



# Tri-County Central Office News

*"SAY A PRAYER FOR ME, SISTER," SAID THE DRUNKEN ALCOHOLIC WEAVING HIS WAY PAST SISTER IGNATIA INTO ROSARY HALL. "SAY IT YOURSELF," SHE REPLIED GENTLY. "HE LOVES TO HEAR FROM STRANGERS."*

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**November, 2024**

## STEP ELEVEN

Step 11 is the culmination of all the other Steps. We have taken all the other Steps to lead us to this Step. Step 1 had to be taken so we could take Step 2 – because we couldn't see the solution until we understood the problem. These two Steps gave us what we needed to make a decision. The decision was Step 3: to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*. The decision was an important turning point. Next we had to carry out the decision. There were certain things that blocked us from God, and we could not get on with turning our will and our lives over to the care of God until we removed those things that were blocking us. Therefore we took the action Steps: Steps 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and then 10, which is the continuation of Steps 4-9. As a result of the actions of Steps 4-10, we removed the things that were blocking us from God. Now we can *carry out* the decision we made in Step 3 of turning our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him. Through prayer and meditation, we can receive God's will for us and the power to carry it out. If we can do that, we will have carried out the decision that we made in Step 3. Steps 3 and 11 are the pillars of the Steps. We could say that the Steps have two crucial points: the turning over of our will in Step 3 and the receiving of God's will in Step 11. This amounts to changing the direction of a human life. This is not to say the direction can be changed by these two Steps alone, because the others are necessary before we can complete these two. When we change the direction of a life, we change the life. We said in Step 3 we were willing to turn our direction over to God, who had always been there even when we were blocked from Him. Our lives will have become different as a result of this process. Anyone who can begin to use Step 11 effectively has had a spiritual awakening. He or she has "*tapped that unsuspected inner resource*" of strength. (Big Book, p.567-568, 4th Ed.) This shows the Steps have worked for this person. After that will come the Twelfth and final Step, which tells us to take the message to other people. Step 11 takes a lot of work. First, it takes the work of the first ten Steps, and then it takes continuous practice over a long period of time.

**Joe McQ (of the Big Book Study Tapes)**

## WARNING! HOLIDAYS AHEAD

It never seems to fail that when November rolls around there's a struggling newcomer in our group who asks at a closed meeting: "*But how am I to get through the holidays?*" The answer from old-timers present is, just as unfailingly the same: "A holiday, like any other day, need not be coped with until it comes. And when it does come, it is only twenty-four hours long." There are other answers, of course—to the effect that one mustn't get too tired, must remember to eat, and would do well to avoid the kind of festivities that present particularly difficult temptations. It may be suggested that the newcomer try to look beneath the tinselled commercialism for the deeper meanings of thanksgiving, peace, good will, and the dawning of a new year. All very helpful advice. But, remembering how I had my own last drink one late October, and how near I came to panic at the thought of the meant-to-be-happy season ahead of me, I believe that the twenty-four hour concept was the most immediately effective tool I was given. As a beginner in AA, I was one of those who had to break the concept down into periods of thirty, twenty, or even ten minutes at a time. Often the lines of a favorite poem ran through my head as a kind of prayer: "Suffer this moment to be fair and clear." It is indeed only the *moment* we can hope to handle, whether or not that moment falls on a hectic holiday. As it happens, I had then (as I have now) a home to manage, a family to feed, and an office job to do. Then (though to a much lesser degree now), I had hard-drinking friends who loved to party. So the holidays meant too many demands on my time, as well as on my emotional and physical strength. I have learned this is apt to be especially true of women, even if they are not alcoholics. But the holidays may be just as hard in quite another way for the man or woman who has lost home and family and job and friends, who lives quite alone, haunted at such a time by the rest of the world's apparent gaiety. The desire to escape too many activities and the desire to blot out loneliness and boredom can lead equally fast to a bottle. This is a frightening truth for one still battling the physical compulsion to drink. But it need not be fatal. What do I remember about those first holidays? We had a house full of quests for Thanksgiving. I know this only because I find it noted in an old date book. The day is a blank in my mind. On Christmas we had more guests, people who enjoyed cocktails before the feast while I hid out in the kitchen fussing over the food. We were invited to "open houses," which I had to skip. On New Year's Eve I asked my husband to take me to a double feature at the local movie. I was thus removed from temptation all evening, and when we came out it was past midnight. A new year had begun. I know that I cried some during those holidays. I was often tight-lipped. More than once, I flounced out of the house to walk off a temper or a temptation. It was rough. And I was helped by remembering that, in a very different sense, it was rough for the Pilgrims on the first Thanksgiving, for the shepherds of Bethlehem on the first Christmas. Somehow, as I clung to the sobriety of the present moment, I felt closer than ever before to the long-ago origins of the holiday season. For all my shows of temperament, I believe I even made it a happier time for those around me than I had done in the past. More importantly, I got through without a drink.



### DRIVERS NEEDED

**GOT A CAR? WANT TO HELP YOUR SOBRIETY? HELP SOMEBODY GET TO A MEETING BY GIVING THEM A RIDE. Interested In Helping—send us an E-mail to:**

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**That person just might be your newest member of your Home Group**



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

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

**TBAIC SECRETARY REPORT  
 October 19, 2024**

**Attendees:** Jonathon C, John T, Mike B, Gaby G, Mindy W, Jessica M, Joe R and Rich R  
**Chair Report** - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. Mike B reported back about the elections at the quarterly meeting two weeks ago in Boca Raton. Currently there is a vacancy for a Area 15 Treatment Committee Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer. **Secretary Report** – Mike B then read the secretary report and it was accepted as read without any changes to it. The report was accepted. **Treasurer Report** – John T’s. presented the Treasurer’s Report. Our current balance is \$4,452.80. Monthly expenses were \$50.00 for Central Office Storage and \$57.42 for ZHCI coffee. Literature expenses for the month totaled \$124.93. Our committee received \$1332.34 in contributions from the following groups: Friday Morning Friendship Group, Hide A Way Group, Language of the Heart, Nightly Newcomers, Old School Group and On The Way Home Group. **Treatment** – All meetings at ACTS Detox are being covered. All but one (1) meeting at ACTS Amethyst are currently being covered. The men’s meetings at Cove Behavioral Health are going well according to Joe R. Sandra Prince is also doing well. **Corrections** – • Tom F provide a report indicating that Things have been going well at the prison, but there was no meeting there last week due to the hurricane. All the inmates at the facility were moved to other locations. • Rich R reported that all is well at Hillsborough County men’s jail meetings. He said that they have switched to an “every other month rotation”. • Bianca H sent a report indicating that all is well at Faulkenberg with 3 meetings per week. More than enough volunteers. 3 cancellations on the part of the jail due to hurricanes. We are now approved (again) to bring in pamphlets with no staples so working on getting some of those scanned to the coordinator over there for approval. **Bridge The Gap** – There were five calls and four bridges. 5/4 Man on the Bed – Mindy W reported that she had 5 calls and 3 calls were actionable. She also requested male and female Spanish-speaking volunteers to help. Gaby G volunteered and Jessica M will speak to a male candidate. **Old Business** – Elections • Jessica M was voted in as the new TBAIC chair. • Joe R was voted in as the new alternate treasurer. • Gaby G was voted in as the new secretary. **New Business:** - John T updated the TBAIC website by eliminating dates and times from meetings. - John T asked the group for approval to start a new meeting at “Operation New Hope” for people recently released from incarceration. The group gave him their approval. The meeting ended at 10:50 AM with the Responsibility Statement and Lord’s Prayer.

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
 November 9th, 2024 9:30 am on ZOOM. Contact us at [www.tbaic.org](http://www.tbaic.org) for more information. The meeting usually lasts about an hour and it is the best way to get involved with service work, in Detox/Treatment/Jail/ Prison facilities. If you would like to join our committee **PLEASE COME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

<a href="http://www.tbaic.org">www.tbaic.org</a>	
Position	Name
Chair	Jessica M.
Chair (Alt.)	Mike B.
Treasurer	John T.
Treasurer (Alt)	Joe R.
Secretary	Gaby G.
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H. (Men’s)
Falkenberg Women's Jails	Bianca H. (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.

**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**

**Contributions: September 14th, thru October 19th, 2024: Friday Morning Friendship Group: \$176.00, Hide-a-Way Group: \$350.00, Language of the Heart Group: \$100.00, Nightly Newcomers Group: \$48.34, Old School Group: \$600.00, On the Way Home Group: \$58.00**

YTD Contributions to TBAIC	\$15,784.98
Pink Can Balance 12/2023	\$7,110.46
YTD Money Spent on Literature	\$15,198.96
YTD Operational Expenses	\$3,243.68
Pink Can Current Balance	\$4,452.80

**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.**

**WARNING! HOLIDAYS AHEAD.....continued from Page One**

It was not until the evening of January first that I felt a full surge of thankfulness—blessed emotion—to my AA friends and to the Power beyond us all that had sustained me a few hours, a few minutes at a time. I had discovered that the program works, and I was far stronger within myself than I had been in mid-November. If there is a message here for those coming to our Fellowship new and shaky in the late Fall, it is this: Hang on; stick close; live for the day or the moment; don't let the mechanical reactions of the past sneak up on you; don't spoil the present, imperfect as it may seem, with a single shot, a single glass of enticingly sparkling wine. The sense of accomplishment and comfortableness that follows on making it through one's first sober holidays is beyond compare. There may be tensions in later years, but none quite so traumatic. And if ever the holiday blues do strike, call on your AA friends. They understand because they've been there too. They have learned, as you will, the more than compensatory joys of gratitude, and giving, and beginning each day anew.

**M.C., Pleasantville, N.Y./ Reprint Permission AA Grapevine/ 1967**

**CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**



**Thursday-November 28th for Thanksgiving Day  
Tuesday-December 24th for Christmas Eve  
Wednesday-December 25th for Christmas Day  
Tuesday-December 31st for New Years Eve  
Wednesday-January 1st, 2025 for New Years Day**

**In Memory of Co-Founder of A.A. DR. BOB**

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. 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.

***Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them.***

**Tradition Eleven October 1948**

Providence has been looking after the public relations of Alcoholics Anonymous. It can scarcely have been otherwise. Though we are more than a dozen years old, hardly a syllable of criticism or ridicule has ever been spoken of AA. Somehow we have been spared all the pains of medical or religious controversy and we have good friends both wet and dry, right and left. Like most societies, we are sometimes scandalous—but never yet in public. From all over the world, naught comes but keen sympathy and downright admiration. Our friends of the press and radio have outdone themselves. Anyone can see that we are in a fair way to be spoiled. Our reputation is already so much better than our actual character! Surely these phenomenal blessings must have a deep purpose. Who doubts that this purpose wishes to let every alcoholic in the world know that AA is truly for him, can he only want his liberation enough. Hence, our messages through public channels have never been seriously discolored, nor has the searing breath of prejudice ever issued from anywhere. Good public relations are AA lifelines reaching out to the alcoholic who still does not know us. For years to come, our growth is sure to depend upon the strength and number of these lifelines. One serious public relations calamity could always turn thousands away from us to perish—a matter of life and death indeed! The future poses no greater problem or challenge to AA than how best to preserve a friendly and vital relation to all the world about us. Success will rest heavily upon right principles, a wise vigilance, and the deepest personal responsibility on the part of every one of us. Nothing less will do. Else our brother may again turn his face to the wall because we did not care enough. So the Eleventh Tradition stands sentinel over the lifelines, announcing that there is no need for self-praise, that it is better to let our friends recommend us, and that our whole public relations policy, contrary to usual customs, should be based upon the principle of attraction rather than promotion. Shot-in-the-arm methods are not for us—no press agents, no promotional devices, no big names. The hazards are too great. Immediate results will always be illusive because easy shortcuts to notoriety can generate permanent and smothering liabilities. More and more, therefore, are we emphasizing the principle of personal anonymity as it applies to our public relations. We ask of each other the highest degree of personal responsibility in this respect. As a movement we have been, before now, tempted to exploit the names of our well-known public characters. We have rationalized that other societies, even the best, do the same. As individuals, we have sometimes believed that the public use of our names could demonstrate our personal courage in the face of stigma, so lending power and conviction to news stories and magazine articles. But these are not the allures they once were. Vividly, we are becoming aware that no member ought to describe himself in full view of the general public as an AA, even for the most worthy purpose, lest a perilous precedent be set which would tempt others to do likewise for purposes not so worthy. We see that on breaking anonymity by press, radio, or pictures, any one of us could easily transfer the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous over onto any enterprise or into the midst of any controversy. So it is becoming our code that there are things that no AA ever does, lest he divert AA from its sole purpose and injure our public relations. And thereby the chances of those sick ones yet to come. To the million alcoholics who have not yet heard our AA story, we should ever say, "Greetings and welcome. Be assured that we shall never weaken the lifelines which we float out to you. In our public relations, we shall, God willing, keep the faith." **Reprint Permission: AA Grapevine: Language of the Heart**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

**October 8th, 2024** the Board of Directors for Central Office  
**BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

**October 8th, 2024** the Central Office Representatives met:  
**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
BRAD W.	ALT.CHAIR	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS
SOPHIE C.	TREASURER	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
DEBBIE S.	SECRETARY	TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT
LINDA B.	BOARD MEMBER	JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP
Excused	BOARD MEMBER	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
CARL L.	BOARD MEMBER	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
SCOTT B.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

**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](mailto:aainfo@aatamapa-area.org)**

SARAH H.	FULL MOON RIVER GROUP
KARA H.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
LYNNE J.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
JOANN B.	DISTRICT 2 CHAIR
LINDA R.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JUSTIN P.	TUESDAY NEWCOMER GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
KITHARA	SET ASIDE BIG BOOK GROUP
NORM B.	SOBER @7 GROUP
NES Z.	PROMISES GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP (ZOOM)
CATHY H.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
ANNIE L.	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP
ANDREW S.	SOBRENITY GROUP
KEN M.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
RANDELL D.	FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP

(Because of time restraints the Board & Council meeting has been combined) **Board Members present: Al B., Linda B., Debbie S., Brad W., Sophie C., Scott B and Brian L...**

**(Because of having/needng to get preparations for upcoming Hurricane Milton, there was no Meeting)**

**September Budget Report**

Contributions in September totaled \$8,298.00. This accounts for what 21 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in September, also included in this amount is, \$1,096.33 from 8 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. \$155.00 from 1 member of the Birthday Club. We also received \$2,920.00 from the Promises Group Anniversary Dinner and \$1,415.00 from the Sisters in Sobriety Cakewalk Raffle and contribution conducted at the Promises Group Anniversary Dinner. Our literature sales for September was \$4,001.04. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.). Our total income for September was \$12,299.04. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,327.47. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our September income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,971.57. Our Total Expenses for September were \$11,786.34. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2,814.77 for the month of September. Our Profit and Loss Total for the year—January through September is minus--\$12,548.59.

Report generated by Timothy S.—Office Manager

**The next Board & Council Meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM**

**STEP ELEVEN**

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out. \* Spirituality is not adopting more beliefs and assumptions, but uncovering the best in you. (Amit Ray) \* Most folks have their own personal definition and interpretation of spirituality. Since each of us is unique, there are easily millions of different definitions of the spiritual. A.A. is a self-described non-religious program, and suggests we try to practice the spiritual 12 Step principles, which are never specifically defined, in all our affairs. Few would argue that A.A. promotes action over argument about religion and spirituality. As a program of action, A.A.'s three crucial foundation blocks are love, tolerance and service to others. Adherence to these three values not only requires the best in us, but brings out the best in us. If we have had a spiritual awakening, or a change in our attitudes and actions as a result of completing the 12 Steps, we are not only willing, but completely able, to continually strive to be the best person we can be.

- *Am I attempting to be the best person I can be today?*

**From: Practice These Principles  
Daily Meditations on the 12 Step Principles of A.A.**

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

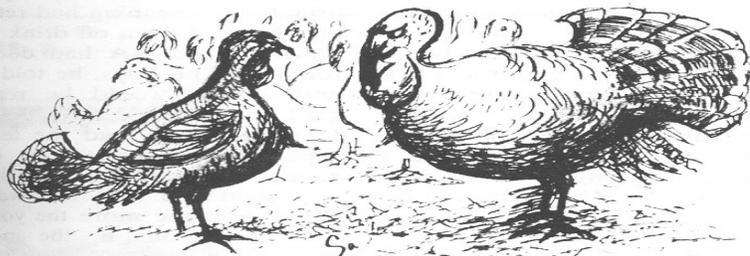
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW TAMPA MONDAY NIGHT MENS	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	31 YRS
NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP	MICHAEL B.	11/19/06	18 YRS
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	PHILIP S.	11/08/07	17 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	DAVID Y.	11/11/81	43 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SCOTT P.	11/01/04	20 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CLINT V.	11/18/88	36 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	DOREEN S.	11/30/15	9 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	ERIC J.	11/10/15	9 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	DONNA A.	11/27/19	5 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED GROUP	MARIE	11/17/84	40 YRS
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	BRADY G.	11/15/10	14 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	BEVERLY W.	11/01/11	13 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	TAMMY B.	11/07/13	11 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	SANDY v L	11/12/90	34 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANNE	11/16/13	11 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KRISTIN	11/20/12	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KERRY L.	11/14/11	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	MALIN	11/11/10	14 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANN S.	11/19/05	19 YRS
LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT	HEATHER P.	11/06/10	14 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RJS	03/28/95	29 YRS
SOBRENITY GROUP	MICHAEL McA	09/28/74	50 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	MARY R.	10/21/83	41 YRS
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	50 YRS

**\*That's 553 Years of Sobriety!\***

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



**“ AS FOR ME, I RELY HEAVILY ON THE SERENITY PRAYER.”**

**SELF-SUPPORT-OCTOBER, 2024**

© Today in October, 2024 COVID has changed the way many groups contribute to the Central Office. Some groups have remained steady in their contributions, some groups have gone to ZOOM, A few ZOOM groups have made some contributions and some groups are Hybrid (in-person & ZOOM), other groups have folded for a lack of a space to have their meeting and some new groups are starting up, and now many groups are getting back to normal pre-pandemic live meetings. Things are looking up and getting better. It's certainly a time to renew our efforts and practice the meaning of the Serenity Prayer a little bit more. We currently have 191 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 502 meetings weekly. Also we have 128 Zoom meetings weekly. Contributions in October totaled \$9,833.58. This accounts for what 43 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in October, also included is, \$1,664.52 from 8 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. We also received \$170.00 from 4 members of the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for October was \$5,306.00. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) and 2 Newsletter subscriptions. Our total income for October was \$15,153.58. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$4,373.69. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$10,779.89. Our Total Expenses for October were \$8,915.03. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,864.86 for 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 Thank you for your support . Thank You!!!O.M. tws:)

*These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. (The 12 Traditions were created to help each A.A. group maintain unity and relate better to the world about us. Below is a snapshot inventory you can take to see how well you are honoring the spiritual principle found in this Tradition.)* **Tradition 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? **Reprint Permission/ AA Grapevine**

Join Us Celebrating  
**RED CHIP DAY**

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November 10, 2024

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Speaker: Robin F.

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Enjoy Fellowship, Sobriety Countdown, Raffle  
& More.

Please bring Finger Foods to share.

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APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
200 Kingsway Road, Brandon, FL 33510

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All Proceeds to Central Office

DISTRICT 2  
ANNUAL GRATITUDE DINNER

BENEFITING THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

*Plant seeds of gratitude wherever you go!*

Speaker – Donna W.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

5:00 TO 9:00 PM

New Hope Church

213 N. Knights Ave, Brandon, FL 33510

Tickets are \$20.00. For additional information email: [d2gratitudedinner@gmail.com](mailto:d2gratitudedinner@gmail.com)

To purchase tickets, scan the QR Code below or go to: <https://aatampa.org/event/2024-gratitude-dinner/>



38th ANNUAL  
TAMPA BAY FALL ROUNDUP  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
"FLIMSY REED"

Friday, Aug. 29, 2025 - Monday, Sept. 1, 2025

Register online at:

[www.tampabayfallroundup.com](http://www.tampabayfallroundup.com)

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Jr. Suites \$189.00 (1-4 guests)

RESERVE YOUR ROOM <https://tinyurl.com/TBFR38>

SPECIAL ROOM RATE CUTOFF ON OR BEFORE 07/29/2025

**REGISTER AND BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW**



AA, AI-Anon, Alateen Meetings  
AA Movies All Weekend

Friday  
Ice Cream Social\*

Saturday  
5K Walk/Run\*

Banquet\*  
Dance

Sunday  
Dinner BBQ Buffet\*

- SPEAKERS**
- AFG Sue L., Ridgeport, PA.
  - Janice P., Lake Magdalene, FL.
  - Rose E., Springhill, FL.
  - Holly D., Jacksonville, FL.
  - Paulette R., Miramar, FL.
  - Karl M., Covina, CA.
  - Steve L., Redondo Beach, CA.
  - Danny B., Spring TX.
  - Cyndi M., Louisville, KY.

Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D	Group	OCT	Y T D
7:15 Young Peoples Group		55.75	Keeping it Real Group	140.00	245.00	Sober @ 7 Group		368.24
11th Step Retreat		100.00	Keystone Group	132.60	271.05	Sober @ 7 Anniversary	22.00	232.00
A Common Solution		70.00	It's In The Wind Group- 301		1.00	Sober on Saturday Group		106.00
Alpha Group	100.00	1,000.00	Language of the Heart			SoberSticks Event		200.00
Annual Housecleaning			Language of the Heart		100.00	SoberStock Event		2,600.00
Anonymous Donations	304.07	2817.69	Life Enrichment Group		530.00	Sober on Saturday Group		238.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa		195.00	Living in the Solution	180.00	330.00	Sobrenity Group		800.00
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	200.00	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		300.00	Sobrietea Women's Group		52.50
BeginnersFirst Group		650.00	Little Harbor Grapevine Beach		300.00	Soberilla		729.10
BeginnersStep Group Brandon	109.00	402.00	Lunch Bunch Group		150.00	Sobriety at Sunrise Group		1,423.35
Big Book Bunch Group		335.00	Monday Night Men's		421.32	Sobriety at Sunset Group		230.10
Bill D's Group		325.00	Mid Day Madness	25.00	45.00	Southshore Men's Group		300.06
Birthday Club	170.00	1,022.00	Morning Express Group	100.75	351.05	Southside Men's Group # 1		780.00
Brandon Big Book Meeting		155.00	Morning Express (YANA)		891.15	Southside Men's Group #3		541.00
By The Book Men's Group		105.00	Morning Mindset Group		22.32	Southside Men's Group #4		435.50
BYO 12 & 12 Group		150.00	My Turn Group		300.00	Spiritual Growth Group	550.00	550.00
Came To Believe Group		957.00	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's	341.94	835.56	Staying Alive @ 5:45 Z	1,600.00	1,700.00
Candlelight Group		1.72	New Beginning Group-(Our Club)		473.29	Step Sisters in Sobriety		165.32
Cardinal Group - Odessa		1,105.00	Newcomers Group		326.48	Stepping Stones Group (w)		407.26
Carrollwood Group	133.00	182.50	New Tampa Monday Men's	300.00	1,295.33	Sun City Center Group	18.00	90.30
Clean Air Group		8.12	Nooners Group--Riverview		291.54	Sun City Center Men's		270.00
Come As You Are Group		7.10	Nooners Group--Tampa		256.43	Sunday Afternoon Step		303.00
District 2 General Service		531.60	Noontime Celebration Gp.		75.00	Tampa Bay Institutions	100.00	600.00
Druid Hills Big Book		34.50	Odessa Group		166.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples		1,656.05
Early Risers Group - Joe's		360.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30	253.50	889.85	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.	260.00	510.00
Fireside Group	56.90	374.86	Palma Ceia Big Book Group	100.00	606.80	Tampa Nightly Newcomers		100.00
Fishhawk Group	616.70	809.60	Pathfinders		100.00	Tampa Sat Night Speakers		300.00
Fourth Dimension Group		351.65	Pavillion Peeps		134.50	T & C Sisters in Sobriety	311.50	513.10
Freedom in Sobriety Group		115.56	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's		52.00	TGIS Group		252.00
Friday @ 4 Group	70.85	617.50	Plank Owners Group		292.00	Thank God it's Friday	175.00	781.00
Friday Morning Women's		1,100.00	Primary Purpose Group		502.23	The 164 Group		105.87
Friday Under the Lights		112.00	Promises Meeting Group			The Meeting Place Group		1,221.51
Friends of Bill Meditation Group	115.00	385.00	Promises Anniversary Dinner		2,920.00	Tues.Big Book of Brandon		214.00
Friends of Bill Women's Group	282.00	722.00	Red Chip Day			Tuesday Book Club Group		13.18
Full Moon River Womens		849.62	Reflections Group-Lake Mag		433.08	Turning Point Group -Z-H.		715.00
Gifts of Sobriety		487.50	Riverside Group		725.77	UpTown/ Downtown		83.33
Good Start Group	410.00	3,132.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group		133.00	Wed Night Step Workshop		35.10
Grace-n-Gratitude	122.85	318.85	Ruskin Women's Big Book	223.76	804.15	Wed Keep it Simple Group		130.00
Great Way To Start The Day	186.00	719.40	Safe, Sane & Sober Group	179.67	703.32	Wellspring Group		195.00
Helping Hands Group		10.00	Saturday Night Fever Group		3,167.21	With Room to Grow		1,450.00
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		300.00	Serenity Group--ZOOM		117.50	Women's Friendship Group	434.20	434.2
Hide-A-Way Group	399.17	1156.95	Set Aside Big Book Study Group		59.01			
Host of Friends Group		455.00	Simply Sobriety Women's Group		488.81			
It's in the Book Men's Group		933.25	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)		659.22			
In Loving Memory (Greg O.)		2,500.00	Sisters Celebrating Sobriety		281.83			
Keep it Simple Men's Group		225.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group	409.20	770.40			
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		814.36	Sisters in Sobriety CakeWalk Raffle		1,415.00			
Keep it Simply Spiritual	508.57	824.57						
Keep it Simple Group Dade City		1,105.28						
			Total	2,386.42		YTD Total	3,470.70	
			YTD Total		23,233.20	Monthly Total	9,461.23	
Total	3,604.11							
YTD Total		29,189.93				Grand Total	74,254.20	