



Tri-County Central Office News

☺👋 Happy New Year!!!

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.
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In Memory of Don M.

On December 3rd, 2011 all the groups at the 301 House got together to pay their memories to an old friend Don M. who just recently passed away and was a long time member and supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous and coupled with this they held an All Groups Meeting to raise funds for the Central Office. In remembrance of Don M. they were able to donate \$1403.16 to the Central Office.

“We had a really nice turnout, the dinner was awesome and Karen R., the speaker, carried a very good message. The 301 House is grateful to the people that organized and supported this event and made this much needed donation possible to Tri-County Central Office.” Sue Z., Treasurer.

With between 80 and 100 AA members they served homemade ribs and chicken with potato salad, deviled eggs, sodas and deserts. Central Office also thanks all those who made this wonderful event possible. **Thank You!!!**

Central Office will be closed during the Holidays but the phones will still be active. 933-9123

**Office Closed: Saturday December 24th, 2011
Monday December 26th, 2011
Saturday December 31st, 2011
Monday January 02nd, 2012**

Central Office

**Founder's Day Event
Saturday--June 9th, 2012
Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy South
Tampa, FL 33609
More Details to follow Soon**

Lake Yale Spring Meetings

On a sad note: The Lake Yale Spring Meetings have closed their doors. On December 5th, 2011 I received this letter... “ Dear AA Members: This donation is being made. This donation of \$2000.00 is being made to the Tri-County Central Office in the name of the “Lake Yale Spring Meetings.” This retreat was started 40 years ago by Charlie L., the Arkansas Traveler, and has been held in late-May or early June at the Baptist State Assembly Grounds at Lake Yale in Eustris, FL. As an annual event. Over the years, this weekend has had some terrific speakers and was always a source of excellent fellowship and renewal of our spirits. The Time has come when costs have forced a decision to dissolve the Lake Yale Spring Meetings. It saddens our hearts to advise you of this. All the past attendees of the Lake Yale Spring Meetings would like to express our gratitude for the service the office performs. It is in their names that this donation is made and we will miss all of you. Let’s all remember the many faces and voices of Lake Yale—Charlie, Liz, Curtis, Harvey, and so many others. God bless you and we will meet you “on the road.” With Love and Service, Clark R.”

Editors Note: Knowing how alcoholics are, I need to clarify that the Lake Yale Spring Meeting is separate from and not a part of the Annual Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat that also meets at Lake Yale. The Annual Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat is still alive and well.

Thank you Clark and all the participates of the Spring Meetings for thinking about the Central Office and the generous donation that you all made. **Thank You!!!**

CENTRAL OFFICE 37th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, February 11th, 2012

**Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy S.
Tampa, FL. 33609**

Seating Limited to 250

Bizarro by Dan Piraro



From the Central Office
SERVICE DESK
A total of 505 phone calls were made to the Central Office in November
254 for info on AA,
1 for info on Al-Anon,
5 messages for other inquiries,
3 requesting a Twelfth Step call,
242 after Office Hours calls.
There were 212 walk-ins visits as well.

TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

December 10, 2011
9:30am: Open with the Serenity Prayer
9:30am: (no minutes from last month)
Treasurer's Report (Brian B.)

9:35am: Treatment Center Coordinator (John S.): He thanked the committee for letting him serve and stepped down. He found a new Coordinator (Rob T.) and an alternate (Bobby B.).

9:37am: Men's Jail (Paul D.) reports all is well
Women's Jail (Nancy): There is no word yet on the most recent PV numbers and there are now only 7 women covering 16 meetings.
Detox Coordinator (Scott): Sent message that he will be stepping down and found two co chairs to take his spot (Reggie and John)
Bridge the Gap Coordinator: Michelle is the new coordinator but was unable to attend
E Pasco Women's Prison (Kathleen) reports all is well and they are always trying to come up with new formats.

9:45am Volunteer (Tim): Made announcement that Riverside Academy could use some new speakers. Women are welcome. The meeting is on Wednesday nights from 8:30 -9:30.
Volunteer (Bonnie): wants to get involved.

9:46am Chair (Buddy) reminded the committee that the quarterly in January will be held in St. Pete.
Zephyrhills Prison (Jim): all is well.
There was also talk about the April 2012 quarterly that will be hosted by Tampa. The committee was asked to keep some ideas in mind.

10:06am: Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Our Next Committee Meeting
 Is at 9:30 AM on January 14th 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:

Bring Your Own Big Book (Ruskin) (\$9.00), Lunch Bunch (\$200.00), Meeting Place (\$8.00), Midday Matinee Group (\$227.00), Noon Big Book (\$90.00), Old School Group (\$121.29), Riverside (\$22.00), Ruskin Fellowship (\$40.00), Sister in Sobriety (\$43.83), Town & Country Wednesday Night (\$30.71), TGIS (\$18.94), There is a Solution Group (\$34.00), Wellspring Recovery Group (\$95.98).

TBAIC 2011 Committee Members	
Buddy H. - Chair	813-871-2514
John S.—Alternate Chair	813-562-5601
Brian B. Treasurer	813-361-5884
Wayne H.— Alternate Treasurer	813-465-1462
John O. – Secretary	813-263-4998
Dick D. - Hills Jails - <i>Emeritus</i>	813-254-4423
Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail	727-385-5529
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Scott D. - Detox	813-403-2714
Michele C.—HCI Women's Prison	813-294-0806
Sandy B. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-727-1415
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
OPEN—Treatment	
OPEN—Bridge The Gap	
Robert - Pre-Release	616-808-0463
John S.— Juvenile	813-562-5601

Treasurer's Report – November 1, 2011	
Year to Date Income Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 17,972.32
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Less YTD Literature	-\$ 16,389.16
Less YTD Expenses	-\$ 575.60
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 792.61
Spending Account Balance Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 1,517.63

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Old School Group
10th Anniversary Gratitude Dinner and Speaker Meeting
Featuring:
Polly P. – Jacksonville, FL
Sobriety Date: April 11, 1977

Saturday, January 7, 2012
Christ the King Catholic Church
821 South Dale Mabry
Tampa, FL 33609

7 pm - Catered Gratitude Dinner – Tickets \$15.00
350 Total seats available
Dinner Tickets are Available at: Tri County Central Office
or from an OSG Group Member
8 pm - AA Speaker Meeting
Everyone is Welcome to Come & Listen
50 / 50 Raffle at the door
Proceeds to benefit -
Tri County Central Office

South Florida Area 15
General Service Quarterly Assembly
Hosted by District 1 and 15. January 13-15, 2012
Registration 4pm – 8:30pm, Saturday 8am – 8:30pm, Sunday 7am – 9am
Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
333 First Street South • St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727-894-5000 • Room Rate \$89.00
Deadline for registration is December
http://www.area15aa.org/M/Quarterly_Flver.pdf

STEPS TO SOBRIETY
February 24, 25, 26, 2012
Calvary Episcopal Church
1615 1st Street
Indian Rocks, FL. 33785

For Info: <http://stepstosobriety.com/>

SUWANNEE BIG BOOK WEEKEND
March 2nd, 3rd, and 4 th 2012
Dowling Park , Florida

An in depth study of the first one-hundred sixty-four pages of the Big Book will be moderated by , Larry H., Willie S. and Matthew C. at Dowling Park, Florida, which is 12 miles west of Live Oak, Florida, on the Suwannee River.

The first session begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends Sunday at noon. There will be a pot luck dinner Saturday featuring deep fried turkey and whatever we provide. (There is a grocery store and a restaurant on the property.)
All Meetings and rooms are smokeless
The cut off date for registration is January 31st.
Please sign up early because rooms are limited.

Registration only (no lodging) per person is: \$20.00 Lodge: 1 Room: 1 or 2 persons \$180.00 Cabins: Per bed \$60.00
For more info call (David H.) @ Phone number 727-360-4754 or e-mail suwaneebigbook@yahoo.com

 **12 Step Workshop**
January 28th, 2012
9am - 5pm
Tickets are \$5
Includes Spaghetti Lunch
(proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)
St Mary Catholic Church 15520 North Blvd,
Tampa, FL 33613

275 to Bearss Ave – West to North Blvd - Turn Right (North) to St Mary Catholic Church on left.
Map & More Info: www.164FL.com



GREAT EVENTS WILL COME TO PAST
Celebrating the 77th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous
June 8-10, 2012
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
111 West Fortune Street
Tampa, FL. 33602
813-223-1351
"What We Were Like"
"What Happened"
&
"WHAT We Are Like Now"
Presented by: Sandy B., Tampa, FL.
Bob B., St.Paul, MN
For Info:
<http://www.leestapesandcds.com/events/Great-Events-Tampa-2012.pdf>

ANNUAL HOUSECLEANING
Spiritual Retreat for A.A. & Al-Anon
March 9-11, 2012
Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
39034 County Road
Leesburg, FL. 34788
For Info: <http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com/>

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

December 12th, 2011 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
BRETT B.	VICE-CHAIR	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
STAN P.	TREASURER	INTO ACTION GROUP
ABSENT	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
GAIL F.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
JIM M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GP.
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones and if everyone was signed in, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al then introduced Brett B. as our new Vice-Chair. Rob read the November minutes. A note that the Sober on Saturday Group had been left out of the minutes was corrected and the minutes were approved. Stan present the November Treasurer's report noting that contributions had been a little better in November. Expenses look good but we are still \$2100.00 short of our budget for the year. Jim asked how many newsletters go out monthly. Tim replied around 375. Brett asked about the projected year to date budget. Is this the tend to expect each year. Being short through-out the year? Rob noted that if you look at the year to date report we were \$ 2500.00 to the good this time last year. I can understand why things look bad, people out of jobs, not working , the economy. Question? Jim—two months doesn't make it a tend, still need to let the Council know we are \$2500.00 in the red. Budget report was seconded and approved. Discussion for the Anniversary Dinner and the Founders Day event were tabled to be discussed at the Council meeting. In New Business Al announced that our new auditor had apparently moved out of town and didn't bother to inform us and we were left with no auditor. Fortunately, Patti our previous auditor had volunteered to resume her old job, so we are good to go. Christmas bonuses were discussed for and approved for the Office Manager, Keith his part-time assistant and Martin, the After Hours Phone guy. Al announced that tickets for the Anniversary Dinner were available to start selling. At the Council meeting, new Council Members were introduced. Pam from the Safe Haven Group, Carlos from the Living in the Solution Group, Matt from the As Bill Sees It Group and Christa from the Expect a Miracle Group. The Council meeting was a mirror of the Board meeting with the reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's report. In Old Business we had some brief discussion on the upcoming Anniversary Dinner, followed by discussion on the Founder's Day event in June. We will be raffling off a used First Edition Big Book. Tickets will be \$5.00 each and you do do not to be present to win. Ticket sales will begin as soon as Tim gets the Big Book probably in January some time. Discussion followed about promoting the Birthday Plan. Patti stated that we could make the envelopes ourselves. Al brought up that Inventory Day would be January 7th, 2012 and we could use all the help we can get to count all the merchandise. Vivian volunteered to bring the sugar-free dough-nuts.

December 12th, 2011 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
PATTI L.	MID DAY MATINEE GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
TRISH R.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
DAVID C.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
LINDA F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
BARBARA L.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
JULIET SB	SUNSHINE GROUP
MARTY CASTRO	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
TODD C.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
BRANT W	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
MATT	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
MARTIN S.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
MARIA G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
ANN S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JOHN G.	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
KATHLEEN McG	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
CARLOS G.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
DAVID M.	SERENITY GROUP
PAM C.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
RANDY B.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP

Todd made an announcement about the new hotline phone service we are going to try and incorporate with what we already have and asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to help out. Al mentioned the other flyers out on the rack. After the meeting Tim handed out Anniversary tickets to several members to take back to their groups and other meetings to sale.

Language of Love Group

Presents

Women in Recovery

In the Smoke-Free Meeting Room

Our Place—1009 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Brandon

Monday January 9th, 2012 @ 7:15 pm

with Speaker Kat M.

from AA101 Group in Brandon

This is an Open Meeting-All are Welcome

ANNIVERSARY TIME

SELF-SUPPORT-November Report

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
JUST US PICKLES GROUP Melbourne, Florida	SUSAN S.	12/20/88	23 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	AL F.	01/02/06	6 YRS
INTO ACTION GROUP	LYNN P.	01/11/08	4 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	BARBARA L.	01/07/09	3 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	KATHY McC.	01/29/06	6 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JIM P.	01/31/97	15 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN P.	01/19/09	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	MARTY H.	01/02/99	13 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOYCE S.	01/07/98	14 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	29 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	MICHAEL S.	01/20/07	5 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	20 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	TOM G.	01/31/84	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED S.	01/15/86	26 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ED P.	01/17/77	35 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SARAH G.	01/03/09	3 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	JUNE T.	01/09/99	13 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STACEY W.	01/09/05	7 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	AL G.	12/02/86	25 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	BILL B.	01/01/04	8 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	DAVID G.	01/24/95	17 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	MARK M.	01/03/91	21 YRS

☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in 2011 we have 242 Groups with 853 meetings a week. That's a lot of meetings and that's a lot of Groups wanting material. This year to date contributions from Groups (**up to November**) have totaled **\$65,568.69** for the year so far. That accounts for what **144** Groups (7 groups more than last month ☺👉) in our area have contributed. **144 Groups out of 242.** I know I have been around long enough to realize some Groups are barely making it and are lucky just to make their rent and buy some literature, if any, and that's okay. You got to take care of your Group first. But it's something to think about isn't it? **137 Groups out of 242, 853 meetings per week.** But I don't want to forget those **many** AA'er's who have made contributions anonymously or to the AA members who participate in the Birthday Plan or those Groups who have put on an All Groups meeting or Red Chip Day or Soberstock or any other fund raiser in order to help raise some funds for Central Office. Our Literature sales have also generated **\$ 65,909.31** of income to date. We here at Central Office know that those **137** Groups have always given to help Central Office and always will and we **Thank You** for your constant support and we **Thank** all of you who would rather buy your literature here than to order from other vendors. We are not trying to squeeze you for more money. We know we can always count on you. We just wanted to bring some awareness of our situation to those who may not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. We apologize to those who have come in to the Office and we were out of the material you were expecting to be able to purchase. After cashing in an \$11,000.00 CD which was part of our Prudent Reserve, we are in the process of remedying this problem.
 tws:) Office Manager

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

Honors To	Date	Years
SUSAN S.	12/20/88	23 YRS
AL G.	12/02/86	25 YRS

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



SOBERSTOCK 8
Unity, Recovery,
Music,
March 16th-18th, 2012

For Complete Details:
<http://www.soberstock.com/index.html>
 Proceeds to benefit TBAIC
 and our local Service Entities

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER—DANCE SPEAKER MEETING—SANDY B., TAMPA, FL.

Saturday December 31st 2011
Ramada Westshore Tampa Airport
1200 N. Westshore Blvd.
Tampa, FL, 33607
1-866-257-5990
Room Rates \$65.00 S/D

Dinner—Speaker Meeting—Dance
Party Favors & Balloon Drop at Midnight

30.00 Per Peron PREPAID ONLY
NO DINNER TICKETS WILL BE
SOLD AT THE DOOR

Cutoff date 12/23/2011
DINNER SERVED at 7PM
SPEAKER MEETING at 8PM

Sandy B., Tampa, FL
DANCE from 9PM—1AM
DJ: LARRY

CELEBRATION PRODUCTIONS

DANCE ONLY Tickets: \$15.00
Prepaid or at the door @ 7:45pm
Dinner-Speaker-Dance @ \$30
Dance Only @ \$15
Total Amount \$

Mail Check or Money Order Payable to:
Tampa Bay Fall Roundup
P.O. Box 262545
Tampa, FL. 33685

Contact: Gene L. 813-205-7663

Register online at <http://tampabayfallroundup.com/>

Email: Tbfr1987@verizon.net

Contact: Sue Z. 813-601-3113

SUMMER KICKOFF CLASSIC

Presents

AA History Workshop

Saturday, January 27-28, 2012
Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 S. Belcher Rd.
Clearwater, FL. 33764

Featuring Mel B.

Over 60 yrs Sober, Author of My Search for
Bill W,

many other books and Grapevine articles.
Also Contributed to "Pass it On"

And Gail LaC.

Well Known Historian, Past Archivist
Akron Ohio Intergroup Archives

Friday Doors open at 5 - Meeting begins at 7
Saturday 9 to 6 - Lunch is provided

Registration \$20.00

Attendance Limited to 150 People

Make Checks Payable To :

Summer Kick Off Classic

Mail To:

Summer Kick Off Classic

9925 Ulmerton Rd. #281

Largo, FL 33771

Information Phone - Jim 727-251-3188

Maria 727-251 -2188

www.summerkickoffclassic.org/uploads/

SPECIAL SPEAKER MEETING

Presented by:

The Friday Night Live Group

Friday at 10:00 PM on

January 6th, 2012

The Club

3333 West Columbus Drive

Tampa, Florida 33607

We will be having a special speaker meeting . Sandi

D. will be our Guest Speaker.

Come out and join us.

All are welcome.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL
COMMUNITY

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CARRY THE
MESSAGE

MEETING LOCATION:

Tri-County Central Office
8019 North Himes Ave. Ste. 104
Tampa, Florida 33614

NEXT MEETING DATES

January 7, 2011 @ 11:00 am

For more information, please email
picpc@district2tampaaa.org or call (813) 933-9123

