



Tri-County Central Office News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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48 Years & Then Some

Since next month Tri-County Central Office will be celebrating it's 48th year in existence, and 81 years as your Central Office Service Center. I kind of thought it would be befitting to honor some of the groups that originally helped us to get started. Although Central Office had been in existence since the early-mid 40's, known then as the Tampa Area Service Center or sometimes as the "Headquarters", we didn't become Tri-County Central Office until 1975. Following will be the original groups that supported Central Office back in 1975. I thought it might be interesting to share with everyone else, so here goes:

- The Sunset Men's Group located at 4624 Browning Ave.
- The Closed Women's Group located at 3333 W. Columbus
- The New Start Group located at 6806 Nebraska Ave.
- The Young at Heart Group (address not listed)
- The Big Book Discussion Group located at 3201 S. MacDill
- The Sunday Night 12 Tradition Group at 3209 S. MacDill
- The Bar-None Group located at 3209 S. MacDill Ave.
- The Thursday Nite Discussion Group 1201 S. MacDill Ave
- The Temple Terrace Discussion Group at 502 Druid Hills
- The Brandon Candlelight Group at Hwy 60 & Kingsway
- The Wednesday Morning Study Group at 3333 W. Columbus
- The Sunday Nite Unity Group located at 3333 W. Columbus
- The Riverside Group located at 240 Plant Ave.
- The Women's Friendship Group located at 4311 San Miguel
- The Friday Town & County Group at Memorial Hwy & Webb Road
- The Palma Ceia Group located at Dale Mabry & Bay to Bay
- The Sunday Morning Breakfast Group at 3201 S. MacDill
- The Young Peoples Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The MacDill AFB Group (address not listed)
- The Northgate Group located at 5701 North 20th Street
- The Tuesday Town & County Group at Memorial Hwy & Webb Road
- The Franklin Street Group located on Franklin Street
- The Tuesday Night Discussion Group at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions Group at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Helping Hand Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Sulphur Springs Group located at 5701 North 20th Street
- The Sunday Morning Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Drop-In Group located at 5701 North 20th Street
- The Ruskin Fellowship Group 705 9th Street SW, Ruskin
- The Thursday Clair-Mel Unity Group located at 1205 Windermere Way
- The Friday Clair-Mel Unity Group located at 1024 78th Street
- The Tuesday Clair-Mel Unity Group located at 1024 78th Street

PUTTING IT OFF A DAY AT A TIME

Among the paradoxes that apply to alcoholics is that we are impatient procrastinators. We want success and perfection right now, but we are caught up by a disease that functions as the world's greatest delaying mechanism. Taking things slowly and gradually, as well as simply, in Alcoholics Anonymous makes character growth more solid. We are told, "Easy Does It." This does not mean, however, that we take it easy to the extreme of procrastination. The slogan often runs, "Sure, Easy Does It...but Do It!" We in A.A. are aware that the magic word "action" is a deadly foe to the practice of putting things off. We grow within our program by accepting involvement. That does not necessarily mean *total* commitment, as a friend of mine points out. He tells the story of the hen that said to the pig one day, "We should be grateful to Farmer Jones for how well he feeds us. Let's repay him by affording him a fine ham and eggs breakfast tomorrow." The pig shook his head. "Hardly! For you that would be involvement. For me, it would mean total commitment." All A.A. action that reduces postponement of growth must start at home. We are told we must first get our own house in order before vital truths will be revealed to us. Even when we are ready and willing to give, nothing will happen as long as we simply sit and wait. We have to remember that procrastination means standing still, whereas the distance between any two points can be covered only by movement. There are some people who never know what is happening, others who know but choose to do nothing about it, and still others who make things happen. Any problem can be solved by following the advice to "press on." We should not move in haste; vigilance is a must. But vigilance can become boring and irksome unless we become involved with others. It is comfortable only when combined with friendship, caring, sharing, and love. And in spiritual growth, nothing takes the place of persistence. The lesson is clear: Procrastination is a thief of time. The impulse to put things off can make us feel that we have very far to go in sobriety. The antidote for that is the attitude of the trained mountain climber, who seldom looks upward to be dismayed at how much farther he has yet to climb, but, when he rests, turns to look back down upon the gorgeous vista that shows how far he has already come.

Start the year off right and go volunteer to do the coffee at your Home Group, Welcome the newcomer at the door, Help clean up after the meeting, Invite the newcomer out for Fellowship.

CURRENTLY WE HAVE NO PRINTER SERVICE FOR OUR PRINTED VERSION OF THE NEWSLETTER. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO FIND A NEW AFFORDABLE SERVICE. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

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

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

Mike B. opened the December 10, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity Attendees: Mike B., Scott S., John O., Tom F., Rich R., Sara R., Tracy B., Jonathan C., Joe R., Bianca H., and John T. Joe R. introduced himself as the H&I Committee rep for the YANA Keep It Simple Men's Group. His group has been carry the meeting into Cove Behavioral Men's facility and are planning to carry meetings into the ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike B. said he has been focusing on transferring duties over to the new TBAIC chair. He said he attended the November District 2 meeting and most district positions were not filled. Mike said he plans to attend the District 2 meeting tomorrow. Additional elections will be held. He said he will mention the need for qualified people from District 2 to bring meetings into the Zephyrhills CI and also the need for qualified people to bring meetings into several treatment institutions. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the corrected November minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. The current Pink Can balance is \$8,063.62. Since last report, operating expenses totaled \$362.77 and literature purchases totaled \$1,395.90. Year to date literature purchases totaled \$15,195.53. The report was approved. INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES Treatment facilities meetings: ACTS Detox. John T. said the move to new facility on North 50th Street has been completed. They have a new program manager who indicated a possible change in meeting times. Unlike the old facility, there is no bell to ring to gain access to the facility. That likely will change but until it does, access can be gained by knocking loudly on the entry door. Cove Behavioral Men's Facility. John T. said the YANA Keep It Simple Men's Group has been carrying the Tuesday night meetings into the facility and will continue to do so. Joe R. is the group coordinator. Cove Behavioral Women's Facility. John T. said an issue related to meetings at the facility was brought to his attention. He said he discussed it with the AA contact for the meeting (Leslie L.) and she will work with the Cove Behavioral manager to resolve the situation. ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program. Joe R. said the YANA Keep It Simple Men's Group is willing to carry the Wednesday meeting into the facility. He left a voice mail with the program director and will re-contact to discuss. River Oaks. John T. said Jason C. said meetings were going well. He said there was a problem with patient attendance at meetings but that issued was resolved. Corrections facilities meetings: Pasco County Women's Jail. Tracy B. said the jail is now open for volunteers. She said she has 7 confirmed volunteers and is trying to find more volunteers. She said management of the jail is now under the county and not the sheriff's office. She said volunteers are required to complete a new form to gain access to the facility. She said she discussed meeting times with volunteers and the jail's point of contact and it was agreed that meetings will be held on Thursdays at 7pm and Saturday at 9am. Tracy said meetings will start up in January and more female volunteers are needed. Pasco County Men's Jail. Tracy B. and Tom F. gave background as to why District 15 took responsibility for meetings at the men's side of the jail. Both Tracy and Tom said the prior corrections chair for District 15 was no longer interested in doing the meetings and that no one has volunteered to fill that role. Tom said he called all the volunteers on the list he received from the jail's point of contact and 7 people are willing to attend meetings but so far no one is willing to serve as corrections chairperson or coordinator for the meeting. The incoming District 15 H&I committee chair has been notified and further action is awaiting her response. As of now, no meeting times have been decided. Falkenburg Road Women's Jail. Sara R. said the change in how meetings are being conducted is working well. That is, more experienced volunteers are chairing/attending the Friday evening meetings with attendees who were encouraged by the courts to attend meetings. While less experienced volunteers conduct Sunday daytime meetings with attendees who volunteer to attend meetings. Sara said volunteers are welcome and anyone interested should contact her directly. Sara also said the jail point of contact told her that since meeting attendees have note pads and can access AA literature on-line there is no need to leave literature at the facility. Sara said volunteers are not leaving any literature at the facility now but that could change. Falkenburg Road Men's Jail. Rich R. said there have been no issues related to bringing and leaving AA literature with the men at meetings. He said there have been 33 or more attendees, both volunteers and non-volunteers, at the Friday afternoon

meetings. Zephyrhills CI. Tom F. said there has been a good turnout at recent meetings. He said 27 people attended last night's meeting. He said they are currently reading Chapter 5 of the Big Book and encouraging meeting attendees to take their 4th step. He said there likely will be arrangements made at a later date for volunteers to hear 5th steps. Tom said more volunteers are always needed. He said one longtime volunteer has cancer and will no longer be doing meetings. Tom said there are no other volunteers from District 2 who routinely attend meetings other than him. He said his own health is not as good as it was and he may need to cut back or completely stop going to meetings. He said he will continue to solicit volunteers and asked that others do the same. Tom said there are two members of the corrections lifers' program who have come to meetings but they travel to other prisons and are not always at Zephyrhills. Mike B. said he would announce the need for volunteers at the district meeting this Sunday. Bridging the Gap (BTG) - Tracy B. said she received 2 calls since the last meeting. Both calls were from females. One caller was looking for transportation to Massachusetts and was able to arrange that herself. The other caller was looking for a meeting and Tracy took her to the Old School Group meeting. John T. said Tracy S. said she received 2 calls and called back and got no answer but left her number so individuals can call back. John T. said he received 2 calls and contacted members on the call list who contacted the callers and arranged to get them to meetings. John T. said he assisted John O. with another call where the caller was in the same sober living facility as one of the callers who John T. had talked with on the same day. Another member on the call list was contacted and said she would arrange to get the caller to a meeting. John T. received a call during the meeting but received no response when he called back the caller. He passed on the number to an individual on the call list who also got no response when he called the call back number. Man on the Bed (MOB) - Tom F. said 12 calls from Tampa General. Contact was made and AA information provided to 11 callers. The one caller not contacted was undergoing surgery. One of the callers contacted was brought to the hospital under the Baker Act and did not want any AA information. OLD BUSINESS: Elections were held at the last TBAIC meeting with committee positions rotated with the following changes approved to be effective on January 1, 2023. o John O. stood for and approved as committee chair o Mike B. stood for and approved as alternate committee chair o John T. stood for and approved as treasurer o Tom F. stood for and approved as secretary o John T. said he would continue as treatment center coordinator unless someone else was interested. No one else stood for the position John T. said he ordered two cases of Grapevine magazine back issues for the Manatee County jail as discussed at the November meeting. He said he had not received the magazines yet. He also said he received the new Bridging the Gap business cards and placed some in the TBAIC literature cabinets at the central office. NEW BUSINESS: Literature. o Tom F. said the TBAIC literature cabinets at central office were nearly empty and he proposed the committee use PINK CAN funds to buy enough books and literature to ensure availability for TBAIC members. Tom said he would put together a list of items. John T. said he would assist Tom with the purchases. No one opposed this approach. o Sara R. requested 3 sets of tabletop 12 steps and 12 traditions for use in jail meetings. No one opposed this purchase. o Jonathan C. asked for mini Big Books at ACTS Amethyst. John T. said he had recently provided a case of mini Big Books to that facility. He said Chelsea at ACTS Amethyst should be asked about them. Mike B. said the Area Assembly with corrections and treatment committee meetings will be held January 13th to 15th at the Hyatt Regency, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be on Saturday, January 7th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

NEW YEAR'S AND THE PERENNIAL BEGINNER

If you're new in AA, if this is your first AA New Year's, you're probably like I was — full of good resolutions. At least, you're full of resolutions to *make* good resolutions for the coming year. And I expect I know pretty well what kind of resolutions they'll be. You will, almost certainly, resolve to live this next year "one day at a time"; to watch your ego, never again to allow yourself to become prideful and too big for your britches. You'll promise to guard your humility as you would a tender and precious flower, watering it each day with gratitude. You'll resolve to try to pay back in some measure for the blessing of sobriety by being of service to others. You'll promise yourself never to turn down either a Twelfth Step call or any other opportunity to help another drunk. In that great first-year glow of AA sobriety, you will make the goldarnest set of Pollyannaish resolutions you ever heard of. And I say, *good for you!* Go right ahead and make them! And, if you don't keep them so good in 1956, make them all over again in 1957! And 1958! And 1958! And 1959! And I pray you'll live so long and so well that you'll be making them in 1999! Some little time has passed since I made my first AA New Year's resolutions. I'm what is called an oldtimer now. But I guess there was a period when I looked back on my first AA resolutions as "kid stuff." Sobriety had become a comfortable sort of habit. Meanwhile, I was hearing and reading a lot about the special problems of the oldtimer—all about how the meetings and the very structure of AA were geared to and for the newcomer, leaving the oldtimer out in the cold, trying not to be bored with the same old case histories, horror stories and bad jokes. I don't remember believing that, or feeling "left out." But I guess they were talking about me without my realizing it. At any rate, somewhere along the line I lost the old combination. What used to be merely an occasional bad day lengthened into weeks and finally into a full scale depression. And I couldn't pull out of it. All the fears came back. All the bafflement. And, at last, the self pity. No drinks. Oddly enough, not even a thought of taking one. It got so bad that I considered cutting my throat, but never of taking a drink. This was terrible. I tried everything, or *thought* I was trying everything. And nothing helped. But enough! This is not the story of the agonies of an eighteen-month depression. It's the story of how simple the answer was. Actually the answer was right in front of me all the time. Right in my own group and in the person of an old AA friend of mine named Frank. On the North Shore of Long Island, and throughout the New York Metropolitan area, Frank is an oldtimer who is listened to with respect. He's intelligent, sophisticated — and tough! He's been everywhere, seen everything. In his own words, he's known it all, from champagne in the luxury of ocean-going liners to "smoke" on the Bowery. About the time this issue of the Grapevine hits your house or Group, Frank will be finishing up his fourteenth year of continuous sobriety. Frank is no cherub—more of a gargoyle. He looks like a cross between a played-out playboy and a Spanish pirate.

NEW YEAR'S AND THE PERENNIAL BEGINNER...continued

Hardly the guy you'd pick as a stand-in for the innocent little naked kid with the sash who symbolizes each New Year. But Frankie is my boy, my symbol of New Year's. For, regardless of how often I have heard Frank speak at AA meetings (it must be well up into the hundreds), I don't think I ever heard him fail to tuck this little thought into his talk: "No matter how long I am sober, in AA I intend to remain the perennial beginner." Simple? Sure. Ridiculously simple. Stay as sweet as you are. Be the perennial beginner. What's it mean? It means to me—that my happiness as well as my sobriety depends on my state of mind and, please God, don't let me forget how easily I can turn anthills into mountains. It means that, by the mere passage of time, I must have assumed that I had "graduated" or "risen above" those first few simple principles. I had become too sophisticated in AA to be able to realize that the answers were always the same. I had forgotten how to "feel" like a beginner. Three years ago, the tension snapped. It was over. Frank, my tough angel, helped do it for me although he never knew it. He said "perennial beginner" again one night. And suddenly I understood. I had become a man living in suspense—without a "beginning," without any "roots." Ergo, without any real faith. Do you know what my resolutions are for 1956? Right! One day at a time. Watch the pride. Be truly humble. Be grateful. And try to serve as best I can. Those resolutions did me very well in 1944. I think they'll do equally well in 1956—for this eternal beginner! I remember hearing Doctor Bob, in Cleveland, say, "Keep it simple. AA is good because of two very simple things. Love and Service." Come to think of it, a man at Galilee talked a lot like that, too. He said, "Keep it simple," also. Personally, I don't think that AA has to be reshaped to fit the oldtimer, but rather the other way 'round. The oldtimer should keep reshaping himself so as not to grow out of the simple mold that saved him the first time around. For me, the answer is to try to remain the "perennial beginner." Call me Pollyanna. Call me slap-happy. But I'm having one helluva good time! I hope you are too. Happy New Year!

A.S. , Great Neck, New York

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☞ A LITTLE PRAYER ☞

"Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help."

Anonymous

Good Orderly Direction

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

December 13th, 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
TOM F.	BOARD MEMBER	KEYSTONE GROUP
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
RITA Y.	BOARD MEMBER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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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., Tom F. , Linda B. & Chris S.

Secretary Report: Tim read the November Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted.

Treasurers Report: Tim presented the November Treasurer’s Report. Contributions in November totaled \$ 8,933.29. This accounts for what 45 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in November, also included is \$ 1,231.19 from 7 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also, \$30.00 from 1 member for the Birthday Club. Also included is \$491.00 from the Sober @ 7 Group’s Anniversary Dinner. Our literature sales for November was \$ 5,228.45. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for November was \$14,291.63. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,803.66. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our November income left us with a Gross Profit of \$10,487.97. Our Total Expenses for November were \$8,755.00. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,732.97 for the month of November.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Announcements : Tom noted that the Keystone Group had decided to hold off from doing a fund raiser at this time, maybe do one later in the year. Randall reminder everyone of the AWOL meeting January 10th, 2023. Brad noted that there was an Ala-thon online Christmas Eve & Christmas day online.

A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

After the Board & Council Meeting, the Board remained to discuss Christmas bonus for the Office staff. After some discussion the Board gave each of the members very nice Christmas bonuses for the hard work they had done through-out the year.

The next Board & Council Meeting will be February 14th, 2023 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

December 13th, 2022 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

JEFF P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP
MAX C.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP
ANDREW D.	PROMISES MEETING GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
RANDELL D.	KINGSWAY GROUP
CAROLINE G.	SPEAK EASY GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
SUSAN S.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
CARL L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN’S GROUP
ANNIE L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP-RUSKIN
BARBARA M.	EARLY RISER’S GROUP
MAY H.	THE 164 GROUP
PHIL M.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP

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- The Thursday Morning Discussion Group located at 3333 W. Columbus Dr.
- The Dade City Group located on 11th and Magnolia, Dade City
- The Trilby 12 Steps Group located in Trilby, Florida
- The Odessa Group (no address listed)
- The Sunday Night Traditions Group corner of Linebaugh & North Blvd.
- The Tampa Heights Discussion Group corner of Central & Columbus
- The Lutz Group located in Lutz, Florida
- The Sunday Morning North-East Fellowship Group (no address)
- The Zephyrhills Group (no address listed)
- The Round Robin Group (no address listed)
- The North West Tampa Group located at 3126 W. Lambright St.
- The Monday Nite Group located at 3201 S. MacDill Ave.

So there you have it. 44 groups got together to help support the Central Office. Some of them have faded into the past but many of those original groups still continue to flourish and support us.

If you would like your group featured in the newsletter, why don’t you drop us a brief history of the early days of your group’s beginnings. We would love to hear from you.

**NOTE: New Mailing Address for contributions to New York General Service Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW WAY GROUP	SHERRI F.	01/11/96	27 YRS
TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS	BRAD W.	01/02/12	11 YRS
SPANISH GROUP	JERONIMO R.	01/20/50	73 YRS
STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	SONIA T.	01/07/87	36 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY	ARISSA H.	01/29/17	6 YRS
CLEAN AIR GROUP	SUE Z.	01/16/89	34 YRS
11TH M. STEP MEETING	KATHY M.	01/17/86	37 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	CHERYL T.	01/01/92	31 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JESSICA F.	01/15/11	12 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	BRIAN K.	01/29/83	40 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	MIKE C.	01/03/11	12 YRS
RUSH HOUR SERENITY	ED S.	01/15/86	37 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	AMANDA F.	01/16/14	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	PEGGY C.	01/01/14	9 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	SHELLY P.	01/10/13	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	KATHLEEN M.	01/01/13	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	NANCY	01/13/11	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	VAL M.	01/19/10	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	LAURA M.	01/06/04	19 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	JUNE T.	01/09/99	24 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMENS	STEPHANIE C.	01/29/91	32 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MELINDA D.	01/24/18	5 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	BILL B.	01/02/11	12 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	MARRY W.	01/10/10	13 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	DAVID G.	01/24/95	28 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SU S.SAN	01/28/10	13 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF S.	01/08/05	18 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	LYNN P.	01/11/08	15 YRS
HIGH NOONERS PLANT CITY	CHET K.	01/22/87	36 YRS
HIGH NOONERS PLANT CITY	DENNIS O.	01/28/84	39 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JIM	01/2017	6 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	JO ANN S.	01/19/05	18 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	ROBIN J.	01/01/02	21 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	HENRY S.	01/28/90	33 YRS

SELF-SUPPORT-DECEMBER, 2022

© Today in December 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 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 December totaled \$ 10,092.81. This accounts for what 36 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in December, also included is \$ 5,696.29 from 7 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also, \$110.00 from 3 members for the Birthday Club. Also included is \$417.95 from the Red Chip Day Event. Our literature sales for December was \$ 7,535.92. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for December was \$17,649.73. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$5600.19. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our December income left us with a Gross Profit of \$12,049.54. Our Total Expenses for December were \$8,192.25. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$3,857.29 for the month of December. 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 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:)

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW WAY	ANN K.	12/12/05	17 YRS
SISTERS HOUSE	JANE A.	10/03/81	41 YRS
NOONTIME CELEBRATION	JIM H.	09/22/87	35 YRS

**That's 844 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right !
Search out these people and find out their
secret. 😊**



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

***Grapevine Representative**

MORE NEWS AROUND THE TOWN & THE AREA

Old Time A.A.

Presents: A benefit for Dr. Bob's Home



Featuring presentations on our amazing past secretaries of the GSO Headquarters and their contributions to the Fellowship's growth. Presenters: Gail L., Dave McD., Gary N.

Ruth Hoek
(Non Alcoholic)
First National
Secretary



Margaret "Bobbie" B.
(Alcoholic)
Second & Last
National Secretary



Nell Wing
(Non Alcoholic)
Secretary &
First GSO Archivist



January 21, 2023, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Breakfast & Lunch Served
Kings Avenue Baptist Church
2602 S. Kings Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511
oldtimeaa.com

SOBERILLA

THE 164 GROUP PRESENTS:



12 Step Workshop
January 28, 2023

"THE BEST IS YET TO COME"

TIME: 2PM - 8PM

SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: \$15 (PRE-SALE)

\$20 AT THE DOOR

SPAGHETTI DINNER INCLUDED

(*PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE)

PLEASE SEE: SOBERILLA.ORG

SALVATION ARMY CHURCH - 1100 W SLIGH AVE, TAMPA, FL 33604
I-275 TO SLIGH AVE - WEST 1.4 MILES TO LOCATION

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

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



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CONFERENCE CENTER, FL
OR ZOOM/PHONE
MARCH 10-12, 2023



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

Online Registration Available:
www.retreatforaa-alanon.com

In person retreat for those
who are vaccinated

17th Annual SOBERSTOCK 2023



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Soberstock

MARCH 17-19, 2023 BROOKSVILLE, FL



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!

When: Friday, March 17th, 2023 - Gates open at Noon on Friday! Event ends on Sunday at noon.

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. dinner, Sat. breakfast, lunch and dinner, & Sunday breakfast.

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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!



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)

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, 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 tolerance 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 (INCLUDING TICKETS!) at the front gate day of the event on a Will Call basis. Please remember, pets are NOT allowed (Service pets with paperwork only). Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D	Group	DEC	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		585.00	Live and Let Live Group		1,078.25	Sober @ 7 Group		175.93
11th Step Meditation	31.51	40.50	Living in the Solution		800.00	Sober @ 7 Anniversary		491.00
11th Step Retreat		100.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		497.48	Sober on Saturday Group		920.00
AA 101 Group			Lunch Bunch Group			SoberSticks Event		100.00
Alpha Group		720.00	Mid Day Madness		120.00	Sobriety Group		758.62
Annual Housecleaning		150.00	Mid Day Matinee Group zoom		100.00	Sobrietea Women's Group		
Anonymous Donations	5,477.14	12141.25	Mid Day Matinee Group		1,160.00	Soberilla		1,420.41
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express Group		995.05	Sobriety at Sunrise Group	262.60	532.35
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		489.34	Morning Meditation Meeting		0.12	Social Distancing Group (Texas) (Z)		170.00
Attitude of Gratitude Group		600.00	My Turn Group		586.00	Sobriety at Sunset Group		120.25
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	440.00	Never Too Early Group			Solutions Group		
Beginners Group		432.00	Never Too Early Group(Zoom)		200.00	Southshore Men's Group	178.10	546.10
Big Book Bunch Group		590.63	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		635.16	Southside Men's Group # 1		1,828.00
Bill D's Group	125.00	375.00	New Beginnings-Brandon		369.00	Southside Men's Group # 2		605.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	159.00	2,181.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)	98.13	826.07	Southside Men's Group #3		800.00
Brandon Big Book Group	170.00	170.00	Newcomers Group		253.64	Southside Men's Group #4		182.33
BYO 12 & 12 Group		84.00	New Tampa Monday Men's		555.33	Spiritual Development		60.00
Came To Believe Group	338.33	1,316.58	New Way Women's Group		50.00	Spiritual Growth Group		1,092.89
Candlelight Group		1.00	Next Door Group		1,638.92	Stay the Course Group		200.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	482.30	1,593.74	Nightly Newcomers Group		586.00	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group	400.00	1,400.00
Carrlwood Group		130.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		431.37	Step Sisters in Sobriety		364.00
Carrlwood Blue Roof Group		1.41	Nooners Group--Tampa	65.31	540.91	Stepping Stones Group (w)		390.00
Clean Air Group		133.39	Noontime Celebration Gp.		100.00	Sun City Center Group		102.00
Close to Home Group		50.00	Odessa Group		550.67	Sun City Center Zoom		163.00
Come as You Are Group	32.80	159.80	Old School Group		2,204.26	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg	60.50	162.00
Common Solution Group	8.00	64.95	Old School Gp Anniversary			Sunday Speakers - 3333		
District Two General Service			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		387.37	Sunshine Group		100.00
Early Risers Group - Joe's		520.00	One Day at a Time Group			Sweet Surrender Group		98.10
Expect a Miracle Group		572.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		600.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		700.00
Experience, Strength & Hope			Pathfinders Group		300.00	Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	600.00
FCYPAA Committee			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		132.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		1,294.13
Fear Not Group		200.00	Plank Owners Group		585.00	Tampa Bay Young People	651.48	651.48
Fireside Group		567.59	Plant City Sunday Night			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		384.00
Freedom in Sobriety Group		364.40	Promises Meeting Group		370.88	Tampa Group		0.84
Fresh Start Group			Promises Group Anniverary		4,000.00	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom		553.26
Friday @ 4 Group		64.72	Red Chip Day	417.95	417.95	Tampa Palms Big Book		
Friday Night Lights Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag		646.25	Tampa Sat Night Speakers		300.00
Friday Morning Women's	200.00	1,265.80	Riverside Group		244.40	T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Friday Night Women's Group		341.72	Rule 62/Keep it Simple		486.00	TGIS Group		
Good Start Group		750.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		163.87	Thank God it's Friday Group		636.00
Grapevine Gals Group		342.95	Ruskin Womens Big Book		19.66	The 164 Group		250.00
Great Way To Start The Day		238.00	Ruskin 11th Step Meditation		50.00	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Grupo Poco a Poco			Safe Haven Group			The Meeting Place Group		2,739.40
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Safe, Sane & Sober Group		734.35	There is a Solution		42.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Saturday Night Fever Group		1,655.00	Thursday Pavillion Peeps		115.24
Happy Destinty Group		142.00	Saturday Night Live Group	138.61	138.61	To Improve Our Consious Contact		
Happy Hour Group	650.00	2,950.00	Saturday Serenity Group		210.00	Town & Country Wed. Night		282.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Seekers of Serenity II Group		407.03	Tues. Night Big Book Study		254.00
Hide-A-Way Group		801.99	Serenity Group--ZOOM		1,030.33	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		1,170.00
High Nooners Group		100.00	Simply Sobriety Women's		604.95	UT 717 Group		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		500.00	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)		659.65	Valrico Friday Morning		270.69
Hope Floats Group		261.42	Sisters Celebrating Sobriety	58.50	58.50	We Are Not Saints Group		
Host of Friends Group	100.00	100.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	421.34	1,524.97	Wed Night Step Workshop		
It's in the Book Group		1,065.35				Wed Keep it Simple Group		195.00
In Loving Memory		825.00				Wellspring Group		1,334.21
Into The Triad AA Group		81.30				Wesley Chapel Group		2,675.21
Just What I Wanted Big Book						With Room to Grow Group		1,000.00
Keep it Simple Men's Group		225.00				Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		737.40	Donations thru PayPal		1,946.08	Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Keep it Simple Group Dade City		1,735.00				Women's Friendship Group		1138.15
Keeping It Real Group			Total	1,199.84		XYZ-32 Group		302.71
Keystone Group	144.30	832.00	YTD Total		31,651.08			
Kingsway Group		497.25						
Life Enrichment Group		533.00						
Little Harbor Grapevine Group		400.00						
						Total	1,602.68	
						YTD Total		29,670.30
						Monthly Total	10,740.90	
Total	7,938.38							
YTD Total		39,563.48						
						Grand Total	100,884.86	