinner**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2009**  
**CHRIST THE KING - CAFETERIA**  
**SOUTH DALE MABRY AT HENDERSON BLVD.**  
**TAMPA**

Doors Open 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.  
Speaker at 8:00 p.m.

**Christa G.**  
Speaker - Apollo Beach Sober at Seven Group  
**Dick D.**  
Chair - Riverside Group

*GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN, GREAT FELLOWSHIP*  
**PLEASE BRING A DISH OF YUMMY FOOD TO SHARE**  
TICKETS \$6.00 - All Net Proceeds to GSO New York

*Sobriety Countdown - 50/50 Raffle*

For Tickets or Information - Please contact:  
Mary L. - District 2 Gratitude Dinner Chair -  
813-996-2381

or  
Patti L. (813) 454-9100  
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**ALL GROUPS MEETING**  
Hosted by the Groups @ Joe's Club  
November 22th, 2009  
Joe's Club  
**11601 Downs Loop**  
Riverview, Florida  
Food & Fellowship, 4:30 pm  
Meeting 5:45-7:00 pm  
Speaker: Virginia T. from Los Angeles  
Speaker: Phil D. from New York  
\$5.00 donation per person  
Bar-B-Q provided  
Please bring Finger Foods for all to enjoy  
All proceeds Benefit our Central Office

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

2:00 PM

Apostles Lutheran Church  
200 N. Kingsway Road  
Brandon, FL

Speaker: Lee Y.

◆ PLEASE BRING FINGER FOOD  
FOR ALL TO ENJOY!!!

◆ SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

◆ 50/50 RAFFLE

◆ ALL PROCEEDS

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