



# Tri-County Central Office News

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## "I've Never Quit Being Active"

*This is a life-changing program and the growth process never ends*

On February 11, 1938, I had my last drink. I was a chronic alky, and through a long, involved miracle I met my sponsor, Dr. Bob, one of the co-founders. He put me in Akron City Hospital, where I met most of the alkies who had preceded me in the Fellowship. Fifteen months later, I organized the Cleveland, Ohio, AA group. The activity in the Cleveland area was hectic. I spent practically all my time obtaining and following up on publicity for AA, lining up cooperation with the civic and church groups, hospitals, and courts, and helping new groups to start. So what do I do now, thirty years later? I have never quit being active, although my position in the Fellowship has modified over the years. I attend an average of two meetings per week, when I am home. I am also asked to speak at various groups. In addition, I am invited to take part in numerous group anniversary programs and AA roundups around the country (and sometimes out of the country). Many people call upon me for counsel and advice on both personal and group problems. I have an extensive correspondence, since I have made so many friends in AA from coast to coast. Once in a while, I sponsor someone. Cases where about everything has been tried, by about everyone else, often wind up in my hands. I have not found the program to be difficult, and I maintain that if it does seem difficult for anyone, he is not doing it "right". Certainly, when I came to this Fellowship, I was in no position or condition to handle anything difficult! I kept things simple. But I must add that when I first began I was well sponsored. I took measures now summarized in the first nine Steps of the program: admittance of a need (the First Step), surrender (Second through Seven), and restitution (Eighth and Ninth). Having done this, I no longer had a drinking problem, since it had been turned over to a Higher Power. Now I had—and still have—a living problem. But that is taken care of by the practice of Steps Ten, Eleven, and Twelve. So I don't have to be concerned about anything but a simple three-step program, which with practice has become habitual. Step Ten enables me to check on myself and my activities of the day. I have found that most things disturbing me are little things, but still the very things which, if not dealt with, can pile up and eventually overwhelm me. My daily checkup covers good deeds as well as questionable ones; often, I find I can commend myself in some areas, while in others I owe apologies. Step Eleven is done after my daily inventory. I usually need the peace resulting from prayer and meditation, and I do receive guidance for my life and actions. Step Twelve, to me, *does* involve not only carrying the message, but extending AA principles into all phases of my daily life. I learned long ago that this is a life-changing program, but that, after the change occurs, it is necessary for me to go on making the effort to improve myself mentally, morally, and spiritually. This is my simple program, and I recommend it to anyone who wants a good life and is willing to do his share of helping others.

C.H.S., St. Petersburg, Fla.

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*The author's story "Home Brewmeister," appears on page 297 of the revised edition of "Alcoholics Anonymous," published in 1955*

## Missteps on the Twelfth Step

A letter to the AA Grapevine began, "I've just had a slip, after only three weeks in AA. It was only a one-night stand, but I was scared, scared I couldn't stop. So I called my sponsor to talk it over. He came, all right, but we didn't talk. He lectured! Demanded to know why I hadn't remembered the things he had taught me, why I did this, why I didn't do that, etc. It sounded just like before AA. Why, why, why? Gosh, those were things I had hoped he could tell me! If another AA hadn't got hold of me that same day, I don't think I would have come back to the group." He wants to know if that sponsor is typical. Let's not quibble! This instance is no isolated case of a "spoiled sponsor." The Twelfth Step is a beautiful thing when it is performed with complete humility and compassion by any AA who understands that he has been given another opportunity to help and to serve. It is not so pretty when he sits in judgment. Too many of us, perhaps, are concerned with running up a big "score," forgetting that we are dealing with human lives, not playing some game to see how many people we can "sober up." Surely, we've learned by now that the only people we sober up, or will ever sober up, are ourselves. None of us is perfect, but on the Twelfth Step some of us really go haywire. The more obvious misusers of the privilege of helping the other fellow fall into certain easy-to-recognize categories. The lecturing sponsor is the "judge and jury" type. He sits above his "baby," who is treated like a prisoner at the bar. He hands down decisions from on high, out of his infinite wisdom. Another type could be labeled "the doctor." Preoccupied by the disease aspect of alcoholism and probably being a hypochondriac himself, he "treats" his Twelfth Step cases as if they were clinical patients. We've known some who think nothing of handing out pills when their "patients" have trouble sleeping. Then there are our "thirty-day psychiatrists." They explain to the newcomer just how an alcoholic gets that way, and they do it with the ease that must have Freud spinning in his grave. In many instances, they make AA sound so complicated that the poor drunk, already confused, runs screaming back to the bottle! Then there are those who "play God." Self-aggrandizement is what they're really seeking, not help for the other guy. Consciously or unconsciously, they get so overcome by their own good works that pretty soon they believe their efforts alone are sobering people up. One man took himself so seriously that he couldn't find time to get a job and support his rather large family. He honestly thought so many people were depending on him for their sobriety that he couldn't be spared for such base, mundane matters as earning a living. Charity still begins at home! Comes now "the preacher," the saver of souls." Having had his own "spiritual experience," he feels duty-bound to share his knowledge with the world, by force if necessary. A nice motive, but one that runs roughshod over the fact that most alcoholics, in their first timid approach to AA, are usually God-shy. Maybe they're not atheists or even agnostics, but they're likely to have a deeply ingrained aversion to being preached at. We have deliberately overdrawn these types so as to create a sharp contrast with the humble spirit of the Twelfth Step—the simple picture of one drunk sitting down with another to bring him the one thing no one else can—understanding!

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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 11, 2025**

Attendees: Mike B, Nancy H, Sophia C, John T, Suzanne B, Vicki R, Mindy W, Michael P., Patty G, and Allan D. Jessica M. (chairperson) was absent due to work schedule. Mike B. (alternate chair) chaired the meeting and opened with the Declaration of Unity. **Chair Report:** Jessica emailed report stated that Vicki R. had agreed to become the new TBAIC treasurer. Mike nominated her and committee approved. The report also stated: (1) she was unable attend the Area 15 meeting so Gaby G. delivered the updated quarterly numbers at the meeting; (2) she is booked and ready to attend the National Corrections Conference in Nashville in November. Area 15 Corrections Committee paid the fee registration fee and TBAIC is paying for cost of travel; and (3) Saturday, January 24 seems like a good date to host the TBAIC Unity event. She and Gaby will coordinate with the District 2 Chairperson on final details like booking the space (we're leaning on YANA), and food, drink, etc. **Secretary Report:** Mike displayed the September secretary report for committee review and approval. Report was accepted without any changes. **Treasurer Report:** John reported that funds are in good standing. The current TBAIC balance is \$6,368.89. The contributions received for the last month totaled \$438.80. Contributions were received from the following groups: Barracks Brigade, Friday Morning Women's Friendship, High Nooner's (Zephyrhills) and Living Sober as Bill Sees It. Literature expenses for the last month for \$1,122.13. Operational expenses for the last month included Central Office storage for \$75.00, coffee and quarterly donuts for Zephyrhills Correctional Institution meeting for \$224.95 and chairman travel to National Corrections Conference for \$286.36. **Treatment Centers:** John T:  ACTS Wraparound (Amethyst) - low or no attendance - volunteers only conducting 6 meetings per week  ACTS Adult Detox - all meetings covered and going well  Tampa Hope - good attendance - doing well  Ibis (Cove) Housing - some resident attendance - great attendance from outside  North Tampa Behavioral Health - meetings on hold  Tampa General Behavioral Health - going well - two additional wards will open in November which will increase capacity to 72 patients and probably need for more than one meeting - two volunteers cleared and several more undergoing background check - more volunteers needed  VA Acute Recovery Center - meetings on hold - one volunteer moved outside of the area and the other only has 9 months sober which is short of the VA requirement for 1 year sober - additional volunteers needed Patty G:  ACTS Juvenile Detox - going well - volunteers needed for Wednesday and Friday meetings **Corrections:** Nancy H:  Wednesday Falkenburg women's - good attendance and volunteers Michael P.:  Falkenburg men's is going well with three meetings a week John T.:  True Core juvenile changed name to Rite of Passage. For the boy's facility, Tim gave up commitment and Hezekiah is acting focal point - one meeting being held per week with 3 volunteers - more volunteers needed. Suzanne B:  In process of being cleared for the Rite of Passage juvenile girls facility. Several women volunteered but not sure if they started the clearance process **Bridging The Gap:** Individuals who receive calls report four bridges out of six calls. 4/6. Text messages received for 15 calls with no response to return text offering assistance Man on the Bed: Mindy reports that there were 7 requests filled. 7/7 **Old Business:** TBAIC Unity Event - Sophie C. said there may be a change to date and location due to rent increase at YANA - will update next month. **New Business:** Discussion regarding the source and usage of funds contributed to TBAIC.

**Our Next Committee Meeting**  
**November 8th, 2025** 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Several comments indicated confusion over how money contributed via the PINK can and other methods are used. John said he and Mindy revised the Thank You letter several months ago to show that contributions are used to buy literature and to pay for committee operational expenses. He also said he revised the treasurer report to replace PINK can Balance to Current Balance. Sophia suggested that the TBAIC liaison to the district should state that in her next report. John said the monthly central office newsletter contains the TBAIC secretary report and information from the treasurer's report which shows line items for literature and operating expenses. John said he will attend the next council meeting and state how contributions to TBAIC are used. The meeting ended at 10:25 with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer.

**www.tbaic.org**

Position	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Jessica M.
<b>Chair (Alt.)</b>	Mike B.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Vicki R.
<b>Treasurer (Alt)</b>	Joe R.
<b>Secretary</b>	Gaby G.
<b>Hillsborough County Jail</b>	Buddy H. (Men's)
<b>Falkenberg Women's Jails</b>	Bianca H. (Women's)
<b>Pasco Jail-Women's</b>	Jessica M.
<b>Treatment Coordinator</b>	John T.
<b>Bridging the Gap</b>	Michael P.
<b>Man on the Bed</b>	Mindy W.
<b>Zephyrhills CI</b>	Matthew R.

**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: Sept. 13th thru Oct. 11th, 2025**  
**Barracks Brigade: \$10.00, Friday Morning Women's Friendship: \$185.00, High Nooner's: \$93.80, Living Sober As Bill Sees It: \$150.00**

<b>YTD Contributions to TBAIC</b>	<b>\$16,824.44</b>
<b>Pink Can Balance 12/2024</b>	<b>\$2,924.93</b>
<b>YTD Money Spent on Literature</b>	<b>\$9,773.83</b>
<b>YTD Operational Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,606.65</b>
<b>Pink Can Current Balance</b>	<b>\$6,368.89</b>

**Missteps on the Twelfth Step...continued from Page One**

In it's finest form, the Twelfth Step is impersonal. Each new call for help is a fresh opportunity to give of ourselves—a workout to exercise and strengthen our own ability to grow. Naturally, we hope with all our hearts that the poor guy we're talking to will get sober and start living. But if he doesn't...well, strictly speaking, that's his business, not ours. It calls for no holier-than-thou lecture. It may call for a more thorough searching of our souls to see what more we can give—a further chance for us to become still bigger persons, and better ones. If, on the other hand, our man does "get the program," it is for us to be humbly grateful, not smug. Its value to us is lost if we take any part of the credit. Our reward is in seeing, at first hand, the miracle happening all over again—the renewal of our own faith in the miracle of our own sobriety!

**Anonymous**  
**Reprint Permission: AA Grapevine November 1978**  
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**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.



**When someone calls for help, it's usually to the Central Office**  
**"We're only supposed to carry the message, Joe!"**

**Central Office Suggested Pie Chart Distribution :**

<p><b>Your Central Office</b> Tri-County Central Office 8019 N. Himes Ave. Suite 104 Tampa, FL 33614 <b>813-933-9123</b> 33614-2759 <a href="http://www.aatampa-area.org">www.aatampa-area.org</a> <b>65%</b></p>	<p><b>Your District "District Two"</b> Send to: District 2, General Service P.O. Box 20623 Tampa, FL 33622-0623 <a href="http://www.aatampa.org">www.aatampa.org</a> <b>20%</b></p>	<p><b>General Service Office</b> Make checks payable to General Service Board P.O. Box 2407 James A. Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407 <a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a> <b>10%</b></p>	<p><b>Your Area</b> South Florida Area Committee Send to: Area 15 Treasurer 2950 W. Cypress Creek Road Ste. 333#1097 Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 33309 <a href="http://www.area15aa.org">www.area15aa.org</a> <b>5%</b></p>
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**CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**



**Thursday-November 27th for Thanksgiving Day**  
**Wednesday-December 24th for Christmas Eve**  
**Thursday-December 25th for Christmas Day**  
**Wednesday-December 31st for New Years Eve**  
**Thursday-January 1st, 2026 for New Years Day**

**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:  
[aalinfo@aatampa-area.org](mailto:aalinfo@aatampa-area.org)**

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

"Helping others is the foundation stone of your recovery. A kindly act occasionally isn't enough. We must act the Good Samaritan every day, if need be. Big Book p.97"

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**Be grateful that A.A. exists and you found out about it in time.....**

**NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE**

**September 9th, 2025** the Board of Directors for Central Office  
**BOARD MEMBERS** **REPRESENTING GROUP**

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SCOTT B.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
CATHY H.	SECRETARY	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
LINDA R.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TRACI L.	BOARD MEMBER	STEPPING STONES WOMEN'S
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	

Board Members present: Al B., Chairperson, Linda R. Scott B. & Traci L., Brian I. **Board Meeting: 6:45 pm:** Al welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. He then opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al then called on Scott B. Scott noted that the planning for the 51st Central Office Anniversary scheduled for February 21st, 2026 was going well. He had talked with Palma Ceia and they were good to go with the same deal as last year and he would need a \$100.00 deposit. A motion to provide a \$100.00 for the deposit to Palma Ceia was made for the event in February, there was a second, all were in favor and the motion was approved. Scott then on to talk about how to do the tickets online. Al asked about the Pancake Breakfast. Scott wanted to wait until the Council meeting to discuss about getting some volunteers, also maybe a free place to hold the event-etc., looking for some ideas. No date set—yet. Al noted that he is still looking for a Treasurer and will also be looking for a Vice-Chair. Scott then gave a brief report from the Area 15 Intergroup/Central Office Committee. Some more chit-chat followed about the Anniversary Dinner. **Council Meeting: 7:00 pm:** Al welcomed all the Council members to the meeting and then asked to open the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Al asked for everyone to make sure they have signed in. **Secretary Report:** Cathy read the September Minutes. Al asked if there were any questions. A motion was made to accept the minutes. There was a second to the motion. Motion was approved. Al noted that he had forgot to ask if any new Council members were present who would like to be recognized. We had Barry H. from the K.I.S.S. Group, Anthony from Men's Keep it Simple Group, Gerardo R. from the On the Way Home Group, and Jaclyn C. from the Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety Group. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the September Treasurers report. Contributions in September totaled \$4,226.11. This accounts for what 23 groups or individuals contributed in September. Also included is \$1,475.75 from 13 groups or individuals thru PayPal. We also received \$88.00 from 3 Birthday Club contributions. Our literature sales were \$3,762.48 and also 1 Newsletter Subscription. Our total income was \$7,995.59. Our total cost of goods sold were \$3,017.80. Subtracting that from our Total Income left us with a Gross Profit of \$4,977.79. Subtracting our Gross Profit from our Expenses left us with a Net Income of minus-\$4,262.45 for the month of September. A question was asked, if the contribution from the Promises Anniversary Dinner was in the report? Tim replied that it was in last month's report. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report. There was a second to the motion. Motion was approved. **Old Business:** Scott gave an update on the Anniversary Dinner for February 2026. The Anniversary is

**September 9th, 2025** 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](mailto:aainfo@aatamapa-area.org)**

BRAD W.	GUEST— TECH HOST
JACLYN C.	TOWN & COUNTY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
JANET T.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JEREMY B.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMER'S GROUP
KEN M.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
TYLER M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
TONY C.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
KITHARA L.	SET ASIDE BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP
SAMANTHA A.	FISHHAWK GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
ROB O.	SOBRENITY GROUP
JESS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE/PASS IT ON GROUP
ALEX R.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
JACOB P.	164 GROUP
TOM R.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
DENISE McG.	GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY GROUP
VICTOR A.	TURNING POINT GROUP
KRISTA M.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
GABE S.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
PAUL T.	TUESDAY NIGHT NEWCOMERS GROUP
GERARDO R.	ON THE WAY HOME GROUP
BARRY H.	K.I.S.S. GROUP

scheduled for February 21st, 2026 at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. He had talked with Palma Ceia and they were good to go with the same deal as last year. He also asked if anyone who wanted to volunteer to help out with any part of the event to get with him. The location is pretty much nailed down, just discussing the need for speakers and things like that. The theme will be "We Are Not A Glum Lot." If anyone is interested, we will be having a meeting in November on Zoom. Also, we have a collaboration with District Two, a Pancake Breakfast and Speaker meeting and we also need help with that event. You can contact me at:braun21@msn.com Some discussion followed. **New Business:** None. **Announcements:** Al announced a new meeting—Learning to Live, Jacob announced that the 164 Group is having their annual Fall Picnic, Scott announced that District 2 is having an Archives & Grapevine workshop, & Kithara announced a Seafood Boil at the Alpha Club. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be November 11th, 2025 on **ZOOM Board Meeting at 6:45 and Council meeting at 7:00 pm** Timothy S. Office Manager

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

**ANNIVERSARY TIME**

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

GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
NEW TAMPA MON. NIGHT MEN'S	CHRIS D.	11/30/93	32 YRS
NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP	MIKE B.	11/19/06	19 YRS
HIDE-A-WAY GROUP	PHILIP S.	11/08/07	18 YRS
LIVING SOBER AS BILL SEES IT	HEATHER P.	11/06/10	15 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	BEVERLY W.	11/01/11	14 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	DONNA A.	11/27/19	6 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	MARIE	11/17/84	41 YRS
ON THE WAY HOME GROUP	DAVID Y.	11/11/81	44 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	DOREEN S.	11/30/15	10 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	ERIC J.	11/10/15	10 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	SCOTT P.	11/01/14	11 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CLINT V.	11/18/88	37 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANNE	11/16/13	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KRISTIN	11/20/12	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KERRY L.	11/14/11	14 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	MALIN	11/11/10	15 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	JOANN S.	11/19/05	20 YRS

**SELF-SUPPORT-OCTOBER 2025**

© Today in October, 2025 we currently have 191 Groups in the Hillsborough-East Pasco area with around 498 meetings weekly. Also we have 128 Zoom meetings weekly. Contributions in October totaled \$11,173.05. This accounts for what 34 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in October, also included is, \$1,999.64 from 9 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. We also received a \$117.00.00 from 3 Birthday Contributions and \$612.00 from the Sober @ 7 Group's Anniversary. Our literature sales for October was \$8,230.27 and 1 Newsletter Subscription for \$7.00. This also includes sales from A.A material and non-A,A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for October was \$19,410.32. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,964.10. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our October income left us with a Gross Profit of \$12,446.22. Our Total Expenses for October were \$9,935.11. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of plus+\$2,511.11 for the month of October. Currently, 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:)

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
NOONTIME CELEBRATION	JIM H.	09/22/87	38 YRS
GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY	DENISE McG	10/15/88	37 YRS
OLD SCHOOL GROUP	MARY R.	10/21/82	43 YRS

**NEW OPEN MEETING  
"LEARNING TO LIVE AGAIN"**

**SATURDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 13  
6:30-7:30 PM**

**Seminole Heights United Methodist Church  
in Basement go through the second canopy  
door**

6111 N Central Ave.  
Tampa 33604

**\*That's 449 Years of Sobriety!\***

Someone is definitely doing something right !Search out these people and find out their secret. I'm sure they would be Happy to share it with you ☺

**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. your Treasurer if they have any Birthday envelopes available. Call or email your Central Office. **813-933-9123 or aainfo@aatampa-area.org**

**To the Treasurer or Contact Person of a Group—if you receive a Birthday envelope with the Thank You letter that we sent you—you can use it for yourself or hand it out to someone celebrating an Anniversary or use it to celebrate someone's Anniversary-Anonymously.**

*"In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. ... If everyone waited until they had a sizeable amount, it's more than likely that A.A.'s bills would go unpaid."*

**FIRESIDE AA GROUP AT TURNING POINT**

**JOIN US THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WED OF THE MONTH AT 7:45  
BEHIND THE MAIN BUILDING AT TURNING POINT**

**6227 SHELDON RD  
TAMPA, FL**



**IN SEARCH OF HOME  
GROUP MEMEBRS**



# Red Chip DAY

Speakers  
**TIM M.**

&

**MARIE B.**

NOVEMBER 16

3:00 PM

BRING DESSERTS TO SHARE!

ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN, RAFFLE & MORE!!

APOSTLES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
200 KINGSWAY RD. BRANDON 33510

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CENTRAL OFFICE

## Prodigal Sons V Central Florida AA Men's 12-Step Retreat, FALL 2025

The Fall Retreat is once again around the corner!

**WHAT:** 3-day, 12-Step Men's Retreat welcome to all members of AA. Based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, presented by recovered alcoholics for other alcoholics in recovery. **Held every Spring and Fall.** Presenters utilize only AA conference approved literature. Events include speakers for each step, study group sessions to work the steps, (5) meals, AA speaker meeting, snacks, coffee, fellowship, bonfire, lakeside morning meditation. Hotel lodging included with registration fee.

**WHEN:** Friday November 14 through Sunday November 16, 2025

**WHERE:** Warren Willis United Methodist Camp and Conference Center  
4991 Picciola Rd, Fruitland Park, 34731 <https://www.umccc.org/site/>

**WELCOME:** Registration begins 3:00 pm Friday, November 14th  
Retreat begins at 4:00pm  
Dinner served at 5:30pm

**COST:** \$190: Hotel room, 2 men per room  
\$225: Hotel room, single occupancy (limited availability)  
\$117: Commuter: All retreat events with no lodging

**DEADLINE:** Payment (check, money order, PayPal) **September 4, 2025**

**WHO TO CONTACT:** For the application form send an email to:  
[prodigalsonsv@gmail.com](mailto:prodigalsonsv@gmail.com)  
or call/text Daniel S. at 941-730-4274

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## The 164 Group Fall Picnic



Saturday, November 1  
11 AM - 3 PM

7525 N. Boulevard Tampa, FL 33604  
Pavilion 115



Fellowship

Games

Food

Speaker

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

# HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY!

SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 1ST  
@ 8:00 PM

301 House 8601 Bowels Rd Tampa FL

MUSIC  
POTLUCK  
50/50 RAFFLE  
COSTUME CONTEST  
POOL TOURNAMENT

\$5 DONATION AT DOOR  
\$10 POOL TOURNAMENT



