



# Tri-County Central Office News

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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### THE STATUS OF "SLIPPERS"

In the first pamphlet put out in Alcoholics Anonymous, "A Manual for Alcoholics Anonymous" published in early 1940, shortly after the Big Book, by AA Group No. 1, Akron, Ohio, Dr. Bob's Home Group, is the following statement about the status of "Slippers". Dr. Bob probably was instrumental in the writing and distributing of this pamphlet. **"An Alcoholic Anonymous is an alcoholic who through application of and adherence to rules laid down by the organization, has completely forsworn the use of any and all alcoholic beverages. The moment he wittingly drinks so much as a drop of beer, wine, spirits, or any other alcoholic drink he automatically loses all status as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous."** That statement is still very true today, and will always be true. The following clarifies some misunderstandings that found among today's current Fellowship taking exception to this very important statement. As soon as a member wittingly takes a drop, they have broached the only requirement for membership, the desire to stop drinking, and they lose all status as a member ... They are always welcome back, of course, but they start over as newcomers, from day zero and counting again, to try to see and learn how they tried to short cut the program ... hopefully to learn how to not make the same mistakes again. The Program of Alcoholics Anonymous is one hundred percent effective for those who faithfully follow the rules. It is those who try to cut corners who find themselves back in their old drunken state, and newcomers again if they make it back alive. The opening paragraph of Chapter Five very plainly states who these people, the slippers, are, **those who cannot or will not completely give themselves to this simple program**, who will not or cannot get honest with themselves. This, incidentally, implies that some of us may not make it, we may come to the program (the Twelve Steps) over and over and yet again and we still may not make it ... Why? For one reason only, we cannot get honest with ourselves. And if we do make it **we have to stay honest with ourselves**. To do that we must continue to practice the Steps, One Day At A Time. The book in the opening paragraph of the Foreword to the First Edition uses the word "precisely" ie, **"To show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered is the main purpose of this book..."** If we are to recover, we must follow the same path, the Program, **the Steps**, as **precisely** as we are able. One thing we must come to realize once and for all is that the "Fellowship" is **NOT** the "Program". **The Steps are the "Program"**. The Fellowship is where we learn to practice the Steps so that we can learn to form true partnerships with our Inner Self, with our Fellows and our Higher Power. Many have gotten sober and stayed sober with the Big Book and the Steps alone, not being in a place where a fellowship existed, or can exist, being sponsored by Bill and Dr. Bob in the first 164 pages,

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### NEW YEAR'S AND THE PERENNIAL BEGINNER

If you're new in AA, if this is your first AA New Year's, you're probably like I was — full of good resolutions. At least, you're full of resolutions to *make* good resolutions for the coming year. And I expect I know pretty well what kind of resolutions they'll be. You will, almost certainly, resolve to live this next year "one day at a time"; to watch your ego, never again to allow yourself to become prideful and too big for your britches. You'll promise to guard your humility as you would a tender and precious flower, watering it each day with gratitude. You'll resolve to try to pay back in some measure for the blessing of sobriety by being of service to others. You'll promise yourself never to turn down either a Twelfth Step call or any other opportunity to help another drunk. In that great first-year glow of AA sobriety, you will make the goldarnest set of Pollyannaish resolutions you ever heard of. And I say, *good for you!* Go right ahead and make them! And, if you don't keep them so good in 1956, make them all over again in 1957! And 1958! And 1958! And 1959! And I pray you'll live so long and so well that you'll be making them in 1999! Some little time has passed since I made my first AA New Year's resolutions. I'm what is called an oldtimer now. But I guess there was a period when I looked back on my first AA resolutions as "kid stuff." Sobriety had become a comfortable sort of habit. Meanwhile, I was hearing and reading a lot about the special problems of the oldtimer—all about how the meetings and the very structure of AA were geared to and for the newcomer, leaving the oldtimer out in the cold, trying not to be bored with the same old case histories, horror stories and bad jokes. I don't remember believing that, or feeling "left out." But I guess they were talking about me without my realizing it. At any rate, somewhere along the line I lost the old combination. What used to be merely an occasional bad day lengthened into weeks and finally into a full scale depression. And I couldn't pull out of it. All the fears came back. All the bafflement. And, at last, the self pity. No drinks. Oddly enough, not even a thought of taking one. It got so bad that I considered cutting my throat, but never of taking a drink. This was terrible. I tried everything, or *thought* I was trying everything. And nothing helped. But enough! This is not the story of the agonies of an eighteen-month depression. It's the story of how simple the answer was. Actually the answer was right in front of me all the time. Right in my own group and in the person of an old AA friend of mine named Frank. On the North Shore of Long Island, and throughout the New York Metropolitan area, Frank is an oldtimer who is listened to with respect. He's intelligent, sophisticated — and tough! He's been everywhere, seen everything. In his own words, he's known it all, from champagne in the luxury of ocean-going liners to "smoke" on the Bowery. About the time this issue of the Grapevine hits your house or Group, Frank will be finishing up his fourteenth year of continuous sobriety.

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

**CONTACT---(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.**

Chair Allan D. not present  
 Tom F. chaired the meeting and opened with the Serenity Prayer.  
 Scott S. Treasure presented the monthly report. He explained the monthly spending report is now reflected with the spending account. Thank you letters will be mailed to the groups who have donated. The literature cabinet is now well stocked. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made, group approved.  
 Buddy H. Hillsborough Men's County Jails reported all is going well.  
 Sara R. Hillsborough Women's County Jail reported all is going well, but could use new volunteers.  
 Ruth N. East Pasco Women's Jail could not attend due to not feeling well, get better soon Ruth.  
 Tom F. East Pasco Prison's Reported that the Joe & Charlie tapes are going very good with the inmates.  
 Detox & Treatment Chair Ed D. not present  
 Tom F. Men's Bridging the Gap reported 1 bridge from Dover Old/New Business – Elections for Chairs.  
 Amanda L. New Chairperson for TBAIC  
 Martin G. New Alt. Chair  
 James S. remains Secretary  
 Scott S. remains Treasurer  
 Tom F. closed the meeting with the "I am responsible" statement  
*WHEN ANYONE ANYWHERE REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO BE THERE AND FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE*

**The Corrections Committee** needs all types of volunteers. They need people to attend meetings in the facilities, people to help spread the word about this type of service work. It is okay if you have never been to jail yourself! You can still help. You can still carry A.A.'s message of hope to an alcoholic who is incarcerated. Let's face it: many of us who have never been arrested just never got caught!

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$ 20,528.65</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 12/31/17</b>	<b>\$2,197.89</b>
<b>Spending Account Balance as of FEB 2018</b>	<b>\$4,536.50</b>
<b>YTD Money Spent on Literature</b>	<b>\$18,589.15</b>
<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,127.74</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 8/11/18</b>	<b>\$7,546.15</b>

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
**January 12th, 2019** 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:**

TBAIC Contributions (November 11th - December 8th): Anonymous - \$66.88, Hide A Way Group - \$321.24, High Nooners Group - \$157.27, Keystone Discussion Group - \$137.47, Live and Live Group - \$22.00, Morning Meditation - \$81.50, New Beginnings Group - \$86.11, Nooner's Group - \$37.99, Ruskin Fellowship - \$64.25, Sobriety at Sunset - \$11.64, Turning Point Zephyrhills - \$89.83, Wellspring Recover Group - \$27.63.

**TBAIC 2017 - 2018 Committee Members**  
**CONTACT---(877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672**

Position	Name
Chair	Allan D.
Chair (Alt.)	Ruth N.
Treasurer	Scott S.
Treasurer (Alt.)	Open
Secretary	Jim S.
Secretary (Alt.)	Nancy B.
Hills Jails	Open
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H.
Hills Women's Jails	Sara R.
Detox & Treatment	Scott R.
E. Pasco Jail-Women's	Ruth N.
E. Pasco Prison	Chris D.
Women's Bridge the Gap	Amanda L.
Men's Bridge the Gap	Tom F.
Pre-release	Open
Juvenile	Open

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and in a meeting with their fellow alcoholics as they read the stories in the back of the book...They are the Loners, although they now, for the most part, have a fellowship going over the years via short-wave radio, letters, and now the net .... As in so many things, especially with we alcoholics, **our History is our Greatest Asset!**.. We each arrived at the doors of AA with an intensive and lengthy "History of Things That **Do Not Work**" .. Today, In AA and In Recovery, Our History has added an intensive and lengthy "**History of Things That DO Work!!**" and We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it!  
**Barefoot Bob**

**NEW YEAR'S AND THE PERENNIAL BEGINNER**

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Frank is no cherub—more of a gargoyle. He looks like a cross between a played-out playboy and a Spanish pirate. Hardly the guy you'd pick as a stand-in for the innocent little naked kid with the sash who symbolizes each New Year. But Frankie is my boy, my symbol of New Year's. For, regardless of how often I have heard Frank speak at AA meetings (it must be well up into the hundreds), I don't think I ever heard him fail to tuck this little thought into his talk: "No matter how long I am sober, in AA I intend to remain the perennial beginner." Simple? Sure. Ridiculously simple. Stay as sweet as you are. Be the perennial beginner. What's it mean? It means to me—that my happiness as well as my sobriety depends on my state of mind and, please God, don't let me forget how easily I can turn anthills into mountains. It means that, by the mere passage of time, I must have assumed that I had "graduated" or "risen above" those first few simple principles. I had become too sophisticated in AA to be able to realize that the answers were always the same. I had forgotten how to "feel" like a beginner. Three years ago, the tension snapped. It was over. Frank, my tough angel, helped do it for me although he never knew it. He said "perennial beginner" again one night. And suddenly I understood. I had become a man living in suspense—without a "beginning," without any "roots." Ergo, without any real faith. Do you know what my resolutions are for 1956? Right! One day at a time. Watch the pride. Be truly humble. Be grateful. And try to serve as best I can. Those resolutions did me very well in 1944. I think they'll do equally well in 1956—for this eternal beginner! I remember hearing Doctor Bob, in Cleveland, say, "Keep it simple. AA is good because of two very simple things. Love and Service." Come to think of it, a man at Galilee talked a lot like that, too. He said, "Keep it simple," also. Personally, I don't think that AA has to be reshaped to fit the oldtimer, but rather the other way 'round. The oldtimer should keep reshaping himself so as not to grow out of the simple mold that saved him the first time around. For me, the answer is to try to remain the "perennial beginner." Call me Pollyanna. Call me slap-happy. But I'm having one helluva good time! I hope you are too. Happy New Year!

**A.S. , Great Neck, New York**

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**WHERE'S THE MEETING?**

It's early evening. I'm staying in a motel by myself in a vaguely familiar city. It has long been my custom to go to an AA meeting any night that's not otherwise spoken for. The local answering service provides me with the address of the meeting place, I check my map, allow myself a little extra time to get lost, and I'm off. After a few minutes, I find the building — there's no identification on it but I can tell from the number next door that I'm in the right place. I park my car and get out. Which door is the right one? Do I knock or just walk in? For a while, I wander around, hoping someone will arrive at the meeting, see me standing there looking pathetic, and help me out. Eventually, my courage returns and my inclination to run away ebbs. I boldly try the door and walk in, hoping to see some evidence of Alcoholics Anonymous. At first I'm not sure, but I ask if there's a meeting tonight. The answer is affirmative; they point out the coffeepot and go back to their conversations. By the time the meeting starts, I feel much better, the familiar sounds of the meeting remind me that AA is basically the same everywhere, and my anxieties disappear. I participate in the meeting and go back to the motel feeling fabulous about Alcoholics Anonymous and my continuing sobriety, but faintly uncomfortable about what I experienced in finding the meeting. I've been sober for awhile, thus, I begin by taking my own inventory. There's no doubt that my own self-centered fear of being in unfamiliar surroundings is at the root of my discomfort. But what about the situation? Suppose I had been a newcomer? Would I have stayed around long enough for the meeting to start? Or would I have wandered around in the parking lot for a few minutes and then run for the nearest barroom or the safety of my own living room? I'm going back to my home town this week to see it's meetings through the eyes of the newcomer. Does the address in the meeting directory tell me exactly in which building or room the meeting is held? Are there signs to follow to the basement, back room, or other obscure location? If this were my first meeting would I find the door and feel welcome when I entered? Our service workers put a lot of effort into public information, carrying the message into various institutions where alcoholics are confined, and providing twenty-four-hour answering services. None of this means much if the newcomer we attract stands in the parking lot and wonders, "Where's the meeting?"

**Barbara W., Eureka, California**

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**Editor's Note:** How is your Group listed in the Directory? How many newcomers never made it to your meeting because they couldn't find it? It doesn't take much effort to contact the Central Office and supply us with better directions or a room number to your meeting or MAYBE you could put out a few signs with directions to the meeting room — does it???

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

December 11th, 2018 the Board of Directors for Central Office		
BOARD MEMBERS		REPRESENTING GROUP
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
Excused	ALTERNATE	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
Sue Z.	TREASURER	OPEN AIR GROUP
Cindy L.	BOARD MEMBER	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMAN'S
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP
Chuck G.	BOARD MEMBER	THURSDAY BIG BOOK GROUP
Mike C.	BOARD MEMBER	SOBRIETY AT SUNRISE GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Al opened the meeting in the usual matter with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He asked everyone if they had signed in.

**Unfortunately Tim was not able to attend the meeting to take the minutes and as of December 30<sup>th</sup>, no report was send to the Office, so this will have to do.**

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurers report for December. Contributions in December totaled \$ 6,965.24. This accounts for what 32 Groups in our area have contributed in December. Included we also received \$70.00 from the Birthday Club, \$15.00 for 3 Big Book Raffle tickets sold, \$15.00 for 1 Anniversary Dinner ticket. Our total income for December was \$13,349.73. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,026.69. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,323.04. Our Total Expenses for December were \$ 10,542.35. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$ 2,219.31 for the month of December. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$ 4,453.51 in the black so far for the year of 2018.

**Old Business:** Brief discussions concerning 2019 Anniversary Dinner.

**New Business:** Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will our annual Physical Inventory Day. Will need lots of volunteers to help out.

**Announcements** Sobrilla is in January 2019.

**The next Board Meeting will be January 8th, 2019 at 6:00 pm and the Council Meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Central Office**

*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. Thanks to everyone for another successful year!!!!*

**Become a part of Central Office....volunteer to be a Central Office Representative for your Home Group.**

**December 11th, 2018** the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

JENNIFER U.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
NORMAN S.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
ANGIE S.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
MARGARET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
STEVE S.	EXPEIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
DONNA P.	SOBRIETY AT SUNRISE MORNING MIRACLES
KATIE P.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
COLIN C.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
NANCY H.	KINGSWAY GROUP
BETH S.	DISTRICT 2 CENTRAL OFFICE LIAISON
TYLER G.	MAGNOLIA GROUP
MIKE C.	SOBER@7GROUP
DENNY M.	VALRICO/BRANDON WEDNESDAY GROUP
ED B.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
CRAIG O.	THE PROMISES GROUP
STACY R.	WOMEN'S BIG BOOK MEETING
MARK K.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
JOHN F.	SOBRENITY GROUP
SHANNON M.	TGIS WOMEN'S GROUP
BILL S.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP

**The 12 Step Sign Up Sheet**

In 1988 I stumbled into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous through a treatment center. After my 33 day stay at the luxury Town & County Hospital and denial of entrance into the old domiciliary off of Sligh Avenue, I found myself back at my one bedroom trailer just north of the 301 Truck Stop. Not knowing anything about AA or where meetings were located (I didn't know the 301 House was just a mile or so north of me) I would get up in the morning, walk a mile or so to a bus stop, take a couple of buses and get dropped off at Waters & Florida and then walk down to the Sobrenity Group to catch the Noon meeting and then repeat the process going home usually getting to my trailer around 5:00 pm. Since I had lost my license for life (at that time) and had no way to get to work, things were looking pretty bad until a friend of mine called and asked me to spend the weekend with him and his wife. At first I made excuses why I couldn't but as the sun was going down and I had no electricity and was out cigarettes, suddenly the thought crossed my mine that this might not be a bad idea. That was 30 years ago and I never forgot the help Ben gave me. He literally saved my life and I'll be eternally grateful for that. But. I was one of the fortunate's. Someone reached out to me and devoted their time and energy into helping this undeserving drunk get his foot in AA. Right now we have hundreds,

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
HIGH NOONER GROUP	CHET K.	01/22/87	32 YRS
HIGH NOONER GROUP	DENNIS O.	01/28/84	35 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ANDREA E.	01/05/15	4 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BILL B.	01/02/11	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DAVID G.	01/24/95	24 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	TERRY M.	01/05/83	36 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	BOURKE	01/29/99	20 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	GREG R.	01/06/94	25 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	ED S.	01/15/86	33 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	ED P.	01/17/77	42 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	LYNN P.	01/11/08	11 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	SARAH G.	01/03/09	10 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	JUNE T.	01/09/99	20 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	27 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SUSAN S.	01/28/10	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF S.	01/08/05	14 YRS
MORNING MEDITATION	GENE S.	01/25/88	31 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JIM	01/2017	2 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JO ANN S.	01/19/05	14 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	ROBIN J.	01/06/02	17 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	HENRY S.	01/28/90	29 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z.	01/16/89	30 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	NANCI V.	01/08/18	1 YR
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BETH B.	01/15/15	4 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JACK S.	01/07/14	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	36 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	PEGGY C.	01/01/14	5 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	SHELLY P.	01/10/13	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	6 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	NANCY	01/13/11	8 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	VAL M.	0119/10	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	LAURA M.	01/06/04	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	JUNE T.	01/09/99	20 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	STEPHANIE C.	01/29/91	28 YRS

**SELF-SUPPORT-December, 2018**

© Today in October of 2018 we have 226 Groups with 567 meetings a week. Contributions in December totaled \$ 6,965.24. This accounts for what 32 Groups in our area have contributed in December. Included we also received \$70.00 from the Birthday Club, \$15.00 for 3 Big Book Raffle tickets sold, \$15.00 for 1 Anniversary Dinner ticket. Our total income for December was \$13,349.73. Our Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,026.69. Subtracting the Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 8,323.04. Our Total Expenses for December were \$ 10,542.35. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$ 2,219.31 for the month of December. This leaves us with a total of plus+\$ 4,453.51 in the black so far for the year of 2018. But as they say in the rooms of AA “this too shall past.” 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!!! Thank You for a successful year!!! **Support your Central Office.**

**The 12 Step Sign Up Sheet from page 4**

maybe thousands of drunks in our area who desperately need our help but can't seem to get it. Part of the reason is that they have no transportation, there's no bus service in their area and many live in areas far away and out of the way from meetings. Most all they need is a chance to get to some meetings and guidance in help with getting phone numbers and learning that it's okay to even ask for help. Although we have a fair number of people on our 12 Step List, Many are concentrated in certain areas, leaving some areas completely without any help available at all. We always need more names and numbers and people willing to go pick someone up, regardless of distance. When we call you and you're not home, we need someone to call. Put yourself in the other persons shoes. Remember that only complete and utter despair and desperation drives a “candidate” to that final act of surrender—a call to the A.A. Central Office. It's a cry for help from a sick, frightened human being who has run out of hiding places. How quickly anyone of us responds to this cry could be a matter of life or death. If this sounds over dramatized, it's only to impress on each and everyone of us the urgency of fulfilling our obligation and responsibility in carrying the message of sobriety and hope to the alcoholic who still suffers. Bring to the meeting tables discussions on Twelfth Step work. How to do it, why we do it, etc. The more discussion on Twelfth Step work, the better everyone will be prepared when it actually happens. And it will happen!!! When you see the 12 Step Sign Up sheets laying around, fill one out and send it in to Central Office. Better yet—Come by the Central Office and fill one out—today. tws:)

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CENTRAL OFFICE**

**MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA**

**Old Time A.A.**

Saturday January 19, 2019

Christ The King Church  
 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy.  
 Tampa, FL 33609



Tommy M. Largo  
 Keynote Speaker

Dr. Bob's Home  
 Trustee Presentation  
 Panel Discussion



Breakfast & Lunch Served

9:30 - 4:30



Tom R. Boca Raton  
 A.A. Historian

Karen R. Tampa  
 "Father Dowling  
 Bill W's Spiritual Guide"

Registration is \$20.00 per person

To register, fill out form and attach check or money order.  
 Mail to, Old Time AA, 1187 Shipwatch Cr. Tampa FL 33602  
 You can also register on line at [www.oldtimeaa.com](http://www.oldtimeaa.com)  
 Please indicate number of tickets, donation or scholarship below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \_\_\_\_\_

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
 DR. BOB'S HOME AKRON OHIO

Contact us at (352) 556-7711 or [oldtimeaa@gmail.com](mailto:oldtimeaa@gmail.com)



THE '164 GROUP PRESENTS:  
**SOBERILLA**



**STEPS WORKSHOP**

JANUARY 26, 2019

9:00AM - 5PM

REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$10

SPAGHETTI LUNCH INCLUDED

(\*PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE)

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER @ SOBERILLA.ORG**

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH - 15520 NORTH BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33613  
 I-275 TO BEARSS AVE - WEST TO NORTH BLVD - TURN RIGHT (NORTH) TO ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH ON LEFT.



Annual Houseclosing Retreat For AA and Al-Anon, Unity, Recovery, Service, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, Big Book, 12312, Meditation, AA

**Spring Annual Houseclosing**  
 Spiritual Retreat for AA and Al-Anon

Where \_\_\_\_\_  
 When \_\_\_\_\_  
 Retreat Format \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accommodations \_\_\_\_\_  
 How to Register \_\_\_\_\_

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"Many of us go to for annual or occasional houseclosing. Many of us also like the experience of an occasional retreat from the office on an unstructured day or so of self-overhaul and meditation." (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, pg. 89 or 91)

...st turn in all things  
 the Father of Light who  
 presides over us all"

AA Big Book - Page 14

(Our website index page)

When - March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2019  
 Where - Lake Yale, Leesburg FL (See map - central FL)  
 Website - [www.retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com)

\* Website has on-line registration and Printable registration form

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**20<sup>th</sup> Spring Into Sobriety  
 Women's Conference**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>

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Please call hotel for accommodations 941-308-7700

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check mark your choices (Please write legibly):

- \$ 30.00 Registration \*\*REQUIRED
  - \$ 12.00 Friday Night: Taco Buffet
  - \$ 12.00 Saturday Lunch: Soup / Salad Bar / Assorted Wraps
  - \$ 32.00 Saturday Banquet:  Prime Rib  Artichoke Chicken  Portabella Caprese
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TOTAL	QTY	Available Sizes: S - M - L - XL - XXL - 3X - 4X	STANDARD FIT	Size	Color	Order by
\$ _____	_____	White (W) - Violet (V) - Pink (P) - Grey (G)				4/1/19
\$ _____	_____	\$14.00 Cotton Tank Top - Only in (W) or (G)				4/1/19
\$ _____	_____	\$16.00 Cotton V-Neck Short Sleeve - (W), (P), (V)				4/1/19
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