



Tri-County Central Office News

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being
the exact nature of our wrongs.”

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THEN I TRIED AA

Why is AA supreme in rehabilitating alcoholics, when so many other methods fail? For fifteen years I struggled to learn how to drink liquor without getting into trouble, and I failed...but now I know several reasons in answer to that question. Fifteen years ago, I knew I had an alcoholic problem. I did not actually accept the fact, but knew that something should be done about it. My wife and relations, my boss, the neighbors—all were becoming standoffish. Occasionally they flared up over my repeated benders and binges, making my life more miserable with nagging, scolding and the silent treatment. Something should be done, all right. But what? I tried the wagon. After about four weeks of sobriety, I could not eliminate the unbearable obsession to drink from my mind so I tried another solution—talking with a minister. He was very kind and understanding, and suggested that it might help if I joined his church and “got in with the right-thinking and right-living people.” He prayed for me and with me, and I left assured. I joined the church and even was baptized. The treatment worked—for two whole months. Then came the worst drunk I had ever been on, more trouble than I had ever been in, and I ended up in jail this time. I left the church in disgrace, feeling more like a sinner and failure than ever before. I tried another treatment—consulting the doctors. They helped me get off drunks and gave me repeated warnings to stop drinking and to get off to the simple fact that I couldn’t drink. The result? I lost confidence in the doctors and myself—and found myself in the alcoholic wards of hospitals three additional times. Next, I managed to swing the price of a psychiatrist. Every day for sixteen straight months I went to him for analysis. He delved into my past and found out a great many very interesting things. But help me out of my alcoholic problem? When I left him I was in a huff, feeling like a mental case, wishing I was one, and I *was drunk*. Three methods tried, three methods failed. Hopelessly I progressed alcoholically right down the line....three years of disaster drinking, flop-houses, failure even at holding down a dishwashing job. My wife left me in desperation seven different times. I lost houses full of furniture three different times. Steadily, I lost confidence, faith and hope. Then I tried AA. Even there I floundered for a while, but then I got the drift and stayed sober. And now I know why AA made my life manageable when every other method failed! Why couldn’t even my family, the clergy and the doctors help, even though they tried very hard? I believe that they actually did not know how to accomplish the result they sought so hard. My family could help me in everyday matters. A clergyman could help me solve my religious problems. The doctors and psychiatrists could treat my physical and mental ills. But none of them was equipped to help the alcoholic when needed, because they lacked the studied knowledge of the many-sided alcoholic problem, which cuts across so many fields. This is by no means any fault of theirs—but they simply in most cases have not been trained to understand the many and complex factors involved in the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics. And the vast majority can find no time to give special study to the alcoholic disease along with all the other things they must do to keep up with their regular professional life. The real specialist

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NINE MONTHS OF MIRACLES

It had been nine months since I took my last drink, and I have seen many wonderful changes take place during this short period. The other night I was sitting in the back row of our group meeting place, enjoying an interesting AA program, when the chairman unexpectedly called on me to tell how AA had helped me. As I slowly proceeded to the speaker’s stand, I tried to collect my thoughts, and many instances of the good AA does came to my mind. For example: Nine months ago I had a wife who was intolerant, nagging, critical, and extremely difficult to live with. She has been attending AA meetings with me, and has become well informed about the AA program. The things she has learned in AA have had a remarkable effect on her a she has been transformed into a tolerant, pleasant, agreeable and helpful person. Nine months ago I had a mother-in-law who was stupid, meddlesome, and a definite trouble maker. I have carefully explained the AA program to her, and as a result of the knowledge I have imparted to her, she has become a sweet, loving, understanding little lady. Nine months ago I had a mother who was a most disturbing and upsetting influence in my life. She has read and studied the AA program, and it made such an impression on her that her visits to our home are now pleasant events, since she contributes so much to the serenity and happiness of our life. Nine months ago I had three boys who were holy terrors, and were enough to drive any man to drink. Naturally they have heard much about the AA program, and while they are quite young, even they have been able to understand enough about it to adopt an entirely new attitude toward their responsibilities. Nine months ago I had neighbors who were complaining, gossiping, unfriendly people. My mother-in-law, who lives with us, maintained friendly relations with our neighbors, even though they were a bunch of stinkers. Through her, my neighbors have learned something about the AA program, and the information they have acquired, even though on a third hand basis, has been enough to change them into considerate, helpful, friendly people, anxious to see me succeed. Nine months ago I had an employer who had absolutely no faith in humanity and trusted and believed in no one. I have taken the pains to fully acquaint him with the AA way of life, for which he should certainly be grateful, as he is doing better in every way as shown by the complete confidence and trust he now shows towards people. Nine months ago I had a car which wouldn’t drive straight or stop quickly. Some people contend that the mind has power over matter, and I believe this, because while driving I have mulled over many ideas about the AA program, and these ideas have had their effect on my car, which now operates as a proper vehicle should. Nine months ago many simple minded people were flocking to the churches where they were being misled by ignorant preachers who were determined to scare Hell out of them in order to extract some of their hard earned dough from them. But the ministers have rapidly become familiar with the AA program, and as a result have really become dedicated people. The wisdom and knowledge they are now pouring forth to their congregations is quickly taking hold. Nine months ago my

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

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Mike B. opened the April 16, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Rich R., Sara R., Scott S., Tom F., Jason C., John O., Jeremy G., Aaron M., Hezekiah D., and John T. Aaron M. mentioned that this was his first committee meeting. Aaron recently volunteered to chair a meeting at ACTS Detox and on the Bridging the Gap call list. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike said he attended the recent quarterly area meeting in Boca Raton. He said he attended the corrections and treatment committee workshops. The area delegate attended the corrections workshop and Mike mentioned to the delegate that while there were many changes to literature being considered by the General Service Conference, he had not heard much talk about the changes at meetings he attended. The delegate urged Mike to spread the word and encourage members to participate in district and area level service work. Mike also said review of the corrections workbook was completed and results will be sent out with these minutes. Mike said he was unable to attend the April district meeting, but he did a presentation about TBAIC at the Old School Group service workshop in March and as a result several individuals expressed interest in volunteering for TBAIC work. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the March minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. The current Pink Can balance is \$11,038.38. Contributions for the month totaled \$901.29. Operating expenses were \$262 and literature purchases costs totaled \$942.62. The report was approved. INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES Treatment facilities meetings: ACTS Amethyst – John T. said volunteers have committed to chair 12 live and 1 Zoom meeting per week. The only meeting without a chair is the Thursday 1pm meeting. ACTS Detox – John said volunteers have committed to chair 6 evening meetings and 1 daytime meeting per week. Chairpersons are still needed for noon time meetings on all days except Thursday. ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program – John said there are now two facilities – one on 17th St and one on 131st Ave. John said a volunteer has committed his home group to chair the meeting at one of the facilities, but another volunteer is needed for the other facility. John said the meeting start date is to be determined. Cove Behavioral Health (formerly DACCO). Both men's and women's meetings have restarted. The same volunteers who chaired meetings prior to shutdown have agreed to again chair meetings. HCA Florida West Tampa Hospital (formerly Tampa Community Hospital). Point of contact had mentioned in October that meetings at their detox could be restarted. John contacted her and was told the new ownership of the hospital is now requiring all visitors undergo an extensive background review similar to an employment application. The point of contact said that the population of their detox has been low, and it would not be worth our time to have meetings there at this time. North Tampa Behavioral Health – John said he spoke with Kevin B. who had been chairing meetings there until Covid-19 shutdown. John said Kevin told him the new management of the hospital was requiring an extensive background review for all visitors. He said the facility is still closed to visitors due to Covid-19. White Sands of Brandon – John said he received an e-mail via central office from a representative of the facility requesting AA meetings be held there. John said he called twice and left messages and followed that up with e-mail but no response received. No further action will be taken until someone from the facility contacts us. Riverside Recovery – John O. said meetings have been going for about 2 months. Attendance has been good enough to start holding meetings every week rather than every other week. John added that management of Riverside had planned to attend this committee meeting, but other activities prevented them from doing so. River Oaks – Jason C. said meetings are going well 3 days a week – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. He said NA meetings are no longer being held on Tuesday and Thursday which could result in more AA meetings. He added that the temporary sponsor meeting idea seems to be working well. He said River Oaks now requires all patients to have a temporary sponsor. Corrections facilities meetings: TruCore Behavioral Solutions – Jason C. said 5 female volunteers have applications being processed and should be ready to start meetings in May. Falkenburg Road Men's Jail – Rich R. said Sunday morning and Saturday afternoon meetings are going well. He said a third person has been worked into the Sunday morning rotation which will allow him and Michael to take time off during May. Falkenburg Road Women's Jail – Sara R. meetings are being held on Sunday afternoon. She said 2 new volunteers have submitted applications and once they have been approved, they will likely be able to add a meeting on Mondays. Zephyrhills Correctional Institute – Tom F. said meetings are going well. He said they are slowly going through the Big Book. He said he recently purchased several Big Book dictionaries which should help in that process. Bridging the Gap – John T. read report from Tracy S. as follows: "Ring central March activity 3 calls, 2 messages left, third routed to Carol on list to arrange. Waiting to hear back from her on the status." John T. said he had

received calls from 3 people and was able to connect 2 of the 3 callers with members on the call list who took the individuals to a meeting. Efforts to connect with the 3rd caller were not successful since the call back number was not in service. John O. said he had received a group text message which included Hezekiah D. and several others. John O. said he was able to get that individual to a meeting. Man on the Bed – Tom F. said he received 3 calls. He said he contacted all 3 individuals. Two were not interested in going to meetings. The other individual was interested in meetings and Tom said he gave him meeting information. OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. brought up the issue related to using the same Bridging the Gap business cards for both treatment and corrections facilities. Tom F. explained the AA Pre-release program is designed more for long term offenders. He said that would apply to individuals being released from prison. However, he said the Bridging the Gap program would be applicable to individuals in jails since their terms are usually less than 1 year. Tom felt like using the same card in treatment centers and jails would be appropriate. Sara R. expressed reservations with doing that since individuals on call list may not be willing to contact individuals released from jails. The consensus was that the same card be used. NEW BUSINESS: Jeremy G. asked whether groups should continue to pass the Pink Can considering the current Pink Can balance. John T. said he had received an email a few days ago from someone in another group who asked the same question. John said he coordinated his response with Mike B. and Scott S. He said his response was that the committee did talk about that several months ago but did not ever say groups should not pass the Pink Can since the decision to do so is the group's decision. John added that he looked in the TBAIC literature cabinets at the central office earlier this week and much of the stock has been depleted which means the Pink Can funds will soon be used to replenish the literature. Scott S. indicated he would use Pink Can funds to fill the cabinet with the list of previously approved literature items. John T. mentioned that several Bridging the Gap callers have given call back numbers for the institutions where they are located. When calling back, it was not possible to contact the individual or to leave a message. Mike B. said we should ask callers to give a call back number where we can contact them directly. John T. said he would send an email to volunteers asking them to include that information when mentioning the program at meetings. John T. also said he would discuss with managers at treatment centers to see if there is something they can do to facilitate the call back process. Sara R. asked to purchase 2 cases of soft cover Big Books for the Falkenburg Road Women's Jail. She said she preferred those over the pocket-sized Big Books since the print size was larger and also because they included the stories which are not in the pocket-sized books. After much discussion, the consensus was to approve the purchase. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, May 14th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

TBAIC Contributions (March 13th through April 9th): Barracks Brigade Group - \$81.00, Came to Believe Group - \$61.00, Hide A Way Group - \$420.00, Promises AA Group - \$53.29, Sober on Saturday Group - \$10.00, Tampa Saturday Night Speaker Group - \$25.00, Women's Friendship Group - \$251.00.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 4,294.36
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 3,157.14
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 1,277.33
Pink Can Current Balance 03/12/22	\$ 11,038.38

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in the field of alcoholic recovery is the AA member who himself has been successfully rehabilitated through the love, service, honest sympathetic understanding, personal help and guidance of another AA member. He knows the treatment—the personal help of other members, the Twelve Suggested Steps, the slogans, the open and closed meetings all *devised especially for alcoholics*. These specialized techniques have proved successful in case after case. When one AA member carries his message of recovery to another sick alcoholic, there is no need to wonder why AA has experienced the tremendous success that it has.
J.F., Dobbs Ferry, NY/Permission/AA Grapevine/1954

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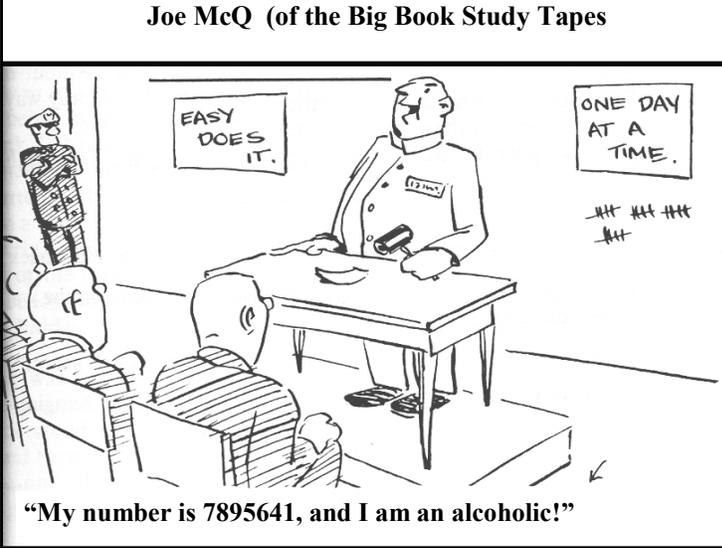
AA group was composed of tiresome, boring, one-track minded people. The AA program refers to a spiritual awakening, and I now firmly believe that this can take place on a mass basis, for almost overnight my group has changed into one of the most sincere, earnest, live and interesting people. Nine months ago the world was full of insulting, indifferent, inconsiderate self-centered, greedy, grasping people. AA has received much publicity through radio, magazines and other means, and it is positively amazing how many people have apparently been impressed by the new way of life the AA program teaches. In the brief span of nine months I have seen unbelievable evidence that the whole world is beginning to grasp the significance of this program and everywhere I now find friendly, helpful, considerate, pleasant people, willing to do a good turn with no expectation of financial reward. As I proceeded to the speaker's stand, these thoughts flashed through my mind of the many people AA had helped, I racked my brain to think of some way AA had helped me, and it was most embarrassing and humiliating to me when I could only stammer that I just didn't know how AA had helped me, except that I had seen it help so many other people, it had given me great faith that somehow, someday, someday it would probably help me too, if I kept at it.
**Charlie W./Harbor Club Group/Beaumont, TX
Permission/ AA Grapevine/ 1954**

IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE EASY. IF IT WAS EASY, NO ONE WOULD DO IT ANYWAY. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE HARD BECAUSE WE ARE HARD HEADED PEOPLE WHO NEED TO HAVE OUR ASSES KICKED HARD ENOUGH SO WE WILL REMEMBER HOW BAD IT WAS AND NOT WANT TO REPEAT THE SITUATION OVER AGAIN. IF YOU CAN GET THROUGH IT AND GET SOME SOBRIETY UNDER YOUR BELT, HOPEFULLY YOU'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE PICKING UP ANOTHER DRINK. IF YOU DO PICK UP, IT'S NOBODY'S FAULT BUT YOUR OWN AND YOU DESERVE EVERY BIT OF MISERY YOU GET. YOU EITHER WANT TO STAY SOBER OR NOT. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.

**My Drinking Was My Own Business. Sure It Was! Yet, Certain People Began To Annoy Me, When It Became My Only Business
Z.P., St. Petersburg, FL. (1954)**

STEP 5

In the first Step, we understood the problem; we were looking for the truth, the true nature of the problem. Once we saw it, we came to believe in a Power greater than ourselves that would restore us to sanity, and that is the truth. In other words, we came to believe that truth exists. In Step 3, we made a decision to turn our lives over to the care of that truth. In order to act on that decision, we needed to find out what was blocking us from the truth, and we did that in Step 4. The fifth Step is a further search for the same thing. In Step 5, we examine the information we found in Step 4 and make sure it is the truth. Step 5 is an evaluation of the inventory in an attempt to get a better look at the information we gathered in the inventory process. Why is this "improving on" Step 4's truth necessary? If an individual has had a problem for weeks, months, or even years, and didn't know he had a problem, it's pretty obvious he is not an expert on the truth! After going through the first four Steps, we don't rely on the information as *we see it*. We don't have a good record of the truth. No one individual really knows the truth anyway—only God knows the truth. We human beings only have our perception of the truth. We can see now that before Step 1 our perception of the truth was very much distorted. Thus we don't want to rely on our limited, perhaps distorted, opinion of what we found in the inventory. Step 5 is getting an outside viewpoint, a different look at things, from God, ourselves, and others. It is interesting and not by chance that Step 5 is laid out in this way. The center of our lives is spiritual—our God—so the first thing we have to do is talk things over with God. The second dimension of our lives is ourselves—our minds—and so we look at things in this way. The third dimension is other people; therefore, finally, we talk with another person. As we go through this, we talk to God about it. Even at this point we'll begin to get new insights. In the process of the Steps, we are trying to get to this consciousness with God. So we begin Step 5 by talking with God. Next we re-examine these things ourselves, and begin to see things we couldn't see before. The final part of the process, then, is to talk with another human being about it. We tell someone else who is not involved, not emotionally involved, in our lives. In most cases, he or she can easily see the real truth of the situation.
Joe McQ (of the Big Book Study Tapes)



NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

April 12th, 2022 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD 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	

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 March Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted.

Treasurers Report: Tim presented the March Treasurer’s Report. Contributions in March totaled \$ 5,902.08. This accounts for what 43 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in March. Included \$ 38.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club, \$100.00 In Loving Memory of Coffee John and \$ 700.00 for Gene S. Also \$21.00 for Newsletter subscriptions. Our literature sales for March was \$ 6,384.66. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for March was \$ 12,286.74. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 4,436.89. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 7,849.85. Our Total Expenses for March were \$ 9,992.65. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$ 2,142.80 for the month of March.

Old Business: Al spoke to the discussion from the February meeting about whether we should do live meetings or continue with Zoom. Tim explained that he had done a survey of the Board & Council members on our email list. Out of 75 members, only 18 responded. Tim’s consensus was that most preferred Hybrid/Zoom meetings, therefore we might as well stay on Zoom. Al asked how the Board feels. Discussion followed. Tom felt that if we go back to live meetings, it may be a bonus for us as far as literature sales go, also we may be able to get the word out better concerning our 12 Step call list. Brian noted that the recent Quarterly was all live. It was very good. Linda did not want to drive at night and was still concerned about Covid. Anthony felt that since the meeting is so short, was it worth it to come in. Linda mentioned the gas prices that we are currently experiencing. Brian noted that District 2 is still doing their meeting on Zoom and that he is now the District 2 Liaison. (Side-Note not mentioned at the meeting- Tim stepped down from the Area 15 Intergroup/Central Office Vice-Chair position and Brian is now the new Chairperson- Congrats!) Rita noted that with the current conditions, we may not go back to live meetings for some time. Brad, who is very adept will the workings and setting up of Zoom meetings noted that the technology to have hybrid meetings at the Office would take more to setting up than just a regular Zoom meeting on Tim’s laptop.

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

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
ANTHONY S.	NEXT DOOR GROUP
KARA	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
MICHAELANNE T.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN’S GROUP
TY T.	THE 164 GROUP
RANDELL D.	KINGSWAY GROUP
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CHRISTIE C.	SOBRENITY GROUP
CATHY C.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN’S GROUP
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN’S
ANDREW D.	THE PROMISES GROUP

Al, we would have to spend more money for a monitor—etc. Rita mentioned that one meeting she had attended, when someone had something to say, they would come up to laptop to share. After asking if anyone else had something to say. After a moment of silence, Al asked John if he had something to share. John said, let’s vote. Brad explained to everyone how to raise your hand on your phone and/or computer. Brad made a motion to keep the meeting on Zoom. Seconded and approved. 16 votes to stay on Zoom. 4 non-votes. Motion passed to stay on Zoom.

New Business: None

Announcements : Brad announced the Back to Basics Mini Conference Step 1, 2 & 3. August 20th, 2022. You can find the details on the Central Office web site. During this time there were some Zoom glitches and some people were unable to be heard. Brian asked about the vandalism at the Office. Tim explained what had happened and mentioned maybe getting an outside security camera. Some discussion followed. Nothing decided at that time either way. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be May 10th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM



“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!!!

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT	SHARON W.	05/15/17	5 YRS
HIGH-NOONERS PLANT CITY	MAGGIE F.	05/10/18	4 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	SUSAN Y.	05/20/00	22 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	CANDY J.	05/20/86	36 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	EMMA W.	05/29/14	8 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	KATIE	05/18/14	8 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TINA	05/13	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TODD S.	05/23/13	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LEONA	05/13/13	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JAMES S.	05/25/07	15 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARLOWE	05/20/06	16 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JOHN M.	05/14/89	33 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	BILL D.	05/18/86	36 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	DEE H.	05/18/14	8 YRS
SOBER@7 GROUP	CHRISTA G.	05/24/87	35 YRS
SOBER@7 GROUP	TOM C.	05/22/80	42 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	TRACY B.	05/28/11	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DRUM	05/09/11	11 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
KEEP IT SIMPLE	STEVE S.	04/29/11	11 YRS
KINGSWAY GROUP	CINDY L.	04/21/07	15 YRS
NEW WAY GROUP	JANE A.	05/01/93	29 YRS

**That's 372 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out
these people and find out their secret. ☺**



"I told them it was closing time and they as me to set'em up six cups of coffee apiece!"

SELF-SUPPORT-APRIL, 2022

© Today in April 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 April totaled \$ 11,925.40. This accounts for what 61 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in April. Included \$ 263.00 from 3 members for the Birthday Club, \$100.00 from the Sobersticks Event. Our literature sales for April was \$ 67,543.82. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for April was \$ 19,479.57. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,654.22. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our April income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 13,825.35. Our Total Expenses for April were \$ 8,770.88. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus +\$ 5,054.47 for the month of April. 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. 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.

**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

"We're Back" Anniversary Lunch Came to Believe Group



Tuesday, May 10
11:00 am

Fountainview Estates
8804 Berkshire Lane

Big Book Meeting at 10 am
Anniversary Lunch at 11 am
All are welcome to one or both!



Founders' Day Herald

87th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 10, 11, & 12, 2022 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

www.akronaa.org

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Discussion of One Step Per Hour
Chaired by: Woody W.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting* • 3:00 p.m.
Sandra S. - Cleveland, OH
"She Faced a Hostile Universe Alone Until A.A. Found Her"
Chaired by: Jerry C.

Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
"Love and Tolerance"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 7:00 p.m.
Christina G. - Brecksville, OH
"Watch Well, Your Beginnings - The Results Will Reveal Themselves"
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 9:00 p.m.
Michael D. - Slouss Falls, SD
"We Work On Broken Souls in A.A., God Can Fix A Broken Soul"
Chaired by: Scott T.

Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Open Discussion
Chaired by: The Painesville Group

A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2 buses continuously - Bierce Circle

A.A. Archives
Located in Akron Intergroup Office
(Stop on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.
Debbie D. - Concord, CA
"Practicing Them In All My Affairs"
Chaired by: Aaron K.

A.A. Old Timers' Panel* • 10:30 a.m.
Topic: "Acceptance Is The Key"
Bob C. - Cleveland, OH
Chris H. - Parma, OH
Joe L. - Edmond, OK
Chaired by: Aaron K.

Reunión en Español • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and
Alegría de Vivir Group

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.
Speakers - Mike & Diane A.
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Tracy C.

Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
"Love and Tolerance"

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 2:00 p.m.
Dick D. - Hamilton, Ontario, CA
"Ain't It Great To Be Sober"
Chaired by: Woody W.

The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.
Presented by: Gail L. - The Villages, FL
Chaired by: Jerry C.

A.A. Speaker Meeting* • 8:00 p.m.
Jay A. - Scarborough, Ontario, CA
"Optimistic"
UA Infocision Stadium**
Chaired by: Matt H.

**Stadium Weather Contingency Plan
for Saturday Night - See Web Site

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!
10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE*
7:30 a.m.
Motorcycle procession and graveside
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.
Speaker: Dolly A.
Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.
Topic: "When All Other Measures Fail,
Working With Another Alcoholic Just Might
Save The Day"
Rose L. - Cleveland, OH
Laura D. - Cleveland, OH
Melissa P. - Cleveland, OH
Chaired by: Juanita W.

A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting*
10:30 a.m.
Kenny D. - Seattle, WA
"His Story, The Spiritual Awakening"
Chaired by: Michael B.

AL-ANON

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.
Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"
Maura D. - N. Attleboro, MA
Cary C. - Akron, OH
Patty M. - Concord, NC
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Marie E.

AL-ANON

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.
"Alateens Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope"
Olin Hall
Chaired by: Sara M.

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting* • 12:00 p.m.
Speakers - Mike & Diane A.
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"
E.J. Thomas Hall
Chaired by: Tracy C.

REGISTRATION

UA STUDENT UNION

CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by

6:00 p.m. Saturday - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Package Plans must be picked up at designated

dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

Coffee & Fellowship Room

Student Union

A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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*A.S.L. INTERPRETER



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Wednesday, August 3rd — Sunday, August 7th
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Name _____ Name to be printed on nametag _____
Home Group _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ I would like to Volunteer
Phone _____ The committee I'd like to serve on is _____
Email Address _____ *Someone from the Volunteer Committee will contact you!*
Sobriety Date _____ Special Needs: Hearing Vision Wheelchair
Other _____
I am a(n): AA AlAnon Alateen Visitor
 Delegate Past Delegate Trustee Past Trustee
(Check all that apply)

REGISTRATION AND SPORTS			
Item	Price	Qty	Sub Total
Registration	\$40.00		
All-Inclusive Package	\$159.00		
Scholarship Contribution	\$5.00		
Alateen Only Registration	\$15.00		
Friday Ice Cream Social	\$15.00		
Saturday Ice Cream Social	\$15.00		
Friday Pasta Banquet	\$45.00		
Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-free <input type="checkbox"/>			
Saturday Chicken Banquet	\$49.00		
Vegan <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-free <input type="checkbox"/>			
Golf Tournament	\$85.00		
2 Mile Walk/Run	\$15.00		
Beach Cornhole	\$20.00		
Beach Volleyball	\$20.00		
Select shirt size for your sport	S M L XL 2XL 3XL		
SUBTOTAL \$			

MERCHANDISE			
Item	Price	Qty	Sub Total
Tee: S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$11.00		
Tee Color (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Women's Tank: S M L XL XXL	\$18.00		
Tank Color (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Unisex Tank: S M L XL XXL XXXL	\$11.00		
Tank Color (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Zipped Hoodie: S M L XL	\$28.00		
Zipped Hoodie: XXL XXXL			
Baseball Cap (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00		
Flat Bill Cap			
Unisex Sun Hat	\$21.00		
Canvas Drawstring Backpack	\$15.00		
Ceramic Mug (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$7.00		
20oz Water Tumbler (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Convention Lapel Pin	\$5.00		
Beach Towel (presale only)	\$25.00		
SUBTOTAL \$			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

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5201 SW 9th Street

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33317

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check/Money Order AMEX Visa MasterCard

Credit card payments taken in person or online only.

Please do not send your credit card number through the mail.

GRAND TOTAL \$

NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!

Group	APR	Y T D	Group	APR	Y T D	Group	APR	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		304.00	Live and Let Live Group	1,078.25	1,078.25	Sober @ 7 Group		56.14
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution	250.00	250.00	Sober on Saturday Group	100.00	420.00
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			SoberSticks Event	100.00	100.00
AA 101 Group			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		390.00
Alpha Group		360.00	Mid Day Madness			Sobrietea Women's Group		
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee zoom		100.00	Soberilla		1,420.41
Anonymous Donations	270.42	2609.86	Mid Day Matinee Group	660.00	1,160.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express Group			Social Distancing Gp of AA (Z)		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		168.34	Morning Meditation Mtg		0.12	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group		150.00	My Turn Group			Solutions Group		
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	140.00	Never Too Early Group			Southshore Men's Group		160.00
Beginners Group	65.00	182.00	Never Too Early (Zoom)		200.00	Southside Men's Group # 1		878.00
Big Book Bunch Group		197.65	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		222.38	Southside Men's Group # 2		345.00
Bill D's Group	125.00	125.00	New Beginnings Brandon			Southside Men's Group #3	300.00	300.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	263.00	852.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)	418.00	418.00	Southside Men's Group #4		
BYO 12 & 12 Group	44.50	84.00	Newcomers Group	129.76	253.64	Spiritual Development		
Came To Believe Group		325.00	New Tampa Monday Men's	198.00	404.25	Spiritual Growth Group		460.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	430.24	430.24	New Way Women's Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group	300.00	600.00
Carrllwood Group		130.00	Next Door Group			Step Sisters in Sobriety		169.00
Carrllwood Blue Roof Group		1.41	Nightly Newcomers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)	98.00	98.00
Clean Air Group		25.00	Nooners Group--Riverview	42.78	295.74	Sun City Center Group	24.40	57.50
Close to Home Group			Nooners Group--Tampa	100.70	259.82	Sun City Center Zoom		133.00
District Two General Service			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		
Early Risers Group - Joe's	260.00	260.00	Odessa Group		204.42	Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Expect a Miracle Group		572.00	Old School Group	50.00	50.00	Sunshine Group	20.00	60.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Old School Gp Anniversary			Sweet Surrender Group		98.10
FCYPAA Committee			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	190.19	190.19	Tampa Bay Institutions	100.00	250.00
Fear Not Group			One Day at a Time Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	183.50	673.56
Fireside Group		116.91	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		400.00	Tampa Group		0.84
Freedom in Sobriety Group	82.00	214.00	Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-(Z)		277.90
Fresh Start Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Palms Big Book		
Friday Night Lights Group			Plank Owners Group			Tampa Sat Night Speakers	100.00	200.00
Friday Morning Women's Friendship			Plant City Sunday Night			T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Grapevine Gals Group			Promises Meeting Group		370.88	TGIS Group		
Grupo Poco a Poco			Reflections Group-		251.80	Thank God it's Friday Group	275.00	275.00
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Riverside Group	61.10	122.20	The 164 Group		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Rule 62/Keep it Simple	56.00	486.00	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Happy Destinty Group	63.00	63.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			The Meeting Place Group		2,239.38
Happy Hour Group	500.00	500.00	Ruskin Womens Big Book		19.66	There is a Solution		42.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Ruskin 11th Step Meditation	50.00	50.00	Thursday Pavillion Peeps		92.00
Hide-A-Way Group	268.71	268.71	Safe Haven Group			To Improve Our Consious Contact		
High Nooners Group			Safe, Sane & Sober Group		208.83	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	390.00	650.00
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		200.00	Saturday Night Fever	1,655.00	1,655.00	UT 717 Group		
Hope Floats Group		236.62	Saturday Night Live			Valrico Friday Morning		153.69
It's in the Book Group	280.74	510.86	Saturday Serenity Group			We Are Not Saints Group		
In Loving Memory		825.00	Seekers of Serenity II			Wed Night Step Workshop		
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Serenity Group--ZOOM	538.04	538.04	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Keep it Simple Men's Group	75.00	150.00	Simply Sobriety Women's	180.90	411.90	Wellspring Group		489.21
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		178.40	Sisters 12 n 12 (Zoom)		299.65	Wesley Chapel Group	381.72	618.82
Keep it Simple Group Dade City	260.00	760.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	170.10	436.80	With Room to Grow Group		1,000.00
Keeping It Real Group						Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keystone Group		481.65				Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Kingsway Group	227.50	227.50	Donations thru PayPal	200.00	783.04	Women's Friendship Group	274.30	735.80
Life Enrichment Group						XYZ-32 Group		300.00
Little Harbor Grapevine Group			Total	6,028.82				
			YTD Total		11,220.61			
Total	3,255.11						Total	2,646.92
YTD Total		11,649.15					YTD Total	13,743.35
							Monthly Total	11,930.85
							Grand Total	36,613.11