



Tri-County Central Office News

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails. ABSI

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MAKE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS INVENTORY

THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO BETTER

We have experienced a degree of peace and freedom as a result of completing Step Three. It will be easier for us to procrastinate at this point in our recovery. Some of us will have it in our minds that we can take a break after completing Step Three. Some of us might think, "What more do I need if I have God in my life?" This question is answered on page 64 of the *Alcoholics Anonymous* text. The literature states, **"Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and be rid of, the things in ourselves which have been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions."** Completing the Third Step prayer will only keep us sober for a temporary time. We will need to complete the remaining Steps if we want to experience continual peace and sobriety, so it is vital that we complete our Fourth Step Inventory if we want to remain sober. The Fourth Step will help us identify our defects of character and how these defects hurt others and ourselves. We will gain insight into our defects of character by identifying the situations and conditions that provoked us to practice them. **"The Seven Deadly Sins"** is a good guide for identifying what a defect of character is. They include pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, and sloth. We will be able to better identify our own defects of character with this knowledge. There three sections of the Fourth Step inventory that the A.A. text specifically addresses. They are fear, resentment, and sex. However, we will want to inventory any area of our lives in which we practice our defects of character. We are no longer avoiding the truth. Many of us have been dodging the truth for years, if not all our lives. We were afraid of what the truth might reveal to us about ourselves. We knew we had to face our truth regardless of our feelings. If we tried to skip this Step, we paid for it in the form of an eventual relapse or a less predictable emotional state. We will not want to miss the tool of honest self-investigation that the Fourth Step offers us. We will continue to use to use this tool on a daily basis after we have completed Step Four. We are slowly learning how to be our authentic selves. And we will do this with the assurance and support of our Higher Power and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. We do not have to hide from ourselves anymore. If we have completed our Fourth Step inventory, we have completed what most people in the world are afraid to do. We have faced ourselves and have grown because of it. We can now move on to Step Five. We have found it best to complete the Fifth Step as soon as possible after completing the Fourth Step inventory. We need the relief of sharing what we have found with another human being and our Higher Power as soon as possible.
Excerpt from "The Little Purple Pamphlet"

When I was new to AA, one of my favorite meetings to attend was a Tuesday night women's meeting. It wasn't my home group, but it was one of my favorite meetings. It was a closed meeting, but they let me bring my 4-year-old daughter with me. They had a group conscience to allow children. I told my sponsor all about this meeting and how much I liked it. When I got six months of sobriety, it happened to be on a Tuesday. My sponsor came with me to this women's meeting to give me my six-month coin. Because it was her first time visiting this meeting, I asked her afterward how she liked it. She said it seemed like a nice meeting, but she looked a little bit confused. She asked me if she had heard right when they were reading the script and said that the meeting was closed. I confirmed that, yes, that was one of the reasons I felt comfortable in the meeting. Then she asked why I was bringing my daughter to a closed meeting. I explained to her that they allow everyone to bring their kids and that it was a group conscience decision made by the members. That's when I first learned a lot more about Tradition Four. My sponsor took the time that evening to explain to me what a closed meeting is for. She explained that even though I don't personally choose to hide my anonymity, there are some members who need their anonymity to be protected. Some professionals can't risk running into their patients or clients. School teachers, pediatricians and counselors, among others, may actually need that meeting to be closed. And while I'm free to attend any meeting I like -open or closed- some members are only able to attend closed meetings. They depend on being able to look for that word "closed" in the AA meeting directory, knowing their anonymity will be protected. My sponsor told me that I don't have the right to risk someone else's anonymity by bringing my daughter to a closed meeting, no matter what their group conscience says. She explained that in our "Twelve and Twelve" book, in the chapter about Tradition Four, it states that every group has the "right to be wrong," and in this case she thought the group was wrong. She told me that once I know better I have the opportunity to do better, just like in any other inventory work. More is always revealed. I stopped attending that meeting on the nights that I had my daughter. Coincidentally, my daughter started school the very next year, and you'll never guess how she knew the in-training principal. Yes, from the "closed" women's meeting. I felt terrible, but the principal was very gracious and understanding. Since then, I have a much deeper respect for all the Traditions. I also have a better understanding of the Fourth Tradition in that it was never intended to be used to void any of the other Traditions. The Traditions were meant to work together in unit, not against each other. One Tradition doesn't cancel another one out. Each group is autonomous in *their own customs and practices*, not their own Steps and Traditions. Does the group want to clap or chant? Should the meeting be an hour or an hour and a half long? How much money should the group keep for a prudent reserve? Does the group give out coins at the beginning of the meeting or the end of the meeting or not at all? Each group should have their own formats and their own customs. But the 12 Traditions are the same for every group. And if my home group is breaking a Tradition, we are effecting AA as a whole, because that's what we're passing on to new people—our future oldtimers.

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 have a hissy fit if you don't see contributions from your Group on our Contributions page.

Carrie B., Bend, Oregon
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District 2 - Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee covering Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties

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TBAIC SECRETARY REPORT 24/03/09 Chair Report - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. In attendance were John T., Joe R., Jenna M., Jonathan C., Mike B. and Tom F. Jonathan started his report by saying the district asked him to do some background on a proposed literature change on the 24th of March, regarding singleness of purpose. He went on to say that there would be two district meetings in March and none in April due to schedule conflicts the assembly and the Easter Holiday. He also reported that the Carry the Message Day will be held on April 20th at the Salvation Army Church on Sligh Ave between 1:00 PM and 4:00 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. presented the treasurers' report. Our current balance is \$3,320.13. Monthly expenses were \$50.00 for Central Office Storage, \$47.03 Zephyrhills CI coffee. Literature expenses for the month totaled \$339.30. Our committee received \$984.82 in contributions from the following groups: Early Risers, Keep It Simple Group, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) Group, Tampa Bay Young People Group, and Thank God It's Friday Group. **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. Meetings at Cove Housing (women) are not currently being covered John called to ask about starting again but has not been able to connect with them. Acts Juvenile is going well. The men’s meetings at Cove Behavioral Heath are going well according to Joe R.. Sandra Prince is also doing well according to John R. Tom F. reported Wellspring is not supporting the HCA West Tampa Hospital on Webb Road since the hospital closed down their detox center. **Corrections** – True Core Juvenile, the girl's side is going well according to Jenna M. She also noted that the facility is going to start meetings for boys at the facility. Women’s meetings in Hillsborough County are going well. There was no report for the men’s meetings in Hillsborough County Jails. No report for women at Pasco County Jail. Tom F. reported things were a bit sticky at Zephyrhills CI. They recently cut down on the number of cups we are allowed to pass out to 35 while we have been getting more than that number attending the meeting each week. They seem to be going out their way to discourage participation at the meeting. Tom F. is going to write to the DOC program director as well as the officials at Zephyrhills CI. **Bridge The Gap** – Bridge the Gap we had one call John T. Handled it. Man on the Bed – Tom F. reported that he had two calls for MOB, one for a female patient and one call for a male patient. Contacts were made for both patients. John T. handled one call for a female who did not want to talk to the person who came to see her. **Old Business** – No old business to discuss. **New Business** – No new business The meeting ended at 10:30 AM

Our Next Committee Meeting
April 06th, 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: February 10th-March 9th 2024
Early Risers Group: \$160.00, Keep it Simple/Pass it On Group: \$211.00, Ruskin Fellowship Group: \$88.00, Tampa Bay Young Peoples Group: \$496.82, Thank God it's Friday Group: \$29.00

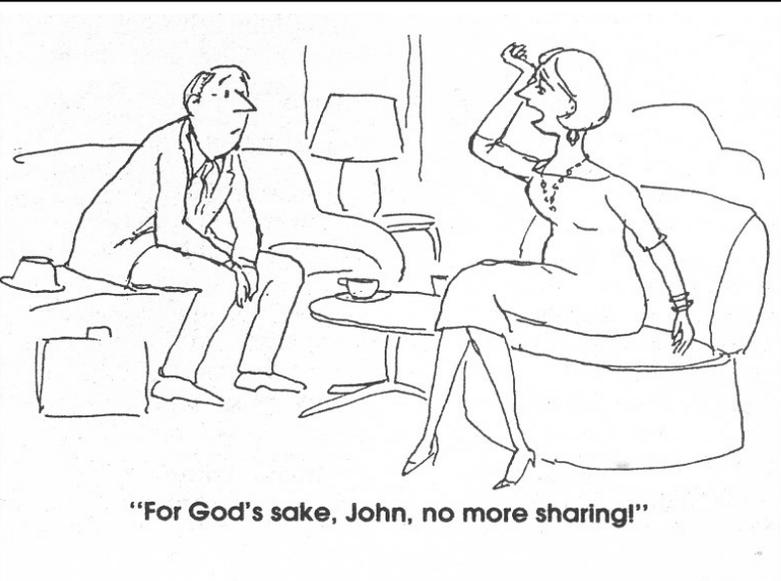
YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$2,527.77
Pink Can Balance 12/2023	\$7,110.46
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$5,167.57
YTD Operational Expenses	\$1,053.54
Pink Can Current Balance	\$3,320.13

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.

LISTEN TO LEARN-LEARN TO LISTEN

One of the greatest acts we can perform is to teach another human being how to discover their true potential by showing them how to work the Steps and to live life on life's terms. No doubt you have experienced the sense of fulfillment that comes when you've helped someone. Unfortunately, our ability to be teachers often gets entangled with our agenda and we turn into preachers. We start to gain some insights into the way the program works and then the next thing you know, we're experts at everything. We used to share for a few minutes at a meeting but now we head off into a 15 or 20 minute speech and still have to double or even triple dip with even more of our great wisdom and knowledge. There's an old Indian saying, "Thunder is loud but lightening gets the job done." Maybe, perhaps, we need to focus more on being teachers and not preachers by focusing on what we need to fix, instead of looking at what's wrong with others. When we are *walking the talk*, people feel it. They notice that we are changing and that's what will help them the most. They'll want to know what our secret to sobriety is and that curiosity will build the desire for them to open up. A great tool to use is to become a better listener. We need to feel people at the level that they'll coming from if we want them to hear us. The only way to do that is to listen to them. For many of us our first response is to talk. The truth is, when someone comes to us for advice, they don't really want advice. What they want is a sounding board, a medium for them to sort out their jumbled thoughts so they can get down to the answers they already possess. So a good exercise to increase your listening skills is to avoid interrupting. When you're talking with someone, fight the urge to take front-stage. Don't try to teach them anything. Just be silent, and if the person asks for feedback, paraphrase back to them what they told you without making judgments or giving advice. You will see that the person wants to share more with you and you in turn will learn more about what the person needs. Learn to pay less attention to what goes in your mouth and more attention to what comes out. Sometimes we are so quick to give advice that we don't realize how powerful our words are. We can easily send someone in the wrong direction by saying the wrong thing. Imagine yourself telling someone how to invest in a million dollars. Most likely, you'll give a lot more thought to what you're saying. Ask yourself often, "am I sure this is what this person needs to hear?" If you keep doing that, you will soon see dramatic improvements in your ability to teach others.

Anonymous



Tradition Four March 1948

Tradition Four March 1948 Tradition Four is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions One and Two. Tradition One states: "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition Two states: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience." With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub. Those severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience." Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group, or regional committee could take an action that might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy. Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to take any action that might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area, if there be one. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect AA as a whole, it consults the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our overall general service committee. For instance, no group or intergroup could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect AA as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be AA standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our AA general Headquarters. This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition Four, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

Excerpts: **"The Language of the Heart"**
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NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 12th, 2024 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	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.	UNEXCUSED	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., Chris S.; Debbie 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. The groups with new Council members represented were: Monday Night Madness and the Big Book Bunch. **Secretary Report:** Debbie read the February Secretary report. Al asked if there were any questions for Debbie. There were none. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. **Treasurers Report:** Chris presented the February Treasurer's Report. 502 meetings weekly. Also we have 128 Zoom meetings weekly Contributions in February totaled \$8,409.35. This accounts for what 40 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in February, also included is, \$1,489.06 from 9 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. 2 members contributed \$41.00 from the Birthday Club and we also received \$729.10 from the Soberilla 12 Step Workshop. Our literature sales for February was \$9,249.94. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) and 1 newsletter subscription. Our total income for February was \$17,659.29. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$7,292.17. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$10,367.12. Our Total Expenses for February were \$9,896.30. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$470.82 for the month of February. A question was asked to reiterate the net profit. Randall corrected a mis-speak by the Treasurer when he said the January report which was actually the February report. Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. **Old Business:** None **New Business:** None **Announcements:** Tim gave a whole bunch of event announcements and noted that they are all on the web site. Randall announced an AWOL meeting in June at Joe's Club. Nes announced the Promises Group Anniversary Dinner coming up in September and they need volunteers to help set up and other duties. Al noted that we need 12 Step volunteers . Debbie announced the 18th Anniversary of the Came to Believe Group in April. A question was asked if there was a sober requirement for the 12 Step work. Tim noted that you need to be sober, if you have one more day than the newer person, you got a little more sobriety, you can help. He also noted that we really need people that are willing to go pick people up and take them to a meeting. You don't have to sponsor them, just get them to a meeting and introduce them to other sober members and get phone numbers. Then it's up to them to follow through. Randall noted he had gotten a phone call for that and the gentleman that he had picked up was actually at a meeting tonight. That's how it works. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. **The next Board & Council Meeting will be April 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM**

March 12th, 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
SANDY M.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JOANN B.	DISTRICT 2 CHAIR
KEN M.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
JOHN T.	LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
THERESA V.	BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP
ROBERT M.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
SAMANTHA A.	FISHHAWK GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
NORM B.	SOBER @7 GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM)
RANDALL D.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP
NANCY H.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP
CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
ANNIE L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
BRIEN S.	164 GROUP
SCOTT B.	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
JEREMY B.	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
FRANK L.	SOBRENITY GROUP
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S

NOTE: The chat was incomplete, so if I missed your name, that is why—sorry.



Came to Believe 21st Anniversary

Music, Food, and Fellowship

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

9am – 11 am

St Mark's Episcopal Church
13312 Cain Rd
Tampa, FL 33625

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

SELF-SUPPORT-March, 2024

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
GRACE-N-GRATITUDE	MAUREEN D.	04/21/88	36 YRS
KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP	STEVE S.	04/29/11	13 YRS
SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE	JULIE L.	04/25/93	31 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	ANNIE	04/07	17 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	MARY V.	04/96	28 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GARY Y.	04/87	37 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	GUS A.	04/82	42 YRS
DADE CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE	CHERYL B.	04/22/84	40 YRS
FISHHAWK GROUP	CINDY L.	04/21/07	17 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	TAMMY	04/07/07	17 YRS
LIVING SOBER AS BILL SEES IT	YVONNE S.	04/01.07	17 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KATHY M.	04/01/13	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	LUANNE M.	04/01/09	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	DIANE C.	04/10/02	22 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KAREN	04/19/91	33 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEBBIE K.	04/22/19	5 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JERRY K.	04/03/05	19 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRTY WOMENS	WENDY B.	04/01/18	6 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	GEORGE S.	04/26/86	38 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	HECTOR R.	04/24/86	38 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	LINN D.	04/01/15	9 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	SANDY G.	04/14/97	27 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	PAUL F.	04/03/96	28 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	30 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MIKE B.	04/13/87	37 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	TOM R.	04/14/84	40 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BRAD	04/16/12	12 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	BUD F.	04/16/83	41 YRS

© Today in March, 2024 still 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 March totaled \$4,574.21. This accounts for what 37 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in March, also included is, \$884.01 from 6 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Our literature sales for March was \$4,652.84. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) . Our total income for March was \$9,227.05. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,643.06. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$5,583.99. Our Total Expenses for March were \$11,516.00. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$5,932.01 for the month of March. 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 Four: Each Group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.** 1. Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in A.A.? 2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador? 3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it? 4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know who I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship? 5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober? 6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?
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**A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO
CENTRAL OFFICE**

**ONE DOLLAR OR MORE FOR EACH YEAR OF
SOBRIETY**

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN	HERE	☺	☺

That's 665 Years of Sobriety!

Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out these people and find out their secret. ☺

Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code. Big Book page 84

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA
Download Flyers from Events Page



**SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15
 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
 April 5-7, 2024**

Hosted by Spanish Linguistic Districts 18 (17 & 21)
 Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Friday, April 5
 8:30-9:30pm Speaker Meeting
 10:00-11:00pm Night Owl Meeting
 10:00-11:00pm Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Saturday, April 6
 7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting
 7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting
 8:00-9:00am Concepts Workshop
 8:00-9:00am Spanish Concepts Workshop
 8:30-10:50am Treatment Facilities Committee
 9:00-10:50am Remote Communities Committee
 9:00-10:50am Accessibilities Committee**
 9:00-10:50am Archives Committee
 9:00-10:50am Current Practices Committee
 9:00-10:50am Grapevine/La Vina Committee*
 9:00-10:50am Literature Committee
 9:00-10:50am PI/CPC Committee
 11:00-12:00pm Traditions Workshop
 11:00-12:30pm Spanish Linguistic Committee
 12:00-1:30pm State Convention Committee
 12:00-1:30pm Website Committee

Saturday, April 6
 12:30-1:30pm District Chairpersons Meeting
 12:30-1:30pm District Treasurers Meeting
 12:30-1:30pm District Secretaries/Registrars Mtg
 1:00-1:50pm Spanish Traditions Workshop
 1:30-3:50pm Corrections Committee
 2:00-3:50pm Finance Committee
 2:00-3:50pm Intergroup/Central Office Meeting
 2:00-3:50pm CSR Sharing*
 2:00-3:50pm DCM Sharing
 2:00-3:50pm Quarterly Coordinators Meeting
 4:00-6:00pm Conference Agenda Review
 6:00-7:00pm Outreach Committee
 7:00-8:30pm Banquet
 8:30pm-9:30pm Speaker Meeting***
 10:00-11:00pm Night Owl Meeting
 10:00-11:00pm Spanish Night Owl Meeting

Sunday, April 7
 7:00-8:00am Early Bird Meeting
 7:00-8:00am Spanish Early Bird Meeting
 9:00am Area 15 Business Meeting***

*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; **ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter provided.
 Arrangements for Accessibilities accommodations at any meeting, workshop, or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by contacting the Area Accessibilities Chair at accessib@lites@area15aa.org by 03/16/24. Wheelchair accessible rooms need to be booked directly with the hotel.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

No. of Chicken: _____
 No. of Steak: _____
 No. of Vegan: _____
 Total Tickets @ \$44 each: _____
 Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 District: _____
 Guests with Special Dietary Needs (state needs): _____

Make checks payable to District 18 Inc.
 Mail in (with coupon & note "Quarterly Banquet" on check) to:
 District 18 Treasurer - 106 Commerce Way Suite A12., Jupiter, FL 33458

Zelle payments also accepted: quarterlyapril2024@gmail.com
 If paying with Zelle include your name and meal choice in the memo section. Pick up our tickets at the April 2024 Quarterly.
 Payment due by March 22, 2024. Cash, Checks and Zelle payments will be accepted at the Assembly.

BOCA RATON MARRIOTT AT BOCA CENTER
 5150 TOWN CENTER CIRCLE, BOCA RATON, FL 33486

Hotel Room Reservations:
 Call (800) 228-9290
 Room Rate: \$165.00 per night + tax
 Reference: "South Florida General Service Conference"
 Or register online

HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON January 8, 2024 @ 9 AM and MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 5, 2024
<https://book.paskey.com/e/50573885>

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed on a hotel room wait list, please contact:
 Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:
hotelinfo@area15aa.org

FROM 1-95, EXIT PALMETTO PARK ROAD (EXIT 44) AND GO WEST.
 TURN RIGHT (NORTH) AT MILITARY TRAIL.
 TURN RIGHT AT TOWN CENTER CIRCLE & FOLLOW ROAD TO HOTEL ENTRANCE.

QUESTIONS? Please contact
naretmultiservices@hotmail.com or rafisqol74@gmail.com

Friday & Saturday Dinner

Fishing
 Kayaking

Saturday Breakfast



Bring desert to share on Saturday

Fun 50/50

Meetings Speakers



Price includes camping for the weekend or day, Friday and Saturday dinner, continental breakfast Saturday, welcome packet, and other fun activities!

Please fill out, detach, and send in with payment.
 Please make checks payable to "Unity Under the Stars Campout"

Name _____ Phone No. _____ email: _____

Overnight Registration fee: \$40.00 per adult- \$10 kids over 10 - children under 10 free
 How many overnight: Adults _____ Children (over 10) _____ Children (under 10) _____
 Total \$ _____

Saturday Day pass fee: \$15.00 per adult- children free (include children in registration)
 How many day: Adults _____ Children _____ Total \$ _____

T-shirts \$15 must be ordered by 3/1/23. There will not be any for sale at event.
 How many: Small _____ Med _____ LG _____ XLG _____ 2XLG (\$17) _____

Additional Scholarship Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Register on line at <https://forms.gle/TZix1ejzN3ftyVo9>, or scan the QR code above.
 Reservation will not be held until payment is received.
 Payments can be sent to: Unity Under the Stars, 1689 Barrow St., Deltona, FL 32725
 Contact the UUTS committee at d19unityunderthestars@gmail.com.

DISTRICT 2 PRESENTS

CARRY THE MESSAGE DAY

Saturday
 April 20, 2024

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Come join us for a day of fun AA-themed games including Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and Bingo! Don't miss out on a chance to fellowship, win amazing prizes, & learn how District 2's committees "Carry the Message"

GAMES | PRIZES | TRIVIA

Tampa Salvation Army Church
 1100 W Sligh Ave, Tampa, FL 33604

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Learn more via Zoom 2/19 and 3/18 @ 7PM
 ID: 825 4898 7233
 Pass: 052496
 Or Contact Melissa A. melissadkins04@icloud.com (813) 802-3769

DISTRICT 2 PRESENTS DELEGATE LUNCHEON

SUN JUNE 02 REPORT BACK



COME GET INFORMED and Hear the latest 74th General Service Conference Highlights!

Meet Area 15 Delegate

1:30PM - 5:00PM THE CLUB (aka 3333 Club)
 3333 WEST COLUMBUS AVE, TAMPA, FL

Hybrid Option Zoom Meeting ID 96268961514 PW: District2

POTLUCK PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH MEET & GREET
 CONTACT US AT (863) 409 5928 OR (904) 713 7312

FOR MORE DETAILS Go to <https://aatampa.org/>

Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D
7:15 Young Peoples Group		55.75	Keeping it Real Group		105.00	Sober @ 7 Group		116.60
AA 101 Group			Keystone Group	215.00	215.00	Sober @ 7 Anniversary		
Alpha Group	100.00	300.00	Language of the Heart			SoberSticks Event		200.00
Annual Housecleaning			Life Enrichment Group			SoberStock Event		
Anonymous Donations	366.08	798.84	Live and Let Live Group			Sobriety Group	390.00	400.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	195.00	195.00	Living in the Solution		150.00	Sobrietea Women's Group	25.00	25.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Soberilla		729.10
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	60.00	Little Harbor Grapevine Beach		300.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	172.25	642.85
BeginnersFirst Group		390.00	Lunch Bunch Group			Sobriety at Sunset Group		230.10
BeginnersStep Group		76.00	Mid Day Madness			Solutions Group		
Big Book Bunch Group	160.00	160.00	Mid Day Matinee Group			Southshore Men's Group		300.06
Bill D's Group		125.00	Morning Express Group		96.20	Southside Men's Group # 1		
Birthday Club		76.00	Morning Express (YANA)			Southside Men's Group # 2		
Brandon Saturday Night Group			Morning Mindset Group		22.32	Southside Men's Group #3		300.00
By The Book Men's Group			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Southside Men's Group #4		
BYO 12 & 12 Group			New Beginnings Brandon			Spiritual Development		
Came To Believe Group		317.00	New Beginning Group-(Our Club)			Spiritual Growth Group		
Candlelight Group		1.72	Newcomers Group		326.48	Stay the Course Group		
Cardinal Group - Odessa		650.00	New Tampa Monday Men's		322.00	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Zoom		100.00
Carrollwood Group	49.50	49.50	New Way Women's Group			Step Sisters in Sobriety		95.32
Clean Air Group		8.12	Nightly Newcomers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		91.20
Close to Home Group			Nooners Group--Riverview			Sun City Center Group		56.80
Come As You Are Group		7.10	Nooners Group--Tampa		134.38	Sun City Center Men's		60.00
District 2 General Service	531.60	531.60	Noontime Celebration Gp.			Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		105.00
Druid Hills Big Book		34.50	Odessa Group	89.00	89.00	Sunset Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's		360.00	Old School Group			Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	150.00
Expect a Miracle Group			Old Timers Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		1,656.05
Fireside Group		80.65	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	250.00	250.00
Fishhawk Group	162.90	192.90	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		306.80	Tampa Sat Night Speakers	100.00	100.00
Fourth Dimension Group		211.90	Pathfinders Group			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Freedom in Sobriety Group	115.56	115.56	Pavillion Peeps		100.00	TGIS Group		
Friday @ 4 Group		211.25	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Thank God it's Friday		252.00
Friday Night Lights Group			Plank Owners Group		52.00	The 164 Group		5.87
Friday Morning Women's Friend-ship		300.00	Primary Purpose Group		500.00	The Meeting Place Group		
Friday Under the Lights		112.00	Promises Meeting Group			Tues.Big Book of Brandon		79.00
Friends of Bill Women's Group		200.00	Red Chip Day			Tuesday Book Club Group	1.51	1.51
Full Moon River Womens		546.10	Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Turning Point Group -Z-H.		130.00
Gifts of Sobriety	195.00	195.00	Riverside Group		655.77	UpTown/ Downtown Group		83.33
Good Start Group	330.00	660.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			WAWA Group		
Grapevine Gals Group			Ruskin Women's Big Book	111.05	146.25	We Are Not Saints Group		
Great Way To Start The Day		169.50	Safe, Sane & Sober Group		111.05	Wed Night Step Workshop		
Happy Hour Group			Saturday Night Fever Group		401.21	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Helping Hands Group	10.00	10.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM			Wellspring Group		195.00
Hi Nooners Group Plant City	100.00	100.00	Simply Sobriety Women's Group	274.00	200.81	Wesley Chapel Group		
Hide-A-Way Group	386.72	386.72	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)		274.00	With Room to Grow Group		750.00
Host of Friends Group			Sisters Celebrating Sobriety		281.83	Women's Friendship Group		375
It's in the Book Men's Group		426.77	Sisters in Sobriety Group					
In Loving Memory					151.20	Total	988.76	
Just What I Wanted Big Book						YTD Total		7,585.79
Keep it Simple Men's Group		75.00	Total	689.05		Monthly Total	4,595.17	
Keep It Simple/Pass It On			YTD Total		4,942.30			
Keep it Simply Spiritual		316.00						
Keep it Simple Group Dade City	195.00	390.00						
Total	2,917.36					Grand Total	21,493.57	
YTD Total		8,965.48						