



Tri-County Central Office News

"if faith without works is dead; thenwillingness without action is fantasy "

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HOW IT WORKS

In our circle of AA groups, the reading of "How it Works," from Chapter Five of the Big Book, is traditionally included with the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble in opening our several weekly meetings. Therefore, in my less than two years sobriety, I have heard "How it Works" several hundred times—but did I *really* hear it? Today, in retrospect, I can begin to understand the wealth of wisdom and tremendous significance so highly distilled in that less-than-three-page epistle to the embryo AA member. I think all of us with a few 24 hours of sobriety realize that we, the sober alcoholics, are among the very few who, by the unquestionable grace of our Higher Power, have been blessed with this wonderful gift of sobriety. Both our own membership estimates and the statistics of all types of organizations and agencies engaged in the fight to arrest alcoholism make clear the pitifully small percentage of suffering alcoholics who find a new way of life. Yet we of AA claim that only "rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path." An audacious statement? Perhaps not, if we consider for a moment the happy faces and inner peace of mind evidenced by those who read these words of hope for the newcomer. But there is a qualification in this implies promise of sobriety: "*thoroughly* followed our path." And this call for thoroughness, as I heard it being read at meetings, was to be emphasized over and over again. To me, to do a job thoroughly meant to do it completely. And that was the very thing the readers told me with their next breath—that those who do fail either "cannot or will not *completely* give themselves to this simple program." As you might expect, in my jittery early days of AA exposure, I did not hear the part about giving myself completely. I heard only the reference to "this simple program." How could such a program be simple? Today, I think I can see why it did not seem at all simple. If we are not willing to give ourselves completely to the goals of the program, if we are not willing to be completely honest in our appraisal of ourselves or our previous way of life, then it is quite understandable that the AA program would not appear simple in our eyes. The program is hardly compatible with a dishonest and conniving mind. But my sobriety today tells me that I am "developing a manner of living which demands rigorous honesty." and I say this with gratitude. Now—how grave had my "emotional and mental disorders" become? I will probably never know, but the AA readers told me that I could recover if I could develop the

From the Central Office
SERVICE DESK
A total of 684 phone calls
were made to the
Central Office in
FEBRUARY
312 for info on AA,
0 for info on Al-Anon,
6 messages for other
inquiries,
5 requesting a Twelfth Step call,
361 after Office Hours calls.
There were 241 walk-ins visits as well.

capacity for honesty. Next, as they prepared to relate their stories of what they had been like, what happened, and what they were like now, they told me still again that if I wanted what they had, I would have to be "willing to go to any length to get it." They warned me, before they read to me those wonderful Twelve Steps to recovery that

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IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE

I came to Alcoholics Anonymous when I was twenty-eight years old. It was not my worse drunk that sent me, nor was it the one that caused me the most problems with the law, but it was the worst for me mentally. I had made contact with AA one year before, and I had walked out of the meeting very disgusted with the caliber of people there, as I saw them, and more disgusted with the things they said. These things made me feel guilty, insecure, and uncertain. So, as had become my pattern, I ran away. One year later, all the things they had talked about in that meeting were my story. The degeneration of a female alcoholic, the guilt over destroying my family and ruining my young children's lives, the loss of friends, and the long record of arrests were all mine in the short span of a year. I came to AA that day in November 1964 because I finally was bankrupt. I had no friends, no family. Even the Reno, Nevada, city jail wouldn't take me any more. (I had become accustomed to going there for food, lodging, cigarettes, and a warm place to stay.) I was in the same plight as many people who had gone to AA before—except that I was the youngest person in the Reno area at that time who was obviously, completely, helplessly alcoholic. Ten years ago in my area, there were not many young people in AA. It was hard for me to come to terms with the fact that people so much older than I was could actually understand the frustration of a young person with a drinking problem. They say God protects fools, and I believe today that He protected this one. I rebelled against the average of the group members, though many were providing me with food and lodging and attempting to get me to listen to a way of life that I could not believe would really offer any hope for me. And yet, somehow, I stayed with AA. For many months, I struggled with the contrast between my own life and their sobriety. Alone, I had many hours to think about the possibility that I really wasn't like them. But when I was with them, their stories began to have an impact on me. The past way of life they talked about and the "acting out" behavior that is referred to in the Big Book were mine, in a different time and a different place, but mine nonetheless. It wasn't easy to learn to let people help me. I had been running things for many years, since the time I was thirteen and ran away from home. I ran the show once again when I ran away from my first marriage and four children. I ran the show the first time I was ever arrested for being drunk in public, when the police officer was attempting to get me home and I was insisting that he arrests me. (After I had insisted for twenty minutes in all the obscene language I could summon, he obliged me.) For many months, I depended just upon the fellowship of the people of AA, especially in my home group. But when they told me I would have no life unless I relinquished my hold on my old self, I wouldn't listen. Finally, it became obvious to me that I would have to work the Steps of AA to have what they had and what I did not have.

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TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

Hello everybody! My name is Tom F. and I am an alcoholic.

Our committee has been in a constant state of change and we have been fortunate enough to fill some of our open positions at the last business meeting.

Our new Bridging The Gap coordinator is Curtis B and he is already very busy setting up our (800) telephone number so he will be notified by e-mail of any calls.

Our new Treatment coordinator is Carl C and he is anxious to begin making contact with facilities that are currently supported by this committee. Jeremiah T has also volunteered to be Carl's alternate. To that end both Dick D and Buddy H will take Carl and Jeremiah around to these facilities to make the appropriate introductions.

Jim G also volunteered to assist Rob T with his Detox Coordinator responsibilities.

While getting new volunteers is always a good thing we have lost the services of our treasurer Lloyd O. He has had to step down due to conflicts with his work schedule. Mark L our former treasurer is willing to step in as an interim treasurer. This is not yet official, since Mark could not be at our last meeting and has not gotten the approval of the committee.

Eileen H who has been bringing meetings into Hillsborough Correctional Institution has taken ill. Please keep in her in you prayers that she may make a speedy recovery.

The Soberstock event has given us a check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). With the receipt of that money we immediately made a new literature order for 400 Pocket Big Books, 400 Pocket 12 and 12's, 500 When and Where and 100 Living Sober. Neither the income nor the literature expense is reflected in this months Treasurer's report but will be reported next month.

Speaking for all of the members of our committee, we want to thank all the volunteers who have worked on the Soberstock event making it such a wonderful success. I know this event along with the Steps To Freedom event makes a huge difference in our ability to carry the message.

In Love & Service,
Tom F.

Treasurers Report – April 24, 2010

Year to Date Including 2009	
Year End Balance	\$7,960.65
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$300.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$4,563.34
Less YTD Expenses	-\$385.77
Pink Can Current Balance	\$744.88
Spending Account Balance	\$2721.16

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. T. F.

Next Committee Meetings

May 22nd 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, Life Enrichment Group, Meeting Place Group, Middy Matinee Group, Monday Night As Bill Sees It Group, New Tampa Big Book Study, Noon Big Book Group, Old School Group, Safe Haven Group, Sisters in Sobriety Group, Sober on Saturday Group, Soberstock, Thursday Night There Is A Solution Group (Club 3333), Town and Country Group, Wellspring Recovery Group and the YANA 5:45 Happy Hour Group.

TBAIC 2010 Committee Members

Tom F. - Chair	813-818-4439
Buddy H. - Alt Chair	813-871-2514
Mark L. Treasurer	813-477-6855
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.—Alternate Detox	727-686-8857
Jim G.—Alternate Detox	813-610-3485
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
Carl C.—Treatment	813-215-9195
Jeremiah T.—Alternate Treatment	813-480=0307
Curtis B.—Bridge The Gap	813-405-7966
Joe L. - Pre-Release	813-918-3489
Brian B.- Juvenile	760-215-2993
Heather B.—Juvenile	760-828-5394

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they, too, had balked at some of the Steps; that they, too, had tried to find easier and softer ways. And, yet again, they begged me to be **thorough**. They cautioned that holding on to my old ideas would only result in failure, that I must “let go” of my **entire** self and all my old ways of life, absolutely. At this point, with the reminder that I had been unable to help myself, they told me that God could help. Today, I finally see the short sentence that followed as their prayer for me: “May you find Him now.” Even once again, they emphasized that same condition of thoroughness. “Half measures availed us nothing,” they said. I must approach the God of my understanding “with complete abandon.” Only then, after these many pleas with me to give up my old way of life completely, did they read to me the Twelve Steps and the subsequent acknowledgments of our inherent human failings, which would not permit us to achieve perfection—only progress in that direction. Like all Monday-morning-quarter-back sessions, this one seeks to place a finger on the critical or turning point of the game. An alcoholic at the turning point must decide whether to continue drinking, or to seek the beautiful road to recovery. I reached my turning point when I “came to believe” that the God of my understanding could and would show me a better way of life; when I came to realize that my old way of life was leading me irrevocably to the gates of a hell on earth; when I became thoroughly and completely ready to surrender my egotistic goals, my false pride, my illusory image, and all the many other distorted traits of my personality; when I was finally willing to trade all the things that made up the old me for all the things that they had. Today, I can joyously say to the newcomer, “Rarely have I seen a person fail if he or she has **thoroughly** followed our oath.”

H.D., Franklin, Ohio
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Still very young in my thinking, I balked at all the methods that I had heard about. I made it harder on myself than it was necessary, but through that exasperating struggle, I finally came to believe that a Power greater than myself had to take over. After all those months on the program, it was clear to me that I could never take command in the running and management of my life. Since that time, ten years ago, I have not found it necessary to take a drink. The older members of AA that I resented so deeply at first have turned out to be my dearest friends, staunchest supporters, and personal confidants. Many times over, they have shared their experience, strength, and hope with me, and I remain eternally grateful. I remember how my values (which were phony) and my pride once kept me from accepting what those kind, wonderful people had to give. I no longer believe in generation gaps. I know today from experience that history and life repeat themselves, and that the problems of today with alcoholics are just the same as they were many years ago. The only real gap is a gap of communication. The slang terms change, but resentment is the same today as it was in 1935. Stinking thinking is the same. Lack of faith in the Higher Power is the same. Because AA allowed me to learn these things, I am a better person today, and life is more positive, and I once again have the love of my family and the respect of my children. Most important, the past ten years with AA have let me grow to like myself and to be able to live with myself, one day at a time.

P.B., Carson City, Nevada
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It's Not The Shoelace

An AA sees that time in the program doesn't make him immune to negative emotions.....

Recently, my home group conducted a workshop exploring emotional sobriety. We broke it up into different aspects such as "What is emotional sobriety?" "How does it differ from physical sobriety?" etc. My assignment was to explore: "Why we need emotional sobriety," and I presented it as follows: When I first came to AA my emotions rose to the surface, where I became aware of them. While I thought that I had successfully submerged them with alcohol when I was drinking, I can't deny that I often drank at "him," "her," "Mom," "Dad," the boss, some unfair customer, a disrespectful sales clerk, the police, the system or whatever. I could say that alcohol let me not feel, but the truth is that I felt everything and often wanted to show "them." I used drinking to hurt others or plot my revenge. The only blessing was that I often wouldn't even remember the plot when I sobered up. Newly sober, I not only had the feelings but I also had a lack of ability to deal with them. My immaturity came out in full force. My old idea was that alcohol would still work with these feelings, and I would sometimes give in. Even if I didn't drink, I could be miserable and hold grudges. That's when something trivial like a broken shoelace might lead me to drink because it was the last straw. Without the help of God and a sponsor, I might never know that



it wasn't the shoelace but the lingering grudge and my lack of emotional sobriety that led to drinking again. While this lack of emotional sobriety was dangerous when I was newly sober, the danger did not go away just because I've achieved some time in AA. Indeed, I can mistake number of years for a degree of emotional sobriety. I can rest on my laurels without even recognizing it. When I hold on to resentments, when I find things unforgivable, when I am jealous of another's success, when I am unwilling to listen to others and change my mind, when I react severely to criticism even as I congratulate myself for another day or month or year of not drinking, I am not only not emotionally sober but I also may become not physically sober. This can happen even if I once had a spiritual awakening and have many years of sobriety behind me. The Tenth Step tells me to "watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear" not because these emotions are so deadly in themselves, but because they block me from dealing in a mature, emotionally sober way, rather than just reacting. Since the essay on the Step next says, "and when they crop up," it is a sure bet that time in the program will not make me immune from these negative emotions and my ensuing reactions. My reactions can include drinking again, but even if I don't drink, I can cause problems and heartache in the lives of those who love me and work with me. As the book says, "We believe a man who says sobriety is enough is unthinking

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

April 14th, 2010 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

April 14th, 2010 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:

BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
CATHY K.	CHAIRPERSON	SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP
Excused	VICE-CHAIR	EARLY RISERS GROUP
DIANA H.	TREASURER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
JANIE M.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
Unexcused	BOARD MEMBER	WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	HELPING HANDS GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RIVERSIDE GROUP
WILLOW W.	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
STAN P.	BOARD MEMBER	INTO ACTION GROUP
OPEN		
AL B.	ADVISOR TO THE CHAIR	DRUID HILLS GROUP

STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
JOHNNY G.	SINCERITY GROUP
FRANK F.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
GARY N.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
TERRY Y.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JOHN DP	CARDINAL GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
RICHARD E.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
ARLENE S.	THERE IS A SOLUTION GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
JACKIE W.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
DANA R.	LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP
FRED L.	TEMPLE TERRACE MEN'S GROUP
WAYNE P.	DESIGN FOR LIVING GROUP
JASON W.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
PAUL G.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP

Board Meeting: Cathy opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer and then asked everyone to turn down their cell phones. Janie M. read the minutes from March. There was no discussion and the Minutes were approved as read. Diana H. presented the monthly Budget reports with a question concerning one of the line items. Tim explained that it was the folks who do our printing of the schedules. There was some discussion about the Anniversary Dinner we had in February. Looks like we made somewhere around \$ 1500.00 in ticket sales and donations from the event. Another line item discussed was about an approval for our Accountant to do some cleaning up of our Account from previous errors that had carried over from previous years. It looks like, from our Budget reports that we are currently running at a loss so far this year, but that's usually normal for us and contributions and book sells should pick up as the year goes on and by the end of the year, we should come out about even. Or at least that's how it's worked for the past several years. Discussion moved to the amount Tim had spend on getting new locks for the doors. Discussion then moved to the Office Managers Health Coverage. In Old Business Cathy explained that they had not been able to get together to do the Annual Officer Managers review and they would do it later this month (April). In New Business, Tim informed the Board that while the Accountant was here doing the Monthly Books she came across some unexplained credit card purchases, which Tim promptly began investigating and found that somehow, someone had been charging items on our Business Account. After talking with the "On-Line Store" about the purchases, Tim went to the "Bank" and filed a report and got a new card issued. The "Bank" said they would reimburse us after they had been satisfied that these were indeed illegal purchases, probably in a week. Cathy brought to everyone's attention to think about discussing next month, the idea of having the Office Manager get quotes and pre-approval from two Board members before he makes any "out of the ordinary purchases" i.e. buying locks for the doors, office repairs, office equipment, like that kind of stuff. At the Council Meeting, Al B. presented Paul G. with a Certificate of Appreciation for his time spend as a Board Member and Board Chairperson. The Safe Haven Group was recognized for \$150.00 contribution that had made from a resent All Groups that had put on for the benefit of Central Office. Thanks Guys!!!



Take Me Out To The Ball Game!!!

We had seven teams come out Saturday, April 24th to have fun and compete for the title of **Champ**. The groups were the Meeting Place Group, the Old School Group, the Town & County Wednesday Night Group, The Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group, the Good Start Group, the Friday Night Lights Group and the Mid-Day Matinee Group. Not being there I'm having to relate everything third hand, but I was told that everyone had a good time and so far I haven't heard of any controversy.....cross my fingers. The Tournament started around 9:00 am and was over by 2:30-3:00 pm. So it must of went fairly smooth. All I know about is the ending of the game which will probably go down in Tampa AA history as "the Miracle at Home Plate." So here it is as told to me.....The last two teams standing were the Old School Group and the Tampa Bay Young People's Group. The Old School Group was in the lead with the score Old School Group **8**, Tampa Bay Young People's **6**. It's the bottom of the Ninth Ending with Steve H., of the TBYP Group at bat. There are two people on base. There are two outs. The count is two strikes and three balls. This was it. Go home a loser or possibly, maybe get on base. This was the game right here, right now.....what would happen??? The pitcher winds up and throws the ball and then the Miracle happened!!! Steve swings and puts the ball out for a Home Run, bringing both players on base and himself in to win the game. **Tampa Bay Young People win with a score of 9 to 8.**

WHAT A GAME!!! ☺👏

We at Central Office would like to Thank all of those who participated in the Tournament and to invite more of you to come out and play in the next Tournament sometime in October or there-a-bouts. It's good sober fun.....

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHRISTA G.	05/24/87	23 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PHILOMEMA D.	05/29/79	31 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOHN R.	05/25/09	1 YR
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JAMES S.	05/25/07	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOHN M.	05/14/89	21 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CONI B.	05/11/79	31 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GENE S.	05/12/74	36 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BARBARA C.	05/23/69	41 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	RHONDA J.	05/17/07	3 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SARAH O.	05/20/74	36 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE T.	05/23/98	12 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BILL D.	05/18/86	24 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SOL M.	04/28/09	1 YRS
YOUR ANNIVERSARY COULD	OF BEEN HERE	☺	✋

~ In Remembrance ~

Carl D. from out of Pinellas County passed away April 14th, 2010. He was a World War II bombardier, a devoted family man, a traveling salesman so smooth he could sell parkas in Key West. But for 62 years, his life revolved around sobriety — and not just his own. "When a new person walked in the door (at AA meetings), he was always the first person out of his chair to shake their hand.

Sobriety Date: December 17th, 1947 until April 14th, 2010
 He will be missed.

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members.

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~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!

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" For the sake of others if not for myself, I should seek emotional sobriety. When I am letting myself be ruled by "selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear," any rational thinking or action I do would be purely by accident. Likewise, serenity would be elusive at best and nonexistent at worst. As a friend says, my biggest job in a spiritual life is to become undisturbed. I would only have one of two reactions to any negative interaction with another person: I would either forgive the other person or make amends. I have made a real advance in emotional sobriety if I finally realize I do not have to react to a slight by striking back. Finally, I was told to live a day at a time but not told how to do that. I submit that it is impossible to do a day at a time when bedeviled by emotional chaos. If I strive for emotional sobriety, I will have a much better chance of living in the now, which can lead to joy and appreciation for the wonder of my life.

Jim H. Largo, Florida
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**The April Quarterly hosted by District 2
 General Service:**

We just wanted to thank Debbie and John and Jamie and all of the people who volunteered and manned the Hospitality Room. It was a life-saver. Not really having much money to spend on food during the Weekend, the Hospitality Room seemed to be overflowing with plenty of finger-sandwiches, fruits deserts, coffee, soda, water and just plain old good-fashioned Fellowship. It’s doubtful any of the other Districts in our Area can match the spread that these folks put on. Thanks guys for making our stay pleasurable and enjoyable. Anonymous :)

Note to our readers: Check the current Meeting Schedule and our web site to make sure we have your Group’s information posted correctly. We will be making updates for the new Schedule very soon. Don’t wait until after I have send the information to the printers to decide that you want to make a change. Any changes need to get to me a.s.a.p.....If you snooze.....you loose.....☺✋

Central Office Representative: Remember, if you send in a Representative of your Group to our Council Meeting, which meets the second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 pm, here at the Central Office.....your Group will be entitled to a 20% discount on all items purchased...that night only. That’s a good time to restock all your Literature and Medallions. Call in ahead of time and we will have it ready for you. Hope to see you there at 7:00 pm.....May 11th, 2010.

MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN & THE AREA

The District 2 General Service Meeting has changed location and time.

The new info is:

First Sunday of each Month

Club YANA

209 South Tampania Avenue

GSR Orientation & DCM Sharing @ 2:00 pm

Business Meeting 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Summer Kick-Off Classic

Memorial Day Weekend May 28-31, 2010

Saint Petersburg, FL

Tom I., Southern Pines, NC - John A., Dallas, TX -

Peggy M., Belleview, NE Robbie W., Cape May, NJ -

Florence F., Charleston, SC -

Pat Y., Pasadena, CA " California Rob" M. - Orlando, FL -

Palmer G. (AFG), Miami, FL

Workshops – Meetings – Entertainment - Al-anon
Participation

Musical Pantomime "Charlie the Newcomer"

For Registration Form & Details:

<http://www.summerkickoffclassic.org>

**"The J. Menard Hays Memorial
11th Step Golf Tournament**

Saturday, June 5th, 2010

Starts @ 1:00 pm

Rogers Golf Course

For Details & Registration:

Stop By Club YANA (209 South Tampania)

or Call: Loueita @ 813-760-9052

A VISION FOR YOU

2010 International Convention

75 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous

San Antonio, TX

July 1-4, 2010

For Registration Form & Details:

<http://www.aa.org>

Sobriety definitely can become a habit. Start your morning by asking God (God as you understand Him) to give you a lift for the day; ask for help in your problems, and guidance in Sobriety. At night before going to sleep, thank your Higher Power for the help given you for that day and pray that you may be sober another 24 hours. You'll notice that the folks who are most active have the easiest time keeping sober. Acquire the habit of being faithful to friendships and responsibilities and remember the greatest pleasure in life is to do a good turn in secret and have it discovered by accident.....

Coming June 26th, 2010:

STEPS TO FREEDOM

Christ the King Church

821 South Dale Mabry

Tampa, Florida

Contact: Kristen @ 813-447-9894

Christopher @ 813-850-9888

RAINBOW RECOVERY CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, June 19th, 2010

5:30 pm—9:00 pm

Metropolitan Community Church

406 Eat Cayuga Street

Tampa, Florida 33603

Buffet Dinner \$7.00 in advance

\$10.00 at the Door

Open Meeting at 7:30 pm where early founding members will share memories and history of gay recovery groups.

Door Prizes include a one year membership to RRC, original artwork by a club member and a 1 year subscription to the Grapevine.

Seating is limited so get your tickets early.

**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
GENERAL SERVICE QUARTERLY/ASSEMBLY**

Hosted by District 9 *

Broward County, Florida *

July 16-18, 2010

For Complete Info: www.area15aa.org

Founders' Day Florida Style

JUNE 4 - JUNE 6, 2010

Residence Inn Marriot

600 W Gaines Street

Tallahassee, FL 32303

www.foundersdayflorida.org

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:

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Group	MARCH	Y T D	Group	MARCH	Y T D	Group	MARCH	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King	150.00	150.00	It's in the Book Men's Group	60.00	242.00	SCC Steps to Sobriety		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Just What I Wanted Big Book	4.06	4.06	Serenity Sisters Group		
12 Steps to Growth Group			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		268.66	Sincerity Group		
2250 Group			Keep It Simple - YANA			Sisters In Sobriety Group (W)		
A.A. 101 Group	75.00	75.00	Keep It Simple Group (Dade)			Sober At 6 Group		100.00
A.A. 102 Group			Keystone Group	292.50	292.50	Sober At 7 Group		
All Groups--Safe Haven Group	150.00	150.00	Kingsway Group		633.75	Sober on Saturday Group	278.00	478.00
Alpha Group	40.00	120.00	Lake Magdalene Group			Sober Spirits Group		25.00
Anniversary Dinner 2010	45.01	2681.01	Life Enrichment Group			SOBERSTOCK		
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Little Red Book Group		50.00	Sober on Sunday Group		
Annual Spring House Retreat			Live and Let Live Group			Sobriety Group	2.09	2.09
Anonymous Donations	16.92	41.13	Living in the Solution Group		158.00	Sobriety at Sunrise		
As Bill Sees It--Brandon	500.00	500.00	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It			Softball Tournament / CO		
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		46.76	MacDill Group			Solutions Group	361.07	993.58
Attitude of Gratitude Group		50.00	Mad Dogs Group			Southshore Men's Meeting	169.00	169.00
Back to Basics Group - Tampa		25.00	Mainely Sober Group - Zhills			Southside Men's Group		225.00
Back to Basics Grp. PlantCity			Maple Dale Group			Southside Men's Group # 2	130.00	130.00
Barracks Brigade Group			Mid Day Matinee Group			Speaker Meeting (Our Club)		
Bayshore Back to Basics			Monday Nite Madness 3333		88.40	Speaker Sisters in Sobriety		
Bel-Mar Group			Morning Express Group		66.31	Spiritual Growth Group		
Beginners Step Group			Morning Group - Zephyrhills		100.00	Spiritual Progress Goup		
Bill D's Group			Morning Miracles Group		302.20	Staying in the Solution Group		
BIRTHDAY PLAN	8.00	31.00	Mustard Seed Group			Step at a Time Group		348.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			New Beginnings - Brandon		143.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		280.57	Stepping Stones Group (w)		25.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp		129.75	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)			Sulphur Springs - Disbanded		
Brandon Young @ Heart			New Day Group	100.00	200.00	Sun City Center Group	150.00	400.00
Bring Your Own Big Book Gp.			New Way Women's Group		361.75	Sunday Afternoon Meeting SSC		
By The Book Group			Nightly Newcomers Group			Sunday Speakers - 3333	60.00	180.00
Came To Believe Group	260.00	260.00	Noon AA Meeting Brandon			Sunshine Group		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Noon Big Book Group-The Club			Sunrise Meeting Our Club		
Carrollwood Group			Nooners Group	45.90	208.10	SWAMP Group (w)		
Carrollwood NS Group	132.60	132.60	Noontime Celebration Group		51.97	Tampa Bay Area Institutions		
Challenge of Living Sober		107.20	North Brandon Open Forum		375.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.	100.00	100.00	North Tampa Young & Restless			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		6.57
Clean Air Group (301)			Northdale Group		143.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	100.00
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			Odessa Group	325.00	325.00	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
Dover AA Group		38.15	Old School Group	390.00	2113.00	TGIS Women's Group		
Druid Hills Group			Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club	294.00	294.00	Thank God It's Friday		
Early Risers Group - Joe's			On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		191.25	The Meeting Place Group		75.00
Expect a Miracle Group		125.00	One Day at a Time Group		150.00	There is a Solution Conference		
Fireside Group	60.00	106.00	Open Air Group			Thurs. AM Discusion Group	7.16	7.16
Freedom in Sobriety Group		75.00	Palma Ceia Group			Town & Country Step Group		
Friday Women's Friendship			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Town & Country Wed. Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		155.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study	200.00	200.00	Tuesday Night Big Book		
Good Start Group - YANA			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Tuesday Serenity Group		
Grupo Alegria de Vivir			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.			Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		
Grupo Latino Sobriedad			Plank Owners Group			Uptowners Group		
Grupo Hispano Salvacion			Primary Purpose Group			Uptown/Downtown Group		230.00
Grupo Mano Amiga			Red Chip Day Donation			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		150.00
Grupo Poco a Poco			Red Door Group		25.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night	148.95	148.95
Grupo Una Dia Ala Vez. (PC)			Reflections Group - 3333			Village 12 Step Group		
Grupo Una Luz Enmicamino			Reflections Group-Lake Mag	65.00	130.00	Warrior's Group	1.73	1.73
Happy Hour Group - YANA			Riverside Group			Wed.NightStep Wksp Joe's		
Happy Hour Mtg.- Apollo Beach			Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		45.50	Wednesday Night Women's Gp.		
Harbor Lights Group	10.00	10.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		249.46	Weedpatch Group		
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City	200.00	200.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			Wellspring Group		86.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Ruskin Tomato Patch Group			Wesley Chapel Group	65.00	65.00
High Nooners Group		300.00	Safe Haven Group			West Side Winners Group		
Hour Glass Group			Safe Haven Group			With Room to Grow Group		650.00
I.D.A.A.			Saturday Night Fever Group			Women's Friendship Group		
In the Middle Group		50.00	Saturday Night Live Group			Women's Perspective Conf		
Into Action Group						Zephyrhills Big Book	85.00	135.00
TOTAL	1,747.53		TOTAL	1776.46		TOTAL	1,558.00	
	YTD	5,658.60		YTD	7692.48		YTD	4731.08
						Grand Total for Month	5,081.99	
						Grand Total for Year		18083.16