



# Tri-County Central Office News

If you feel far away from God,  
guess who moved?

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## SPIRITUAL MILESTONES IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Arnold had been in AA for nearly a year. For a number of reasons he was particularly anxious to help a certain alcoholic friend, Fred, who was rather on the stubborn side. Fred finally admitted his need for help, but balked at going into the AA ward of the local hospital. Arnold was persistent, and after several weeks of almost daily calls (Fred invariably smelling of liquor), finally convinced his “baby” that the alcoholic who took the massive dose of AA medicine (meaning conversation) in the hospital ward stood a far greater chance of becoming successfully sober than the one who tried to work out the program at home. Fred finally agreed he would go to the hospital on the following day, so Arnold called to reserve a bed. “Yes”, said the admitting office clerk, “there will be a vacant bed tomorrow.” Arnold told Fred to pack his toilet articles and bathrobe, he’d pick him up at 2 o’clock the following afternoon. Shortly after noon the following day Arnold thought it would be wise to confirm the reservation. He called the admitting office and got another girl on the line. There had been an error. The original girl had forgotten to write down the reservation and the bed was no longer available. But perhaps tomorrow would do, there were two patients leaving then. Arnold lost his temper. “By tomorrow my baby will probably be in the gutter again,” he barked, slamming down the telephone. Still furious he called a superior officer of the hospital but got the same answer. “A fine thing,” he muttered, “after all the time I spent convincing that guy. The Hell with it!” Then, for no apparent reason, there flashed into his mind a fragment of one of AA’s favorite prayers— “Grant me, Almighty God, the serenity to accept that which I cannot change.” The thought startled Arnold. He bowed his head in meditation and prayer. Then he picked up the telephone and called Fred. “Sorry, old man, but there has been a bit of confusion. But I can get you into the hospital tomorrow.” To Arnold’s great surprise, Fred agreed that tomorrow would be all right, that once he had given his word he didn’t intend to renege. Barely two hours later Arnold’s phone rang. It was the hospital. The sponsor of an out-of-town patient has arrived a day earlier than anticipated and Arnold could have a bed later in the afternoon. It is entirely possible that the hospital would have called even though Arnold had not resigned himself to the will of God. But to Arnold it was, and still is, a miracle that brought him a deeper understanding of God. Ralph Waldo Emerson put it this way, “A man holding a straw parallel to the Gulf Stream, the ocean will flow through it. Conversely, hold it sideways to the stream and it will be washed away. So with man’s relation to God.”

Excerpts : from “*Spiritual Milestones in Alcoholics Anonymous*” published by the Akron Area Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

## A Guide to the Twelve Steps

Now you are on your own. Your AA friends have given you your tools and showed you how to use them. From now on it is your job to fashion your life. *Page 14 of the Guide*

If you have gone through the first eleven Steps, you have come far. It is now time that you are carrying on the work. You owe your sponsor and your group one thing—to carry the blessings of AA to some other alcoholic in need. You will be asked to call on a prospective member. Don’t lose any time in doing so. Tell him your story. Tell him what you are trying to do. Tell him what AA has done for others. If you think you are too new, just remember that he is even newer, and if you have been sober only one day, he will look on you as a veteran. Before long you will have a “baby” of your own. Then you will really have something to live for. You will worry about him, you will try to keep sober for him, you will guide him to the best of your ability, you will almost suffer with him as he comes out of his alcoholic fog. In doing this you will be giving of yourself, and you will find new joy in living. Always keep it before you that the more you put into this work the more you will take out of it. The harder you work, the more activities you get into, the easier will be your road to sober living. There is no excuse for missing a meeting. There is no excuse for not helping someone when asked. Always bear in mind that your alcoholic problem is the *first thing* in your life. It comes before everything else. For without sobriety you will have nothing, no family, no job, no friends. Before long you will have no sanity and will lose life itself. Share this new life with others. It will repay you ten thousand fold. In conclusion, practice these steps in all your affairs. The Twelve Steps are not something to be gone through once and forgotten. They are a set of rules for living that must be practiced at all times, never forgotten. Remember that you are an alcoholic and but one drink away from drunkenness again. Remember that you are completely dependent on God as you understand him. Remember to keep your thinking straight. Remember that a wrong act will prey on your mind until you either do something to rectify it or get drunk. Remember that defects will creep into your life if given half the chance. Remember that if only through gratitude, we must help others in order to help ourselves. If at any time you feel uncertain of yourself, read the Twelve Steps carefully, applying them to yourself. You will find an answer to your problem. If the answer is not there, a telephone call or visit to another member of AA will bring the answer. Page 15-16

Excerpts : from “*A Guide to the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous*” published by the Akron Area Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

**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 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—just saying .....

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

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DISTRICT 2 TBAIC BUSINESS MEETING JANURARY 13, 2024 9:30 AM ZOOM: 345 781 6796 PW: 274T4N Second Saturday of every month @ 9:30 am Chair: Jonathon C. called the meeting to order with the Responsibility Statement. In attendance: Jonathon C, Mike B, Melissa B, John T, Susie C, Jessica M, Mike M, Richard R, Audrey S, Tom F, Matthew R, Sophie C. OFFICERS REPORTS Chairpersons Report -Jonathon C Went to GSC nothing too note worthy, Joe Scallia went to national conf for Bridging the Gap. Mike passed out our new folders for BTG to get everyone on the same page at GSC. Lots of stats were shared. D2 business meeting is starting an ADHOC committee to get info on a possible move to district 14. We will be writing a motion for adding to our budget for BTG national conference up to \$1000.00 to cover the expenses completely in the future. Report Accepted Secretary Report - Melissa B A new Gmail acct was opened but she still had issues sending out the 200+ notices of business meeting. The minutes were late as so many bouncing email addresses need to be purged for the emails to be allowed to send. This project is ongoing as Melissa has time to address it. In the mean time the emails are being sent from her private icloud acct now that enough bouncing mails have been removed. Other than that things are going well Report Accepted Treasurers Report - John T sent to the body. We have \$6653.48 so we have money to buy literature. We had once a year expenses this month including website, ring central, etc. We purchased literature over \$200 this month. I have a few proposals to spend some of it on more literature. We need literature for living sober and little big books at central office. 5 cases of each is just under \$3000.00. Richard said Faulkenberg jail is requesting books with stories as well as Mike. Susie says soft cover is more jail friendly than the hard cover. We voted to buy all soft cover with stories rather than the mini's with just 164 pages. Susie asked for BTG number for jail folks being released. NY printing is still backed up we will try to get but sometimes there is a backlog for delivery. The grapevines discussed last month finally showed up. Tim at central and D2 website both posted and asked for old ones to be donated too so we have plenty. Susie said H&I meeting is not changing their budget and they will not be passing a pink can so any help from D2 is helpful as D4 will not be increasing their help. When D4 did a big book drive and they were presented with a book of mostly used written on big books we feel it's inappropriate to give used books with writing that we don't know what's in it. Susie appreciates they are very grateful for the help being given. Mike said Walt is in charge of bridging the gap in D4 and can probably help. John said we know they need help across the county line but we want to make sure it's handled in an appropriate way maybe a motion is needed to adopt those jails. Susie says case by case vote is perfect let's continue as we have and that was agreed by all. Report Accepted TREATMENT REPORTS Detox Treatment coordinator - John T all meetings are covered we don't even need more volunteers for right now. Axe Detox and Axe amethyst are fully staffed and all set. Axe juvenile - Mike M Going well the volunteers enjoying it and the center is very happy with how it's going and asks to be notified if they can't make it. If we can look into starting another meeting maybe on the weekend as the facility is interested in that. Mike does not have anyone willing to commit chairing a weekend meeting commitment he has folks willing to help but not chair right now so that's being worked on. Mike will ask about day or evening meeting for the weekends. Report Accepted Cove BH Women's - Linda absent no report Cove Men's - Joe R texted in all is well. Report Accepted TB Community Hosp wellspring - Tom reports they are doing 2 nights a week and are covering it. The hospital is closing the detox down but is happy to move us to the psychiatric ward where meetings are needed and well appreciated. Sandra Prince Intermediate Care ACTS - Joe R absent but texted in all is well. Report Accepted New Beginnings & St Josephs mental health - They are not doing meetings there anymore. John will reach out to them and try to get them going. JAILS AND CORRECTIONS REPORT True Core Behavioral Juvenile Facility - Jenna absent. Hillsborough Women's jail - Bianca H emailed her report. The Faulkenburg jail is going well, with the help of the ladies from Manatee County who are doing the Wednesday evening meeting, we now have big books and copies of living sober in a cabinet available for us to use during meetings. We consistently have 15 women every Friday evening. This is the size of the drug program group. They are on a six week rotation. Sundays have been well attended although less consistent, some weeks there are 10+ women and others there are only three or four. We added one last volunteer, Julie M., before they put a hold on new volunteers due to a new coordinator taking over. She is now fully trained and ready to go in by herself. We have more than enough volunteers to cover the number of meetings per month. Susie reports that the Wednesday night women's meeting is going well 20+ women mostly repeat and are enjoying having the big books. They are studying them. The new volunteer coordinator is up and running. Report Accepted Hillsborough Men's Jail - Rich R Friday we have rotation of different volunteers Saturday is lighter and rotation is full. We are directly giving literature to the inmates. Buddy is the coordinator and does not do internet or texting but he's working hard and everything is progressing well. Zephyrhills Corrections - Tom F We had a good turn out last night with the new rotator Matt. East Pasco Women's Jail - Brittnei B absent BRIDGING THE GAP This is a shared

responsibility - Jon got 2 or 3 calls but could not connect others answered - Tom had 2 calls and both were answered by someone else or were hang ups - Mike bridged 2 calls - John answered 2 one was supposed to call back and the other was hung up. Counting calls it looks like the system is working correctly. Tom says we can produce a report if all the calls are accounted for. Tracy is not really participating at the business meetings but very active at the facilities so getting an actual valid count of the calls is difficult as she's so busy. Sofie asks about an action item regarding bridging the Gap answering system and says she's willing to help with the program. John will get with Tracy to see if we can get verification of her numbers again like we used to help accounting for the calls. John did get with Tracy and she will be emailing her report in when she can't make it to the meeting going forward. Report Accepted MAN ON THE BED John - One male and one female man on the bed were both attended to. Report Accepted OLD BUSINESS - 5 cases of soft cover big books for the jails is one thing but may not be ideal for outside of the jails. Should be get little big books for the more transient facilities? John is in favor of that and says the little red books are 1/3 the cost. Susie says the red book is interesting and it is what the chaplain gives to the jail members but no stories is not helpful but this will not affect the jails. These are not GSO approved literature and the money should be used to support GSO and Central Office and they will not be supported in obtaining them outside Central Office. Melissa asks about the small complete big books with the stories inside. This is for detox and shorter stay facilities so we will be buying the blue 4th edition without stories until their not in such a transitory environment because we will go through so many of them. So we will be obtaining 5 cases of the blue 164 big books for the treatment facilities NEW BUSINESS - Making Melissa B the official secretary until 2024 rotation. Vote accepted. Do we need a Bridging the Gap coordinator or should it stay a shared responsibility? John says updating the call list still needs to be finished but does not think an actual head of the committee would be necessary. Tracy is the coordinator for the District but does not attend the meeting so we don't get a report but does a great job. Sofie New Beginnings group says Ozzy had 25 people showed up with 8 from the VA and considering the pilot but there is very low participation so a New Beginnings VA is simply not showing up even though their supposed to be mandatory 100 participants. Jon says the attendance sounds up but still that's very low for someone to bring another meeting in. Sofie says they had Covid a few weeks before and that may be affecting their attendance. Motion to close accepted

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
**February 10th, 2024 9:30 am on ZOOM.** Contact us at [www.tbaic.org](http://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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Contributions: December 9th, 2023-January 13th, 2024**  
**Came to Believe: \$25.00, Hide-a-way Group: \$240.00,**  
**Keep it Simple/Pass it On: \$139.00, Living in the**  
**Solution: \$50.00, Nightly Newcomers: \$68.74, Ruskin**  
**Fellowship: \$59.00, women's Friendship Group:**  
**\$174.00**

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$755.74</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 12/2023</b>	<b>\$7,110.46</b>
<b>YTD Money Spent on Literature</b>	<b>\$270.43</b>
<b>YTD Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$942.39</b>
<b>Pink Can Current Balance</b>	<b>\$6,653.48</b>

**Pink Can Drive**  
**Our committee is 100% self supporting**  
**If you are able to send donation this year ...**  
**We will put it to great use!**  
**TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623**

**A MANUAL FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

**Tradition Two January 1948**

**DEFINITION of an Alcoholics Anonymous:**

An Alcoholics Anonymous is an alcoholic who through application of and adherence to rules laid down by the organization, has completely foresworn the use of any and all alcoholic beverages. The moment he wittingly drinks so much as a drop of beer, wine, spirits or any other alcoholic beverage he automatically loses all status as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. A.A. is not interested in sobering up drunks who are not sincere in their desire to remain completely sober for all time. It is not interested in alcoholics who want to sober up merely to go on another bender; sober up because they fear for their job, their wife, or to clear up some trouble, either real or imaginary. In other words, if a person is genuinely sincere in his desire for continued sobriety for his own good, is convinced in his own heart that alcohol has got him down and is willing to admit that he is an alcoholic, Alcoholics Anonymous will do all in their power, spend days of their time to guide him to a new, a happy way of life. It is utterly essential for the newcomer to sincerely say to himself, "I am doing this for myself and myself alone." Experience has proved in hundreds of cases that unless the alcoholic is sobering up for a purely personal and selfish motive, he will not last. He may remain sober for a few weeks or a few months, but the moment the motivating element, generally fear of some sort, disappears, so disappears sobriety. **TO THE NEWCOMER:** It is your life. It is your choice. If you are not completely convinced, to your own satisfaction, that you are an alcoholic; if you are not ready to part with alcohol for good, it would be better for all concerned if you discontinue reading this and give up on the idea of becoming a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. **TO THE LADIES:** If we seem to slight you in this booklet it is not intentional. We merely use the masculine pronouns "he" and "him" for convenience. We fully realize that alcohol shows no partiality. It does not recognize age, sex nor estate. The millionaire drunk on five dollar Scotch looks just like the laboring man drunk on twenty eight wine when he is lying in the gutter or the hospital bed. And the only difference between a female and a male drunk is that the former is likely to be treated with a little more consideration and courtesy—although she generally does not deserve it. Every word in this booklet applies to women as well as men.—The Editors.

Excerpts : from "*A Manual for Alcoholics Anonymous*" published by the Akron Area Intergroup Council of Alcoholics Anonymous

*\*This pamphlet was written and edited by members of Alcoholics Anonymous AA Group No.1, popularly known as the King School Group. Akron Group No.1 is the original chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous and includes in its active membership one of the organization's founders, the first person to accept the program, and a large number of other members whose sobriety dates back five, six and seven years. The text of this pamphlet has been approved by the membership.*

To be gravely affected, one does not necessarily have to drink a long time nor take the quantities some of us have. This is particularly true of women. Potential female alcoholics often turn into the real thing and are beyond recall in a few years. Certain drinkers, who would be greatly insulted if called alcoholics, are astonished at their inability to stop. We, who are familiar with the symptoms, see large numbers of potential alcoholics among young people everywhere. But try and get them to see it! **Big Book page 33-34**

Sooner or later, every AA comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of positive direction. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our AA reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God. Every AA group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience. We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us. Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the First Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in AA, no coercive human authority. Because each AA, of necessity, has a sensitive and responsive conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we are finding we have little need for manmade rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique. Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

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

**January 9th, 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 GROUP
CHRIS S.	TREASURER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
DEBBIE S.	SECRETARY	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
DODY H.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
CARL L.	BOARD MEMBER	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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(Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined. ) **Board Members present: Al B., Linda B., Debbie S., Brad W., Carl L. and Dody H.** Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He asked if there were any new Council members. (**Please note:** The chat did not get saved so I don't have all names who attended the meeting.). The groups with new Council members represented were: Set Aside Big Book Study Group, Sober @ 7 Group, Forth Dimension Group, and the Serenity Group. **Secretary Report:** Debbie read the December Secretary report. Al asked if there were any questions for Debbie. There were none. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the December Treasurer's Report. Contributions in December totaled \$8,211.09. This accounts for what 25 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in December, also included is, \$2,673.06 from 17 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. 3 members contributed \$63.00 from the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for December was \$5,949.32. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for December was \$14,160.41. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,799.49. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,360.92. Our Total Expenses for December were \$10,485.12. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$1,124.20 for the month of December. Al asked if there were any questions for Tim. There were none. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. **Old Business:** None **New Business:** None **Announcements:** Debbie announced the Sobrilla event which will be held this year in Pinellas County. John T., Central Office, office helper thanked everyone for the Christmas bonus he received. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and a lot of Happy New Years!!!After the meeting the Board had a brief discussion about the Office Managers yearly evaluation and his Insurance. A motion was made to continue to pay for his insurance. It was seconded and approved. Some Board members did not receive the Evaluation form that Tim send out so Tim will resend them.A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and a lot of Happy New Years!!!

**The next Board & Council Meeting will be February 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM**  
**Timothy S. Office Manager**

**January 9th, 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@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)

KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART
ROBERT M.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
SAMANTHA A.	FISHHAWK GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
JOHN T.	LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
BRIAN L.	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
NORM B.	SOBER @7 GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM)
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

**DRIVERS NEEDED**

**GOT A CAR? WANT TO HELP YOUR SOBRIETY? HELP SOMEBODY**

**GET TO A MEETING BY GIVING THEM A RIDE.**

**CALL CENTRAL OFFICE.**

**813-933-9123 or Email [aainfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aainfo@aatampa-area.org)**

Though they knew they must help other alcoholics if they would remain sober, that motive became secondary. It was transcended by the happiness they found in giving themselves for others. **Big Book page 159**

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

**SELF-SUPPORT-JANUARY, 2024**

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
MIDDAY MATINEE	DANIEL H.	02/15/86	38 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE	PATTI L/	02/08/77	47 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	HALA P.	02/04/02	22 YRS
SOBER ON SATURDAY	RICK L.	02/16/89	35 YRS
SOBER ON SATURDAY	MIKE R.	02/19/74	50 YRS
DADE CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE	NANCY P.	02/25/80	44 YRS
CARDINAL GROUP	MIKE S.	02/04/89	35 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JEFF H.	02/06/14	10 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	PATTY L.	02/11/90	34 YRS
FRIDAY NITE WOMENS	PAULA B.	02/03/81	43 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MIKE P.	02/26/15	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LAURA S.	02/21/11	13 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	STEVE H.	02/13/07	17 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CHRISTINA D.	02/14/00	24 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	WILLOW	02/09/99	25 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	RICK D.	02/04/13	11 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	BRIAN B.	02/10/05	19 YRS
MUSTARD SEED	BILL F.	02/12/06	18 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	TINA W.	02/26/22	2 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	CATHY L.	02/09/14	10 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY GROUP	LINDA L.	02/28/01	23 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	PEGGY D.	02/10/13	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	VIKKI	02/28/12	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	BARBARA N.	02/12/09	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DIANE S.	02/10/88	36 YRS

© Today in January, 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 January totaled \$8,393.47. This accounts for what 48 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in January, also included is, \$1,174.08 from 14 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. 1 member contributed \$35.00 from the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for January was \$6,147.86. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for January was \$14,541.33. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,617.75. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our January income left us with a Gross Profit of \$9,923.58. Our Total Expenses for January were \$9,814.61. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$108.97 for the month of January. 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 looking like 2024 just might be a better year to look forward to. 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 Two:** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. **1.** Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers? **2.** Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibilities? **3.** Do I look for credit in my AA jobs, praise for my AA ideas? **4.** Do I often feel the need to “save face” in group discussions, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work along with it? **5.** Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn with AA chores? **6.** Do I complain about the decisions that my group makes, even though I do not attend the business meetings where these decisions are made?

**A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
CARDINAL GROUP	MIKE S.	02/04/89	35 YRS

**That's 603 Years of Sobriety!**

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

Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic and our personal adventures before and after make clear three pertinent ideas: (a) That we were alcoholic and could not manage our own lives. (b) That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism. © That God could and would if he were sought. **B.B. 60**

*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*

# 6<sup>th</sup> Florida AA Archives Workshop

Hosted by Areas 1,14, 15 and FCYPAA  
9am to 4 pm February 17, 2024  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3377 Aloma Ave, Winter park Fl 32792  
\$20/person registration fee includes lunch

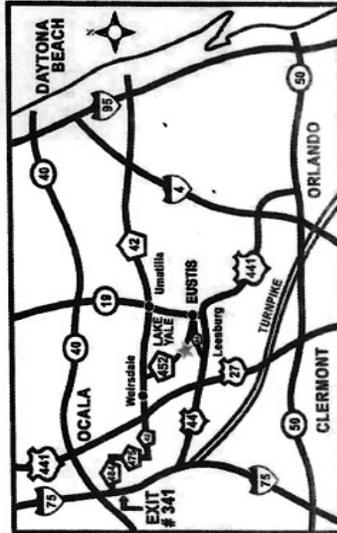


Presentations include Florida's AA history, What to collect, How to organize/digitize, How to Interview Old Timers, How to prepare Group Histories, Area/District/Intergroup Archives Displays, and Ethics

Send Registration check to JoAnn Ball 7202 Morningsgate Way, Riverview, Fl 33578 by February 1 2024 . Contact JoAnn B, Registrar, at jballvikingfan@gmail.com if questions.

**Lake Yale Baptist  
Conference Center**  
39034 County Road 452  
Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: 352-483-9800  
Web Site: <http://www.lybcc.org>



**SUGGESTED WEB DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**  
<http://www.lybcc.org/about-us/directions/>

## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOUSECLEANING



**Spiritual Retreat  
for A.A. & Al-Anon**



**LAKE YALE  
CONFERENCE CENTER, FL**  
**MARCH 8-10, 2024**

Online Registration Available:  
[www.retreatforaa-alanon.com](http://www.retreatforaa-alanon.com)

In person retreat for those  
who are vaccinated

## 18th Annual SOBERSTOCK 2024



**SOBERSTOCK  
2024**  
UNITY • RECOVERY • MUSIC  
MARCH 15-17, 2024 BROOKSVILLE, FL



**Soberstock is a 3-day weekend AA/Al-Anon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship.**

**Soberstock 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!

When: Friday, March 15th, 2024- Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at noon.    Bike Run!  
Where: "Sand Hill Scout Reservation"- 11210 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34613  
What to bring: Tents, blankets, coolers, chairs, lanterns, bug spray, snacks, NO PETS (except service animals) NO RV's  
What we provide: Fri. dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast.

**[www.soberstock.com](http://www.soberstock.com)**

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 via PayPal.



**FREE MUG**  
for the first 50 admissions  
sent before Jan 1, 2024!

**ONLINE PRICING GOOD UNTIL MARCH 1ST, 2024**  
**ONLINE PRICING vs GATE PRICING:**

1 DayPass - \$40.00 per person/\$50 Gate  
Weekend - \$75.00 per person/\$90 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)  
Bike Run: \$20 (FREE if you buy a day or weekend pass)

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

All sales are final, and non-refundable.

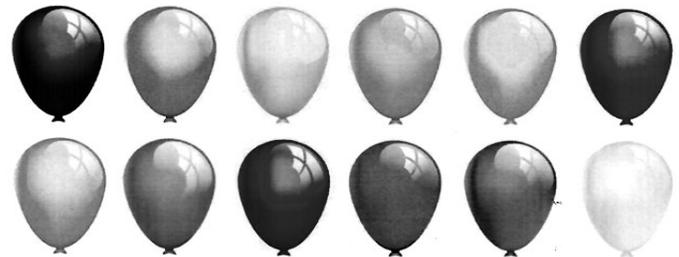
This is a Rain Or Shine Event. When ordering online, we don't ship items to you.

We will have all items for you (INCLUDING TICKETS!) at the front gate day of the event on a Will Call basis.  
Thank you so much for your cooperation!

**NEW! Bike Run!**

We're having our first bike run (motorcycles) at Soberstock this year. Please visit our website for more details!

Scan me for ALL the info!



**STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY**

**18<sup>th</sup> Group Anniversary**

**Ladies & Gentlemen, Please Help Us Celebrate Our 18th**

**Anniversary with a Special Dinner & Speaker**

**Where? First Presbyterian Church**

**121 Carver Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511**

**When? Friday, March 22, 2024**

**Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

**Speaker at 7:00 p.m.**

**Speaker: Darby C.**

**Tampa, FL**

Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	Y T D	Group	JAN	Y T D
AA 101 Group			Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group		
A Common Solution Group			Living in the Solution			Sober @ 7 Anniversary		
Alpha Group	100.00	100.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			Sober on Saturday Group	106.00	106.00
Annual Housecleaning			Little Harbor Grapevine Beach Mtg	300.00	300.00	SoberSticks Event		
Anonymous Donations	166.49	166.49	Lunch Bunch Group			SoberStock Event		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa			Mid Day Madness			Sobrenity Group	10.00	10.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group			Mid Day Matinee Group			Sobrietea Women's Group		
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	40.00	Morning Express Group	96.20	96.20	Soberilla		
BeginnersFirst Group	390.00	390.00	Morning Express (YANA)			Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
BeginnersStep Group	76.00	76.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Sobriety at Sunset Group	230.10	230.10
Big Book Bunch Group			New Beginnings Brandon			Solutions Group		
Bill D's Group	125.00	125.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)			Southshore Men's Group	300.06	300.06
Birthday Club	35.00	35.00	Newcomers Group			Southside Men's Group # 1		
Brandon Saturday Night Group			New Tampa Monday Men's	322.00	322.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		
By The Book Men's Group			New Way Women's Group			Southside Men's Group #3	300.00	300.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group			Nightly Newcomers Group			Southside Men's Group #4		
Came To Believe Group	317.00	317.00	Nooners Group--Riverview			Spiritual Development		
Cardinal Group - Odessa			Nooners Group--Tampa	134.38	134.38	Spiritual Growth Group		
Carrollwood Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Stay the Course Group		
Clean Air Group	8.12	8.12	Odessa Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Zoom	100.00	100.00
Close to Home Group			Old School Group			Step Sisters in Sobriety	95.32	95.32
Early Risers Group - Joe's			Old Timers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)	91.20	91.20
Expect a Miracle Group			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	306.80	306.80	Sun City Center Group		
Fireside Group	60.00	60.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Group			Sun City Center Men's	60.00	60.00
Fourth Dimension Group			Pathfinders Group	100.00	100.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg	105.00	105.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Pavillion Peeps			Sunset Group		
Friday @ 4 Group	211.25	211.25	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's	52.00	52.00	Sweet Surrender Group		
Friday Night Lights Group			Primary Purpose Group			Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	50.00
Fri Morning Women's Friendship			Promises Meeting Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Friends of Bill Meditation (Z)			Promises Group Anniversary			Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Z		
Friends of Bill Women's Group			Red Chip Day			Tampa Sat Night Speakers		
Good Start Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag			T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Grapevine Gals Group			Riverside Group			TGIS Group		
Great Way To Start The Day	169.50	169.50	Ruskin Fellowship Group	146.25	146.25	Thank God it's Friday Group	252.00	252.00
Happy Hour Group			Safe, Sane & Sober Group	401.21	401.21	The Meeting Place Group		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City			Saturday Night Fever Group			Tues.Big Book of Brandon	79.00	79.00
Hide-A-Way Group			Serenity Group--ZOOM	200.81	200.81	Turning Point Group -Z-H.	130.00	130.00
Host of Friends Group			Simply Sobriety Women's Group			UpTown/ Downtown Group	83.33	83.33
It's in the Book Men's Group	423.76	423.76	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)	281.83	281.83	WAWA Group		
In Loving Memory			Sisters Celebrating Sobriety			We Are Not Saints Group		
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Sisters in Sobriety Group	151.20	151.20	Wed Night Step Workshop		
Keep it Simple Men's Group	75.00	75.00				Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On						Wellspring Group	195.00	195.00
Keep it Simply Spiritual	316.00	316.00				Wesley Chapel Group		
Keep it Simple Group Dade City						With Room to Grow Group	750.00	750.00
Keeping it Real Group	105.00	105.00				Women's Friendship Group	375.00	375
Keystone Group								
Language of the Heart						Total	3,312.01	
Life Enrichment Group						YTD Total		3,312.01
Total	2,618.12		Total	2,492.68		Monthly Total	8,422.81	
YTD Total		2,618.12	YTD Total		2,492.68			
						Grand Total	8,422.81	