



Tri-County Central Office News

Happy Our Program Exists

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BACK TO BASICS	WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?
<p>Somewhere out there is a woman as sick, helpless, and miserable as was I one night in October of 1966. Should there be within that agonized body a mere spark of wanting, a whisper of willingness, or only that inner yearning for someone, somewhere to help her, God willing, help will come through Alcoholics Anonymous. The Twelfth Step call we make on her, or our being a part of one of the first meetings she attends, becomes, through the sharing of our experience, the beginning of another new way of life for someone else, as it has been for us! Help for her could come from other programs, in a dozen ways. The alcohol would be removed. She might not drink again. Some of the alcoholism facilities are having good results, or they wouldn't exist long. We, too, offer help to find a way to stop drinking, and stay stopped. Through the years since our co-founder Bill discovered the key for us— helping another alcoholic—we have found, through the basic A.A. program set down in our Big Book and our Twelve Traditions, something much more than dryness. We have a way of life! I am concerned that, because of our own compulsive natures, we may still try to perfect the ideal! We keep trying to incorporate different or experimental ideas of others into our program. Now, in public information work or at meetings, we often hear about our “addiction” to the “drug” alcohol. These words have come from the medical profession. Our Big Book refers to our malady as a “disease” or an “illness.” As these other terms become more common within our Fellowship, we may soon be but a step away from identifying as a “drug addict.” Let us not take that step! Keeping our “disease” concept may seem old-fashioned, but it has worked. As a newcomer, I understood “disease” because it compared somewhat to diabetes, while “addiction” and “drug” seem related to the heroin needle. Let us keep our program unique, our basics unchanged! This applies where we try to incorporate religious or self-improvement group-therapy ideas. We lose, in the process, the simple program that has proven itself over and over again. I am convinced the A.A. program contains all the ingredients for a complete, satisfying way of life. Constant searchers for “more” to enhance their program seem to always end up drunk! Could there be a lesson for us there, when we tend to wander away from our basics? Do we forget, also that this is a spiritual program? We soften or eliminate the words about God to the newcomer. We are, in effect, saying that God had nothing to do with the newcomer being there! Then we actually deny the validity of our Twelve Steps. In other ways, we drift from our basics. We publish pamphlets explaining our program to newcomers and other interested people. In a recently revised pamphlet, we have an opening paragraph that asks: (I quote) “Do you want to do more about helping alcoholics than simply doing A.A.’s primary job of carrying the message?” (unquote)* <u>Simply?</u> We must have forgotten that this was the very essence of our beginnings, when Bill made his wondrous discovery! The question was posed to encourage us to help outside agencies, but it might have had more merit had it referred to doing A.A.’s service</p>	<p>The time was 7:30 pm; the date, August 27, 1969. I was sitting on a barstool waiting for a cab to take me to meet a guy who was to take me to my first AA meeting. That evening was the end of a five-week drunk, which was the end of a thirty year drinking career. What had happened on that day to give me the one requirement for acceptance of this program of AA— a sincere desire to quit drinking—I do not know. Today, I give credit to a loving God as I understand Him. When I got out of the cab, there was the guy to take me to my first meeting. I had been wearing the same clothes for a long time, had been drunk for a long time, and had smelled for a long time; my problem was obvious. Eddie did not hesitate or ask any questions as he loaded me into his car and took me to the meeting. For that, I am grateful. For the next ninety days or so, Eddie was always there to take me to a meeting. I was scared, shaking, sometimes angry; but it didn't bother him. I learned a lesson from him that I used for many years: No matter how sick or shaky a man may be, take him to a meeting. I took a lot of drunks to meetings, because that's how I was treated when I came in. Several years ago, there started a trend that continues today. A large percentage of people coming into AA come from treatment centers, hospitals, rehab houses, etc. How they get here is not important; whether they stay is. Coming here from various facilities, to my way of thinking, has several disadvantages. They miss the one-to-one concept of one drunk helping another, which is how AA started, how it grew, and how it will survive. And they sometimes miss being taken by the hand and led through fellowship, meetings, and coffee afterward, to learn to share with one another. Twelfth-stepping is a vital part of AA's program. Where does the responsibility lie? With the treatment center? With the intergroup? With the group? Or does responsibility fall directly in my lap? I was twelfth-stepped into AA, and many of my friends were. The treatment centers do not twelfth-step, nor do they show people how. Are we old-timers passing the back? I am guilty of this. I feel that, as an AA member and as a sponsor, I should share the experience of twelfth-stepping with the people I sponsor. How else are they going to acquire the knowledge, experience, and desire to twelfth-step on their own? I feel this is the time to get back to the basics of the program and work the fundamentals that have been successful in the past and will continue to work if we use them.</p> <p>I.P., Glendale, Ariz. Permission to Reprint/ AA Grapevine/ October 1980</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District 2 Archives Committee:</p> <p>Archives service work is more than mere custodial activity, it is the means by which we collect, preserve and share the rich and meaningful heritage of our fellowship. If you have a book, picture, CD, or tape that you would like to donate to our Archives, please contact the Archives Committee Chair at: archives(at)district2tampaaa.org</p>

District 2 - Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee covering Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

(877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672!

Hi Everyone. Thank you again for an awesome year. We are looking forward to another fantastic year. We would like to Thank everyone for all your donations.

We had a Jail orientation and were able to add some men and women to our volunteer list.

Ryan L. is rotating into our Treasury position. Thanks to Brian B. for all the hard work and dedication.

We are looking forward to another great weekend at Soberstock coming up March 15th-17th, 2013. Soberstock is a great time of fun, music and fellowship.

We are also having another Softball Tournament April 20, 2013. Our last tournament like all the ones before was a great success. \$100.00 per team—four girls coed team. All proceeds go to TBAIC. Please remember that the cut off date for sending in your registration fee and information will be April 15th, 2013 and to **make your check payable to TBAIC**. You can drop off your registration at the Central Office or call Buddy at 871-2514. We hope you see a lot of teams signed up.

Anyone looking to get active in AA give one of the coordinators a call or come by our next meeting on the 2nd Saturday in February.

Thank You, TBAIC

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on February 9th, 2013 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 (37.00) Expect a Miracle (75.00) Experience, Strength & Hope (25.00) Keystone (73.00) Living in the Solution (57.61) Meeting Place (5.00) Midday Matinee (225.00) Morning Meditation (174.37) Noon Big Book (71.00) Old School (703.39) Ruskin Fellowship (29.00) Riverside (67.00) Sisters in Sobriety (16.75) There is a Solution (20.00) Women's 12 & 12 (6.00) Rush Hour Serenity (50.00)

TBAIC 2012-2013 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 - <i>Emeritus</i>	813-254-4423
Paul D. – Hillsborough County Jail	727-385-5529
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Ron G. - Detox & Treatment	813-802-1324 813-297-5112
Cathleen C. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-727-1415
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
Michele S. Women's Bridge The Gap	813-507-5796
Joel C.— Men's Bridge The Gap	813-525-8033
- Pre-Release	
Joel C.— Juvenile	813-525-8033

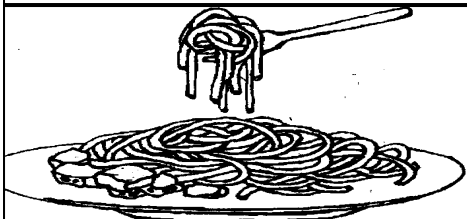
Treasurer's Report – 01, 2013

YTD Pink Can Balance 12/12	\$ 1,635.12
Pink Can Balance December 31, 2012	\$ 881.73
Total Received –01 — 2013	\$ 3,016.85
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Total Moved to Spending Account	- \$ 1500.00
Total Paid-Operational Expense	- \$ 167.10
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 849.75
Spending Account Balance Including 2012 Year End Balance.....	\$ 1,973.76

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work. We seem constantly need more service workers. Within our meetings, we are telling newcomers exactly what A.A. is? We should make an effort to study and learn about it, so that we can pass it along. Have we helped to keep it alive and well, even if it might cause a resentment now and again? Do we wander away from the basics in A.A. meetings? We read from books which may be good, but are not A.A. We include prayers of religious connotation. We promote club functions, but skip reading the Twelve Traditions. We see people come to A.A. alone, without a sponsor, and remain without one. We minimize the important of the Twelfth Step, and because our members are arriving from other sources, we dismiss our obligation! If the performance of the Twelfth Step is questioned or weakened, the other eleven will also be in jeopardy, and if the Twelve Steps are gone, the heartbeat of A.A. will slowly stop, because God would have been written out of our program! If it be true that we are forgetting, bit by bit, our basic A.A. program, then I believe we ought to take an honest look at our selves. Optimistically, we are growing steadily as a fellowship, and with growth, there does have to be change in accommodating our larger numbers. This is why we have put more emphasis on A.A. service structure. Our administrative needs may change, but not the program. Henrietta Seiberling, who was a part of Dr. Bob's and Bill's first meeting, said something a couple of years ago. She said (I quote): "The last A.A. dinner I went to, over 3,000 people were there. It was the first meeting that I went to which I was disappointed in. There were two witnesses there, a man and a woman, and you would have thought they were giving you a description of psychiatrists' work on them. Their progress was always on the level of psychology. I spoke to Bill afterwards, and I said that there was no spirituality there or talk of what God had done in their lives. They were giving their views, not news of what God had done. And Bill said, 'I know, but they think there are so many people who need this and they don't want to send them away.' So there again has come this same old bugaboo—without realization that they have lost their source of power." (unquote) Henrietta has given me something to think about! We can all start getting back to basics to revitalizing the spirituality of our God-given program. With God, with love for each other, and with our beautiful way of life, Alcoholics Anonymous, our lives can be richer than we could ever dream. May we ever keep them all close to our hearts, surrounded always by gratitude!

Joan A. B., Delegate (Nevada) April 1976



**ALPHA
Club**

*Join us for the first annual:
Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner
4418B North Hubert Avenue Tampa, FL
Sunday, February 10th At 4PM
Tickets can be purchased at ALPHA
Tickets are \$4.00 each*

THANK YOU RED CHIP DAY

Red Chip Day is an annual event held each year in November with the proceeds going to the benefit of the Central Office. On November 11th, 2012 these groups worked together in a spirit of unity to make this a memorial event for those who attended. In a spirit of gratitude we would like to thank all the groups who participated either with their time, money and participation.

- Expect a Miracle Group donated \$50.00.
 - North Brandon Open Forum Group donated \$25.00.
 - Sisters in Sobriety Group donated \$25.00.
 - Kingsway Group donated \$45.00.
 - New Beginnings Men's Group donated \$50.00
 - As Bill Sees It Group donated \$25.00.
 - Valrico Morning Group donated \$25.00.
 - Brandon Beginner's 12 & 12 Group donated \$25.00.
 - Valrico/Brandon Wednesday Night Group donated \$20.00.
 - Brandon Saturday Night Group donated \$25.00.
 - The Noon AA Group donated \$25.00.
 - Brandon Big Book/Step Group donated \$20.00.
- Along with their donations which totaled \$360.00, their raffle produced \$248.00 and the 7th Tradition Basket totaled \$138.81 for a grand total of \$746.81. Then after expenses of \$272.15, Red Chip Day made a contribution to Central Office for the amount of \$474.66. Now that's what I call working together in a spirit of Unity!!! Thank You to all!!!

The **Sobrenity Group** will be hosting an
ALL GROUPS MEETING

Sunday March 17th, 2013
Located at: Winn Dixie Plaza
8410 North Armenia Avenue
(corner of Waters & Armenia)

St. Patti's Pot Luck Dinner
(please bring a covered dish to share)

Festivities will start around 1:30 pm after the Noon Meeting
Proceeds will go to the Central Office

This will be a good way to top off your day if you have been out at Soberstock all weekend..

Are you a sober Band.....then Soberstock needs you to contact them ASAP to sign up to play at their Event. Go to their web site now **www.soberstock.com**
Proceeds go to support the Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee and the other local AA service entities. Be there are be square.....



57th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
CARRY this MESSAGE

July 24 - July 28, 2013
Hyatt Regency Jacksonville
225 East Coastline Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32202
www.jacksonville.hyatt.com

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

January 8th, 2013 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
LINDA G.	TREASURER	TURNING POINT GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
LOIS M.	BOARD MEMBER	BACK TO BASICS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BRIAN W.	BOARD MEMBER	ODESSA GROUP
J. KELLEY L.	BOARD MEMBER	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JIM McI	BOARD MEMBER	DAILY REFLECTIONS GROUP

January 8th, 2013 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

VIVIAN J.	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
MARK S.	HAPPY HOUR GROUP
CHRISTOPHER T.	MONDAY NITE MADNESS GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT MEN'S GROUP
MARY S.	RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP
CHERYL T.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DONNA L.	SUNSHINE GROUP
DAVE H.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
CHRISTA C.	EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP
DANA R.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
SHANNA L.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
TAMMY P.	TOWN & COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
JULIE J.	TOWN & COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
CHRISTOPHER E.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
JIM D.	SOUTH BAY 12 & 12 GROUP
RICH L.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
GEORGE M.	SINCERITY GROUP
THOMAS O.	SINCERITY GROUP
SIDNEY R.	TURNING POINT GROUP
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
STEVE T.	DRUID HILLS GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
ROB B.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
BONNIE C.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
RHONDA R.	SOBRENITY GROUP
MAX A.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
BRENT W.	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter by welcoming everyone to the meeting and noting that we would have elections this evening. After the Serenity Prayer, Al asked everyone if they had signed in and to make sure their cell phones were down. He also recognized that this would be Rob's last night as a Board member. Bryan read the Secretary Report. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved. Sidney read the December Treasurers Report. We were \$3316.05 in the red for the month and finished the year \$2388.94 in the red. A question was raised as to how we would be able to make up for the money lost. Discussion followed. In Old Business Al asked for any updates-etc for the Anniversary Dinner, the Physical Inventory and any money or tickets to return from the Raffle Ticket sales—none at this time. Moving into New Business Al explained the process for electing a new Chairperson. After some discussion, Brett B. was elected to serve as our new Chairperson starting in March 2013. Tim noted that he would get letters send out for the open positions on the Board. Al went on to talk for a while that for the past twelve years serving on the Board and the Council that he had only missed one meeting and how much he had enjoyed serving. At the Council meeting we were able to welcome our new Council Members: Rich from the Sober @ 7 Group, Shanna from the Living in the Solution Group, Mark from the Happy Hour Group, Sidney from the Turning Point Group and both Chris and Jim from the Friday Night Lights Group. Al announced that Rob L. was rotating out this evening as a Board Member and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Al also noted that Brett B. had been elected to serve as our new Board Chairperson and thanked everyone who had helped with the annual Physical Inventory. After the Minutes were approved Sidney gave the Treasurer's Report and Tim was asked to expound upon it. A question arose as had the budget was made up each year. Tim explained that it was usually based on what we had done the previous year Everyone was taken back a-little when it was explained that in December only 23 groups and or individuals had actually made a contribution to the Central Office for a total of \$2519.62 that month. We had budgeted over \$7000.00 for contributions and fell well short of that projected number by \$4500.00 thus the shortage. Much discussion followed, some groups can't send much or anything at all, some groups send their elsewhere, maybe some groups are unaware of the need to support Central Office and how do we get the word out to support Central Office, and maybe we should charge any extra 20% on literature to those groups who don't support Central Office and the fact that the cost of living is more today than in the past and people are still just

putting a dollar in the basket and that in some areas a group may get big and some some people break away forming another group thus what was one group with expenses you now have two groups dealing with expenses but less contributions in the basket for each group thus less or nothing at all for each group to send our to the service entities. Discussion in Old Business centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner. Everything looks ready to go. In New Business discussion centered around the proposed By Law changes presented by the Board. Some members still had not had a chance to present and discuss these changes to their groups and it was noted that it was okay, we had plenty of time for discussion. Several members bought in money and tickets from the Big Book Raffle and several members got tickets to sale for the Anniversary Dinner and several announcements were made for upcoming events in our area. Al asked if any groups were considering hosting an All Groups Meeting. The meeting ended, happily ☺👏

ANNIVERSARY TIME

SELF-SUPPORT-DECEMBER 2012

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOHN G.	02/09/12	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DAVID L.	02/21/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JEREMY S.	02/03/10	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RAY C.	02/23/04	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LORENE S.	02/14/04	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JOYCE Q.	02/03/03	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	HALA L.	02/04/02	11 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH L.	02/08/11	2 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	PATTI L.	02/08/77	36 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	PAULA B.	02/03/81	32 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP	KIMBERLY T.	02/14/08	5 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	LINDA L.	02/28/01	12 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	PAZETTA	02/20/02	11 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	KATHY A.	02/23/81	32 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DANA L.	02/14/07	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	RAY B.	02/14/07	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	WENDY M.	02/08/99	14 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CHRIS W.	02/04/95	18 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK L.	02/16/89	24 YRS
DOVER GROUP	MIKE P.	02/01/88	25 YRS
DOVER GROUP	TOM N.	02/16/86	27 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
	KAY M.	12/08/01	11 YRS
MID DAY MATINEE GROUP	STEVE McK	11/03/99	13 YRS
	LARRY T.	10/18/88	24 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	ED S.	1/15/86	27 YRS
GIFTS OF SOBRIETY GROUP	MIKE S.	02/04/89	24 YRS

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Still only \$ 5.00

Affordable enough to give to those you sponsor.

☺ 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 December of 2012 we have **215** Groups with **600** 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 (December, 2012) have totaled \$68,050.24 for the year. That accounts for what **147** Groups out of 215 Groups in our area have contributed plus the 80 AA'er's who contributed \$1,344.81 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 \$1,150.00 generated from Raffle Tickets for the First Edition Big Book we raffled off at our first ever Founders Day Event. And the \$ 272.00 generated from the 12 Step Workshop hosted by the 164 Group and the \$1,400.00 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the Keystone Group and the \$91.87 from the All Groups meeting hosted by the Cardinal Group. And the \$1,500.00 donated to us from the Soberstock event. And the \$36.30 from the Women's Perspective Conference and the 441.00 from the Friday Night Lights Group Movie Night events. And the \$150.00 from the Annual Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat And the \$563.00 from the 29 members who have participated in the Birthday Plan thus far. Our Literature sales for December bought in \$6,989.70 plus \$10.00 in Newsletter subscriptions. Contributions were very low at \$2,887.62. Our total income for December was \$9,900.61. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,179.58. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$4,721.03. Our Expenses for December were \$8,039.96. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus \$3,318.93 for the month of December. We missed making our Budget by a minus of \$2,391.82 for the year. 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 continue 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. Thanks!

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

PI/CPC COMMITTEE MEETING WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 16th, 2013
At the Barracks Brigade Group
3841 East 2nd Avenue
Zephyrhills, Florida
House on the Corner of 6th Street & 2nd Avenue
For Info: Brian L.—813-277-4866
E-mail: bhlorig@yahoo.com

Address Updates on the Pie-Chart for the South
Florida Area Treasurer: Send Contributions to:

South Florida Area
Committee
Send to:
Treasurer
P.O. Box 206
Bradenton, FL. 34206-0206

SUWANNEE BIG BOOK WEEKEND

March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 2013

The Conference and Retreat Center
Dowling Park, 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.
at Dowling Park, which is 12 miles west of Live Oak, on
the Suwannee River.

To register or more Info--Contact: David H.
Registration only (no lodging) per person is:
\$20.00. 1 Room: 1 or 2 persons \$180.00
Cabins: per bed \$60.00
Phone number 727-204-6444
e-mail: suwaneebigbook@yahoo.com



Annual Housecleaning Spiritual Retreat for AA and
Al-Anon

Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center
39034 County Road 452
Leesburg, Florida 34788
March 1-3, 2013

For Complete Info: www.retreatforaa-alanon.com

CENTRAL OFFICE 38th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING

Saturday, February 2nd, 2013

Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy S.
Tampa, FL. 33609
Seating Limited to 220

Doors open @ 5:30 pm
Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Tickets for the Dinner are \$10.00
(WRIGHTS GOURMET HOUSE)
Catered Meat Lasagne & Spinach Lasagne
Cuban Bread
Cake

Also provided: Salad, Sodas, Coffee & more

Speakers start around 7:00 pm
Gainor R. (Sobriety 4/27/73)
Nick M. (Sobriety 2/04/67)

Our 11th Year

Steps To Sobriety

With Polly P.
Dave P.
Saturday @ 8 PM
Feb. 22,23,24,2013
Place On The Water
Calvary Episcopal Church
1615 1st Street
Indian Rocks Beach
Florida, 33785

Contact: Warren
727-365-0661
Jim 727-251-3188, Maria
727-251-2188

www.stepstosobriety.com



An annual event of recovery including AA speakers, Live
Bands, Free Food, Camping, Fellowship & Fun!!!

FRIDAY--SUNDAY--MARCH 15th, 16th & 17th,
2013

For Complete Details: www.soberstock.com

Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		250.00	Just What I Wanted Big Book		55.10	Saturday Night Candlelight		33.50
11th Step Meeting - SCC			It's In the Book Group			Saturday Night Fever Group		216.00
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		614.99	Saturday Night Live Group		314.00
12 Steps to Growth Group		120.00	Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	300.00	Serenity Group MLK		
164 Group Wesley Chapel		314.40	Keep It Simple Group (Dade)		400.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group		302.00
A.A. 101 Group		1,151.45	Keystone Group	51.00	1147.00	Sober @ 6 Group		50.00
A.A. 102 Group		289.25	Kingsway Group		270.12	Sober @ 7 Group		569.08
All Groups-Fri.Night Lights		1,703.87	Lake Yale Spring Meetings			Sober on Saturday Group	75.00	823.05
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,000.00	LateNighters Group	53.46	470.91	Sober on Sunday Group		401.00
Alpha Group		90.00	Lemon Tree Group		264.60	Sober Spirits Group		10.00
Anniversary Dinner 2012/2013	265.00	3485.00	Life Enrichment Group		222.30	SOBERSTOCK		1500.00
Annual Housecleaning Retreat		150.00	Little Red Book Group			Sobriety at Sunrise Group		153.00
Anonymous Donations	65.42	1,355.98	Live and Let Live Group		1718.00	Sobriety Group		195.58
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		800.00	Living in the Solution Group	138.00	1535.00	Softball Tournament / CO		
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		917.52	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It		180.35	Solutions Group		1626.60
Attitude of Gratitude Group		500.00	Love & Service Group		38.00	Southshore Men's Group		469.00
Back to Basics Group - Tampa		200.00	Lunch Bunch Group		27.00	Southside Men's Group		630.00
Barracks Brigade Group	50.00	50.00	Mainly Sober Group - Zhills			Southside Men's Group # 2		255.00
Bel-Mar Group		286.00	Mapledale Group		342.00	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Beginners Step Group			Mac Dill Group			Spiritual Development Group		325.00
Bill D's Group		397.50	Mid Day Matinee Group		1500.00	Spiritual Growth Group		422.50
BIRTHDAY CLUB	109.00	669.00	Monday Nite Madness 3333		546.80	Spiritual Progress Goup		200.85
Brandon Beginners 12 & 12		150.00	Morning Express Group		375.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		119.11
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.			Morning Group - Zephyrhills		315.00	Step at a Time Group		496.00
Brandon Sat. Night Group		100.00	Morning Meditation Meeting			Stepping Stones Group (w)		135.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp		100.00	Morning Miracles Group		230.57	Sun City Center Group		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		660.76	My Turn Group			Sunday Afternnoon Meeting		306.00
Came To Believe Group		682.50	New Beginnings - Brandon		936.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	960.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		1,164.99	New Beginnings Our Club		0.19	Sunshine Group	390.00	880.00
Carrrollwood Group		100.00	New Beginnings Women's		210.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrrollwood NS Group		188.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		1527.22	Tampa Bay Speakers Group		365.60
Chancey Road AA Group		50.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)		79.26	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		50.00	New Day Group	48.75	321.75	Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Clean Air Group		44.51	New Way Women's Group		1103.00	Tampa Palms Big Book		435.00
Dade City Step Group		150.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		560.71	Tampa Palms Men's Group		585.55
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			Noon AA Group Brandon			Temple Terrace Men's Group		
District 2 General Service			Noon Big Book Group		261.03	TGIS Women's Group		651.53
Dover Group		77.40	Nooners Group--Riverview	64.08	212.14	Thank God it's Friday Group		658.00
Druid Hills Group			Nooners Group--Tampa	33.17	316.92	The 164 Group		166.80
Early Risers Group - Joe's		378.60	Noontime Celebration Group		600.00	164 12 Step Workshop		272.00
Easy Does It Group		60.00	North Brandon Open Forum		164.15	The Meeting Place Group	24.95	291.32
Expect a Miracle Group		80.00	Northdale Group		254.80	The Next Frontier Group	80.00	180.00
Fill the Gap Group	55.23	110.29	Odessa Group		278.00	There is a Solution Group		
Fireside Group	18.60	19.15	Old School Group	55.00	1158.21	There is a Solution Group 3333		
Founders Day Event		2,210.21	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club		315.00	Thurs. AM Discusion Group		50.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		145.41	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30		324.00	Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety		100.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			One Day at a Time Group		200.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		200.00
Friday Night Lights Group		891.60	One Day at a Time Mtg.		90.00	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		75.00
Friday Night Women's Group		260.00	Palma Ceia Group		534.20	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Friday Women's Friendship		551.70	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group		377.00	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		470.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group		365.50	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		900.00	Uptown/Downtown Group		
Good Day AA Group			Pass It On Group - Plant City			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		170.00
Good Start Group - YANA			Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.		150.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group		132.88
Happy Hour Group Brandon			Plank Owners Group		200.00	Village 12 Step Group		
Happy Hour Group YANA		150.00	Primary Purpose Group		125.63	Warrior's Group		5.87
Harbor Lights Group			Promises Group	43.80	182.80	We Are Not Saints Group	115.00	115.00
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City		100.00	Prosperity AA Group		126.00	Weedpatch Group		80.00
Hide-A-Way Group		133.75	Raise the Bottom Group		97.00	Wellspring Group	350.00	490.92
High Nooners Group	250.00	1500.00	Red Chip Day Donation	449.66	474.66	Wednesday Night Step Workshop		
Higher Learning Group			Red Door Group			Wed. Keep it Simple Group		140.00
Hour Glass Group		330.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		325.00	Wesley Chapel Group		571.65
I.D.A.A.			Riverside Group		428.59	West Side Winners Group		153.89
In the Wind Group		532.00	Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		110.04	With Room to Grow Group		
Into Action Group			Rush Hour Serenity Group		898.60	Women's Friendship Group		89.75
It's in the Book Men's Group		150.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		250.00	Women's Perspective Conference		36.30
Just for Today Group			Safe Haven Group		399.73			
						TOTAL	1114.95	
TOTAL	813.25		TOTAL	1011.92		YTD TOTAL		17879.33
YTD	TOTAL	25,216.34	YTD	TOTAL	25044.37	Grand Total for Month	2887.62	
						Grand Total for Year	68050.24	