



Tri-County Central Office News

Alcoholics Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other...

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FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP

Welcome to the Thursday Night "Freedom in Sobriety" Women's meeting. This closed women's meeting is my home group and has been the home group for several super ladies in the Tampa Bay area. The meeting began in August of 1988. Kathy G. and Claire J. started this group because at the time there was only one other women's meeting in the area and the attendance many times went over thirty people. It was very easy to feel lost in the crowd. In our little town of Land-o-Lakes, we sometimes number 19 or 20 but on most Thursday nights 9-13 is the norm. Our candlelight meeting starts at 8:00 pm. I like this meeting because I always walk away feeling a little lighter and a lot more peaceful. There are some rooms that just feel real special and this is definitely one of them. The name "Freedom in Sobriety" was created in upstate New York by Claire J. (over 40 years sober now—and several of her friends) at our women's retreat center. Our group originally met in a trailer on the grounds of Our Lady of the Rosary on State Road 54, Land-o-Lakes. However, the church moved and we had to relocate. On January 6th, 2000, we moved to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 21021 State Road 54 Land-o-Lakes Blvd. Changes at this church required us to relocate again. On July 5th, 2001, we moved to the First United Methodist Church on US 41, 6209 Land-o-Lakes Blvd, where we still are today. We let the community know of our meeting with Flyers, All Group meetings, and a calendar in the Tampa Tribune and Church bulletin. 1988 home groups member= 11. 2015 home group members=34. 1992, made this a Non-smoking meeting. This is a closed women's meeting—we have made it an open meeting when necessary through group conscious when another 12 step group member needs a meeting. Experiencing Growth; Focus on Alcoholism—started having monthly chair person to redirect and stay on track. We no longer have a monthly chair person. Someone volunteers to open the group and a meeting topic is suggested by a group member who speaks up after we sit in silence. A proposal had been made to change the format of our meeting from Discussion to Big Book. Group conscious voted against it. About 20 women were transported to our meeting from a treatment facility not being aware of what a closed meeting is and that certain behaviors were very disruptive. Two letters had been sent, First on June 2005 sent detailed information from AA General Service Office; what is AA, the AA group. In August 2007 sent the second letter explaining that only those with a desire to stop drinking will be allowed to attend, others will be asked to leave and please know we are available to help the suffering alcoholic. We no longer have a candle light meeting—allowing those that do not hear well to read lips, chairperson asking at the beginning of the meeting to please speak louder. At the end of the month—we celebrate Home Group Members Anniversaries with a medallion, card signed by all and dessert. With Great Coffee every week!

Meeting room of Freedom in Sobriety



Thank you to Vivian and all the Ladies from the Freedom in Sobriety Group for **Letting us get to know you.** As mentioned in an earlier edition of the Newsletter, We are looking for any and all AA groups to send us a history of your AA group. When it started, what kind of meeting is it, some of the early members, experiences you have had at the group, anecdotes you or your members have heard that are meaningful to you, anything about your Home Group. **A picture of your meeting room must also be included.** It doesn't matter how short or how long it is, we will publish your group's story in the Newsletter. That way we can get to know you better and the AA'er's in the area get to know you better. Hey, it may even boost up your attendance or membership, so send us a history of your Group asap so we can **Get to know you !!!** 😊👋

DATES OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Thursday—November 26th—Thanksgiving Day
Thursday—December 24th—Christmas Eve
Friday—December 25th—Christmas Day
Thursday—December 31st—New Year Eve
Friday—January 1st, 2016—New Year Day
Saturday—January 2nd—Annual Physical Inventory Day (Pending)?

Phones will still be active, check web site for local activities
(Almost 24 Hours) 813-933-9123 www.aatampa-area.org

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

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

(Special note: TBAIC literature is available for distribution at the TBAIC meeting which is usually held the second Saturday of each month or the 4th Thursday of the month from 5:50 pm to 6:50 pm at the Tri-County Central Office.)

Chair Susan O. opened the October 10th meeting of TBAIC leading the "Serenity Prayer". She had spoken to Buddy H. and the men's meetings at Falkenburg and Orient Road Jails were all going well.

Tom F. distributed the Treasurer's Report. A \$1000.00 anonymous donation helped the total donations for the month substantially. Gas reimbursement, Newsletter fees and U.S. postage were the only non-literature expenses.

Nancy B. said the orientation for Falkenburg Jail is schedule for Thursday October 15th and the next orientation would probably be in about three months. She has 18 volunteers, of which 15 are active, to cover the women's meetings at the jail which total 12 to 15 meetings per month.

Contact Nancy B. if interested in becoming a volunteer.

Scott R., Detox Coordinator has distributed an updated meeting schedule via email. ACTS Drew Park still needs volunteers for the Saturday 1:30 pm meeting. The DACCO 2 pm Saturday meeting has changed from weekly to every other week. Grace Point and Memorial Hospital are two new locations and both need volunteers. Susan O. can provide volunteer information on Grace Point or Memorial Hospital.

Ruth N. of E. Pasco Women's has had one new volunteer complete orientation. Scheduling for the Thursday night meeting is being worked on. She extols the usefulness of "Living Sober" as a part of their meetings.

Chris D. said the meetings at Zephyrhills are covered. The Chaplain has scheduled a mandatory orientation for "occasional" volunteers on November 14th from 9 to 12. He recently met with a former inmate who was released 3 years ago and the former inmate now has a fulltime job, car and is buying a house.

Jim S. reported that Bridge the Gap received 6 calls and 4 rides were given. He is trying to work with someone who needs assistance in getting rides to meetings in the Clair-Mel area. A question was asked about leaving literature at an institution. It was reemphasized that literature is for the individual who wants the information and distributing the literature is at the discretion of the volunteer. Literature is not purchased to supply any of the institutions. It was determined that to maintain up-to-date information and to avoid miscommunications regarding the TBAIC's portion of the District 2 website, a TBAIC liaison should be appointed and the liaison would be the one working with the District 2 webmaster. Gina L. has accepted the position as TBAIC's Website Liaison. Susan O. reviewed some of the highlights from the recent Corrections Workshop and the Area Assembly. The one problem still remains, how to get people over the fear of going into an institution to conduct a meeting. Cas K. (8134650512) is the chair for "Steps to Freedom". Volunteers are needed for the event and also for the fundraisers conducted throughout the year. "If somebody hurts us and we are sore, we are in the wrong also." (12 & 12 pg 90

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 AM on **November 14th, 2015** 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 last Month:

AA 101 Group \$162.60; Anonymous \$1,000.00; Barracks Brigade \$7.95; BYO 12 and 12 Group \$16.00; Expect A Miracle Group \$40.00; Good Day AA \$80.00; H.O.W. Group \$100.00; Keystone Discussion Group \$38.00; Kingsway Group \$90.75; Live and Let Live Group \$138.00; Lunch Bunch Group \$152.00; Meeting Place Group 21.50; Monday Night Men's St. James New Tampa \$188.00; Old School Group \$263.81; Tampa Bay Fall Round Up Display Can \$14.23; Tampa Bay Young People's Group \$50.43; Wellspring Group \$54.00;

TBAIC 2014-2015 Committee Members

Susan O. - Chair	813-325-6538
Jim S. — Alternate Chair	813-679-9130
Tom F. — Treasurer	813-205-4945
Carolyn L. Alt. Treasurer	813-961-1144
Larry B. – Secretary	813-215-8423
Nancy B.— Alt. Secretary	813-872-0262
Open- Hills Jails -	
Buddy H. – Hillsborough County Jail	813-871-2514
Nancy B.— Hills Women's Jails	813-872-0262
Scott R. Detox & Treatment	813-727-8839
Ruth N. - E Pasco Jail-Women's	813-629-1547
Chris D. - E Pasco Prison	813-857-5400
Michele S. --Women's Bridge The Gap	813-507-5796
Jim S. — Men's Bridge The Gap	813-679-9130
Open- Pre-Release	
Open- Juvenile	

YTD Contributions to TBAIC \$18,496.45
YTD Money Placed in Tri-County spending account \$17,527.80
Money in Spending Account at Year End 2014 \$260.10
YTD Money Spent on Literature \$17,701.43
YTD Expenses \$796.55
Pink Can Balance as of 12/13/2014 \$918.22
Pink Can Balance as of 10/12/2015 \$1,090.32

WARNING! Holidays Ahead

It never seems to fail that when November rolls around there's a struggling newcomer in our group who asks at a closed meeting: "But how am I to get through the holidays?" The answer from old-timers present is, just as unfailingly, the same: "A holiday, like any other day, need not be coped with until it comes. And when it does come, it is only twenty-four hours long." There are other answers, of course—to the effect that one mustn't get too tired, must remember to eat, and would do well to avoid the kind of festivities that present particularly difficult temptations. It may be suggested that the newcomer try to look beneath the tinsel commercialism for the deeper meanings of thanksgiving, peace, good will, and the dawning of a new year. All very helpful advice. But remembering how I had my own last drink one late October, and how near I came to panic at the thought of the meant-to-be happy season ahead of me, I believe that the twenty-four-hour concept was the most immediately effective tool I was given. As a beginner in AA, I was one of those who had to break the concept down into periods of thirty, twenty, or even ten minutes at a time. Often the lines of a favorite poem ran through my head as a kind of prayer: "Suffer this moment to be fair and clear." It is indeed only the *moment* we can hope to handle, whether or not that moment falls on a hectic holiday. As it happens, I had then (as I have now) a home to manage, a family to feed, and an office job to do. Then (though to a much lesser degree now), I had hard-drinking friends who loved to part. So the holidays meant too many demands on my time, as well as on my emotional and physical strength. I have learned this is apt to be especially true of women, even if they are not alcoholics. But the holidays may be just as hard in quite another way for the man or woman who has lost home and family and job and friends, who lives quite alone, haunted at such time by the rest of the world's apparent gaiety. The desire to escape too many people and activities and the desire to blot out loneliness and boredom can lead equally fast to the bottle. This is a frightening truth for one still battling the physical compulsion to drink. But it need not be fatal. What do I remember about those first holidays? We had a houseful of guests for Thanksgiving. I know this only because I find it noted in an old date book. The day is a blank in my mind. On Christmas we had more guests, people who enjoyed cocktails before the feast while I hid out in the kitchen fussing over the food. We were invited to "open houses," which I had to skip. On New Year's Eve I asked my husband to take me to a double feature at the local movie. I was thus removed from temptation all evening, and when we came out it was past midnight. A new year had begun. I know that I cried some during those holidays. I was often tight-lipped. More than once, I flounced out of the house to walk off a temper or temptation. It was rough. And I was helped by remembering that, in a very different sense, it was rough for the Pilgrims on the first of Thanksgiving, for the shepherds of Bethlehem on the first Christmas. Somehow, as I clung to the sobriety of the present moment, I felt closer than ever before to the long-ago origins of the holiday season. For all my shows of temperament, I believe I even made it a happier time for those around me than I had done in the past. Most importantly, I got through without a drink. It was not until the evening of January

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first that I felt a full surge of thankfulness—blessed emotion—to my AA friends and to the Power beyond us all that had sustained me a few hours, a few minutes at a time. I had discovered that the program works, and I was far stronger within myself than I had been in mid-November. If there is any message here for those coming to our Fellowship new and shaky in the late fall, it is this: Hang on; stick close; live for the day or the moment; don't let the mechanical reactions of the past sneak up on you; don't spoil the present, imperfect as it may seem, with a single shot, a single glass of enticingly sparking wine. The sense of accomplishment and *comfortableness* that follows on making it through one's first sober holidays is beyond compare. There may be tensions in later years, but none quite so traumatic. And if ever the holiday blues do strike, call on your AA friends. They understand because they've been there, too. They have learned, as you will, the more than compensatory joys of gratitude, and giving, and beginning each day anew.

M.C., Pleasantville, N.Y.

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On Cultivating Tolerance

During nine years in AA I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal, not only maintain sobriety, but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses it self in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in educational advantages, and in sympathy toward those who religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own. I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with it's radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes. To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance we might tend to become a bit smug or superior—which of course is not helpful to the person we are trying to help, and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything which might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another—and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process. Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words it often promotes an open-mindedness which is vastly important—in fact a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual. These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

Dr. Bob of Akron

*Serenely remarking to his attendant, "I think this is it,"
Dr. Bob passed out of our sight November 1950.*

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

October 13th, 2015 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

October 13th, 2015 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

BRETT B.	CHAIRPERSON	164 WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
SAM F.	TREASURER	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
Unexcused	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
DIANE S.	BOARD MEMBER	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
VICKI M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
ROBERT L.	BOARD MEMBER	LATENIGHTERS GROUP
MINDY W.	BOARD MEMBER	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	
Open Position	BOARD MEMBER	

MARTY J.	NEW TAMPA MEN'S GROUP
CINDY L.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TAMMY P.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
DAVID G.	164 GROUP
MERRICK M.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
CINDI M.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
BRIAN M.	SOBER AT 6 GROUP
JACK S.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
ISAAC M.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
NANCY B.	MUSTARD SEED GROUP
GREG R.	DOVER GROUP
JOE M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
GUY S.	KEYSTONE GROUP
HAROLD G.	DISTRICT 2 LIAISON
MIKE J.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
TINA S.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
BERNIE H.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
JERRY K.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
SLICIA C.	TGIS GROUP
DRU M.	FRIDAY WOMENS FRIENDSHIP GROUP
KATHY N.	SOBRENITY GROUP
BILL M.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
LUANNE M.	REFLECTIONS GROUP
PAUL B.	LUNCH BUNCH GROUP
JON S.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PLANT CITY GROUP

Brett opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer followed by asking everyone if they had signed in and to turn down your cell phones. Mindy read the September minutes. Mindy had a question about the creation of a Book of Motions for Central Office. Some discussion followed. Secretary report was seconded and approved. Sam presented the September Treasurer's report. We were \$1249.38 in the red for the month but still \$3963.53 in the black for the year. Motion made to approve Treasurer's report. Seconded and approved. Old Business was over discussion concerning funding Central Office Manager when he works at the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup. After much discussion it was decided that rather than adding a new line item in the Employees Policy, since there was already a line item in the Budget for Travel and Lodging, it would easier just to budget for it. A motion was made to set aside \$300.00 for Lodging and Gas expenses to be included when the Budget is set in January. Motion was seconded and approved. Some discussion followed about profit made from the Roundup compared to Cost and Sales. Mindy made a motion after further discussion to have a Book of Current Practices created. Motion was seconded and approved. In New Business, Brett appointed Robert L. to be the new Vice-Chair. Discussion then centered around getting the ball rolling for the Annual Anniversary Dinner in February 2016. A motion was made to set the date for the event to be held either February 6th or February 20th, 2016. Motion was seconded and approved. Diane had a question concerning the church where her group meets. The church wants them to supply insurance for the group. Discussion followed about different ways to try and procure insurance. Brett opened the Council meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer followed by asking everyone if they had signed in and to turn down your cell phones. John read the September minutes. Secretary report was seconded and approved. Sam presented the September Treasurer's report. We were \$1249.38 in the red for the month but still \$3963.53 in the black for the year. Motion made to approve Treasurer's report. Seconded and approved. Tim announced about the results from the Fundraiser all the Groups from the 301 House had done. They gave Central Office a check in the amount of \$1006.00. The Sober @ 7 Group also had their Annual Anniversary and raised \$990.00 for the benefit of Central Office. Brett had Isaac read "What is Central Office," and Peter read "What is Central Office Representative." Central Office was created by the Groups, for the Groups. It was mentioned that the Pie-Chart is also included in the Meeting Schedule.

Brett apologized for missing last month's meeting. Old Business centered around the Anniversary Dinner in February. Sue asked about the date. Tim needs to contact church to find what's available. Brett had the Board members introduce their selves. In New Business, Brett went over a few of the items that had taken place at the Board meeting, the motion to fund Office Manager when working at the Roundup and the beginning of the creation of a Book of Current Practices. Tim will be doing this. It was noted that when you attend this meeting, you get a 20% discount on all your literature and supplies. Brett went over the different Committee duties that will be needed for the Anniversary Dinner. Several groups volunteered to help out and Tim will email everyone the Committee sign up sheet for undecided groups to look at and discuss with their home group. Tim asked District 2 Liaison about the possibility of getting contact phone numbers from some of the District Committees. Several announcements were made.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BETTY E.	10/08/09	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN W.	10/26/97	18 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	ANN S.	10/01/88	27 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	41 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	MEGHAN M.	10/31/10	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	DOTTY R.	10/10/10	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP FOR WOMEN	MAURA	10/04/04	11 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ED D.	10/17/05	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE B.	10/16/05	10 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX P.	10/11/90	25 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TOM F.	10/19/81	34 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	GEORGE E.	10/08/12	3 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	SCOTT D.	10/10/07	8 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROBERT R.	10/26/87	28 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROSE ANN C.	10/15/84	31 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NOONTIME CELEBRATION	JAMES H.	9/22/87	29 YRS
	SINIA P.	10/28/11	4 YRS
WESLEY CHAPEL	RICK T.	10/11/73	42 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-OCTOBER, 2015

© Today in October of 2015 we have 228 Groups with 593 meetings a week. Contributions in October totaled \$7,305.59. That accounts for what 49 Groups out of 228 Groups in our area have contributed in October. This also takes into account the \$108.00 from the 4 members who contributed to the Birthday Club and the \$1006.00 contributed from all the Groups from the 301 House who put on a Fundraiser for Central Office and also the \$990.00 from the Sober @ 7 Group's Anniversary. Our total income for October was \$16,761.99. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$7,266.92. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,495.07. Our Total Expenses for October were \$7,957.99. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus +\$ 1,537.08 for the month of October. 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. Thank you for all of your support !!! **Editor's Note:** In the past our Contributions page was always a couple of months behind in relation to actual the printing of the Newsletter. We have changed that so it now reflects the previous month Contributions. Because we have to wait until the first of the month to finish the Newsletter in order to publish the previous month Contribution, the Newsletter gets printed and mailed out a little later. We apologize for any in inconvenience and are working diligently to try to get the Newsletter our earlier. And while I'm at it.....my apologies to all the groups (and there were several) where I basically screwed up some times and addresses in the current When & Where. No excuses, I screwed up! Your correct times or addresses will be reflected in the next printing and everything should be correct on the Web Site. If not, give me a holler' and I'll get it corrected as soon as possible.

ALL Food & Drinks provided!
Speaker Meetings!
Outdoor Meetings!

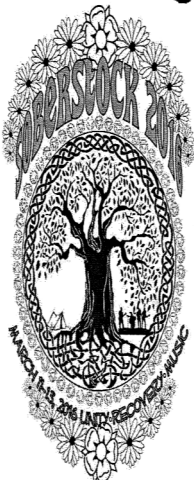
**12TH ANNUAL
SOBERSTOCK 2016**

Live Bands! Karaoke!
Tent Camping ONLY!
(No RV's/Popups!)

Friday - Sunday,

March 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016

A 3-day weekend AA/Alanon/Alateen event
featuring speakers, meetings, bands,
food & fellowship.



This festival is open to all members of AA/Alanon and their families.
Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature
for District 2 Jails & Institutions
remaining profits going to the area pie chart.

When: Friday, March 11th, 12th & 13th, 2016- Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at Noon.
Where: "Camp Brorein" - 16901 Boy Scout Rd. Odessa, FL 33556 - <http://soberstock.com>
What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, LANTERNS, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO cabins at this facility.
What we provide: Refreshments, Camp Style Meals - Fri. lunch & dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast.

WE STILL NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!

There are hundreds, probably thousands of active alcoholics in our area. Many may never think they need our help or even want our help. But, just like you and I, there will be a few who desperately want and need our help. Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are you ready to help? Will you help? Come by the Office and fill out a 12 Step Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out. Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

Want to get involved in some Service Work? How about volunteering for the After-Hour Phones on the Weekend. Call Martin after Office Hours @ 813-933-9123 and get all the details.

DO YOU HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR NEWSLETTER "TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS" ? WHY NOT???-FOR \$7.00 YOU WILL RECEIVE 12 ISSUES. THE "NEWS" IS ONE OF THE FEW WAYS CENTRAL OFFICE CAN REACH OUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

One day at a time Open Mindedness **Faith** *Spirituality*

Red Chip Day

Sunday, November 15 @ 2pm

With Guest Speaker
Ronnie B.

Raffle & Sobriety Countdown
 Please bring finger food for all to enjoy!

All Proceeds Benefit Central Office

Apostles Lutheran Church
 200 N. Kingsway Road
 Brandon, FL 33510

Recovery Happy, Joyous & Free *Unity* Surrender

Willingness **Keep it simple** *Service* **HONESTY** *Acceptance* **Easy does it** *Gratitude* **HOPE** *Serenity*

50/50 Raffle

Guest Speaker

Unity Christ Church
 1911 Gordon St
 Plant City, FL.
 November 18, 2015
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP

GOOD FOOD **GOOD TIME**

Lasagna Dinner
 with all the
Fixin's
\$5.00

Proceeds to Benefit Central Office

2015 DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

GRATITUDE DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
 821 SOUTH DALE MABRY
 TAMPA, FL 33609

Net proceeds to benefit G.S.O. in New York

Save the Date!!!
 Doors Open: 5:00pm
 Special Guest Speaker

FOOD
 FELLOWSHIP
 FUN
 → 50/50 Raffle ←

Contact www.district2tampaaa.org for more Info

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LAKE YALE

CONFERENCE CENTER, FL

MARCH 11-13, 2016

Online Registration Available:
www.retreatforaa-alanon.com

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King	195.00	550.00	Keystone Group		504.30	Sisters in Sobriety Group	225.45	916.63
11th Step Retreat			Kingsway Group			Sober @ 6 Group		120.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone All Groups			Sober @ 7 Group	239.95	979.08
301House Groups Fundraiser	1,006.00	1,006.00	Kingsway Group		722.00	Sober @ 7 Group All Gps	990.00	990.00
A.A. 101 Group	334.35	1,620.42	Last Call Meeting		396.00	Sober on Saturday Group	40.00	342.50
A.A. 102 Group		54.00	LateNighters Group	68.00	385.75	Sober on Sunday Group		400.00
All Groups Meeting		36.00	Late Night Red Door Group	109.25	109.25	Sober Rewards Group		2.00
Alpha Group	40.00	270.05	Lemon Tree Group			Sober Spirits Group		
Anniversary Dinner 2015		2,593.97	Live and Let Live Group	221.90	573.90	Soberstock Committee		500.00
7th Tradition Basket		167.00	Living in the Solution		722.10	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	10.00	306.00
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2015		211.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobriety at Sunset Group		201.50
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2015		603.00	Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		440.05
Soberstock Basket Raffle 2014			Lutz @ Noon		97.00	Solutions Group	120.04	1,601.32
Housecleaning Retreat	150.00	150.00	Mad Dogs Group	100.00	100.00	Southshore Men's Group		373.00
Anonymous Donations	120.00	1077.40	Main Purpose Group			Southside Men's Group	368.00	862.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		591.42	Mapledale Group		125.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		258.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	195.95	652.24	Mid Day Matinee Group	385.00	940.31	Southside Men's Group # 3		
Attitude of Gratitude Group	50.00	450.00	Morning Express Group		300.00	Spiritual Development Gp.		
Barracks Brigade Group	30.45	1,807.22	Morning Group -Zephyrhill	100.00	400.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bel-Mar Group		126.75	Morning Meditation Group			Spiritual Progress Goup		37.70
Bill D's Group		93.45	Mustard Seed Group		31.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		195.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	108.00	686.00	New Beginnings - Brandon	78.00	325.00	Step at a Time Group		429.65
Brandon Men's Blackbelt		185.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)	78.00	241.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book		45.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		893.86	Sun City Center Group		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			New Beginnings-(Our Club)		501.76	Sunday Afternoon Mtg		
BYO 12 & 12 Group	51.00	452.00	Newcomers Group (JC)			Sunday Speakers - 3333	50.00	560.00
Came To Believe Group		823.61	New Day Group		105.00	Sunshine Group	100.00	400.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		500.00	New Hope Big Book		234.15	Suvivors Big Book Group		10.00
Cardinal Group All Groups			New Tampa Monday Nht Men's		187.25	Sweet Surrender Group		547.00
Carrrollwood Group		50.00	New Way Women's Group		700.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrrollwood Blue Roof Group			Nightly Newcomers Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		1,042.50
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers		100.00	Noon Big Book Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		579.60
Clean Air Group	25.00	196.81	Nooners Group--Riverview		182.20	Tampa Palms Big Book		300.43
Dade City Step Study Group			Nooners Group--Tampa	54.35	409.25	TGIS Women's Group		100.67
Design for Living Group		1,197.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		250.00	Thank God it's Friday Grp		250.00
Dover Group		120.00	N. Brandon Open Forum		110.00	The 164 Group		175.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		434.12	Northdale Group		176.14	The 164 12 Step Workshop		382.00
Expect a Miracle Group		234.00	Odessa Group		470.00	The 164 Group USF		75.00
Experience, Strength & Hope	25.15	112.15	Old School Group		592.43	The 164 Group Wesley Ch.		
Fear Not Group			Old School Group All Groups		546.30	The Meeting Place Group		308.00
Fireside Group		1,010.12	Old School Group Anniversary			The Next Frontier Group		144.87
Founders Day Event			OSG Ladies Birthday Event			T & C Sisters in Sobriety	40.00	220.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group	75.70	388.58	Oldtimer's Group - JC		98.91	Town & Country Men's		250.00
Friday Night Lights Group	48.00	487.72	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		127.60	Town & Country Wed. GP.		1,000.00
Friday Night Lights Ice Cream			One Day at a Time Group		100.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.	100.00	285.90
Friday Night Lights Movie Night		136.00	Page 112 Group		20.00	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		325.00
Friday Night Step Study Group		110.00	Palma Ceia Group		1182.29	Uptown/Downtown Group		114.00
Friday Night Women's Gp.			Palma Ceia 12 Step Group			Valrico Fri. Morning Group		215.00
Friday Women's Friendship		65.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study			Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night		
Gifts of Sobriety Group		220.35	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		325.00	Village 12 Step Group		300.00
Good Start Group		586.39	Plant City Keep it Simple	80.00	355.00	Warrior's Group		0.57
Grapevine Gals Group	50.00	377.87	Primary Purpose Group		20.00	We Have a Way Out Group		17.00
Happy Hour Group YANA	300.00	300.00	Promises Meeting Group	117.00	499.00	Weedpatch Group		325.00
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.		275.00	Prosperity AA Group		99.45	Wed Night Step Workshop		44.25
Hide-A-Way Group		1,243.43	Red Chip Day			Wed. Keep it Simple Group		
High Nooners Group		100.00	Red Door Group		245.90	Wellspring Group		140.00
Hope in Progress Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		200.00	Wesley Chapel Group	159.90	696.05
HOW Group		100.00	Riverside Group		260.94	Wesley Chapel Gp B.B. Raf		109.00
International Doctors of AA		12.00	Rush Hour Serenity Group	177.00	355.80	With Room to Grow Group		250.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		183.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			WST Memorial Day Picnic		
Just What I Wanted Big Book	45.00	45.00	Safe Haven Group			Women's Friendship Group	111.24	524.56
Keep It Simple - YANA	75.00	150.00	Saturday Night Fever Gp.		860.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		55.57
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	241.10	1,190.17	Saturday Night Live Group					
Keeping it Simple Group			Seekers of Serenity II Group	16.81	73.77			
TOTAL	3,165.70		TOTAL	1507.31		TOTAL	2,632.58	
YTD	TOTAL	24,276.24	YTD	TOTAL	16083.61	YTD	TOTAL	18,942.40
						Grand Total for Month		
						Grand Total for Year		59,302.25