



Tri-County Central Office News

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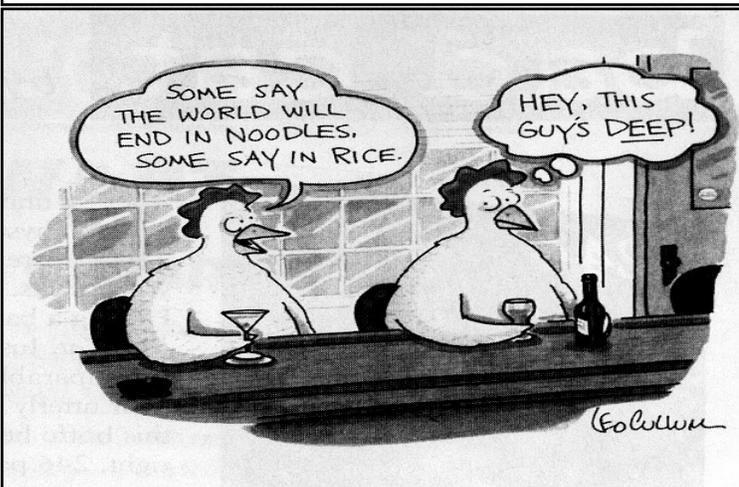
Putting Gratitude Into Action

The premium that A.A. members put on gratitude led to the custom of designating November as "gratitude month." (In Canada, it's October.) This practice started in the 1940's, when the General Service Board held small "gratitude dinners," which were replaced in the 1960's by bigger and more elaborate "gratitude luncheons." These affairs, which Bill W. would address, were occasions for A.A. members to express their appreciation for the program. More important, it was A.A.'s opportunity to meet with members of the media to thank them for their sympathetic coverage. Why November became Gratitude Month in the U.S is uncertain. It may have something to do with Bill W.'s mistaken notion for a time that his sobriety began in November, instead of it's actual start date of December 11. Or, it might be that Thanksgiving is in November. Some groups will hold Traditions meetings in November to remind themselves of the rich heritage of A.A. Others conduct topic meetings of various aspects of gratitude, such as "gratitude is not passive" or "giving it away." During the year, many members of the Fellowship send a gratitude gift of one or two dollars for each year of sobriety on their anniversaries to their local intergroup or to the General Service Office. Of course, individual A.A. members express gratitude for their sobriety in quiet ways throughout the year. Showing up early to set up a meeting or taking a meeting into a detox are ways of demonstrating gratitude for a life-saving program of recovery. The A.A. member who takes a call in the middle of the night from an alcoholic who needs to talk is expressing thanks for Alcoholics Anonymous. G.S.O. files contain correspondence from A.A. members who have written for no other reason than to talk about why they are grateful for A.A. Michael M., in Sparks, Nevada, says in one letter: "The program of A.A. has given me the hope and sanity that alcohol had taken from me so many years ago." Enclosed in a letter from Bob H. of Neudorf, Saskatchewan, is a quote from Austin R., an alcoholic priest in recovery, who said: "the one imperative to happy, permanent, effective sobriety for any A.A. member is the simple virtue of gratitude." As Bill W. wrote in a letter in 1959, "if you carry the message to others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given you."

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A SUGGESTION FOR THANKSGIVING BY BILL W. 1949

The idea is in the air that AA might adopt Thanksgiving week as a time for meetings and meditation on the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous....I heartily agree...and hope you will too. Pre-AA, we alkie could sometimes achieve that dubious state called "sobriety, period." How bleak and empty this alleged virtue is, only God or a dried-up drunk can fully testify. The reason? Of course every AA knows it: nothing has taken the place of the victim's grog; he's still a man of conflict and disunity. Comes then the Twelve Steps of Recovery, bringing to him a "personality change." The shattered prospect feels reassembled; he now says he seems all one piece. We understand exactly what he means, for he describes the state of being "at oneness"; he is talking about personal unity. We know he must work to maintain it and that he can't stay alive without it. Will not the same principle hold true for AA as a whole? Isn't it also a fact that the alcoholic is in no greater peril than when he takes sobriety for granted? If vigilant practice of sound principle is a matter of life and death for him, why isn't that equally so for the AA group, and for our far-flung Society itself? Yet many of us still take the basic unity of Alcoholics Anonymous for granted. We seem to forget that the whole modern society is on a dangerous and contagious "dry bender." We evidently assume we are so different from other men and women that disintegration can't hit us. Our unity appears as a gift of Heaven; something to be perpetually enjoyed by us AAs quite without effort. Criticism is not intended, because our present attitude is natural enough. It stems from the fact that no Society in it's infancy has ever enjoyed more providential protection against temptation and untoward happenings than has ours. Minor troubles we have had, but none serious enough to test our adult strength. It's not strange that we are a bit complacent and self-satisfied. Surely there need be no counsel of fear, nor lack of faith in the prediction that a far greater time of trial may yet be ours. When we think our situation through, simple prudence and foresight will tell us that. The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous are a distillate of our experience of living and working together. They apply the sprit of the Twelve Recovery Steps to our group life and security. They deal with our relations with the world outside and with each other, they state our attitudes toward power and prestige, toward property and money. They would save us from tempting alliances and major controversies, they would elevate principles they request that we maintain personal anonymity before the open public as a protection to AA and as proof of the fact that our Society intends to practice true humility. For the information of the general public and for the instruction of new AA members, the Twelve Traditions have just been released in a much condensed "short form" which we hope will be as widely read and understood as the Twelve Steps of Recovery. Should this happen, our current growing pains will be lessened and we shall commence to lay up a great store of insurance for the years ahead. What then could be more appropriate than to set aside Thanksgiving week for discussion of the practice and spiritual values to be discovered in our Tradition?



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

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

**DISTRICT 2 TBAIC OCTOBER BUSINESS MEETING
 OCTOBER 14, 2023 9:30 AM**

Chair: Jonathon Call to order In attendance Jonathon C, Mike B, Melissa B, Jeremy G, Justin C, Michael M, John T, Rich R, Joe R, Liz G, Tom F
 New Members? - Jeremy, Justin and Mike are welcomed. Chairpersons Report - Went to A15 Qtrly – Bridging the Gap handbook being worked on – Didn’t stay for business meeting as can’t vote – All motions passed. Report Accepted Secretary Report – accepted. Treasurers Report – More contributions \$750 and spent 450 on literature and 50 for storage. He purchased 100 meeting schedules and pamphlets along with Spanish mini big books. We have plenty of money for literature just asks. TBAIC cabinet at central is in good shape per John. Joe needed big books for the cove and got some from Tim of soft back big books. Joe thinks we need big books in our cabinet. Jonathon said Joe should ask Tim and stock it up. Jeremy asked about the pink can being passed. It was already decided we should be collecting. Mike said OSG brings a meeting into acts keystone out of Pasco and they don’t have big books there but Pasco won’t pay for it and OSG won’t pay for it they pass the can and said ask TBAIC for it since they contribute to the can. Michael asks for 25 big books with the stories in the back. For District 15 who’s budget is spent for the year. Mike motions buy them a case of big books, motion second and accepted. Detox Treatment coordinators report Mike – All meetings covered – Acts Juvenile Detox facility wants 2 meetings a Wednesday and Sunday per week at 50th street. YPG is on Wednesday so would want it to not be on Wednesday so younger people can bring the meetings in. Behavioral problems are pretty rough so 1 meeting a week to start and can add people as we feel it out. Saturday and Tuesday would be better days. Cove Women’s – Doing well. Cove Men’s – Joe says doing well, got books, Joe’s coordinator now. TBCH wellspring Group – Tom – Doing well covered Mondays and Thursdays. SP Intermediate Care – Doing well covered. New Beginnings – MWF meeting man stepped down Phil Pott and Jonathon have been bringing the meeting in. They may need to talk to the staff, definitely needs help bringing meetings in. This is a VA transitional living facility. But you don’t need to be a vet. Our place has a vet meeting their working on getting them to go in and bring meetings there. Vets in recovery is Thursday 7 pm non smoking room. Jails and corrections report New Beginnings – Jenna took over and no report Hillsborough Women’s jail report – started wed night meeting its going well has had 3 meetings and has 3 volunteers. Hillsborough Men’s Jail – Friday 2 pm going well good participation but only 1 volunteer per meeting with 35 inmates. Complete rotation now but need more volunteers for safety reasons. Rich Zephyrhills corrections – Tom F says the meeting has died down due to lack of volunteers and he is providing supplies like coffee. 30- 40 attend now previous 60+ some enthusiasm has died down. Several being released and will help him blend in. East Pasco Women’s Jail – Emailed Tom F has some women cleared to go in with 1 meeting a week and need another volunteer to do more than one meeting a week. Bridging the Gap – 3 calls this month with one bridge for a female– Mike says last A15 discussed district workbook kit needs 2 sections added, man on the bed and corrections so the kit is more complete also add pre release program for prisons. Mike asked Tom to set up man on the bed and Rich for the jails and pre release for info to be added to the bridging the gap kit. Both accepted the challenge. Stamping all literature so they have number to contact once released. Stamps were purchased and used by John. Mike shows cover for new workbook kit and Liz asks for the AA logo added. Mike says when the draft is done he will share and hopes to bring to Qtrly 15 in Sarasota. Man on the Bed – 2 visited from 2 calls. Old Business – Need new man on the bed coordinator. John is doing it currently and can train someone to take it over. Melissa is doing our minutes and may or may not want to be secretary. New Business – ask for a vote Hotel is covered for TBAIC chair plus mileage by district 2. Reimburse \$60 for food for Jonathon for Area 15 qtrly. Jonathon motions to fund \$50 per qtr to cover meals as long as the meeting is 50 miles away from District 2 for Chair of TBAIC going forward. Vote passed Liz G asks to start an institutions and corrections jamboree to spread awareness much like carry the message day. She is open to heading it and becoming active in TBAIC. Motion to close accepted.

**Our Next Committee Meeting
 November 11th,2023 9:30 am on ZOOM.** Contact us at www.tbaic.org for more information. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/ Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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

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

**Contributions: September 9th—October 14th:
 Cardinal Group:\$36.00, Grapevine Gals:\$66.57,
 Hide-a-Way Group:\$300.00, Living in the Solution Group:\$34.00, On the Way Home Group:\$23.00,
 Sobrenity Group:\$249.00, XYZ-32 Group:\$76.00**

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$16,234.79
Pink Can Balance 12/31/22	\$8,063.62
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$16,222.27
YTD Operational Expenses	\$3,103.55
Pink Can Current Balance 01/07/23	\$4,972.59

The Corrections Committee needs all types of volunteers. They need people to attend meetings in the facilities, people to help spread the word about this type of service work. It is okay if you have never been to jail yourself! You can still help. You can still carry A.A.’s message of hope to an alcoholic who is incarcerated.

Pink Can Drive
 Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts or District 2 in accordance with our group conscious. If your home group has not made a pink can donation recently or if you are able to send an additional donation this year ...
 We will put it to great use!
TBAIC, PO Box 26242, Tampa FL 33623

DR. BOB

Simplicity, devotion, steadfastness, and loyalty; these were the hallmarks of Dr. Bob's character which he has well implanted in so many of us." - Bill Wilson.

ROBERT HOLBROOK SMITH, M.D.
 1879-1950

Dr. Bob was born August 8, 1879, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the only son of Judge and Mrs. W.P. Smith, who were prominent in civic and social activities of that city. Though often rebellious against the strict authority of his parents, "Rob," as his schoolmates called him, was willing to work hard to attain whatever he sincerely wanted; by the time he was nine, he knew he wanted to be a physician. In his teens, he spent parts of his summers working on a Vermont farm and in an Adirondack summer hotel. Despite his dislike of school, he was a good student and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1898. He spent four years at Dartmouth College, graduating in 1902. It was during these school years that drinking became a major activity, though in those days he was never involved in serious trouble because of it. Three years later, having worked at various jobs in Boston and Montreal, he entered the University of Michigan as a premed student. Here, the pace of his drinking accelerated, and in his sophomore year he left school temporarily, feeling he couldn't complete his course. But he returned, took his exams, and passed them. In 1910, after further training at Rush Memorial College in Chicago, he received his medical degree and secured an internship in City Hospital, Akron, Ohio. Completing his internship in 1912, he opened an office in the Second National Bank Building in Akron, remaining there until his retirement in 1948. In 1915, he married Anne Ripley, whom he had met while attending St. Johnsbury Academy. As time went on, his alcoholism progressed steadily, yet he was able to function, and few of his colleagues knew how serious his illness was. Besides being an active member of the City Hospital staff in Akron, he often visited St. Thomas Hospital, also in Akron, where, in 1928, he met Sister Ignatia for the first time. Later, in 1934, he became associated with St. Thomas and in 1943, became a member of the active staff. In the early thirties, Dr. Bob, in desperate search for an answer to his problem, began to attend meetings of the Oxford Group, feeling he could benefit from its philosophy and other spiritual teachings. Though he continued to drink, he maintained his activity in the group, due in large part to Anne's deep interest. In May 1935, a meeting with another alcoholic, Bill Wilson, led to his own permanent sobriety and to the formation of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is estimated that Dr. Bob, with the help of Sister Ignatia, guided some 5,000 fellow alcoholics to recovery during his 15 years of loving ministry to them. What manner of man was Dr. Bob? According to his son: "He had tremendous drive, great physical stamina. He was reserved and formal on first acquaintance, but as you came to know him, he was just the opposite: friendly, generous, full of fun - he loved a good joke. Regarding A.A., he tried to make every decision in the best interests of the group, to the exclusion of any personal advantage. He never ceased to be surprised that so many people sought him out, but felt he had only been God's agent and so was not due any personal credit." Bob and Anne lived simply; if he had any pride of possession, it was for cars.

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DR. BOB...continued

He played bridge expertly, always playing to win! An avid reader, he read for at least an hour each night of his adult life, "drunk or sober." He was a fight fan, succumbing finally to television so he could watch the fights. He held three concepts in particularly high regard. One was simplicity - in his own lifestyle and in practicing the A.A. way of life. Second, he believed in tolerance of other people's ideas, in speaking out "with kindness and consideration for others," and in "guarding that erring member, the tongue." Third, he believed that one's job in A.A. was to "get sober and stay sober" and "never to be so complacent that we're not willing to extend that help to our less fortunate brothers." Dr. Bob firmly believed that "love and service" are the cornerstones of Alcoholics Anonymous. He died of cancer at City Hospital, Akron,

November 16,1950.

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We could thus reinforce our faith in the future by these prudent works; we could show that we deserve to go on receiving that priceless gift of "Oneness" which God in his wisdom has so freely given to us of Alcoholics Anonymous in the precious years of our infancy.
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RED CHIP DAY

In 1943 there were only two A.A. groups in Tampa. One was the Victory Group and the other one was the DeSoto Group. There were a limited number of meetings. After about four years, The DeSoto Group started having an anniversary banquet. In 1947 the first anniversary banquet was held at the ballroom of the Old Hillsborough Hotel. There were between 350 and 400 people present. They came from all the surrounding areas, Lakeland, Bartow, Sarasota, Bradenton and St. Pete. The first banquet speaker was Horace M. from Texas. After that, if a person had around five years sobriety, he became the speaker for this event. Back then five years was a long time. A few years later there was a man who came here from Baltimore, MD., bringing with him the idea of the chip system as we know it today, telling that it works as a reminder of what we are trying to do. So eventually the meeting changed from the Anniversary Banquet to Red Chip Day. It was the one time during the year that everyone would join together to honor all the members that had red chips. It was a day of Fellowship and Food and Meetings. The money that was taken up was sent to General Service in New York to show gratitude. It then became a traditional event down through the years. For many years now, several groups in the Brandon area now come together in a spirit of Unity, in both money and time, to carry out this as an annual gratitude meeting, sending all monies above the expenses to the Central Office. In this way we can show our gratitude and continue to help other still suffering alcoholics. **C.O.A.**

Gratitude is an Action word. If you are really grateful...show it, not in talk...but deeds. We can all say nice, philosophical, like I know what I'm talking about stuff—but, do we walk the walk!

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

October 10th, 2023 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

October 10th, 2023 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS **REPRESENTING GROUP**

If you attended the Meeting but not listed below, we didn't catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatamapa-area.org

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
CHRIS S.	BOARD MEMBER	RUSKIN FELLOWSHIP GROUP
DODY H.	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
DEBBIE S.	BOARD MEMBER	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
BRAD W.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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KAYSIE	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
KELLY E.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
DAVID S.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JOHN T.	LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM)
NANCY H.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP
CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
ANNIE L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
KIMBERLY S.	164 GROUP
SCOTT B.	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
KARA	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
SUSAN S.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S
ROBERT M.	NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S
NES Z. ALT. COR	THE PROMISES GROUP
KAITLYN H.	SPEAK EASY GROUP
LYNNE J.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
BRUCE	CLEAN AIR GROUP
SUE Z. ALT. COR	CLEAN AIR GROUP

Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. (Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined.) Board Members present: Al B., Linda B., Dody H., Debbie S., Brad W., & Chris S. Secretary Report: Debbie read the September Secretary report. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. Treasurers Report: Chris presented the September Treasurer's Report. Contributions in September totaled \$3,928.75. This accounts for what 27 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in September, also included is, \$105.00 from 3 Birthday Club members and \$1,056.71 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Our literature sales for September was \$11,245.14. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for September was \$15,173.89. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$8,871.19. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,302.70. Our Total Expenses for September were \$8,345.77. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2,043.07 for the month of September. A Motion to approve was made & seconded & accepted. Old Business: None New Business: Nes announced that the Promises Group Anniversary Dinner , along with the Sisters in Sobriety Group raised over \$4000.00 for the benefit of Central Office. He would be coming over to the Central Office sometime next week. (Note: the actual amount came out to \$5000.00) Announcements: Brad announced that the Serenity Group on ZOOM would be hosting a Thanksgiving Alcahthon, starting Wednesday, November 22nd , a Christmas Alcahthon, starting December 24th , and a New Year's Alcahthon, starting December 31st . All events are posted on our web site. Nancy announced the Red Chip Day, November 12th. Flyer also on our web site. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be November 14th, 2023 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM.

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Time for annual end of year

Sobriety Group

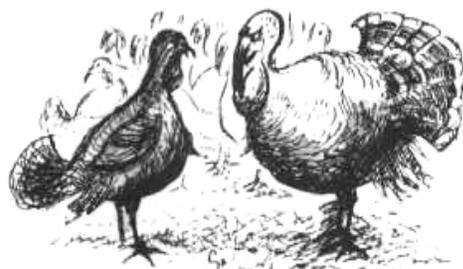
**MIDNIGHT
MEETING MARATHON**

Join us nightly:
Fri. Dec.22 to Sun. Dec.31

Including
Christmas Eve & New Years Eve

8410 N. Armenia & Waters
(Winn Dixie plaza behind Popeye's)

From the November 1969 Grapevine



“Just remember, this twenty-four hours is all we can really count on.”

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW BEGINNINGS	MIKE B.	11/19/16	7 YRS
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	PHIL S.	11/08/07	16 YRS
NEW TAMPA MONDAY MENS	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	30 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TAMMY B.	11/07/13	10 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY vL.	11/12/90	33 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME	DAVID Y.	11/11/81	42 YRS
LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT	HEATHER P.	11/06/10	13 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SCOTT P.	11/01/14	9 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CLINT V.	11/18/88	35 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	DOREEN S.	11/30/15	8 YRS
KEYSTONE GROUP	ERIC J.	11/10/15	8 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	DONNA A.	11/27/19	4 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED	MARIE	11/17/84	39 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BRADY G.	11/15/10	13 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	BEVERLY W.	11/01/11	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANNE	11/16/13	10 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KRISTIN	11/20/12	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KERRY L.	11/14/11	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	MALIN	11/11/10	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANN	11/19/05	18 YRS

**A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO
CENTRAL OFFICE**

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years

That's 343 Years of Sobriety!

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

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 ☺



SELF-SUPPORT-OCTOBER, 2023

© Today in SOctober of 2023 still COVID has changed the way many groups contribute to the Central Office. Some groups have remained steady in their contributions, some groups have gone to ZOOM, A few ZOOM groups have made some contributions and some groups are Hybrid (in-person & ZOOM), other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up, and now many groups are getting back to normal pre-pandemic live meetings. Things are looking up and getting better. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have 198 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 520 meetings weekly. Also we have 40 Zoom Groups with 113 meetings weekly (If I counted correctly). Contributions in October totaled \$13,740.61. This accounts for what 34 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in October, also included is, \$1,840.86 from 13 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. The Promises Group Anniversary Dinner and in collaboration with the Sisters in Sobriety Group raised \$5000.00 for the benefit of the Central Office. Our literature sales for October was \$4,372.79. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for October was \$18,113.40. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,554.14. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$14,559.26. Our Total Expenses for October were \$10,159.73. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$4,399.53for the month of October. We still have a good Prudent Reserve, all our bills keep getting paid, the lights are on, we have a decent amount of literature available, the phones are working and it is still looking like 2023 just might be a better year to look forward to. Thank you for your support . Thank You!!!O.M.

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. (The 12 Traditions were created to help each A.A. group maintain unity and relate better to the world about us. With that in mind, they have been widely used in helping us learn how to be in better relationships with everyone in our life. Below is a snapshot inventory you can take to see how well you are honoring the spiritual principle found in this Tradition.) Tradition Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films. **1.** Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I might make it seem unattractive? **2.** Am I always careful to keep the confidences shared with me as an AA member? **3.** Am I careful about throwing AA members' names around—even within the Fellowship? **4.** Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering alcoholic? **5.** What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be? **6.** Am I careful not to identify myself or others as members of AA when I post certain things on social media, such as Facebook, Twitter or Instagram? **7. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?** **8.** If my group has its own website, have we considered this Tradition when we designed it, how accessible it is, and the type of content that it offers?

THE CLUB'S THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

3333 West Columbus Drive

Please make the following announcement at all meetings Chaz T will be the trusted servant coordinating this event text her 727-557-5187. The Club is cooking 3 Turkeys and 2 Hams We will assistance to start setting up at 9:45am on Thanksgiving ... Just show up! Meal will be served around 1:10pm after the Noon Big Book Mtg ends We will also need volunteers to clean up after the event ~2:30pm...Many hands make light work!

BARRACKS BRIGADE'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING ALCATHON NOVEMBER 23TH, 2023

38418 2ND AVE ZEPHYRHILLS, FL 33542 Here's some of the details for the Alcathon on November 23rd at 10:00 meeting 12 and 12 will be there and the 6:00 p.m. meeting open discussion will be there we will have a sign up sheet in between the times he or see what's cheering that hour will make the decision on what kind of meeting it will be potluck and maybe the group will buy a few little food items I'll talk to the activity chair and see what else did he wants on that day for the alcathon

LET'S GATHER &
BE GRATEFUL...JOIN US FOR A
**Thanksgiving Holiday
Alcathon**

WED. NOV 22ND AT 4P EST - THURS. NOV 23RD AT 11:59P EST
WED. NOV 22ND AT 1P PST - THURS. NOV 23RD AT 8:59P PST
WED. NOV 22ND AT 9P UK - FRI NOV 24TH AT 4:59A UK

ID: 789 7054 7193 PW: 920284

Join Link: <https://tinyurl.com/Serenity-Zoom>

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Contact us at SerenityGroupZoom@hotmail.com

District 2 Annual
Gratitude Dinner

Benefiting the General Service Office

Serenity
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Russ K.
Speaker

Purchase tickets by scanning
the code below.



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November 4, 2023
5:00pm - 9:00pm

New Hope Church
213 N. Knights Ave
Brandon, FL 33510

Tickets are \$20.00

For additional information contact: D2gratitudedinner@gmail.com

For we are now on a different basis; the basis of trusting and relying upon God. We trust infinite God rather than our finite selves. We are in the world to play the role He assigns. Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity. ~BB page 68

12 x 12 x 12 Workshop

**STEPS,
TRADITIONS,
&
CONCEPTS**

**Learn How to Apply in
Your Personal Life!**

- **Speakers:**
 - Bill O. - *Traditions*
 - Alan D. - *Concepts*
 - Elisabeth D. - *Steps*
- **AA Jeopardy!** Test Your Knowledge!
- **50/50 Raffle!**
- **Pizza provided! Potluck (please bring Appetizers & Desserts)!**

18125 US Hwy 41 N. Lutz, Suite 102
Park North of Building, Follow Signs,
Entrance in Rear of Building



**Saturday,
November 11, 2023
1:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Good Food, Fun Games, and
Fellowship! Join Us!**

**Bring a Newcomer, Your
Sponsor & Sponsees!**

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

The Fall Retreat is once again around the corner!

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

WHEN: Friday November 17 thru Sunday November 19, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

WHO TO CONTACT: For the application form send an email to:
prodigalsonsv@gmail.com
or call/text Daniel at 941-730-4274

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
11th Step Group- Christ King			Live and Let Live Group			Sober @ 7 Group		166.20
11th Step Meditation			Living in the Solution	240.00	880.00	Sober @ 7 Anniversary		
11th Step Retreat			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		380.16	Sober on Saturday		500.00
AA 101 Group		520.00	Lunch Bunch Group		150.00	SoberSticks Event		130.00
A Common Solution Group		78.81	Mid Day Madness		45.00	SoberStock Event		2,125.00
Alpha Group	100.00	580.00	Mid Day Matinee Group zoom			Sobrenity Group	290.00	780.70
Annual Housecleaning			Mid Day Matinee Group		2,650.00	Sobrietea Women's Grp		90.00
Anonymous Donations	624.12	4736.06	Morning Express Group	198.90	1,004.25	Soberilla		1,066.66
As Bill Sees It--Riverview			Morning Express (YANA)		697.45	Sobriety at Sunrise Grp	548.25	2,230.36
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		650.00	Morning Meditation Meeting			Social Distancing Grp		
Attitude of Gratitude Group		450.00	My Turn Group			Sobriety at Sunset Group		471.90
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	200.00	Never Too Early Group			Solutions Group		
BeginnersFirst Group		409.00	Never Too Early Group(Zoom)			Southshore Men's Group		311.32
Big Book Bunch Group		208.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		342.20	Southside Men's Group # 1		423.00
Bill D's Group	150.00	325.00	New Beginnings-Brandon		486.00	Southside Men's Group # 2	300.00	300.00
BIRTHDAY CLUB		682.00	New Beginnings-(Our Club)		419.90	Southside Men's Group #3	430.00	930.00
Brandon Big Book Group			Newcomers Group		257.50	Southside Men's Group #4		
Brandon Saturday Night Grp		57.57	New Tampa Monday Men's	120.00	726.00	Spiritual Development		150.00
By The Book Men's Group	105.68	104.07	New Way Women's Group		100.00	Spiritual Growth Group	600.39	600.39
BYO 12 & 12 Group		82.00	Next Door Group			Stay the Course Group	250.00	500.00
Came To Believe Group	420.00	1,168.75	Nightly Newcomers Group		80.00	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Group		800.00
Candlelight Group			Nooners Group--Riverview	183.20	688.02	Step Sisters in Sobriety		136.50
Cardinal Group - Odessa		926.09	Nooners Group--Tampa	204.15	355.76	Stepping Stones Group (w)	86.00	422.00
Carrollwood Group		135.00	Noontime Celebration Gp.		200.00	Sun City Center Group		76.40
Carrollwood Blue Roof Group			Odessa Group		385.35	Sun City Center Zoom		
Clean Air Group		67.75	Old School Group		3,250.00	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		165.00
Close to Home Group		100.00	Old School Gp Anniversary			Sunday Speakers - 3333		
Come as You Are Group			Old Timers Group		97.00	Sunset Group		500.00
District Two General Service		763.75	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	277.55	1,118.13	Sunshine Group		
Early Risers Group - Joe's		360.00	One Day at a Time Group			Sweet Surrender Group		
Expect a Miracle Group		410.00	Palma Ceia Big Book Group		400.00	Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Experience, Strength & Hope			Pathfinders Group		100.00	Tampa Bay Institutions	50.00	550.00
FCYPAA Committee			Pavillion Peeps		110.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		216.05
Fear Not Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Tampa Bay Young People		
Fireside Group		604.73	Plank Owners Group			Tampa Bid for FCYPAA		
Fourth Dimension Group		698.75	Plant City Sunday Night			Tampa Group		
Freedom in Sobriety Group		199.08	Primary Purpose Group	2.26	14.14	Tampa Nightly Newcomers-Zoom		170.14
Fresh Start Group			Promises Meeting Group		213.41	Tampa Palms Big Book		
Friday @ 4 Group	111.15	541.45	Promises Group Anniversary Dinner with Sisters in Sobriety Women's Group	5,000.00	5,000.00	Tampa Sat Night Speakers		300.92
Friday Night Lights Group			Red Chip Day			T & C Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Friday Morning Women's Friendship	300.00	950.00	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		618.05	TGIS Group		
Friday Night Women's Group			Riverside Group		188.05	Thank God it's Friday Group	270.00	982.00
Friends of Bill Meditation (Z)		95.00	Rule 62/Keep it Simple			The 164 Group		
Friends of Bill Women's Group	120.00	120.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		372.45	The 164 Group Wesley Chapel		
Good Start Group	300.00	2,599.00	Ruskin Womens Big Book			The Meeting Place Group		2.30
Grapevine Gals Group		432.75	Ruskin 11th Step Meditation			There is a Solution		
Great Way To Start The Day	324.00	1,160.00	Safe Haven Group			Thursday Pavillion Peeps		
Grupo Poco a Poco			Safe, Sane & Sober Group	367.26	894.96	To Improve Our Conscious Contact		
Grupo Solo por Hoy			Saturday Night Fever Group		2,018.00	Town & Country Wed. Night		
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Saturday Night Live Group			Tues.Big Book of Brandon	51.00	159.00
Happy Destinty Group			Saturday Serenity Group		144.30	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		650.00
Happy Hour Group		2,600.00	Seekers of Serenity II Group			UpTown/ Downtown Group		150.00
Grupo Un Milagro En Tampa			Serenity Group--ZOOM		194.23	UT 717 Group		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		400.00	Simply Sobriety Women's Grp	0.62	294.22	Valrico Friday Morning		
Hide-A-Way Group		1401.16	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)	267.64	1,077.46	WAWA Group		300.00
High Nooners Group			Sisters Celebrating Sobriety		54.00	We Are Not Saints Group		250.77
Hope Floats Group			Sisters in Sobriety Group	601.84	1,018.34	Wed Night Step Workshop		14.57
Host of Friends Group		125.00				Wed Keep it Simple Group		414.70
It's in the Book Men's Group	338.14	1,352.81				Wellspring Group		8.67
In Loving Memory						Wesley Chapel Group		310.87
Into The Triad AA Group						With Room to Grow Group		500.00
Just What I Wanted Big Book		187.10				Women's Big Book Tampa		
Keep it Simple Men's Group		300.00				Women's Big Book Ruskin		
Keep It Simple/Pass It On	219.00	665.80				Women's Friendship Group	312.85	1249.6
Keep it Simply Spiritual		268.00				XYZ-32 Group		
Keep it Simple Group Dade City		1,365.00	Total	7,463.42				
Keeping It Real Group			YTD Total		27,024.33			
Keystone Group		363.51						
Language of the Heart		500.00						
Life Enrichment Group		481.00				Total	3,188.49	
Little Harbor Grapevine Group						YTD Total		19,105.02
						Monthly Total	13,784.00	
Total	3,132.09							
YTD Total		30,423.99				Grand Total	76,553.34	