



# Tri-County Central Office News

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.  
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October, 2019

## LET'S ASK BILL

**Q - How do you justify calling alcoholism an illness, and not a moral responsibility?** A - Early in A.A.'s history, very natural questions arose among theologians. There was a Mr. Henry Link who had written "The Return to Religion (Macmillan Co., 1937). One day I received a call from him. He stated that he strongly objected to the A.A. position that alcoholism was an illness. This concept, he felt, removed moral responsibility from alcoholics. He had been voicing this complaint about psychiatrists in the American Mercury. And now, he stated, he was about to lambaste A.A. too. Of course, I made haste to point out that we A. A.'s did not use the concept of sickness to absolve our members from moral responsibility. On the contrary, we used the fact of fatal illness to clamp the heaviest kind of moral responsibility on to the sufferer. The further point was made that in his early days of drinking the alcoholic often was no doubt guilty of irresponsibility and gluttony. But once the time of compulsive drinking, veritable lunacy had arrived and he couldn't very well be held accountable for his conduct. He then had a lunacy which condemned him to drink, in spite of all he could do; he had developed a bodily sensitivity to alcohol that guaranteed his final madness and death. When this state of affairs was pointed out to him, he was placed immediately under the heaviest kind of pressure to accept A.A.'s moral and spiritual program of regeneration -namely, our Twelve Steps. Fortunately, Mr. Link was satisfied with this view of the use that we were making of the alcoholic's illness. I am glad to report that nearly all theologians who have since thought about this matter have also agreed with that early position. While it is most obvious that free will in the matter of alcohol has virtually disappeared in most cases, we A.A. 's do point out that plenty of free will is left in other areas, It certainly takes a large amount of willingness, and a great exertion of the will to accept and practice the A.A. program. It is by this very exertion of the will that the alcoholic corresponds with the grace by which his drinking obsession can be expelled. (N.C.C.A. 'Blue Book', © Vol.12, 1960) **Q - Is AA for Alcoholics Only?** A Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole. Many of us, upon first seeing those words, asked ourselves the question "Can it be just that simple?" -- and then heard a voice inside us answer "Yes." Bill's application of AA principles to ever-changing circumstances was another of his remarkable talents. Day in and day out, letters would arrive at his desk asking for his "last word" on a matter of AA policy. And, in answer after answer Bill would fall back upon the basic principles of AA's three Legacies, tempered by wisdom, humor, perspective, and regard for the feelings of others. One warm example occurred in 1968 when a well-meaning AA wrote to Bill, in deep concern, about an influx of youthful hippies or flower children to local AA groups, along with their distinctive manner of dress, sexual mores, and other unorthodox behavior, including the use of drugs. The writer

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feared that this particular invasion might be "a very real threat to our wonderful, God-given program." Bill's reply was typical of his use of AA principles to meet new challenges. "Your letter about the hippie problem, so-called, was mighty interesting to me. I doubt that we need to be alarmed about this situation, because there have been precedents out of the past. All sorts of outfits have tried to move in on us, including communists and heroin addicts, prohibitionists and do-gooders of other persuasions. "Nearly all of these people, who happened to have an individual problem with alcohol, not only failed to change AA, but, in the long run, AA changed them. I have a number of them among my closest friends today, and they are among the best AA's I know. "You also have some people who are not alcoholics, but are addicts of other kinds. A great many AA's have taken pity on these people, and have actually tried to make them full-fledged AA's. Of course, their identification with alcoholics is no good at all, and the groups themselves easily stop this practice in the normal course of AA affairs. "Thoughtful AA's, however, encourage these sponsors to bring addicts to open meetings, just as they would any other interested people. In the end, these addicts usually gravitate to other forms of therapy. They are not received on the platform in open meetings unless they have an alcohol problem, and closed meetings are, of course, denied them. We know that we cannot do everything for everybody with an addiction problem. "There has also occurred lately a new development centering upon hippies who have LSD or marijuana troubles -- not so much stronger stuff. Many of these kids appear to be alcoholics also, and they are f locking into AA, often with excellent results. "Some weeks ago, there was a young people's convention of AA's. Shortly thereafter, four of these kids visited the office. I saw one young gal prancing down the hall, hair flying, in a mini-skirt, wearing love beads and the works. I thought, 'Holy smoke, what now!' She told me she was the oldest member of the young people's group in her area -- age twenty-two! They had kids as young as sixteen. I was curious and took the whole party out to lunch. "Well, they were absolutely wonderful. They talked (and acted) just about as good a kind of AA as I've seen anywhere. I think all of them said they had had some kind of drug problem, but had kicked that, too. When they first came around, they had insisted on their own ideas of AA, but in the end they found AA plenty good enough as it was. Though they needed their own meetings, they found interest and inspiration in the meetings of much older folks as well. "Perhaps, as younger people come into AA, we shall have to put up with some unconventional nonsense -- with patience and good humor, let's hope. But it should be well worth the attempt. And also, if various hippie addicts want to form their own sort of fellowship along AA lines, by all means let us encourage them. We need deny them only the AA name, and assure them that the rest of our program is theirs for the taking and using -- any part or all of it. "For these reasons, I feel hopeful and not a bit scared by this trend. Of course, I'm no prophet. I may be mistaken, so please keep me posted. This is a highly interesting and perhaps significant development. I certainly do not think it ought to be fought. Instead, it ought to be what we already know to be workable channels. In affection ... Bill"

**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.

**New Service Opportunity**

**For Women**

**Daytime AA meetings at the**

**Pasco County Detention Center**

**20101 Central Blvd.**

**Land O' Lakes, Florida 34637**

**Please contact**

**Carol B. at 813-924-5862, NW. Tampa**

**Tamela H. at 813-380-9491, S. Tampa**

**Meeting times can be from 8am to 9:30am or 2pm to 3:30pm\***

**\*to be determined**

**We are also looking for "Featured Speakers" for these meetings.**

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>    | <b>\$ 19,713.09</b> |
| <b>Pink Can Balance 12/31/17</b>     | <b>\$ 7,546.15</b>  |
| <b>YTD Money Spent on Literature</b> | <b>\$ 17,485.46</b> |
| <b>YTD Expenses</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,411.66</b>  |
| <b>Pink Can Balance 8/11/18</b>      | <b>\$ 8,362.12</b>  |

The Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee meets the second Saturday of each month at the Central Office at 9:30 am. If you are on the TBAI Committee and you need supplies for your meeting, this would be an excellent time for you to come down and pick up your material. If you are an AA member interested in learning more about TBAIC, then this would also be an excellent time to come down and see what's going on and ask questions of some of the very friendly TBAIC Officers.

**Our Next Committee Meeting**

**October 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 (August 11th - September 14th):  
 Anonymous - \$145.57, As Bill Sees It Monday Mens Group - \$107.00, Cardinal Group - \$63.00, Keep It Simple, Pass It On Group - \$85.05, Keystone Discussion Group - \$876.41, Kingsway Group - \$225.00, Live and Let Live Group - \$10.00, Meeting Place Group - \$316.76, Morning Meditation Group - \$100.25, Nightly Newcomers 3333 Group - \$36.80, On The Way Home Group - \$75.00, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) Group - \$63.00, Steps To Freedom - \$547.00, TGIS Group (Women) - \$29.00, Wellspring Recovery Group - \$117.35.

**TBAIC 2019-2020 Committee Members**  
**Contact: (877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672**  
**www.tbaic.org**

| 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        | Ed D.     |
| 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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**Q - Just how does A.A. work?** A - I cannot fully answer that question. Many A.A. techniques have been adopted after a ten-year period of trial and error, which has led to some interesting results. But, as laymen, we doubt our own ability to explain them. We can only tell you what we do, and what seems, from our point of view, to happen to us. At the very outset we should like it made ever so clear that A.A. is a synthetic gadget, as it were, drawing upon the resources of medicine, psychiatry, religion, and our own experience of drinking and recovery. You will search in vain for a single new fundamental. We have merely streamlined old and proven principles of psychiatry and religion into such forms that the alcoholic will accept them. And then we have created a society of his own kind where he can enthusiastically put these very principles to work on himself and other sufferers. Then too, we have tried hard to capitalize on our one great natural advantage. That advantage is, of course, our personal experience as drinkers who have recovered. How often the doctors and clergymen throw up their hands when, after exhaustive treatment or exhortation, the alcoholic still insists, "But you don't understand me. You never did any serious drinking yourself, so how can you? Neither can you show me many who have recovered." Now, when one alcoholic who has got well talks to another who hasn't, such objections seldom arise, for the new man sees in a few minutes that he is talking to a kindred spirit, one who understands. Neither can the recovered A.A. member be deceived, for he knows every trick, every rationalization of the drinking game. So the usual barriers go down with a crash. Mutual confidence, that indispensable of all therapy, follows as surely as day does night. And if this absolutely necessary rapport is not forthcoming at once it is almost certain to develop when the new man has met other A.A.'s. Someone will, as we say, "click with him." As soon as that happens we have a good chance of selling our prospect those very essentials which you doctors have so long advocated, and the problem drinker finds our society a congenial place to work them out for himself and his fellow alcoholic. For the first time in years he thinks himself understood and he feels useful; uniquely useful, indeed, as he takes his own turn promoting the recovery of others. No matter what the outer world thinks of him, he knows he can get well, for he stands in the midst of scores of cases worse than his own who have attained the goal. And there are other cases precisely like his own - a pressure of testimony which usually overwhelms him. If he doesn't succumb at once, he will almost surely do so later when Barleycorn builds a still hotter fire under him, thus blocking off all his other carefully planned exits from dilemma. The speaker recalls seventy-five failures during the first three years of A.A. - people we utterly gave up on. During the past seven years sixty-two of these people have returned to us, most of them making good. They tell us they returned because they knew they would die or go mad if they didn't. Having tried everything else within their means and having exhausted their pet rationalizations, they came back and took their medicine. That is why we never need to evangelize alcoholics. If still in their right minds they come back, once they have been well exposed to A.A. Now to recapitulate, Alcoholics Anonymous has made two major contributions to the programs of psychiatry and religion. These are, it seems to us, the long missing links in the chain of recovery: **1.** Our ability, as

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ex-drinkers, to secure the confidence of the new man - to "build a transmission line into him." **2.** The provision of an understanding society of ex-drinkers in which the newcomer can successfully apply the principles of medicine and religion to himself and others. So far as we A.A.'s are concerned, these principles, now used by us every day, seem to be in surprising agreement. ©(N.Y. State J. Med., Vol.44, Aug. 15, 1944) **Second Answer A** - On the surface A.A. is a thing of great simplicity, yet at its core a profound mystery. Great forces surely must have been marshaled to expel obsessions from all these thousands, an obsession which lies at the root of our fourth largest medical problem and which, time out of mind, has claimed its hapless millions. © (N.Y. State J. Med., Vol. 50, July 1950). **Q - If an alcoholic comes to an A.A. meeting under the influence of alcohol, how do you treat him or handle him during the meeting?** A - Groups will usually rum amuck on that sort of question. At first we are likely to say that we are going to be supermen and save every drunk in town. The fact is that a great many of them just don't want to stop. They come, but they interfere very greatly with the meeting. Then, being still rather intolerant, the group will swing way over in the other direction and say, "No drunks around these meetings." We get forcible and put them out of the meeting, saying, "You're welcome here if your sober." But the general rule in most places is that if a person comes for the first or second time and can sit quietly in the meeting, without creating an uproar, nobody bothers him. On the other hand, if he's a chronic "slipper" and interferes with the meetings, we lead him out gently, or maybe not so gently, on the theory that one man cannot be permitted to hold up the recovery of others. The theory is "the greatest good for the greatest number." (Yale Summer School of Alcohol Studies©, June 1945) **Bill W on the Third Tradition - Membership** The third tradition is a sweeping statement indeed; it takes in a lot of territory. Some people might think it is too idealistic to be practical. It tells every alcoholic in the world that he may become, and remain a member of Alcoholics Anonymous so long as he says so. In short, Alcoholics Anonymous has no membership rule. Why is this so? Our answer is simple and practical. Even in self protection, we do not wish to erect the slightest barrier between ourselves and the fellow alcoholic who still suffers. We know that society has been demanding that he conform to its laws and conventions. But the essence of his alcoholic malady is the fact that he has been unable or unwilling to conform to either the laws of man or God. If he is anything, the sick alcoholic is a rebellious nonconformist. How well we understand that; every member of Alcoholics Anonymous was once a rebel himself. Hence we cannot offer to meet him at any half way mark. We must enter the dark cave where he is and show him that we understand. We realize that he is altogether too weak and confused to jump hurdles. If we raise obstacles, he might stay away and perish. He might be denied his priceless opportunity. So when he asks, "Are there any conditions?" We joyfully reply, "no not a one." When skeptically he comes back saying, "But certainly there must be things that I have to do and believe," We quickly answer, "in Alcoholics Anonymous there are no musts." That comes from the February 1948 Grapevine ©

September 10th, 2019 the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

September 10th, 2019 the Board of Directors for Central Office

| BOARD MEMBERS |              | REPRESENTING GROUP           |
|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| AL B.         | CHAIRPERSON  | THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK      |
| Excused       | BOARD MEMBER | SAFE,SANE & SOBER GROUP      |
| ROD Q.        | BOARD MEMBER | SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP      |
| KATHIE N.     | BOARD MEMBER | SOBRENITY GROUP              |
| CHARLIE C.    | BOARD MEMBER | THURSDAY BIG BOOK GROUP      |
| JOHN T.       | BOARD MEMBER | LIVINGSOBER/PASS IT ON GROUP |
| SCOTT G.      | BOARD MEMBER | WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP          |
| OPEN          | BOARD MEMBER |                              |
| OPEN          | BOARD MEMBER |                              |
| OPEN          | BOARD MEMBER |                              |

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| STEVE S.   | EXPERINCE, STRENGTH & HOPE GROUP |
| MICHAEL R. | VILLAGE 12 STEP GROUP            |
| KARA H.    | TOWN & COUNTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHT   |
| SUE Z.     | CLEAN AIR GROUP                  |
| SUZANNE H. | TGIS GROUP                       |
| JEFF P.    | TAMPA YPG                        |
| ARIEL M.   | STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP   |
| CORIANE B. | FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS GROUP   |
| MANDI P.   | BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP           |
| DEBBIE S.  | TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT |
| GREG H.    | MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP       |
| DENNY M.   | VALRICO BRANDON WEDNESDAY NIGHT  |
| BETTY E.   | SOBER @ 7 GROUP                  |
| JEFF H.    | IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP           |
| MIKE J.    | KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP       |
| CRAIG O.   | THE PROMISES                     |

Al then 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 and to turn down their cell phones. Board Members present: Al B. Chairperson, Rod Q. Vice-Chair, Charlie C., Kathie N., John T., Scott G.. **Secretary Report:** John read the August minutes. There were no questions, a motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the Treasurers report for August. Contributions in August totaled \$4,493.59. This accounts for what 39 Groups or individuals in our area have contributed in August. Included we also received \$71.00 from two AA members for the Birthday Club. Our total income for August was \$10,484.75. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,310.13. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,174.62. Our Total Expenses for August were \$ 8,117.09. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$1,942.47 for the month of August. We are now, at the end of August \$503.70 to the good for the year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Al asked if anyone was on the 12 Step List? We had a few people sign up. **New Business:** Kathy mentioned that she had contacted her church about possibly hosting our an event there. They are currently under renovation and asked her to get back to them later. It can hold about 450 people also has kitchen-etc. She will keep us updated. Al reiterated the Physical Inventory and the need for All Groups meetings. Rod said his group is considering doing an All Groups. **Council Meeting:** Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer followed by asking everyone to turn down their cell phones. **Secretary Report:** Sue read the August Secretary Report. There were no questions. Motion to approve was seconded and approved. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the Treasurers report for August. Contributions in August totaled \$4,493.59. This accounts for what 39 Groups or individuals in our area have contributed in August. Included we also received \$71.00 from two AA members for the Birthday Club. Our total income for August was \$10,484.75. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,310.13. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,174.62. Our Total Expenses for August were \$ 8,117.09. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$1,942.47 for the month of August. We are now, at the end of August \$503.70 to the good for the year. A motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. A question was asked on why we were so low on the budget. Tim explained that

it was probably from contributions and went on to show comparison of last year's totals compared to this year. **Old Business:** None **New Business:** None. However, Betty mentioned that her group had decided not to donate any money from their anniversary dinner to Central Office. **Announcements:** Alpha Clun 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Carry the Message Day, Sober @ 7's 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **Everyone is reminded to call your literature order in early a day or two before the meeting, that way can have it packed and ready for you.** The next Council Meeting will be October 8th, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Central Office Timothy S. Office Manager/Secretary for the Board & Council

**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 or aainfo@aatampa-area.org**

**HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED FOR THE 12TH STEP LIST? WHY NOT! YOU CAN'T KEEP IT UNLESS YOU GIVE IT AWAY...**

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

| GROUP                 | Honors To   | Date     | Years  |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE   | MARY R.     | 10/21/83 | 36 YRS |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | JOE C.      | 10/31/12 | 7 YRS  |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | ED D.       | 10/17/05 | 14 YRS |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | ALEX P.     | 10/11/90 | 29 YRS |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | STEVE D.    | 10/31/90 | 29 YRS |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | GUY S.      | 10/24/88 | 31 YRS |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | MITCH S.    | 10/22/87 | 32 YRS |
| KEYSTONE GROUP        | TOM F.      | 10/19/81 | 38 YRS |
| RIVERSIDE GROUP       | JEFF C.     | 10/21/96 | 23 YRS |
| TOWN n COUNTY SISTERS | SINA P.     | 10/28/11 | 8 YRS  |
| RUSH HOUR SERENITY    | GEORGE E.   | 10/08/12 | 7 YRS  |
| RUSH HOUR SERENITY    | ROSE ANN C. | 10/14/84 | 35 YRS |
| MUSTARD SEED GROUP    | MARTIN G.   | 10/17/13 | 6 YRS  |
| GRAPEVINE GALS GROUP  | ANGALIA D.  | 10/23/10 | 9 YRS  |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP       | BETTY E.    | 10/08/09 | 10 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP       | BOOTS K.    | 10/24/15 | 4 YRS  |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP       | RICH R.     | 10/01/74 | 45 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP     | MAGHAN M.   | 10/31/10 | 9 YRS  |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP     | MAURA       | 10/04/04 | 15 YRS |

**That's 387 Years of Sobriety!  
Congratulations for your Sobriety One Day at a Time!  
Somebody is doing something Right!!!!!! ☺♥👏**



**“How can the Grapevine keep in touch with your group if you don't have a GvR?”\***

My name is Victor E. and I approve this message.  
Pick up your latest copy at the Central Office.

**SELF-SUPPORT - August , 2019**

© Today in September of 2019 we have 223 Groups with 536 meetings a week. Contributions in September totaled \$4,697.62. This accounts for what 25 Groups or individuals in our area have contributed in September. Included we also received \$18.00 from two AA members for the Birthday Club. Our total income for September was \$11,175.71. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,969.94. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,205.77. Our Total Expenses for September were \$ 8,224.36. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2,018.59 for the month of September. We are now, at the end of September minus-\$ 157.49 in the red for the year. 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 !!!

THE AA WORLD SERVICE

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**WE CONTINUE TO NEED 12 STEPPERS!!!**

Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are you ready to help? Will you help? Come by the Office and fill out a 12 Step Form or email us and we will send you a form to fill out.

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**For \$7.00 You Will Receive  
12 Issues. The "NEWS"**

**Is One Of The Few Ways Central Office Can Reach Our Individual  
Member's.**

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER**

Through-out the years our 12 Step list has dwindled down and it's gotten harder and harder to contact AA members to help out to the cry coming in from the still suffering alcoholic. Some of the reasons for this are simple. Some have moved away, or changed phone numbers, some may have physical ailments from keeping them from helping out like they used to do, or they have passed away, or others unfortunately have just gotten drunk. I'm reaching out to you for your help in updating and/or renewing out 12 Step list. **Imagine** if no one had taken the time to help you....**would you still be here?????**

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

**2019 Fall Sobersticks**

**Oct. 11th, 12th & 13th**

Fun & Fellowship all weekend with camping, kayaking!  
 8pm campfire meetings!

Join in on Open mic night Fri & Sat!



\$10.00 per night per person.  
 (If renting a campsite or RV outside of  
 the group site \$10 fee is still required)

Well Be-haved pets are welcomed.

Group rates on canoe or kayak rentals

For more information call:  
 Stewart @ 813-455-7260  
 Sharon @ 813-943-9838

Little Manatee River  
 Canoe Outpost  
 18001 U.S. Hwy 301 S.  
 Wimauma, FL 33598  
 813-634-2228

**TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE**

**45TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY DINNER & SPEAKER MEETING**

**Celebrating 78 Years as our Area Service Center**

**Hosted by the Sisters in Sobriety**

**February 22nd, 2020**

**Kings Avenue Baptist Church  
 2602 South Kings Avenue, Brandon, Florida 33511**

**Speaker: Snow P. sobriety date: 03/07/1975**

Purchase online before January 31, 2020 & receive 5 Free Raffle tickets per person. [www.staysobersocials.com](http://www.staysobersocials.com)

*Seating is limited. Save your seat and purchase your tickets today.*

*\$15.00 single person and receive 5 early bird raffle tickets or \$120.00 for a reserved table of 8 and receive 5 early bird raffle tickets per person free*

Catering provided by Olive Garden. \*\*\*LIMITED SEATING\*\*\*

**Music—Photo Booth—Cakewalk Raffle and More**

**Come out and support your Central Office**

**Remember—All Tickets are purchased On-Line**

**THURSDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS GROUP INVITES YOU TO OUR**

**18th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

(LOCATED AT HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1698 S. BELCHER RD, CLEARWATER, FI)

**DATE: THURSDAY OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME: 6:00 PM DINNER**

**MEETING STARTS 6:45 PM**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:  
 GERRY L.**

**BRING A COVERED DISH TO SHARE, BRING A FRIEND & MOST IMPORTANT BRING YOURSELF**

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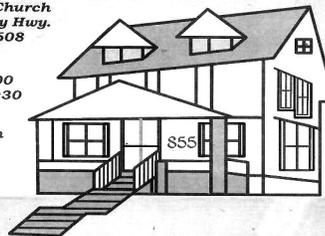
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*Presents: A Day for Dr. Bob's Home*

Saturday, January 18, 2020  
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**Scheduled Speakers**

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