



Tri-County Central Office News

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Some Tampa A.A History

Memory at best is a tricky thing. Already the legend is that AA sprang into full bloom in Tampa in January 1944 -- eighteen years ago. The facts are that AA in Tampa will have been in existence twenty years on April 13, 1942. This History was first thought of in Miami in 1960. The writer was talking to a Miami AA friend who related that he had contacted the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous in New York, asking for their views on New York co-operating with Miami in compiling an authentic history of Miami AA. New York responded very graciously, sending photo static copies of the original correspondence emanating from Miami in 1941 -- and New York's replies. On November 11, 1960, the writer contacted Mrs. Lyb S. of the General Service Office in New York City, asking them for their views on the subject. The response was gratifying -- to say the least. In January of 1961, Nell W. -- Bill W.'s (our Co-Founder) non-alcoholic Secretary and "Keeper of the Historical Files" sent me thirty-eight (38) photo static copies of the original correspondence from Tampa, dating from April 13, 1942 through the year 1952 -- a period of ten years. The writer has copied profusely from these early letters, in order to present this History in chronological form. These statements from letters in quotes are verbatim. Any Doubting Thomas can verify this by contacting the writer. They are now a part of Tampa's Historical File, now in possession of the writer. This History is not for the general public. It is a history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Tampa, written by an alcoholic, for the information of those alcoholics that are interested -- and for an "honest" History fully documented and authenticated. In her letter of transmittal, Nell W. writes: "Generally speaking, perhaps we shouldn't release the original correspondence in our files. We have always made the point that letters to us are held in confidence and, of course, it is right that we do this. "However, when we receive requests for historical material, I don't believe it breaks a confidence to provide factual information for this purpose contained in correspondence to this office. Therefore, I'm sending excerpts from letters (editing only those portions that deal with personal problems, or personal opinions, or just plain wordiness). Also I'm sending along the very early activities of AA in Tampa, in full, so that you will have a better picture of what happened before Roy Y's appearance there in 1944." (Note: Writer's interlineations) Some AA's in Tampa are not going to like what they read. Some are going to "holler" loud and long that " 't isn't so." Some are going to have their feelings ruffled, because they have built up a beautiful legend, full of pious thoughts and good deeds, of how AA in Tampa came full blown into being. Some of this History is not a "pretty" picture. Some of it is grim. Some of it is downright "ugly" in the telling. While writing these ugly, sordid, "commercialization of AA" details, I have done so with the thought that it is History; and if History is written honestly, then the "ugly" must be recorded. It is a Historian's duty to record facts, not fables. We alcoholics are not "pretty" people before we get on the program. Some of us have gone so far down that our sense of moral values has badly deteriorated. And we are still not "pretty" people, even after years of 'so-called" sobriety, unless we change our entire life, as called for by the AA program. This portion of the History, which I saw, or heard of the next day, I have written as

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Some Central Office, Tampa AA History

As far back as 1942---80years ago---A.A. had arrived in Tampa. The first contact made by anyone from Tampa was by a letter written to Alcoholics Anonymous, P.O. Box 658, Church Street Annex, New York, on April 13, 1942 by Helen Devereux, 3911 Drexel Avenue, Tampa, Florida. She wrote that her husband -- William S.D., -- was an alcoholic who had joined AA in Chicago, Illinois, in 1941; that it had helped him so much that he wanted to try to start an AA Group in Tampa. Bill had been transferred from Chicago to Tampa and represented the Beltraction Company, which had been formed by Bill and his brothers in Chicago. In July 1942 appeared the first advertisement in the Tampa Area. Helen wrote the Foundation on July 30, 1942 that she had a small "ad" in the Tampa Times and the Sunday Morning Tampa Tribune as follows: "Alcoholics You Can Be Cured. No Money Or Medicine Phone W-3157". On August 3, 1942 Bobbie wrote Helen, and among other things stated: 'Sounds like you are really going to town with the advertisements, etc., in the papers. How is Mr. Devereux taking all of it? May we make one suggestion -- in any future advertisement that you run? That is -- not use the word "cure" but to put "recovery" in its place. Perhaps it will run like this -- "Alcoholics -- you can make a recovery." By 1946 there were 100 members among four groups. In 1942 the Central Office (then called Central Headquarters) was located at 409 South MacDill Avenue and later at West Lafayette Street. It closed after 18 months and an answering service was set up to alert members to 12 Step calls. In 1948, Central Office moved to the "Red Star Hotel", on Tampa Street, just two blocks from Tampa's "skid row. Later, in 1956, with 15 A.A. groups, a clubroom and Intergroup were set up on the second level of a beer distribution warehouse at 1706 Grand Central Avenue, now called Kennedy Boulevard. Early on telephone calls were answered by a taped message instructing callers to dial another number ---that of a 12th Step Volunteer. In December of 1974 a series of meetings held by interested members created an effective means of carrying the A.A. message. From those gatherings arose the Tri-County Central Office as we know it today. Seventeen groups participated in the planning and a non-profit corporation was formed. By early 1975 an office was set up at 2307 Azele Street. From there it was moved to North Florida Avenue and then to Grand Central Avenue. In February of 1989 the Central Office moved to the Lago Vista Building at 8019 North Himes Avenue where it still resides. Pioneers of the early office days included Barbara T., the first employee and Jewel H., the second employee. Later Madeline W. and Irene S. were Office Managers. For a long time Pat W. filled the role. Bill F. was the first part-timer who held down the fort during evening hours. Later Gloria H. filled the role as Office manager and Don. F. took over as part-time evenings and the weekends. Tom C. became Office manager around the mid-90's and brought along Keith B. doing part-time service until 2012 when Keith passed away. Our present Office Manager Timothy S. has been managing the Office since September 1999. Part-time helpers in the past have been Bert A. and Martin S., currently we have John T. and Michael P. working the office and Ed B. our after hours phone person. Our Area

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

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Mike B. opened the January 8, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Tom F., Rich R., Scott S., Jason C., Tracy B. Chris D., Jenn F., John O., Kara H., and John T. Attendees introduced themselves and their role with the committee. First time attendees included Chris D., Jenn F., John O., and Kara H., who all recently expressed an interest and/or volunteered to chair treatment center meetings. Thanks to all attendees for their service to AA. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike said he attended the January district meeting where several motions related to the upcoming area meeting were discussed. In addition, an on-line poll was taken regarding the upcoming area meeting. Results tabulated from our district and other districts revealed overwhelming support to have a virtual rather than in-person or hybrid area meeting. Accordingly, the area meeting scheduled to be held in Sarasota on January 14- 16th will now be a virtual meeting held via Zoom. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the December minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. Pink Can balance is \$11,407.78. Upcoming expenses include post office box rental of \$188 due in March and the monthly storage fee of \$50 paid to Tri-County Central Office. The only other expected expenses would be for literature. The report was approved. INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES □ Treatment Center Meetings – John T. said ACTS Amethyst returned to in-person meetings last week. They require visitors to show a valid Covid vaccine card and to wear a mask. They requested we hold two meetings a day seven days a week. We have volunteers to chair all meetings except Saturday and Sunday 7PM and Sunday 1PM. The Monday 1PM is the only Zoom meeting being held. Tampa Community Hospital detox, North Tampa Behavioral and New Beginnings have suspended all meetings due to Covid. ACTS detox, DACCO and other treatment center meetings are still not being held due to Covid. In-person meetings are being held at River Oaks, Salvation Army, Broad Prep Recovery and Brandon Real Recovery Community & Environment. One of the Salvation Army meetings is a hybrid meeting. John O. mentioned that he has been chairing and/or attending meetings at White Sands Treatment Center and also at North Tampa Real Recovery Community & Environment. John T. said he would get details from John O. and add it to the hospitals and institutions meeting list. Jason C. said all is going well with meetings at River Oaks treatment center. He mentioned that the initiative to take some clients to outside meetings may re-start in the near future. Jason C. also mentioned that he heard DACCO had changed its name to Cove Behavioral. John T. said he would check on that and change the meeting listing to reflect the name change, if needed. □ Orient Rd Jail – Rich R. said no meetings were held over the holidays. He said he and Michael P. have been conducting in-person meetings on Sundays at 10:30AM. He said a third person wants to volunteer but can only do so if the meeting time is changed which could happen in the future. Mike B. said he knew of a man who was in the process of completing his application and orientation and he said he would have the individual contact Rich. □ Falkenburg Road Men's Jail – Mike B. said Buddy H. told him one in-person meeting a week was being held on Saturday. □ Falkenburg Road Women's Jail – Mike B. read a report from Sara R. which said no meetings were held over the holidays but that three in-person meetings with experienced volunteers are scheduled for this month. She added that one recent meeting had twenty-two attendees and that more volunteers will be needed if more meetings are added. □ Pasco Women's Jail – Tracy B. said still no in-person meetings are being held. □ Zephyrhills CI – Tom F. said in-person meetings are being held and going well. He said inmates enjoyed the privilege of having cookies brought in for the New Year's Eve meeting. He said the weekly meeting has had between 15 and 20 attendees. □ W T Edwards – John T. said Hezekiah D. had some health issues and missed a few weeks but was planning to continue doing the in-person meetings on Thursdays. Bridging the Gap – Mike B. said he

received three calls and provided meeting information to callers. Tracy B. said she received one call and provided information to meetings in South Tampa. She said she also had three separate calls from the same caller who was referred to AA in Hernando County. John T. said he received no calls but Hezekiah D. and Tracy S. both received one call each and provided meeting and/or AA speaker information to the callers. John T. said a few volunteers were added to the contact list and a revised list will be forthcoming. Man on the Bed – Tom F. said he received one call. The individual was provided meeting information and also sources for sober housing. OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. recapped the previous discussion on how to use the Pink Can balance. He said he will mention the issue at next week's area meeting and will bring back any identified needs by other districts at the next TBAIC meeting. NEW BUSINESS: Mike B. said there is always a need for volunteers particularly with the jail meetings. He urged attendees to spread the word. Mike B. discussed the email received from management of True Core Behavioral Solutions regarding the program they will be starting for juvenile females starting in February under contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Jason C. had previously expressed interest in the program and said he would be willing to serve as committee coordinator for the program. He said he would contact True Core management to discuss particulars. He said he would contact the Sisters in Sobriety home group for volunteers for meetings due to the proximity of the home group meetings and the True Core location (East Tampa/Brandon). He also welcomed any other female volunteers. The TBAIC literature process was discussed. Scott S. said when literature is in the storage cabinets at central office, individuals carrying meetings into institutions, can obtain literature directly from the cabinets. He said the sign out log should be completed. Scott S. said he had replenished literature in the past but had not done so lately. John T. said there probably is a need to replenish/add things such as the newest meeting schedules, Big Books, 12 and 12 and some pamphlets to the storage cabinets. John said he would be willing to help Scott with that process and they tentatively agreed to do so this coming week. Scott said the committee should review and approve any request for literature not contained in the storage cabinets. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, February 12th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

TBAIC Contributions (December 12th - January 8th): Barricks Brigade Group - \$2.50, Hide A Way Group - \$200.00, Kingsway Group - \$307.88, Nightly Newcomers - 3333 Group \$99.67, Promises AA Group - \$61.44, Sisters in Sobriety Group - \$171.04.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 842.53
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 147.15
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 466.09
Pink Can Current Balance 01/08/22	\$ 11,407.78

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fairly as I know how. I might not have known the thoughts that motivated the actions, but I do know, and have recorded the effects -- good or bad. It has been both a joy, and a sorrow, to write this History. Our basic tenet of the AA Program of Recovery is absolute honesty. This I have tried to be. After all, though, I am not only an alcoholic, but also very, very, human. One of "The 25" Tampa, Florida January -- 1961 March - 1962 "I have never seen a panty-waist or a sissy Make this Program - it takes GUTS" .
**From the book "Twenty Years of Struggle".
District 2 Archives.**

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consists of the Groups in Hillsborough and East Pasco County. This area expands across all of the Tampa city limits up to Land-o-Lakes, Lutz, Odessa, Wesley Chapel, Zephyrhills, Dade City, and San Antonio down to Temple Terrace and out to Brandon and Plant City and down South to Riverview, Apollo Beach, Sun City, Ruskin, and Wimauma. Presently we are serving over 200 AA Groups and 10 Spanish speaking Groups in our Area, with hundreds of meetings weekly, so you can see, we have plenty of room to grow. A debt of gratitude is due to all the pioneers that have brought Central Office to it's present status. And an even greater debt of gratitude to you who have, through-out the years supported the Central Office by serving on the Board or the on Council and through your contributions and your volunteering of your time and energy to help on the phones and fulfill our primary purpose of trying to carry the message to other alcoholics through 12 Stepping when asked to do so.

January 28, 2022

TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE, INC.
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TAMPA, FL33614-2712

I would like to make a denotation on behalf of Donald, (Don), G [redacted] who passed away last week. Don was a resident of Plant City, Florida. He had been an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous for decades. I met Don at an AA meeting in Brandon, Florida in 1990 and we have been friends ever since.

Don lived and breathed serenity that he found in the program. When I moved back to Texas, we remained friends and talked AA often. His passing came as a shock to me. Please find the donation enclosed. When I called a gentleman stated he would place a note in the newsletter and send a copy to me. My contact information is below.

I will miss Don, but I have learned a lot from him, and I will think each day about him. His is to my Brother in AA Don G [redacted].

SINCERELY,

KENT L [redacted]
20524 HIGHLAND LAKE DRIVE
LAGO VISTA, TEXAS 78645

ROY Y. Early Founder of A.A. in Tampa

In the spring of 1942, a William D., who had gotten sober in A.A. in Chicago, was transferred to Tampa, Florida. Roy Y., arrived a month later. This was the same Roy Y. who had sobered up in Texas, helped get the first A.A. group going in Los Angeles, and lived the A.A. program as a lone member while stationed in Alaska. Now Roy was stationed at Drew Field, an Army Air Corps base in Tampa. Upon contacting Dr. R., Roy immediately began work on prospects. One name was Jack D., who, when contacted, replied, "I don't need your program, but I'll tell you the name of a man who does—badly!" The name was Ernest K. who became Roy's first recruit. The two of them formed the nucleus of A.A. in Tampa. In January of 1944 they acquired their first women member, Alleen E., and by April they had ten members in the group and a permanent meeting place at Frankfurt and Tyler streets. A letter to the New York office said, in part, "Roy is like an anxious hen with a flock of awkward chicks." Roy secured the support of the city's leading psychiatrist, who was helpful in reaching the rest of the medical profession. In May, Bill and Lois W. paid a three day visit to Tampa and spoke at an open meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Building.

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.... "I did everything in my power to get my orders changed, but as usual to no avail. I fought against going to every part of the country I was sent, I wanted to be sent somewhere else. But God had other plans for me. Like some tall lanky Johnny Appleseed, I went across the nation and even Alaska, leaving Bi Books in libraries, schools, looking, hoping for people to work with and start groups. I didn't want any part of Tampa. I went to mail call and there was a letter from Bill W. giving me the address of a man who had written for the book. I made the 12-Step call on the druggist. He said he did not have a problem, but he had an ice-cream maker who really needed help. I called Ernie and told him to meet me. He did and we talked and he wanted to try. I made the drug store my headquarters. The druggists did not embrace A.A., but he knew all the drunks in town. That was the start of AA on the West Coast of Florida."
Roy Y.



"He's had a complete personality change. From quiet, pleasant, simple drunk to a sober, vindictive, loud-mouthed know -it-all!"

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

January 11th, 2022 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
JOHN T.	TREASURER	LIVING SOBER/PASS IT ON GROUP
RITA Y.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
TOM F.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. (Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Al B., Rita Y., John T., Brian L., Tom F. & Linda B.

Secretary Report: Tim read the December Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the December Treasurer’s Report. Contributions in December totaled \$ 12,504.66. Included we also received \$ 121.00 from 4 members for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for December was \$ 7,016.76. Our total income for December was \$ 19,521.42. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,371.53. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 14,149.89. Our Total Expenses for December were \$ 7,983.92. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+ \$ 6,165.97 for the month of December. Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved. **Old Business:** No old Business. **New Business:** No new Business. **Announcements :** Ty announced Soberilla January 29th, 2022. Brad announced Tampa Bay Fall Roundup is in the works for being finalized.. Details to come later.. Al announced that we needed people to sign up for 12 step list and not to forget your 20% discount for attending the meeting. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer. **The next Board & Council Meeting will be February 8th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM.**

If your group would like to participate in our meeting, elect a Central Office Representative. Have then send me an email with their name and Home Group and I will send you the pertinent information. aainfo@aatampa-area.org

Want your group members anniversary listed in the Newsletter—send your list of names and anniversaries. We’ll be glad to post them in the newsletter to celebrate their sobriety.

**A.A.’s who carry the message,
often carry the Grapevine**

January 11th, 2022 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

If you attended the	Meeting but not listed we didn’t catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatampa-area.org
JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP
TUNDRA	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP
TY T.	THE 164 GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART MEETING
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN’S
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
ROBERT M	DIDN’T GET NAME OF GROUP
CHARLES McG	BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP
BARNEY B.	IT’S IN THE BOOK GROUP
MARGRET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP

TO ANY INTERESTED GROUPS

Because of the current COVID crisis we are conducting our Board and Council Meetings on ZOOM. It will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. For the time being the Board and Council will both be meeting at the same time because we currently only have one hour to conduct our business. For those group representatives who attend the meeting.....we offer a 20% discount once a month for all literatures, coins—etc. So, if you need to purchase literature for your group elect someone to be your Central Office Representative and have them attend the meeting. The meeting is usually less than an hour and they can attend from the comfort of their own home. Once they have attended the meeting, then if you need literature -etc.....call or better, yet--email your requests to aainfo@aatampa-area.org and we will pack up your items and send you an invoice of the cost (20% discount included) and then all you have to do is come by and pick it up and make your payment. If you decide to elect a COR, have them either call (813-933-9123) or email me aainfo@aatampa-area.org and I will give them the I.D. and Password in order for them to attend the meeting. There is no sobriety time requirement for a Central Office Representative. Just that they be sober and have the willingness to serve.



“How can the Grapevine keep in touch with your group if you don’t have a GvR?”*

*Grapevine Representative

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
KEEP IT SIMPLE Dade City	NANCY P.	02/25/80	42 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE	DANIEL H.	02/15/86	36 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE	PATTI L.	02/08/77	45 YRS
SOBER ON SATURDAY	RICK L.	02/16/89	33 YRS
SOBER ON SATURDAY	MIKE R.	02/19/74	48 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	PAULA B.	02/03/81	41 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MIKE P.	02/26/15	7 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LAURA S.	02/21/11	11 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE H.	02/13/07	15 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CHRISTINA D.	02/14/00	22 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	WILLOW	02/09/99	23 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	MATT M.	02//26/15	7 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	RICK D.	02/04/13	9 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	BRIAN B.	02/10/05	17 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JEFF H.	02/06/14	8 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	PATTY L.	02/11/90	32 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BILL F.	02/12/06	16 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	CARL M.	02/02/16	6 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	RYAN Y.	02/24/13	9 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	HALA L.	02/04/02	20 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	PEGGY D.	02/10/13	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	BARBARA N.	02/12/09	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DIANE S.	02/10/88	34 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-January, 2022

© Today in January of 2022 COVID has changed the way many groups contribute to the Central Office. Some groups have remained steady in their contributions, some groups have gone to ZOOM, A few ZOOM groups have made some contributions and some groups are Hybrid (in-person & ZOOM), other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up, and now many groups are getting back to normal pre-pandemic live meetings. Things are looking up and getting better. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have around 210 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 524 meetings weekly. Contributions in January totaled \$ 10,561.87. This accounts for what 72 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in January. Included \$ 46.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club Our literature sales for January was \$ 8,815.84. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions— etc.) Our total income for January was \$ 19,377.71. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 6,847.23. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 12,530.48. Our Total Expenses for January were \$ 10,053.87. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$ 2,476.61 for the month of January. I have to express my Gratitude to not only to the A.A. Groups in our area who continue to support us, but also to those Anonymous A.A. members who generously give, I believe, from the Heart (and I know who many of you are) to support the Central Office. This January saw us starting the year fairly financially sound. We have a good Prudent Reserve, all our bills keep getting paid, the lights are on, we have a decent amount of literature available, the phones are working and it looks like 2022 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support of the Central Office. Thank You!!! O.M. tws:)

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
TNN ZOOM GROUP	BRAD W.	01/02/12	10 YRS
NEW WAY WOMEN'S	SHERRI F.	01/11/96	26 YRS

**That's 549 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right.
Search out these people and
find out their secret. ☺**



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

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.

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the coordination of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members. Thanks to everyone for your continued support!! Become a part of Central Office....volunteer to be a Central Office Representative for your Home Group.

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE DRIVE

Do you have used Grapevine magazines laying around your house, clogging up your closet, clogging up your bookshelf, laying around under the sofa cushions —don't want to throw them away but don't know what to do with them?

Well, I have an idea—Donate your Grapevines to the Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee.

Tri-County Central Office is acting as a drop-off center for TBAIC to collect those Grapevines to be taken into the jails and treatment centers. It's another way of Carrying the Message to the still suffering alcoholic. November is Gratitude Month, it's a month for giving. Would you be willing to help?

Just swing by the Office and drop them off anytime during business hours or just leave them by the door...

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Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:00AM-5:00PM
Tuesday, Thursday: 11:00AM-7:00PM
Saturday: 9:00AM-1:00PM
Sunday: **Closed**

16th Annual SOBERSTOCK 2022 SOBERSTOCK 16 UNITY-RECOVERY-MUSIC MARCH 11-13, 2022 IN BROOKSVILLE THIS YEAR

Soberstock is a 3-day weekend AA/Al-Anon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship. This festival is open to all members of AA/Al-Anon and their families.

Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature for District 2 Jails & Institutions. The remaining profits go to the area pie chart.

Speaker Meetings! Campfire Meetings! Live Bands!

Outdoor Meetings! ALL Food & Drinks provided! Tent Camping ONLY!

When: Friday, March 11th, 2022. Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at noon. (No RV's/Popups!)

Where: "Sand Hill Scout Reservation" - 11210 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville, FL 34613

What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, lanterns, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS, NO cabins at this facility

What we provide: Refreshments, Camp Style Meals - Fri. lunch & dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast

online orders www.soberstock.com

Be a part of "Soberstock Memorabilia" - All Soberstock orders are on a "Will Call" basis, which means we do not mail any products or tickets. After orders are received, we simply have you on our list and you will pick up all of your items at the gate. Online orders are safe & secure and we take most major credit cards with the PayPal payment processing system. Please visit our website at www.soberstock.com for the schedule of events, credit card payment, flyers, t-shirt ordering and so much more than we can fit on this flyer!



Please note:

We had t-shirts printed up before COVID had showed up, so the t-shirts have the 2020 dates on there. Think of them as a collector's items!

ONLINE PRICING vs GATE PRICING:

1 DayPass - \$30.00 per person/\$35 Gate

Weekend - \$55.00 per person/\$60 Gate

Child under 12-1 DayPass - \$5.00/\$10 Gate

(CHILDREN ALLOWED ONLY IF ACCOMP. BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

Child under 12-Weekend - \$10.00/\$15 Gate

Tent Pitching: \$15 Per tent (We don't supply tents)

T-Shirts: \$20/ea (Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL)

NOTE: WE ONLY TAKE CASH OR CHECKS AT THE GATE
NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AT THE GATE!

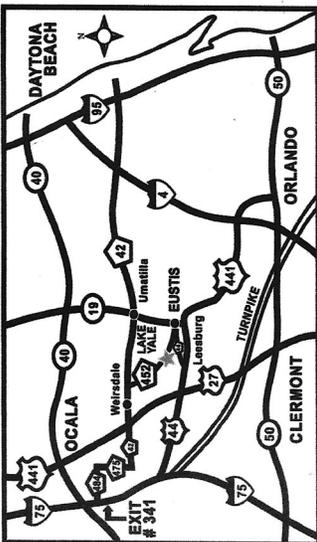


Soberstock attendees, in light of the ongoing COVID-19, if you are sick or think you are sick, please do not attend the event. Masks will be encouraged, especially in inside facilities. Should conditions around COVID change, Soberstock reserves the right to put into place additional safety measures the committee may deem necessary. We will keep you posted on our website about any changes to safety measures leading up to the event. Your love and measures of such is greatly appreciated.

All sales are final, and non-refundable. This is a Rain Or Shine Event. When ordering online, we will not ship any items to you. We will have all items for you at the front gate day of the event on a Will Call basis. Please remember, pets are NOT allowed (Service pets with paperwork only) and no RV's/Popup campers either. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

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In person retreat for those
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DO YOU WANT TO CARRY THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY?

If YES, please attend the next meeting of the Tampa Bay Area Institutions Committee. Members are needed to chair meetings at several facilities. We meet at 9:30 AM on the second Saturday of every month via Zoom. Zoom ID: 345 781 6796
Passcode: 274T4N

Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King			Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group		
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution			Sober on Saturday Group	100.00	100.00
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			SoberSticks Event		
AA 101 Group			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		
Alpha Group	180.00	180.00	Mid Day Madness			Sobrietea Women's Group		
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee Group zoom	100.00	100.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
Anonymous Donations	1443.67	1443.67	Mid Day Matinee Group	500.00	500.00	Social Distancing Group of AA (Zoom)		
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express Group			Sobriety at Sunset Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa			Morning Meditation Meeting	0.12	0.12	Solutions Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group			My Turn Group			Southshore Men's Group	160.00	160.00
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	40.00	Never Too Early Group			Southside Men's Group # 1	878.00	878.00
Beginners Group			Never Too Early Group(Zoom)			Southside Men's Group # 2		
Big Book Bunch Group	197.65	197.65	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Southside Men's Group #3		
Bill D's Group			New Beginnings Brandon			Southside Men's Group #4		
BIRTHDAY CLUB	46.00	46.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)			Spiritual Development		
BYO 12 & 12 Group	39.50	39.50	New Tampa Monday Men's	206.25	206.25	Spiritual Growth Group		
Came To Believe Group			New Way Women's Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group	300.00	300.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Next Door Group			Step Sisters in Sobriety		
Carrollwood Group	130.00	130.00	Nightly Newcomers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group	1.41	1.41	Nooners Group--Riverview	121.68	121.68	Sun City Center Group		
Clean Air Group	25.00	25.00	Nooners Group--Tampa	98.87	98.87	Sun City Center Zoom	25.00	25.00
Close to Home Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		
District Two General Service			Odessa Group			Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Old School Group			Sunshine Group	20.00	20.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Old School Gp Anniversary			Sweet Surrender Group	98.10	98.10
FCYPAA Committee			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30			Tampa Bay Institutions	100.00	100.00
Fear Not Group			One Day at a Time Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	330.30	330.30
Fireside Group	50.87	50.87	Palma Ceia Big Book Group	200.00	200.00	Tampa Group	0.84	0.84
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Pathfinders Group			Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom	277.90	277.90
Fresh Start Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Palms Big Book		
Friday Night Lights Group			Plank Owners Group			Tampa Sat Night Speakers	100.00	100.00
Friday Morning Women's Friendship			Plant City Sunday Night			T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Grapevine Gals Group			Promises Meeting Group	370.88	370.88	TGIS Group		
Grupo Poco a Poco			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			Thank God it's Friday Group		
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Riverside Group	61.10	61.10	The 164 Group		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Rule 62/Keep it Simple			The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Happy Destinty Group			Ruskin Fellowship Group			The Meeting Place Group	220.81	220.81
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Ruskin Womens Big Book	19.66	19.66	There is a Solution	42.00	42.00
Happy Destinty Group			Ruskin 11th Step Meditation			Thursday Paullion Peeps		
Hide-A-Way Group			Safe Haven Group			To Improve Our Consious Contact		
High Nooners Group			Safe, Sane & Sober Group			Turning Point Group -Z-H.	130.00	130.00
Hi Nooners Group Plant City	100.00	100.00	Saturday Night Live Group			UT 717 Group		
Hope Floats Group	63.00	63.00	Saturday Serenity Group			Valrico Friday Morning	153.69	153.69
It's in the Book Group	230.12	230.12	Seekers of Serenity II Group			We Are Not Saints Group		
In Loving Memory			Serenity Group--ZOOM			Wed Night Step Workshop		
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Simply Sobriety Women's Group	231.00	231.00	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Keep it Simple Men's Group	75.00	75.00	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)			Wellspring Group	487.00	487.00
Keep It Simple/Pass It On			Sisters in Sobriety Group	266.70	266.70	Wesley Chapel Group	237.10	237.10
Keep it Simple Group Dade City						With Room to Grow Group	1,000.00	1,000.00
Keeping It Real Group						Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keystone Group	319.15	319.15	Donations thru PayPal	172.00	172.00	Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Kingsway Group						Women's Friendship Group	461.50	461.50
Life Enrichment Group			Total	2,348.26		XYZ-32 Group	150.00	150.00
Little Harbor Grapevine Group			YTD Total		2348.26			
Total	2,941.37					Total	5,272.24	
YTD Total		2941.37				YTD Total		5,272.24
						Monthly Total	10,289.87	
						Grand Total	10,289.87	