



Tri-County Central Office News

Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

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Everything You've Always Wanted to Know About Service but Were Afraid to Ask

Shortly after joining AA, I discovered what seemed to be a secret organization within our Fellowship. Every once in a while, a group of men and women would appear at the local club, go into one of the rooms, close the door, and have a special meeting. When I finally asked someone, I was told, "That's general service." I immediately assumed that they were a branch of government somehow connected to AA. Later, when I found that general service was part of AA, I decided that they couldn't be regular AAs. After all, they weren't members of my group. They were probably part of some sort of elite group that, I was certain, would exclude me. This happened during the period of my sobriety that I liken to being in the Land of Oz. I just came to meetings without ever giving a thought as to how the coffee, the literature, our meeting place, or our group leaders happened to be there. Then, my sponsor began to talk to me about something called "being in service." The next thing I knew, I was elected to become our group's intergroup representative. I'm not certain that the proximity of those two events was totally coincidental. At any rate, being fearful of accepting any responsibility, I said to my sponsor, "You don't think I should be an intergroup rep, do you?" He congratulated me on being one, and that ended that. For the next six months, I resigned from intergroup each month—while talking to my wife on the way to the meeting. At the meeting, of course, I never mentioned what I'd decided on the way there. I didn't want anyone to know that I was afraid. During these monthly meetings, I began to notice that the committee seemed to be doing things all wrong. I thought, "I'd better stick around a while and try to straighten them out." And so it goes. The door to the Third Legacy swung fully open, and I stepped into an experience in fellowship that many choose to deny themselves. Becoming active in service, first in intergroup, then in general service, I learned many things. First, I learned that AA consisted of more than just my home group. Service expanded my horizons to encompass the whole of our Fellowship. I learned that our books and pamphlets were the result of many hours of love and dedication to our Fellowship from men and women like ourselves. I discovered that our service structure was based upon a system of representation that, like AA, was inclusive, never exclusive. Most important, I discovered that the distance between me and that mysterious group at the club could be bridged if I was willing to serve. In today's fast-paced society, AA has grown in leaps and bounds, and so have our needs. In the beginning, the emphasis was on the traditional Twelfth Step call. Its importance is well documented by the fact that an entire chapter (the seventh) in the Big Book is devoted to the Twelfth Step. Today, our Twelfth Step is still the cornerstone of AA's Legacy of Service. However, we have discovered that we have the tremendous responsibility of providing the fertile soil in which the seeds of our Twelfth Step can take root and flourish. As our co-founder Bill W. says in The AA Service Manual, "Our

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It has been said in these rooms that if we all threw our problems into one pile and walked around it for awhile, we'd each reach in and take back our own problems. As an active alcoholic, I wish I had a nickel for every time I found myself in that state of utter despair. God help me! What can I do? I've alienated everyone I know who means anything to me; I don't know how to behave among normal people; and I can't stop drinking! I wish I could change everything, change everyone, so things could be better. I thought I knew the answers, but for some inexplicable reason nothing seemed to work out. Everything in my life seemed to be getting progressively worse when all I wanted was to make it better. I saw that I couldn't live this way, but there seemed no other way that I could live. Death appeared to be an alternative. If I killed myself I'd have the last say after all, and my family would benefit from the insurance. It seemed my last opportunity to write a happy ending. But I wasn't really all that macho. I was scared and I knew I was about to lose everything I'd manipulated my way into. It was as if my whole life had been meaningless. What should I do? Make coffee! That's what some insensitive guy suggested at a meeting. "Why dwell on what you can't do? It just gets you more frustrated. Why not concentrate on what you can do and do it? You want to be of some genuine value in this world? Then come down off Mount Olympus and join us. We don't need a corporate vice president—and your other credentials don't count here. Our only concern is to help ourselves by helping each other find what we were so desperately in search of: freedom from booze and a contented, useful life. We don't need a genius. We need a coffee maker. You want to feel good about yourself again? Make coffee!" They had no way of knowing what they were letting themselves in for. I'd never made a cup of coffee in my whole life, and here I was being asked to brew coffee for a crowd of people. The prospect scared me half to death, though I must admit it took my mind off my other problems. Here was a real problem: How do I tell the group members about my fear? Well, I mustered all the courage I could and told them that I wasn't street-wise enough to make coffee. So they put two guys on it with me who knew what they were doing. Within a few weeks not only did I make a good pot of coffee (eighty cups, mind you), but I found that with the coffee maker's job came fringe benefits. They began to trust me with the keys to the meeting room and it became my responsibility to set up the chairs and put out the signs for the meetings. Thank God I didn't feel that any of this was beneath me, because as I did these things and didn't question the need for them or the reason for them (I was told it would help me stay sober), I experienced a miracle. For while I was doing these things I felt like I was a real, living, important part of this wonderful Fellowship. I belonged! It was my introduction into the now, and for the first time in years I knew serenity. I found that pushing a broom at the end of each meeting also helped me to stay sober—and—

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TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

Meeting at the Central Office: All meetings are being covered and all reports where good for this month. I lead the meeting on Sat and there where only 3 people attending due to the event held by the district. I was asked to chair the meeting and did. Received emails from Paul all of his meetings are covered and Sandy emailed as well Cass and Nancy all reported good. Brian B. Treasurer.

Greetings from your TBAIC Committee Members: Another great month in the "Carry the Message" business. Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions, as always, which allows us to purchase books, pamphlets and other materials. It is always nice to see "recently released" guys and gals walk into a meeting on the "outside" carrying a book given to them while they were incarcerated or in treatment.

The majority of our funds come from the "pink can" contributions. If your group does not have a "pink can" you can call Dick D. at 813-254-4423 and he will make sure you get one. Every year a huge event called "SOBERSTOCK" takes place. It's a weekend of camping, music, games, AA meetings and food. If you haven't ever been there mark it down on your calendar. It will be in March of 2013. It is also a fundraiser to TBAIC and we have just received a check in the amount of \$1500.00 from the 2012 event. Our thanks to SOBERSTOCK and all of the people who work so hard putting it all together. If you would like to become involved in next years event, call Tim (933-9123) and he will get you connected.

In other news, our monthly meeting was split this month. In addition to our regular meeting at Central Office, we also hosted two meetings (1) Jails & Institutions and (2) Treatments at the April Quarterly here in Tampa, hosted by District 2 General Service. We had workshops at both meetings and our Chairperson, Buddy H., arranged to have three recently released prison inmates make presentations. It was fantastic!!! The gal who works at ACTS detox on 50th Street, Michelle, gave a wonderful talk about AA and it's part in the detox program.

Finally, our enthusiastic treatment facility coordinator, John D., has started meetings in a mental health facility. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the meetings call call him at 813-526-5106. Four women recently completed the jail orientation program and now have clearances to go into meetings at Falkenburg Road Jail. Submitted by Dick D.

Treasurer's Report – April 12th, 2012

YTD pink can balance as of 04/12	4,688.52
Pink Can Balance December 31, 2011	1,817.80
Plus Prudent Reserve	500.00
Total	\$ 7,006.32

<u>SUMMARY OF EXPENSES</u>	
Total Received as of 04/12	\$7,006.32
Prudent Reserve	(\$500.00)
Total Moved to Spending Account	(\$3,800.00)
Total Paid - Operational Expense	\$245.95
Balance 04/12	\$2,460.37

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 am on May 12th 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:

Back to Basics (40.00) Came to Believe (53.00) Friday Night Live (24.00) Keystone Discussion (12.00) Living in the Solution (26.39) Meeting Place (12.00) (Midday Matinee (374.00) Monday Night Madness (7.60) Noon Big Book (158.00) Old School Group (117.50) Ruskin Fellowship (53.00) Riverside (19.00) Sisters in Sobriety (27.85) Sobrenity (30.00) TGIS (50.26) There is a Solution (55.00) Wellspring Recovery (126.87) Good Start (200.00)

TBAIC 2011 Committee Members

Buddy H. - Chair	813-871-2514
Bobby B. Alternate Chair	813-415-4961
Brian B. Treasurer	813-361-5884
Wayne H.— Alternate Treasurer	813-465-1462
John O. – Secretary	813-263-4998
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail	727-385-5529
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
John D. - Detox	813-526-5106
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
Rob T.—Treatment	813-453-6059
Michele S.— Women's Bridge TheGap	813-507-5796
Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-525-8033
Robert - Pre-Release	616-808-0463
Joel C.— Juvenile	813-525-8033

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Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is the principle aim and the main reason for our existence.” Our co-founders and early members knew that it was imperative to seek the means by which we might carry the message to as many as possible as quickly as possible, so that others might be spared the destruction of alcoholism. The need to share our experience, strength and hope thus gave birth to AA’s Legacy of Service. It is to the credit of our members that so many have given freely of themselves and their particular talents and gifts that others might live. Service in AA is more than being our group’s intergroup rep or GSR (general service representative). It also means that we, as group members, should support our representatives by becoming interested in AA beyond the confines of our home group; that we should become aware of the many functions of service. If we are DCM’s (district committee members), service means taking the time to visit those groups to whom we have a responsibility. It means becoming knowledgeable about the service manual, Our Traditions, and our Twelve Concepts. It means being willing to share with our district’s GSR’s our experience, strength and hope. If we are area officers, we should be willing to seek an informed group conscience and to accept its decision even when we are obliged to set our own ideas aside in favor of the majority. As trusted servants and leaders, we have a responsibility to uphold that trust by being informed leaders. We may be asked to make sacrifices, but we will discover that they are not sacrifices at all—when we view them in the light of where we might be now if AA had never existed. If we are chosen as area delegates to the General Service Conference or as trustees, we serve the whole of AA in the United States and Canada. We are elected by our peers and given the task of guiding our Fellowship with the help of a loving God, as we understand him. No greater compliment can be given to any man or woman than to be entrusted with such a responsibility by those about us. They have known us as intimately as only AAs can know one another, and they have chosen us with love. I’m not certain that I fully comprehended AA’s Third Legacy when I was elected delegate, but I understand it now. My greatest wish upon returning from my second and final Conference was to impart to AA’s in my area at least a portion of the love, dedication, and gratitude that had been so strongly expressed at the General Service Conference. I don’t know whether I have been able to accomplish that goal, but I am sure that I have become able to recognize that same expression of love, devotion and gratitude in the eyes of all those who have become willing to give of themselves in order to serve their fellow alcoholics. Perhaps, this is part of the “Great Reality” about which Bill spoke. If, at one time, service seemed like a secret society to me, it was because I was depriving myself of the opportunity to freely give of myself in the spirit of our Twelfth Step. Service is truly freedom of the spirit in a Fellowship where individual freedom is cherished.

This spirit of service and the legacy it has provided can ↑

best be described by the closing paragraphs of Bill’s chapter on the the Twelfth Concept: “Freedom under God to grow in his likeness and image will ever be the quest of Alcoholics Anonymous. May our General Service Conference be always seen as a chief symbol of this cherished liberty. “To a man, we of AA believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live—the freedom in which we have our being.”

C.C., West Palm Beach, Florida
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not because of some high-minded purpose like helping the group. No, it was more because I suspected that most, if not all, of the really sober ones had done the same thing and knew the secret of what pushing a broom can do for a big-time operator like myself. I was grateful that they loved me enough to know and give me exactly what I needed. All I thought about as I was making the coffee was making the coffee and how people could enjoy it. At my sponsor’s suggestion, I stood near the coffeepot and welcomed everyone who came by. I must have experienced a million smiles in a very short time. And when I pushed the broom all I concentrated on was the dust rising from it as I moved it across the floor. Mt troubles were gone for the time that I was doing these things. And so it can be for you. If you can’t live and you can’t die, make coffee.

Jerry B., Freeport, N.Y.
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New Journey Fellowship & Ministries is located in the heart of Ybor City in Tampa. We are located at 2210 East 3rd Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605 New Journey is committed to meeting the needs of the community, including the support of those striving for and thriving in recovery. Because of this commitment, we would like to express our willingness to provide space in our facility for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. If you are aware of any groups needing space, please feel free to pass our contact information on as a possible resource. Contact: Joe Parramore Senior Pastor New Journey Fellowship & Ministries 2210 East 3rd Avenue Tampa, FL 33605 (850) 510-0584 Cell

**Fourteenth Annual
BIG BOOK on the BEACH**

August 17th and 18th , 2012
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 Willie S., Larry H. and Matthew C. (of the Suwannee Big Book Week-end) and is being held in beautiful St. Pete Beach.

Space is limited, so register early.
(We will be serving food from 5 P.M. Friday until 9 P.M. Saturday. So come hungry!!!)
Registration cost per person is : \$30.00

e-mail address: bigbookonthebeach@yahoo.com
Phone: 727- 204-6444 33706

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.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

April 10th, 2012 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
GENE M.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
MAYGAN R.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
JAKE M.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
LINDA F.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
MARTIN S.	SOBRENITY GROUP
LESLIE G.	PROMISES MEETING
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CHRISTA G.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP

April 10th, 2012 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
OPEN	TREASURER	
EXCUSED	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
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
LINDA G.	BOARD MEMBER	TURNING POINT GROUP
J. KELLY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JIM McM	BOARD MEMBER	DAILY REFLECTIONS GROUP

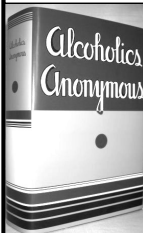
Tim had to work the front desk so Rob took the minutes.....
Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by asking everyone to make sure they had signed in and to turn down their cell phones. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer. New Board members were introduced, J. Kelly from the Clean Air Group, Linda G. from the Turning Point Group and Jim McM. From the Daily Reflections Group. Al gave a brief overview of the By-Laws as they pertain to Board Members. The do's and don't's. Brett presented the Secretary Report. It was approved as read. Tim was asked to come in and present the Treasurers Report. We were \$584.36 in the red for the month but still a little over two grand in the black for the year to date. Jim had a question concerning the \$629.05 for computer expenses. Tim explained that it for for the annual renewal of Quickbooks and we had also had to update to a more current copy of Quickbooks because the Quickbooks 2009 was out of date and Quickbooks would no longer be updating that edition after May 31. Brett asked about literature in stock. Tim noted that we were fairly well stocked, plenty of operating cash available and he would be making a few orders from New York in the next day or so. Tim also mentioned the price increase for most of the literature but he had not increased some items that he was waiting to restock on first. Tim also mentioned that the Board needed a Treasurer so he could complete the Annual Corporate Update. In Old Business, after some discussion, Linda volunteered to be the new Treasurer. Discussion then moved into the Founders Day event. Still looking for some women with 40 plus years to sit on the panel and only 2 meetings left to sure everything up. At the Council meeting, Linda was introduced as the new Treasurer. The Secretary Report was read and accepted as read. Tim presented the Treasurers report. Old Business was a rehash of previous meetings concerning the Founders Day Event. Just making sure everyone was on board with what they had to do and filling in some gaps left by some people who had to bow out of their commitments . It was noted that if groups couldn't fill a committee spot, they could make a cash donation to help out, if they chose. Also people could bring the different supplies and drop them off at the Office. In New Business a motion was made to avoid stair stepping literature cost and to raise the new prices April 1st regardless of past prices. This was seconded and approved. Tickets were released for the Big Book Raffle. A new member—Jake was introduced. Announcements were made.

Gail F. of the Sober on Saturday Group and one of our Board Members and a member with TBAIC, has recently had surgery on her knees again and is currently homebound. She would love to have some company while she recuperates. How about giving her a call at 813-238-1944 right now and see how she is doing before she goes stir-crazy. ☺👋📞

There is a new meeting at Noon on Fridays over at the University of Tampa located at 401 West Kennedy. How about some support if you are in the area. They are located in the Sykes Chapel, 601 B Street Room 107. It's called the **Friday Noon Meeting**.

The Live & Let Live Group has moved to a new location. They are now at The Rainbow Recovery Clubhouse located at 5101 West Lemon Street, Suite A.

The Office will be closed May 28th, 2012 for Memorial Day.....phones will still be active.



Beginning January 21, 2012 raffle tickets when on sale for a First Edition 11th Printing (June-1947) Big Book as part of our Fund-Raiser for the Founders Day Event. Tickets are \$5.00 each. You may get your tickets at the Central Office. **You do not have to be present at the Event to Win.**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CHRISTA G.	05/24/87	25 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PHILOMENA D.	05/29/79	33 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JAMES P.	05/06/11	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ROY K.	05/20/10	2 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE T.	05/23/98	14 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BILL D.	05/18/86	26 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	SARAH O.	05/20/74	38 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOHN R.	05/25/09	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JAMES S.	05/25/07	5 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOHN M.	05/14/89	23 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	CHRISTOPHER E.	05/22/10	2 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	SAM F.	05/19/86	26 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	GENE A.	05/11/79	33 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CONI B.	05/11/79	33 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GENE S.	05/12/74	38 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BARBARA C.	05/23/69	43 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-March 2012

☺ 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 March of 2012 we have 233 Groups with 593 meetings a week. Although we have lost some groups in the past year, that's still a lot of meetings and that's still a lot of Groups wanting material and more groups are being formed as we speak. This year to date contributions from Groups (March ,2012) have totaled \$22,471.56 for the year. That accounts for what 89 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 29 AA'er's who contributed \$679.57 in contributions anonymously and the \$1000.00 from the Old School Group's Anniversary Dinner and the \$3,055.00 minus \$984.94 in expenses we generated from ticket sales, the 7th Tradition Basket and a raffle at our Anniversary Dinner and the \$370.00 generated from Raffle Tickets for the First Edition Big Book we are raffling off at our first ever Founders Day Event. And the \$128.00 from the 5 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Our Literature sales for March bought in \$6,549.57. Contributions were \$ 5,838.76 Our total income for March was \$12,421.60 Our Cost of Goods was \$4,977.51. Subtracting the Cost of Goods from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$7,444.09. Our Expenses for March were \$7,978.95. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus \$534.86 for the month of March. If it not been for the \$272.00 from the 164 Group's 12 Step Workshop and the \$1400.00 donation from the Keystone Group's All Groups Meeting we would have really been deep in the hole.. As I have stated in the past, 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 be new to A.A. or new to being a Treasurer or Trusted Servant to their Group or to those who do not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. It's the nature of the beast...as our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, the demand for more and more material and services continues to expand and we have to try and strive to keep up with the demand. That is only possible with your continued support through your contributions, special events that groups put on for the benefit of Central Office and the literature sales. That's why we have started including this report in the newsletter, so you can see how we are doing and what's needed on a monthly basis. Thank You for your Support.
 tws:) Office Manager

Please note that beginning April 1st, 2012 many items have gone up in price in order to help us keep up with the increases in our cost of goods.

By the time you read this, the updates for the new Meeting Schedule will already have been send in. Hope you have been keeping up with the changes in your Group and they are correctly listed on the Web Ste :).

**The Sobrenity Group is moving. Their new address will be:
 Winn Dixie Plaza
 8410 North Armenia & Waters A venue
 Behind the Popeye's Chicken
 Look for Circle & Triangle on the Door or Window
 No change in meeting times.....**

**The Recovery Club of Brandon is closing down due to lack of financial Support.....no information yet concerning the groups that were meeting there,...this also means that District 2 will need to find a new place to hold their meetings....if you have any ideas...contact Tim at :
 813-933-9123.....Central Office**

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NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

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>

Come Celebrate
The Second Anniversary of
The Promises Meeting
Sunday June 3th, 2012
The Recovery Club of Brandon
324 West Eobertson Street
Brandon, Florida 33511

Potluck Dinner @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
(Bring a dish)
Speaker @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Sandy B.

Central Office Founder's Day Event

Saturday--June 9th, 2012
Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy South
Tampa, FL 33609

From 3:00 pm-6:00pm
Pot-Luck Mid-Afternoon Dinner
Please bring something to share
This is a Fund-Raiser for the Central Office
The Dinner will be followed by a panel of our local
Old-Timers answering questions
(Ask it Basket Style)
and sharing
their experience, strength & hope
A suggested Donation of \$5.00 for the Dinner
No AA member turned away because of lack of funds
Raffle tickets are on sale for a First Edition 11th Printing
(June-1947) Big Book.
Tickets are \$5.00 each.

You may get your tickets at the Central Office.
You will not have to be present at the Event to Win.

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2012 SUMMER KICKOFF CLASSIC

Memorial Day Weekend
Friday May 25th-Monday 28th, 2012
Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park
950 Lake Carillon Drive
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Complete Details: www.summerkickoffclassic.org

SPRING FLING PICNIC

The Solutions Group
Saturday May 12th, 2012
11:00 am--Until.....
Medard Park
5737 Turkey Creek Road
Plant City, Florida 33567

Come join the fellowship and fun!!!
Food & Beverages provided
All Are Welcome!!!

LANGUAGE OF LOVE

Presents: Women in Recovery
Monday May 14th, 2012
7:15 pm
Our Place
1009 Lithia Pinecrest Road
Brandon, Florida

In the Smoke Free Room
Speaker: Cindy R. (Good Day AA Group)
This is an Open Meeting. All Are Welcome!!!

Cook-Out at Joe's Club

Joe's Suburban Club
11601 Downs Loop
Riverview, FL 33578-6130
(813) 677-8021

Sponsored by: The Early Riser's, Newcomer's, and 5:45
Groups

June 17th - Dinner starts at 3:30pm

Bring the kids and enjoy Father's Day with family and
friends.

\$5 tickets for food - kids under 12 eat free
50/50 Raffle - \$1 per ticket/\$5 for 6 tickets

Meeting starts at 5:45pm AA and Al-Anon Speaker

Are you signed up on the Twelve Step List at the
Central Office? Why Not?

Group	MARCH	Y T D	Group	MARCH	Y T D	Group	MARCH	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		150.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book	5.00	55.10	Saturday Night Candlelight		
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		118.18	Saturday Night Live Group	314.00	314.00
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple - YANA			Serenity Group MLK		
164 Group			Keep It Simple Group (Dade)			Sisters in Sobriety Group		83.00
A.A. 101 Group		313.56	Keystone Group		231.00	Sober @ 7 Group		
A.A. 102 Group	162.25	162.25	Kingsway Group		74.12	Sober on Saturday Group	160.00	260.00
All Groups--Keystone	1,400.00	1,400.00	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Sunday Group		
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	LateNighters Group	124.71	124.70	SOBERSTOCK		
Alpha Group	10.00	30.00	Lemon Tree Group		0.70	Sobriety Group	0.64	16.24
Anniversary Dinner 2012		3055.00	Life Enrichment Group		222.30	Softball Tournament / CO		
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Little Red Book Group			Solutions Group	146.42	615.68
Anonymous Donations	415.74	685.09	Live and Let Live Group			Southshore Men's Group		130.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon			Living in the Solution Group		425.00	Southside Men's Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		114.73	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It			Southside Men's Group # 2		75.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group	100.00	300.00	Lunch Bunch Group		27.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Back to Basics Group - Tampa			Mainely Sober Group - Zhills			Spiritual Development Group		
Barracks Brigade Group			Maple Dale Group		100.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bel-Mar Group		120.25	Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Progress Goup		
Beginners Step Group			Mid Day Matinee Group		1500.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Bill D's Group		150.00	Monday Nite Madness 3333		424.64	Step at a Time Group		
BIRTHDAY PLAN	47.00	128.00	Morning Express Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		35.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Morning Group - Zephyrhills		190.00	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Morning Meditation Meeting			Sunday Afternoon Meeting		
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp			Morning Miracles Group		230.57	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	240.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	130.00	277.97	My Turn Group			Sunshine Group		100.00
Came To Believe Group	130.00	130.00	New Beginnings - Brandon		221.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			New Beginnings Women's			Tampa Bay Speakers Group	70.00	165.60
Carrollwood NS Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		205.92	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Chancey Road AA Group		50.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	New Day Group	41.60	78.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	100.00	100.00
Dade City Step Group		150.00	New Way Women's Group			Tampa Palms Men's Group		184.45
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			Nightly Newcomers Group		367.04	Temple Terrace Men's Group		
District 2 General Service			Noon AA Group Brandon			TGIS Women's Group		
Dover Group		77.40	Noon Big Book Group		258.05	Thank God it's Friday Group		
Druid Hills Group			Nooners Group--Riverview		47.92	The 164 Group	166.80	166.80
Early Risers Group - Joe's		306.90	Nooners Group--Tampa	40.00	94.00	164 12 Step Workshop	272.00	272.00
Easy Does It Group		20.00	Noontime Celebration Group	150.00	150.00	The Meeting Place Group	3.00	135.60
Expect a Miracle Group	80.00	80.00	North Brandon Open Forum		20.00	The Next Frontier Group		
Fill the Gap Group	55.06	55.06	Northdale Group		133.25	There is a Solution Group		
Fireside Group			Odessa Group			There is a Solution Group 3333		
Founders Day Event	140.00	370.00	Old School Group		595.30	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		
Freedom in Sobriety Group		73.41	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club			Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety	25.00	50.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		204.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Friday Night Lights Group	145.00	231.60	One Day at a Time Group	100.00	100.00	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		75.00
Friday Women's Friendship	150.00	150.00	One Day at a Time Mtg.	40.00	40.00	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		138.00	Palma Ceia Group		532.55	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		130.00
Good Day AA Group			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Uptown/Downtown Group		
Good Start Group - YANA			Palma Ceia Big Book Study		200.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group	50.00	50.00
Happy Hour Group Brandon			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.	150.00	150.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Harbor Lights Group			Plank Owners Group	100.00	100.00	Warrior's Group		0.70
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City			Primary Purpose Group	58.62	58.62	Weedpatch Group		80.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Promises Meeting		80.00	Wellspring Group	0.92	140.92
High Nooners Group	250.00	700.00	Prosperity AA Group			Wednesday Night Step Workshop		
Higher Learning Group			Red Chip Day Donation			Wesley Chapel Group		137.00
Hour Glass Group	100.00	100.00	Red Door Group			West Side Winners Group		50.00
I.D.A.A.			Reflections Group-Lake Mag	325.00	325.00	With Room to Grow Group		
In the Wind Group			Riverside Group		55.48	Women's Friendship Group		
Into Action Group			Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety			Women's Perspective Conference		
It's in the Book Men's Group		50.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group		185.90			
Just for Today Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group					
			Safe Haven Group					
TOTAL	3,315.05		TOTAL	1134.93		TOTAL	1388.78	
YTD	TOTAL	10,739.22	YTD	TOTAL	7925.34	YTD	TOTAL	3806.99
						Grand Total for Month	5838.76	
						Grand Total for Year	22471.55	