



# Tri-County Central Office News

## GRATITUDE MONTH

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.  
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**November, 2017**

### 1967-1977: The Challenge to AA

The challenge of the next ten years is to extend the hand of AA to anyone, anywhere who seeks help for alcoholic problems. To meet this challenge, we must make sure this hand is strong, warm, welcoming, and ready with the best that AA is and can become. This is the star we have hitched our wagon—the commitment which was made when AA was young, and the commitment we reaffirmed in Toronto. There will be clouds that will get between us and that star: differences of opinion, arguments, some of them heated and angry, challenges from within and without, criticisms, misunderstandings. Even praise and appreciation can blur our vision. Other stars can divert us, or stop us part way to the goal of sobriety—sobriety built soundly on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. So our first challenge is to keep clearly in mind that without happy sobriety we have nothing, and that to stay happily sober we must pass it on to those who still suffer. Let nothing divert us from this purpose. Let us use our best wits to find and develop more effective ways to attract and hold the millions of alcoholics whom AA has not yet reached effectively. Put another way, this says, "Only a fraction of alcoholics—possibly only five percent—become successful in AA." I do not know how this figure was derived, or where the observation was made. It was made by one who is not unsympathetic to AA. Whether or not it is accurate, we know that there are many who need AA whom we are not reaching, that there are some who turn away after a meeting or two, that there are some who, after months or years of active membership, drift away. This has been, is now, and will continue to be our big job. Let us then examine ways that can be used to bring our beloved program to more suffering alcoholics.

1—Should we not be publishing literature that will reach those who for some reason read little or not at all? The comic-book pamphlet, published this year, is a trial balloon. If it is successful, there may be other pamphlets of this sort. In any event, knowing as we do that relatively few of these people who have had little of the advantages of life have been successful in AA, we must find better ways of carrying the message to them. With the courts in several states ruling that public intoxication on the part of a chronic alcoholic is not a crime, and that these people should not be treated as criminals, but as sick people—we may have a better chance to help. Certainly, we will be needed even more than now.

2—Should we be doing more to help the professional in the field of alcoholism? As governments—state, Federal, and local—are forced by these court decisions to develop treatment programs, many more professionals will become interested and involved. Some of them will have positive ideas that may not agree with ours. Others will be unwilling to go even a little bit beyond the call of duty. Most will be as anxious as we are to help the suffering alcoholics and their families, and are thrilled as we are when recovery begins. So we must improve our working relationships with the professionals in medicine and social work, and with the clergy. We have talked

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### 12 TIPS FOR SOBER HOLIDAYS

1. Line up extra AA activities (help on the phones, speak, empty the ashtrays).
2. Be host to friends, especially newcomers, at home or at a coffee shop.
3. Keep your AA telephone list with you at all times.
4. Find out about holiday meetings or celebrations in your local groups.
5. Skip any drinking occasions you're nervous about.
6. If there's one you can't skip, take an AA friend—or keep candy handy.
7. Don't think you have to stay late (plan an "important date" in advance).
8. Go to church. Any church. And don't forget about extra meetings.
9. Don't sit around brooding; catch up on reading, museums, walks, letters.
10. Don't project about holiday temptations: remember "One day at a time."
11. Even if you cannot give material gifts, enjoy the beauty of holiday love.
12. Carry the message. Give the joy away, and it will be yours to keep.

Adapted from Box 4-5-9

### SELF-PITY

Around the tables, long ago, I noted the veterans who were happy in their sobriety rarely fixed a discussion group's attention on their problems. Instead, these happy "elders" (whether sixty-one or twenty-one) focused on the "dealing with" aspect of problems. They didn't go into the difficulties these things were causing in their lives. They said, in effect, "We use these inconveniences to grow by developing solutions." As time and AA worked their wonders on me, I found more and more that self-pity was directly related to straying from AA principles. If I felt sorry for myself, I knew I was not practicing the Steps. Today, when the inward voice begins to wail, "How can this happen to me?," I put Step Ten into high gear, for I know there is something wrong and I had better promptly admit it. In the manner of those veterans, I now use the first sign of self-pity to advantage, for I recognize that it is but a short way from "poor me" to a drink. Therefore, rather than wallowing in self-pity, I get busy in AA, and quick as a wink, the wretched feeling is gone. This way, maybe, I will one day be a happy elder.....

Anonymous

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**HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR THE 12TH STEP ?LIST**

**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.) Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials.

The October 14th, 2017 meeting of TBAIC was opened by Susan O.; leading the "Serenity Prayer".

Linn D. (Treasurer) distributed/reviewed the Treasurer's Report and contributions expenses. It was noted that there were no expenses for the month of September and that any surplus funds are being used to keep a reserve of literature stocked. There was a motion to approve Treasurer's report; group approved. A concern was brought to Linn's (Treasurer) attention regarding the cost of literature and the amount (specifically the little Big Books) being left at meetings. Suggestion from the group is that prudence be used when providing Big Books at meetings i.e., perhaps provide if requested by an individual vs. leaving behind one for each person in attendance, etc...

Sara R. (Hillsborough Women's Jails) – Indicated that meetings are going well and that she has had recent inquiries by new people to possibly lead meetings.

Allen D., on behalf of Scott R. (Detox & Treatment), indicated that Drew Park (Amethyst) now requires that they copy the ids of individuals entering the facility to lead a meeting. Also, ACTS (on Henry) has a 1-year requirement going forward. And lastly, Northside has two open meetings if anyone is available to fill.

Tom F., on behalf of Chris D. (E. Pasco Prison), indicated that the Big Book study at the Zephyrhills facility is being well received and has a consistent turnout.

Amanda L. (Women's Bridge the Gap Coordinator) indicated that there had been 1-call received. Ride was offered; not taken advantage of by person requesting. Amanda also indicated that an additional female has volunteered to provide rides.

Tom F. (Men's Bridge the Gap Coordinator) indicated that there had been 3-calls received; 2-provided, 1-ride offered and not taken advantage of by person requesting.

Allan D. highlighted Amanda's contribution at the recent Carry the Message Day Event. Indicated that Amanda did a great job speaking to the TBAIC display and took the time to speak with each person that stopped to review the display. In addition, Allen suggested that we may want to update the display going forward to ensure current. He and Amanda L. will work on this going forward and present options back to the group.

Martin noted that the flyer for women's jails needs to be updated with current contact info. Sara R. to address this.

The following upcoming events were noted: Soberween, Gratitude Dinner (12/2), Old Time AA (1/20/18). Additional details can be found on the Tri-County Central Office web site at this web address:  
<http://www.aatampa-area.org/events.html>

The Steps to Freedom Committee meets the first Sunday of every month at 6pm at club 3333. Below are the dates for upcoming meetings: November 5th – 6PM December 3rd – 6PM

As a reminder, scheduled times to obtain meeting materials are noted below. Please use the sign-out sheet when obtaining materials.

Last Thursday of the month, 5:50 – 6:50PM

2nd Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 10:30AM (monthly TBAIC meeting)

Next Meeting

November 11th, 2017

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

**November 11th, 2017** 9:30 AM on 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:**

Anonymous - \$8.72,  
Hide-a-way Group - \$163.18,  
H.O.W. Group - \$50.00,  
Living in The Solution Group - \$31.90,  
Morning Meditation Group - \$106.42,  
New Beginnings Group, Our Club - \$42.92,  
Nooner's Group - \$20.42,  
Ruskin Fellowship - \$65.00,  
Women's Friendship Group - \$148.82

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$22118.63</b>
Pink Can Balance 12/31/16	\$1705.00
Money Spent on Literature	\$22725.95
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$1250.81</b>
Pink Can Balance 10/14/17	\$ 141.87
Pink Can Balance 10/01/16	\$ 264.02

**TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members**

Position	Name	Contact
Chair	Susan O.	813-325-6538
Chair (Alt.)	Martin G.	813-516-0557
Treasurer	Linn D.	813-777-3007
Treasurer (Alt.)	Open	Open
Secretary	Scott S.	813-765-7376
Secretary (Alt.)	Nancy B.	813-872-0262
Hills Jails	Open	Open
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H.	813-871-2514
Hills Women's Jails	Sara R.	916-289-8172
Detox & Treatment	Scott R.	813-727-8839
E. Pasco Jail-Women's	Ruth N.	813-629-1547
E. Pasco Prison	Chris D.	813-857-5400
Women's Bridge the Gap	Amanda L.	813-418-2127
Men's Bridge the Gap	Tom F.	813-205-4945
Pre-release	Open	Open
Juvenile	Open	Open

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much in the past about AA's need for the understanding and moral support of physicians and clergy. Bill long ago used the picture of the three-legged milking stool to illustrate this. When any of us tries to do the whole job alone, parts of it are likely to be done badly, and we make cooperation difficult or impossible. We may well hurt those whom we are trying to help. I recently learned of a new member—a month in AA—who had had a heart attack and was taking the medicine that he needed for the pains that came with exertion or excitement. A well-meaning AA member told him to stop taking the pills—that he would get drunk if he continued taking them. He was afraid to go to meetings in case he might have heart pains—and afraid to stay away from meetings because he needed AA. To tell a patient who is taking medication prescribed by a competent physician to stop taking it, or change the dose, or take something else, may probably hurt the patient. It will destroy any friendship that physician may have for AA, as this he would rightly consider irresponsible meddling. I have urged many AAs to identify themselves to the physicians and clergymen who knew them as practicing alcoholics. Several have told me of the change in attitude that has occurred, which in some instances has opened hospital doors. We shall need to do much, much more of this, as more and more government-supported treatment facilities are established. The development of a smooth and effective working relationship will not be easy. It will require a lot of tolerance on their part and on ours. It will require understanding—deep understanding and respect of each other as individuals, so that we can talk through our differences, learning from each other—recognizing and accepting our own limitations and each other's strengths. We, officially, cannot enter into any formal relationship. As individuals, we are needed, provided that we will understand and respect the province of the professionals, and accept their knowledge and competence in that province, at the same time that we offer our help and show our results. 3—Should we not recommit ourselves to helping the growth of worldwide AA? The spread of AA around the world has been exciting. The need for translations of our literature into other languages has confirmed us in our belief that AA is real—that the AA way of life is universally true. Yet AA has had, and still has, its problems in some parts of the world. We cannot successfully impose our ways on another culture, any more than we can impose our ideas on another person. We can only attract, giving advice and encouragement when we are asked, as we learn to communicate with the language of the heart. 4—Should we not present AA as "attractively" as we can to the public? Can we not improve both the breadth and depth of our approach, and that of our public-information committees? We have been unbelievably fortunate in the understanding and support of the communications media—the people of press, radio, and TV. Willing and anxious to help, to use our material, they have yet been willing to give up the human-interest stories which are such a large part of their stock in trade. We are most grateful. We must show our gratitude and do all that we possibly can to keep their understanding and knowledge of AA true and vital. 5—Can we not strengthen our official interpretation of AA at professional meetings? The International Congress to be held in Washington in 1968 is a case in point. Exhibits—other than visual aids—meetings—personal contacts—presentation

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of talks—these are some of the ways in which we can develop interest and understanding among those whom we need and who need us. 6—Are there ways to be used to strengthen our communications between present and past General Service Delegates, the General Service Trustees, and the groups? Many of us feel, I am sure, that there isn't enough of us to go around. But let us all use Box 4-5-9, the Grapevine, and all the other ways open to us to keep in touch. Conferences are high spots for all of us. All of this and more will happen if we as individuals live by the program—one day at a time—recognizing the personal pitfalls of halo-polishing, overconfidence, taking the other fellow's inventory rather than our own, resentment, self-pity, and the other traps we know so well. If I have seemed to confuse the challenges of AA as a whole with the challenges to each of us as individuals, it is because of my conviction that the two cannot be separated. What people think and do about AA is made up of what people think about you and me, and the way we have lived the program. Remember the story\* of the AA who talked at a meeting for professionals in a hospital and after the meeting introduced herself to the physician who had treated her before she found AA? That doctor sponsored a group in that hospital, and goodness knows how many alcoholics are now recovering as a result of that contact. A convinced professional friend is made for AA. On the other hand, a well-meaning AA persuades a new member under treatment by a friendly physician to stop taking that treatment. The result: There may be no more referrals to AA from *that* physician. When some of us breaks the anonymity of another, not maliciously but carelessly, AA is hurt. When we, as individuals, live the program with the best guidance we can get in the Eleventh Step, AA is strengthened. If, as a movement, we live by the Second Tradition, we will meet all the challenges that may come our way: For our group purpose there is one ultimate authority...a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience...

**John L. Norris, M.D.**

(\*Dr. Jack," Chairman of AA's General Service Board, has spent much of his professional career in close study and treatment of alcoholics. Here he has assessed some of the problems AA must face in the decade ahead)

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**The District 2 General Service Public Information / Cooperation With the Professional Community Committee** meets at 9:15am, the third Saturday of each month at the Central Office. All AA members that are interested are invited to attend to learn about this vital segment of Twelfth Step work within the Community. A.A. is considered by many professionals to be a valuable resource for alcoholics who want help. When there is a good working relationship between A.A. members in the community and paid alcoholism workers, the sick alcoholic is the winner — he or she gets the help needed from both. The purpose of P.I. service work is to provide accurate A.A. information to the public when requested. P.I. committees visit schools, businesses and community meetings for this purpose. They also serve as resources for our friends in the local media, emphasizing our Traditions of anonymity, singleness of purpose and non-affiliation,

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

October 10th, 2017 the Board of Directors for Central Office <b>BOARD MEMBERS</b> <b>REPRESENTING GROUP</b>		
Excused	CHAIRPERSON	AA 101 GROUP
BRIAN L.	VICE-CHAIR	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SUE Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR GROUP
PETER F.	BOARD MEMBER	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GROUP
PEDRO P.	BOARD MEMBER	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
CINDY L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S
JANET S.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Brian opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

**Office Managers Report:** Cindy read the September Office Managers Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. Tim then presented Peter F. with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as a Board Member. This was Peter's last meeting as a Board Member. **Secretary Report:** A brief synopsis was given since most of the material had been covered in the OMR. (The September meeting had been cancelled due to the hurricane). **Treasures Report:** Sue presented the September Treasures report. Contributions in September totaled \$3,221.06. Our total income for September was \$11,478.11. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,253.90. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$5,224.21. Our Total Expenses for September were \$7,913.35. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus—\$2,689.14 for the month of September. This left us with a total of minus—\$2,795.76 in the red for the year thus far. There was no discussion. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Old Business centered around the upcoming Anniversary Dinner to be held in February of 2018. Cindy noted that the Brandon Church only had an available date of February 23th. Pedro will check to see if MCC will be available. It has a large capacity to hold more people so this may help to offset some of the cost for rental. Also plenty of parking, use of the kitchen, coffee urns, separate room for displays, and a designated smoking area. We will only need about six volunteers to stay after the event to help set up the room. A motion to go with MCC was made, seconded and approved. It was decided to have a Pot-Luck dinner and to ask everyone to try and bring a side dish. Central Office would supply the meats. It was also decided, since this is one of our two yearly fund-raisers to charge \$ 15.00 for the Dinner tickets. It appeared that most (not all) were in agreement with the decisions of the Board. There were lots of discussion on the theme for the Dinner, food-etc. As Brian went over the list of Committees for the Dinner, A few groups went ahead and volunteered while others wanted to go back to their groups for discussion. Tim gave a friendly reminder that he had been sending out the Committee Sign up sheet and the Cakewalk Raffle sheet to everyone for the past few months via email. **New Business:** Sue announced that they were going to try and host an All Groups meeting in January. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be November 14th.

October 10th, 2017 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS**      **REPRESENTING GROUP**

NOTE: SOME NAMES	LEFT OUT BECAUSE I COULD NOT DECRYPT
KARA H.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
NICHOLE D.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JENNIFER U.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
MATTHEW T.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S GP.
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
ERICA J.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS GROUP
RYAN C.	FRIDAY NIGHT STEP STUDY GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
DIANE S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CHRIS W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JEFF B.	PLANT CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
HAROLD G.	WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

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AAs who carry the message often carry the Grapevine



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**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

**It Works-It Really Does—Ask them how they did it!!!**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
KEYSTONE GROUP	KENNETH A.	11/27/13	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX R.	11/16/09	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	VAREY H.	11/25/77	40 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	CAPPY T.	11/22/74	43 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DAVE D.	11/24/13	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JONI K.	11/23/13	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TAMMY B.	11/07/13	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCY M.	11/19/05	12 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY vL.	11/12/90	27 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JAN E.	11/04/14	3 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RICK A.	11/01/10	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	29 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BRADY G.	11/15/10	7 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	BEVERLY W.	11/01/11	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANNE	11/16/13	4 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KRISTIN	11/20/12	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KERRY L.	11/14/11	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	MALIN	11/11/10	7 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANN S.	11/19/05	12 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SCOTT P.	11/01/14	3 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CLINT V.	11/18/88	29 YRS
NEW TAMPA MONDAY MEN'S	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	24 YRS
<b>A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY</b>			
Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
164 GROUP	LARRY B.	09/28/09	8 YRS

**The Birthday Club:** Contributions to the Central Office help support the local services to members and groups throughout Hillsborough and East Pasco Counties and help ensure that the A.A. message is carried around our area. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. Ask your Treasurer if they have any Birthday envelopes available. We usually send one out when a group sends in their contribution to Central Office or call or email your Central Office. **933-9123...aainfo@aatampa-area.org**



**62nd Florida State Convention 2018**

Wednesday, August 15th – Sunday, August 19th

[www.FloridaStateConvention.com](http://www.FloridaStateConvention.com)

Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

[www.MarriottHarborBeach.com](http://www.MarriottHarborBeach.com)

**SELF-SUPPORT-October 2017**

Today in October of 2017 we have 224 Groups with 565 meetings a week. Contributions in October totaled \$ 3,221.06. That accounts for what 46 Groups out of 224 Groups in our area have contributed in October. Our total income for October was \$7,059.16. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,888.81. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,417.32. Our Total Expenses for October were \$8,351.45. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$65.87 for the month of October. This leaves us with a total of minus—\$2,830.29 in the red for the year thus far. No matter **how good or bad** it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions to keep us operating on a steady level. 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 continue 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 !!!

**SUPPORT YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE**

**Joe's Suburban Club  
Thanksgiving Day  
Meeting Schedule**

**Joe's Suburban Club Will Be Open All Day On Thanksgiving  
with Additional Meetings Added for the Holiday**

6:15 AM	Fresh Start Group (OD, Book)
8:15 AM	Thanksgiving Meeting (OD)
10:15 AM	Thanksgiving Meeting (OD)
12:15 PM	Nooners Group (OD)
2:15 PM	Thanksgiving Meeting (OD)
5:45 PM	New Beginning's Group (OD)
6:00 PM	Sobriety At Sunset (OD)
7:00 PM	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety (Women's, OD)
7:15 PM	Old Timer's Group (OD)
9:15 PM	Thanksgiving Meeting (OD)
11:15 PM	Thanksgiving Meeting (OD)

Where: **11601 Downs Loop, Riverview, FL  
(813) 677-8021**

When: **November 23, 2017**

Time: **6:15 AM - 11:15 PM**



## MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

### Red Chip Day

Sunday November 12, 2017

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Bonni R.**

From Crescent City, CA

At 2:00pm  
Apostles Lutheran Church  
200 Kingsway Road  
Brandon 33510

Bring  
Finger  
Food

Raffle  
Sobriety  
Countdown

Proceeds  
To Central  
Office

### Old Time A.A.

4th Annual - Supporting Dr. Bob's Home

Saturday, January 20, 2018

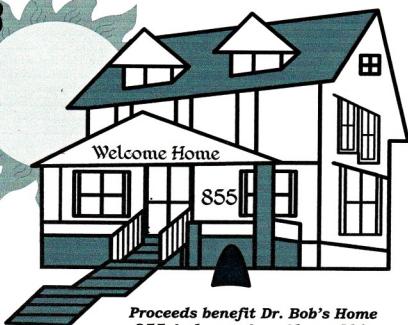
Christ the King Church

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa FL 33608

Doors open at 9:00 AM  
Program 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Breakfast & Lunch  
Included

Visit our website  
[www.oldtimeaa.com](http://www.oldtimeaa.com)



Proceeds benefit Dr. Bob's Home  
855 Ardmore Ave. Akron Ohio

#### Scheduled Presenters

Gail L. (Dr. Bob's Home) - Billy N. (Atlanta GA)  
Mary Thayer (Santa Fe NM) - James L. (Tallahassee FL)

#### History Workshop Registration Form

Registration is \$20 in advance, \$25 beginning December 23, 2017. Seating is limited.  
For Online registration, go to our website, [www.oldtimeaa.com](http://www.oldtimeaa.com)

For more information call 352-556-7711 or email: [oldtimeaa@gmail.com](mailto:oldtimeaa@gmail.com)  
Fax or email completed form to: 868-317-5474 or [oldtimeaa@gmail.com](mailto:oldtimeaa@gmail.com)

If preferred, make check payable to: Old Time AA and mail with form to: 129 Fairmont Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Proceeds benefit Dr. Bob's Home  
Lend a hand to those unable to pay the registration fee.  
Sponsorship Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



December 2, 2017

5:30 pm — 12:00 am

### Gratitude Dinner

*"There is no more aloneness with that awful ache, so deep in the heart of every alcoholic that nothing, before, could ever reach it. That ache is gone and never need return again. Now there is a sense of belonging, of being wanted and needed and loved. In return for a bottle and a hangover, we have been given the Keys of the Kingdom."*

*Alcoholics Anonymous Pg. 312 3rd edition*

THIS IS AN EVENT TO SUPPORT GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

#### GRATITUDE DINNER

Area 15—District 2 - General Service

December 2, 2017 5:30 pm — 12:00 am

Fellowship at 5:30

Dinner at 6:30

Speaker, Peter M. from Boca at 9:30

DJ Paul F and Rapper Clinton James to lead us in a dance and entertainment, following the speaker.

To volunteer please contact Robin 786-543-3555

MCC Church  
408 E Cayuga Street,  
Tampa, FL 33603

Committee Chair Robin 786-543-3555  
Decorating Chair Cathy V. 941-623-8935  
Meal to be prepared by Chef Rod

Tickets available by table or individual sales.  
Contact Niki D. 813-928-0503  
To purchase tickets.  
Tickets are \$20.00 each

We are asking groups to donate a basket of AA approved literature for the raffle



Rainbow Recovery Club PRESENTS A

# NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2017

Join Us For FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND DANCING with MUSIC BY DJ RONNY BOY as we ring in...

# 2018

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH  
408 E. CAYUGA STREET, TAMPA, FL 33603

TICKETS: \$15.00 IN ADVANCE - \$20.00 AT THE DOOR  
• RRC MEMBERS RECEIVE \$5.00 OFF TICKET PRICE  
All proceeds benefit The Rainbow Recovery Club.

THIS IS A SOBER ADULT EVENT.

FOR INFORMATION AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE VISIT [WWW.RAINBOWRECOVERYCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.RAINBOWRECOVERYCLUB.ORG)

Group	OCT	YTD	Group	OCT	YTD	Group	OCT	YTD
11th Step Group- Christ King	235.78	864.82	Keystone Group		878.15	Simply Sobriety Women's	172.00	495.40
11th Step Meeting--Sun City			Keystone All Groups		832.00	Singleness of Purpose		206.71
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Kingsway Group			Sisters in Sobriety Group	53.00	543.95
AA 101 Group	221.57	1,471.69	Lemon Tree Group		214.55	Sober @ 6 Group		452.73
Alpha Group		600.00	Little Harbor Grapevine Group	139.00	303.00	Sober @ 7 Group	681.00	1,648.00
Anniversary Dinner 2017		5,017.28	Live and Let Live Group		172.50	Sober on Saturday Group		260.00
7th Tradition Basket		195.00	Living in the Solution		890.00	Sober on Sunday		2.74
Trico 50/50 Raffle 2017		184.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		200.00	Soberilla		835.86
Cakewalk RaffleEvent 2017			Lutz @ Noon	13.00	106.00	SoberSticks Event		100.00
Housecleaning Retreat	150.00	150.00	Mad Dogs Group		184.22	Soberstock Committee		1,000.00
Anonymous Donations	18.22	694.12	Mainely Sober Group		102.00	Sobrietea Womens Group		18.75
As Bill Sees It--Brandon		620.00	Mid Day Matinee Group		1,330.16	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	10.00	105.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		404.09	Monday Night Madness		76.09	Sobrenity Group	580.00	781.67
Attitude of Gratitude Group	60.00	160.00	Morning Express Group			Solutions Group		422.38
Barracks Brigade Group		219.50	Morning Group -Zephyrhill			Southshore Men's Group	1,170.00	1,677.95
Bel-Mar Group		105.30	Mustard Seed Group		25.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	70.00	420.00
Bill D's Group		250.00	New Beginnings Women's		70.00	Spiritual Growth Group		515.58
BIRTHDAY CLUB	42.00	598.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	322.00	1,897.50	Spiritual Progress Goup		22.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group		272.00	New Beginnings Brandon		867.15	Step at a Time Group	227.50	227.50
Came To Believe Group		923.55	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		1,123.56	Step Sisters in Sobriety		195.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	325.00	650.00	New Day Group		65.00	Stepping Stones Group (w)	108.05	478.21
Carrollwood Blue Roof		50.00	New Hope Big Book	94.22	293.83	Sun City Center Group	42.88	157.50
Carrollwood Group		132.60	New Way Women's Group		500.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		625.00
Chancey Road Group		118.00	Nightly Newcomers Group		1.95	Sunday Speakers - 3333	75.00	650.00
Clean Air Group	25.00	175.00	Nooners Group--Riverview	86.55	291.08	Swamp Meeting		65.00
Design for Living Group		88.80	Nooners Group--Tampa	58.70	458.34	Sweet Surrender Group		180.00
Dover Group		95.16	Noontime Celebration Gp.		175.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup	200.00	200.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		265.77	Northdale Group		242.39	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	384.19	1,256.39
Expect a Miracle Group		343.00	Odessa Group		503.75	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		601.39
Experience, Strength & Hope		478.74	Old School Group		1,500.00	Tampa Palms Big Book	90.00	240.00
Fear Not Group		60.00	Oldtimer's Group - JC		272.00	Tampa Palms Monday Men's		504.00
Fireside Group		924.39	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		264.00	Tampa Recovery Group		100.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group	148.74	283.02	One Day at a Time Group	100.00	300.00	TGIS Group		166.50
Fresh Start Group		75.00	Palma Ceia Group		190.79	Thank God it's Friday Gp		227.00
Friday Night Lights Group	42.00	498.89	Palma Ceia 12 Step Study	158.20	158.20	The 164 Group		25.00
Friday Night Step Study		81.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		200.00	The 164 Group USF		40.00
Friday Night Women's Group		195.00	Pathfinders Group	100.00	100.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		209.95
Friday Women's Friendship		200.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		195.00	To Improve Conscious		226.00
Gifts of Sobriety Group	0.44	2.57	Plank Owners Group		550.00	Town & Country Wed. Gp	200.00	400.00
Grapevine Gals Group		325.97	Plant City Keep it Simple	25.00	277.00	Tues Big Book Study Gp.		89.05
Helping Hands Gp.-P.C.	100.00	250.00	Primary Purpose Group		94.25	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		230.00
Hide-A-Way Group		1347.48	Promises Meeting Group		530.83	Valrico Fri. Morning Group		230.00
High Nooners Group		200.00	Recovery Bootcamp Group		3.25	Wed Night Step Workshop		45.00
Hi- Nooners Group		100.00	Red Chip Day			Wed Keep it Simple Group	100.00	202.00
HOW Group		55.50	Reflections Group-Lake Mag	3.87	495.56	Weedpatch Group		455.00
It's in the Book Men's Gp.		356.00	Riverside Group	61.10	179.20	Wellspring Group		201.11
Just What I Wanted Big Book		103.06	Riverview Mens Blackbelt		42.03	Wesley Chapel Group	178.10	872.95
Keep It Simple - YANA		152.57	Rush Hour Serenity Group		263.67	Women's Friendship Group		853.49
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	171.26	600.83	Ruskin Fellowship Group		50.00	YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		109.85
Keeping it Simple Group		162.50	Safe Haven Group		175.00			
			Saturday Night Fever Gp.		1,050.00			
			Saturday Night Live Group		192.30			
			Seekers of Serenity II Group	15.79	63.91			
Total	1,540.01		Total	1,177.43		Total	4,341.72	
						Monthly Total	7,059.16	
YTD	Total	22,133.42	YTD	Total	19,080.21	YTD	Total	19,571.61
						Grand Total	58,849.25	