



Tri-County Central Office News

We never apologize to anyone for depending upon our Creator. We can laugh at those who think spirituality the way of weakness. Paradoxically, it is the way of strength.

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TRADITION EIGHT

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionals our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: ***Our single purpose has been defeated.*** Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a few A.A.'s have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee. Despite this certainty, it is nevertheless true that few subjects have been the cause of more contention within our Fellowship than professionalism. Caretakers who swept floors, cooks who fried hamburgers, secretaries in offices, authors writing books—all these we have seen hotly assailed because they were, as their critics angrily remarked, "making money out of A.A." Ignoring the fact that these labors were not Twelfth Step jobs at all, the critics attacked as A.A. professionals these workers of ours who were often doing thankless tasks that no one else could or would do. Even greater furors were provoked when A.A. members began to run rest homes and farms for alcoholic, when some hired out to corporations as personnel men in charge of the alcoholic problem in industry, when some became nurses on alcoholic wards, when others entered the field of alcohol education. In all these instances, and more, it was claimed that A.A. knowledge and experience were being sold for money, hence these people, too, were professionals. At last, however, a plain line of cleavage could be seen between professionalism and non-professionalism. When we had agreed that the Twelfth Step couldn't be sold for money, we had been wise. But when we had declared that our Fellowship couldn't hire service workers nor could any A.A. member carry our knowledge into other fields, we were taking the counsel of fear, fear which today has been largely dispelled in the light of experience. Take the case of the club janitor and cook. If the club is going to function, it has to be habitable and hospitable. We tried volunteers, who were quickly disenchanted with sweeping floors and brewing coffee seven days a week. They just didn't show up. Even more important, an empty club couldn't answer its telephone, but it was an open invitation to a drunk on a binge who possessed a spare key. So somebody had to look after the place full time. If we hired an alcoholic, he'd receive only what we'd have to pay a non-alcoholic for the same job. The job was not to **do** Twelfth Step work; it was to make Twelfth Step work possible. It was a service proposition, pure and simple. Neither could A.A. itself function without full-time workers. At the Foundation (*General Service Office in New York*) and

THE MEETINGS

The meetings in A.A. provide a fine social outlet for the members and are a part of the valuable "group therapy" which A.A. brings to bear upon the alcoholic problem. However there is a more important purpose of the meetings—it is there that the members, both new and old, learn and retain the knowledge of and the necessity of practicing the twelve steps of the program. So oftentimes we find members who go to meetings regularly but only for the social side. They pay little attention to the talks and discussions—except to criticize—and the talks and the discussions themselves are left exactly where they found them—in the meeting hall. There is a story that has gone the rounds for many years where-ever there is public speaking. It tells of a gentleman who was hurrying to church on Sunday morning and evidently was very late for the service. As he neared the church he saw a large crowd of people leaving the edifice. Anxious to learn whether the services were over, he stopped a little old lady coming down the steps. "Is the sermon over?" he queried. "No," the lady replied, "the sermon is not over." "Well then, why are all these people leaving church if the sermon is not over?" "Because the minster has left the pulpit." "But I thought you said the sermon was not over: now you tell me the minister has left the pulpit. How is it possible for the minster to have left the pulpit before the sermon is over?" "The minster has indeed left the pulpit: but still the sermon is not over. For now it is really beginning. The people receive the value of the sermon only if and when they **ACT** on it in their daily lives!" This same truth can be applied to the A.A. meetings. The members who **ACT** on the talks and the discussions in their daily lives are the ones who get full value from the meetings. On the other hand they who take no such action get from the meetings exactly what they go to obtain; a social evening. As a result they learn little A.A.; they take home little A.A.; they practice little A.A.; and then the inevitable slip and once again we hear, "And to think John attended meetings so regularly!" There are many such in A.A. meetings—many who although attending meetings regularly take no **ACTION** on what they hear there and thus make no progress except backwards—for meetings without **ACTION** are sterile—**ACTION IS THE MAGIC WORD.**

Father John Doe—From The Golden Book of Action- 1950

OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SOME ACTIVE ALCOHOLICS TO HELP FIND RECOVERY

There is an Open AA meeting, Wednesday 7:30pm at Tampa Hope located at 3704 East 3rd Avenue, Tampa. Tampa Hope is a homeless transitional housing facility. Access is controlled by a gate guard. For anyone wanting to attend the meeting, please call John T. at 850-855-9757 no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting **NOTE:** The first meeting at Tampa Hope was held on Saturday March 5th. Saturday afternoon meetings were held each week up to May 7th. Meeting attendees asked that the meeting day and time be changed to a weekday evening. Wednesday 7:30pm meetings were held on May 11th and 18th. **Don't just Talk the Talk—Try Walking the Walk....**

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

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

Mike B. opened the July 9, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Sara R., Scott S., John O., Tom F., Tracy S., Jonathan C., Jason C., Rich R., Jasmine L., and John T. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike B. said he recently received a pre-release contact form for a man due to be released from a correctional facility in Arkansas who was coming to the Land O'Lakes area. He said he asked Tom F. to communicate with the individual. Mike also mentioned the request from the Tampa US Probation Officer which he said would be discussed under New Business. He said he attended the recent district meeting and gave a synopsis of the meeting. He added that he and John O. (incoming chairperson) would be attending the treatment and corrections committees' workshops at the upcoming area quarterly meeting in Miami. Mike said minutes of the district meeting and agenda for the area quarterly meetings would be sent out with minutes of this meeting. Jasmine L. was a new attendee at the meeting. She indicated she was the committee rep for the Live and Let Live group, and she was interested in how the committee functioned. Jasmine said she had previously contacted John T. and he provided her a list of service opportunities which she said she would share with her home group members. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the June minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. The current Pink Can balance is \$7,202.22. Contributions for the month totaled \$201.57. Operating expenses totaled \$140.87 and literature purchases totaled \$3,373.19. Scott said most of the literature purchases were made to replenish the supply in the TBAIC cabinets at central office. The report was approved. INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES Treatment facilities meetings: ACTS Amethyst – John T. said volunteers have committed to chair 13 live and 1 Zoom meeting. He said the chairperson for one meeting changed but no other changes. ACTS Detox – John T. said chairpersons are still needed for noon time meetings on Monday, Tuesday, and some Saturdays. He said someone volunteered to chair the noon time meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month but a volunteer is still needed for the other Saturdays. ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program – John T. said volunteers are needed to chair meetings at both the 17th St and 131st Ave facilities. Cove Behavioral Health (formerly DACCO). Both men's and women's meetings have restarted. John said a new volunteer (John N.) is chairing the men's meeting and volunteers are needed for that meeting. HCA Florida West Tampa Hospital Detox (formerly Tampa Community Hospital or Town and Country Hospital). Tom F. said Jason C. started meetings at the facility and Tom said he would be starting to attend meetings there. Selah House. John T. said Liz S. picked up literature for the facility and indicated that if females are interested in volunteering to chair/attend meetings to contact her. The facility is a safe house for victims of human trafficking. River Oaks. Jason C. said Monday, Wednesday and Friday meetings are going well. Corrections facilities meetings: Falkenburg Road Women's Jail – Sara R. said jail management has begun to emphasize the need for all court ordered inmates to attend meetings. As a result, volunteer inmate attendees would be limited. Sara said a recent Sunday meeting had 15 court ordered and 7 inmate volunteer attendees. Sara said she discussed the possibility of adding a second meeting but none of the AA volunteers seem interested in doing that. Sara also said she was told that they could no longer bring AA literature such as Big Books and Grapevine magazines into meetings. She said she had a case of hard copy Big Books which she could either keep for future use or return to the TBAIC literature cabinet. Several committee members indicated that Sara should hold onto the books in the event the jail changes their policy. Falkenburg Road Men's Jail – Rich R. said the Sunday morning meeting was switched to Friday 2pm. He said there would no longer be a Sunday morning meeting. He added that the jail emphasis on having court ordered attendees going to meetings increased meeting attendance. He said he and 2 other volunteers are handling the meetings. He said he has been bringing AA literature to meetings with no objections by jail management. Zephyrhills CI –Tom F. stated all is going well. He said 18 inmates attended the last meeting. He said the meeting was granted permission to make and serve coffee at meetings and he believed that helped to increase attendance. He said a long-time inmate attendee has asked him if it would be possible to get the Daily Reflections daily reading sent to

him and others through the prison email system. Tom said he was working on that. True Core Behavioral. Jason C. said he will meet with facility management this Thursday and anticipates that meetings will be starting in the next few weeks. He said 3 female and 3 male volunteers have been cleared to attend meeting but that additional female volunteers are welcome. Tom F. said he may consider posting a notice on the Tampa AA Facebook group for volunteers. Jason said he would look into that. Bridging the Gap – Tracy S. said she got 1 call in June which she asked John T. to handle. John said the call back number was at ACTS Detox and when he called back no one there knew of the individual who called. Tracy said she received 4 messages via Ring Central so far this month. She said she called back 2 individuals and left messages with no call back and the other 2 were calls from institutions which were called back and could not determine who made the call. Mike B. said he received a call from an individual in Pinellas County who asked him to go visit a patient at a facility in Lutz. Mike said he tried to explain to the individual that he would need to contact someone else to do so. However, the individual became agitated and hung up the phone and could not be re-contacted. John O. asked to be added to the call list and Mike said he would do that. Tracy said she had a sponsee who would like to be added to the list and said she would provide her information to Mike. Man on the Bed – Tom F. said 2 calls from Tampa General. He said when the individuals were contacted by AA volunteers, they both said they did not want any help from AA. OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. said he will delay making an offer to other districts to provide them literature given the current Pink Can balance and recent spending for literature. Mike also said volunteers are always needed as noted above. NEW BUSINESS: US Probation Officer request for AA meeting at Tampa residential facility. Mike mentioned the email he received. Several members spoke in favor of doing the meetings, but further details are needed. John T. volunteered to contact the email sender and provide details to committee members. Scott S. went over the list of AA pamphlets he had purchased in the past and asked if there were any others that should be added to the supply in the TBAIC cabinets at the central office. Several additional pamphlets were mentioned, and Scott agreed to purchase those. Jonathan C. mentioned an incident he recently had with management at ACTS Detox. He said he and 5 other volunteers entered the facility. He said an unknown individual who identified herself as a manager indicated that only 2 volunteers at a time were allowed in the facility. Jonathan asked if anyone had experienced anything like that. John T. said that several months back, the program director at ACTS Amethyst had asked that no more the 2 outside AA volunteers attend meetings due to space limitations and social distancing requirements related to Covid-19. John said the former meeting coordinator for ACTS Detox expressed a similar concern. Jonathan said he was not aware of that requirement but said he would follow it in the future. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, August 13th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

TBAIC Contributions (June 12th through July 9th): Freedom in Sobriety Group - \$24.50, Nightly Newcomers 3333 Group - \$123.07, On the Way Home Group - \$54.00.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 8,494.57
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 10,897.76
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 1,572.48
Pink Can Current Balance 03/12/22	\$ 7,202.82

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intergroup offices, we couldn't employ non-alcoholics as secretaries; we had to have people who knew the A.A. pitch. But the minute we hired them, the ultraconservative and fearful ones shrilled, "Professionalism!" At one period, the status of these faithful servants was almost unbearable. They weren't asked to speak at A.A. meetings because they were "making money out of A.A." At times, they were actually shunned by fellow members. Even the charitably disposed described them as "a necessary evil." Committees took full advantage of this attitude to depress their salaries. They could regain some measure of virtue, it was thought, if they worked for A.A. real cheap. These notions persisted for years. Then we saw that if a hardworking secretary answered the phone dozens of times a day, listened to twenty wailing wives, arranged hospitalization and got sponsorship for ten newcomers, and was gently diplomatic with the irate drunk who complained about the job she was doing and how she was overpaid, then such a person could surely not be called a professional A.A. She was not professionalizing the Twelfth Step; she was just making it possible. Perhaps the fear will always lurk in every A.A. heart that one day our name will be exploited by somebody for real cash. Even the suggestion of such a thing never fails to whip up a hurricane, and we have discovered that hurricanes have a way of mauling with equal severity both the just and the unjust. They are always unreasonable.

**Reprint Permission A.A. World Services
Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions**

**THE TWELVE TRADITIONS
TRADITION EIGHT**

Spiritual as it is, A.A. remains very much of this world. The Eight Tradition, like the Seventh Tradition, focuses on a vulgar five-letter word that isn't actually mentioned in either: *money*. Many of us have had to explain to some cynical prospect, "No, I'm not a social worker. I don't get paid for talking with you. I'm doing it because it's the best way to stay sober for myself." This does not mean, of course, that the idea of turning professional has never entered any A.A.'s mind. In the lean years, Bill W. did think of becoming a lay therapist to earn money through his experience in helping alcoholics. But, with a strong nudge from the group conscience, he soon realized that he could never hang out a shingle reading "Bill W., AA Therapist, \$10.00 an Hour"! It became clear to the early members that no A.A. should ever ask or accept payment for "carrying this message to somebody else, person to person, face to face. But new questions arose as membership grew and the word of hope spread, sending thousands of alcoholics in search of A.A. The first intergroups or central offices *were* usually manned by A.A. volunteers; now, most such offices are so busy that full-time employees are needed as well. Naturally, A.A.'s are better suited to such jobs than are non-members—but are these A.A.'s being paid for doing Twelfth Step work? NO. In the office, they are just paving the way for this work. Arranging to get a sick drunk into a hospital, telling a shaky newcomer where the nearest meeting is tonight, they are helping to make it possible for that alcoholic to hear the message "person to person and face to face".

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The Twelve Traditions Illustrated**

STEPS EIGHT & NINE

Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead." Let's look at *Steps Eight and Nine*. We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning *we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol*. Probably there are still some misgivings. As we look over the list of business acquaintances and friends we have hurt, we may feel diffident about going to some of them on a spiritual basis. Let us be reassured. To some people we need not, and probably should not emphasize the spiritual feature on our first approach. We might prejudice them. At the moment we are trying to put our lives in order. But this is not an end in itself. Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us. It is seldom wise to approach an individual, who still smarts from our injustice to him, and announce that we have gone religious. In the prize ring, this would be called leading with the chin. Why lay ourselves open to being branded fanatics or religious bores? We may kill a future opportunity to carry a beneficial message. But our man is sure to be impressed with a sincere desire to set right the wrong. He is going to be more interested in a demonstration of good will than in our talk of spiritual discoveries. We don't use this as an excuse for shying away from the subject of God. When it will serve any good purpose, we are willing to announce our convictions with tact and common sense. The question of how to approach the man we hated will arise. It may be he has done us more harm than we have done him and, though we may have acquired a better attitude toward him, we are still not too keen about admitting our faults. Nevertheless, with a person we dislike, we take the bit in our teeth. It is harder to go to an enemy than to a friend, but we find it much more beneficial to us. We go to him in a helpful and forgiving spirit, confessing our former ill feeling and expressing our regret. Under no condition do we criticize such a person or argue. Simply we tell him that we will never get over drinking until we have done our utmost to straighten out the past. We are there to sweep off our side of the street, realizing that nothing worth while can be accomplished until we do so, never trying to tell him what he should do. His faults are not discussed. We stick to our own. If our manner is calm, frank, and open, we will be gratified with the result.

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Call For Stories Fifth Edition Big Book

**Deadline for Submissions: October 31, 2022
Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words,
doubled-spaced, in 12 point font. Handwritten should be
five to six pages.**

To submit a story, visit:

aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

**Include complete name, address, phone information on
first page of the submission. Anonymity of all authors will
be observed.**

**Contact 5BBStory@aa.org for any questions. Also for
Spanish and French.**

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

July 12th, 2022 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

July 12th, 2022 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

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
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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If you attended the Meeting but not listed below, we didn't catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatamapa-area.org

JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
EMMA D.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
MARGARET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
BARNEY B.	IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP
FRANK L.	SOBRENITY GROUP
NANCY	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
MAY	THE 164 GROUP
MICHAELANNE T.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ANDREW D.	THE PROMISES GROUP

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. & Chris S.

Because Tim's laptop was in the shop and the Office computer would not or could log in to the meeting, Tim had to present his reports via Brad's speaker phone.

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

Treasurers Report: Tim presented the June Treasurer's Report. Contributions in June totaled \$ 4,727.38. This accounts for what 44 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in June. Included \$ 231.00 from 6 members for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for June was \$ 7,362.93. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for June was \$ 12,097.31. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,650.24. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 6,447.07. Our Total Expenses for June were \$ 8,667.38. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus -\$ 2,220.31 for the month of June. Motion was made to accept, seconded & approved.

Old Business: None **New Business:** None

Announcements : Rita announced info about the District 2 Gratitude Dinner (11-5-22), the Need Volunteers for Dinner and Contributions to help with the Dinner. Also, OSG having a Clothing Exchange (8-21-22) Brad announced that the Fall Roundup (9-2-5-22) is up and running on the internet, everything is good to go. Linda asked about Red Chip Day. Don't think they are having it. Brad announced the Back to Basics Mini Conference (8-2-22) on Zoom. Rita mention a Concepts Workshop (7-6 thru 9-28-22) every Wednesday on Zoom and Brian announced Florida State Convention (8-3 thru 8-7-22). All this information is listed on our web site www.aatampa-area.org on the Events Page.

A motion to close was made, seconded and approved.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Board & Council Meeting will be August 9th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

OSG Women's Sober Event
Women's Clothing Exchange
Swap Don't Shop!

Here's What to Donate: Any Women's Clothing!
Examples: Jeans, Tops, Slacks, Jackets, Blouses, Shoes, Purses, Wallets, Jewelry, Scarves. Help an AA Sister in Need!!!



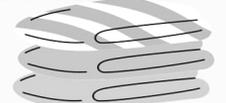
Sunday, August 21st
2p - 6p
Branch of Christ Church
26312 Wesley Chapel Blvd,
Lutz 33559



No Clothes to Donate? No Worries!
Come be a Part of the AA Fellowship!
Refreshments, Excitement, Laughs & Love to be Served!

It's so easy to donate just...

Bring Clothes on the Day of the Exchange Event! or...
Drop Off at Any OSG Women's Mtg.



TRY ON YOUR SELECTIONS!
DRESSING ROOMS, MIRRORS AND AS MANY OPINIONS AS YOU LIKE!

Questions??

Contact: Rita 813-541-6619 or Julie 813-523-1099

You can be a Central Office supporter by participating in the Birthday Plan. Send in your Name, Sobriety Date, name of Home Group and \$ 1.00 for each Year you have been sober and we will post your name in our special column reserved for Central Office supporters. It's probably no real big deal in the larger scope of life but your dollars do help us to be able to sometimes give away free literature, pamphlets, pay our staff, keep the lights and telephone on and a multitude of other things that help us to carry the message.

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

SELF-SUPPORT-JULY, 2022

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
WEDNESDAY MORNING-KEEP IT SIMPLE	CATHY C.	08/23/79	43 YRS
STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	SANDY M.	0812/17	5 YRS
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE	ALEXIS B.	08/06	16 YRS
NEW WAY WOMEN'S	JANE A.	08/28/98	24 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	SANDI K.	08/01/96	26 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	MILLAIN W.	08/01/83	39 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY M.	08/12/17	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	EDDIE M.	08/16/16	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHNE M.	08/14/95	27 YRS
FRI. NIGHT BIG BOOK	STAN P.	08/29/81	41 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	BARBIE P.	08/08/17	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	AMY S.	08/10/16	6 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	KIRK	08/05/13	9 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE E.	08/31/14	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	GREG L.	08/17/82	40 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	AMANDA T.	08/24/14	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	LARA M.	08/20/13	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	STEPHEN B.	08/20/10	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	RANDY K.	08/21/85	37 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DEBORAH K.	08/07/10	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	ANNA V.	08/03/10	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	ASYA	08/04/07	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KATHIE G.	08/18/88	34 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DARLENE H.	08/31/87	35 YRS

© Today in JuLY of 2022 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 some groups are Hybrid (in-person & ZOOM), other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up, and now many groups are getting back to normal pre-pandemic live meetings. Things are looking up and getting better. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have 198 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 520 meetings weekly. Also we have 38 Zoom Groups with 113 meetings weekly (If I counted correctly). Contributions in July totaled \$ 10,205.44. This accounts for what 50 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in July, also included is \$860.04 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also, \$ 72.00 from 2 members for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for July was \$ 10,102.51. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for July was \$ 20,327.08. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 7443.35. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our July income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 12,883.72. Our Total Expenses for July were \$ 8940.51. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 3,943.22 for the month of July. We still have a good Prudent Reserve, all our bills keep getting paid, the lights are on, we have a decent amount of literature available, the phones are working and it looks like 2022 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support of the Central Office. Thank You!!!O.M. tws:)

**NOTE: New Mailing Address for contributions to New York General Service Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407**

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 your continued support!! Become a part of Central Office....volunteer to be a Central Office Representative for your Home Group.

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
JUST WHAT I WANTED	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	35 YRS
WESLEY CHAPEL	DAVE F.	07/19/85	37 YRS

**That's 531 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right !
Search out these people and find out their
secret. ☺**

**WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER RULE 62
THIS YEAR LET US LAUGH AT OURSELVES FIRST
INSTEAD OF OTHERS**

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

"Back To The Basics"

Mini Conference Step 1, 2, 3

August 20th 2022 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Step 1 Speaker - Greg H. - Clover SC

Step 2 Speaker - Rona M. - Clover SC

Step 3 Speaker - Kelley B. - St. Petersburg

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Speaker Step 1 - 1:30 PM ET - 2:30 PM ET

Speaker Step 2 - 2:30 PM ET - 3:30 PM ET

Speaker Step 3 - 3:30 PM ET - 4:30 PM ET



Tampa Nightly Newcomers Group Zoom

Meeting ID: 248 631 103 PW: 3333

11th Step Retreat For AA / Al-Anon

In person/by phone/zoom

September 23-25, 2022

DaySpring Conference Center-(Map on Reverse) Ellenton, FL
The Center is in compliance with CDC guidelines.

In person retreat for those who are vaccinated.

Online Registration: <http://11thstepretreat.org>



**36th ANNUAL
TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP
LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

"BACK TO BASICS - IT WORKS - IT REALLY DOES"

Friday, Sept. 2, 2022 - Monday, 5. 2022

Register online at:

www.tampabayfallroundup.com



AA/Al-Anon, Alateen Meetings
AA Movies All Weekend

SPEAKERS

Jane L., Tallahassee FL

Mari G., Toronto CA.

James L., Tallahassee FL.

Barbara A. Crestwood KY.

Charlie H., Bokaelia FL.

Rick B., Ocean City, MD.

Cindy M., Louisville KY.

Debbie D., Concord CA.

Dick A., Crestwood KY.

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10221 Princess Palm Ave. Tampa FL., 33610 813-623-6363

RESERVE YOUR ROOM <https://tinyurl.com/TBFR36>

King / 2 Double \$119.00 (1-4 guests) Junior Suites \$144.00 (1-4 guests)

Reservation questions contact: lauralee.shapiro@conferencedirect.com

The above room rates include breakfast for two (2) guests.

Additional guests in room may purchase breakfast for \$13.00 inclusive.

SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF 8/19/2022

REGISTER AND BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW. to be entered into a drawing to win

1 COMPLETE REGISTRATION PACKAGE VALUED AT \$50.00 PLUS A

1 NIGHT COMPLIMENTARY STAY AT THE SHERATON TAMPA BRANDON HOTEL.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR RESERVATION NUMBER BELOW.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8PM.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS (Monday excluded) AND EVENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS

Friday

9:30pm Ice Cream Social*

Saturday

7am 5K Walk/Run*

6:30pm Barquet*

10pm -12am Dance

Sunday

The Best of Sandy B.

4:30pm Karaoke

5pm Dinner Buffet*

10 pm - Talent Show

THE 12TH ANNUAL

PROMISES ANNIVERSARY DINNER

"A SINGLE ACT OF KINDNESS
CAN CAUSE RIPPLES OF HEALING."

- Great Food and Fellowship

- 50/50 Raffle

- Cake Walk Fundraiser for Central Office

- Great Speakers: Hugh and Diane B.

For info on the Cake Walk, contact Robin F. at 973-945-2122.

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GRATITUDE IS KEY

Sat. Nov. 5, 2022

Doors open at 5 pm; Dinner at 5:30 pm

at New Hope United Methodist Church

213 Kings Ave., Brandon, FL 33510

CAKE WALK
50/50
TWO SPEAKERS

TICKETS \$20



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