



Tri-County Central Office News

We merely have an approach that worked with us

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THE PROFESSOR AND THE PARADOX

(This is a cool personal story that only appeared in the second edition of the Big Book from 1955 to 1976.) Says he, We A.A.'s surrender to win; we give away to keep; we suffer to get well, and we die to live. I am in the public information business. I use that phrase or designation because if I say I am a college professor everybody always has a tendency to run the other way. And when they learn that I am a specialist in English, they have looks of horror for fear they are going to slip up and say ain't. I often wish I sold shoes or insurance or fixed automobiles or plumbed pipes. I would have more friends. My story is not a great deal different from others - except in a few specific details. All the roads of alcoholism lead to the same place and condition. I suppose I have always been shy, sensitive, fearful, envious, and resentful, which in turn leads one to be arrogantly independent, a defiant personality. I believe I got a Ph.D. degree principally because I wanted to either outdo or defy everybody else. I have published a great deal of scholarly research - I think for the same reason. Such determination, such striving for perfection, is undoubtedly an admirable and practical quality to have, for a while; but when a person mixes such a quality with alcohol, that quality can eventually cut him almost to pieces. At least it did so to me. I began drinking as a social drinker, in my early twenties. Drinking constituted no problem for me until well after I finished graduate school at the age of thirty. But as the tensions and anxieties of my life began to mount, and the setbacks from perfection began to increase, I finally slipped over the line between moderate drinking and alcoholism. No longer would I drink a few beers or a cocktail or two and let it go at that. No longer did I let months or even weeks go by without liquor. And when drinking, I entered what I now know was the dream world of alcoholic fantasy. Then for about five years of progressively worse alcoholic drinking, of filling my life and home with more and more wreckage, it looked as if I were going to ride this toboggan of destruction to the bitter end. Maybe I didn't get as bad as some of the others. I must confess that I never went to teach one of my classes drunk or drinking, but I've been awfully hung-over. My pattern was to be drunk at night, boil myself out to creep to work in the

From the Central Office
SERVICE DESK
A total of 644 phone calls were
made to the
Central Office in
AUGUST.
353 for info on AA,
3 for info on Al-Anon,
9 messages for other
inquiries,
7 requesting a Twelfth Step
call, 279 after Office Hours
calls. There were 228 walk-in
visits as well.

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and a number of other varieties. I was a self-aggrandizing and occasionally violent drunk. You wouldn't think a little fellow like me could do much damage, but when I'm drunk I'm pure dynamite. I'm not going into any other details - the University can fire me yet! I came to believe actually that life was not worth living unless I could drink. I was utterly miserable and sometimes desperate, living always with a feeling of impending calamity (I knew something was bound to "break loose"). And to do away with such a fear, I would try a little more drinking, with the inevitable result - for by this time one drink would set up in me that irresistible urge to take another and another until I was down or hung-over and in trouble. In the hung-over stage I would vow never to touch another drop, and then be drunk the next night. I knew at least that there had to be some changes made. I tried to change the time and place and amount of my drinking. I tried to change my environment, my place of living - like most of us who at one time or another think that our trouble is geography rather than whiskey. I even entertained the idea of changing wives. I tried to change everything and everybody, except myself--the only thing I could change. I did not know that it was physically impossible for me to drink moderately. I did not know that my body's drinking machinery had worn out, and that the parts could not be replaced. I did not know that just one drink made it impossible for me to control my behavior and conduct and my future drinking. I did not know, in short, that I was powerless over alcohol. My family and my friends sensed or knew these things about me long before I did. Finally, as with most of us in A.A., the crisis came. I realized I had a drinking problem which had to be solved. My wife and a close friend tried to persuade me to contact the only member of Alcoholics Anonymous we knew of in town. This I refused to do. But I agreed that I would stop drinking altogether, maintaining stoutly and sincerely that I could and would solve this problem "on my own." I would feel much better doing it that way, I insisted. I stayed sober for two entire weeks! Then I pitched a lulu of a terrible drunken affair in which I became violently insane. I also landed in the City Jail. I don't know exactly what happened on this bender, but here are some things that did happen which I was told about subsequently. First, the officers who had come out to my house did not want to take me in - but I insisted! Also, I insisted that they wait in the living room while I went back to the bedroom and changed into my best and newest suit (with socks and tie to match), so that I would look nice in jail! I don't remember the ride downtown, but when I came to the jail corridor, I didn't like the looks of the little cage they were shoving me into, so I took issue about that with three officers and indulged in some fisticuffs with all three of them at once--each one of them twice my size and armed with a gun and a blackjack. Now what kind of thinking and acting is that? If that isn't insanity, or absurd grandiosity, or some sort of mental illness, what is it? Because I yelled so loud

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**TBAIC - District 2 - Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties
 (877) AATAMPA or (877) 228-2672!**

Hello everybody! I am an alcoholic and my name is Jack M. The committee kept busy this summer carrying the message to those who are incarcerated and the patients within our local treatment and detox facilities. The best part is that we stayed sober and had a lot of fun doing so! Most of our coordinators visited with their facilities recently to touch bases and ensure that we are covering our meeting obligations. We were very pleased to hear the positive feedback from most of our facilities. Although we did hear from a couple that we had or are currently missing some of our obligations. Specifically, we have several juvenile meetings that need a chair or alternate chair person who can commit to making the meeting on a regular basis. Juvenile meetings can be very rewarding as a service opportunity but they do require a chair with significant sobriety to lead them. Please contact Jonathan ASAP, if you can assist us with the juvenile meetings. We also have a few treatment facilities that need alternate chair people and Mark will gladly put you in contact with the facility and other volunteers. The Hillsborough County Jail will have its next orientation on Saturday 8:30am- 11:30am October 11th. Please contact Dick if you wish to register to attend the orientation. Lindsay who coordinates our Bridging the Gap program reports that she is getting more calls/referrals each month. Thanks to all the volunteers who pass out Bridging the Gap contact cards. Joe our Pre-Release coordinator reported that in August he did not receive any requests for AA contacts on the outside. He will keep checking the PO Box hoping to be of service. Cathleen reports that the LOL women's jail meetings are going well and she is working with a new volunteer to get them clearance. The men's LOL Jail meetings continue to be covered by volunteers from West Pasco County.

District 2 (that's us) is hosting the Area Quarterly October 17-19 and because of that we, as a committee, have several obligations to meet which I will expound on below. As the hosting district our committee is responsible to provide a 30-45 minute workshop for both the area Treatment and area Corrections committees. These workshops are simply one alcoholic sharing with another on a topic related carrying the message within our facilities. It is not your personal story of sobriety but rather it should showcase what is working or even what is not working in our district. A good workshop will provide the other districts with the opportunity to learn from our successes as well as our mistakes. It may help to remember that those who will attend and listen to our workshop have the same roles and responsibilities as we do. So when we pick a topic for the workshop to share our experience, strength and hope....We should consider what they would enjoy or appreciate hearing about. Some suggested topics for this quarterly have been: Singleness of Purpose: What are we sharing about when we share?, Recruiting and Training Volunteers: A Spirit of Rotation to Avoid Burnout while Empowering Others, Starting a Meeting in a New Facility: Where do you start?, Starting or and Organizing a Treatment/ Corrections Committee, Self-Supporting via Pink Cans and Special Fundraisers: Following AA guidelines, etc. As a committee we are also responsible to bring food to share in the quarterly's Hospitality room. As per the committee's group conscious (taken at the last meeting) we will not use any funds from our pink can donations to meet this responsibility. We "passed the hat" last time and collected \$62.00. Since our last meeting I purchased 4 large pork shoulders and slow smoked them for 15 hours (yes, I stayed up all night). I also purchase 8 bottles of BBQ sauce. The result is four one gallon Ziplocs packed full with BBQ pulled pork and is in Debbie M's deep freeze.

Cathleen (via her mom, Yeah MOM!) has committed to bring some potato salad as well as a potential sheet cake. We will "pass the hat" again at this Saturday's Meeting and finalize a list of what else we can bring to the hospitality room. I know we will still need to procure some sandwich buns (via a bread outlet) as well as other food items (soda, chips, snacks, possibly a large salad or vegetable plate).

Next Committee Meeting

Sept 27th and Oct 25th at 9:30 AM at the Tri-County Central Office (near Himes & Waters). If you need more specific directions please call Tim @ 813-933-9123. 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.

Pink Can Drive

Our committee is 100% self supporting and receives no funds from the traditional pie charts 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

Thank you to those groups who have sent in a donation this Month. Big Book Noon 3333, Carrolwood N/S, Expect A Miracle, KIS Pass It On, Midday Matinee, New Way Women's Group, Riverside Group, Ruskin Fellowship, Sisters in Sobriety, Sobriety, Steps To Freedom, There is a Solution.

Treasurers Report - August 30th, 2008

Pink Can Donations YTD 2008	\$14,225.52
Less Prudent Reserve	- \$300.00
Less YTD Literature	- \$8736.99
Less YTD Expenses	- \$939.75
Pink Can Current Balance	\$4249.08

TBAIC Committee Members

Jack M. - Chair	813-417-9945
Eric V. - Alt Chair	813-277-4833
Mark L. - Treasurer Tom F. - Alternate	813-477-6855
Open - Secretary	
Dick D. - Hills Jails - Emeritus	813-254-4423
Paul D - Mens Orient Rd	727-385-5529
Buddy H - Mens Falkenburg	813-871-2514
Jill J - Hills Womens Jails	813-349-7048
Michael K. - Detox	813-785-8027
Jill J. - HCI Women's Prison	813-349-7048
Open - E Pasco Jail - Mens	
Cathleen C - E Pasco Jail - Women's	813-727-1415
Jim H. - E Pasco Prison	813-862-3539
Mark A - Treatment	813-407-2705
Lindsay T - Bridge The Gap	813-326-5408
Joe L - Pre-Release	813-918-3489
Jonathan L - Juvenile	813-770-3078

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and made so much noise, I ended up downstairs under the concrete in a place they call solitary. (That's a fine place now isn't it? for a college professor to spend the night!) Two days later I was willing to try A.A., which I had only vaguely heard of a few months before. I called at the home of the man who started the A.A. group in my town, and I went humbly with him to an A.A. meeting the following night. As I look back, something must have happened to me during those two days. Some forces must have been at work which I do not understand. But on those two days - between jail and A.A. - something happen to me that had never happened before. I repeat, I don't know what it was. Maybe I had made a "decision" - just a part of Step Three (I had made lots of promises but never a decision) - though it seems to me that I was at the time too confused and fogged up to make much of one. Maybe it was the guiding hand of God, or (as we Baptists say) the Holy Spirit. I like to think that it was just that, followed by my own attempt to take the Twelve Steps to recovery. Whatever it was, I have been in A.A. and I have been dry ever since. That was more than six years ago. A.A. does not function in a way which people normally expect it to. For example, instead of using our "will power," as everyone outside A.A. seems to think we do, we give up our wills to a Higher Power, place our lives in hands - invisible hands - stronger than ours. Another example: If twenty or thirty of us real drunks get away from home and meet in a clubroom downtown on Saturday night, the normal expectation is that all thirty of us will surely get roaring drunk, but it doesn't work out that way, does it? Or talking about whiskey and old drinking days (one would normally think) is sure to raise a thirst, but it doesn't work that way either, does it? Our program and procedures seem to be in many ways contrary to normal opinion. And so, in connection with this idea, let me pass on what I consider the four paradoxes of how A.A. works. (A paradox, you probably already know, is a statement which is seemingly self-contradictory; a statement which appears to be false, but which, upon careful examination, in certain instances proves to be true.)

1. We SURRENDER TO WIN. On the face of it, surrendering certainly does not seem like winning. But it is in A.A. Only after we have come to the end of our rope, hit a stone wall in some aspect of our lives beyond which we can go no further; only when we hit "bottom" in despair and surrender, can we accomplish sobriety which we could never accomplish before. We must, and we do, surrender in order to win.

2. We GIVE AWAY TO KEEP. That seems absurd and untrue. How can you keep anything if you give it away? But in order to keep whatever it is we get in A.A., we must go about giving it away to others, for no fees or rewards of any kind.

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When we cannot afford to give away what we have received so freely in A.A., we had better get ready for our next "drunk." It will happen every time. We've got to continue to give it away in order to keep it.

3. We SUFFER TO GET WELL. There is no way to escape the terrible suffering of remorse and regret and shame and embarrassment which starts us on the road to getting well from our affliction. There is no new way to shake out a hangover. It's painful. And for us, necessarily so. I told this to a friend of mine as he sat weaving to and fro on the side of the bed, in terrible shape, about to die for some paraldehyde. I said, "Lost John" - that's his nickname - "Lost John, you know you're going to have to do a certain amount of shaking sooner or later." "Well," he said, "for God's sake let's make it later!" We suffer to get well.

4. We DIE TO LIVE. That is a beautiful paradox straight out of the Biblical idea of being "born again" or "losing one's life to find it". When we work at our Twelve Steps, the old life of guzzling and fuzzy thinking, and all that goes with it, gradually dies, and we acquire a different and a better way of life. As our shortcomings are removed, one life of us dies, and another life of us lives. We in A.A. die to live.

Wednesday Women's Group of AA

has new location!

The oldest and largest women's AA meeting
in town (Plant City)

would like to invite you to its newest location
effective October 1, 2008:

Plant City Photo Archives

119 North Collins Street (just south of Reynolds)
Plant City, FL 33566

Please join us at our new location:

October 1

7:00 pm NS Closed Discussion

October 8

6:00 pm Potluck Dinner

6:30 pm Group Conscience Meeting

7:00 pm NS Closed Discussion

Bring your best ideas and some food to share to help
shape our group's future by attending the Potluck
and Group Conscience meeting on October 8. We'll
see you there!

QUESTIONS: CALL 763-5003 or 763-1645

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

September 9th, 2008 the Board of Directors for Central Office met:
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	DRUID HILLS GROUP
PAUL G.	VICE-CHAIR	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
JOYCE Q.	TREASURER	KEYSTONE GROUP
JIM VK	BOARD MEMBER	CARROLLWOOD NS GROUP
MARILYN F.	BOARD MEMBER	NEW WAY GROUP
MARK L.	BOARD MEMBER	NORTH TAMPA YOUNG & RESTLESS GROUP
RICK D.	BOARD MEMBER	EARLY RISERS GROUP
OPEN		
OPEN		
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September 9th, 2008 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

MARY VDB	BRANDON BEGINNERS STEP GROUP
CINDY H.	HELPING HANDS GROUP
LISA L.	DESIGN FOR LIVING GROUP
JOE C.	LIVE & LET LIVE GROUP
KIM W.	NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
JENNIFER G.	IN THE MIDDLE GROUP
JUNE T.	SOBRIETY GROUP
JOHN F.	LIFE ENRICHMENT GROUP
BUDDY H.	MORNING MEDITATION GROUP
JAKE S.	TAMPA YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP
KRISTIN R.	MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS GROUP
VIVIAN J.	FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TONY J.	MORNING MIRACLES GROUP
MARK H.	RIVERSIDE GROUP
JOE B.	IT'S IN THE BOOK GROUP
TIGGER F.	SOLUTIONS GROUP
AL F.	SOBER @ 7 GROUP
STEVE J.	ODESSA GROUP
EARLE W.	NOON BIG BOOK GROUP
JOHN P.	AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
FRANK B.	MID DAY MATINEE
MIKE D.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
JOHN G.	TAMPA PALMS BIG BOOK GROUP
JANIE M.	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
PATTI L.	VISITOR DISTRICT 2

Al opened the meeting in the usual manner. Rick D. from the Early Riser's Group was welcomed in as the newest Board member. After the usual reports, discussion turned to the Anniversary Dinner. As a result of these discussions, listed below is the results:

CENTRAL OFFICE 34TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday, February 28th, 2009

Christ the King Church
(Parrish Center)
821 Dale Mabry Hwy S. Tampa
Italian Night – Lasagna Dinner Provided
&

Covered Dishes Greatly Appreciated!!!

Tickets: \$5.00
Doors Open: 5 P.M.
Dinner Served: 6 P.M.
Speakers: 7 P. M.

2 Speakers:

*Lindsay T.
Tampa, Florida
Kevin W.
Brandon, Florida*

Enjoy a fabulous evening and support Central Office at the same time. Tickets on sale at Central Office or at the door.

Dinner * Fellowship * Speaker * Sobriety Countdown * Raffle

A sign up sheet was pasted around and everyone was asked to decide what they might be able to volunteer to do. There was a lot of discussion concerning the idea of posting the newsletter on the Web Site. The Council was asked to take this idea back to their Groups for discussion on the Pros & Cons.

DOES ANYONE HAVE SOME FOLDING METAL CHAIRS THAT THEY MIGHT LIKE TO DONATE TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE???? WE NEED ABOUT 10 OF THEM. OUR MEETING IS GETTING BIGGER & BIGGER. CALL 933-9123.....Thanks!!!

It's about that time again to print new When & Where's. Have you updated your meeting information to be included in the next printing???

DO YOU HAVE A SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR NEWSLETTER "TRI-COUNTY CENTRAL OFFICE NEWS" ? WHY NOT???-FOR \$5.00 YOU WILL RECEIVE 12 ISSUES. THE "NEWS" IS ONE OF THE FEW WAYS CENTRAL OFFICE CAN REACH OUR INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT YOUR NEWSLETTER. SEND IN YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, HOME GROUP AND \$5.00 AND YOU WILL BE CONNECTED TO WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE TAMPA AA COMMUNITY. IF YOU WANT TO SEND IN YOUR STORY TO SHARE WITH US.....SEND IT IN TOO.....

ANONYMITY PROTECTED.



ANNIVERSARY TIME

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years	A BIRTHDAY PLAN SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY		
				Honors To	Date	Years
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF K.	10/17/05	3 YRS	MARION P.	09/11/93	15 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	JEFF C.	10/21/96	12 YRS			
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BRIAN M.	10/30/83	25 YRS			
RIVERSIDE GROUP	DIANA H.	10/31/58	50 YRS			
SAN FRANCISCO	JEFF G.	09/19/93	15 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	FRANK F.	10/04/07	1 YR			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	DEBORAH L.	10/28/05	3 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	HELEN D.	10/01/01	7 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	JOHN W.	10/26/97	11 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	CARRIE K.	10/19/89	19 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	LARRY G.	10/17/84	24 YRS			
SOBER @ 7 GROUP	RICH R.	10/01/74	34 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	JANIE H.	10/24/06	2 YRS			
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	KATHY B.	10/15/06	2 YRS			
KEYSTONE GROUP	ED D.	10/17/05	3 YRS			
KEYSTONE GROUP	JOE B.	10/16/05	3 YRS			
KEYSTONE GROUP	ALEX P.	10/11/90	18 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	JENNIFER H.	10/25/04	4 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	HEATHER D.	10/03/04	4 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	LAURA G.	10/31/91	17 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROBERT R.	10/26/87	21 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	DON S.	10/20/84	24 YRS			
RUSH HOUR SERENITY GROUP	ROSE C.	10/15/84	24 HRS			
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	MIKE H.	10/20/06	2 YRS			
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	JACKIE W.	10/18/92	16 YRS			
EXPECT A MIRACLE GROUP	LARRY T.	10/18/88	20 YRS			
INTO ACTION GROUP	LAURIE B.	10/25/92	16 YRS			
SUNSHINE GROUP	JIM L.	10/19/05	3 YRS			
SUNSHINE GROUP	HEATHER T.	10/10/05	3 YRS			
SUNSHINE GROUP	KATHY P.	10/10/04	4 YRS			
SUNSHINE GROUP	STEVE D.	10/17/03	5 YRS			

**6th ANNUAL
Women's Retreat for Members of AA &
Al-Anon**

"Nancy's Legacy"
October 24th, 25th & 26th, 2008

St. Leo Abbey Retreat Center
33601 State Road 52
Saint Leo, Florida 33574
Reservations must be made Early.
Space is Limited.
For Info Call: Judy @ 813-872-8282
Lorinda @ 813-752-2175

Next District Meeting: October 5th, 2008
Bayshore Baptist Church
3111 W. Morrison Ave.
(Morrison & MacDill)
GSR Sharing 3:30 pm
Business Meeting 4:30 pm

**2nd ANNUAL WOMEN'S
PERSPECTIVE**

Saturday November 22th, 2008
11: am - 4:00 pm
Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church
3501 San Jose & Himes Avenue
(Behind Plant High School)
3 Speakers
Annie L. from Tampa YPG
Jackie C. from Pinellas
Ginger W. from Tampa
Lunch will be Provided
Advance Tickets: \$ 7.00
At Door: \$ 10.00

Contact: Jennifer @ 727-644-8379
Susanne @ 813-728-7236

MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN



The Sober @ 7 Group, The Ruskin Fellowship Group
and The Young At Heart Group

ALL GROUPS MEETING

&

6th ANNIVERSARY

SPEAKER MEETING & DINNER

(All Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

\$5.00 Donation per person

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2008
APOLLO BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH
400 Apollo Beach Blvd.
(Next to Circle-K)

POTLUCK DINNER: 6 P.M.
SPEAKER MEETING: 7 P.M.

Speaker: Paul L.
Brooksville, Florida

WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (WITH
FOOD IN IT) TO THE CHURCH BY 5:15 P.M. SO WE CAN SETUP
THE FOOD.

FOR IDEAS ON WHAT TO BRING PLEASE JOIN US
AT ONE OF OUR OPEN DISCUSSION MEETINGS
WHICH MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

THE OLD SCHOOL GROUP

ALL GROUPS MEETING
Saturday, October 11th, 2008
Lutz Community Center
100 1st Avenue NW, Lutz

Everyone is Welcome
OSG will provide drinks & Coffee

Starts @ 5:30 pm
Speaker @ 7:00 pm
\$ 5.00 Donation @ the Door
High Stakes Karaoke following the Speaker

Speaker: Gina C.
Pot-Luck Dinner

Bring your favorite Dish to share
50/50 Raffle

South Florida Area 15
General Service
Quarterly Assembly

"Participation: Vital to the Future of AA"
& Hosted by District 2 -- Tampa, Florida --
October 17, 18 & 19, 2008

Complete Details: <http://www.area15aa.org/>
Click on Members Services --
Click on Quarterly

SOBRENITY GROUP NEWS

Activities & Events Oct. -Nov. 2008

Fri. 10/10 9:15p - 1:00a October OPENMIC Night!

Bring your talent; Poetry, Play an instrument or sing, Share a poem or reading, Do some comedy!

Sat. 10/25 8:15p - 9:15p ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Medallions for those celebrating in October, and cake and ice cream for all!!

Fri. 10/31 9:15p - until? HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!

COSTUME PARTY!! Prize for best costume!! Midnight Meeting.

Sat. 11/15 2:00p - until ? Hip Hoppin' Hoe Down & Funfest

This one oughta be interesting!! Family Games and Activities, DJ & Live Music, and more!!

AUGUST OPEN MIC WAS BLAST! Thanks Central office for the chairs, and thanks all who helped out anonymously!

Thanks to the 16 performers we showcased; it was fun, please join us again! Proceeds from suggested door donations,
50/50's & raffles fund future Sobrenity Group Activities. Thanks for your support.

Please see us online at: <http://www.sobrenity.org/>

Red Chip Day 2008

When: Sunday, November 9th
2:00 PM

Where: Apostles Lutheran Church
200 N. Kingsway Ave.

(map on reverse side)



Time again for the annual
Red Chip Day Celebration
in Brandon, FL

Come join us for:
Excellent Speaker
Reading of History
Memorial Candle
Sobriety Countdown
Raffle
and MUCH MORE

Please Bring Finger Food