



# Tri-County Central Office News

The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us, with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves towards others and toward God.

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## From our book.....DAILY REFLECTIONS

**The spiritual life is not a theory. We have to live it.**  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 83

When new in the program, I couldn't comprehend living the spiritual aspect of the program, but now that I'm sober, I can't comprehend living without it. Spirituality was what I had been seeking. God, as I understand Him, has given me answers to the whys that kept me drinking for twenty years. By living a spiritual life, by asking God for help, I have learned to love, care for and feel compassion for all my fellow men, and to feel joy in a world where, before, I felt only fear. **At the moment we are trying to put our lives in order. But this is not an end in itself.** ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 77

How easily I can become misdirected in approaching the Eighth Step! I wish to be free, somehow transformed by my Sixth and Seventh Step work. Now, more than ever, I am vulnerable to my own self-interest and hidden agenda. I am careful to remember that self-satisfaction, which sometimes comes through the spoken forgiveness of those I have harmed, is not my true objective. I become willing to make amends, knowing that through this process I am mended and made fit to move forward, to know and desire God's will for me. **Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us.** ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 77

It is clear that God's plan for me is expressed through love. God loved me enough to take me from alleys and jails so that I could be made a useful participant in His world. My response is to love all of His children through service and by example. I ask God to help me imitate His love for me through my love for others. **Faith, to be sure, is necessary, but faith alone can avail nothing. We can have faith, yet keep God out of our lives.** TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 34

As a child I constantly questioned the existence of God. To a "scientific thinker" like me, no answer could withstand a thorough dissection, until a very patient woman finally said to me, "You must have faith." With that simple statement, the seeds of my recovery were sown!

Today, as I practice my recovery – cutting back the weeds of alcoholism – slowly I am letting those early seeds of faith grow and bloom. Each day of recovery, of ardent gardening, brings the Higher Power of my understanding more fully into my life. My God has always been with me through faith, but it is my responsibility to have the willingness to accept His presence.

I ask God to grant me the willingness to do His will.

Excerpts from the DAILY REFLECTIONS  
Reprint Permission A.A. World Services

## TRADITION EIGHT

Alcoholics Anonymous will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionals our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: **Our single purpose has been defeated.** Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a few A.A.'s have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee. Despite this certainty, it is nevertheless true that few subjects have been the cause of more contention within our Fellowship than professionalism. Caretakers who swept floors, cooks who fried hamburgers, secretaries in offices, authors writing books—all these we have seen hotly assailed because they were, as their critics angrily remarked, "making money out of A.A." Ignoring the fact that these labors were not Twelfth Step jobs at all, the critics attacked as A.A. professionals these workers of ours who were often doing thankless tasks that no one else could or would do. Even greater furors were provoked when A.A. members began to run rest homes and farms for alcoholic, when some hired out to corporations as personnel men in charge of the alcoholic problem in industry, when some became nurses on alcoholic wards, when others entered the field of alcohol education. In all these instances, and more, it was claimed that A.A. knowledge and experience were being sold for money, hence these people, too, were professionals. At last, however, a plain line of cleavage could be seen between professionalism and non-professionalism. When we had agreed that the Twelfth Step couldn't be sold for money, we had been wise. But when we had declared that our Fellowship couldn't hire service workers nor could any A.A. member carry our knowledge into other fields, we were taking the counsel of fear, fear which today has been largely dispelled in the light of experience. Take the case of the club janitor and cook. If the club is going to function, it has to be habitable and hospitable. We tried volunteers, who were quickly disenchanted with sweeping floors and brewing coffee seven days a week. They just didn't show up. Even more important, an empty club couldn't answer its telephone, but it was an open invitation to a drunk on a binge who possessed a spare key. So somebody had to look after the place full time. If we hired an alcoholic, he'd receive only what we'd have to pay a non-alcoholic for the same job. The job was not to **do** Twelfth Step work; it was to make Twelfth Step work possible. It was a service proposition, pure and simple. Neither could A.A. itself function without full-time workers.

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

**23/07/08 Chair Report** - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. Followed by the attendees introducing themselves. Jonathan C. started with his report he attended the district meeting where the voted on two motions that had nothing to do with our committee. Mike Blanchard mentioned the next area assembly was next weekend at the Airport Marriott Hotel and he urged all that could attend to go to both the Treatment Committee meeting and the Corrections Committee meeting. Secretary Report - Tom F then read the secretary report and it was accepted as read without any changes to it. Treasurer Report - John T. gave the Treasures report. He started by saying the current "Pink Can" balance was \$5,002.55. We received a total of \$1,232.85 from 9 group different groups and one contribution to the Central Office Pink Can. The contributing groups were the Came To Believe Group, Early Risers Group, Hide A Way Group, Keep It Simple Group, New Beginnings Group, Nooners's Group, Old School Group, Promises AA Group, Ruskin Fellowship and Sober On Saturday. Our expenses for the month besides literature were as follows: \$50.00 to central office for use of their space to store our literature; \$34.97 for coffee supplies for Zephyrhills CI.; \$47.73 TBAIC stamps for literature. We spent \$2,182.62 on literature this past month. Treatment - All meetings are being covered ACTS Detox on 50th Street. ACTS Amethyst Group Seems to be covered. The New Beginnings Monday meeting is going well but the Thursday meeting could use support from a veteran. Currently Jonathan C. and a grand sponsee are covering the Thursday meeting. John T. said all is well at Cove housing. Both he and Curtis B. took a meeting in to it on Friday. Cove Behavioral Health (women) is being covered by three women without any issues. Cove Behavioral Health (men) Joe from the Friday Men's meeting at YANA said the meeting is being covered with great enthusiasm by his group. Tampa Hope is getting covered. Tom F. reported that the Wellspring group is covering meetings at HCA Florida West Tampa Hospital located on Webb Road in Tampa. Coverage for Sandra Prince all is going well in general attendance is good. It was incorrectly reported, in a prior report that attendance was off. The Salvation Army Shelter on Florida Ave could use support. Matt reported on the VA meeting. He works there and says he tries to do two meetings a week but he does at least one a week. Because it is a government facility they were not allowed to pray at the end of a meeting. Susanne suggested instead of a prayer reading the promises and page thirty from the book. Corrections - Rich R. reports that the Hillsborough Men's volunteers are getting a little thin. He is doing some juggling with the schedule to get all the meetings there covered. Tom F. reported that all is going well at the prison. The attendance has been off due to a basketball tournament and some excitement about the house band who won a local region tournament and will be going Tallahassee to compete against the other three regions. In an email Jason C. reported via email River Oaks continues to have plenty of volunteers and meetings are continuing smoothly. Books and materials for River Oaks have been re-upped by Jorge last week. True core behavioral also has good Saturday meeting attendance but has been lacking on female volunteers for Sunday's meeting. Materials and books for this meeting were picked up last week. Britani B. sent an email reporting on the status of Pasco County Jail for women. Currently we do not have enough volunteers available to cover the meetings. I have sent the application to several women and only one has completed it so far. Julian suggested that we push back the meetings to start in August in order to get new women approved and oriented. With only three members returning and with limited availability, we will need to get new volunteers before we can commence meetings. Bridge The Gap - John T. reported getting two calls both were bridged one man leaving River Oaks was going to Charleston, South Carolina.

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

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
**August 5th,2023** 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**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**

**Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation last Month:**

**Contributions: June 10th through July 8th-Anonymous (Pink Can) \$10.00, Came to Believe Group \$25.00, Early Risers Group \$160.00, Hide-a-Way Group \$300.00, Keep it Simple/Pass it On Group \$109.24, New Beginnings Group \$61.00, Nooners Group \$61.00, Old School Group \$356.00, Promises Group \$77.60, Ruskin Fellowship Group \$63.00, Sober on Saturday Group \$10.00**

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$12,857.07</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$8,063.62</b>
<b>YTD Money Spent on Literature</b>	<b>\$13,011.28</b>
<b>YTD Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,906.86</b>
<b>Pink Can Current Balance 01/07/23</b>	<b>\$5,002.55</b>

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

John called the BTG man in Charleston and he met the fellow returning to Charleston and got him to a meeting. The other call was from a man who recently came to Tampa from Montana and John was able to get them set up. Man on the Bed - Three calls to the hospital for men two were contacted at the hospital. One man was about to be released when the call came in so Alan D. was contacted to follow up with the man. Old Business - None New Business - None The meeting ended at 10:35.

**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. Let's face it: many of us who should have or never have been arrested just never got caught!**

**TRADITION EIGHT from Page 1**

At the Foundation (*General Service Office in New York*) and intergroup offices, we couldn't employ non-alcoholics as secretaries; we had to have people who knew the A.A. pitch. But the minute we hired them, the ultraconservative and fearful ones shrilled, "Professionalism!" At one period, the status of these faithful servants was almost unbearable. They weren't asked to speak at A.A. meetings because they were "making money out of A.A." At times, they were actually shunned by fellow members. Even the charitably disposed described them as "a necessary evil." Committees took full advantage of this attitude to depress their salaries. They could regain some measure of virtue, it was thought, if they worked for A.A. real cheap. These notions persisted for years. Then we saw that if a hardworking secretary answered the phone dozens of times a day, listened to twenty wailing wives, arranged hospitalization and got sponsorship for ten newcomers, and was gently diplomatic with the irate drunk who complained about the job she was doing and how she was overpaid, then such a person could surely not be called a professional A.A. She was not professionalizing the Twelfth Step; she was just making it possible. Perhaps the fear will always lurk in every A.A. heart that one day our name will be exploited by somebody for real cash. Even the suggestion of such a thing never fails to whip up a hurricane, and we have discovered that hurricanes have a way of mauling with equal severity both he just and the unjust. They are always unreasonable.

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Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions**

**STEPS EIGHT & NINE**

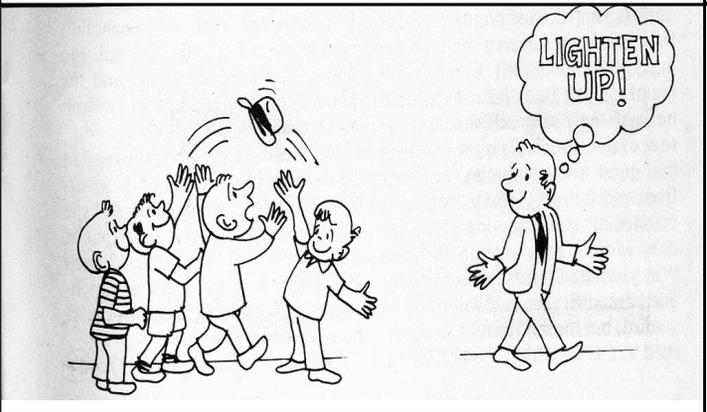
Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead." Let's look at *Steps Eight and Nine*. We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning *we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol*. Probably there are still some misgivings. As we look over the list of business acquaintances and friends we have hurt, we may feel diffident about going to some of them on a spiritual basis. Let us be reassured. To some people we need not, and probably should not emphasize the spiritual feature on our first approach. We might prejudice them. At the moment we are trying to put our lives in order. But this is not an end in itself. Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us. It is seldom wise to approach an individual, who still smarts from our injustice to him, and announce that we have gone religious. In the prize ring, this would be called leading with the chin. Why lay ourselves open to being branded fanatics or religious bores? We may kill a future opportunity to carry a beneficial message. But our man is sure to be impressed with a sincere desire to set right the wrong. He is going to be more interested in a demonstration of good will than in our talk of spiritual discoveries. We don't use this as an excuse for shying away from the subject of God. When it will serve any good purpose, we are willing to announce our convictions with tact and common sense. The question of how to approach the man we hated will arise. It may be he has done us more harm than we have done him and, though we may have acquired a better attitude toward him, we are still not too keen about admitting our faults. Nevertheless, with a person we dislike, we take the bit in our teeth. It is harder to go to an enemy than to a friend, but we find it much more beneficial to us. We go to him in a helpful and forgiving spirit, confessing our former ill feeling and expressing our regret. Under no condition do we criticize such a person or argue. Simply we tell him that we will never get over drinking until we have done our utmost to straighten out the past. We are there to sweep off our side of the street, realizing that nothing worth while can be accomplished until we do so, never trying to tell him what he should do. His faults are not discussed. We stick to our own. If our manner is calm, frank, and open, we will be gratified with the result.

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We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

**That's my story and I'm sticking to it!**



**Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

**July 11th, 2023** the Board of Directors for Central Office  
**BOARD MEMBERS** **REPRESENTING GROUP**

**July 11th, 2023** 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](mailto:aainfo@aatamapa-area.org)**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
DODY H.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	BOARD MEMBER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
CARL L.	BOARD MEMBER	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
BRAD W.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
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CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
CAROLINE G.	SPEAK EASY GROUP
JOANN B.	DISTRICT 2 CHAIR
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
SUSAN S.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
ANDREW D.	PROMISES GROUP
ISAAC B.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
SONIA T.	BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP
PHIL M.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
PHIL M.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
KELLY E.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JOHN T.	LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
PRISCILLA M.	SOBRENITY GROUP
KIMBORLY S.	164 GROUP
ANNIE L.	RUSKIN KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP-ZOOM
NANCY H.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP

Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. (Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined. ) **Board Members present: Al B., Linda B., Dody H., Brad W., Carl L., Debbie S., & Chris S. Secretary Report:** Debbie read the June Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. **Treasurers Report:** Chris presented the June Treasurer's Report. Contributions in June totaled \$9,107.02. This accounts for what 44 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in June, also included is \$948.26 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also, \$165.00 from 5 members for the Birthday Club and \$21.00 for Newsletter Subscriptions. Our literature sales for June was \$9,583.48. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for June was \$18,690.50. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$7,101.12. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$11,589.38. Our Total Expenses for June were \$8,333.76. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$3,255.62 for the month of June. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. **Old Business: None New Business:** It was noted that the Sobrenity Group is having problems with their soda machine at and asked if anyone else had similar problems please contact her. **Announcements:** Brian announced the upcoming Quarterly Assembly. A question was asked, what is the Assembly. Brian gave a brief rundown of what it is. **Editor's Note:** The Assembly or Quarterly is a gathering of the Area GSR'S, DCM'S, and Officers from each District in South Florida. Any AA member may attend this event. The South Florida Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is a service body for the groups in Delegate Area 15. Its primary purpose is to provide a forum for sharing collective 12th Step experience – how best to carry the AA message in South Florida, the Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St Marten & Cayman Islands. The Area also has the responsibility to carry that message worldwide via the General Service Conference U.S./Canada. Area 15 is supported by the voluntary contributions of the groups it serves. The Committee structure borrows much from "The AA Service Manual and Twelve Concepts for World Service" is ever mindful of the Twelve Traditions, Concepts for Service, and the Twelve Steps of AA. (If you want to learn more—get a hold of the Service Manual or attend District 2's monthly meeting) A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

**The next Board & Council Meeting will be August 8th, 2023 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM**

TBFR Registration:



37th TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP

**"Emotional Sobriety"**

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 – Monday, 4, 2023

Hotel Registration:



**SPEAKERS**

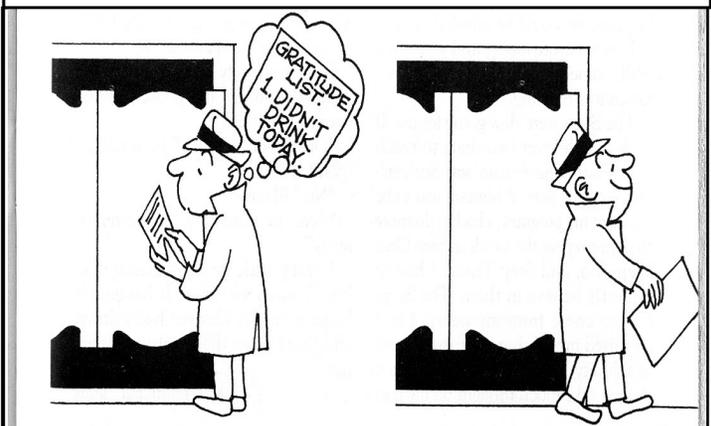
Stephanie S – Largo  
Deady – Tampa  
Mari G – Toronto  
Paul McQ – Long Island  
Beverly B (AFG) – Lewiston  
Don L – Bellingham  
Henry M – Miami  
Aaron Z – Molalla  
Bob D – Las Vegas  
Marylin S – Los Angeles



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**EMBASSY SUITES USE**

3705 Spectrum Blvd, 33612  
\$169.00 for King or 2Doubles  
with Breakfast Buffet for two people  
GROUP CODE: TB2  
CUTOFF DATE: Aug 2nd



**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	SANDY M.	08/12/17	6 YRS
KEEP IT SIMPLE SACRED HEART	CATHY C.	08/23/79	44 YRS
NEW WAY WOMEN'S	JANE A.	08/28/98	25 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	SANDI K.	08/01/96	27 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	MILLAINE W.	08/01/83	40 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY M.	08/12/17	6 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	EDDIE M.	08/16/16	7 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHNNIE MAC	08/14/95	28 YRS
HIGH NOONERS PLANT CITY	RANDY C.	08/14/17	6 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	STAN P.	08/29/81	42 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	KIRK	08/05/13	10 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	JOE E.	08/31/14	9 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	GREG L.	08/17/82	41 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	BARBIE P.	08/08/17	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	AMY S.	08/10/16	7 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY	LINDA S.	08/20/09	14 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DEBORAH K.	08/07/10	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	ANNA V.	08/03/10	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	ASYA	08/04/07	16 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KATHIE G.	08/18/88	35 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DARLENE H.	08/31/87	36 YRS

**A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

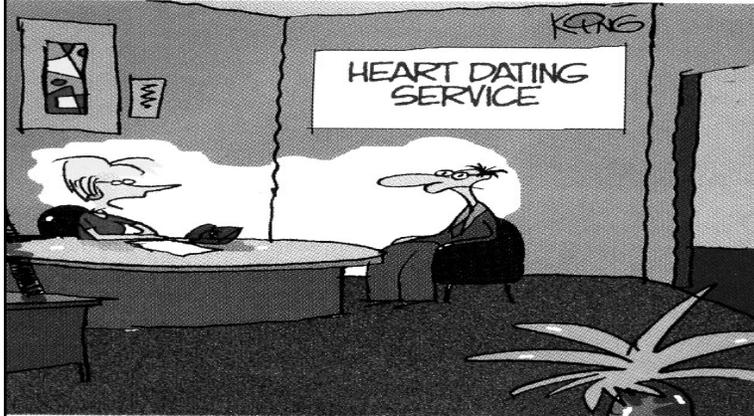
**ONE DOLLAR OR MORE FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY**

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years

**That's 431 Years of Sobriety!**

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

Dedicated to Tim at the Central Office ☺



*"We were only able to find one person in our vast database who you were compatible with...unfortunately, that person was you."*

**SELF-SUPPORT-JULY, 2022**

© Today in July of 2023 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 198 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 520 meetings weekly. Also we have 38 Zoom Groups with 113 meetings weekly (If I counted correctly). Contributions in July totaled \$7,012.08. This accounts for what 37 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in July, also included is \$1,248.86 from 11 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Our literature sales for July was \$6,786.83. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for July was \$13,798.91. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,551.70. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our July income left us with a Gross Profit of \$18,247.21. Our Total Expenses for July were \$10,610.95. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$3,606.30 for the month of July. We still have a good Prudent Reserve, all our bills keep getting paid, the lights are on, we have a decent amount of literature available, the phones are working and it is still looking like 2023 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support of the Central Office. 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. With that in mind, they have been widely used in helping us learn how to be in better relationships with everyone in our life. Below is a snapshot inventory you can take to see how well you are honoring the spiritual principle found in this Tradition.)*

**Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get *some* reward—even if not money—for personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on *humility*?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*? To the pamphlet *AA Tradition—How It Developed*?



## 66TH FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION 2023

THURSDAY AUGUST 10 - SUNDAY AUGUST 13

[WWW.FLORIDASTATECONVENTION.COM](http://WWW.FLORIDASTATECONVENTION.COM)

SADDLEBROOK RESORT - WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33543

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name to be printed on nametag \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_ Special needs: Hearing Vision Wheelchair  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**USE This link to go directly to their Web Site:**

[66.floridastateconvention.com](http://66.floridastateconvention.com)

**to get all Information you may need.**



### BB Group

### 2nd Anniversary

**Saturday, September 2nd**

**5-9 p.m.**

**Potluck, starts at 5 p.m.**

**Crossing Church Southshore**

2409 College Ave, Ruskin, FL 33570

**50/50 Raffle & Cake Walk**

(Please feel free to bring a cake to donate)

#### **SPEAKERS:**

**Susan B.—Al-Anon (Broken Arrow, OK)**

**David B.— AA (Broken Arrow, OK)**

**Questions, call:**

David G. 816-807-1756

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OLD SCHOOL GROUP PRESENTS:

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and great fellowship!

Saturday Aug 19th, 1:30-4:30PM

**You are invited to our workshop on the many ways YOU can be of service and help carry the message!**

Speakers, Games, Lunch,  
50/50 Raffle & Q&A

**See how AA's service structure works!**



**Crystal Lakes Plaza**  
**18125 US Highway 41, Lutz, FL 33559**  
**(Please park to the North & our entrance is in the back)**

## Prodigal Sons V Central Florida AA Men's 12-Step Retreat, Fall 2023

**The Fall Retreat is once again around the corner!**

**WHAT:** This is a 3-day, 12-Step Men's Retreat welcome to all members of Alcoholics Anonymous. This retreat is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, put on by recovered alcoholics for other alcoholics in recovery. It is not a religious retreat and the presenters utilize only AA conference approved literature. The events include speakers for each step, buzz group sessions to work the steps, (5) meals, AA speaker meeting, snacks, fellowship, bonfire, lakeside morning meditation. Camp style lodging included with registration fee.

**WHEN:** Friday November 17 thru Sunday November 19, 2023

**WHERE:** Lake Yale Baptist Convention Center  
39034 County Rd 452, Leesburg, FL 34788

**WELCOME:** Registration begins 2:00 pm Friday, November 17th  
Retreat begins at 4:00pm  
Dinner served at 5:30pm

**COST:** \$155: Camp lodging and bring your own bedding, towels, pillow  
\$170: Camp lodging with supplied bedding  
\$120: All retreat events with no lodging

\*Limited hotel room space for additional fee is available. Call for details.

Payment (check money order, PayPal) **Due on September 1, 2023**

**WHO TO CONTACT:** For the application form send an email to:  
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