



# Tri-County Central Office News

THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE

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## A tribute to my friend and my sponsor, Mrs. Darlene K.

How do I try to explain the powerful influence Darlene had in my life? Especially when my initial introduction to her was that I certainly did not want to know anything about this woman and did not want to have her as my sponsor. Fortunately, God was doing for me what I could not do for myself and she was appointed as my sponsor. Darlene actually gave me my first and only surrender chip that fateful evening on July 14, 2001. She approached me after the meeting and gave me her phone number. She had a simple request ... call me tomorrow; even if you don't want to. And this is where our journey began. Now, grant you, I don't think she knew what she was getting herself into. However, she and I have discussed at great length God's timing in all of this. For you see, her mom was getting very sick and Darlene was struggling with her own personal demons. So, what does the Program tell us to do when we are in our own heads ... work with others. And that's just what she did. Darlene started a get together with her sponsees on a weekly basis to discuss the Steps and Program. I called one afternoon when we were supposed to be getting together to tell her I would not be able to attend. I told her that I had to finish mowing my yard. Well, most of you know Darlene's passion and commitment to the Program. With her beautiful grace, poise, and compassion, she told me to let her know when I got my priorities worked out, said she loved me, and hung up on me. Pissed me off enough that I quickly finished what I was doing, showered, and went to her house. I was greeted, as always, with a smile and a hug. Our Program tells us to go to any lengths. At less than two weeks sober, I was leaving for a vacation with my kids. I am wrought with guilt over losing custody and still

**From the Central Office  
SERVICE DESK  
A total of 525 phone calls  
were made to the  
Central Office in  
JUNE  
214 for info on AA,  
0 for info on Al-Anon,  
3 messages for other  
inquiries,  
3 requesting a Twelfth Step call,  
305 after Office Hours calls.  
There were 247 walk-ins visits as well.**

craving that escape through alcohol. This is what this woman did for me. Every day I would have assignments. First things first: get a cup of coffee, a cigarette, and my phone to call her and tell her good morning.

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## THE MEETINGS

The meetings in A.A. provide a fine social outlet for the members and are a part of the valuable "group therapy" which A.A. brings to bear upon the alcoholic problem. However there is a more important purpose of the meetings—it is there that the members, both new and old, learn and retain the knowledge of and the necessity of practicing the twelve steps of the program. So oftentimes we find members who go to meetings regularly but only for the social side. They pay little attention to the talks and discussions—except to criticize—and the talks and the discussions themselves are left exactly where they found them—in the meeting hall. There is a story that has gone the rounds for many years where-ever there is public speaking. It tells of a gentleman who was hurrying to church on Sunday morning and evidently was very late for the service. As he neared the church he saw a large crowd of people leaving the edifice. Anxious to learn whether the services were over, he stopped a little old lady coming down the steps. "Is the sermon over?" he queried. "No," the lady replied, "the sermon is not over." "Well then, why are all these people leaving church if the sermon is not over?" "Because the minster has left the pulpit." "But I thought you said the sermon was not over: now you tell me the minister has left the pulpit. How is it possible for the minster to have left the pulpit before the sermon is over?" "The minster has indeed left the pulpit: but still the sermon is not over. For now it is really beginning. The people receive the value of the sermon only if and when they **ACT** on it in their daily lives!" This same truth can be applied to the A.A. meetings. The members who **ACT** on the talks and the discussions in their daily lives are the ones who get full value from the meetings. On the other hand they who take no such action get from the meetings exactly what they go to obtain; a social evening. As a result they learn little A.A.; they take home little A.A.; they practice little A.A.; and then the inevitable slip and once again we hear, "And to think John attended meetings so regularly!" There are many such in A.A. meetings—many who although attending meetings regularly take no **ACTION** on what they hear there and thus make no progress except backwards—for meetings without **ACTION** are sterile—**ACTION IS THE MAGIC WORD.**

Father John Doe—From The Golden Book of Action- 1950

**12 Step Volunteers**—we are always looking for people to sign up on the 12 Step List. This is "how it works", one drunk talking to another. Handle 12th Step calls in pairs, bring another sober AA member to help (your sponsor, sponsees, or another Home Group member). 12th Step work is the surest way we know for an alcoholic to stay sober. If you want to help, please contact Tim at the Central Office by phone (933-9123), e-mail ([aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)) or better yet, **stop by the Office**.....Thanks for your support.

**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 last committee meeting was not well attended due to the fact that the normal meeting date was moved up one week. Both the Hillsborough County Jail system and Florida Department of Correction were having orientation on July 24. Personally I could not attend the business meeting since I was in Fort Lauderdale at the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly. \*Our current secretary Lindsay did not attend the TBAIC business meeting because I sent her a request to attend to an e-mail address no longer in use. Now that you know what went wrong lets acknowledge what went well. \*Buddy H our Alternate did chair the business meeting reports that all of jail meetings our being covered and he was looking forward to getting new volunteers to attend the upcoming jail orientation \*Our new Treatment coordinator, Carl C reports all is well. \*Cathleen C reports all is well in the East Pasco Women's jail. Brian B reports that the juvenile centers are being covered. \*Curtis B reports that we had 5 successful bridges for Bridge the Gap. \*Paula reports meetings are being covered at Hillsborough Correctional Institution and that she has 5 new volunteers signed up for the orientation.

At the Area 15 Correction meeting an inmate who was recently released from a State prison stood up at the beginning of the meeting and thanked us AA's for bringing the message behind the walls. He told us to keep up the good work and that we were changing lives.

Chaplain Rex Henry of Hillsborough C. I. personally thanked the AA's going into that institution. He had high praise for Jill J who was sponsoring a recently released inmate Wendy. He said the work we did changed the attitude of a "hard case" into one of someone who wants to serve the community. Wendy does volunteer work at Metropolitan Ministries. Chaplain Henry went on say that this transformation of Wendy has had a positive effect on the inmates currently attending meetings there and urged us to keep doing the good work we are doing

In Love & Service,  
 Tom F.

**Treasurers Report July 17, 2010**

Year to Date Including 2009	
Year End Balance	\$12,567.03
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$300.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$10,344.36
Less YTD Expenses	-\$617.36
Pink Can Current Balance	\$949.67
Spending Account Balance	\$355.64

**Next Committee Meetings**  
 August 21st 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: Keystone Discussion Group, Kiss Pass It On Group, Midday Matinee, Old School Group, Sisters in Sobriety, Sober on Saturday, Sunshine Group, Town n Country Group, and Wellspring Recovery Group.

**TBAIC 2010 Committee Members**

<b>Tom F. - Chair</b>	<b>813-818-4439</b>
<b>Buddy H. - Alt Chair</b>	<b>813-871-2514</b>
<b>Mark L. Treasurer</b>	<b>813-477-6855</b>
<b>Lindsay T.. – Secretary</b>	<b>813-326-5408</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>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>Tom D. - E Pasco Prison</b>	<b>813-782-7209</b>
<b>Carl C.—Treatment</b>	<b>813-215-9195</b>
<b>Jeremiah T.—Alternate Treatment</b>	<b>813-480-0307</b>
<b>Curtis B.—Bridge The Gap</b>	<b>813-405-7966</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>

Note the spending account was opened in the middle of last year. This total will not balance as stated. If you want to know more, Please contact me.

**A tribute to my friend and my sponsor** continued from page one

Then there were specific readings for each day taking me through the steps. She also required [oops, did I say that out loud, yes there are “musts” in the Big Book ... look them up] that I journal every day. It didn’t have to be much, just enough to get out of my own head. She knew that my guilt would overwhelm me because I had to be super mom. She planned everything perfectly, right down to the visual aids with each step. She already knew that I was that type of learner. She really paid attention. At four months of sobriety and seriously procrastinating with my Fourth Step, she decided that we were going on this retreat up in the woods. *[What an order? I can’t go through with it.]* No TV, no cell service, no public phone? Just meetings, fellowship, meetings, fellowship, and more meetings and fellowship. Uh ... no! And we even had to share a room. Remember, I still didn’t like her much and now she wanted me to go spend the entire weekend with her. Unbeknownst to me, she had lovingly manipulated me, yet again. I desperately needed to do Steps Four through Seven and was not making time for them. So that’s what we did. It is one of the significant events of my life. For you see, God, Darlene and I were in the woods that weekend. Yes, there were many other individuals at the retreat but I only remember working those steps. There were also the many times that she used that 2x4 up side my head and sometimes it was the oversized nerf baseball bat. For you see, she identified many demons that I didn’t even know I had ... yes, that’s what sponsors do. We exorcised the martyr, the damsel in distress, the drama queen, and the princess of projection. Not that these witches have ever gone away, but they knew that Darlene was my sponsor and when they did try to make encore appearances, were quickly given the hook and put back in their right place. As for a drunk like me, removing booze was only part of my problem. The Big Book tells us that we have a living problem. In the time that I was fortunate enough to spend with Darlene, she was teaching me ... oh, what is the term she used ... *to be a responsible, adult-like person.* Yes Dar, I will continue to practice. There are so many other times that I could recount for you. The many nights her husband, John, fed me and made me laugh when all I wanted to do was cry. The way I watched her raise her son helped teach me not (next column ➔)

**A tribute to my friend and my sponsor**.....continued

to be controlling, obsessive, and guilt-ridden with my own kids. The times she loved me when I didn’t want to be or think I deserved to be loved. The times she scolded me and I would say thank you through gritted teeth. The numerous times she told me I was doing a good job and taught me to say a simple “thank you”. God used Darlene to teach me how to live not only without booze ... but how to live and be a responsible, adult-like woman. I would never exchange what she gave me for anything. I can’t. I can only say that I am the woman I am today because of God and Darlene.  
 Cindy H., Plant City

**Editors Note: Darlene passed away April 23rd, 2010. July 14th would have been 23 years of continuous sobriety.**

**~ IN LOVING MEMORY OF ~**

Caroline M passed away on July 1, 2010. Caroline was a member of the New Day Group. She had 26 years of continuous sobriety. Memorial Services honoring her life were held July 27th, 2010 at the Franciscan Center. Caroline was an animal lover and is survived by her two perfect cats, Versace and Monet. She loved exercise and being strong and healthy. She was a long distance runner for the past 18 years. The diagnosis of small cell lung cancer is something that she found almost impossible to believe. She wanted everyone, especially young women, to know that even a short period of smoking can have a catastrophic effect on your life. Caroline wanted to thank all the people who were supportive when she really needed it and said, "Thank you for loving me and allowing me to love you."  
 She will be missed by all who knew her.

Spirituality brings with it a sense of priority in my life: first things first. Unless I discover me and have a love and respect for me, I have nothing to offer in this world. I am the center of my universe and through my life God is radiated. I am a part of God’s creative plan and the pleasures of this world must be seen as secondary to my developing a right relationship with God. My disease of obsession and compulsion wants me to place other things at the center of my life; food, alcohol, drugs, people, money, success, achievement and ego. My spiritual program reminds me that my love of self is shown in my refusal of the first drink. If I am healthy, I can have the world; without me, I can have nothing.

**Father Leo B.—(Say Yes to Life)**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

July 13th, 2010 2010 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

**BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

CATHY K.	CHAIRPERSON	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
RICK D.	VICE-CHAIR	EARLY RISERS GROUP
DIANA H.	TREASURER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
WILLOW W.	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
STAN P.	BOARD MEMBER	INTO ACTION GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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AL B.	ADVISOR TO THE CHAIR	DRUID HILLS GROUP

Before the meeting, Al B. was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his services as Advisor to the Chair for the past year. Cathy opened the meeting in the usual manner. Chris read the June minutes. There was no discussion. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes and all were in favor. In the Treasurer's report, Diana H. had a question about Line Item 7100 (Inventory Adjustment). The question was answered satisfactory by our Auditor, Patti L. who also noted that our Accountant was suggesting that we do a few mini-audits each year. It would make it (inventory) easier to maintain. It was also noted that the Office Manager had not paid himself for a couple of weeks in order to make sure there was plenty of operating cash available to pay the end of the month and the beginning of the month bills. Discussion followed with the Office Manager explaining why he felt the need to do so. A motion and a seconded was made to accept the Treasurer's report. All were in favor. Old Business, which was to look over and discuss the Building Insurance was tabled until the Board Member who had made the suggestion was present at the meeting. In new business, the Board made an approval to have an AA member come in at the next Board meeting and discuss an issue that he felt the Board should be aware of. Tim was asked to call him and all were in favor of the approval. Also in New Business, Patti L., District 2 Treasurer was present and handed out the District 2 Pie-Chart to the Board members. She then went on to explain how they had lowered their prudent reserve and that extra monies over their prudent reserve and expenses were to be send out to the different service entities that they voted on. At this time the body of District 2 had voted to disburse part of the extra money to Central Office. One primary reason was that Central Office was often the first point of contact when the still suffering alcoholic got the courage to make that first call and if District 2 had extra money, why not send it to Central Office to support their efforts. After some discussion, the Board voted and decided that this was okay and they would be willing to accept a contribution from District 2. One member Diana H. voted no. She felt that the Groups should have a say-so in this decision. It was noted that the Groups present at the District 2 Meeting had voted to approve sending a contribution to Central Office. Much more discussion followed, mainly centered around informing the Groups about doing All Groups meetings. Usually it's the All Group meetings

July 13th, 2010 2010 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

EARLE W.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
HELENE S.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
MICHELE H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
LINDA C.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
JULIET SB	SUNSHINE GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
GARY N.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
TIM T.	SERENITY GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
TERRY Y.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CAROL M.	NEW BEGINNINGS (OUR CLUB)
JOHN DP	CARDINAL GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
PAUL G.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
JACKIE W.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
MARTIN S.	WARRIOR'S GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP
JASON W.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
CATHY B.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
MARIA G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
SOPHIA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
CINDY H.	SOBER SPIRITS GROUP
LLOYD O'H	TAMPA YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
JONATHAN L.	WELLSPRING GROUP
ROB L.	THE MEETING PLACE
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
JOHN A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
BUDDY H.	MORNING MEDITATION GROUP

through-out the year that helps to tip the balance of operating in the red and moves us back into the black. Discussion also moved to the Annual Anniversary we hold each year in February. Al stressed the point that we should start now with starting to get the groups to volunteer with the different duties, etc. The Council meeting was a mirror of the Board meeting, mainly stressing the point about All Groups meetings and the Anniversary Dinner. Many questions were answered about how to do an All Groups. Buddy H. asked for the funds to start getting the next softball tournament underway. A motion was made to allocate the funds for Buddy to start the process for securing a field, insurance-etc. Motion passed and all were in favor. The meeting ended in the usual manner. Many people scurried into the main room to get their 20% discount on the items they were purchasing for their groups. ☺



<b>ANNIVERSARY TIME</b>			
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SUSAN S.	08/03/07	3 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JOE L.	08/15/91	19 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CHRIS N.	08/01/84	26 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RITA S.	08/22/94	16 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	STAN P.	08/29/81	29 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	THAD H.	08/30/06	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANNETTE W.	08/05/06	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NICKI C.	08/01/05	5 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	NANCY C.	08/04/83	27 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LINDA P.	08/20/08	2 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	ROD G.	08/28/04	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BARRON B.	08/18/08	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHUCK L.	08/18/07	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	FRED G.	08/05/83	27 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JOANNE L.	08/21/05	5 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	RUTH F.	08/31/95	15YRS
TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE	TERRY Y.	08/09/09	1 YR

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

Honors To	Date	Years
JACKIE W.	07/03/87	23 YRS
DAVE F.	07-19-85	25 YRS
CINDY H.	07-14-01	9 YRS
DARLENE K.	07-14-87	23 YRS

**District 2 General Service  
2010 Gratitude Dinner**  
Saturday, November 27th, 2010  
Christ the King Church  
821 South Dale Mabry  
Tampa, FL 33609  
Speaker at 8pm  
Cory A.

\* Doors open at 6pm. Dinner from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

- Please bring a covered dish to share
- Tickets \$6.00 -- net proceeds going to GSO in NY
  - 50/50 Raffle

**FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP**  
For tickets or information, please contact:  
Kristin R. 813-447-9894  
Patti L. 813-454-9100  
Richard G. 813-784-1464



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~SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE~

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED & WELCOMED!**

**DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING**  
August 1, 2010  
Club YANA  
209 South Tampania Avenue  
GSR Sharing @ 2:00-3:00 pm  
Business Meeting @ 3:00-5:00pm

**24th ANNUAL TAMPA BAY  
FALL ROUNDUP**  
"There is a Solution"  
Friday, September 3th - Monday, September 6th, 2010  
**Embassy Suites Tampa-USF**  
**3705 Spectrum Boulevard**  
**Tampa, Florida 33612**  
For Registration Form & Details:  
<http://www.tampabayfallroundup.com>

*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 TOWN & THE AREA

**Twelfth Annual**  
**BIG BOOK on the BEACH**  
**August 13, 14, and 15, 2010**  
**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  
Marco W. and Roger H.  
(of the Suwannee Big Book Week-end)  
and is being held in beautiful St. Pete Beach.  
Space is limited, so register early.  
For Info e-mail: [bigbookonthebeach@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbookonthebeach@yahoo.com)

### **ALPHA FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER MEETING**

**LOCATION:  
ALPHA CLUB  
(IN DREW PARK)  
4418-B N. HUBERT AVE.  
EVERY FRIDAY @ 7:15  
AUGUST 6TH 2010—GAIL F.  
AUGUST 13TH 2010—CAPPY T.  
AUGUST 20TH 2010—RICHARD G.  
AUGUST 27TH 2010—PATTI L.**

**CONTACT INFO:**

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863-286-7607

**BRYAN D.**  
727-512-1676

**TIM T.**  
863-370-2264



### **54th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION 66th SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE**

Step Into The Sunshine  
August 11th - 15th, 2010  
Doral Golf Resort & Spa  
Miami, Florida 33178

For Registration Form & Details:  
<http://54.flstateconvention.com/Flyer.aspx>

### **GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING**

(District 2 General Service)  
Saturday, August 7th, 2010  
10:00 am

At: **5601 North 20th Street**  
**Zephyrhills, FL.**

Content will be: **Business (Closed Discussion)**  
**An exchange of Grapevine Books**  
**Promote the sale of Grapevine Books**  
**Coffee & Dough-Nuts**  
**Meeting every first Saturday of the Month**

### **Planning Meeting for Carry the Message Day**

(District 2 General Service)  
Saturday, August 21st, 2010  
Saturday, September 11th, 2010  
1:30 pm

At: **The Old School Group**  
**133 Flagship Drive**  
**Lutz, FL 33549**

### **THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP 9th ANNIVERSARY GRATITUDE & SPEAKER MEETING**



Saturday, January 15th, 2011  
Christ the King Church  
821 South Dale Mabry  
Tampa, Florida

Catered Dinner @ 7:00 pm  
Tickets for the Dinner are \$15.00  
Guest Speaker: William B.  
(Author of Lois Remembers &  
My Name is Bill W.)

Speaker Meeting @ 8:00 pm

There is a 350 total seats limit for the Banquet.  
Just like last year, those who have tickets for  
the Banquet will be seated in the main room  
where the speaker will be present.  
Non-Banquet attendees will be seated in the  
over-flow room.

A monitor and sound will be provided.  
Everyone is welcome to come & listen.  
Only 750 total seats available for the Speaker  
Meeting. This includes the overflow room  
50/50 Raffle at the Door.

Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office  
Tickets not available yet--but when they are:  
Tickets will be available at the Central Office  
or from an Old School Group Member



Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		150.00	It's in the Book Men's Group		242.00	SCC Steps to Sobriety		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Just What I Wanted Big Book		4.06	Serenity Sisters Group		
12 Steps to Growth Group		100.00	Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		439.04	Sincerity Group		
2250 Group			Keep It Simple - YANA	25.00	25.00	Sisters In Sobriety Group (W)		109.20
A.A. 101 Group		140.00	Keep It Simple Group (Dade)		175.00	Sober At 6 Group		100.00
A.A. 102 Group			Keystone Group	384.19	676.69	Sober At 7 Group		69.00
All Groups--Safe Haven Group		150.00	Kingsway Group		633.75	Sober on Saturday Group	160.00	788.00
Alpha Group	80.00	240.00	Lake Magdalene Group			Sober Spirits Group		25.00
Anniversary Dinner 2010		2681.01	Lemon Tree Group	70.00	230.00	SOBERSTOCK		650.00
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Life Enrichment Group		383.50	Sober on Sunday Group		195.00
Annual Spring House Retreat			Little Red Book Group		50.00	Sobrenity Group		7.09
Anonymous Donations	19.64	66.88	Live and Let Live Group		147.23	Sobriety at Sunrise		
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		500.00	Living in the Solution Group		338.00	Softball Tournament / CO		709.00
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		195.56	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It			Solutions Group	454.21	1988.22
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	200.00	MacDill Group			Southshore Men's Meeting		169.00
Back to Basics Group - Tampa	130.00	175.00	Mad Dogs Group			Southside Men's Group		225.00
Back to Basics Grp. PlantCity			Mainly Sober Group - Zhills	195.00	195.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		130.00
Barracks Brigade Group			Mapledale Group			Speaker Meeting (Our Club)		
Bayshore Back to Basics			Mid Day Matinee Group			Speaker Sisters in Sobriety		
Bel-Mar Group	180.70	180.70	Monday Nite Madness 3333		213.40	Spiritual Development Group		97.00
Beginners Step Group	100.00	100.00	Morning Express Group		134.40	Spiritual Growth Group		357.50
Bill D's Group	228.76	228.76	Morning Group - Zephyrhills		196.50	Spiritual Progress Goup		
BIRTHDAY PLAN	77.00	108.00	Morning Miracles Group		550.29	Staying in the Solution Group		
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Mustard Seed Group			Step at a Time Group	286.00	634.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group		28.74	New Beginnings - Brandon		364.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp		207.75	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	127.08	567.98	Stepping Stones Group (w)		52.00
Brandon Young @ Heart			Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)		119.39	Sulphur Springs - Disbanded		
Bring Your Own Big Book Gp.			New Day Group		300.00	Sun City Center Group		400.00
By The Book Group			New Way Women's Group		361.75	Sunday Afternoon Meeting SSC		
Came To Believe Group		260.00	Nightly Newcomers Group			Sunday Speakers - 3333	60.00	360.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		286.29	Noon AA Meeting Brandon			Sunshine Group	455.00	455.00
Carrollwood Group			Noon Big Book Group-The Club			Sunrise Meeting Our Club		
Carrollwood NS Group		132.60	Nooners Group		244.90	SWAMP Group (w)		
Challenge of Living Sober		107.20	Noontime Celebration Group		51.97	Tampa Bay Area Institutions		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		100.00	North Brandon Open Forum		438.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Clean Air Group (301)			North Tampa Young & Restless			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		6.57
Design for Living Grp - Joe's		50.00	Northdale Group		143.00	Tampa Palms Big Book		100.00
Dover AA Group		38.15	Odessa Group		325.00	Tampa Palms Men's Group	105.00	105.00
Druid Hills Group	65.00	65.00	Old School Group	390.00	2978.00	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club		294.00	TGIS Women's Group	845.00	845.00
Expect a Miracle Group		125.00	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30	136.50	327.75	Thank God It's Friday		
Fireside Group	42.00	248.00	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	The Meeting Place Group		75.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		75.00	Open Air Group			There is a Solution Conference		
Friday Night Lights Group	135.00	135.00	Palma Ceia Group			Thurs. AM Discusion Group		8.16
Friday Women's Friendship			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Town & Country Step Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		382.50	Palma Ceia Big Book Study	200.00	400.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Good Start Group - YANA			Pass It On Group - Plant City		50.00	Tuesday Night Big Book		
Grupo Alegria de Vivir			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.			Tuesday Serenity Group		
Grupo Latino Sobriedad			Plank Owners Group			Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		
Grupo Hispano Salvacion			Primary Purpose Group		29.00	Uptowners Group		
Grupo Mano Amiga			Red Chip Day Donation			Uptown/Downtown Group		230.00
Grupo Poco a Poco			Red Door Group		75.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		350.00
Grupo Una Dia Ala Vez. (PC)			Reflections Group - 3333			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group	85.70	234.65
Grupo Una Luz Enmicamino			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		195.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Happy Hour Group - YANA			Riverside Group			Warrior's Group		1.73
Happy Hour Mtg.- Apollo Beach			Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		45.50	Wed.NightStep Wksp Joe's		
Harbor Lights Group		10.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		597.09	Wednesday Night Women's Gp.		
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City	150.00	350.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		350.00	Weedpatch Group		
Hide-A-Way Group		300.00	Safe Haven Group			Wellspring Group		86.00
High Nooners Group		600.00	Safe Haven Group			Wesley Chapel Group	130.00	195.00
Higher Learning Group		25.00	Saturday Night Fever Group			West Side Winners Group		150.00
Hour Glass Group			Saturday Night Live Group			With Room to Grow Group		650.00
I.D.A.A.		226.26				Women's Friendship Group		
In the Middle Group		50.00				Women's Perspective Conf		
In the Wind Group		10.00				Zephyrhills Big Book		135.00
Into Action Group			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1527.77</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,580.91</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,258.10</b>			<b>YTD</b>	<b>13041.19</b>		<b>YTD TOTAL</b>	<b>10892.12</b>
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>9,028.40</b>				<b>Grand Total for Month</b>	<b>5,366.78</b>	
						<b>Grand Total for Year</b>		<b>32961.71</b>