



Tri-County Central Office News

NOVEMBER IS GRATITUDE MONTH

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WHAT AA IS NOT

"Tonight, let's discuss some of the things AA is not," said the leader of the closed meeting. "We deal in only one kind of merchandise--sobriety. As soon as we get our minds off that and onto something else we may be headed for trouble. So with the help of all of you here tonight we shall try to mention a few things we should not pretend to be; a few areas wherein we dare not tread; a few brands of merchandise our shelves do not stock. Who will start it off? Phil?" "I'd say that AA is not a small loan agency, though some members or prospects are always trying to make a touch." "Very good, Phil. AA is certainly not in the loan business. In my opinion, the group should never lend to a member or prospect, even for hospitalization. "What an individual member wants to do is, of course, his own business, but in general the experience of lending to alcoholics is pretty discouraging, even on a personal basis. Don't think you can dry up an alcoholic by paying his grocery bill, or his rent, or his hospitalization. I don't want to discourage generosity, but don't expect the recipient to repay you by going to meetings and becoming an AA eager beaver. It doesn't seem to work that way. Can we go on to the next point? Marie?" "AA is not a matrimonial bureau although sometimes two AAs do meet and marry. I mean that a member should associate with AA for the purposes of sobriety. At meetings, the member's mind should be on the subject matter of the meeting, not on some gal across the room. Girls should come to meetings appropriately attired, not dressed as if their sole purpose was to attract attention," said Marie. "I don't think I better get into a discussion of that point. I might add, however, that in a sense AA is a lonely hearts bureau because the alcoholic is basically a lonely person and needs to meet and associate with others of similar caste of mind. But his purpose in associating with AA should be to achieve and maintain sobriety. Can we add another department that does not belong to AA? Lucy?" "An AA member is not an amateur physician. Not even a little bit! In other words, an AA member is not qualified to give medication or prescribe treatment. If an alcoholic is really sick, a physician should be called." "Thanks, Lucy. You are so right. I can recall discussions a decade ago of some twelfth steppers running around with pamphlets in one pocket and pills in another. We should never give pills to an alcoholic. First of all, we are not sure how much secret medication the patient has already had. Secondly, we don't know what the effect of just one more pill will be. Thirdly, we would not know what to do if the effect was dramatically bad. Yes, George?" "We might also say that an AA member is not a sociologist or family counselor. When the twelfth stepper gets into a case he often finds that the family life is loused up;

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM COULD HAPPEN TO ME

The first time someone close to me slipped, I was shattered and amazed. How could it have happened? What dramatic crisis had caused this tragic situation? My friend, who fortunately got back to AA, seemed confused when he tried to explain his slip. No crisis, real or imagined, had occurred. He said he just decided to take a drink. As time passed, my initial horror and concern abated. I decided my friend was an unusual person and since he was safely back in the program, all was well. But then another friend slipped. And others. They didn't come back, and some will never be able to make it back, as they have passed from this life. I began to fear that this would happen to me. What caused these slips? What happens to an individual who apparently seems to understand and live the AA way, yet decides to drink again? What can I do to keep this from happening to me? Without realizing it, I found myself attracted to these slippers. In fact, I began to study them and tried to learn as much as I could about what happened in each case. I learned that it's quite possible for me to slip, too. I can identify with these AAs before they slip, when they tell bits of my story and express my own feelings—and then they drink again. I had better believe that what happened to them can happen to me. Is there any consistency among slippers? Are there common denominators that seem to apply? I found some. They don't apply 100 percent, but they come close enough to be startling. In almost every instance, the returned slipper says, "I stopped going to meetings" or "I got fed up with the same old stories and the same old faces" or "My outside commitments were such that I had to cut down on going to meetings" or "I felt I had received the optimum benefits from meetings and sought further help from more meaningful activities." In short, they stopped going to meetings. There is an AA saying, "Them which stops going to meetings are not present at meetings to hear about what happens to them that stops going to meetings." It's so very true. Another common denominator is too little use of the Twelve Steps. The comments heard most are: "I never did work the Steps," "I never got pass the First Step," "I worked the Steps too slow" or "too fast" or "too soon." In essence, these slippers considered the Steps, but did not conscientiously and sincerely apply the Steps to their lives. Finally, I found, many of them felt dissatisfaction with today. "I forgot we live a day at a time" or "I began to anticipate the future" or "I began to project" or "I began to plan results, not just plan." They seemed to forget that all we have is now. Life continued to get better for them, and as many of us do, they forgot how bad it had been and began to think how dissatisfying it was compared to what it could be. In my own opinion, we tend to forget our blessings and try to compare today with tomorrow. This leads to disappointment when tomorrow's blessings do not measure up to our specifications. We must compare today to yesterday, so we

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From the Central Office SERVICE DESK

A total of 645 phone calls
were made to the
Central Office in
September
305 for info on AA,
0 for info on Al-Anon,
6 messages for other
inquiries,

5 requesting a Twelfth Step call,
329 after Office Hours calls.

There were 242 walk-ins visits as well.

TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

Hello everybody! My name is John O. and I am an alcoholic. This has been another exciting month for TBAIC, with lots to be grateful for, and even more to look forward to in the near future. We had a quick meeting this week! We had a lot of reports come in from all the different parts of our committee and most of them were with flying colors. It truly is amazing how this committee lives and breathes the purpose of carrying the message to the still sick and suffering. Thank you to everyone from those who share their story at jails and institutions to those who take meetings weekly and help organize all these efforts.

Sandy B. our E. Pasco Women's Coordinator was glad to announce a new project they had been working on. Sometimes carrying the message means more than just sharing your story, Sandy and her helpful volunteers have started putting together newcomer packs with AA approved brochures. This at times is a tedious task because all staples must be removed or it must be a folded brochure. This gives the women some introductory literature to help identify what AA is about and if it could work for them.

Nancy B. our Hillsborough County Women's Coordinator wanted to thank Karen R. for helping her on the more technical side of organizing women to help cover their 16 meetings a month. She was also very happy that she got approval for an orientation of 5 new women. Since she stated that only 9 women were covering the 16 monthly meetings. If you are interested there may still be spots available for orientation please contact Nancy.

Brian B. our Treasurer now has a new assistant in Wayne H. who will now be helping him mail out thank you letters to all of the groups who pass around the pink cans. We really would like to express our gratitude for all the groups who participate and make TBAIC a thriving committee.

Mac announced that he had contact with a guy who recently got out of prison and has moved to Apollo Beach. The news was that he is doing well, has a sponsor, and is going to meetings. Just another sign that this committee is helping carry the message.

We welcome all those interested in volunteering or becoming a part of TBAIC at our next business meeting on November 12th at 9:30 AM at the Tri-County Central Office. We are always looking for people who are interested in getting involved with the Institutions committee. Thank you all for your hard work and support, and also for the opportunity to be of service.

Treasurer's Report – October 1, 2011

Year to Date Income Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$. 17,007.25
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$ 500.00
Less YTD Literature	-\$ 14,500.00
Less YTD Expenses	-\$ 543.68
Pink Can Current Balance	\$ 1,463.57
Spending Account Balance Including 2010 Year End Balance	\$ 2,012.78

Our Next Committee Meeting

Is at 9:30 am on November 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:

Kingsway Group (\$72.00), Living in the Solution (\$14.21), Midday Matinee Group (\$401.00), Monday Night Madness (\$20.00), Noon Big Book (\$92.00), Old School Group (\$124.91), Primary Purpose Group (\$20.00), Riverside (\$30.00), Ruskin Fellowship (\$69.75), Sober on Saturday (\$29.00), TBYPG (\$80.00), There is a Solution Group (\$33.00), Wellspring Recovery Group (\$66.05).

TBAIC 2011 Committee Members

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

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<p>all sorts of trouble between husband and wife, to say nothing of relatives. It is not the sponsor's responsibility to sit down with the wife and offer a lot of free and probably unsound advice. We are not trained in that department. If we can succeed in our own job, in getting the prospect sober, a lot of the other problems will take care of themselves." "A nice point, George. Sometimes the AA member on a pink cloud feels that his newly won sobriety endows him with an insight into a great variety of problems. Time usually brings wisdom and caution but in the meantime the overly zealous worker can get into fields where he does not belong. Frank, do you have another "keep off" sign?" "Yes. AA is not an employment agency. That does not mean that one AA will not help another find a job. That frequently happens. Sometimes an AA will actually hire another member in his business. I have no quarrel with that. But the unemployed member or prospect or his family should not expect AA to find him a job. He should not think, "If they would only help me get located, I'd stop drinking." "Right, Frank. He did not stop drinking when he had a job. Why should he think another job is the solution? Yes, Harry." "AA should not be used as a source of new customers if a member has something to sell. There is no objection to asking other members to fill your teeth, paint your house, or sell your socks if professionally that is their business. But the AA who takes the initiative and tries to push his wares onto others is a nuisance. He raises the question, too, as to whether his primary interest is sobriety." "Well put, Harry. Fortunate we are that there is little abuse of AA friendship. Most members discreetly wait until their services are requested. Any other thoughts as to what AA is not?" "Yes. AA is not a second class hobby," said Tommy in the last row. "I know that some new members for a while try to make it just that-- or maybe even a third class hobby. Usually it does not work that way. If you are going to put AA second or third after television, or the junior league, or the boy scouts, or photography or any one of a dozen other diversions, the long range effect of AA may be disappointing. This is a deadly serious business for most of us. We are afflicted with a progressive, fatal disease. To temporize with it is extremely hazardous. If we relegate AA to the status of a subsidiary hobby we may not only find that its effects are not permanent but that we have already run out of chances." Tommy added. "I can't disagree with you Tommy, but our time is running short. We may not have staked out every preserve forbidden to the AA member but we have mentioned some of the major areas. I believe it is important for sponsors at the beginning to make clear to prospects and their families what AA is not. It is impossible to explain to them in one sitting just what AA is. But it will clear up a lot of misunderstanding if we can explain what AA does not pretend to be. "We should make it clear that we are not physicians; we do not run hospitals; we cannot undertake to get men out of jail, or get them jobs, or get their wives back. We deal only in sobriety and we think we can pass that on if the alcoholic will do what we suggest. But he must be satisfied with mere sobriety at the start in the hope that with a clear mind and a steady hand he--not we--will then be able to solve some of his other problems. "Shall we close the meeting in the usual way?"</p> <p>Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine/November/ 1955</p>	<p>may realize, by that contrast, what great benefits and blessings we have today. Most important of all the lessons I wanted to learn: What do we say to a slipper who returns or to a slipper who calls for help? I seem to be completely ready and equipped to give the message to newcomers; if they will listen, I'll talk to them for hours. But what do I have to tell the slipper who has had years on the program, has read the Big Book, knows the Steps, and has attended hundreds or thousands of meetings? For a long time, I wasn't at all competent in this area. Finally, a slipper told me what to say and, more important, what to do. He told me what he most wanted to hear and feel when he returned. Later, other slippers confirmed his advice. He said that when slippers return or say they want to return, we should tell them that we love them and are happy they are back, and that we want to help all we can. And we must mean it. Since then, I have told slippers just that. For me, it has been easy to mean it, because I can still "go to school" and continue to learn from them. V. B.</p> <p>Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine/ November 1983</p>
	<p>THE MAN WHO DIDN'T STAY</p> <p>He sat in the clubhouse lounge for fully an hour, a small island of lonely stillness in the midst of a teeming scene of activity. Several members churned around—talking, laughing, calling to each other across the room. He picked up a pamphlet, then laid it down, looked around with a tentative smile. No response. He looked down. Suddenly the door flew open. In strode an imposing figure, smiling, poised. In an instant, a group of members milled around him, seemingly absorbing the confidence the newcomer exuded. For a brief time they all stood there, others constantly joining the group, hurrying members tossing a hasty but smiling "Hello," continuing with a careless wave of the hand in return, and speeding on their way to other parts of the club. Gradually, the hilarious group drifted through the door to the meeting room, the other occupants of the room following like cigarette smoke through an open window, slowly, aimlessly, casually. All but the solitary figure in his deserted little island of stillness. He waited for a short while, glanced up at the clock, then his wristwatch, then at the meeting-room door. He stood up. Shoulders disconsolately slumped, slowly but purposefully he moved to the street door. The door closed behind him. A casual passerby saw only a man leaving a building—but in reality a lonely alcoholic was leaving AA forever.</p> <p>Anonymous, Grand Rapids, Mich. Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine/ November 1963</p>
	<p>It is gratifying to feel that one belongs to and has a definite personal part in the work of a growing and spiritually prospering organization for the release of the alcoholics of mankind from a deadly enslavement. For me, there is double gratification in the realization that, more than thirteen years ago, an all-wise Providence, whose ways must always be mysterious to our limited understandings, brought me to "see my duty clear" and to contribute in decent humility, as have so many others, my part in guiding the first trembling steps of the then-infant organization, Alcoholics Anonymous Dr. Bob died November 16, 1950.</p>

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

September 13th, 2011 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
OPEN	VICE-CHAIR	
STAN P.	TREASURER	INTO ACTION GROUP
WILLOW W.	BOARD MEMBER	SWAMP GROUP
EXCUSED	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
JIM M.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GP.
ROB L.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
BRETT B.	BOARD MEMBER	164 GROUP WESLEY CHAPEL

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter with the Serenity Prayer. He then asked everyone to turn down or off their cell phones. Brett B. from the 164 Group out of Wesley Chapel was welcomed in as our newest Board Member. Rob read the September minutes. There were no changes or questions and the minutes were approved. Stan presented the September Treasurer's report. "I hate to repeat myself, but this is the lowest amount of contributions we have taken in this year." "So far we are at a \$2750.30 loss for the year." One Board member had a question concerning the report but it turned out that they were looking at the wrong report. Motion to accept the report was made and all were in favor. In Old Business discussion was around preparation for the Anniversary Dinner in February 2012. Rob asked what committees were still open. At this time the three openings were Greeters, Coffee and Food Servers. Al noted that we should wait and see if any of the Council members had decided to fill those positions. In New Business Tim noted that we had several cassette albums and old VHS videos that had been sitting in inventory for a number of years and wanted permission to discount them and get them out of our inventory. No real discussion was needed and the Board approved discounting the old material. Al mentioned the upcoming annual Inventory of all our items at Central Office. It was decided the Inventory day would be January 7th, 2012. Any volunteers are welcomed. Rob had an idea about trying to raise money for Central Office since contributions had been low this year. The idea was to purchase a \$1000.00 TV and raffle it off by selling 2000 tickets to try and raise money. Some discussion for and against followed. Rob was to check with GSO to see if this was okay since he also thought it would be okay to raffle tickets off to non-AA people. Brett wanted to know if you have to be present to win? Rob noted that they started having a Yellow Can at their meeting which was being used to raise money for Central Office. Willow asked if we have a Yellow Can here at the Office. Jim brought up having a Founders Day event in 2012. Tim will get a place for us to hold the event.

Got old AA material you been hanging onto for years that you don't use anymore? Is it piling up your closet and you need to make room for your other stuff but you don't want to throw it in the trash? Then bring it to the Central Office. We will find some use for it.....

September 13th, 2011 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TERRY F.	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
SUE Z.	CLEAN AIR GROUP
JAMIE H.	TAMPA BAY SPEAKERS GROUP
KAREN E.	ONE DAY AT A TIME GROUP
BILL J.	EARLY RISERS GROUP
PATTI L.	MID DAY MATINEE GROUP
DAVE C.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
CHRIS B.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
TODD C.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
VALERIE S.	NEWCOMERS GROUP (JOE'S CLUB)
CAROL M.	NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP
RAY D.	CARDINAL GROUP
CHRIS T.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
EARLE W.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
MARTIN S.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ANNA M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
WES M.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
JOHN R.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
MARIA G.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
ANN S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
SAM F.	FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS GROUP
JIM VK	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
ARLENE S.	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION GROUP
DAVID M.	SERENITY GROUP

A correction to the Council Minutes was made to change the Sincerity Group name to Serenity Group. Jim VK had a few questions. "Since you invested all this money (from cashing in the CD) in literature, have sales gone up?" No, not at this time. Could be the economy. "Why is the telephone bill way down compared to last year?" We changed phone companies and got a better rate. "Why is insurance down?" We used to log it in every other month but per the Treasurer's instructions, we started entering it in monthly. Al went over the open committee spots for the Anniversary Dinner. Bill volunteered the Old School Group to be the Greeters, Monday Night Madness will be the Food Servers and the Coffee spot is still open. Mid Day Matinee will do a giant Greek Salad. Much discussion followed about contributions to Central Office and how to inform those groups that don't contribute of the importance of supporting the service entities. Patti L. came up with an idea to start a push district wide to get people to contribute to the Birthday Plan. One dollar for each year on your Anniversary. Lots more good discussion followed.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE L.	11/05/07	4 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DEBBIE M.	11/04/04	7 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	SANDY B.	11/11/94	17 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	KIRK T.	11/05/09	2 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY M.	11/19/05	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TOMMY D.	11/06/96	15 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LADY LOU D.	11/14/79	32 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	AMY P.	11/17/10	1 YR
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	SANDIE S.	11/25/02	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	BONNIE M.	11/17/97	14 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	23 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MARY C.	11/21/01	10 YRS
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	CHARLIE Z. (in Memorium)	11/20/67	
MORNING MIRACLES GROUP	FREDDIE H.	11/05/98	13 YRS

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

Honors To	Date	Years
FREDDIE H.	11/05/98	13 YRS

We know what A.A. has done in the past 13 years, but where do we go from here? Our membership at present is, I believe, conservatively estimated at 70,000. * Will it increase from here on? Well, that will depend on every member of A.A. It is possible for us to grow or not to grow, as we elect. If we fight shy of entangling alliances, if we avoid getting messed up with controversial issues (religious or political or wet-dry), if we maintain unity through our central offices, if we preserve the simplicity of our program, if we remember that our job is to get sober and to stay sober and to help our less fortunate brother to do the same thing, then we shall continue to grow and thrive and prosper.

Dr. Bob's last major talk given in Detroit, Michigan in 1948

help a newcomer get to a meeting

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

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

SELF-SUPPORT-September Report

☺ Back in 2004 our annual income was around \$59,000.00 and our annual expenses were around \$54,000.00. Today we have almost doubled both of these amounts. Why? That's easy. More Groups, more people in AA. In 1998 we had 174 Groups in the Hillsborough/East Pasco area. That was 364 meetings per week in our area. Today in 2011 we have 242 Groups with 853 meetings a week. That's a lot of meetings and that's a lot of Groups wanting material. This year to date contributions from Groups (**up to September**) have totaled **\$51,526.72** for the year so far. That accounts for what **129 Groups** (**4 groups more than last month ☺**) in our area have contributed. **129 Groups out of 242**. I know I have been around long enough to realize some Groups are barely making it and are lucky just to make their rent and buy some literature, if any, and that's okay. You got to take care of your Group first. But it's something to think about isn't it? **129 Groups out of 242, 853 meetings per week**. But I don't want to forget those many AA'er's who have made contributions anonymously or to the AA members who participate in the Birthday Plan or those Groups who have put on an All Groups meeting or Red Chip Day or Soberstock or any other fund raiser in order to help raise some funds for Central Office. Our Literature sales have also generated **\$59,020.01** of income to date. We here at Central Office know that those **129 Groups** have always given to help Central Office and always will and we **Thank You** for your constant support and we **Thank** all of you who would rather buy your literature here than to order from other vendors. We are not trying to squeeze you for more money. We know we can always count on you. We just wanted to bring some awareness of our situation to those who may not understand what the 7th Tradition and Self-Supporting means. We apologize to those who have come in to the Office and we were out of the material you were expecting to be able to purchase. After cashing in an \$11,000.00 CD which was part of our Prudent Reserve, we are in the process of remedying this problem very soon. tws:) Office Manager

In Memory of:

Carol C. passed away on October 14th, 2011. She had 10 Years of sobriety and was a long time member of the Sobrenity Group. There will be a Memorial Service held in her honor November 19th, 2011 at the Sobrenity Group starting at 2:00 pm. The Sobrenity Group is located at 1412 West Waters Avenue Ste. 102

Through the month of October I had some major Truck problems that kept me from attending work. We had everything covered with Martin and Keith filling in for me but I fell behind on getting the newsletter out on time. Please accept my apology. We now have everything under control and this should not happen again. tws:) Office Manager



MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

2011 DISTRICT 2 GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE GRATITUDE DINNER

Saturday November 5th, 2011
Christ the King Church
821 South Dale Mabry
Tampa, FL. 33609

Net Proceeds to benefit GSO in New York
Doors Open: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm-7:45 pm
Speaker: 8:00 pm

Chairperson: Kaeli McC, High Nooners Group
Guest Speaker: Jim F.-Wesley Chapel Group,
District 2 DCM

FOOD-FELLOWSHIP-FUN-50/50 RAFFLE
Tickets: \$6.00 (Call Brian L. @ 813-788-4146)

PUBLIC INFORMATION &

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CARRY THE MESSAGE

PI (Public Information) The purpose of Public Information service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. PI committees visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose. PI committees also serve as a resource for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation, as well as offering A.A. public service announcements to radio and television stations.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Members of this committee provide information about A.A. to those who have contact with A.A. members through their profession. This group includes Health Care professionals, educators, and members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders and industrial managers as well as those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do.

MEETING LOCATION:

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

NEXT MEETING DATES

November 5, 2011 @ 11:00 am
December 3, 2011 @ 11:00 am
January 7, 2012 @ 11:00 am

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

RED CHIP DAY

Sunday, November 6th, 2011

Apostles Lutheran Church
200 North Kingsway Road
Brandon, Florida 33510

Doors Open: 2:00 pm

Speaker: Rose E.

Raffle ~ Sobriety Countdown
Please bring Finger Food
for All to Enjoy

All Proceeds Benefit Central Office

District 2 Workshop Meeting

Existing & Future DCM's & ACM's

December 4th, 2011

1:00 pm

The Recovery Club of Brandon
328 West Robertson Street
Brandon, Florida 33551
For Info: Brian L. 973-277-4866

Old School Group 10th Anniversary Gratitude Dinner and Speaker Meeting

Featuring:
Polly P. – Jacksonville, FL
Sobriety Date: April 11, 1977

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

7 pm - Catered Gratitude Dinner – Tickets
\$15.00

350 Total seats available

Dinner Tickets are Available at: Tri County
Central Office

or from an OSG Group Member

8 pm - AA Speaker Meeting

Everyone is Welcome to Come & Listen

50 / 50 Raffle at the door

Proceeds to benefit -

Tri County Central Office



Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D	Group	SEPT	Y T D
11th Step Meeting- Christ King		300.00	I.D.A.A.			Rush Hour Serenity Group	8.23	967.75
11th Step Meeting - SCC			In the Wind Group	32.05	32.05	Ruskin Fellowship Group		450.00
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Into Action Group	10.00	10.00	Safe Haven Group		266.70
12 Steps to Growth Group		200.00	It's in the Book Men's Group		130.00	Saturday Night Candlelight		22.84
164 Group		171.00	Just for Today Group			Saturday Night Fever Group		650.00
A.A. 101 Group		259.71	Just What I Wanted Big Book		29.94	Saturday Night Live Group		260.00
Anniversary/Old School Gp.		1,050.00	It's In The Wind Group- 301			Sisters in Sobriety Group		162.00
Alpha Group	10.00	190.00	Keep It Simple/Pass It On R.		253.50	Sober @ 7 Group	148.78	478.93
Anniversary Dinner 2011		2679.70	Keep It Simple - YANA	312.50	537.50	Sober on Saturday Group	156.00	1112.30
Annual Housecleaning Retreat			Keep It Simple Group (Dade)			Sober on Sunday Group		200.00
Anonymous Donations	239.86	1,812.56	Keystone Group		820.00	SOBERSTOCK		1300.00
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		550.00	Kingsway Group			Sobrenity Group	60.00	394.07
As Bill Sees It Mens -Odessa		666.31	LateNighters Group	118.42	279.82	Softball Tournament / CO		957.60
Attitude of Gratitude Group		400.00	Lemon Tree Group		237.00	Solutions Group		1146.12
Back to Basics Group - Tampa		117.50	Life Enrichment Group		281.99	Southshore Men's Group		193.00
Barracks Brigade Group	100.00	500.00	Little Red Book Group			Southside Men's Group		
Bel-Mar Group	85.15	85.15	Live and Let Live Group	53.05	888.39	Southside Men's Group # 2		180.00
Beginners Step Group		150.00	Living in the Solution Group	97.50	960.50	Southside Men's Group # 3		70.00
Bill D's Group	100.00	309.00	Living Sober/As Bill Sees It		127.50	Spiritual Development Group	50.00	150.00
BIRTHDAY PLAN		305.00	Mainely Sober Group - Zhills			Spiritual Growth Group	375.00	375.00
Brandon Men's Blackbelt Mt.		65.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		1998.40	Spiritual Progress Goup		
Brandon Sat. Night Group			Monday Nite Madness 3333		125.00	Step at a Time Group	338.00	726.00
Brandon Tues. Big Book Grp		151.00	Morning Express Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		103.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group	60.00	160.00	Morning Group - Zephyrhills		100.00	Sun City Center Group		550.00
Came To Believe Group	130.00	430.00	Morning Miracles Group		709.58	Sunday Afternoon Meeting		234.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		1,067.73	My Turn Group		400.00	Sunday Speakers - 3333	80.00	720.00
Carrollwood NS Group		302.20	New Beginnings - Brandon		507.00	Sunshine Group	325.00	1040.00
Chancey Road AA Group		187.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	194.76	1394.13	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		500.00
Clair-Mel Positive Thinkers Gp.		200.00	Newcomers Group (Joe's Club)		140.08	Tampa Bay Speakers Group	40.03	40.03
Dade City Step Group			New Day Group		208.66	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	362.00	1180.54
Design for Living Grp - Joe's			New Way Women's Group			Tampa Palms Big Book		400.00
District 2 General Service			Noon AA Group Brandon			Tampa Palms Men's Group		283.00
Dover Group		70.60	Noon Big Book Group	283.88	649.18	Temple Terrace Men's Group		50.00
Druid Hills Group			Nooners Group--Riverview		80.50	TGIS Women's Group		198.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		311.96	Nooners Group-Tampa		339.00	Thank God it's Friday Group		3.68
Expect a Miracle Group		357.00	Noontime Celebration Group		450.00	The 164 Group		90.00
Fill the Gap Group		130.53	North Brandon Open Forum			The Day Before Group		1.00
Fireside Group		41.00	Northdale Group		97.50	The Meeting Place Group		
Freedom in Sobriety Group	55.51	105.51	Odessa Group		195.00	The Next Frontier Group		195.00
Friday Night AA @ 8 Group			Old School Group		520.00	There is a Solution Group		
Friday Night Lights Group	354.00	897.92	Oldtimer's Group - Joe's Club		162.50	There is a Solution Group 3333		
Friday Women's Friendship		30.00	On the Way Home -Tampa 5:30	221.00	869.00	Thurs. AM Discussion Group		12.05
Gifts of Sobriety Group		379.00	One Day at a Time Group		180.00	Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety	50.00	225.00
Good Day AA Group			One Day at a Time Mtg.		50.00	Town & Country Wed. Group		139.50
Good Start Group - YANA			Palma Ceia Group		321.73	Tuesday Night Big Book Study		140.55
Happy Hour Group		50.00	Palma Ceia 12 Step Group		200.00	Tuesday Serenity Group		
Harbor Lights Group		21.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Study		900.00	Turning Point Group -Z-Hills		525.00
Helping Hands Gp.-Plant City		135.00	Pass It On Group - Plant City			Uptown/Downtown Group		80.00
Hide-A-Way Group		150.00	Pilgrim Group - St Leo's Univ.		150.00	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		345.00
High Nooners Group	150.00	1100.00	Plank Owners Group		100.00	Valrico/Brandon Wed. Night Group		150.00
Higher Learning Group			Primary Purpose Group	58.75	121.75	Village 12 Step Group		370.89
Hour Glass Group		25.00	Prosperity AA Group		130.00	Warrior's Group		1.34
			Red Chip Day Donation			Weedpatch Group		100.00
			Red Door Group		100.00	Wellspring Group		90.21
			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		275.00	Wesley Chapel Group	50.00	510.00
			Riverside Group	158.00	537.60	West Side Winners Group		
			Riverview Sisterhood in Sobriety		36.25	With Room to Grow Group		
						Women's Friendship Group		136.65
						Women's Perspective Conference		34.09
TOTAL	1,284.52		TOTAL	1,539.91		TOTAL	2,043.04	
	YTD TOTAL	16,113.38		YTD TOTAL	16636.05		YTD TOTAL	18510.84
						Grand Total for Month	4,867.47	
						Grand Total for Year		51259.60