



Tri-County Central Office News

Living on a Prayer

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Requiem for a Resentment AA Grapevine/July 1977—Mel B.

I was surprised to learn recently that I may be a party to offenses against certain rights. That's because some alcoholics consider it a violation of their rights when people in authority such as judges and employers prod them into attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, where I have sometimes signed court slips for them. And since our program also mentions God, some agnostics are challenging AA's strong influence in treatment supplied by public funds. I don't think AA members or groups ever wanted to violate anybody's rights. It would be hard to find any group of people more attentive to individual rights than AA members appear to be. For me, this high regard for the individual has always been one of AA's great attractions. Whether this rights matter is really a genuine issue or only a teapot tempest, it did remind me of the time when I thought my own rights were being violated by a quartet of gospel singers. Though it took years to learn any lesson from this, the experience eventually helped give me more tolerance and understanding. Here's how it unfolded. It was a Sunday morning in the spring of 1948, and I was in jail in a small Idaho town, serving a sentence for being drunk and disorderly. It is still disturbing to remember my horrible state of mind that morning. Not surprisingly, I was filled with resentment toward the police who had arrested me and the judge who had sentenced me. But there was more. Much of my anger was righteous indignation about the disgusting conditions in the jail, where the clogged toilet had overflowed and everything was filthy. Yet in a perverse way I'd managed to get some strange satisfaction out of my plight. I'd become a martyr in my own mind, the victim of an unjust society which would allow these terrible jail conditions to continue. Somebody owed me something, or deserved to suffer, because of the way I was being treated. Then something happened to raise my anger and resentment to a higher pitch. A quartet of singers--two men and two women--arrived in the corridor outside the cells to preach and sing gospel hymns. They were nice-looking, well-dressed people in their late twenties, but to me they exuded smug self-righteousness. I saw their arrival as an unforgivable violation of my rights, since there was no way I could avoid hearing their preaching and singing. I prided myself on being an agnostic who had abandoned the hypocrisy of religion, and I had special contempt for people who performed their proselytizing services in public. I also felt that all people should have an absolute right not to have such preaching and singing shoved down their throats, even if they were serving jail time, as I was, for being drunk and disorderly. Absolute right or not, I was forced to sit in my jail cell and listen to the songs and Bible messages. I retaliated as best I could by directing waves of silent hatred and contempt toward them, probably displaying an angry sneer at the same time. And in my own mind, I also took the moral high ground by passing judgment on the quartet. If they were so good and thoughtful, I thought, why weren't they concerned about the filth and degradation of the jail? How could they come to such a terrible place without being indignant toward the community for maintaining this disgraceful facility?

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The Challenge of Normacly

The new member of Alcoholics Anonymous who has attended only a few meetings is full of hope and faith. He is sure that this new way of life is the solution to many of his ills and he is looking forward to the time when he can say, "I have one year of sobriety." He feels that he is floating on a pink cloud because he has overcome the one evil in life that has been a stumbling block to his success. Without these shackles curtailing his every move he feels free as the school child on the first day of summer vacation. He now has time to do things that he has wanted to do for years. He can play golf, go fishing, be a part of society in general, and still be free from the desire to drink. This is a revolutionary period in his life. He can look at things in their true perspective without any thought of drinking. As time passes, these new experiences give way to routine living without the bottle. Like the child two weeks after Christmas, the luxury wears off and he is faced with the task of living in reality for the first time. His family and loved ones become complacent with his new-found happiness because they do not understand the true nature of his problem. The glory and praise wear thin and the man who was once the town drunk is now Mr. Average Citizen. Sobriety might become monotonous because of lack of insight or acceptance. Realism has come into play to spoil the honeymoon. The phase of the AA program that is very important is the one following this so-called honeymoon period. During this period attendance at meetings is particularly important. This is a transition from dependence to a somewhat independent state. Now the application of AA philosophy becomes vital to survival. Alcoholics Anonymous doesn't make us immune to problems: material, domestic, or financial. It does provide a means to attack these problems through realism, objective thinking, and desire. We in AA are fortunate to have a program whereby we can discipline our every action. To the new member of AA, seemingly impossible obstacles can become enlightening challenges through the application of this philosophy. We have all heard of peace of mind and serenity in AA. I feel that these two expressions are grossly misunderstood and perhaps over-used. This presents a picture of complete harmony and accord to the new member. Total serenity and peace of mind becomes the objective. When this condition is not reached, the new member feels that the AA program has failed him. He might again slip into obscurity if he succumbs to this first challenge. Older members in AA are neither in complete accord nor without problems. They are not infallible. They are human and subject to all the complex social problems known to man. They are in a better position to meet this challenge because of the desire to be realistic, mature and objective in their thinking. Those who stay sober in AA live with their defects. They recognize them and are constantly striving to do something constructive to control these emotional problems. Through discipline and constant vigilance,

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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.
Men's Falkenburg Coordinator: Buddy H. reports everything is going great as usual at Falkenburg. The orientation held on January 9, 2010 at the Falkenburg facility was a great success. About 20 AA's turned out ready to carry the message behind the walls.

Hillsborough Women's Jails Coordinator: Lindsay T. reports everything is going good. Lindsay has also been busy working on our TBAIC display board that she proudly displayed at business meeting.

Men's Orient Road Jail Coordinator: Paul D reports that orient rd is business as usual. Paul is trying to a couple of more men's meetings going at Orient Road. We keep you posted on his progress.

Juvenile Coordinator: Brian B. reports all is well with the meetings he is responsible for.

Rob T. also could not attend but reports that all meetings are being covered at both **Acts Detox and Town and Country**. He is however looking for a chair on Wednesday's 12:30PM meeting at Acts Detox and one for the 7:30PM ARC meeting in Drew Park.

East Pasco Women's Coordinator: Cathy C. reports all is well in East Pasco but is need of a few female volunteers that cover the Thursday meeting for her.

Debbie B who is attending meetings at **HCI** reports making progress getting a Saturday step study at that institution.

Patti L has volunteered to help organize the volunteers who attended the last **Hillsborough Jails Orientation**

Terry Y reported that things continue on a sound course at **Riverside Academy**.

Our **Secretary** Kelly K's mother lost her battle with illness and passed away on January 20, 2010. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Tom Holm in from **North Mental Health Center** attended our meeting for the purpose of having us bring a meeting into his facility weekly. There was a lively Q and A session at the end of which our committee said that we would do what we could to support it. Patti L. and Niki S. both volunteered to do ground work to get this meeting up and running. Tom did have a request for some literature to bring back to has facility and we happily filled his order.

In Love & Service,
 Tom F.

Treasurers Report – JANUARY 23th, 2010

2009 Balance Carried Into 2010 Including Donations YTD	\$3,495.03
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$300.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$1,284.00
Less YTD Expenses	-\$137.10
Pink Can Current Balance	\$1,773.93

Next Committee Meetings

February 20th at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work in Detox/Treatment/Jail/Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Pink Can Drive

Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ... We will put it to great use!

TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

Thank you to those groups who have sent

in a donation this Month: Came to Believe Group, Druid Hills Group, Kingsway Group, Mainly Sober Group, Midday Matinee Group, Monday Night Men's as Bill See It Group, Noon Big Book Group, Ruskin Fellowship Group, Sober on Saturday, Thursday Night There Is A Solution Group (Club 3333), Wellspring Recovery Group.

TBAIC 2010 Committee Members

Tom F. - Chair	813-818-4439
Buddy H. - Alt Chair	813-871-2514
Lloyd O.—Treasurer	813-748-9116
Kelly K. – Secretary	813-313-0387
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Paul D. – Men's Orient Rd	727-385-5529
Buddy H. – Men's Falkenburg	813-871-2514
Lindsay T.– Hills Women's Jails	813-326-5408
Rob T. - Detox	813-453-6059
Nikki S.—Detox	727-686-8857
HCI Women's Prison- POSITION	OPEN
E Pasco Jail - Mens- POSITION	OPEN
Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail - Women's	813-727-1415
Tom D. - E Pasco Prison	813-782-7209
Barbie R. - Treatment	727-804-3229
Jack S. - Bridge The Gap	813-598-4717
Joe L. - Pre-Release	813-918-3489
Brian B.- Juvenile	760-215-2993
Heather B.—Juvenile	760-828-5394

Requiem for a Resentment...continued from page one

Why weren't they out preaching to the city fathers for improvements in conditions? And what gave them the right to force me to listen to their preaching and singing? Why were they able to use public property in this way? I believed that both they and the jail officials had violated my rights to be free from religion. The singers left and I smoldered for the rest of the morning. I got out of jail that afternoon, and soon left town and drifted to southern California. My drinking got worse, though I managed to stay out of jail. Several months later, I made my first contact with AA, a rather humiliating experience because the meeting was in a church in Santa Paula, California. It took eighteen months and many such meetings before I was able to establish what has turned out to be continuous sobriety, beginning in April 1950. In the process of getting sober, I gave up my agnosticism and became a believer in AA's spiritual program. But this didn't put me on common ground with the young people who had sung to me through the bars of the jail. Far from it! I even managed to arrive at the belief that AA had the true and correct spiritual program while people such as the young gospel singers were misguided Bible-thumpers who were working entirely in the wrong way. I still felt they had violated my rights. And I apparently ignored AA co-founder Bill W.'s writings about AA's debt to religion and the need to get over any resentment toward religious people. My commitment to AA and sobriety was strong, however, and none of these lingering resentments got me into trouble. But the time did come when I took another look at that Sunday morning experience. It took a kindly nonalcoholic friend named Les to help give me this new slant. Les was a graduate of a college founded by an evangelist known for his rigid fundamentalism. We had become friends while working for a large corporation, where I was public relations manager and he held a sales training position. Though Les was still a religious man, he no longer shared fundamentalist views. Yet he acknowledged that he had obtained a fine education at his college and had received excellent preparation for graduate studies. He seemed to remember his undergraduate years in the same way I thought about Navy boot camp: it was a valuable experience, but not one I'd like to repeat. As we talked, Les's reference to this strict religious background made me think of the gospel singers who had invaded my privacy in the jail back in 1948 (it was now 1965). It seemed to me that they would have been right at home in this school. So I told my friend something of my own background: how I had found a spiritual program in AA and--finishing rather scornfully--how I objected to the practice of forcing prisoners to listen to singing and preaching against their will. I paused in my tirade, expecting Les to agree with me. But he said, with a thoughtful expression, "You know, Mel, you might be too hard on those people. Did you ever stop to think that they might have been praying for you? And maybe it was their prayers that helped get you to your AA program." Here was an idea that had never occurred to me. And I didn't really have an answer, except to admit that Les could be right. After all, I had learned in AA that prayer works, that it changed people and situations. Many of us in AA also believe in praying for others. And if my prayers have power to change lives, how could I say that the prayers of roving gospel singers might not be just as effective? It was arrogant and egotistical to believe that only AA prayers work.

Requiem for a Resentment...continued from left column

That was more than thirty years ago, and I've lost track of the friend who steered me to this new viewpoint. But from that moment on, my thoughts about the gospel singers changed. While I still don't believe it's right to force religious teachings onto jail inmates, I've dropped any blame in the matter. Sure, my rights were violated. But real honesty would have compelled me to admit that I was in jail because I had been violating the rights and safety of other people in society. And how safe would anybody's rights be if everybody in society lived and behaved as I did? I also began to develop a touch of gratitude for that Sunday morning experience. Of all the people in that town, the four young singers were the only people who cared enough to visit the jail in the hope of helping us. None of my drinking companions came to see me in jail. I suspect that most of them were laughing and joking about my plight, and didn't care whether I lived or died. None of the bar owners whose establishments I had patronized came to see me, nor did any other fair-weather friends. But these four young people probably did care about those whom they considered to be lost souls. And it's almost certain that they did pray for me, as Les suggested. Today, when I think of these four singers, I pray for them in my AA way, thankful now that there are all kinds of caring people in the world to offset the evil and destruction that are all around us. I also see it as a very minor problem that they violated my rights. The larger issue is that I and other men in that jail were in terrible trouble with ourselves and life, and these singers wanted to help. I disagreed with their approach, but they were at least on the right track in their desire to help and their belief that God has answers for people who are in deep difficulties, as I certainly was. Now, ironically, I hear that I may be violating people's rights because my Fellowship and the Twelve Step approach are sometimes being imposed on people without their consent, at least according to our critics. And come to think of it, I have visited jails and talked to inmates about the AA program when other inmates were within earshot and thus forced to listen. Maybe these unwilling victims of my preaching felt the same way I did when the gospel singers arrived! Well, we've always said that ours is a program of attraction only, so we should be willing to drop or modify any practice that violates individual rights or smacks of too much coercion. If we are being criticized for too-close involvement with courts and employer programs, we should heed Bill W.'s reminder that "our critics can be our benefactors." We should also concede that AA should not be offered as the only way out of alcoholism. But like those young gospel singers I resented for so many years, I never really set out to violate anybody's rights, nor would most of my AA friends. What most of us really want is to offer every alcoholic the same recovery and new life that was given to us. And I hope I'm not being offensive by declaring that every suffering person should have that opportunity as a God-given right!

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

January 12th, 2010 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

PAUL G. CHAIRPERSON	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
RICK D. VICE-CHAIR	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CATHY K. TREASURER	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
OPEN———BOARD MEMBER	
Excused BOARD MEMBER	NORTH TAMPA YOUNG & RESTLESS GROUP
DIANA H. BOARD MEMBER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
Un-Excused BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
OPEN———BOARD MEMBER	
CHRIS S. BOARD MEMBER	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
Un-Excused BOARD MEMBER	HELPING HANDS GROUP
AL B. ADVISOR TO THE CHAIR	DRUID HILLS GROUP

Paul G. opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to turn off their cell phones and following that with the Serenity Prayer. Chris S. read the December minutes. There were no questions. Minutes were approved as read. Kathy read the Treasurer's report and noted some negatives in some line items, which were the result of our Accountant cleaning up errors in the accounting from past years. The question as to why the Accountant is the Treasurer was asked. Other questions were asked about why the All Groups contributions were not being shown and what was the Miscellaneous line item? It was decided by the Board that they wanted all of the income and all of the expenses to be shown on the budget and to have it broken down into months. A motion was made: That the Board gets the long form of the Budget monthly and the Council would get the long form of the Budget in July and January. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made, seconded and approved. We then had elections since this was Paul's last night as Board Chairperson. Cathy K. volunteered to be the new Board Chairperson and Diana H. volunteered to take over the Treasurer's position. It was seconded and approved. All were in favor. We then moved into discussion concerning the upcoming Anniversary. Diana H. had volunteered to take over the position of organizing the event. After she read a list of things needed discussion followed. Kathy agreed to get greeters. Paul recommended that all the Board members should stand in as greeters. Diana will get Name Badges. We then moved on to discussion concerning the Softball Tournament, with Buddy H. present to answer any questions and to secure money for the field and insurance. Diana asked if there had been any problems. Buddy gave a brief description of some of the complaints he had heard but noted that he and many others had a good time. More discussion followed but in the end a motion was made for Buddy and Tim to get together to draw up some guidelines to be used for anyone signing up for the Tournament. Another motion was made to grant Buddy the money to secure the field and the insurance. Both motions were seconded and approved. A brief discussion of the physical inventory was made. Everything went well. Plenty of

January 12th, 2010 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

RICK E.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
BUDDY H.	MORNING MEDITATION GROUP
BRAD S.	IN THE MIDDLE GROUP
LINDA C.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
GARY N.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
SANDY S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JOHN W.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
JACKIE W.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
EARLE W.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
COVEY M.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
FRED L.	TEMPLE TERRACE MEN'S GROUP
JUNE T.	SOBRENITY GROUP
CARLOS M.	5:45 NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
CHRIS B.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
TERRY Y.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
LUTHER G.	SINCERITY GROUP
JOHN DP	CARDINAL GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
JOHN A.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
STUART S.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
DALE H.	SOLUTIONS GROUP

people showed up to help. Paul made a suggestion that the Co-Chair should henceforth after this event be the Event coordinator for the Anniversary Dinner. After some discussion Diana made a motion to start the process for new responsibilities for the Co-Chair. Motion was seconded and approved. Tim gave an oral report of the District meeting. The Council meeting was mainly discussions concerning the Anniversary Dinner, getting members to volunteer for the different duties left. Buddy gave a brief report about the Institutions Committee, everything was going good and Tim gave a brief report in Debbie's absent for the Central Office Liaison. After the meeting Tim gave out Anniversary Dinner tickets to the Board and Council members for them to take back to their groups to try and sell.

**ANNUAL HOUSECLEANING
Spiritual Retreat for A.A. & Al-Anon
February 26 - 28, 2010
Lake Yale Conference Center
39034 County Road 452
Leesburg, Florida 34788
For Details: <http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com>**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
JUST FOR TODAY GROUP	TOM D.	11/28/83	26 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STACEY W.	01/09/05	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	RAY B.	02/14/07	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DANA L.	02/14/07	3 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOYCE Q.	02/03/03	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	WENDY M.	02/08/99	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS W.	02/04/95	15 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK L.	02/16/89	21 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	ADRIAN C.	02/09/09	1 YR
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	PATRICK C.	02/09/09	1 YR
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MATT O.	02/03/08	2 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDY M.	02/12/09	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	TRACY P.	02/09/09	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	PENNY H.	02/02/09	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BARBARA R.	02/07/07	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LORENE S.	02/14/04	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	HALA LaP	02/04/02	8 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	PAULA B.	02/03/81	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL A.	02/24/08	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ED L.	02/17/07	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN T.	02/28/06	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	STEVE F.	02/13/05	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARIA G.	02/12/95	15 YRS
THE DOVER GROUP	RICKY L.	02/03/09	1 YR
THE DOVER GROUP	MIKE P.	02/01/88	22 YRS
THE DOVER GROUP	TOM N,	02/16/86	24 YRS

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

Honors To	Date	Years
TOM D.	11/28/83	26 YRS

The Challenge of Normacly...from page one

the aggression, self-pity, remorse, resentments, hate, guilt, intolerance, and selfishness give way to a positive, objective approach. We have to live with others in AA as well as on our job. The new member should accept or reject the philosophy of others with an impersonal attitude. The expression, "Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion" is a very good one. We can air our beliefs and feel a part of the AA program by so doing. This being the case, we cannot afford to evaluate a person according to his or her philosophy. Sincerity is the hallmark of quality in AA. If the new member is sincere in his desire to overcome excessive drinking and destructive thinking, then some of the above situations should not become a burden to him. He will stay sober in spite of his changing position. He will accept his changing attitude as moral and spiritual strength and continue to grow in this wonderful program. The AA program is for you. Know your needs and meet them with AA's never-ending supply of wholesome guidance. *Sgt. Bill, San Antonio, Texas, Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine/11-1955*

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 inquiries, 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.

**From the Central Office
 SERVICE DESK
 A total of 647 phone calls were made to the
 Central Office in
 DECEMBER
 298 for info on AA,
 4 for info on Al-Anon,
 12 messages for other inquiries,
 7 requesting a Twelfth Step call,
 326 after Office Hours calls.
 There were 235 walk-ins visits as well.**

Surrender
On the face of it, surrendering certainly does not seem like winning. But it is in AA Only after we have come to the end of our rope, hit a stone wall in some aspect of our lives beyond which we can go no further; only when we hit "bottom" in despair and surrender, can we accomplish sobriety which we could never accomplish before.
We must, and we do, surrender in order to win.
c. 1955 AAWS, Alcoholics Anonymous, 2nd Edition, pp. 341-2

MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN

CENTRAL OFFICE 35TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, February 13th, 2010

Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)

821 Dale Mabry Hwy S. Tampa

Italian Night – Lasagna Dinner Provided

Just like at Mama's, The entire meal provided!

Tickets: \$10.00

Doors Open: 5 P.M.
Dinner Served: 6 P.M.
Speakers: 7 P.M.



2 Speakers:

Joni E.
St. Petersburg, Florida
The All Ages Group

Tommy D.
Sun City Center, Florida
The Sober @ 7 Group – Apollo Beach

**Enjoy a fabulous evening and support Central Office at the same time. Tickets on sale at
Central Office or at the door.**

There will be limited seating up to 300 persons for this event

Dinner * Fellowship * Speaker * Sobriety Countdown * Raffle

6th ANNUAL SOBERSTOCK 2010

Friday - Sunday, March 19th, 20th & 21st, 2010

When: Friday, March 19th, 2010- Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at Noon.

Where: "Camp Brorein" - 16901 Boy Scout Rd. Odessa, FL 33556 -

What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, LANTERNS, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO cabins at this facility. No electrical

hookups allowed. We do have restroom facilities and showers.

What we provide: Refreshments, Camp Style Meals - Fri lunch & dinner, Sat. breakfast lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast.

Cost: \$40 for the Weekend Pass at the gate, however, if you register EARLY (Before March 10th, 2010) by sending in the form

below or register online at www.soberstock.com, you save \$5 on your admission price with Early Registration.

Live Bands!

ALL Food & Drinks INCLUDED!

Tent Camping ONLY!

(No RV's/Popups!)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please make checks or money orders payable to : **SoberStock**

Please detach this form and mail form and payment to:

SoberStock PO Box 340613 Tampa, FL 33694-0613

If you are mailing in this form, WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT BY March 10TH, 2010

NOTE! All sales are final and non-refundable.

This is a Rain Or Shine Event.

PLEASE NOTE:

When ordering with this form or online, we will not ship any items to you. We will have all items for you at the front gate on the day of the event on a Will Call basis - Thanks!

Please remember, pets are NOT allowed and no RV's/Popup campers either. Thank you so much for your help.

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____

1 DayPass - \$25.00 per person Qty. of people? _____ Sub Total: \$ _____

Weekend - \$35.00 per person

(for early registrations OR \$40.00 at the gate)

Qty. of people? _____ Sub Total: \$ _____

Child under 12-1 DayPass - \$5.00 Qty. of children? _____ Sub Total: \$ _____

Sub Total: \$ _____

Child under 12-Weekend - \$10.00 Qty. of children? _____

Tent Pitching: \$10.00 **PER TENT** Tent Qty: _____ Sub Total: \$ _____

Sub Total: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

CHILDREN ALLOWED ONLY IF ACCOMP. BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

SoberStock is a 3 day weekend AA event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship.

This festival is open to all members of AA and their families. Proceeds of this function will purchase

Big Books and other AA literature for District 2 Jails & Institutions, with the remaining profits going

to the area pie chart.

T-Shirts: \$15.00/ea List sizes: _____ Shirt Qty: _____

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL

Speaker Meetings!

Campfire Meetings!

Fishing! (license req.)

Karaoke!

Looking for more details on speakers, bands and other info? Visit www.SoberStock.com