

Tri-County Central Office News Keep Coming Back

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STEP SEVEN

THE ROCKS OF AA

Step Seven is not difficult to understand; it is simply a prayer as outlined in the text of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. If we are ready to ask our Higher Power to remove all our defects of character, we are ready to approach our Higher Power about our defects of character through prayer. Steep Seven reads that we **humbly** approach our Higher Power. There are different definitions for humble. Let's use the *Merrian-Webster Dictionary*'s definition of "Not proud or haughty." humility is defined as "Freedom from pride or arrogance: the quality or state of being humble." We approach God knowing that we are not in a position to make any demands. Humility will allow us to approach our Higher Power as our true selves.

Step Seven is our petition/prayer to ask our Higher Power to remove all our defects of character. We can find the Seventh Step prayer in the Alcoholics Anonymous text on page 76. It reads: "My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me the strength, as I go out from here, to do Your bidding. Amen." We have completed Step Seven if we have petitioned God in such a manner. We have come to know true humility, and we will be able to put humility to practice in the remaining Excerpt from The Little Purple Pamphlet.

We Keep What We Have By Giving It Away.

The alcoholic, drinking, tried his best to GRAB everything he could get his hands on—"free for nothing"! And always ended up with NOTHING but empty purse, empty stomach, and empty head. And that made room for the "Brooklyn boys!" In A.A. we are first GIVEN sobriety. And then we are advised that WE WILL KEEP AND ENLARGE UPON IT IN DIRECT RATIO AS WE GIVE IT AWAY. So, "having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics...." And so in all of our living, the MORE WE GIVE, the MORE WE'LL GET—for ALL gifts are given to us so that we may in turn give and share them with our fellow man. A.A., we learned, is a GIVE program; and life too, we learned, to be happy MUST also be a "GIVE" program. From The Golden Book of Principles by Father John Doe

Editors Note: Brooklyn Boys is a slang term for the DTs or for a hangover. The expression has been on record since 1883. Nobody is sure about its origin but one source mentions that there were many breweries and distilleries in Brooklyn, which sounds reasonable.

The Birthday Club: Contributions to the Central Office help support the local services to members and groups throughout Hillsborough and East Pasco Counties and help ensure that the A.A. message is carried around our area. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. Ask your Treasurer if they have any Birthday envelopes available. We usually send one out when a group sends in their contribution to Central Office or call or email your Central Office. 813-933-9123

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All members of Alcoholics Anonymous who are honest with themselves are sober. Some are reluctantly sober. Others are passively sober. Some are happily sober. Others are joyously sober. Why is there a difference? It's the quality of their sobriety. Sober is sober, you may say. If a guy or the gal isn't drinking then he's sober. If he or she is drinking then he or she isn't sober. That's all there is to it. But that isn't all there is to it. A ride on the water wagon will bring sobriety, at least for the duration of the ride. But it's likely to be a pretty low grade of sobriety. It's a reluctant sobriety, the I-don't-like-this-but-I've-got-to kind. The rider is so sorry for himself he won't even talk to the driver. He might just as well be going through a tunnel for all the passing scene means to him. Some members of AA are like that. Then there's the passive sobriety. This alcoholic has reached the bottom below which he doesn't want to go, so he joins AA. He comes to meetings, listens a bit, talks a bit, puts enough of the principles to work to keep himself sober, takes only a passive interest in the group, seldom has time for Twelfth Step work, absorbs as much as he needs and gives only what is brushed from him through contact. He's sober, yes. But he isn't the kind of member that has made AA grow, that has enabled AA to reach out to the thousands of hopeless drunks and restore them to sanity. He isn't particularly happy or unhappy. He's rather numb about the whole thing. Fortunately, there aren't too many members like him. Then there's the happy type of sobriety. This fellow accepts his defeat that he and liquor don't get along—and takes hold of AA with enthusiasm. He seems to grasp the program quickly and shows that he's putting it to work. He enters into group affairs and carries his share or more than his share of the load. He attend meetings. He does Twelfth Step work as it comes and hunts for more. He tends to be a little evangelistic at the start, later cools off as he gains experience and becomes a solid member of the group. He's pretty happy about the whole thing. He's changes his pattern of life and his associations. And while occasionally he may long momentarily for the good old days when liquor was fun—before it became a problem to him he doesn't brood about it and he's fairly well satisfied with his lot. Many members stay in this class throughout their association with the fellowship. But a great many more stay in this group only for awhile, then slip almost unnoticed into another classification. This last is the group which enjoys a joyous sobriety. Those who are blessed with joyous sobriety can't be separated physically from the happily sober ones. No halo hangs over their heads. No particular gleam sparkles from their eyes. Theirs is an inward joyousness that stems from gratitude to a gracious God. These joyous AA's are humble folk who know that humility consists not in groveling but in having a true perspective of their spiritual assets and liabilities. These are the members to whim others refer as having achieved serenity, although they'd be the first to deny it. Their lives aren't serene, but they have achieved the ability to take things as they come, to roll with the punches, to change those things they can and to ask the God of their understanding for guidance and counsel in all things. These are the folks who started doing for others because

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

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TBAIC JULY SECRETARY REPORT

Chair Report - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. Jonathan's report consisted of him sharing information about seeing pink cans at a number of meetings he attended and he shared on the work of our committee and thanked the groups for their support. He also said he would attend a Founders Day event at the 3333 Club being put on by FCYPAA on June 8 between the hours of 12 to 4 PM. Secretary Report - Tom F. then read the secretary report and it was accepted as read without any changes to it. **Treasurer Report** – John T's. presented the Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is \$4,992.01. Monthly expenses were \$50.00 for Central Office Storage, \$25.80 uncashed check to Sara R. which reduced the monthly expense to \$24.20. Literature expenses for the month totaled \$2,920.77. Our committee received \$509.80 in contributions from the following groups: Grapevine Gals; Keep It Simple Pass It On; Language of the Heart and Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday). Treatment - All meetings at ACTS Detox are being covered except for the Friday noon meeting needs some help as the person currently covering cannot do it every week. All meetings at ACTS Amethyst are currently being covered except Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Cove Housing for Women seems to have closed their doors to us and we are not sure why that happened. The men's meetings at Cove Behavioral Heath are going well. According to Joe R.. Sandra Prince is also doing well according to Joe R.. Corrections – True Core Juvenile, had a girl commit suicide and the state has taken the facility offline. She asked about getting the literature back from the facility. She was told to get any literature back that she could. Hillsborough County Jail for women Bianca reported that a couple of volunteers were rotating out for personal reasons, but she has 4 new volunteers in the process of getting cleared for the Hillsborough County Jail. No report for the men's side of Hillsborough Jail. Things are going well at Zephyrhills CI according to Tom F. Jessica reported that they are having issues covering meetings at the Pasco County Jail for women. She also expressed some interest in possibly replacing Brittani as the coordinator for that facility. Bridge The Gap – Bridge the Gap we two Bridges. Man on the Bed – Tom F. reported that he had one call for a male patient but the person who was supposed to cover it simply forgot to do it. Old Business - No old business New Business – Bay Care North wants us to take a meeting into a new facility with patients who were Baker Acted. We need to know what time and days they would like us to be there. Jonathan said he would find out. The meeting ended at 10:30am.

Our Next Committee Meeting

July 13th, 2024 9:30 am on ZOOM. Contact us at www.tbaic.org for more information. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/ Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!

| www.tbaic.org | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Position | Name | | | |
| Chair | Jonathan C. | | | |
| Chair (Alt.) | Mike B. | | | |
| Treasurer | John T. | | | |
| Secretary | Tom F. | | | |
| Hillsborough County Jail | Buddy H. (Men's) | | | |
| Falkenberg Women's Jails | Bianca H. (Women's) | | | |
| Pasco Jail-Women's | Brittani B. | | | |
| Treatment Coordinator | John T. | | | |
| Bridging the Gap | Tracy S. | | | |
| Man on the Bed | Tom F. | | | |
| Zephyrhills CI | Tom F. | | | |

Pink Can Drive

Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ...

We will put it to great use!

TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

Contributions: May 11th-June 8th, 2024... Grapevine Gals: \$197.00, Keep it Simple/Pass it On: \$178.00, Language of the Heart: \$60.80, Ruskin Fellowship:\$74.00

| YTD Contributions to TBAIC | \$11,010.42 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Pink Can Balance 12/2023 | \$7,110.46 |
| YTD Money Spent on Literature | \$10,912.34 |
| YTD Operational Expenses | \$2,216.53 |
| Pink Can Current Balance | \$4,992.01 |

The Corrections Committee needs all types of volunteers. They need people to attend meetings in the facilities, people to help spread the word about this type of service work. It is okay if you have never been to jail yourself! You can still help. You can still carry A.A.'s message of hope to an alcoholic who is incarcerated.

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they were told they should, that it was a part of the program. But as they grew spiritually they found that in direct proportion to the amount of good they did willingly and freely, with no thought of recompense, the good things in life both spiritually and materially were returned to them. Soon they needed no reason for doing good. They now just do it as a part of decent living. They live a day at a time, place themselves in the hands of a Higher Power each morning to carry out His will for that day, ask daily to be so filled with His grace that it can be passed on to others. In doing these things they don't think of themselves as anything special. They do only what they think in their hearts they should. We all know them. While they give no outward indication they stand out everywhere. They're the rocks with which the temple of AA has slowly risen. We can all be like them if only we will put forth the effort. It's up to us.

Our growth continuing, the combined income of Alcoholics Anonymous members will soon reach the astounding total of a quarter of a billion dollars yearly. This is the direct result of AA membership. Sober we now have it; drunk we would not. By contrast, our overall AA expenses are trifling. For instance, the AA General Service Office now costs us \$1.50 per member a year. As a fact, the New York office asks the groups for this sum twice a year because not all of them contribute. Even so, the sum per member is exceedingly small. If an AA happens to live in a large metropolitan center where an intergroup office is absolutely essential to handle heavy inquiries and hospital arrangements, he contributes (or probably should contribute) about \$5.00 annually. To pay the rent of his own group meeting place, and maybe coffee and

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Dr Bob's Story of the AA Camel

The camel each day goes twice to his knees.

He picks up his load with the greatest of ease.

He walks through the day with his head held high.

And stays for that day, completely dry.

Spiritual Principles

Prayer

Faith

Spirituality

Sobriety – One day at a time.

Dr Bob, physician, and a cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous – "... would explain prayer by telling how the camels in a caravan would kneel down in the evening, and the men would unload their burdens. In the morning, they would kneel down again, and the men would put the burdens back on. 'It's the same with prayer,' Dr. Bob said. 'We get on our knees to unload at night. And in the morning when we get on our knees again, God gives us just the load we are able to carry for that day.'" Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers (1980), page 229

CAMEL PRAYER

"The tasks of the day can pass with ease

when a camel or I start on our knees.

One Master we serve, the camel and I,

and stay for that day completely dry."

Tradition Seven June 1948

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Excerpt from Language of the Heart Reprint Permission: A.A. Grapevine

It's a Good Day to be Sober!!!

Trust God, Clean House, Help Others

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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

June 11th, 2024 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

CHAIRPERSON THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK BRAD W. ALT.CHAIR TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS CHRIS S. TREASURER RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP DEBBIE S. SECRETARY TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT LINDA B. BOARD MEMBER JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP DODY H. BOARD MEMBER CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP CARL L. BOARD MEMBER KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP OPEN BOARD MEMBER OPEN BOARD MEMBER OPEN BOARD MEMBER

(Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Al B., Brad W., Debbie S., Chris S., Linda B., Carl L., and Dody H. Al welcomed the Board and Council to the meeting and then opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He asked if there were any new Board or Council members who wanted to be recognized.

Secretary Report: Tim started to read the May Secretary report and it turns out it was the wrong report. No secretary report available.

Treasurers Report: Chris presented the May Treasurer's report. Contributions in May totaled \$5,182.81. This accounts for what 27 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in May, also included is, \$1,053.62 from 9 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal and \$158.00 from 4 members of the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for May was \$6,019.94. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) . Our total income for May was \$11,202.75. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,953.31. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,249.44. Our Total Expenses for May were \$10,548.33. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$4,298.89 for the month of May.

Old Business: None

New Business: Sophie had questions about announcements and if we needed new Board members. Chris noted that it's time for him to rotate off the Board.

Announcements: Workshop at Old School Group. Question about the Roundup, will there be one this year?

A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be June 11th, 2024 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

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

June 11th, 2024 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

| KITHARA | SET ASIDE BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP |
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| LINDA R. | THE MEETING PLACE GROUP |
| SANDY M. | STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP |
| JOHN T. | LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT |
| JOANN B. | DISTRICT 2 CHAIR |
| SONIA T. | BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP |
| JOHN T. | LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP |
| NES Z. | PROMISES GROUP |
| KARA | LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP |
| ROBERT M. | NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S |
| SAMANTHA A. | FISHHAWK GROUP |
| NORM B. | SOBER @7 GROUP |
| MIKE M. | SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM) |
| ERIN C. | NEXT DOOR GROUP |
| RANDALL D. | FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP |
| NANCY H. | FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP |
| САТНҮ Н. | SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP |
| ANNIE L. | KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP |
| KIMBORLY S. | 164 GROUP |
| SCOTT B. | TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS |
| JEREMY B. | TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP |
| CLARENCE W. | TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP |
| KAITLYN H. | SPEAK EASY GROUP |
| LYNNE J. | SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP |
| ROBIN E. | SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP |
| PRISCILLA M. | BUTTERFLY HER JOURNEY |
| FRANK L. | SOBRENITY GROUP |
| KEN M. | SAFE HAVEN GROUP |
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11th Step Retreat For AA / Al-Anon

October 18-20, 2024

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

MORE INFO COMING SOON....

ANNIVERSARY TIME It Works-It Really Does—Ask them how they did it!!! **GROUP Honors To** Date Years THURS. NITE BIG BOOK AL B. 07/15/88 **36 YRS 32 YRS** THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY MICHAEL P. 07/04/92 BERNIE H. 07/17/94 **30 YRS** FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS **39 YRS** WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP DAVE F. 07/19/85 SOBRIETY AT SUNRISE LEANNE M. 07/22/00 **24 YRS** NOONERS GROUP **13 YRS** JAN F. 07/22/11 11TH STEP GROUP LOIS M. 07/09/95 **29 YRS** CAME TO BELIEVE DOMONGO G. 07/01/20 4 YRS MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP LOUEITA H. 07/18/91 **33 YRS** 2 YRS SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS LISA H. 07/06/22 SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMENS NANCY H. 07/22/86 **38 YRS** FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS BERNIE H. 07/17/94 **30 YRS** SOBER @ 7 GROUP 07/19/09 **15 YRS** HELEN A. SOBER @ 7 GROUP CARLOS M. 07/05/00 **24 YRS 38 YRS** SOBER @ 7 GROUP SAM F. 07/19/86 JOHN M. **45 YRS** SOBER @ 7 GROUP 07/21/79 TRAVIS J. 6 YRS HIGH NOONER'S PLANT CITY 07/15/18 **19 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP MORGAN 07/24/05 RIVERSIDE GROUP MATT M. 07/19/05 **19 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP MARK V. 07/09/91 **33 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP CARLTON P. 07/01/83 **41 YRS** RIVERSIDE GROUP LARRY P. 07/08/80 **44 YRS** KEYSTONE DISCUSSION AL D. 07/19/14 **10 YRS 19 YRS** KEYSTONE DISCUSSION ANTHONY S. 07/28/05 JUST WHAT I WANTED MICHELLE G. 07/04/08 **16 YRS** JUST WHAT I WANTED JACKIE W. 07/03/87 **35 YRS** JANIE M. 07/27/81 **43 YRS** RUSH HOUR SERENITY FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S DIANE B. 07/24/14 **10 YRS** FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S SUE D. 07/16/12 **12 YRS 17 YRS** FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S DOLORES E. 07/04/07

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

PATTI H.

ANNETTE J.

TIMOTHY S.

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S

FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S

CENTRAL OFFICE

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| Home Group | Honors To | Date | Years |
| SOBER@7 GROUP | CHRISTA G. | 05/24/87 | 37 YRS |
| SOBER@7 GROUP | HELEN A. | 07/19/09 | 15 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE | вов с. | 07/07/08 | 16 YRS |
| CENTRAL OFFICE | TIMOTHY S. | 07/04/88 | 36 YRS |

SELF-SUPPORT-June, 2024

© Today in June, 2024 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 191 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 502 meetings weekly. Also we have 128 Zoom meetings weekly Contributions in June totaled \$4,271.17. This accounts for what 18 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in June, also included is, \$1,553.32 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal and \$215.00 from 4 members of the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for June was \$6,952.09. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.). Our total income for June was \$11,223.26. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,780.99. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,442.27. Our Total Expenses for June were \$10,943.57. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$4,501.30 for the month of June. June was another poor month sinking us further into the red for the year. 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 Thank you for your support. Thank You!!! O.M. tws:)

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. (The 12 Traditions were created to help each A.A. group maintain unity and relate better to the world about us. Below is a snapshot inventory you can take to see how well you are honoring the spiritual principle found in this Tradition.) Tradition Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. 1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new person who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when drunk in a barroom? 2. How do I (or my group) support our International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and La Viña? 3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be OK to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons? 4. Is it more important for a group to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate? 5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it? 6. Does my group have a "prudent reserve"? If yes, do I know what that amount is? 7. If a family member, work colleague or close friend who is not an AA member wants to make a financial contribution to my group, should the group accept it? What if my group is short on funds?

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18 YRS

22 YRS

36 YRS

07/21/06

07/20/02

07/04/88

That's 921 Years of Sobriety! Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out these

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Sober @ 7 Group presents

ALL GROUPS MEETING & 22nd ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER MEETING & DINNER

(All Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

\$5.00 Donation per person

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2024 APOLLO BEACH PARK & RECREATION CENTER 664 Golf and Sea Blvd. Apollo Beach, FL 33572

POTLUCK DINNER: 6:15 P.M. SPEAKER MEETING: 6:45 P.M.

Speaker: Frank S. Riverview, FL

WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (WITH FOOD IN IT) TO THE MEETING BY 6:00 P.M. SO WE CAN SETUP THE FOOD.

FOR IDEAS ON WHAT TO BRING PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS WHICH MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

The Singleness of Purpose Group that meets at 8pm Wednesday's, a 12&12 study, Open meeting , Has moved : Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church 3501 W San Jose St Tampa FL 33629 Eastminster Room 305

From: Jay D., **Monday**, **July 29**, **2024** — John M. who used to be a member of the Palma Cia Group moved to Nashville 3 years ago who celebrated 12 years of sobriety yesterday 7-28-2012. Please place his name in the newsletter. He passed away early this morning. I was a member of the Palma Cia group many years ago 1979. John was a good member of our Turning Point group and our inter group representative.

DRIVERS NEEDED

GOT A CAR? WANT TO HELP YOUR SOBRIETY?
HELP SOMEBODY GET TO A MEETING BY GIVING THEM A
RIDE. *AN ADDED BENEFIT IS THAT YOU MAY ACTUALLY
HELP YOUR HOME GROUP BY POSSIBLY BRINGING IN A
POTENTIAL NEW HOME GROUP MEMBER

CALL CENTRAL OFFICE. 813-933-9123 or

Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org

The Promises 14th Anniversary Dinner New Hope Church 213 N. Knights Ave



Questions or to volunteer for Service Text to 813-507-6408, email

Nes.Zapata@gmail.com

Contact Amy K. For Cakewalk Info. 813-767-6350 Contact Ness

Tickets for sale at www.thepromisesanniversarydinner.com

On Monday June 17th, 2024...Patti L. a long time member of Alcoholics Anonymous, passed away from this world. She had 47 years of sobriety. I had known Patti for decades and she was a very good friend of mine. As our accountant here at the Central Office (*she never asked to be paid for her services*) for a couple of decades, we spend many hours talking about A.A., spirituality and just about anything that crossed our minds. I was heart-broken when she told me that she dying from pancreatic cancer and it was in the beginning, kind of hard to accept the fact that she was going to be out of my life. One of my truly good friends. I have seen many A.A. members pass away during my journey through A.A., but this one hurt my soul. She will be missed but not forgotten. Timothy S., Central Office........

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| Group | JUNE | YTD | Group | JUNE | YTD | Group | JUNE | YTD |
| 7:15 Young Peoples Group | | | Keeping it Real Group | | 105.00 | Sober @ 7 Group | 64.80 | 301.40 |
| 11th Step Retreat | | 100.00 | Keystone Group | | 215.00 | Sober @ 7 Anniversary | | 106.00 |
| AA 101 Group | 100.00 | 600.00 | It's In The Wind Group- 301 | | 1.00 | Sober on Saturday Group | | 106.00 |
| Alpha Group | 100.00 | 600.00 | Life Enrichment Group | | | SoberStock Event Sober on Saturday Group | | 2,600.00 |
| Annual Housecleaning Anonymous Donations | 207.30 | 1527.62 | Live and Let Live Group | | 150.00 | Sobrenity Group | | 400.00 |
| As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa | 207.30 | 195.00 | Living in the Solution LivingSober/As Bill Sees It | | 130.00 | Sobrietea Women's Group | | 25.00 |
| Attitude of Gratitude Group | | 193.00 | Little Harbor Grapevine Beach Meeting | | 300.00 | Soberilla | | 729.10 |
| Barracks Brigade Group | 20.00 | 140.00 | Lunch Bunch Group | | 150.00 | Sobriety at Sunrise Group | 156.00 | 1,006.85 |
| BeginnersFirst Group | 20.00 | 390.00 | Mid Day Madness | | 130.00 | Sobriety at Sunset Group | 150.00 | 230.10 |
| BeginnersStep Group | | 211.00 | Mid Day Matinee Group | | | Solutions Group | | 230.10 |
| Big Book Bunch Group | | 160.00 | Morning Express Group | | 124.20 | Southshore Men's Group | | 300.06 |
| Bill D's Group | | 225.00 | Morning Express (YANA) | | 891.15 | Southside Men's Group # 1 | | 500.00 |
| Birthday Club | 252.00 | 570.00 | Morning Mindset Group | | 22.32 | Southside Men's Group # 2 | | |
| Brandon Big Book Meeting | | 155.00 | My Turn Group | | 300.00 | Southside Men's Group #3 | | 300.00 |
| Brandon Saturday Night Group | | | New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's | 60.00 | 493.62 | Southside Men's Group #4 | | |
| By The Book Men's Group | | | New Beginnings Brandon | | | Spiritual Development | | |
| BYO 12 & 12 Group | | | New Beginning Group-(Our Club) | | 228.90 | Spiritual Growth Group | | |
| Came To Believe Group | | 660.00 | Newcomers Group | | 326.48 | Stay the Course Group | | |
| Candlelight Group | | 1.72 | New Tampa Monday Men's | | 696.20 | Staying Alive @ 5:45 Z | | 100.00 |
| Cardinal Group - Odessa | | 650.00 | New Way Women's Group | | | Step Sisters in Sobriety | | 95.32 |
| Carrollwood Group | | 49.50 | Nightly Newcomers Group | | | Stepping Stones Group (w) | | 164.20 |
| Clean Air Group | | 8.12 | Nooners GroupRiverview | | 172.30 | Sun City Center Group | | 56.80 |
| Close to Home Group | | | Nooners GroupTampa | | 256.43 | Sun City Center Men's | 70.00 | 200.00 |
| Come As You Are Group | | 7.10 | Noontime Celebration Gp. | | 75.00 | Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg | | 235.00 |
| District 2 General Service | | 531.60 | Odessa Group | | 89.00 | Sunset Group | | |
| Druid Hills Big Book | | 34.50 | Old School Group | | | Tampa Bay Institutions | 50.00 | 300.00 |
| Early Risers Group - Joe's | | 360.00 | Old Timers Group | | | Tampa Bay Young Peoples | | 1,656.05 |
| Expect a Miracle Group | | | On the Way Home Tpa 5:30 | | 319.15 | Tampa Bay Speakers Gp. | | 250.00 |
| Fireside Group | 45.04 | 226.84 | Palma Ceia Big Book Group | | 406.80 | Tampa Sat Night Speakers | | 200.00 |
| Fishhawk Group | | 192.90 | Pathfinders Group | | | T & C Sisters in Sobriety | | |
| Fourth Dimension Group | | 211.90 | Pavillion Peeps | 34.50 | 134.50 | TGIS Group | | |
| Freedom in Sobriety Group | | | Pilgrim Group -St Leo's | | | Thank God it's Friday | | 437.00 |
| Friday @ 4 Group | | 355.55 | Plank Owners Group | 240.00 | 292.00 | The 164 Group | | 5.87 |
| Friday Night Lights Group | | 00000 | Primary Purpose Group | | 502.23 | The Meeting Place Group | | 972.78 |
| Friday Morning Women's Friendship | | 800.00 | Promises Meeting Group | | | Tues.Big Book of Brandon | | 79.00 |
| Friday Under the Lights | | | Red Chip Day | 422.00 | 422.00 | Tuesday Book Club Group | | 13.18 |
| Friends of Bill Meditation Group | | | Reflections Group-Lake Mag | 433.08 | 433.08 | Turning Point Group -Z-H. | | 390.00 |
| Friends of Bill Women's Group Full Moon River Womens | | 440.00 | Riverside Group | | 725.77 | UpTown/ Downtown Group | | 83.33 |
| | | | Ruskin Fellowship Group | | 146.25 | WAWA Group | | |
| Gifts of Sobriety Good Start Group | 670.00 | | Ruskin Women's Big Book Safe, Sane &Sober Group | | 446.91 | We Are Not Saints Group Wed Night Step Workshop | 35.10 | 35.10 |
| Grapevine Gals Group | 070.00 | 1,093.00 | Saturday Night Fever Group | | 2,196.21 | Wed Keep it Simple Group | 33.10 | 130.00 |
| Great Way To Start The Day | | 367.50 | Serenity GroupZOOM | 117.50 | 117.50 | Wellspring Group | | 195.00 |
| Happy Hour Group | | 307.30 | Simply Sobriety Women's Group | 117.00 | 200.81 | Wesley Chapel Group | | 1,5.00 |
| Helping Hands Group | | 10.00 | Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom) | 247.45 | 521.45 | With Room to Grow Group | 700.00 | 1,450.00 |
| Hi Nooners Group Plant City | | 200.00 | Sisters Celebrating Sobriety | | 281.83 | Women's Friendship Group | 22.30 | 726.65 |
| Hide-A-Way Group | 371.06 | 757.78 | Sisters in Sobriety Group | | 361.20 | | | |
| Host of Friends Group | | | | | 151.20 | Total | 1,075.90 | |
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| It's in the Book Men's Group | | 536.81 | | | ļ | YTD Total | | 14,211.79 |
| In Loving Memory | <u> </u> | | Total | 1,132.53 | <u> </u> | Monthly Total | 4,309.71 | |
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| Just What I Wanted Big Book | | | YTD Total | | 11,833.49 | | | |
| Keep it Simple Men's Group | 150.00 | 225.00 | | | ļ | | | |
| Keep It Simple/Pass It On | 155.88 | 355.88 | | | | | | |
| Keep it Simply Spiritual | | 316.00 | | | | Grand Total | 41,725.53 | |
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| Keep it Simple Group Dade City | 130.00 | 715.00 | | | - | | | |
| Total | 2,101.28 | | | | | | | |
| YTD Total | | 15,680.25 | | | | | | |
| TID Total | | 120,000.20 | <u> </u> | | 1 | 1 | | |