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UNDERSTANDING THE SIXTH STEP

According to the AA Twelve & Twelve, "This is the Step that separates the men from the boys." And, it should be added, the women from the girls. Step Six addresses the issue of our readiness to have removed the defects of character that we have identified in Step Four and that we admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being in Step Five. After the rigors of the two preceding Steps, this Step seems, at first glance, to be quick and easy. Not much is required emotionally and spiritually. This Step asks us whether or not we are entirely willing to have God remove all our defects of character. Are we willing, in other words, to behave differently from the way we have in the past? Are we willing to change ourselves and to be changed? The AA Big Book puts it this way, "Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can (God) now take them all—every one?" If we are not willing, we are faced again with self-will. We are once more insisting on our own way, even when that way is destructive. Step Six is about willingness. As we have experienced before, if we do not recognize a problem, we cannot solve it. Step Six allows us to see the problem. It focuses our attention on our unwillingness to give up the defects of character that we enjoy (such as self-righteous anger and feeling superior toward others). This recognition of the problem enables us to do something about it. "At the very least, we shall have to come to grips with some of our worse character defects and take action toward their removal as quickly as we can," suggests the AA Twelve & Twelve. "Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be fatal. This is the exact point at which we abandon limited objectives, and move toward God's will for us." Self-will in the form of our character defects causes a lot of pain that we could otherwise avoid. A review of our Fourth Step inventory is proof enough of that. Even more important, our character defects can lead us back to our addictions or compulsions and their nightmarish consequences. The AA Twelve & Twelve describes our character defects as "flaws which must be dealt with to prevent a retreat into alcoholism." It is urgent, therefore, that we deal with these defects of character. Given that urgency, Step Six can be confusing because it seems to demand perfection. The phrase "entirely ready" is the sticking point. Who among us is entirely ready to have our defects of character removed? If we are not entirely ready, have we truly taken this Step? The AA Twelve & Twelve offers this interpretation: "The key words "entirely ready" underline the fact that we want to aim at the very best we know or can learn. "How many of us have this degree of readiness? In an absolute sense practically nobody has it. The best we can do, with all the honesty that we can summon, is try to have it. Even then the best of us will discover to our dismay that there is always a sticking point, a point at which we say, "No, I can't give this up yet." The AA Twelve & Twelve assures us, "Only Step One, where we made the 100 percent admission we were powerless over alcohol can be practiced with absolute perfection. The remaining eleven Steps state perfect ideal. They are goals toward which we look, and the measuring sticks by which we estimate our progress. Seen in this light, Step Six is still difficult, but not at all impossible. The only urgent thing is that we make a beginning, and keep trying."

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The Founders

DR. BOB



BILL W.

A seemingly unplanned meeting in Akron, Ohio in 1935 between two men, both of whom were termed "hopeless" alcoholics, began a program of recovery that has helped millions find sobriety and serenity. Bill W. was one of those men. In fighting his own battle against drinking, he had already learned that helping other alcoholics was the key to maintaining his own sobriety, the principle that would later become Step Twelve in the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. A stock broker from New York, Bill W. had traveled to Akron, Ohio on May 12, 1935 for a shareholders' meeting and proxy fight, which did not turn out his way. Fighting desperately to maintain his sobriety, his immediate reaction was, "I've got to find another alcoholic." A few inquiries lead him to a meeting with an Akron surgeon, forever to be remembered simply as "Dr. Bob," who had struggled for years with his own drinking problem. The effect the meeting had on Dr. Bob was immediate, as he tells it in his own words and soon he too would put down the bottle (June 10, 1935), never to pick it up again. The bond formed between the two men would grow into a movement that would literally affect the lives of millions. Starting in an upstairs room at Dr. Bob's home at 855 Ardmore Avenue, in Akron, the two men began helping alcoholics one person at a time. It took four years to get the first 100 alcoholics sober in the first three groups that formed in Akron, New York, and Cleveland. But after the publication in 1939 of the group's "text book" *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and the publication of a series of articles about the group in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the development of A.A. was rapid. Membership in the Cleveland group soon grew to 500. The response was so overwhelming, the group found itself sending out members, who had only a short time in the program themselves, to work with other new members. This was a key point in the development of Alcoholics Anonymous. For the first time, the Founders learned that recovery was something that could be "mass produced" and was not limited to the ground that they themselves could cover. After a dinner in New York in 1940, given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to publicize the group, membership soon grew to 2,000. An article in the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1941 resulted in another growth period and membership in the United States and Canada rose to 6,000. By 1951, Alcoholics Anonymous had helped more than 100,000 people recover from alcoholism and by 1973 more than one million copies of The Big Book had been distributed. Since that time the fellowship has continued to grow and has become worldwide. A number for Alcoholics Anonymous can be found in the white pages of virtually every local telephone directory. Dr. Bob died Nov. 16, 1950 and Bill W. passed on Jan. 24, 1971, but the legacy they left behind continues to touch the lives of millions.

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

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

Mike B. opened the May 14, 2022, TBAIC Zoom meeting with the Declaration of Unity. Attendees: Mike B., Sara R., Scott S., John O., and John T. Mike B. presented the chair report. Mike said he attended the May district meeting. He said the Area 15 delegate luncheon will be held in lieu of the June 5th district meeting. He said he received various flyers from the district treasurer showing: the updated District 2 contact list; the Area 15 quarterly meeting schedule for the next two years; delegate luncheon information; call for volunteers for the district gratitude dinner; the agenda for the next area quarterly meeting; and, Old School Group Memorial Day celebration information. Mike said the district literature chair received literature from an unspecified donor and decided to donate it all to TBAIC. Mike said he would have it placed in the TBAIC cabinets at central office. Mike also mentioned that John O. volunteered to serve as the alternate committee chair. John mentioned his background and interest in hospitals and institutions service and was approved unanimously. John T. asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the April minutes. Nothing was mentioned. The minutes were approved. Scott S. presented the treasurer's report. The current Pink Can balance is \$9,795.52. Contributions for the month totaled \$3,200.27. Operating expenses were \$104.88 and literature purchases totaled \$4,338.25. The report was approved.

INSTITUTION MEETINGS UPDATES

Treatment facilities meetings:

- ACTS Amethyst – John T. said volunteers have committed to chair 13 live and 1 Zoom meeting per week. No meetings without a chair.
- ACTS Detox – John said volunteers have committed to chair all 6 evening meetings and 4 daytime meeting per week. Chairpersons are still needed for noon time meetings on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday.
- ACTS Sandra Prince Intermediate Care Program – John said there are now two facilities – one on 17th St and one on 131st Ave. John T. said a volunteer has committed his home group to chair the meeting at one of the facilities. John T. said the meeting start date has been delayed but the volunteer indicated he still wants to chair the meeting. A volunteer is still needed to chair meetings at the second facility.
- Cove Behavioral Health (formerly DACCO). Both men's and women's meetings have restarted. The same volunteers who chaired meetings prior to shutdown have agreed to again chair meetings. Some confusion exists regarding meetings. An email was received which stated a counselor was interested in starting meetings at the facility. Several calls were made and messages left but no call back from the counselor. No further action will be taken unless the counselor calls back or otherwise contacts us.
- White Sands of Brandon – John T. said he had still not heard anything back from the individual who requested meetings at the facility. John O. said he would talk with his contact at White Sands in Hyde Park to see if they could assist.
- Tampa Hope – John T. said the meeting day and time was changed to Wednesday at 7:30 PM since attendees and the facility program director thought more people would attend evening meetings. Several new people did attend the first Wednesday evening meeting this week. John added that this meeting should probably not be a TBAIC meeting since the facility is homeless transitional housing and is not primarily for alcoholics. John said the facility program manager indicated there would be no problem with us announcing the meeting as a meeting open to all AA members. John indicated he would announce the meeting at the next district meeting.
- Riverside Recovery – John O. said the Saturday meetings are going well with good attendance by patients and great volunteer support. He said he will be asking facility management about starting a meeting on another night.

Corrections facilities meetings:

- Falkenburg Road Women's Jail – Sara R. said meetings are going well with good attendance and good support by volunteers.
- Pasco Women's Jail – E-mail received after the meeting from Tracy B. stated no update on meetings at the facility. □

Zephyrhills CI – E-mail received after the meeting from Tom F. stated all is going well. Tom said he has served as alternate GSR but is looking for a replacement since he is no longer able to serve in that capacity. He said the group is in the fourth week of a Big Book study and to date have read through the Preface, Forward to the First Edition, and the Doctor's Opinion. He said they are moving slowly through the book, so the men know what we are trying to get across to them. Bridging the Gap – John T. said he received 4 calls since the last meeting. (1) John contacted the caller and took him to a meeting and gave him contact information and helped him set up the meeting app on his phone; (2) Caller asked for Mike B. and Mike handled that call; (3) Call was for someone able to speak Spanish. The call was referred to Jorge who is the one of the central office Spanish language contacts; (4) Call was a recorded message for a church service. E-mail received after the meeting from Tracy B. stated one call with a successful connection. Man of the Bed – E-mail received after the meeting from Tom F. stated two calls from Tampa General Hospital - one for a client contact and one from the new director of social services, who said she intends to ramp up the hospital's participation in Man on the Bed. Time will tell what this will mean but suffice it to say that the call list may well need to be updated.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike B. said the issue related to Bridging the Gap call back numbers was addressed and hopefully resolved. He also said he announced at the district meeting that the Pink Can is open for contributions for all who care to do so. Scott S. indicated he purchased and placed literature to replenish the supply in the TBAIC cabinets at the central office.

NEW BUSINESS: John O. stood and was approved at alternate committee chair. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer. The next TBAIC meeting will be Saturday, June 11th, at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

TBAIC Contributions (April 10th through May 14th): Barricks Brigade Group - \$23.00, Freedom In Sobriety Group - \$17.00, Keep It Simple, Pass It On Group - \$298.35, Kingsway Group - \$62.00, Meeting Place (Land O Lakes) Group - \$241.50, Monday Night Mens, St. James New Tampa Group - \$400.00, Next Door Group - \$1,254.42, On The Way Home Group - \$37.00, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday) Group - \$56.00, Saturday Night Fever Group - \$677.00, Simply Sobriety Group - \$124.00, Sober On Saturday Group - \$10.00.

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$ 7,494.63
Pink Can Balance 12/31/20	\$ 11,178.49
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$ 7,495.39
YTD Operational Expenses	\$ 1,382.21
Pink Can Current Balance 03/12/22	\$ 9,795.52

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HEART AND SOUL

We cannot remove our character defects without the help of our Higher Power. Step Six is never completed because we cannot achieve a perfect willingness to have God remove our defects of character. The development of more and more willingness to have our defects of character removed is a lifetime process. Some days we are more willing than others. On those days more of our defects of character are removed, or they are removed to a greater extend. As with Step Three, we can turn it over and take it back in an endless cycle of my-will/Thy-will indecision. With both Steps, pray for willingness. The impossibility of achieving the Step perfectly, however, does not mean that we should not try to do it as completely as we can. The AA Twelve & Twelve says that the difference in the Sixth Step between “the boys and the men” and the girls and the women is “the difference between striving for a self-determined objective and for the perfect objective which is one of God.” While we can’t practice this Step perfectly, we can practice it with courage and discipline, striving for the ideal of complete readiness. Our character defects cause us pain and suffering no matter how much we love them. The more of them and their manifestations we can be rid of, the happier we will be.
Excerpt from “Twelve Step Sponsorship” by Hamilton B.

Not drinking in itself, does not bring one to sobriety or serenity. To begin to recover requires getting at the reasons behind or underneath our drinking.....

People often come to AA for the wrong reasons. Sometimes they’re more concerned with pacifying a spouse than earnestly trying to change. One local long-time member tells of how the higher power that guided him to his first meeting was a provincial judge. I first came chasing a woman. I joined her group and was attending two meetings a week, but obviously my motives were less than pure. Any honest program talk I heard in those days was nothing but a distasteful nuisance. But somehow a lot of us catch on anyway. My friend whose drinking had landed him on legal thin ice has since become a sponsor to many and a solid credit to the program. Whether or not I’m a credit is not for me to say but I’ve certainly changed dramatically. My bitter, lonely existence has been transformed into a life of challenges, growth, and laughter. Other active members of my group talk of similar transformations “by mistake.” How do these transformations occur? It’s hard to say. I remember fighting mine every step of the way. On my phone shift at the Toronto Intergroup Central Office the other night, I talked to a drunk who had been to an AA meeting but wasn’t impressed. I tried to answer his concerns with conventional AA wisdom, but like me in my early days, he rejected it out of hand. I tried to relate to his feelings and paint a verbal picture of my exhilarating new life, but he wanted only to criticize AA’s principles and methods. He had many, many ideas on how the program should be changed and wasn’t shy about expressing them. I confess to growing increasingly irritated at his unrelenting attack on this thing for which I have developed something of a fierce love. I was about ready to give up on him but I realized that even within his grandiose schemes lay a dim flicker of hope. Everyone has a shot at this thing. I hadn’t gotten through, but maybe his next exposure to AA would be the one where the magic would start to work. Of course he couldn’t see me rolling my eyes as I said, “Wow, those are some truly original ideas! You should take them to some meetings and see if anything happens!” And maybe he will. Maybe he will. So if you see this guy or someone like him, try to be tolerant. He could be the heart and soul of your group someday.
S.B., Mississauga, Ont. 1994
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≥NO STRINGS ATTACHED≤

Around the tables, there is sometimes heard a lament or complaint about failures in Twelfth Step work, or lack of appreciation shown by some constant “slippers” in spite of all we are doing for them. Reviewing my own record, I realized how often I had been piqued because some newcomers didn’t thank me or appreciate my efforts sufficiently. (Of course, I had said, “As long as I am sober, it is successful Twelfth Step work.”) There came a time in my growth when I recognized my efforts and my expectations for what they truly were—defects of character, manifestations of selfishness and pride. When I saw them in that light, it meant I had to have God’s help to remove them and change the defects to virtues. Clearly, my actions had been right; it was the intentions behind them that had been wrong. So it was deep within me that the changes had to come. Now I realize that not only Twelfth Step work, but all other forms of A.A. service must be on a “no strings” basis. I must do them for the sake of doing them, to pass on what I have received, expecting nothing. As I have done this, I have found that my sobriety improves in quality and unexpected rewards pile up beyond description. In fact “no strings” approach works very well.

Two drunks were in a late night bar discussing their wives. The first drunk complains, “Mine has such sharp ears, no matter how quiet I try to sneak into the house, she wakes up and badgers the hell out of me!” “Not mine,” boasts the other drunk. “Mine’s such a sound sleeper, when I come home I squeal the brakes, slam the door, step on the cat, cough in the hallway, put all the lights on, fall on the dog, bang my shoes on the floor, yell, ‘hey Honey, how ‘bout some sex?’ and nothing—she just snores through it all.”.....
(bet none of you can identify with that).....

Two AA’s were sitting in their car at a red light when a beer truck pulled up next to them. Looking at the frosted mug of beer painted on the side of the truck, one AA sighed, “Gee, don’t you wish we could have one of those?” “Yeah,” answered the other, “but where would we get the next truck?” **Marsha & Andy L., Ridge Manor, Florida**

The problem drinker was not only outside but also in the dark because of a power failure. He was swaying back and forth, looking forlorn and lost, when a passerby said kindly, “You’re at the corner of Western Avenue and 50th Street.” “I know where I am,” replied the drunk dejectedly. “What I’d like to know is where I came from and where I was going.”

The Serenity Prayer with a twist: God grant me the Serenity to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.
Matt J., Kalamazoo, Michigan

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

May 10th, 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
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP 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: Rita Y., John T., Brian L., Tom F., Linda B. & Chris S.

Due to video problems with my laptop, I was not able to catch all of the meeting so the report may not be complete—Also, I forgot to introduce Chris S. from the Ruskin Fellowship Group as a new Board Member. Al B. Board Chair was out with an excused absent. Also because of a glitch, we were unable to save all of the chat, so some members who attended may not have been recognized once the newsletter comes out. My bad.

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

Treasurers Report: Tim presented the April Treasurer’s Report. Contributions in April totaled \$ 11,925.40. This accounts for what 61 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in April. Included \$ 263.00 from 3 members for the Birthday Club, \$100.00 from the Sobersticks Event. Our literature sales for April was \$ 67,543.82. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for April was \$ 19,479.57. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 5,654.22. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our April income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 13,825.35. Our Total Expenses for April were \$ 8,770.88. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus +\$ 5,054.47 for the month of April.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements : None. Tim apologized for such a short meeting and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

A motion to close was made, seconded and approved.

Meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next Board & Council Meeting will be June 14th, 2022 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

May 10th, 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
JOHN L.	GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY GROUP
BRAD W.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP-Z
MIKE C.	SERENITY GROUP—ZOOM
MARGARET S.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
CATHY C.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN’S GROUP
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN’S

OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH SOME ACTIVE ALCOHOLICS TO HELP FIND RECOVERY

There is an Open AA meeting, Wednesday 7:30pm at Tampa Hope located at 3704 East 3rd Avenue, Tampa. Tampa Hope is a homeless transitional housing facility. Access is controlled by a gate guard. For anyone wanting to attend the meeting, please call John T. at 850-855-9757 no later than 5pm on the day of the meeting

NOTE: The first meeting at Tampa Hope was held on Saturday March 5th. Saturday afternoon meetings were held each week up to May 7th. Meeting attendees asked that the meeting day and time be changed to a weekday evening. Wednesday 7:30pm meetings were held on May 11th and 18th.

Don’t just Talk the Talk—Try Walking the Walk....

You can be a Central Office supporter by participating in the Birthday Plan. Send in your Name, Sobriety Date, name of Home Group and \$ 1.00 for each Year you have been sober and we will post your name in our special column reserved for Central Office supporters. It’s probably no real big deal in the larger scope of life but your dollars do help us to be able to sometimes give away free literature, pamphlets, pay our staff, keep the lights and telephone on and a multitude of other things that help us to carry the message.



“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
STEPSISTERS IN SOBRIETY	MINDY W.	06/08/93	29 YRS
STEPPING STONES	RITA C.	06/28/04	18 YRS
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	BRIAN B.	06/21/89	33 YRS
WOMEN'S BIG BOOK	KAREN McG.	*06/10/75	47 YRS
LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT	JOHN T.	*06/10/85	37 YRS
HAPPY HOUR GROUP	CHUCK R.	06/21/80	42 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	JACKIE R.	06/01/06	16 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	LINDA B.	06/09/88	34 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	TOM N.	06/28/03	19 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARCY	06/13/99	23 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	BOBBY J.	06/24/18	4 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION	RYAN L.	06/06/17	5 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	DONNA C.	06/27/06	16 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	TOM L.	06/18/06	16 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	LISANN M.	06/06/89	33 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	GENE L.	*06/10/78	44 YRS
MON. SOUTHSIDE BLACKBELT	ERIC H.	06/28/05	17 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	COLLEN	06/22/15	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	WENDY B.	06/08/15	7 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE	BOB P.	06/23/85	37 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	PETER L.	06/24/00	22 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JUDY K.	06/24/93	29 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN vL.	06/07/89	33 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	DIANE M.	06/21/11	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	JERI T.	06/07/10	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP	KATHIE N.	06/11/79	43 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW WAY WOMEN'S	LORRAINE F.	06/01/88	34 YRS
WOMEN'S BIG BOOK	KAREN McG.	06/10/75	47 YRS

**That's 668 Years of Sobriety!
Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out
these people and find out their secret. ☺**

SELF-SUPPORT-MAY, 2022

© Today in May 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 209 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 529 meetings weekly. We also have about 34 Zoom Groups with 111 meetings weekly. Contributions in May totaled \$ 4,227.28. This accounts for what 28 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in May. Included \$ 81.00 from 2 members for the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for May was \$ 10,510.30. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for May was \$ 14,737.58. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$ 8,043.43. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our May income left us with a Gross Profit of \$ 6,694.15. Our Total Expenses for May were \$ 9,076.61. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus -\$ 2,382.46 for the month of May. 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. 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 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:)

**NOTE: New Mailing Address for contributions to New York
General Service Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407**

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.

**WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT
LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER RULE 62
THIS YEAR LET US LAUGH AT OURSELVES FIRST
INSTEAD OF OTHERS**

Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D	Group	MAY	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King		304.00	Live and Let Live Group		1,078.25	Sober @ 7 Group		56.14
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution		250.00	Sober on Saturday Group		420.00
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It			SoberSticks Event		100.00
AA 101 Group			Lunch Bunch Group			Sobrenity Group		390.00
Alpha Group		360.00	Mid Day Madness			Sobrietea Women's Group		
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee Group (Z)		100.00	Soberilla		1,420.41
Anonymous Donations	20.43	2630.29	Mid Day Matinee Group		1,160.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express Group			Social Distancing Group of AA (Z)		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		168.34	Morning Meditation Meeting		0.12	Sobriety at Sunset Group		
Attitude of Gratitude Group		150.00	My Turn Group	586.00	586.00	Solutions Group		
Barracks Brigade Group	40.00	180.00	Never Too Early Group			Southshore Men's Group		160.00
Beginners Group		182.00	Never Too Early Group (Zoom)		200.00	Southside Men's Group # 1		878.00
Big Book Bunch Group		197.65	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		222.38	Southside Men's Group # 2		345.00
Bill D's Group		125.00	New Beginnings Brandon	209.00	209.00	Southside Men's Group #3		300.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB	81.00	933.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		418.00	Southside Men's Group #4		
BYO 12 & 12 Group		84.00	Newcomers Group		253.64	Spiritual Development		
Came To Believe Group		325.00	New Tampa Monday Men's		404.25	Spiritual Growth Group		460.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		430.24	New Way Women's Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group		600.00
Carrollwood Group		130.00	Next Door Group	1,638.92	1,638.92	Step Sisters in Sobriety		169.00
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group		1.41	Nightly Newcomers Group			Stepping Stones Group (w)		98.00
Clean Air Group		25.00	Nooners Group--Riverview		295.74	Sun City Center Group		57.50
Close to Home Group			Nooners Group--Tampa		259.82	Sun City Center Zoom		133.00
Come as You Are Group	63.50	63.50	Noontime Celebration Gp.			Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		
District Two General Service			Odessa Group	83.00	287.42	Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Early Risers Group - Joe's		260.00	Old School Group		50.00	Sunshine Group		60.00
Expect a Miracle Group		572.00	Old School Gp Anniversary			Sweet Surrender Group		98.10
Experience, Strength & Hope			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		190.19	Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	300.00
FCYPAA Committee			One Day at a Time Group			Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		673.56
Fear Not Group			Palma Ceia Big Book Group		400.00	Tampa Group		0.84
Fireside Group	100.17	217.08	Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom		277.90
Freedom in Sobriety Group	17.00	231.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Palms Big Book		
Fresh Start Group			Plank Owners Group			Tampa Sat Night Speakers		200.00
Friday Night Lights Group			Plant City Sunday Night			T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Fri. Morning Women's Friendship			Promises Meeting Group		370.88	TGIS Group		
Grapevine Gals Group			Reflections Group-Lake Mag	152.10	403.90	Thank God it's Friday Group		275.00
Grupo Poco a Poco			Riverside Group		122.20	The 164 Group		
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Rule 62/Keep it Simple		486.00	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Ruskin Fellowship Group			The Meeting Place Group	500.02	2,739.40
Happy Destinty Group		63.00	Ruskin Womens Big Book		19.66	There is a Solution		42.00
Happy Hour Group		500.00	Ruskin 11th Step Meditation		50.00	Thursday Pavillion Peeps		92.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Safe Haven Group			To Improve Our Conscious Contact		
Hide-A-Way Group		268.71	Safe, Sane & Sober Group		208.83	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		650.00
High Nooners Group			Saturday Night Fever Group		1,655.00	UT 717 Group		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City	100.00	300.00	Saturday Night Live Group			Valrico Friday Morning		153.69
Hope Floats Group		236.62	Saturday Serenity Group			We Are Not Saints Group		
It's in the Book Group		510.86	Seekers of Serenity II Group			Wed Night Step Workshop		
In Loving Memory		825.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM	161.02	699.06	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Just What I Wanted Big Book			Simply Sobriety Women's		411.90	Wellspring Group		489.21
Keep it Simple Men's Group		150.00	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Z)		299.65	Wesley Chapel Group		618.82
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		178.40	Sisters in Sobriety Group		436.80	With Room to Grow Group		1,000.00
Keep it Simple Group Dade City	195.00	955.00				Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keeping It Real Group						Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Keystone Group		481.65	Donations thru PayPal	240.00	1,023.04	Women's Friendship Group		735.80
Kingsway Group		227.50				XYZ-32 Group		300.00
Life Enrichment Group			Total	3,070.04				
Little Harbor Grapevine Group			YTD Total		14,290.65			
						Total	550.02	
	Total	617.10				YTD Total		14,293.37
	YTD Total	12,266.25				Monthly Total	4,237.16	
						Grand Total	40,850.27	