



# Tri-County Central Office News

The day goes on whether you're happy or sad.  
Therefore, we might as well live this day happily.

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## STEP 11

Step 11 is the culmination of all the other Steps. We have taken all the other Steps to lead us to this Step. Step 1 had to be taken so we could take Step 2 – because we couldn't see the solution until we understood the problem. These two Steps gave us what we needed to make a decision. The decision was Step 3: to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*. The decision was an important turning point. Next we had to carry out the decision. There were certain things that blocked us from God, and we could not get on with turning our will and our lives over to the care of God until we removed those things that were blocking us. Therefore we took the action Steps: Steps 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and then 10, which is the continuation of Steps 4-9. As a result of the actions of Steps 4-10, we removed the things that were blocking us from God. Now we can *carry out* the decision we made in Step 3 of turning our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him. Through prayer and meditation, we can receive God's will for us and the power to carry it out. If we can do that, we will have carried out the decision that we made in Step 3. Steps 3 and 11 are the pillars of the Steps. We could say that the Steps have two crucial points: the turning over of our will in Step 3 and the receiving of God's will in Step 11. This amounts to changing the direction of a human life. This is not to say the direction can be changed by these two Steps alone, because the others are necessary before we can complete these two. When we change the direction of a life, we change the life. We said in Step 3 we were willing to turn our direction over to God, who had always been there even when we were blocked from Him. Our lives will have become different as a result of this process. Anyone who can begin to use Step 11 effectively has had a spiritual awakening. He or she has *"tapped that unsuspected inner resource"* of strength. (Big Book, p.567-568, 4th Ed.) This shows the Steps have worked for this person. After that will come the Twelfth and final Step, which tells us to take the message to other people. Step 11 takes a lot of work. First, it takes the work of the first ten Steps, and then it takes continuous practice over a long period of time.

**Joe McQ (of the Big Book Study Tapes)**

*Everyone thinks of changing the world,  
But no one thinks of changing himself*

## Personality Change

"It has often been said of A.A. that we are interested only in alcoholism. That is not true. We have to get over drinking in order to stay alive. But anyone who knows the alcoholic personality by firsthand contact knows that no true alky ever stops drinking permanently without undergoing a profound personality change.

We thought "conditions" drove us to drink, and when we tried to correct these conditions and found that we couldn't do so to our entire satisfaction, our drinking went out of hand and we became alcoholics. It never occurred to us that we needed to change ourselves to meet conditions, whatever they were.

As Bill Sees It p.1

## A SUGGESTION FOR THANKSGIVING BY BILL W. 1949

The idea is in the air that AA might adopt Thanksgiving week as a time for meetings and meditation on the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous....I heartily agree...and hope you will too. Pre-AA, we alxies could sometimes achieve that dubious state called "sobriety, period." How bleak and empty this alleged virtue is, only God or a dried-up drunk can fully testify. The reason? Of course every AA knows it: nothing has taken the place of the victim's grog; he's still a man of conflict and disunity. Comes then the Twelve Steps of Recovery, bringing to him a "personality change." The shattered prospect feels reassembled; he now says he seems all one piece. We understand exactly what he means, for he describes the state of being "at oneness"; he is talking about personal unity. We know he must work to maintain it and that he can't stay alive without it. Will not the same principle hold true for AA as a whole? Isn't it also a fact that the alcoholic is in no greater peril than when he takes sobriety for granted? If vigilant practice of sound principle is a matter of life and death for him, why isn't that equally so for the AA group, and for our far-flung Society itself? Yet many of us still take the basic unity of Alcoholics Anonymous for granted. We seem to forget that the whole modern society is on a dangerous and contagious "dry bender." We evidently assume we are so different from other men and women that disintegration can't hit us. Our unity appears as a gift of Heaven; something to be perpetually enjoyed by us AAs quite without effort. Criticism is not intended, because our present attitude is natural enough. It stems from the fact that no Society in it's infancy has ever enjoyed more providential protection against temptation and untoward happenings than has ours. Minor troubles we have had, but none serious enough to test our adult strength. It's not strange that we are a bit complacent and self-satisfied. Surely there need be no counsel of fear, nor lack of faith in the prediction that a far greater time of trial may yet be ours. When we think our situation through, simple prudence and foresight will tell us that. The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous are a distillate of our experience of living and working together. They apply the sprit of the Twelve Recovery Steps to our group life and security. They deal with our relations with the world outside and with each other, they state our attitudes toward power and prestige, toward property and money. They would save us from tempting alliances and major controversies, they would elevate principles they request that we maintain personal anonymity before the open public as a protection to AA and as proof of the fact that our Society intends to practice true humility. For the information of the general public and for the instruction of new AA members, the Twelve Traditions have just been released in a much condensed "short form" which we hope will be as widely read and understood as the Twelve Steps of Recovery. Should this happen, our current growing pains will be lessened and we shall commence to lay up a great store of insurance for the years ahead. What then could be more appropriate than to set aside Thanksgiving week for discussion of the practice and spiritual values to be discovered in our Tradition? We could thus reinforce our faith in the future by these prudent works; we could show that we deserve to go on receiving that priceless gift of "Oneness" which God in his wisdom has so freely given to us of Alcoholics Anonymous in the precious years of our infancy.

**Reprint Permission/AA Grapevine/1949**

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

**CONTACT---(877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672**

Mike B. opened the October 2, 2021, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Michael P., Tracy S., Scott S., Hezekiah D. and John T. Michael P. introduced himself. He said he has been active in carrying meetings to the Orient Road jail and will continue to do so. Mike B. presented the chair report. The Area quarterly meeting is next week via Zoom. Mike said next Saturday he will be chairing the corrections workshop at 1:30 and Allan D. will be chairing the treatment center workshop at 8:30. Mike said he will have several speakers share their experience, strength and hope with corrections meetings. Mike said the District 2 meeting is tomorrow. He read over the one district motion and several area motions that will be discussed at the meeting. John T. indicated he would no longer read the prior month's minutes since minutes are sent out to all TBAIC contacts. He asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the September minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. Pink Can balance is \$9,201.00. Scott said detailed treasurer's report will be posted at the TBAIC web site. The report was approved. Scott also mentioned that group should indicate their group number on all TBAIC contribution checks. He said that is needed so he can include correct information in his report.

**INSTITUTION MEETING UPDATES**

- Treatment Center Meetings – John T. said no change since last month. All in person meetings at ACTS, DACCO and several other facilities cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. In person meetings are still being held at Salvation Army, River Oaks, North Tampa Behavioral Health, Broad Prep Recovery and Brandon Real Recovery Community Environment. Some Zoom meetings are being held with ACTS Amethyst clients.
- Orient Rd Jail – Michael P. said the one weekly in person meeting is being held again.
- Falkenburg Men's Jail – Mike B. said Buddy H. told him one in person meeting a week was being held.
- Falkenburg Road and Pasco Women's Jails – Sara R. and Tracy B. provided no report, but Mike B. said he believed that situation at the women's jails was the same as last month.
- Zephyrhills CI – Tom F. provided no report, but John T. said he believed in person meetings were still being held.
- W T Edwards – Hezekiah D. said no meetings are being held due to Covid-19 concerns.

**Bridging the Gap** – Tracy S. indicated she appreciated the changes Mike B. made to the Ring Central program. Mike said there were four individuals who would receive calls which means there is a very high chance of Bridging the Gap calls being answered by individuals rather than voice mail.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mike said to provide John with updates to the contact list and institution meetings status. He added that facilitators were still needed at several locations. Other items discussed:

- Bridging the Gap – Mike said he tested changes to Ring Central and it appears to be working well. Mike said he would get new Bridging the Gap business cards made. He asked for approval of no more that \$75 to purchase cards. The committee agreed with that amount.
- True Core Behavioral Solutions – Mike said he sent an email to the point of contact which indicated the committee will not provide them a letter of intent but will support meetings at the facility when resources are available. The point of contact indicated that was acceptable to them

**NEW BUSINESS** Mike asked for there were any needs and/or suggestions for spending the committee's accumulated funds. The following needs and/or suggestions were made.

- Tracy S. mentioned that she could use some Big Books at the meeting she chairs at the Salvation Army. John indicated the last he checked there were four hardback and multiple mini versions of the Big Book in the TBAIC storage cabinet. Tracy said she would check there first before buying new ones from central office.
- John suggested disposing the old meeting schedules in TBAIC storage cabinet and replacing them with newly updated schedules.

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
**October 9th, 2021 9:30 am on ZOOM.** Contact us at [www.tbaic.org](http://www.tbaic.org) for more information. 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

Scott said he would find a way to recycle the old schedules and replace with new ones. □ Mike mentioned that he thought ACTS Amethyst could use some books. He said he was told that there was only one copy of the Big Book at the facility. He said he would like to buy 2 cases of Big Books, 1 case of 12 and 12, and 1 case of Living Sober for ACTS Amethyst. John mentioned that there were many copies of Living Sober in TBAIC storage cabinet. □ John mentioned that the committee could buy a pop up poster board which shows what the committee does. This type of poster board could be displayed at local AA events such as the Gratitude dinner, Central Office anniversary and other AA events. John indicated the PICPC committee had done something similar a few years ago. He volunteered to discuss with Suzanne B. who was involved with the PICPC purchase. □ Scott mentioned that we could get flyers/posters made about TBAIC opportunities and distribute them to groups and club houses. This would be a way to attract new members to get involved in TBAIC activities. Mike said he would research this. □ John mentioned that the committee could hold a workshop at one or more locations to talk about what the committee does. This would be a way to attract members to participate in TBAIC activities. He said the committee could purchase literature related to corrections and treatment and distribute those to workshop attendees. Scott mentioned the possibility of carrying the workshop to club houses or places with multiple meetings. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, November 13th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

**Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation last Month:**

**TBAIC Contributions**  
**(September 12th - October 2nd):**  
 Keystone Discussion Group - \$63.00, New Beginnings (Our Club) Group - \$110.50, Promises AA Group - \$88.32.

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$ 8,122.30</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 12/31/20</b>	<b>\$ 7,339.13</b>
<b>YTD Money Spent on Literature</b>	<b>\$ 4,687.97</b>
<b>YTD Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,517.46</b>
<b>Pink Can Current Balance 04/10/21</b>	<b>\$ 9,206.00</b>

## DR. BOB

*"Simplicity, devotion, steadfastness, and loyalty; these were the hallmarks of Dr. Bob's character which he has well implanted in so many of us." - Bill Wilson.*

ROBERT HOLBROOK SMITH, M.D.  
1879-1950

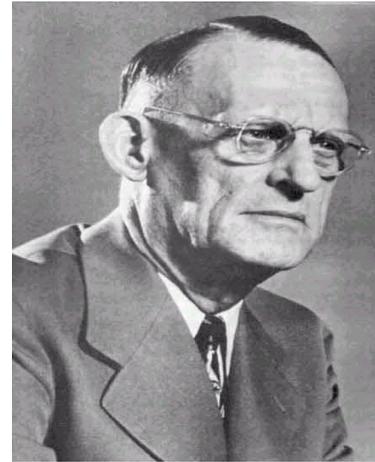
Dr. Bob was born August 8, 1879, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the only son of Judge and Mrs. W.P. Smith, who were prominent in civic and social activities of that city. Though often rebellious against the strict authority of his parents, "Rob," as his schoolmates called him, was willing to work hard to attain whatever he sincerely wanted; by the time he was nine, he knew he wanted to be a physician. In his teens, he spent parts of his summers working on a Vermont farm and in an Adirondack summer hotel. Despite his dislike of school, he was a good student and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1898. He spent four years at Dartmouth College, graduating in 1902. It was during these school years that drinking became a major activity, though in those days he was never involved in serious trouble because of it. Three years later, having worked at various jobs in Boston and Montreal, he entered the University of Michigan as a premed student. Here, the pace of his drinking accelerated, and in his sophomore year he left school temporarily, feeling he couldn't complete his course. But he returned, took his exams, and passed them. In 1910, after further training at Rush Memorial College in Chicago, he received his medical degree and secured an internship in City Hospital, Akron, Ohio. Completing his internship in 1912, he opened an office in the Second National Bank Building in Akron, remaining there until his retirement in 1948. In 1915, he married Anne Ripley, whom he had met while attending St. Johnsbury Academy. As time went on, his alcoholism progressed steadily, yet he was able to function, and few of his colleagues knew how serious his illness was. Besides being an active member of the City Hospital staff in Akron, he often visited St. Thomas Hospital, also in Akron, where, in 1928, he met Sister Ignatia for the first time. Later, in 1934, he became associated with St. Thomas and in 1943, became a member of the active staff. In the early thirties, Dr. Bob, in desperate search for an answer to his problem, began to attend meetings of the Oxford Group, feeling he could benefit from its philosophy and other spiritual teachings. Though he continued to drink, he maintained his activity in the group, due in large part to Anne's deep interest. In May 1935, a meeting with another alcoholic, Bill Wilson, led to his own permanent sobriety and to the formation of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is estimated that Dr. Bob, with the help of Sister Ignatia, guided some 5,000 fellow alcoholics to recovery during his 15 years of loving ministry to them. What manner of man was Dr. Bob? According to his son: "He had tremendous drive, great physical stamina. He was reserved and formal on first acquaintance, but as you came to know him, he was just the opposite: friendly, generous, full of fun - he loved a good joke. Regarding A.A., he tried to make every decision in the best interests of the group, to the exclusion of any personal advantage. He never ceased to be surprised that so many people sought him out, but felt he had only been God's agent and so was not due any personal credit." Bob and Anne lived simply; if he had any pride of possession, it was for cars. He played bridge expertly, always playing to win! An avid reader, he read for at least an hour each night of

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## DR. BOB....continued

his adult life, "drunk or sober." He was a fight fan, succumbing finally to television so he could watch the fights. He held three concepts in particularly high regard. One was simplicity - in his own lifestyle and in practicing the A.A. way of life. Second, he believed in tolerance of other people's ideas, in speaking out "with kindness and consideration for others," and in "guarding that erring member, the tongue." Third, he believed that one's job in A.A. was to "get sober and stay sober" and "never to be so complacent that we're not willing to extend that help to our less fortunate brothers." Dr. Bob firmly believed that "love and service" are the cornerstones of Alcoholics Anonymous. He died of cancer at City Hospital, Akron, November 16, 1950.

**"During nine years in AA, I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well." Dr. Bob passed away on November 16, 1950. Take a moment on the 16th to reflect about this remarkable human being.....**



### Whose Responsibility?

"An A.A. group, as such, cannot take on all the personal problems of its members, let alone those of non-alcoholics in the world around us. The A.A. group is not, for example, a mediator of domestic relations, nor does it furnish personal financial aid to anyone. "Though a member may sometimes be helped in such matters by his friends in A.A., the primary responsibility for the solutions of all his problems of living and growing rests squarely upon the individual himself. Should an A.A. group attempt this sort of help, its effectiveness and energies would be hopelessly dissipated. "This is why sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of the group. If we don't stick to this cardinal principle, we shall almost certainly collapse. And if we collapse we cannot help anyone." **As Bill Sees It p.79**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

October 11th, 2021 the Board of Directors for Central Office		REPRESENTING GROUP
BOARD MEMBERS		
AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
JOHN T.	TREASURER	LIVING SOBER/PASS IT ON GROUP
RITA Y.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TOM F.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

(Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined. ) Board Members present: Al B., Rita Y., John T., Brian L., Tom F. & Linda B.

Secretary Report: Tim read the September Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded.

Treasurers Report: Tim presented the September Treasurer's Report. Contributions in September totaled \$ 6,724.03. This accounts for what 41 Groups or individuals in our area have contributed in September. 4 of those contributions were for \$ 3.00 or less. Included we also received \$ 199.00 from 3 members for the Birthday Club. We also received \$ 495.46 in contributions through our PayPal account and \$ 1,192.00 from the Promises Meeting Anniversary. Our literature sales for September was \$ 9,303.58 and \$ 7.00 from 1 Newsletter subscription. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for September was \$ 16,034.61. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 7,183.08. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 8,851.53. Our Total Expenses for September were \$ 7,783.82. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+ 1,067.71 for the month of September. Old Business: No old Business.

New Business: There was no new Business.

Announcements : Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly 6, November 19-21 2021. It will be Virtual. 65th Florida State Convention August 3rd-7th, 2022. Michaelanne announced that she is signed up on the volunteer committee and if anyone else is signed up and needed a ride to let her know, michaelanne.talbott@gmail.com. Also Service Opportunities for 2023 Florida State Convention Planning Committee contact vickirservice@gmail.com A motion to close was made, seconded and approved.

**A.A.'s who carry the message, often carry the Grapevine**

**October 11th, 2021 the Central Office Representatives met:**

COUNCIL MEMBERS	REPRESENTING GROUP
If you attended the	Meeting but not listed we didn't catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatamapa-area.org
NOTE: JEFF P.	Tampa Bay Young People was present at the September Council Meeting
JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
DAVID B.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART MEETING
DAVID	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
CHRISTA C.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
DAVID R.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
CHARLES McG	BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP
JEFF H.	IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP
MARGRET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
CRAIG O.	PROMISES MEETING GOUP
MICHAELANNE T.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP

**Central Office will be closed:**  
**Thursday November 25th, 2021**  
**Thanksgiving Day**  
**Friday December 24th, 2021**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday December 25th, 2021**  
**Christmas Day**  
**Friday December 31st, 2021**  
**New Year Eve**  
**Saturday January 1st, 2022**  
**New Year Day**



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 our 12 Step list. **Imagine** if no one had taken the time to help you....would you still be here??????

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
KEYSTONE GROUP	DOREEN S.	11/30/15	6 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ERIC J.	11/10/15	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	DONNA A.	11/27/19	2 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	MARIE	11/17/84	37 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SCOTT P.	11/01/14	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CLINT V.	11/18/88	33 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BRADY G.	11/15/10	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	JOANNE	11/16/13	8 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KRISTIN	11/20/12	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KERRY L.	11/14/11	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	MALIN	11/11/10	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	JOANN S.	11/19/05	16 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JAN E.	11/04/14	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	RICK A.	11/01/10	11 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	LINDA R.	11/02/88	33 YRS
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	PHIL S.	11/08/07	14 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TAMMY B.	11/07/13	8 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY vL	11/12/90	31 YRS
LIVING SOBER AS BILL SEES IT	DIANE S.	11/28/18	3 YRS
LIVING SOBER AS BILL SEES IT	HEATHER P.	11/06/10	11 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	BEVERLY W.	11/01/11	10 YRS
NEW TAMPA MONDAY MENS	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	28 YRS
NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP	MIKE B.	11/19/06	15 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
TnC SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	SINIA	10/28/11	10 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	JUDY G.	10/31/84	37 YRS

**That's 384 Years of Sobriety! ☺**

**Want your group members anniversary listed in the Newsletter—  
send your list of names and anniversaries. We'll be glad to post them  
in the newsletter to celebrate their sobriety.**



**The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the  
triangle stands for A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery,  
Unity, and Service.**

**SELF-SUPPORT-October 2021**

© Today in October of 2021 COVID has changed the way many groups contribute to the Central Office. Some groups have remained steady in their contributions, some groups have gone to ZOOM, A few ZOOM groups have made some contributions and other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up.. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have 208 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with 522 meetings weekly. Contributions in October totaled \$ 7,387.16. This accounts for what 50 Groups or individuals in our area have contributed in October. Included was 5 contributions made on PayPal for a total of \$96.53. We also received \$ 60.00 from 2 members for the Birthday Club and the Sober @ 7 Group contributed \$638.00 from their Anniversary Dinner & Fund-raiser. Our literature sales for October was \$ 6,308.30 and \$ 7.00 for a Newsletter subscription. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for October was \$ 13,718.96. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 4,736.24. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 8,982.24. Our Total Expenses for October were \$ 9,073.69. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$ 91.45 for the month of October. As a friendly reminder, we now have a contribution button on our web site [www.aatampa-area.org](http://www.aatampa-area.org). Many meetings are still live, but many have gone to ZOOM for the time being due to the requirements of the facility that they meet in. We thank you for your continuing support. As they say in the rooms of AA "this too shall past." And this virus will too. No matter *how good or bad* it may appear that we are doing from one month to another, it takes your consistent contributions and support to keep us operating on a steady level. As our AA membership continues to grow in the Tampa Bay area, despite the COVID pandemic, the demand for more and more material and services has started to expand and so 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 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. Ask your Treasurer if they have any Birthday envelopes available. Call or email your Central Office. **933-9123 or [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)**

# MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA



**VIRTUAL SERVICE EVENT**  
**NOVEMBER 19-21, 2021**  
**HOSTED BY AREA 15**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA**

# SSAASA6

**Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous  
Service Assembly**

**REGISTER NOW AT**  
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**ENTIRELY FREE EVENT**  
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## DO YOU WANT TO CARRY THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY?

If YES, please attend the next meeting of the Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee. Members are needed to chair meetings at several facilities. We meet at 9:30 AM on the second Saturday of every month via Zoom. Zoom ID: 345 781 6796  
Passcode: 274T4N

### TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of the current COVID crisis we are conducting our Board and Council Meetings on ZOOM. It will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. For the time being the Board and Council will both be meeting at the same time because we currently only have one hour to conduct our business.

For those group representatives who attend the meeting.....we offer a 20% discount once a month for all literatures, coins—etc. So, if you need to purchase literature for your group elect someone to be your Central Office Representative and have them attend the meeting. The meeting is usually less than an hour and they can attend from the comfort of their own home. Once they have attended the meeting, then if you need literature-etc.....call or better, yet--email your requests to [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org) and we will pack up your items and send you an invoice of the cost (20% discount included) and then all you have to do is come by and pick it up and make you payment.

If you decide to elect a COR, have them either call (813-933-9123) or email me [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org) and I will give them the I.D. and Password in order for them to attend the meeting. There is no time requirement for a Central Office Representative. Just that they be sober and have the willingness to serve.

## GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE DRIVE

Do you have used Grapevine magazines laying around your house, clogging up your closet, clogging up your bookshelf, laying around under the sofa cushions —don't want to throw them away but don't know what to do with them?

Well, I have an idea—Donate your Grapevines to the Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee.

Tri-County Central Office is acting as a drop-off center for TBAIC to collect those Grapevines to be taken into the jails and treatment centers. It's another way of Carrying the Message to the still suffering alcoholic. November is Gratitude Month, it's a month for giving. Would you be willing to help?

Just swing by the Office and drop them off anytime during business hours or just leave them by the door...

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