



Tri-County Central Office News

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‘CAN I TALK TO YOU?’

I had worked hard that day at a new temporary job while a friend was on vacation. I was tired from the change of pace. My wife suggested that I lie down and rest while the steaks cooked on the outdoor grill. As I started to pull the curtains in the bedroom to close out the late afternoon sun, I noticed a pickup truck stop at the front door. A man, not too well-dressed, got out and walked slowly and cautiously to the front door. Not wanting to have any supper delayed, I went to the door. “Hello. What can we do for you?” “Can I talk to you for a few minutes?” “Sure. What’s on your mind?” “You’re Frank, right? And you’re an alcoholic, right?” His questions made me angry. He was very nervous, glancing around and down at the porch floor, his cap pulled down over his eyes. In fact, I was very angry. “Yes, I’m an alcoholic.” I did not know this man, and it was none of his business what I might or not might be. My anger hit the boiling point. “Who are you? What do you want? Who told you I’m an alcoholic?” I raged on. “What right do you have to come to my home and start making remarks of any kind about me?” He removed his cap as he began to speak, and this time, I could see a troubled man, with bloodshot eyes and tears running down his cheeks. “I’m in trouble. I need your help. About eight months ago, I saw you at an AA meeting. You were so honest and sincere when you told about being an alcoholic, and asking for help, about going in the hospital for twenty-eight days. Can you tell me, am I an alcoholic? Can you make me stop drinking? Can you cure me?” My anger left. Compassion and humility filled the void. “No, my friend, I said, thinking of the answers I had been given when I asked for help. “Only you can say if you’re an alcoholic. No, I can’t make you stop drinking. Only you can stop when you’re ready to stop. There is no cure for our disease, but God can help! And AA can help.” I had not remembered him. That had been his first meeting and only meeting, eight months ago—for me, eight slowly recovering, gratefully recovering months. We sat down and talked for a long while and exchanged a lot of questions and answers. Then we took the first three Steps of AA together. Did he understand? Was he ready to give up drinking and his alcoholic ways and turn his will and his life over to God or a higher power of his understanding? “Yes!” I explained the sponsor system to him and agreed to be one of his sponsors and handed him a token that had been given to me, bearing the words “Think! Call your sponsor before, not after, you drink!” “You do me an honor,” I said, “by coming to me. Keep the token as long as you don’t drink. Sometime, you may want to pass it on to somebody else after you begin to collect other chips—the white one for surrender, red for three months, green and yellow, and so on. Remember, you’re only human. If you drink again, throw the token away, but *you* come back. It’s you, your life, your family that I’m interested in for the future.” He promised he would be in touch and would be waiting to go with me to the next AA meeting. He would call when he got home. The call came ten minutes later: “Thank you.” His son and grandson had been there when he got home. My family had eaten an hour earlier. All at once, I was no longer tired. I sat down to a supper that had been kept warm—steak never tasted so good!

F. E., Boone, N.C.

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GET INVOLVED!

One of my favorite gals in AA told me her definition of sobriety is that it’s a gift. A gift we keep by giving it away. I love this interpretation and have adopted it as part of my own thinking. This flow of receiving and giving can be reached only by involvement. What is involvement? It’s saying “Yes” when called upon to serve. It’s cleaning ashtrays, making coffee, speaking and chairing at meetings, going on Twelfth Step calls, working with institution groups—you name it. It’s carrying the message the best way we know. Our intergroup (called the central office in some area) has eighteen groups, and it has only five institutions to cover. Yet when institution-assignment time rolls around (almost always the final item on the agenda, for some reasons shortly to become apparent), the chairman sheepishly says, “Well it’s that time again. Now, what group would like to volunteer for the men’s prison?” Silence. “Women’s prison?” Silence. Finally, after several embarrassing moments (while, ideally, each representative at the intergroup meeting examines his group conscience), a few volunteers squeak through. And it’s usually the same few groups whose representatives volunteer to provide speakers. One common excuse is: “I can’t accept that institution for my group. We have our regular meeting that night.” Comment: So what if you or some other member misses the home-group meeting one night? What’s to lose? It’s a winners game, with you on the winning side. We always get back much more than we give by going to these people who can’t come to us. Another alibi is: “People in institutions aren’t interested; they don’t listen.” Comment: How do we know? Last night, tonight, or tomorrow night, a guy or a gal may start a whole new way of life because of something said to an institution group by an “outside” AA member. And then we hear: Institutions aren’t my cup of tea. They upset me.” Comment: This is true in some instances. But before you make an arbitrary judgment, try actually going to a prison, state hospital, etc. So many people who make this statement have never been to “one of those places.” Don’t knock it until you’ve tried it. I can’t help feeling that the groups’ institutions or intergroup representatives are reluctant to volunteer because of these or other excuses they hear from group members. So many of us said, “Oh God, I’d do anything to stop drinking, anything!” And then we were introduced to AA and this wonderful program. The physical pain began to disappear; the mental agony dissolved; our spiritual beings were uplifted. The compulsion to drink was removed. The gift of sobriety was bestowed upon us, and we learned, by using the keys or tools of the AA program, that the longer we were sober, the better life was. But one day we seem to hit an impasse. We think, “I’m sober. Life is good. But something is missing.” Twelfth Step work, maybe? Institutions coverage is one kind of Twelfth Step work. Talk your group’s institutions or intergroup representative. Ask him to volunteer to cover an institution, so you can go along to speak there. It can’t hurt—it may even help.

J.D., Wilmington, Del

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

**TBAIC SECRETARY REPORT
 January 11, 2025**

Attendees: Jenna M, Jessica M, Gabriela G, John T, Mike B, Ed S, Sophie C, Todd P, Tom F, Richard R, Patty G, Mindy W, Nancy

Chair Report: Jessica attended area assembly in Sarasota. Treatment committee suggested having a bridging the gap coordinator. For the next area assembly Jessica will bring the literature that we are using for bridging the gap. Allan D is our new treatment committee chair. The report was then accepted without any changes. **Secretary Report:** Gaby then read the secretary report for the month of December, and it was accepted without any changes. **Treasurer Report:** John T then presented the treasurer's report. The current pink can balance is \$2808.41. Our committee received \$981.31 from the following groups: Keep it Simple Pass it On, Language of the Heart (3333), Living in the Solution, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday), Staying Alive, Tampa Saturday Night Speaker Meeting, and Women's Friendship. Monthly expenses included \$50 for the central office storage, \$250 for the annual website maintenance fee, and \$555.26 for the renewal of ring central. Literature expenses this month was \$242.57. Report accepted without any changes. **Treatment Centers:** John T reported on the following treatment centers: ACTS amethyst/detox is all good and covered. ACTS Juvenile is going well. Cove housing is going well, low resident attendance, but attendance overall good. Sandra Prince is going well. Cove behavioral is going well. North Tampa behavioral now has 2 meetings a week and is going well Operation New Hope may switch their meeting day to Wednesdays and is also going well. Clean Recovery is going well. Turning Point is going well. TrueCore is wanting to take in meetings into their Juvenile facility for boys in Brandon per Jenna M. They are also looking into taking meetings into their women's juvenile facility in West Tampa. Jenna is looking for a liaison to replace her. **Corrections:** Pasco Women's Jail is now being covered every Tuesday per Jessica M. However, volunteers still needed. Falkenburg Men's Jail is going well per Rich. They are going in 3 meetings a week, but volunteers are still needed Literature is going in successfully. Falkenburg Women's Jail is having 2 meetings a week per Bianca H. They are on Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Residence attendance averages at 15 a meeting. They also have 14 active volunteers. Meetings are also on Wednesdays, needs volunteers. Zephyrhills going well, Tom F reported. Great residence attendance. **Bridging The Gap:** John T reported that were 7 bridges out of 9 calls. 7/9. There is an open position for Bridging the Gap Coordinator and Alternate Coordinator. **Man on the Bed:** Mindy W reported that there were 7 calls. 5 people were visited and 2 were attempted. Social workers have reached out to her have a better understanding of Man on the Bed. Mindy is looking to expand Man on the Bed to additional hospitals. Mindy is also looking into getting references from Tampa General Hospital for future opportunities at other hospitals. There is an open position for Man on the Bed Alternate Coordinator. **Old Business:** Jorge was contacted from River Oaks about possibly discontinuing meetings. Jorge advised we continue to hang in there. **New Business:** Jessica brought up possibly implementing the New Language Big Books into the jails. Motion was made to purchase a case to keep in the locker and use as needed. We voted in favor of. John T stated that there is a new behavioral health facility where we could possibly bring in meetings. It is operated by Tampa General Hospital and will open in March of 2025. Jessica M brought up that we should have a coordinator for Bridging the Gap. There is an open position for Bridging the Gap Coordinator and Bridging the Gap Alternate Coordinator. There is also an open position for Man on the Bed Alternate Coordinator. Meeting ended at 11:21 a.m. with the Responsibility Statement.

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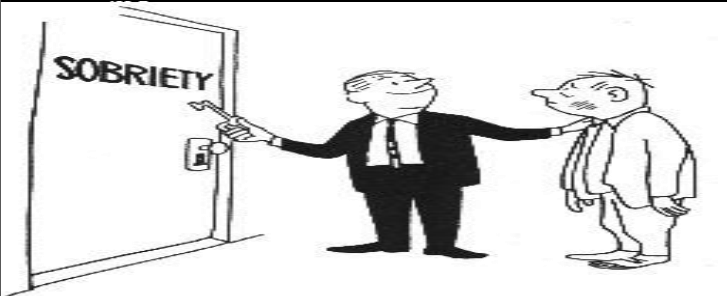
Our Next Committee Meeting
January 11th, 2025 9:30 am on ZOOM. Contact us at www.tbaic.org for more information. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/ Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

www.tbaic.org	
Position	Name
Chair	Jessica M.
Chair (Alt.)	Mike B.
Treasurer	John T.
Treasurer (Alt)	Joe R.
Secretary	Gaby G.
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H. (Men's)
Falkenberg Women's Jails	Bianca H. (Women's)
Pasco Jail-Women's	Jessica M.
Treatment Coordinator	John T.
Bridging the Gap	Tracy S.
Man on the Bed	Mindy W.
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: January 11th—February 8th, 2025
Anonymous (TRICOPinkCan):\$100.00,Great Way to Start the Day:\$342.00, Keep it Simple/Pass it On:\$184.00, New Beginning(Our Club):\$41.00, Nightly Newcomwers:\$55.96, Nooner's(Our Club):\$41.00, Old School Group:\$230.00, On the Way Home:\$18.00, Ruskin Fellowship:\$67.00, Tampa Bay Young Peoples:\$360.00, Thank God it's Friday:\$116.00

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$2,536.27
Pink Can Balance 12/2024	\$2,924.93
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$652.07
YTD Operational Expenses	\$1,393.06
Pink Can Current Balance	\$3,416.07



Just A Little Bit of AA History

12 STEP DRIVERS

☀February 1937...The Oxford Group's "Alcoholic Squadron" meets at Hank P's home in New Jersey☀ February 21st, 1939...400 copies of the Big Book manuscript are sent to doctors, judges, psychiatrists, and others for comment. This was the "multilith" Big Book.☀February 18th, 1943...AA's are granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases, despite WWII gas rationing.☀February 19th, 1967...Father "John Doe", the first Catholic Priest to join AA, dies. February 14, 1971...AA Groups worldwide hold a memorial service for Bill W. who passed away January 24, 1971 at the age of 75....

Please make copies & Distribute among Your Group Members & Local Area
(January, 2025)

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

What if I needed a meeting and there was none? What if there was no Central Office to call to and ask for help?
There are hundreds, probably thousands of active alcoholics in our area. Many may never think they need our help or even want our help. But, just like you and I, there will be a few who desperately want and need our help. Many may reach for but not find the hand of A.A. We need to be there to help them when they are ready. Are you ready to help? Will you help?
Do not sign up if you are not committed to help.
We really need drivers in your area to help new or potential or older AA Members who can't drive, have no funds for a cab or maybe not on a bus route to get to your meeting or any meeting. Remember when you needed help and there was someone who reached out to you, let's not forget how we were able to recover. Please Help.
Please fill this form out and mail or drop by the Central Office

To the Treasurer or Contact Person of a Group—if you receive a Birthday envelope with the Thank You letter that we sent you—you can use it for yourself or hand it out to someone celebrating an Anniversary or use it to celebrate someone's Anniversary-Anonymously.

1. Yes, if someone calls and they need a ride to an AA meeting, I am more than happy to help get them to an AA meeting and introduce them to other sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Call me anytime, I am ready.
FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE: Male
Female
Your Home Group _____
NAME _____
PHONE _____
TODAY'S DATE: _____
SOBRIETY DATE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE _____
ZIP _____

TO ALL members who have been sending Contributions to Central Office through PayPal. **THANK YOU! BUT**—If you don't put down the name of your Home Group—it will be listed as **ANONYMOUS**, so don't be upset at us, if you don't see contributions from your Group on our Contributions page in the Newsletter. **Dear A.A. member pass this along during announcements at the meetings you go to.**

Send To: TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE
8019 NORTH HIMES AVENUE STE. 104 TAMPA,
FLORIDA 33614
Adapted from another Central Office-Unknown

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 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 meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm on ZOOM. Contact us at aainfo@aatampa-area.org for more information or just drop in and talk with Tim.

Before the still suffering alcoholic gets to your meeting, either they or a loved one has usually called Central Office first.

NOTICE NEW OFFICE HOURS
☀
MON.-WED-FRI—9:00AM TO 5:00PM
TUES & THURS—11:00AM TO 5:00PM
SATURDAY—9:00AM TO 5:00PM
PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AT YOUR MEETINGS.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

January 14th, 2025 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

January 14th, 2025 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
BRAD W.	ALT. CHAIR	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS
SOPHIE C.	TREASURER	OLD SCHOOL 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
SCOTT B.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE 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@aatamapa-area.org

ERIN	FULL MOON RIVER GROUP
THERESA	GROUP NOT LISTED IN THE CHAT
TOM R.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
KIM F.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
SAMANTHA A.	FISHHAWK GROUP
LINDA R.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JUSTIN P.	TUESDAY NEWCOMER GROUP
CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
ANNIE L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE / PASS IT ON
NES Z.	THE PROMISES GROUP
MATT M.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS
BEVERLY R.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
KEN M.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM)
TOM F.	AS BILL SEES IT MEN'S GROUP

(Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) **Board Members present: Al B., Linda B., Dody H., Brad W., Debbie S., Sophie C., Scott B. & Brian L.** **Board Meeting:** Al opened the meeting by announcing that they would do the Serenity Prayer at the regular Meeting and then announced "Sophie, you're up." Sophie replied that she wasn't sure why he said that she was up but she had a couple of questions about Tim wanting to change his hours. It was her understanding that usually the Board hears the conversation first before we bring it to the Council. We don't have to have the Council vote on that. It's all Board. Tim was asked to explain about the Office Hour changes. Tim explained that the Tuesday and Thursday the hours are from 11:00am to 7:00pm and that at night being the only business open in the building and with our location in the back and fenced off, it is kind of spooky being all alone. The new Office Hours would be: Monday, Wednesday and Friday would remain the same...9:00am to 5:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday would be 11:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday would be 9:00am to 5:00pm. Brad made a motion to change the hours as Tim had described. It was seconded and approved by the Board members. Al then apologized for not being at the previous Board meeting. His wife was in the hospital. Then he brought up the Christmas Bonuses for the staff. After some discussion, bonus were approved. Discussion moved to the Office Managers insurance. Some discussion followed and a motion was made to continue paying the insurance. Motion was approved. The next line of business was the Office managers evaluation. Tim will send out an evaluation form to three members. This was followed by the increasing of wages for the contact laborers. Discussion followed about bringing up their wages to minimum wage. More discussion followed and it was finally agreed to bring their wages up to \$ 15.00. Sophie had made a motion to bring up the wages to \$14.00 an hour, this motion was amended to bring the wages up to \$15.00 an hour . The motion was seconded and approved. Sophie made a point of order: These discussions we are we are having here, they really for the Board, you can put Board minutes together and everyone gets them but I don't think the rest of the Council members need that information, in my opinion, that's just my opinion, we have the funding, and that just makes sense, it's just a lot of information. I do think they need to know the revised hours because Saturday more people are available Saturday for foot traffic. Brad noted that there was one minute left. Al noted that they could pay Tim \$50.00 bucks and make him work on Sundays. Some got a good laugh Al noted that he needed to think about that cause you got to remember the Council oversees the Board. That's the By Laws. Sophie stated that maybe a new item at the next Board meeting would be a review of the By Laws. That may take a few meetings. At that time Debbie spoke up noting that she could not read the minutes at this time, there is a bad accident in front of her and could someone cover her. **Council Meeting:** Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Because there was so much discussion at the meeting...I may not have the space to include everything.. Secretary Report: Linda read the December Minutes. Nes made a motion to approve as read, this was seconded & approved. **Treasurers Report:** Sophie presented the November Treasurer's Report. Contributions in December totaled \$4,075.35. This accounts for what 25 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in December, also included is, \$727.72 from 12 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. We also received a \$19.00 contribution for 1 member of the Birthday Club. Sophie noted that our literature sales were down considerably, so she encouraged everyone to purchase from Central Office rather from other sources. Our literature sales for December was \$5,413.11, along with \$21.00 for 3 newsletter subscriptions. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.). Our total income for December was \$9,509.46. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,541.46. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$4,968.00. Total Expenses for December were \$9,911.07. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$4,943.07 for the month of December. She then presented the Closing Balance for November. Sophie went on to say that they had done a survey with other district treasurer's and they have about a six month prudent reserve. Nes asked about the literature sales being down, could you compare that to last years at this time? Sophie quoted last months sales compare to December. Then Sophie went on about the Plain Language Big Book sales run from New York. Nes went on asking about a suggestion on what to sale it for vs the price for the hard cover Big Book. More discussion followed. Tim was asked how the pricing works. Yes we have to charge a dollar or two more or we wouldn't make any profit. More talk about the Plain Language Big Book continued. Dody had a question about picking up literature for another group. **Go to page 5.....**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

I MISSED SEVERAL NAMES FOR THE JANUARY LIST SO THOSE
HAVE BEEN INCLUDED ON THE LIST BELOW—MY BAD-SORRY ☺

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	ARISSA H.	01/29/17	8 YRS
TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS	BRAD W.	01/02/12	13 YRS
NEW WAY WOMEN'S GROUP	SHERRI F.	01/11/96	29 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z.	01/16/89	36 YRS
STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	SONIA T.	01/07/87	38 YRS
11TH STEP GROUP	KATHY M.	01/17/86	39 YRS
SPANISH MEETING	JERONIMO R.	01/20/56	69 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP	DANIEL H.	02/15/86	39 YRS
CARDINAL GROUP	MIKE S.	02/04/89	36 YRS
SOBER ON SATURDAY GROUP	RICK L.	02/16/89	36 YRS
DADE CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE	NANCY P.	02/25/80	45 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	MATT M.	02/26/15	10 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	RICK D.	02/04/13	12 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	BRIAN B.	02/10/05	20 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MIKE P.	02/26/15	10 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LAURA S.	02/21/11	14 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE H.	02/13/07	18 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CHRISTINA D.	02/14/00	25 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	WILLOW	02/09/99	26 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	JEFF H.	02/06/14	11 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	PATTY L.	02/11/90	35 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	PAULA B.	02/03/81	44 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	HALA LaP.	02/04/02	23 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	TINA W.	02/26/22	3 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	CATHY L.	02/09/14	11 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	LINDA L.	02/28/01	24 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	PEGGY D.	02/10/13	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	VIKKI	02/28/12	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	BARBARA N.	02/12/09	16 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE S.	02/10/88	37 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
TGIF GROUP	MICHAEL S.	02/04/89	36 YRS

That's 788 Years of Sobriety!

**Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out these
people and find out their secret. I'm sure they would be**

Happy to share it with you ☺

SELF-SUPPORT-JANUARY 2025

☺ Today in January, 2025 we currently have 191 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 498 meetings weekly. Also we have 128 Zoom meetings weekly. Contributions in January totaled \$10,793.94. This accounts for what 46 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in January, also included is, \$1,414.03 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. We also received a \$36.00 contribution for 1 member of the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for January was \$3,325.75, along with \$7.00 for 1 newsletter subscription. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.). Our total income for January was \$14,119.69. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$2,517.82. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$11,601.87. Our Total Expenses for January were \$10,195.50. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,406.37 for the month of January. Last year was pretty ruff for us as far as contributions and literature sales. We netted about \$32,000.00 less from the previous year in contributions, about \$25,000.00 less in literature sales and couple that with rising expenses—electric, phone, rent, computer expenses—etc, it looked kind of bad. However, that is in the past and no need to dwell on it. We just need to keep moving forward. Currently, 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 . Let's come alive in 25!!! Thank You!!!O.M. tws:)

Tim replied that you can only pick up for your group. Some discussion followed and it was finally clarified that what she was wanting to do is pick up literature for another group that was also attending the Board & Council meeting but might have a hard time getting to the Office. Tim noted that this was acceptable. A motion to approve was made, it was then seconded and approved. **Old Business:** Central Office Anniversary: Scott B. noted that they had had a recent committee meeting and all service positions were accounted for, will be reaching out to the groups concerning napkins, plates, etc, Nes will be doing the catering for the event, ticket update was that 94 tickets were still available. He asked if everyone had flyers at their groups, and that still needed more cakes for the CakeWalk, they will be going with a panel for the speakers portion of the event with Michael P., John T. and Tom F., (some gargling occurred while Scott was trying to speak and Brad reminded everyone to mute themselves to eliminate the background noise) Another meeting will be this week and after this event we will have a Founders Day flyer. Nes stated that as far as desserts, he will be bring cheesecakes from New York and asked if they had gotten the plasticware. Sophie replied not yet. Okay we'll talk about that later. Brian noted that when we do the Founders Day, that's free, we don't charge anyone for that. Scott replied: Okay, we'll come up with flyers for that when we get close to it. Sophie said that Brian, it sounds like you have some experience with that and we would like to have you on the committee. She then **Go to where the EVENTS page.....**

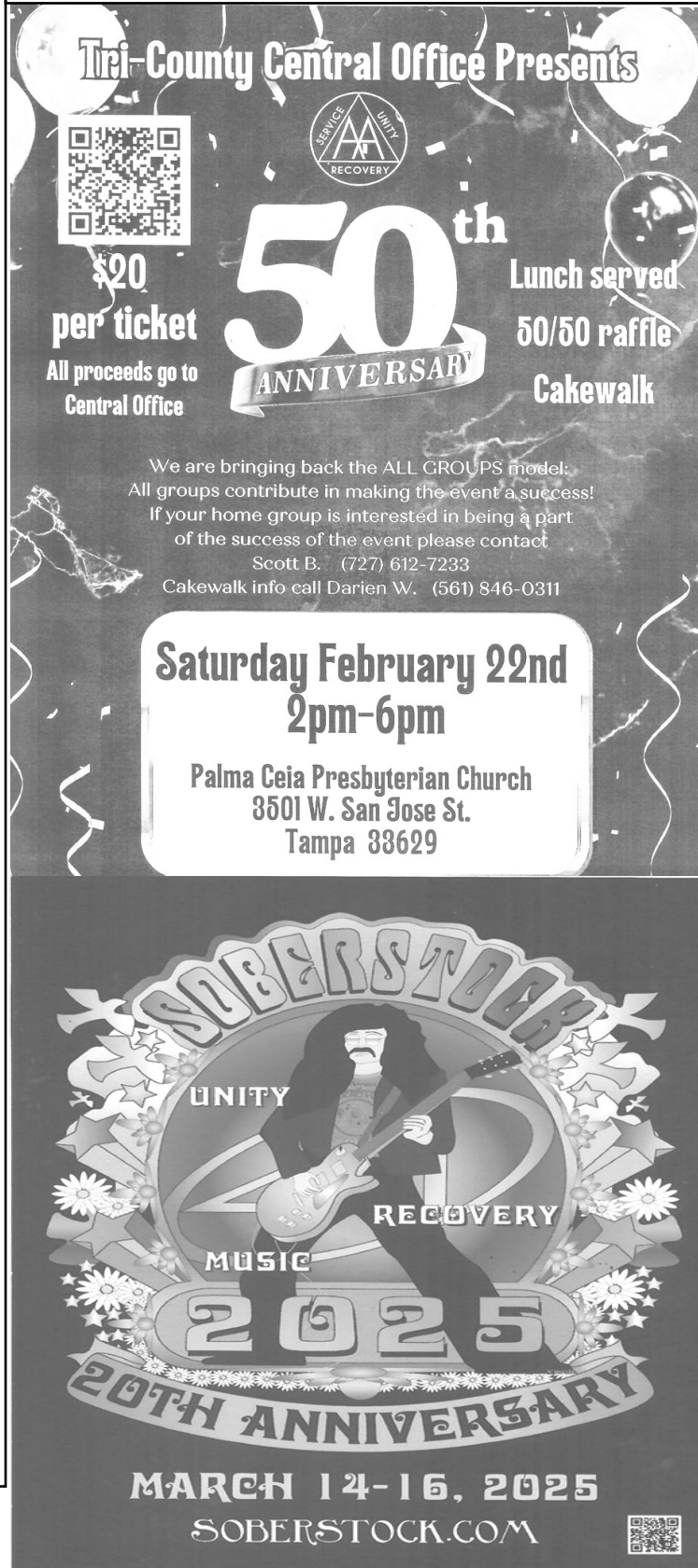
BOARD-COUNCIL MEETINGCONTINUED

went on to say that the venue is not free, the venue is \$800.00 generally speaking on the low end, we searched far and wide and ended up at the Palma Ceia Church, we interview several venues and none of them were free, we do try to offset the cost by charging folks a nominal price and providing them food but with our ticket sales up and still needing 91 tickets, not like we're coming out ahead, we're barely making the venue and the food cost, it depends on what kind of Founders Day we want to have, please join us on the ad hoc committee. Some more discussion followed. Tim will look into it.



New Business: Nancy from the Hide-a-Way Group noted that they were a pretty traditional group but recently some people were picking up chips but saying it was from being clean from drugs not alcohol and some people discussing their issues with drugs even though we have reminded them that our topics are supposed to be about alcohol. They were not able to come to a decision at their group so she had said she would ask about it here at the Central Office meeting, how other groups handle this. Sophie noted that her home group The Old School Group that we do want to encourage that our rooms are open to everyone but with our singleness of purpose it limits are conversations to alcohol, our format change is that everyone is welcome but if you are not an alcoholic, you are welcome to observe. Each group is autonomous on how they want to handle this. Linda from the Tha's What I Wanted Women's Group noted they that's exactly how her group is. We don't encourage talking about drugs, sometimes someone will say that they are an alcoholic and a drug addict, we don't make a big deal out of that, we just don't want someone just saying that they are addicted to cocaine, we really prefer that they don't do that, we have a statement read at the beginning of the meeting saying we are alcoholics and want to discuss how their life is pertaining to alcohol. Nes came back with a question, that they only had four people sign up to help with the food, as far as serving food my past experience we will need more volunteers to help, as well with the drinks and coffee. Scott noted that that shouldn't be a problem. Debbi made a comment about the ticket sales, she had purchased a table of eight and then asked who in her group would like to come, if anyone at this meeting would like to do that with their group it can help with sales. This is a pretty important event the 50th Anniversary. Al shared his experience from an old timer who is no longer with us, that to let these people come into our meetings because what is going to happen is that they ain't going to stay long because they are not getting what they need. Scott brought up the reimbursement for the Quarterly and was informed that Area would handle that. He then brought up the idea of getting a printer for the office to print schedules in house. Al noted that we had talked about this before, to get a printing machine would cost a lot of money. Al asked Tim to comment. Tim asked who was going to do the printing? Me? Even with renting a large printer to do that, with the ink, paper-etc, all of that would be more than what we are paying our printing company to do. 2000 schedules is a little over \$600.00. Are you going to form a committee to do that? Brad noted that although it looks like you might be saving money, you're really not. Sending it off as been the best way that I know of since I've been coming here. Sophie noted that she was at the Area Assembly and that some, not all, of the districts were getting some kind of rented printer and maintenance contract, we would like to present that information from those districts for your consideration to the members here and the Board, it did seem pretty cheap and they run them on demand pretty much, she went on to talk about the printing of the When and Where's and the recent office hour time changes, therefore the When & Where's would not be correct.

Announcements: Brad announced that the Tampa Bay Fall Roundup web site is live and that with the contract they had to sign with the hotel, they had to pay for the event ahead of time, so if you could go ahead and register, it would help with the cost of having the event. A question was asked about where the event was. It's all on the web site. Sophie announced a workshop February 15th at Old School

Group, she announced something about The Farm..Full Moon Fall In Love February 16th, a women's recovery event. Sophie wanted to know who would be interested in doing a Central Office orientation for anyone new or old who wants to know more about Central Office. It would be a zoom style meeting, about 30 minutes. Someone asked Tim about an update on the debit/credit card. Tim noted that he has a meeting with PNC next week. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.



Tri-County Central Office Presents



\$20 per ticket
All proceeds go to Central Office


50th ANNIVERSARY

Lunch served
50/50 raffle
Cakewalk


We are bringing back the ALL GROUPS model:
All groups contribute in making the event a success!
If your home group is interested in being a part of the success of the event please contact
Scott B. (727) 612-7233
Cakewalk info call Darien W. (561) 846-0311

Saturday February 22nd
2pm-6pm

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church
3501 W. San Jose St.
Tampa 33629



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Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	Y T D
7:15 Young Peoples Group	65.00	65.00	Keeping it Real Group			Sober @ 7 Group	82.90	82.90
11th Step Group	122.50	122.50	Keystone Group	132.28	132.28	Sober @ 7 Anniversary		
11th Step Retreat			It's In The Wind Group- 301			Sober on Saturday		
A Common Solution			Language of the Heart			SoberSticks Event		
Alpha Group	100.00	100.00	Life Enrichment Group			SoberStock Event		
Annual Housecleaning			Living in the Solution			Sober on Saturday		
Anonymous Donations	230.17	230.17	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sobrenity Group	390.00	390.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	487.50	487.50	Little Harbor Grapevine Beach			Sobrietea Women's Gp.		
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	40.00	Lunch Bunch Group	100.00	100.00	Soberilla		
BeginnersFirst Group			Monday Night Men's			Sobriety at Sunrise	445.25	445.25
Beginners Step Group Brandon	98.00	98.00	Melbourne Beach Seaside Women's			Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Better Together Group			Mid Day Madness			Southshore Men's Group	392.39	392.39
Big Book Bunch Group			Morning Express Group			Southside Men's Group # 1	650.00	650.00
Bill D's Group			Morning Express (YANA)	931.45	931.45	Southside Men's Group #3		
Birthday Club	36.00	36.00	Morning Mindset Group			Southside Men's Group #4	344.50	344.50
Brandon Big Book Meeting	44.00	44.00	My Turn Group			Spiritual Growth Group		
By The Book Men's Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Zoom		
BYO 12 & 12 Group			New Beginning Group-(Our Club)			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Came To Believe Group			Newcomers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)	30.40	30.40
Candlelight Group			New Tampa Monday Night Men's	102.00	102.00	Sun City Center Group	16.50	16.50
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Nooners Group--Riverview			Sun City Center Men's		
Carrollwood Group			Nooners Group--Tampa			Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg	131.50	131.50
Clean Air Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	50.00
Come As You Are Group			Odessa Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples	1,200.00	1,200.00
Dade City Keep it Simple Group	195.00	195.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	191.75	191.75	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
District 2 General Service			Palma Ceia Big Book Group			Tampa Nightly Newcomers		
Druid Hills Big Book			Pathfinders			T & C Sisters in Sobriety Gp	295.40	295.40
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Pavillion Peeps			TGIS Group		
Expect a Miracle Group	200.00	200.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Thank God it's Friday Group	191.00	191.00
Fireside Group			Plank Owners Group	232.00	232.00	The 164 Group		
Fishhawk Group			Primary Purpose Group			The Meeting Place Group		
Fourth Dimension Group			Promises Anniversary Dinner			The Promises Meeting Group	101.54	101.54
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Read This Book Group			Tues.Big Book of Brandon		
Friday @ 4 Group	164.45	164.45	Red Chip Day			Tuesday Book Club Group		
Friday Morning Women's Friendship			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Tuesday Newcomers Group		
Friday Under the Lights			Riverside Group			Turning Point Group		
Friends of Bill Meditation Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group			UpTown/ Downtown Group		
Friends of Bill Women's Group			Ruskin Women's Big Book	288.36	288.36	Wed Night Step Workshop		
Full Moon River Womens	145.00	145.00	Safe, Sane & Sober Group	277.75	277.75	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Gifts of Sobriety			Saturday Night Fever Group			Wellspring Group		
Good Start Group	308.00	308.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM	260.00	260.00	With Room to Grow Group	600.00	600.00
Grace-n-Gratitude			Set Aside Big Book Study Group			Wesley Chapel Group		
Great Way To Start The Day	230.10	230.10	Simply Sobriety Women's Group	224.00	224.00	Women's Friendship Group	405.60	405.6
Helping Hands Group			Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)	195.37	195.37	Ya Ya Sisterhood of Sobriety		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City	100.00	100.00	Sisters Celebrating Sobriety					
Hide-A-Way Group			Sisters in Sobriety Group					
Host of Friends Group			Sisters in Sobriety CakeWalk					
It's in the Book Men's Group								
In Loving Memory								
Keep it Simple Men's Group								
Keep It Simple/Pass It On								
Keep it Simply Spiritual								
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						Monthly Total	10,827.66	
Total	2,565.72							
YTD		2,565.72				Grand Total	10,827.66	