



Tri-County Central Office News

Asking God on our knees to bless everybody isn't half as manly as standing on our feet, reaching down and helping somebody.

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LIVING ONE'S WORDS

Last January I had spent some time with AA friends offshore on a secluded isle-devoted to the thought of learning to live again, as applied to albies. A newspaperman, I had at first observed, taken notes, and then became enthralled with the whole scheme of rehabilitation. I started working all night long each night and cat-napping between sessions with the recovering elbow-benders during the day. Instead of resting and sopping up the tropical sunshine out there in the Gulf of Mexico, I blanched out. That alcoholic drive of old had taken hold. Sure, I was sober, and I raided the pantry through the night, but for ten days and evenings I didn't put my feet under the table in the dining room. It was the kitchen for java and in-between snacks from the refrigerator for this hack. The sight of those pitiful souls recuperating was so inspiring I thrilled to the task...the task of recording it all. Away from the pell-mell life of civilization, close to nature and all it's beauties there was an awareness of the hand of God—forgiving and benevolent Higher Power as we understand Him. They were finding Him. I was listening and writing. I drove myself hard. Thousands of words poured out, hundreds of corrections and revisions made, and then came Sunday. The albies on the island went to the fifteenth anniversary party in Tampa. In their absence, busy as never before, the manuscript was typed out in final form. A long distance call placed over the marine radio-phone and I was impatient to be on my way. That old feeling of "let's get the show on the road" was nudging me on and on. With the return of the fledgling AAs and host there were many reports of the grand talks and how wonderful it had been to see all those hundreds of sober friends—but I didn't hear much of this for I was busy button-holing my host to take me by launch to the mainland next day and then to tote me to Fort Myers to catch the evenings bus northbound. Here at a haven of rest and relaxation, I was starting to stew. To make a long story shorter, when I touched the point of mainland, there was mail at the small post office which I let upset me. During the twenty-two mile ride into the county seat I seethed and fumed inwardly. So he could navigate the channels before dark (and I certainly wasn't by that time good company) my host took his leave at the bus station. I had thirty minutes 'til bus time. I checked my baggage and, upon walking out on the palm-lined street, I thought of where could I get a drink—a drink after fourteen years of sobriety. Like the tourist, I went over and leaned on a parking meter but I asked for help from Upstairs. Here I was in a strange town and all around me were milling mobs of winter visitors. Then the thought was sent that possibly up this very street I could find the manager of a particular hotel who was known to be an AA. He was there and twenty minutes chatting about old friends and about the island got me over the immediate hurdle. Then I could count on a four-hour bus ride. I made the bus as the express passengers were returning to claim their seats. One passenger was a little lady of advancing years with the kindest and most serene face who took the seat just back of me. In the quietness as we traveled up through the Florida cow county, I heard her softly talking—talking of travels and life crowded into her golden years. An hour from our destination we had a five-minute stop in Lakeland. Something about her made me ask if in her travels she had ever known an AA.

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TOO BRIGHT FOR MY OWN GOOD

When I first got sober 16 years ago, I proved what my mother had said all along—that I was “just too smart for my own good.” I was almost too smart to get this program—too much knowledge, too little understanding. I could recite the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions long before I even had a clue as to what they meant. “Working the Steps” was a concept totally beyond me, and the Traditions were only for old-timers, the grown-ups in charge of the program. Fortunately, I was able to hear a few things in those first meetings I attended. In my first meeting I heard that the “only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking,” and I promptly raised my hand. At the next meeting I heard the Promise, “Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us.” That sucked me in and made me stick around to hear what I heard next. I heard that I'd never take another drink if, at any one time, I could answer four questions: 1. Who's your sponsor? 2. What Step are you on? 3. Where's your home group? 4. Where's your service commitment? I found a temporary sponsor list, picked a number at random, called her and asked her to be my sponsor. I didn't give her my phone number, but I did find out what meetings she went to...and then made sure never to show up at any of those meetings. There, first question answered. I was prepared for the second question, too. I learned that if I said I was working on Step One or Step Four, I'd pretty much be left alone. The third question was easy. I picked two home groups, just to make double sure. Having a home group just meant showing up, of course; business meetings were for the people in charge. The only thing I was really willing to do was to volunteer for service. When I had been sober about six months, a little speaker-discussion group elected me secretary. I thought they'd nominated me because they recognized that I was a quick-study or a natural leader. I said yes without even asking what the job involved. It was customary for the secretary of this little group to obtain speakers from outside the group. Oops. It was also the group's custom to alternate between male and female speakers. Double oops. For six painful months, I had to approach people I didn't know, half of whom were the other gender. Then I had to call them to make sure they'd show up to speak. Then I had to sit in the front of that room for 15 minutes before the meeting, sweating whether the speaker would show up. That would not be the last time my pride would get me into trouble, but it did inspire me to become the coffeemaker as my next service commitment. This attempt at humility almost overwhelmed me. The meeting, called the “Too Early Group,” supposedly began at 8 on Saturday mornings, but everybody started showing up at 7:30, expecting a cup of coffee and a donut. The 100-cup coffee maker took an hour to perk, which meant I had to get up at 5:45 am on Saturdays, go to the market to get supplies, stop at the donut store, and get to the meeting place by 6:15 to get the coffee started. Finally, I surrendered. “God,” I said, “I'm willing to do service but I'm way too smart to figure out what service I should be doing. You gotta do that part. As soon as my current commitment starts running out, I'm just going to raise my hand and take the next job that comes along.” That first surrender (there have been many more since) was my first real experience of “turning it over.”

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

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TBAIC SECRETARY REPORT 23/08/12

Chair Report - The meeting started at 9:30 AM with the Declaration of Unity. In attendance were Mike B, Bianca H., Susie C., Tom F., and Jonathan C.. Jonathan started with his report he attended the area assembly where he met Tom F. in person for the first time and briefly discussed some issues not directly related to our committee.

Secretary Report - Tom F then read the secretary report and it was accepted as read without any changes to it.

Treasurer Report - John T. was not present but did send in an email covering the treasurer's report as well as the treatment committee. - Current Pink Can balance is \$4,425.37. During the month, we received contributions totaling \$1,353.62 from 9 groups. Expenses during the month included \$1,834.11 for literature, \$50 for central office storage space and \$46.69 reimbursement to Tom F. for Zephyrhills CI coffee and supplies.

Treatment - All meetings at ACTS Detox are being covered. All meetings at ACTS Amethyst except Saturday 1 pm and the 2nd Friday of each month 7 pm meetings are being covered. Meetings at Cove Housing (Friday) and Tampa Hope (Wednesday) are continuing with a handful of attendees each week - most are mandated to attend but some have expressed a desire to stop drinking and have attended other AA and/or NA meetings. Both meetings are open and support from other AA members is appreciated. An active AA member has expressed interest in starting the meeting at the Salvation Army shelter on Florida Ave and was asked to coordinate with the requesting program manager. Not aware of any issues with other treatment meetings.

Corrections - Brittani B. reported via email that the meeting for last week was canceled because they moved all the women from Alpha to Delta and it was canceled last minute. We are slowly getting new volunteers to apply and we should have our first meeting tomorrow! Let me know if you have any questions. Tom F. reported all was going well Zephyrhills CI. No other reports were submitted by anyone else. This was due in part to people attending the state convention.

Bridge The Gap - John T. reported that he received two calls during the month. Both calls were from the same woman in a sober living house on two consecutive Saturday nights. For the first call, a woman from the BTG contact list was contacted and took the woman to the meeting. For the second call, the woman was asked if she had numbers of women she had met at meetings. She said she called several women with no success. Before anyone on the BTG contact list could be contacted, the woman called back and said she found a ride to the meeting. So, I guess that means 2 calls with 1 bridge. Tom F. reported receiving 2 calls one was a successful bridge and the other was from a past BTG coordinator who received a call and wanted his phone removed from Ring Central which was done by Tom F.. Mike B. reported receiving one call and the bridge was successful.

Man on the Bed - Three calls to the hospital for two men two and one woman all of the calls were answered by volunteers seeing those patients who asked for help.

Old Business - See new business

New Business - A decision was made to replace Sarah R. with Bianca H. and Hillsborough Jails coordinator for women.

The meeting ended at 10:35.

Our Next Committee Meeting
September 2nd, 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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

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

Contributions: July 8th-August 12th- Barracks Brigade: \$29.02, Great Way to Start the Day: \$369.00, Keep it Simple/Pass it On: \$158.00, Living in the Solution: \$29.00, Monday Night New Tampa Men's: \$500.00, Nightly Newcomers: \$47.10, On the Way Home: \$23.00, Ruskin Fellowship: \$58.00, Women's Friendship: \$140.50

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| YTD Contributions to TBAIC | \$14,210.69 |
| Pink Can Balance 12/31/22 | \$8,063.62 |
| YTD Money Spent on Literature | \$14,845.39 |
| YTD Operational Expenses | \$3,003.55 |
| Pink Can Current Balance 01/07/23 | \$4,425.37 |

| www.tbaic.org | |
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| 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. |

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. Let's face it: many of us who should have or never have been arrested just never got caught!

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With a kindly, quizzical look as if to say: "Yes, Why?" she smiled. She had been in AA a dozen or more years, spend largely in England and some Scandinavian cities. We talked and talked. Rather I talked and she listened. She heard of this wonderful island retreat where one can learn to live again, and how I'd thrilled to the adventure, of how I had written about what I had witnessed, then of my worries and emotional distresses. Waiting for the bus, I had asked for help and guidance. Here, I had the ear of another alcoholic—a sober alky—an AA. Here were the words of wise counsel. It was a rebuke but so put that the edge of criticism was gone: " You have written your magazine manuscript on learning to live again; now apply it to your daily AA life."

E.N.O., Tampa, Florida (February 1960)
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TOO BRIGHT FOR MY OWN GOOD

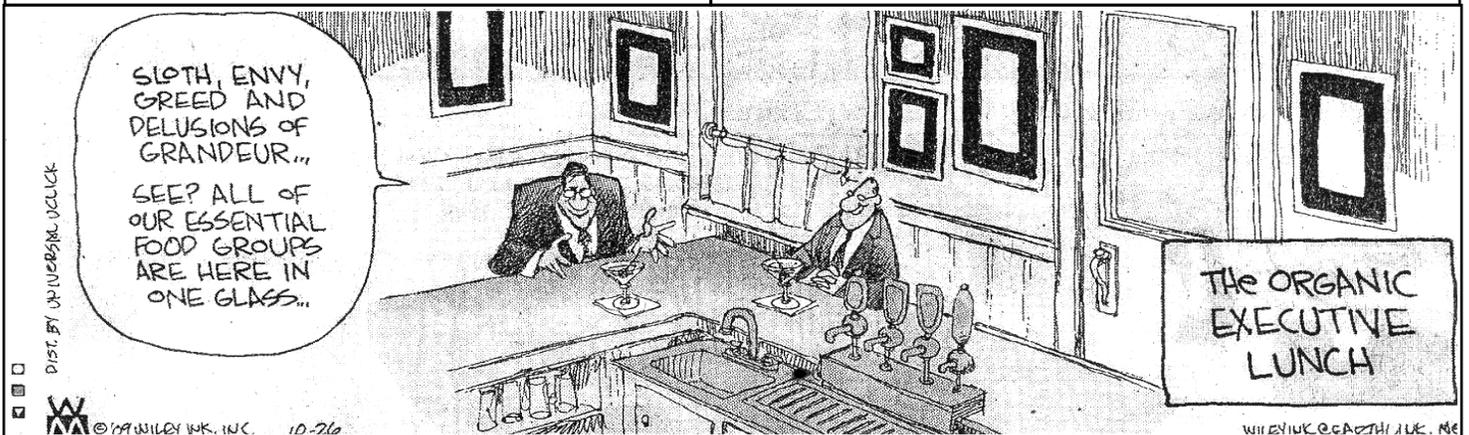
and it has worked for me ever since. Not every commitment has been easy or pleasant. Almost none of them have been either, but there was no way to blame myself when I found myself being a greeter at a meeting two bus lines away from where I lived or a chair-stacker for a meeting of 400. God's plan is not to make this easy or pleasant for me but to teach me how to live outside my own head—a world populated with other people, places outside of bars, and things besides wine bottles. When I was a literature person, I learned all about AA by reading the material I was in charge of, material I couldn't at the time afford to buy. By being a greeter, I learned that hugs don't hurt. By being a GSR, I learned that patience and tolerance don't hurt, either. When I was fired from my day job and money became a bigger problem than usual, God made me treasurer of a small group where I learned how to keep track of finances, the importance of a prudent reserve, and how easy it is to build one—one dollar, one quarter at a time. In time, I was able to be sponsored and to sponsor. I learned how to "do relationships" and "play well with others." Reaching out and working with others helped cure me of my terminal self-reliance. Right now, I'm writing this during a break at my first regional service assembly. I'm learning how "big AA" works. I'm learning about the concepts. I'm learning how to be a worker among workers, a friend among friends, a team player. I am not always sane, not always happy and not always useful—but it's a fabulous life.

Karin H. , Volcano, Calif.
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WHITE NOISE

One of the basic realities of Alcoholics Anonymous is that none of us as individuals represent AA as a whole. Each of us represents only ourselves. When we share, we tell what it was like for us, what happened to us, and what it is like for us now. Or, as it is sometimes differently put, we share our experience, strength and hope. Any of us is free to walk into an AA meeting and say whatever is on our mind. In this regard, AA is supremely democratic. There is no condition that what we say must conform to any dogma or doctrine. This wonderful freedom of thought and speech means that the statements people in AA make can be wildly different and are often contradictory. Some will insist that there is only one way to do the program of AA—exactly as it is written in the Big Book. Others will claim that there are as many ways to do the Twelve Steps as there are people who do them. A few will point out that the Twelve Steps are but a suggested program of recovery, and need not necessarily be done at all. There is, after all, only one requirement for membership—the desire to stop drinking. Some will ascribe their sobriety to miraculous intervention by a kind and loving God. Others believe their sobriety is a miracle, a gift, but attribute the gift simply to a Higher Power, or make no effort to attribute it to anything at all. There are those who believe they know how others should work their programs, and there are others with the wisdom to know better. Sometimes we angst or anger or depression. Other times we hear poignant accounts of tenderness, patience, love and generosity. Recovery from alcoholism is not an event. It is a time-averaged process. One cannot find the meaning of AA by attending one meeting, or ten, or one hundred. That is why we say "Keep coming back." In a way, what we hear at AA meetings over a long enough period of time is like the sound of a crowd at a baseball game. It is a kind of white noise made up of almost infinite diversity. Out of this background noise, however, certain truths emerge. Probably different truths emerge for different people, but there seem to be some on which most of us agree. One of these is that no matter how far down the path of alcoholism we may have traveled, we do not have to drink again. More than that, freedom from even the desire to drink can be ours. Another is that although recovery is individual for each of us, we are all in this together. To help ourselves we need to help each other. In the process of doing this we discover that we are small parts of something very much greater than ourselves, and the impact we produce on it is exceedingly small compared to the impact it produces on us.

Russ R. Permission to Reprint/ AA Grapevine 2001



NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

August 8th, 2023 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

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| Excused | CHAIRPERSON | THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK |
| Excused | 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 |
| CARL L. | BOARD MEMBER | KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP |
| BRAD W. | BOARD MEMBER | TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP |
| OPEN | BOARD MEMBER | |
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Tim 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: Dody H., Brad W., Carl L., Debbie S., & Chris S.**

Al was absent due to health reasons. Nothing very serious. Got too much sun working in the yard that day.

My laptop was not working properly, so video and audio were on the blink, sorry for any inconvenience.

Secretary Report: Debbie read the July Secretary report. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. **Treasurers Report:** Chris presented the July Treasurer's Report.

Contributions in July totaled \$7,012.08. This accounts for what 37 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in July, also included is \$1,248.86 from 11 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Our literature sales for July was \$6,786.83. This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A. material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for July was \$13,798.91. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,551.70. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our July income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,247.21. Our Total Expenses for July were \$10,610.95. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2363.74 for the month of July. Motion to approve & seconded & accepted. A question was asked why we were in the minus. Tim assumed it was because we did not meet our budget for the month.

Old Business: None **New Business:** None

Announcements: David from the Sober @ 7 Group announced a new time change for their group, which is now 6:45 pm on Tuesday and Sonia from the Big Book Bunch Group asked for the description Mask required to be removed from the info for their group. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

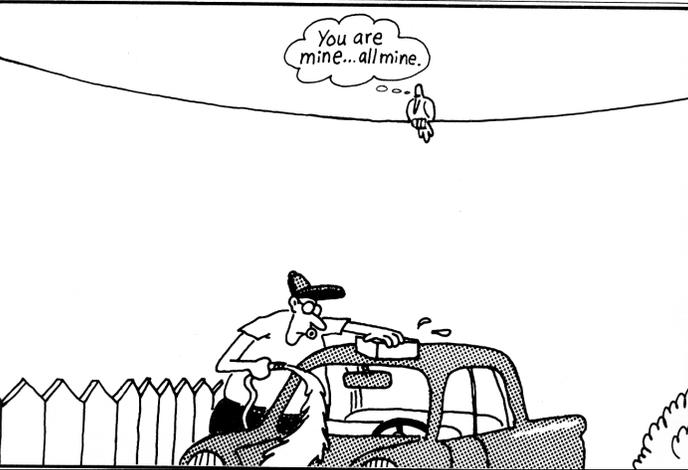
The next Board & Council Meeting will be September 12th, 2023 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM
Timothy S. Office Manager

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 ☺

August 8th, 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

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| CATHY H. | SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP |
| CAROLINE G. | SPEAK EASY GROUP |
| SCOTT B. | TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS |
| ANDREW D. | PROMISES GROUP |
| SONIA T. | BIG BOOK BUNCH GROUP |
| PHIL M. | NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP |
| JOHN T. | LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT GROUP |
| KASEY | FREEDOM IN SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP |
| ANNIE L. | RUSKIN KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP |
| BRIAN L. | BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP |
| MIKE C. | SERENITY GROUP-ZOOM |
| DAVID S. | SOBER @ 7 GROUP |
| NANCY H. | FOURTH DIMENSION GROUP |



- ☺ How can you tell the difference between a sponsor and a therapist? The only time a sponsor uses the word “closure” is before the word “mouth.”
 - ☺ You're probably an alcoholic if: You think spilling beer is alcohol abuse.
 - ☺ “Show me an alcoholic whose Big Book is falling apart, and I'll show you an alcoholic who isn't.”
 - ☺ “When I go to one AA meeting a week, I can stay sober. When I go to two meetings a week, I start to like myself. When I go to at least meetings a week, other people begin to like me.”
 - ☺ Definition of a rolling black-out:
.....a drunk driving home.
 - ☺ Definition of a rolling vignette:
.....the life story of a wino.
- THREE WORLD VIEWS:**
The pessimist's: The cup is half empty.
The optimist's: The cup is half full.
The alcoholic's: Are you going to drink that?

ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

| GROUP | Honors To | Date | Years |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| OLD SCHOOL GROUP | SOPHIE C. | 09/20/97 | 26 YRS |
| SOBER ON SUNDAY | TOM W. | 09/16/10 | 13 YRS |
| SOBRENITY GROUP | MICHAEL McA | 09/28/74 | 49 YRS |
| 164 GROUP | LARRY B. | 09/28/09 | 14 YRS |
| NOONTIME CELEBRATION | JAMES H. | 09/22/87 | 36 YRS |
| MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS | KIRK J. | 09/01/09 | 14 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | MIKE C. | 09/25/11 | 12 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | DARLENE McK | 09/10/07 | 16 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | CAROL C. | 09/07/93 | 30 YRS |
| SOBER @ 7 GROUP | PATTI Mc. | 09/28/76 | 47 YRS |
| ON THE WAY HOME | BARBARA B. | 09/22/15 | 8 YRS |
| ON THE WAY HOME | WADE W. | 09/25/08 | 15 YRS |
| ON THE WAY HOME | LISA M. | 09/23/07 | 16 YRS |
| ON THE WAY HOME | KAY R. | 09/01/86 | 37 YRS |
| ON THE WAY HOME | JoRENE S. | 09/24/84 | 39 YRS |
| HIGH-NOONERS PLANT CITY | DAVE S. | 09/05/17 | 6 YRS |
| FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK | CAROL C. | 09/08/88 | 35 YRS |
| RIVERSIDE GROUP | JEREMY C. | 09/20/11 | 12 YRS |
| RIVERSIDE GROUP | AIDA | 09/23/87 | 36 YRS |
| KEYSTONE DISCUSSION | ADELMO D. | 09/20/95 | 28 YRS |
| JUST WHAT I WANTED | CHERYL H. | 09/06/92 | 31 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | CHERYL S. | 09/26/14 | 9 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | JOE C. | 09/21/07 | 16 YRS |
| CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP | NANCY F. | 09/17/85 | 38 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | JESSICA O. | 09/29/13 | 10 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | JUNE W. | 09/18/86 | 37 YRS |
| FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S | NANCY | 09/17/85 | 38 YRS |

**A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO
CENTRAL OFFICE**

ONE DOLLAR OR MORE FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY

| Home Group | Honors To | Date | Years |
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| | | | |

That's 668 Years of Sobriety!

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

SELF-SUPPORT-AUGUST, 2023

© Today in August 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 38 Zoom Groups with 113 meetings weekly (If I counted correctly). Contributions in August totaled \$3,657.84. This accounts for what 36 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in August, also included is \$417.96 from 9 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Our literature sales for August was \$9,376.74 . This includes sales from A.A. material and non-A.A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for August was \$13,034.74. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,188.04. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our August income left us with a Gross Profit of \$6,846.70. Our Total Expenses for August were \$10,965.21. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$4,118.51 for the month of August. 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 of the Central Office. 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. 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 Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. **1.** Do I try to “boss” things in AA? **2.** Do I ever resist formal aspects of AA because I see them as authoritative? **3.** Do I try to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility? **4.** Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take? **5.** Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job? **6.** Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws? **7.** Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes? **8.** What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

THE PROMISES 13TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SISTERS IN SOBRIETY

NEW HOPE CHURCH
213 N. KNIGHTS AVE
BRANDON, FL 335110

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23TH, 2023
DOORS OPEN @ 4:45 PM
GUEST SPEAKERS LESLIE G. &
RICHARD R.

CAKEWALK RAFFLE & 50/50 RAFFLE
CONTACT ROBIN F. FOR CAKES
973-945-2123

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TICKETS
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District 2 Annual Gratitude Dinner

Benefiting the General Service Office

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Russ K.
Speaker

Purchase tickets by scanning
the code below.



Scan me!

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



BB Group 2nd Anniversary

Saturday, September 2nd
5-9 p.m.

Potluck, starts at 5 p.m.

Crossing Church Southshore

2409 College Ave, Ruskin, FL 33570

50/50 Raffle & Cake Walk

(Please feel free to bring a cake to donate)

SPEAKERS:

Susan B.—Al-Anon (Broken Arrow, OK)

David B.— AA (Broken Arrow, OK)

Questions, call:

David G. 816-807-1756

Christina G. 816-807-1757

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:
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