



Tri-County Central Office News

In A.A., I learned that since I was an alcoholic, I could be a uniquely useful person. That is, I could help another alcoholic when perhaps somebody who had not had experience with drinking could not

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WHAT CAN YOU DO—HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE

As a member of an A.A. group, you can do a number of things to serve your Group, Central Office and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Encourage your Group to elect a Central Office Rep who can attend the Central Office Council meeting. Become a Central Office Rep. As a C.O.R. you can inform your Group by arranging with the Group Secretary for a few minutes to give an Objective and Unbiased, interesting account of what Central Office is doing so the Group can render an informed "Group Conscience" when asked.

It is suggested that you read the announcements that are of importance to your Group. Know the By-Laws which are a set of guidelines used in the operation of the Central Office. . Keep your Group's record's up-to-date. Be sure your Group information is accurate in the "meeting schedule" and report any changes to Central Office. Help keep A.A. solvent by making sure the Treasurer or the member who handles the "Seventh Tradition" money is informed as to where the money goes after Group expenses are met.

OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

Tradition 5 states that "Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity **having but one primary purpose**—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the Central Office's primary role: **"to carry the message."** We do that by providing ways and means for the alcoholic to get to an A.A. meeting and/or A.A. members to get to the alcoholic. Thus comes our Twelfth Step work. In order for us to stay sober and maintain our own sobriety, we **must** carry the message to others. But how do you, as a Central Office Representative do this most vital function?

1. Make sure Central Office has your correct phone number and address. You are now the main and very possibly only contact between Central Office and your Group. A suffering alcoholic's life could depend on this communication. This way, if a Twelfth Step call is requested in your area, the message can be relayed to you and your Group for real on-hands Twelve Step work.
2. Just because you are receiving the call does not mean that you are expected to make all of them yourself. Keep an up-to-date list of all Group members and be aware of which ones are available to do Twelfth Step work. The calls should be distributed as evenly as possible so that all who wish to do so have the opportunity to participate.
3. It is usually considered good practice to have at least two members make the call, possibly one older and one newer member. At least one woman should be along during calls on female prospects, if at all possible.

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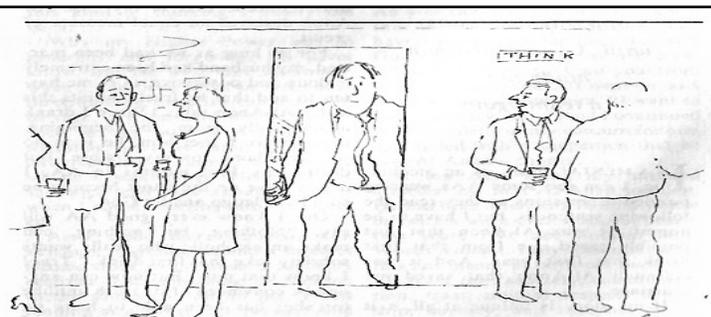
(A HELPFUL SUGGESTION ONE DAY AT A TIME)

**WE REALIZE WE KNOW ONLY A LITTLE.
GOD WILL CONSTANTLY DISCLOSE
MORE TO YOU AND TO US.
ASK HIM IN YOUR MORNING MEDITATION
WHAT YOU CAN DO EACH DAY
FOR THE MAN OR WOMAN
WHO IS STILL SICK.
THE ANSWERS WILL COME,
IF YOUR OWN HOUSE IS IN ORDER.**

Sobriety definitely can become a habit. Start your morning by asking God (God as you understand Him) to give you a lift for the day; ask for help in your problems, and guidance in Sobriety. At night before going to sleep, thank your Higher Power for the help given you for that day and pray that you may be sober another 24 hours. You'll notice that the folks who are most active have the easiest time keeping sober. Acquire the habit of being faithful to friendships and responsibilities and remember the greatest pleasure in life is to do a good turn in secret and have it discovered by accident.....

In Twelfth Step work (in which most A.A.'s are adept) we have no end of communication: The sponsor talks to the drunk; speakers talk to and at us; we talk to each other. When it comes to general service work the Third Legacy that Bill W. felt so keenly about—the situation is considerably different. We first must get the attention of the alcoholics who are still busy recovering. Then we must get them to focus a bit on the service story, on those newly discovered service responsibilities. We are actually asking them to take time out from the nuts and bolts of recovery to think about another phase of their new lives—this one seemingly very long-range. So communication starts off being difficult until the A.A.'s get service work into perspective—and until they find their way into the Service Manual and into service literature. But they will learn and they will become interested. And you will find that the teaching process is rewarding—perhaps not the thrill of your first Twelfth Step success, but a thrill nonetheless. Ask any Delegate.

Bill W.



"Come in, you're in the right place."

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

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

Mike B. opened the February 12, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Tom F., Rich R., Sara R., Scott S., Jeremy G., Tracy B., Hezekiah D., Rufus S., and John T. New attendee was Rufus S. He expressed an interest to return to institutions service work. Thanks to all attendees for their service to AA. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike said he attended the January area business meeting and both the treatment and corrections workshops. He said the area corrections committee has been reviewing the corrections workbook and said that anyone interested is welcomed to attend the next meeting which will be on March 7th. Mike also said he mentioned the committee's willingness to donate literature to other districts and he received requests from people in 5 districts. The estimated cost of the requests totaled \$1,750 which may be adjusted due to shipping costs. Mike presented a spreadsheet showing the literature requested and associated costs. He asked if there were any objections to buying and sending the literature. No one objected. Accordingly, the literature will be purchased either at central office or via online sources. Mike said he did not attend the recent district meeting. John T. said he attended the meeting and the motion to fund the bus tail ad was approved after much discussion. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the January minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. Pink Can balance is \$12,173.73. Contributions for the month totaled \$952.17. The report was approved. INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES Treatment Center Meetings – John T. said no major change in treatment center meetings. He said 12 live meetings and 1 Zoom meeting are being held at ACTS Amethyst. The only meeting without a chairperson is Saturday 7PM. The director of ACTS Amethyst asked that due to limited space only 2 outside people attend meetings. Also, all attendees must show a valid Covid vaccine card and wear a mask. DACCO is now called Cove Behavioral Health. No other changes to treatment center meetings. Mike B. read an e-mail he received from ACTS detox saying they needed AA literature and were ready to resume meetings. John T. said he would contact the sender and arrange for both the literature and volunteers to chair meetings. Jeremy G. announced that there is a new meeting geared towards veterans being held at Our Place in Brandon on Thursday at 7PM. He asked that this be mentioned at treatment center meetings. Orient Rd Jail – Rich R. said he and Michael P. have been conducting in-person meetings on Sundays at 10:30AM. He said a third person wants to volunteer but can only do so if the meeting time is changed which could happen in the future. He added that he was trying to schedule orientation for several new volunteers. Falkenburg Road Men's Jail – Mike B. said Buddy H. told him one in-person meeting a week was being held on Saturday. Falkenburg Road Women's Jail – Sara R. said Sunday afternoon meetings are being held. She said there are sufficient volunteers for those meetings. She said 16 people attended a recent meeting. She said more volunteers will be needed for Monday meetings to be added. Pasco Women's Jail – Tracy B. said still no in-person meetings are being held due to Covid spread inside the facility. Zephyrhills CI – Tom F. said in-person meetings are being held and going well. He said last night was the first meeting since January. Visitors were not allowed in the facility for several weeks due to an outbreak of Covid omicron which has now been controlled. W T Edwards – Hezekiah D. said meetings on Thursday night are going well with 6 to 10 attendees. He said this past week there was more participation by attendees. Bridging the Gap – John T. read the report he received from Tracy S. which stated: This month there were 3 calls in ring central which I returned. 2 were Lancaster county clerks and the third I was able to help find meetings. 3 others were referred to us from Pasco county which have release dates in Feb, so I will return those calls this month. No calls via my personal number. Tracy B. said she received one call. She said the individual told her she attended meetings at Falkenburg Road Women's Jail and was released and was interested in attending meetings.

Tracy said she contacted several individuals on the call list but had no success with connecting the individual with anyone. She said she plans to take the individual to a meeting tonight. No one else received any calls. OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. said the Pink Can fund decreased as a result of the requests he received and approval for purchases. He said the requested literature will be purchased and provided to the requesters. NEW BUSINESS: Mike B. said there is always a need for volunteers particularly with the jail meetings. He urged attendees to spread the word. Rich R. said he was approached by a member who carries meetings to the women's jail in Parrish about Grapevine magazines. He asked if there was a way to provide Grapevine magazines for that facility. Mike B. suggested the committee purchase 4 sets of 30 back issues (\$54 per set) of Grapevine magazines for that facility. It was mentioned that the facility is in Manatee county which is covered by District 4. There were no objections to the suggested purchase of 120 back issues of Grapevine magazines. Scott S. said he would make the online purchase and have Grapevines sent to Rich's home address John T. mentioned the stamping of literature purchased by the committee and provided to institutions. In the past, all literature was stamped. John mentioned that the stamp shows the phone number for Bridging the Gap program which he understood was for treatment centers and not for correctional facilities. He asked if the stamping procedure should be changed. Sara R. said a few years ago, she was told by jail officials that any books stamped with black ink would become property of the jail and inmates would only be allowed to keep items if items were stamped in red ink. Sara said she would see if that is still the case. Mike B. said the issue should be tabled until next meeting to see if we should change our process and/or buy a red ink stamp. John T. mentioned the request Scott S. received from the Old School Group for participation in their service workshop in March. The workshop will be held on from 1 to 5PM on Saturday, March 19th at the Old School Group meeting place in Lutz. Mike B. and John T. volunteered to participate. Rufus S. mentioned that he wanted to be involved with meetings. Mike B. suggested that Rufus chair the Saturday 7PM meeting at ACTS Amethyst. Rufus agreed to do so starting next Saturday. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, March 12th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

**TBAIC Contributions (January 9th - February 12th):
 Keep It Simple, Pass It On - \$163.00, On The Way Home Group - \$26.00, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) - \$57.75, Simply Sobriety - \$282.00, Turning Point Zephyrhills - \$423.42.**

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 1,794.70
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 165.37
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 634.09
Pink Can Current Balance 01/08/22	\$ 12,173.73

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4. The members might also be matched up with the prospect as to age or related occupation. Everything helps when trying to establish an area of Fellowship in addition to the common bond of alcoholism. Quite often a new prospect is not entirely convinced of the need for A.A. and anything which assists in overcoming the “you don’t understand my problem” attitude can be very helpful. We have found it very helpful for members to read Chapter Seven of the Big Book just prior to making a Twelfth Step call so they are aware of it’s suggestions for them. Also keep a current list of public and private institutions which accept alcoholic patients and the entrance requirements in case the prospect needs hospitalization

5. Bring to the meeting tables discussions on Twelfth Step work. How to do it, why we do it, etc. The more discussion on Twelfth Step work, the better everyone will be prepared when it actually happens. And it will happen!!!

HANDLING TWELFTH STEP CALLS

“Put yourself in the other person’s shoes”, is a good rule to follow whenever you receive a Twelfth Step call. Remember that only complete and utter despair and desperation drives a “candidate” to that final act of surrender—a call to the A.A. Central Office. It’s a cry for help from a sick, frightened human being who has run out of hiding places. How quickly anyone of us responds to this cry could be a matter of life or death. If this sounds over dramatized, it’s only to impress on each and everyone of us the urgency of fulfilling our obligation and responsibility in carrying the message of sobriety and hope to the alcoholic who still suffers. The whole purpose (besides keeping us sober) when making a Twelfth Step call, is to acquaint the “candidate” with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. By your own example and by what you say, you can instill the hope that he or she can learn how to get along without drinking and that we have found a way to stay sober. Because no two people you call on will be in the same state physically, emotionally and mentally, you will have to “play it by ear.” There are no set rules to follow but there are some general ones. We will try and list a few that we think will help you.

SOME SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

1. Tell the person about the program; that it leads to a comfortable, happy way to live without drinking.
2. Tell him or her about the 12 Steps—usually their logic makes a deep impression.
3. In many cases it has been found helpful to explain the physical allergy to alcohol (**the phenomenon of craving**); that something went “haywire” with his body chemistry and that he can no longer tolerate alcohol because it sets up a chemical reaction within the body that he/she cannot control, and for this reason we have to stay away from that first drink.
4. Take a Big Book along and offer to let them borrow it for a time, but keep in mind that some people learn by listening rather than by reading and don’t be disappointed if he doesn’t ask to read the book right away.

5. It might be a good idea to make a few calls before taking your “prospect” to their first meeting, but if they are sober and eager it might be good to take them sooner. Again, you will have to play it by ear. Remember, it was a big step to make the initial call for help, and now that he has made it, he wants to get going.
6. Mention anonymity...that it is the spiritual foundation of the program, that his name will go no further than within his own Group and the members will respect his anonymity.
7. If the spouse shows interest, one of the two people making the call should talk to them and explain about the closed meetings and also that they are welcome to attend open meetings and/or Al-Anon. Don’t force this.
8. It is not a good idea to hand out money. In Chapter 7 the Big Book says, “The men who cry for money and shelter before conquering alcohol, are on the wrong track.” Let your good judgment govern. On a 12th Step call we try to “carry the message,” which simply means that we try to help a fellow alcoholic on the road to sobriety by showing him or her the way...taking them to meetings....keeping in personal touch. In other words, we lend a helping hand until they are able to stand up for their self. This is a most rewarding expenditure of a little time and effort on our part.
9. Remember, we are not doctors. No matter how well meaning, we should never give any medication.....If a new-comer’s general appearance and actions seem to indicate that all is not well physically, we should make every attempt to get qualified medical help.
10. If you want to prescribe something, we suggest that it be liberal doses of the Big Book, meetings and A.A. Fellowship.
11. How do you handle the alcoholic who is “rip-roaring drunk”? Again, this is a “play it by ear” situation. This is one of those questions that **definitely should be discussed** at your meetings on a regular basis. Much depends on the demeanor of the person calling. Are they in danger of hurting their self, what kind of mood are they in, are they just looking for someone to talk to with no real intention of wanting to sober up, are they angry and demanding that Alcoholics Anonymous fix them right now.....the list can go on. We can only say that we must try to help them, even if it’s only a phone call telling them to call back after their spree. At least someone from A.A. made an attempt. Remember, A.A. is for those who want it. “If you have decided that you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it,” as our Big Book says.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

February 8th, 2022 the Board of Directors for Central Office		February 8th, 2022 the Central Office Representatives met:
BOARD MEMBERS		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
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

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@aatampa-area.org

JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
CATHY C.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
ANTHONY	NEXT DOOR GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART MEETING
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
CHARLES McG	BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP
MARGRET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
ANDIE R.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
MICHAELANNE T.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ANDREW D.	THE PROMISES GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
JOHN L.	GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY GROUP
TY T.	THE 164 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.

Secretary Report: Tim read the January Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the January Treasurer's Report. Contributions in January totaled \$ 10,561.87. This accounts for what 72 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in January. Included \$ 46.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for January was \$ 8,815.84. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions— etc.) Our total income for January was \$ 19,377.71. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 6,847.23. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 12,530.48. Our Total Expenses for January were \$ 10,053.87. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+ \$ 2,476.61 for the month of January. Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

Old Business: No old Business. **New Business:** No new Business. **Announcements :** Brad—Fall Roundup is good to go. Info is posted on their web site Tampa Bay Fall Roundup 2022 Tim—Soberstock in March—Anthony---Alpha Club having a clean up day, looking for volunteers for fun, food, maybe a meeting. Al---Still need people to sign up on the 12 Step List. John T.—TBAIC is looking for volunteers to do meetings at the treatment & jails. Most facilities are still closed due to COVID—some are starting to open. Tim—Old School Group having a Service Fair Event—if someone would like to represent Central Office, please contact me tomorrow. Tom F.—Lake Yale Retreat (retreatforaa-alanon.com) Tim reminded everyone that if you are not sure if I got your info, email at the office aainfo@aatampa-area.org . Jeff asked if a flyer was available for the Alpha Club clean-up. Debbie would get him one. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be March 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

Enabling Takes Many Forms: Many times when family and friends try to "help" alcoholics, they are actually making it easier for them to continue in the progression of the disease. This baffling phenomenon is called enabling, which takes many forms, all of which have the same effect -- allowing the alcoholic to avoid the consequences of his actions. This in turn allows the alcoholic to continue merrily along his (or her) drinking ways, secure in the knowledge that no matter how much he screws up, somebody will always be there to rescue him from his mistakes. What is the difference between helping and enabling? There are many opinions and viewpoints on this, but here is a simple description: **Helping** is doing something for someone that they are not capable of doing themselves. **Enabling** is doing for someone things that they could, and *should* be doing themselves. Simply, enabling creates an atmosphere in which the alcoholic can comfortably continue his unacceptable behavior.

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**



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

*Grapevine Representative

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

SELF-SUPPORT-February, 2022

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	MARY C.	03/21/01	21 YRS
HIGN NOONERS PLANT CITY	CLARK M.	03/03/18	4 YRS
HIGN NOONERS PLANT CITY	LARRY G.	03/09/17	5 YRS
HIGN NOONERS PLANT CITY	ELLIOT F.	03/13/89	33 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	DONNA	03/09/20	2 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	MICHELLE S.	03/04/18	4 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	DEBI S.	03/16/09	13 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	TRICIA S.	03/18/08	14 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MELISSA W.	03/27/15	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BILL	03/14/13	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOE D.	03/03/09	13 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	BOB W.	03/28/93	29 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	JOHN W.	03/15/77	45 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MARY L.	03/09/73	49 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JESSICA S.	03/28/04	21 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	DAWN F.	03/24/14	8 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	PHILLIP S.	03/18/12	10 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	LINDA H.	03/31/10	12 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	JOANIE	03/12/84	38 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	JOE McS	03/01/71	51 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	LAURA	03/08/19	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PAUL K.	03/08/19	3 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BOB S.	03/28/95	27 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BOB O.	03/03/95	27 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	GREG O.	03/21/93	29 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	PHIL C.	03/10/01	21 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	MARY S.	03/12/87	35 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	RHONDA C.	03/26/09	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	SUE T.	03/19/90	32 YRS

© Today in February 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 around 210 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 524 meetings weekly. Contributions in February totaled \$ 8,218.41. This accounts for what 39 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in February. Included \$ 505.00 from 5 members for the Birthday Club, \$25.00 In Loving Memory of Don G. and \$ 1420.41 from Soberilla. Our literature sales for February was \$ 8,191.96. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for February was \$ 16,410.37. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 6,244.94. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 10,165.43. Our Total Expenses for February were \$ 8,416.02. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 1,749.41 for the month of February. I have to express my Gratitude to not only to the A.A. Groups in our area who continue to support us, but also to those Anonymous A.A. members who generously give, I believe, from the Heart (and I know who many of you are) to support the Central Office. This February again saw us starting the year fairly financially sound. We 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:)

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SUN CITY CENTER	PEG S.		18 YRS
	LINDA G.		30 YRS

**That's 626 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right !
Search out these people and
find out their secret. ☺**

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

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.

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

OLD SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS:

A WORKSHOP ON THE MANY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH GUEST SPEAKERS, LUNCH & Q&A

LEARN ABOUT AA'S SERVICE STRUCTURE AND WHAT YOU CAN DO HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE "STILL SUFFERING"

WE ALL WORK TOGETHER IN AA. COME SEE WHERE YOU FIT IN!



WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 19TH 1-5PM
WHERE: CRYSTAL LAKES PLAZA
18125 US HIGHWAY 41, LUTZ, FL 33559
(PARKING IS TO THE NORTH THE ENTRANCE IS IN THE BACK)

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16th Annual SOBERSTOCK 2022 SOBERSTOCK 16 UNITY-RECOVERY-MUSIC MARCH 11-13, 2022 IN BROOKSVILLE THIS YEAR

Soberstock is a 3-day weekend AA/Al-Anon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship. This festival is open to all members of AA/Al-Anon and their families.

Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature for District 2 Jails & Institutions. The remaining profits go to the area pie chart.
 Speaker Meetings! Campfire Meetings! Live Bands!

Outdoor Meetings! ALL Food & Drinks provided! Tent Camping ONLY!

When: Friday, March 11th, 2022 - Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at noon. (No RV's/Popups!)
 Where: "Sand Hill Scout Reservation" - 11210 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613
 What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, lanterns, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO CABINS at this facility
 What we provide: Refreshments, Camp Style Meals - Fri. lunch & dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast

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Please note:
 We had t-shirts printed up before COVID had showed up, so the t-shirts have the 2020 dates on there. Think of them as a collector's items!

ONLINE PRICING vs GATE PRICING:

1 DayPass - \$30.00 per person/\$35 Gate

Weekend - \$55.00 per person/\$60 Gate

Child under 12-1 DayPass - \$5.00/\$10 Gate

(CHILDREN ALLOWED ONLY IF ACCOMP. BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

Child under 12-Weekend - \$10.00/\$15 Gate

Tent Pitching: \$15 Per tent (We don't supply tents)

T-Shirts: \$20/ea (Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL)

**NOTE: WE ONLY TAKE CASH OR CHECKS AT THE GATE
 NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AT THE GATE!**

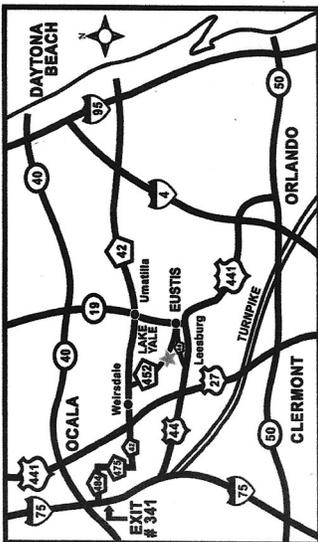


Soberstock attendees, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we have some new rules, please do not attend the event. Masks will be encouraged, especially in inside facilities. Should conditions around Covid change, Soberstock reserves the right to put into place additional safety measures. The committee may deem necessary. We will keep you posted on our website about any changes to safety measures leading up to the event. Your love and assistance of such is greatly appreciated.

All sales are final, and non-refundable. This is a Rain Or Shine Event. When ordering online, we will not ship any items to you. We will have all items for you at the front gate day of the event on a Will Call basis. Please remember, pets are NOT allowed (Service pets with paperwork only) and no RV's/Popup campers either. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

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