



Tri-County Central Office News

“The way our ‘worthy’ alcoholics have sometimes tried to judge the ‘less worthy’ is, as we look back on it, rather comical. Imagine, if you can, one alcoholic judging another!” Bill W.

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STEP 10

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.”

Many A.A. members refer to Step Ten as the maintenance step, because it allows us to monitor our recovery on a daily basis. We have learned how to make an honest self-assessment and admit our wrongs while completing Steps Four and Five. We have addressed our defects of character during Steps Six and Seven. And we resolved our issues from the past as much as possible when we completed Steps Eight and Nine. We will want to avoid falling into old patterns of thinking. We have learned that unresolved thoughts and feelings will eventually cause us to relapse if we do not address it. We want to avoid holding on to any issues that could cause us to become too emotionally disturbed. This illustrates our need to practice Step Ten on a daily basis. * We have experienced much spiritual growth by the time we arrive at Step Ten. We have developed a relationship with a Higher Power, identified and admitted our faults and reconnected to our families and others. We have begun the process of learning how to love ourselves and others. It is very possible that we have experienced a spiritual awakening by this time. Our thinking and our perspectives will have changed in an incredibly significant and positive way. We will want to continue using the Twelve Steps of A.A. to continue our growth on a daily basis. We can remain alert to defects of character that are trying to surface and create more harm in our lives. We can identify any resentments brewing within us and use our A.A. tools to address them before any harm is done. We can identify self-pity, selfishness, fear, greed, envy, jealousy, false-pride, lust, and laziness as they appear. We are able to make proper spiritual corrections in ourselves to address any issues we are having. * We can avoid much unnecessary guilt and pain by promptly admitting our wrongs, and we may minimize the damage they may cause others. As soon as we identify that we have wronged another person, we can promptly make the proper amends. Sometimes, it will take much reflection to identify our wrongs in a particular situation. We may need to discuss the situation with a sponsor or another A.A. member to determine whether we have played a part in harming another person. If we find that we were not responsible for the other person’s feelings and behaviors, we can consider how we might be of help to them in the future if the same situation occurs again. * We can also take time to acknowledge the good we have participated in on the present day. It is important to review the positive actions we have taken on a daily basis. We want to lift ourselves up and not add any unnecessary damage to our wounded self-esteem. We remind ourselves that we do have positive value when we acknowledge the good we have participated in during the present day. Many of us have realized that we have much more positive value than we thought we had before entering A.A. We need to be honest but gentle with ourselves when completing Step Ten. Being too harsh on ourselves will only be self-defeating and does not serve God’s purpose in our lives. * The Tenth Step will enable us to awaken in the morning ready to live the day at hand, not emotionally stuck in yesterday’s affairs.

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The Promises 14th Anniversary

To All AA Members,

Thank you for all your support. Let me explain the little details. Because of the revolving schedule @ New Hope Church in Brandon. The Event almost didn’t go thru because someone else was slated to be at the same place at the same time. We’ll, that part got fixed and worked out, then we set up on Thursday eve, but needed to come back Sat to finish tablecloths n centerpieces. (Big shout out to Virginia P, Cecilia P, Matt L n Lisa M) When we got there @ 2 PM, the new maintenance guy @ the church decided to put all the chairs n tables back in storage, then put up the 3 walls. WOW O WOW, like Virginia P said there are no mistakes. (What a test) Thanks God. In any event we got set up. Thanks to All the volunteers and Decorations Team (Virginia P.) We had tremendous help from Real Recovery led by Cameron serving the food. Riverview Fresh Market was the caterer as well as Jason C from Care Package. We had Pernil, (Roast Pork) , Chicken Cutlets w peppers, Chicken Guisada (Stew) as well as Picadillo (Ground Beef w Olives) Arroz con Gandules, Sweet Bananas, Salad n Cuban bread n butter. All the leftovers were donated to Real Recovery in Brandon. The Sisters in Sobriety led by Amy K were incredible. They had 58 Cakes n Cookies n Pie donations that brought in \$1415. The 50/50 was also awesome too led by Craig O, we collected \$696, and 7th Tradition basket was \$345. I also want to take time to Thank Bryan L. and Todd R for supplying the drinks, Punch, Tea, Lemonade n Coffee. Registration table led Bill T as well as Chrisy, n Erin C, as well as Andrew D. Wonderful fellowship proceeded, Chris J. from OSG Group carried the message of God to All. If I forgot to mention your names to be recognized, God saw your efforts and we so appreciate it. All total the Dinner raised \$4,335. We are so thankful to be of service to Tri-County Central Office.
Blessings, Love and Service...Nes...Promises Group

Central Office provides a number of services acting as a clearing house for the convenience of members and groups, provides phone service for twelfth step calls and other inquires, helps with the of group activities and keeps track of meeting times and changes and the printing of the schedules. We also edit and print our monthly newsletter. In addition we sell all Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Conference Approved Literature and some other materials requested by our AA members. Thanks to everyone for your continued support!! Become a part of Central Office....volunteer to be a Central Office Representative for your Home Group.

The Birthday Club: Contributions to the Central Office help support the local services to members and groups throughout Hillsborough and East Pasco Counties and help ensure that the A.A. message is carried around our area.

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

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

TBAIC SECRETARY
 REPORT
 September 14,2024

Attendees: Jonathon C, John T, Mike B, Gaby G, Mindy W, Jordan C. **Chair Report** - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. Jonathan’s report consisted of District meeting summary. Zoom/hybrid meetings will continue for District meetings.

Secretary Report – Mike B then read the secretary report and it was accepted as read without any changes to it. Upcoming roles are up for election in our committee as well as general service meetings at the district and area level. This form of service will help people grow in AA. **Treasurer Report** – John T’s. presented the Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is \$3,352.81. Monthly expenses were \$50.00 for Central Office Storage. Literature expenses for the month totaled \$2541.82. Our committee received \$456.00 in contributions from the following groups: Keep It Simple Pass It On, Living in the Solution, Ruskin Fellowship (Sunday), and Tampa Saturday Night Speaker Group. **Treatment** – All meetings at ACTS Detox are being covered. All but one (1) meeting at ACTS Amethyst are currently being covered. Tampa Hope meetings are going well according to John T. John also mentioned that some attendees at Cove Housing are starting to go to outside meetings. This is very encouraging. The men’s meetings at Cove Behavioral Health are going well according to Joe R. Sandra Prince is also doing well. **Corrections** – There was no corrections representation. No problems were reported. **Bridge The Gap** – There were five calls and four bridges. 5/4 **Man on the Bed** – Mindy W reported that she had calls for one female patient and one male. 2/2 **Old Business:** No old business **New Business:** Northside Meeting at Bay Care (Tuesday Night Meeting) – Volunteer expressed unease about their clients being mandated to go to AA meetings. Mandated attendees are not participating. Jonathon will contact them Monday next week and recommend voluntary attendance. Drug Court – Cathy H (defense attorney) – Wants our group to donate Big Books to people in Drug Court. John T recommended donating AA pamphlets and Bridging the Gap cards. (Approved by committee) We will update the Man on the Bed call list. Jonathon recommended splitting the list and calling people. Gaby reported progress of carrying the message to women who are trafficked. (Createdwomen.com) There is a desire to bring AA meetings into this institution.

The meeting ended at 11:00 AM with the Responsibility Statement and Lord’s Prayer.

Our Next Committee Meeting
October 12th, 2024 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) |
| 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: August 10th. Thru 14th, 2024
Keep it Simple/Pass it On: \$190.00, Living in the Solution: \$132.00, Ruskin Fellowship: \$114.00, Tampa Saturday Night Speaker: \$20.00

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| YTD Contributions to TBAIC | \$14,452.64 |
| Pink Can Balance 12/2023 | \$7,110.46 |
| YTD Money Spent on Literature | \$15,074.83 |
| YTD Operational Expenses | \$3,136.26 |
| Pink Can Current Balance | \$3,352.01 |

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.

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Tradition Ten September 1948

We have already made plans for any amends we need to make. We have left the negative thoughts and feeling associated with yesterday behind us. We can continue to develop the ability to love those who have harmed us because of their spiritual constitution. We can have the humility to take into consideration that we all fall short at times. We humble ourselves to be forgiven for the wrongs we have committed as well. We all need forgiveness at times. Perfection is an ideal to work towards with the knowledge that we will never achieve it. * The Tenth Step will continue to encourage us to promote peace and love in our lives if we continue to practice it. We will want to proceed to the Eleventh Step to identify how we can further align ourselves to God's loving will, after practicing Step Ten. We will ask our Higher Power for the strength and guidance we need to participate in the unfolding of God's will in our lives. Surely, we will be blessed because of our participation in serving our Higher Power's will.

Excerpt from "The Little Purple Pamphlet"

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well-known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement. But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever? If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings? Seen from this point of view, our AA Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our Tenth Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy—serious controversy. On the other side of the world, millions have died even recently in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society, and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else." Political controversy and reform by compulsion have reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension. Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth. Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that AA must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be. As though by some deep and compelling instinct, we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably. May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

Reprint Permission: AA Grapevine: Language of the Heart

NEW BOOK FROM WORLD SERVICES



The Plain Language Big Book is a tool to help readers understand the book Alcoholics Anonymous, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood by all people who have a desire to stop drinking. Members of A.A. fondly call the original book Alcoholics Anonymous "the Big Book." It is widely considered to be the basic text of the A.A. program. The Plain Language Big Book has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the Plain Language Big Book is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message. For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a Plain Language Big Book. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book Alcoholics Anonymous. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This Plain Language Big Book is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery. This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs.

The final draft of the Plain Language Big Book was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as General Service Conference-approved literature. The Plain Language Big Book covers the core content of the what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book. Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

September 10th, 2024 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

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| 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 | |

September 10th, 2024 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

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| 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...**
Al opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al mentioned that he could not see everyone so we would be having Brad call on you when you raised your hand to speak. **Secretary Report:** Debbie presented the August Secretary report. A motion to approve was made. It was then seconded and approved. **Treasurer Report:** Sophie presented the August Treasurer's. Contributions in August totaled \$7,160.56. This accounts for what 25 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in August, also included is, \$3,762.79 from 10 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal, include in that was \$2500.00 in Loving Memory for Greg O. who recently passed away with 32 years of sobriety and \$213.00 from 2 members of the Birthday Club. Our literature sales for August was \$7,494.81. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.). Our total income for August was \$14,655.37. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,168.12. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$11,487.25. Our Total Expenses for August were \$9,609.46. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$1,877.77 for the month of August. Sophie had a question for Tim about how many groups had contributed to Central Office that month. He could not answer at the time. **(Note: 25 Groups or Individuals made contributions and 10 Groups or Individuals made contributions make contributions through PayPal.) Old Business:** Report from the Ad-hoc Committee for plans for the Central Office Anniversary. Due to bad reception I could not decipher what was being said: However, Scott did send in a brief synopsis of what he wanted to report. "I know it was hard to hear me at the last central office meeting, I basically updated the group that the central office committee for the annual dinner meeting had met and had several locations we were looking at. We are meeting again tomorrow and will hopefully come back to the group with a place and a flyer to be approved by the board. I also brought up that we talked about passing an orange can for central office in November." Discussion followed about another meeting on the 18th which they would iron out more ideas. Nes noted that the church they have their Anniversary at can hold a lot of people. Brad reminder everyone to raise their

hand if they wanted to share. More discussion followed, basically prices and other ideas. Anna was confused about the minutes. Discussion into how the minutes were produced. Tim clarified that the transcription was an experiment he was trying out." The first day I sent out the transcription of all that had been said. The next day I sent out a condensed form so Debbie wouldn't have to read all of the 5 pages. I see now that that wasn't a good idea...sorry. My bad. I'll send out minutes in the normal way. It was just an experiment that didn't work too good." Scott had a question about being the Central Office liaison from District 2 and if it would be a conflict of interest being on the Board .Discussion followed from some different folks. It was finally noted that as long as he wasn't voting on something that was between Central Office and District 2, there was no problem. **New Business:** None. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer **The next Board & Council Meeting will be October 8th, 2024 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM**

Sorry for getting everything out so late. Hurricane Helene and then followed by Hurricane Milton, it kind of put the screws to us at the Central Office. Although there was no physical damage at the Central Office, we were without power, phones, and internet for a week. That was pretty much the same scenario at my home and also no way to get gas, being as no one had any at the service stations. It was uncomfortable and definitely very inconvenient but seeing how much damage other folks had, I really can't complain. In spite of all of that, some groups still stayed open to have a meeting, all be it, in the dark with flashlights or candles. But, looking outside while I'm writing this, makes me remember what my sponsor used to say... **"It's a great day to be sober!!!"**

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

| GROUP | Honors To | Date | Years |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| OLD SCHOOL GROUP | JUDY G. | 10/31/84 | 40 YRS |
| OLD SCHOOL GROUP | MARY R. | 10/21/83 | 41 YRS |
| KEYSTONE DISCUSSION | ED D. | 10/17/05 | 19 YRS |
| KEYSTONE DISCUSSION | ALEX P. | 10/11/90 | 34 YRS |
| KEYSTONE DISCUSSION | GUY S. | 10/24/88 | 36 YRS |
| KEYSTONE DISCUSSION | MITCH S. | 10/22/87 | 37 YRS |
| KEYSTONE DISCUSSION | TOM F. | 10/19/81 | 43 YRS |
| SISTERS HOUSE | JANE A. | 10/03/81 | 43 YRS |
| SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S | KAROL L. | 10/20/76 | 48 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | BETTY E. | 10/08/09 | 15 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | RICHARD R. | 10/01/74 | 50 YRS |
| BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP | JOSE M. | 10/20/03 | 21 YRS |
| RUSH HOUR SERENITY | ROSE ANN C. | 10/15/84 | 40 YRS |
| GRAPEVINE GALS WOMEN'S | ANGELICA D. | 10/23/10 | 14 YRS |
| SUNSHINE GROUP | SINIA P. | 10/28/11 | 13 YRS |
| HOST OF FRIENDS GROUP | BILL C. | 10/29/91 | 33 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | LAURA A. | 10/22/22 | 2 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | RICHARD A. | 10/21/22 | 3 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | MIRIAM C. | 10/30/19 | 5 YRS |
| LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT | CHRIS D. | 10/17/08 | 16 YRS |
| LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT | JEFF B. | 10/10/05 | 19 YRS |
| RIVERSIDE GROUP | JEFF C. | 10/21/96 | 28 YRS |
| RIVERSIDE GROUP | JOAN P. | 10/08/91 | 33 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | SUE I. | 10/16/13 | 11 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | MEGAN M. | 10/31/10 | 14 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | DOTTY R. | 10/10/10 | 14 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | MAURA | 10/04/10 | 14 YRS |

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

| Home Group | Honors To | Date | Years |
|------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| OLD SCHOOL GROUP | MARY R. | 10/21/83 | 41 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | RJS | 03/28/95 | 29 YRS |
| LIVING IN THE SOLUTION | MICHAEL MCA | 09/24/74 | 50 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | RICH R. | 10/01/74 | 50 YRS |

That's 822 Years of Sobriety!
**Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out
these people and find out their secret. ☺**

**There's more to getting sober than, just getting sober:
* Recovery * Unity * Service ***

SELF-SUPPORT-September, 2024

© Today in September, 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 September totaled \$8,298.00. This accounts for what 26 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in September, also included is, \$1096.33 from 8 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Included, also was \$2,920.00 from the Promises Anniversary Dinner and \$1,415.00 from the Sisters in Sobriety Cakewalk Raffle and Contribution at the Promises Anniversary. We also received \$115.00 from 1 member of the Birthday Club. 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-\$2,814.77for the month of September. 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 Ten:** Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. **1.** Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? Prescribed medications? Other drugs? Other 12-Step programs? Vitamins? Al-Anon? The federal or state government? **2.** Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression that I'm stating the "AA opinion"? **3.** What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition? **4.** What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be? **5.** Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways? **6.** How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA? **7.** Should the meeting secretary intervene to remind AA members about this Tradition if a member starts criticizing one political party compared to others or favoring a religion over others?
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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

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 Home Group—it will be listed as **ANONYMOUS**, so don't be upset at us, if you don't see contributions from your Group on our Contributions page.

DRIVERS NEEDED

GOT A CAR? WANT TO HELP YOUR SOBRIETY? HELP SOMEBODY GET TO A MEETING BY GIVING THEM A RIDE. *AN ADDED BENEFIT IS THAT YOU MAY ACTUALLY HELP YOUR HOME GROUP BY POSSIBLY BRINGING IN A POTENTIAL NEW HOME GROUP MEMBER

**CALL CENTRAL OFFICE. 813-933-9123 or
Email: aainfo@aatampa-area.org**



Sober @ 7 Group presents

**ALL GROUPS MEETING
&
22nd ANNIVERSARY
SPEAKER MEETING & DINNER**
(All Proceeds to benefit Tri-County Central Office)

\$5.00 Donation per person

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2024
APOLLO BEACH PARK & RECREATION CENTER
664 Golf and Sea Blvd.
Apollo Beach, FL 33572**

**POTLUCK DINNER: 6:15 P.M.
SPEAKER MEETING: 6:45 P.M.**

**Speaker: Frank S.
Riverview, FL**

WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (WITH FOOD IN IT) TO THE MEETING
BY 6:00 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.

**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

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



**A.A.'s who carry the message,
often carry the Grapevine**

