



Tri-County Central Office News

COMPLAINING IS NOT AN ACTION STEP...IF I'M NOT GRATEFUL FOR
WHAT I HAVE, WHY WOULD GOD GIVE ME MORE...

A Monthly Newsletter of the Tri-County Central Office, Inc.
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How Far Should A Sponsor Go

"I suppose," said the Closed Meeting leader, "that just mentioning 'Sponsorship' as a subject for discussion is like taking your thumb out of a dike. Perhaps we can start by asking a question: Joe, just what is a sponsor?" "I'm not sure I know what a sponsor is," said Joe, "but I have an idea of something he is not, or should not try to be. He is not a small loan company, a medical doctor, an amateur psychiatrist, a marriage counselor, a hotel operator, or an employment agency. He is especially not the embodiment of all AA wisdom and experience. Shall I go on?" "Well, that gives us a rough idea. I gather that you have in mind that a sponsor should have humility and how right you are. Cocky, wise-guy, take-it-or-leave-it sponsors may excuse their laziness or cultivate their ego but from my limited observation their prospects don't do very well. But let's get down to cases. What about the first call." As with most groups, divided opinion was expressed about the method of making the first call. One question particularly was the source of some heat: "If a request comes in, which member should be asked to make the call, the one geographically nearest the prospect or one whom the prospect is likely to have more in common?" How would your group answer that question? There was more nearly unanimous agreement on the fact that two persons rather than one should make the first call and that women should do the calling on women. It was pointed out that if no women were available, and the call had to be taken by a male AA it would be well for him to take his wife or, in any event, another person. "Just how far should a sponsor go," asked Phil, a medium old timer of about six months' acquaintance with AA, "I chauffeur my present prospect to meetings, call him on the phone, talk with his wife, explain to his boss, and continually keep after him. He cooperates so long as I take the initiative. He does everything I ask except stay sober. Do you think maybe I should give him a rest?" That was a tough one. Phil was really performing as a sponsor. He was conscientious, intelligent, sound, reliable, but had he gone too far? Here too was room for difference of opinion but the consensus was that so long as the prospect was accepting the treatment, Phil should keep at it. If the prospect kept coming to meetings, even under prodding from Phil, the group was confident that he ultimately would dry up. Even if he did not dry up for a long time, perhaps the sponsoring was good for Phil! Why should we be privileged to work only on the easy cases? How do we know that Phil's apparently unsuccessful sponsoring has not kept his prospect just dry enough to avoid an otherwise scheduled fatal automobile accident? The prospect is alive and where there is life there is hope. Perhaps that is a lot of success up to now. To make a long story short, here are some of the principle points that were developed during the discussion: **1.** An AA member can receive no more important and serious assignment than a Twelfth Step call. This is particularly true if the prospect has asked for help and is about to hear of AA for the first time. **2.** Once a member agrees to make a call, nothing should prevent him from fulfilling his mission—not even a change of mind on the part of the prospect, which sometimes happens. The member may have to phone, call, or write many times in the case of some prospects.

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To Carry the Message...Not the Alcoholic

In discussing a problem with another member of AA, I asked him why it was that so many people I had tried to help had failed? I had seen them go right back where they had started from; the pain and frustration I had felt was unbearable. Where had I failed? What was wrong with me? Why did these things happen? Why didn't they get the program? The answer he gave me was this: "When we do too much for the newcomer, act as a crutch, we are taking away from them their God-given privilege to make this program for themselves. We delay their recovery. To find God, we personally seek God and no human being has the power to discover for another this power greater than ourselves. All we can do is to carry the message to the sick alcoholic." We do need friends for moral support, advice to be given when asked for, aid in seeking spiritual help. As for the material things in life, we get them for ourselves. We ask for our daily bread, not for "steak and mushrooms"—just our living for today. It tells us in the Big Book: we try to carry the message; we should never endanger our economic status to help others; we give freely of our time and try to help others find our way of life along the lines the Book suggest. Again in my opinion, if we do more we are likely to hurt the newcomer and ourselves. I have built up a personal resentment, when I have given too freely of material things, such as a place to stay, clothes, money and free taxi service to meetings over a period of months; sometimes giving advice not always asked for, perhaps I was playing God. And the result? The newcomer slipped and I felt sorry for *me!* Where had I failed? The newcomer didn't stay sober!! After all I had done, *this* was my reward! How wrong can one be? We find out that no one can make another human being stay sober with material things. I personally am not a Higher Power. Then I remember this: we are just the purveyors of the message of help and His goodness, to be given to those who still suffer.

Betty T., Santa Monica, Calif.

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If Twelfth Step Work is carried out properly, the new member would have seen the similarities and tell-tale symptoms of the disease and decided if he is an alcoholic. Whether he has accepted it or not is entirely up to him, but the knowledge of how to face life will be far greater help in this respect, than all the drunkalogues in the world. Once an alcoholic stops drinking, he takes away a large part of life. To my way of thinking, this hole, or vacuum, must be filled as soon as possible, otherwise he will refill it with what he has just taken out—the grog. To him, this is the easiest way out. At this stage, if he is not given an answer in the form of the A.A. way of life, he will almost invariably fail. He will be completely lost in life, and yet, at many meetings, all he gets is a repetition of his own drinking days, with some obviously untrue variations. It is up to us to give new members something to come back for, something to live for, something to love. Let us have an honest, openminded look at ourselves. Are we in a rut? Are we getting stagnant, content to carry in a complacent manner? We might reply that because we are sober, we are O.K. Members who think that way have failed to lean the true meaning of A.A.'s way of life, it's happiness and contentment. **The Pathfinder: April 1979**

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

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TBAIC SECRETARY REPORT

April 11, 2026

Attendees: Mike B, John T, Patty G, Suzanne B, Michael P, Christina W. **Chair Report:** Mike B presented the chair report he received from Jessica. Jessica reported that the National Corrections Conference Committee meets monthly to prepare for the November 2027 conference in Orlando. She said volunteers are needed. She also mentioned that in the spirit of rotation, the current treatment coordinator (John T) wants to hand off the position to someone else. **Secretary Report:** Mike presented the report Gaby prepared for the month of March, and it was accepted without any changes. **Treasurer Report:** Suzanne B. read the treasurer report sent in by Vicki. The report shows TBAIC balance is \$4,884.02. March contributions were \$782.40. Expenses were \$368.93 (\$250 for PO Box renewal and \$118.93 for Zoom account). **Treatment Centers:** John reports: - ACTS Detox is going well – all meetings covered - ACTS Wraparound – only 1 meeting a week being held due to no or very little participation from clients. BTG cards and literature provided for interested clients. - Tampa Hope is going well - TGH Behavioral Health now has 4 volunteers and 5 in the process of being approved. Management asked that a second meeting be started but we will not start that until more volunteers are cleared. - River Oaks is going well – all meetings covered. - VA Acute Recovery Center – still having issues with approving volunteers. - Orient Wellness – new men’s and women’s meetings started on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Additional volunteers needed. Patty G reports: - Volunteers are needed for the ACTS Juvenile detox meetings and for the Monday daytime meeting at the ACTS Adult detox - Women’s meetings are no longer being carried in to the Salvation Army ARC due to change in management approach **Corrections:** Michael P reports: - Falkenburg Road Men’s Jail is going well **Bridging the Gap:** - Individuals who receive the Bridging the Gap calls report that there were 3 calls and 3 bridges. 3/3. **Man on the Bed:** - Report sent in by Mindy showed 1 call received which she handled by phone since the patient was discharged. 1/1. **Old Business:** - - Gaby made a motion that the TBAIC group donate a gift basket to the Carry the Message event for a budget up to \$100. Motion passed. John T will be stepping down from Treatment Coordinator. This position to be filled will be voted on as soon as May of 2026. **New Business:** - Carry the Message Day is next Saturday from 1 to 4PM at the Portico. John said he will bring the TBAIC display board and handouts. Suzanne said she will be there representing PICPC. Mike said he may attend. - - Mike said he is willing to be the treatment coordinator but is a part time resident and will not be here part of the year. This will be further discussed at the May meeting. John said he filled the literature cabinet this week. He said we are low on pocket size Big Books and none are currently available for purchase at the central office. He said we are also low on Grapevine magazines. Christina said the archives committee may have some to donate. Meeting closed at 10:05 AM with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord’s Prayer.

Our Next Committee Meeting
March 7th, 2026 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	Jessica M.
Chair (Alt.)	Mike B.
Treasurer	Vicki R.
Treasurer (Alt)	Joe R.
Secretary	Gaby G.
Hillsborough County Jail	Buddy H. (Men’s)
Falkenberg Women's Jails	Bianca H. (Women’s)
Pasco Jail-Women's	Jessica M.
Treatment Coordinator	John T.
Bridging the Gap	Michael P.
Man on the Bed	Mindy W.
Zephyrhills CI	Matthew R.

CONTRIBUTIONS: March-2026:
Keep it Simple Pass it On: \$157.00, Living in the Solution: \$276.00, Ruskin Fellowship: \$45.00, Steps By the Book: \$110.50, Keystone Discussion: \$54.00, Cardinal Group: \$15.00, Barracks Brigade: \$32.00, Came to Believe Group: \$43.00, Women’s Sobrietea Group: \$37.00, Set it Aside Group: \$12.40

March Ending Account Balance	\$6,518.39
March Contributions	\$782.40
March Literature Expenses	0.00
March Total Expenses	\$368.93
Current Available Balance	\$4884.02

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 Service Opportunities as of April 11, 2026. The Committee needs volunteers for Treatment Center Coordinator. Also, volunteers needed for the National Corrections Conference being held in Orlando in November 2027. **Bridging the Gap:** male & female contacts needed. **Man on the Bed:** male & female contacts needed. **ACTS Adult Detox:** male & female contacts needed for call list to fill in when primary volunteers are not able to attend.

Contact: tbaic.org for more information

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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Central Office Suggested Pie Chart Distribution :

3. Except in unusual circumstances, the first call should be made by two persons rather than one. This is for the protection of AA and the member. The prospect in turn benefits from two contacts rather than one. **4.** Except in unusual circumstances, men should Twelfth Step men and women should Twelfth Step women. **5.** On the first call, the member who has primary responsibility for the assignment should tell his story, not cross-question the prospect. Nor should he shoot all his ammunition at once. The member's own story, alcoholism as a disease, the twenty-four hour plan, the first drink, thousands have recovered, the prospect can too, the value of meetings, the importance of starting right now with a meeting tonight (if one is available and the prospect is in shape)—that's about enough for the first session. Notice, no emphasis on the spiritual. Some prospects are by no means ready for that part of the program on first contact. Some are. If you see religious books and pictures around, you have an opening. If you don't have an opening remember sponsors are also supposed to know about "Easy Does It." **6.** Sobriety passes to the prospect from the group, not from the sponsor. After the first call, the sponsor's basic responsibility is to bring the prospect into the group and make him part of it—get him to meetings—get him active. **7.** After the prospect is off to a good start, the sponsor should gradually withdraw and permit the prospect—or new member—to absorb some of the wisdom and experience of others in the group. He can, however, from a distance observe how things are going and when advisable suggest that others give the new member a phone call, ask him to speak, invite him to come along on a Twelfth Step call and so on. How would your group feel about each one of the above seven points? What would you personally like to add to these points? Where would you disagree? What thoughts do you have about the responsibilities of sponsorship?

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Again: a reminder...TO ALL members who have been sending Contributions to Central Office through our Web Site. **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 in the Newsletter. **Dear A.A. member pass this along during announcements at the meetings you go to.**

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:
aainfo@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

Misplaced Sympathy

☺ Our company has started an employee assistance program , in which I have been named representative. Last week, a fellow employee came to me with a problem. His wife and family left him because of his drinking; he's in debt; it's beginning to affect his job. After hearing him out, I told him I, too, had an alcohol problem, and had found a way to recovery through the AA program. He asked how long I would have to rely on this program. I replied, “For the rest of my life, if I want to stay sober.” He looked at me with sympathetic eyes, put his hand on my shoulder, and exclaimed, “My God, you really do have a problem!” C.R.

☺ Invited to a masquerade party, a tippler dressed in a devil's costume and set out for his host's home in a nearby town. He forgot to check his gas gauge and ran dry on a lonely stretch of road. The only habitation visible was a small church, so he entered and found the choir practicing hymns. At the sight of the horrible apparition, all the choir members rapidly disappeared via the back door, except one very stout woman who got stuck partway through a window. “Mr. Devil,” she quavered, “I been a member here for fifteen years—but I really been on your side all the while.”

☺ Whatever you've done, there's somebody in AA who's done worse....

☺ The drinking life is often full of terrifying mysteries, and the AA life can provide simple solutions...

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.**



Please support your Central Office.

NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

March 10th, 2026 the Board of Directors for Central Office
BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

March 10th, 2026 the Central Office Representatives met:
COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING GROUP

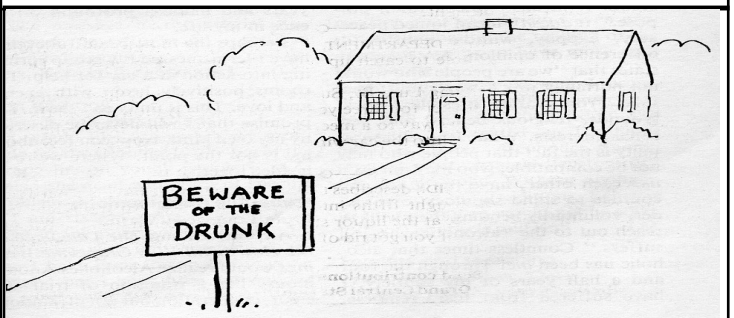
If you attended the Meeting but not listed below, we didn't catch your info in the chat—follow up with an email to aainfo@aatamapa-area.org

AL B.	CHAIRPERSON	THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
SCOTT B.	BOARD MEMBER	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
LINDA R.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TRACI L.	BOARD MEMBER	STEPPING STONES WOMEN'S
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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BRAD W.	GUEST— TECH HOST
CASSANDRA L.	WOMEN'S FULL MOON RIVER GROUP
SARAH E.	SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S GROUP
JANET T.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
JESS M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE PASS IT ON GROUP
RANDELL D.	4TH DIMENSION GROUP
KEN M.	SAFE HAVEN GROUP
VICTOR A.	TURNING POINT GROUP
TYLER M.	KEEP IT SIMPLE MEN'S GROUP
MIKE M.	SERENITY GROUP
KAYLA G.	OLD SCHOOL GROUP
CARRIE R.	TOWN & COUNTRY SISTERS IN SOBRIETY
KALEIGH F.	GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY
TOM R.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
KRISTA M.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
TERRY Y.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
JACOB P.	THE 164 GROUP
MARY BLAIR R.	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
PAUL T.	TUESDAY NIGHT NEWCOMERS GROUP

Board Members present: Chairperson: Al B., Linda R. Scott B., Traci L. Brian L. excused absence. **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 announced that it was election time. He is rotating off the Board Chair position. Linda nominated Scott B. Al asked how much time he had left on the Board. No one was clear at that time. Scott noted that if he qualifies, he would like to stand for Chair. A vote was taken, all Board members approved and Scott B. will be the new Board Chair. Al went on to explain some of the duties of the Chairperson and how being invited to serve on the Board is done. Scott had a motion to create a Founder's Day Event for June. Al noted that as the Chair you could put the committee together. Scott was going to give a rundown on the Anniversary Dinner but Al asked if he would rather do it at the Council meeting. Recording was paused for a minute waiting on the Council meeting to start. **Council Meeting: 7:00 pm** Al welcomed all the Council members to the meeting and then opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Al then asked if there was anyone new who would like to be recognized. We welcomed Carrie from Town & Country Sisters in Sobriety Group. Al announced that he is rotating out tonight, this is his last meeting as Board Chair and Scott has taken over as the new Board Chair. He then asked if everyone had signed in and that he would be coming back as a Council member. **Secretary Report:** Tim read the February Minutes. Al asked if there were any questions. There was a question about the \$16.00 from the Pan Cake Event, it was confirmed that, that was correct. Scott noted that his phone was about to die so Linda would give any report he had. A motion was made to accept the minutes. There was a second to the motion. Motion was approved. **Treasurers Report:** Tim presented the February Treasurers report. Contributions in February totaled \$13,714.41. This accounts for what 81 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in February, also included is, \$1,475.00 from 59 ticket sales for the upcoming Central Office Anniversary, and \$1,410.49 from 6 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. We also received a \$14.00 from 1 Birthday Contribution. Our literature sales for February was \$7,278.92. This also includes sales from A.A material and non-A.A, material (medallions— etc.) Our total income for February was \$20,993.33. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$5,705.25. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our February income left us with a Gross Profit of \$15,288.08. Our Total Expenses for February were \$9,920.76. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of

plus+\$5,367.32 for the month of February. There was a second to the motion. Motion was approved. Old Business: Linda gave Scotts report from the Anniversary Dinner. The Dinner was a success being held at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church February 21st and Karen R. spoke. There was a Cake-Walk and 50/50 raffle and everyone enjoyed dinner and listened to different committee presentations. After expenses, the Dinner raised \$3,835.69 for Central Office. We will be starting our committee for the Founder's Day Event in June. Please let me or Scott know if you are interested. Scott also shared, Thanks You for letting me be of service and please remember to support your local Central Office by purchasing your literature, books and chips from them. Linda noted that it was a wonderful event. New Business: None. Announcements: None A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. The next Board & Council Meeting will be April 14th, 2026 on ZOOM Board Meeting at 6:45 and Council meeting at 7:00 pm .



ANNIVERSARY TIME

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

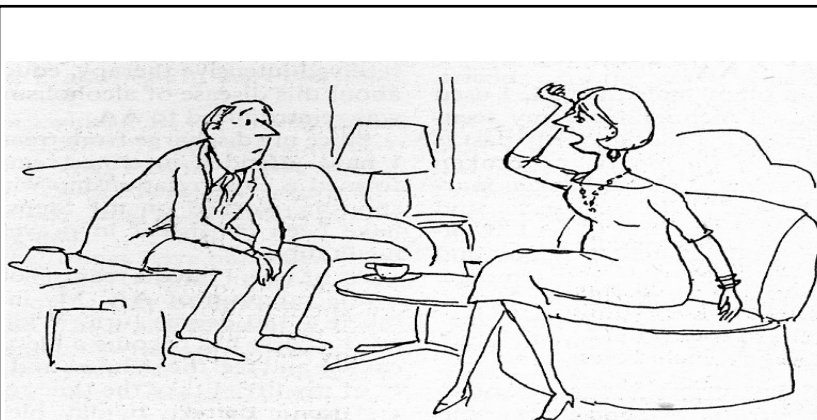
GROUP	Honors To	Date	Years
DADE CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE	STEVE S.	04/29/11	15 YRS
DADE CITY KEEP IT SIMPLE	CHERYL B.	04/22/84	42 yrs
GRACE-N-GRATITUDE WOMEN'S	MAUREEN D.	04/21/88	38 YRS
FISHHAWK GROUP	CINDY L.	04/21/07	19 YRS
SOBRIETY @ SUNRISE GROUP	JULIE L.	04/25/93	33 YRS
JUST WANT I WANTED WOMEN'S	TAMMY	04/07/07	19 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	LINN D.	04/01/15	11 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	SANDY G.	04/14/97	29 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	PAUL F.	04/03/96	30 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	SHAWN K.	04/01/94	32 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	MIKE B.	04/13/87	39 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	TOM R.	04/14/84	42 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KATHY M.	04/01/13	13 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	LUANNE M.	04/01/09	17 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE C.	04/10/02	24 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	KAREN	04/19/91	35 YRS
FRIDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK GROUP	BUD F.	04/16/83	43 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	GEORGE S.	04/26/86	40 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	HECTOR R.	04/24/86	40 YRS
LIVING SOBER/AS BILL SEES IT	YVONNE S.	04/01/07	19 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	WENDY B.	04/01/18	8 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	BRAD	04/16/12	14 YRS

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

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
SOBRIETY at 7 GROUP	ROBERT O.	03/03/95	31 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	MARY S.	03/12/87	39 YRS

That's 672 Years of Sobriety!

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



"For God's sake, John, no more sharing!"

SELF-SUPPORT-MARCH, 2026

© Today in March we have gone down from **191** Groups to **184** groups and from **498** meetings weekly to **461**. Also we have **132** Zoom meetings weekly, up from **129**. Contributions in March totaled \$3,937,397. This accounts for what 14 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in March. Also include is \$586.58 from 9 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. We also received a \$70.00 from 2 Birthday Contributions. Our literature sales for March was \$4001.97 plus \$7.00 for 1 Newsletter subscription. This also includes sales from A.A material and non-A.A, material (medallions—etc.) Our total income for March was \$7,946.94. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,089.00. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our March income left us with a Gross Profit of \$4,857.94. Our Total Expenses for March were \$11,337.10. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$6,479.16 for the month of March. Yeah, we took a big hit in March, however, 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:)

Many groups periodically hold a “group inventory meeting” to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA’s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles. 1. What is the basic purpose of the group? 2. What more can the group do to carry the message? 3. Is the group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community? 4. Do new members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as a group do? 5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do better? 6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other AA’s outside the meeting rooms? Do we also leave the confidences they share at meetings behind? 7. Do we take the time to explain to all members the value to the group of keeping up with the kitchen/housecleaning chores and other essential services that are part-and-parcel of our Twelfth Step efforts? 8. Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities? 9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care? 10. Are we doing all we can to provide an attractive meeting place? 11. Does the group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of AA—as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service? 12. What has the group done lately to bring the AA message to the attention of professionals in the community—the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators, and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help? 13. How is the group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?

Tri-County Central Office Presents Founder's Day Celebration



Food, Fellowship, Fun, and Founders!

**BURGERS AND
HOT DOGS
PROVIDED!**

**POTLUCK
SIDE DISHES!**

Bring sides
to share!



- Speakers
- Games
- 50/50 Raffle
- Music

**FREE
EVENT!**

LOWRY PARK

7525 N. Blvd
Tampa, FL 33604
Shelter #120

**Saturday
June 6, 2026
10am-2pm**

All proceeds go to Tri-County Central Office

Medallion Meeting at 6 pm Safe Haven Group

301 House

Medallion Dinner \$6

Sat. April 25th

Serving 5 pm to 8 pm

MENU:

- Chicken Parmesan
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Salad
- Garlic Texas Toast
- Dessert

**301 House
8601 Bowles Road
Tampa, FL 33637**



SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY "An Attitude of GRATITUDE"

Hosted by District 2 Hillsborough/East Pasco County, Florida | July 10-12, 2026
Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Saturday 7:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Friday, July 10	7:00-8:15pm 8:30-9:30pm 10:00-11:00pm 10:00-11:00pm	Assembly Welcome Speaker Meeting* Night Owl Meeting Spanish Night Owl Meeting
Saturday, July 11	7:00-8:00am 7:00-8:00am 8:00-9:00am 8:00-9:00am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 9:00-10:50am 11:00-12:30pm 11:00-12:00pm 12:00-1:30pm 12:00-1:30pm 12:30-1:30pm	Early Bird Meeting Spanish Early Bird Meeting Concepts Workshop Spanish Concepts Workshop Treatment Facilities Committee Remote Communities Committee Accessibilities Committee** Archives Committee Current Practices Committee Grapevine/La Vina Committee* Literature Committee PI/CPC Committee Spanish Linguistic Committee Traditions Workshop State Convention Committee Website Committee District Chairpersons Meeting*

Saturday, July 11	12:30-1:30pm 12:30-1:30pm 1:00-1:50pm 1:30-3:50pm 2:00-3:50pm 2:00-3:50pm 2:00-3:50pm 2:00-3:50pm 4:00-5:00pm 4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm 6:00-7:00pm 7:00-8:30pm 8:30pm-9:30pm 10:00-11:00pm 10:00-11:00pm 10:00-11:00pm	District Treasurers Meeting District Secretaries/Registrars Meeting Spanish Traditions Workshop Corrections Committee Finance Committee Intergroup/Central Office Meeting GSR Sharing* DCM Sharing Quarterly Coordinators Meeting Technology Committee Meeting Service Manual Workshop Spanish Service Manual Workshop What's on your Mind? Outreach Committee Banquet Speaker Meeting*** Night Owl Meeting Spanish Night Owl Meeting
Sunday, July 12	7:00-8:00am 7:00-8:00am 9:00am	Early Bird Meeting Spanish Early Bird Meeting Area 15 Business Meeting** Hybrid Option

*Spanish Language Interpreter provided; **ASL Interpreter Provided (if requested); ***ASL (if requested) and Spanish Language Interpreter Provided.
Arrangements for Accessibility accommodations at any meeting, workshop or interpreter for the hearing impaired for the Sunday morning business meeting can be made by contacting the Area Accessibility Chair at accessibilities@area15sa.org by 6/12/2026. Wheelchair accessible rooms need to be booked directly with the hotel.

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SATURDAY NIGHT JULY 11, 2026 BANQUET

No. of Chickens Picatas _____
No. Vegan (Vegetable Pasta, Squash, Zucchini, Broccoli and a Vegan Saus-Dried Tomato Sauce) _____
Total Tickets @ \$58.00 _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____
District _____
Guests with Special Dietary Needs (state needs): _____

Make checks payable to District 2
Mail in (include coupon, PHONE NUMBER & date "banquet" on check) to:
District 2 General Service Treasurer
PO Box 20623, Tampa, FL 33622
PayPal Payments: <https://www.paypal.com/ncpi/payment/N0NYS1M6LVB56Q>
QUESTIONS? Please contact Banquet Chair at:
lodibhw1969@yahoo.com
PAYMENT DUE BY JUNE 12, 2026

SADDLEBROOK RESORT
5700 Saddlebrook Way, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

Hotel Room Reservations:
Please go to area15sa.org for "Live Link" at 9AM on Monday APRIL 13, 2026.

Room Rate: \$159.00, \$199.00 IFR, \$259.00 2BR per night + tax
Reference: "South Florida General Service Conference"
HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON APRIL 13, 2026 @ 9:00 AM AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 12, 2026.
All cancellations must be made at least 72 hours (3 days) prior to arrival date/time according to hotel policy or you will be charged.

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed on a hotel room wait list, please contact:
Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:
hotelinfo@area15sa.org

TAKE I-75N TO EXIT 279 CR 54 ZEPHYRHILLS/WESLEY CHAPEL GO EAST ON WESLEY CHAPEL BLVD. TURN RIGHT (SOUTH) AT SADDLEBROOK WAY, TURN RIGHT ON FOX HUNT DR HOTEL ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE RIGHT
QUESTIONS? Please contact braun21@msn.com

Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D	Group	MAR	Y T D
7:15 Young Peoples Group			Keeping it Real Group			SoberStock Event		
11th Step Group (CTK)		81.39	Keystone Group	100.00	423.50	Sobriety Group		
A Common Solution			Language of the Heart			Sobriety Women's Group		75.00
Alpha Group		200.00	Life Enrichment Group			Soberilla		
Annual Housecleaning			Live & Let Live Group			Sobriety at Sunrise Group		465.05
Anonymous Donations	49.00	5,226.11	Living in the Solution			Sobriety at Sunset Group		
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa			LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		199.55	Southshore Men's Group		458.00
Barracks Brigade Group	20.00	60.00	Little Harbor Grapevine Beach		450.00	Southside Men's Group # 1		
Beginners First Group			Lunch Bunch Group		5.00	Southside Men's Group #3		
Better Together Group		200.00	Midday Matinee	1,479.49	1,479.49	Southside Men's Group #4		421.85
Big Book Bunch Group		190.00	Morning Express Group		83.00	Spiritual Development Big Book		
Bill D's Group		100.00	Morning Express (YANA)		693.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Birthday Club	70.00	170.00	Morning Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Zoom		
Brandon Beginners Step Group		201.00	Morning Meditation Meeting			Step Sisters in Sobriety		289.25
Brandon Big Book Meeting			Morning Mindset Group		25.12	Stepping Stones Group (w)		158.92
Brandon Saturday Night Group		684.41	New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's			Steps By the Book	78.00	110.50
By The Book Men's Group			New Beginnings Group Brandon		131.00	Sun City Center Group		23.80
BYO 12 & 12 Group			New Beginning Group-(Our Club)			Sun City Center Men's	100.00	100.00
Came To Believe Group		547.30	Newcomers Group		215.11	Sunday Afternoon Step Mtg		148.50
Candlelight Group			New Tampa Monday Night Men's			Sunday Night Speakers		315.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa	422.50	422.50	New Way Women's Group			Sunshine Group		
Carrollwood Group		92.00	Nooners Group--Riverview			Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Celebrations & Meditations	130.00	262.75	Nooners Group--Tampa			Tampa Bay Institutions		150.00
Clean Air Group			Noontime Celebration Gp.			Tampa New Leaf Recovery		
Come As You Are Group		30.00	Odessa Group			Tampa Bay Young Peoples		
Dade City Keep it Simple Group	325.00	650.00	Old School Group		5.00	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
District 2 General Service			On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		196.95	Tampa Nightly Newcomers		
Druid Hills			Palma Ceia Big Book Group		200.00	Tampa Saturday Night Speakers		200.00
Early Risers Group			Pancake Breakfast Event		16.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Easy Does It		50.00	Pavillion Peeps			TGIS Group		
Expect a Miracle Group			Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Thank God it's Friday Group		190.00
Fireside Group			Plank Owners Group		460.00	The 164 Group		
Fishhawk Group	130.00	130.00	Primary Purpose Group		6.02	The Meeting Place Group		
Fourth Dimension Group		175.00	Promises Anniversary Dinner			The Promises Meeting Group		
Founders Day Event			Red Chip Day			Tri-County 51st Anniversary		4226.50
Freedom in Sobriety Group			Reflection Group-Lake Mag	211.00	447.47	Town & County Sisters in Sobriety		197.40
Friday @ 4 Group		236.60	Riverside Group			Tuesday Big Book Study of Brandon		140.00
Fri. Morn. Women's Friendship		400.00	Ruskin Fellowship Group			Tuesday Book Club Group		208.39
Friends of Bill Meditation Group			Ruskin Women's Big Book		117.00	Tuesday Newcomers Group		
Friends of Bill Women's Group		100.00	Safe, Sane & Sober Group		332.01	Turning Point Group		
Full Moon River Womens	160.00	370.16	Seminole Heights Blackbelt Men's			UpTown/ Downtown Group		
Gifts of Sobriety			Saturday Night Fever Group			WAWA Group		
Good Start Group		3.00	Saturday Serenity Group		115.20	Wed Night Step Workshop		
Grace-n-Gratitude			Set Aside Big Book Study Group		0.85	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Grapevine Gals Group		155.13	Simply Sobriety Women's Group	394.55	394.55	Wellspring Group		
Great Way To Start The Day		262.00	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)			With Room to Grow Group		700.00
Happy Hour Group		2.86	Sisters in Sobriety Group	91.85	91.85	Wesley Chapel Group		
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		100.00	Sober @ 7 Group		191.00	Women's Friendship Group		339.95
Hide-A-Way Group		333.20	Sober @ 7 Group Anniversary			YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		21.40
High Nooner's Group	50.00	200.00	Sober at Seven Group Plant City	50.00	50.00			
Host of Friends Group			Sober on Saturday Group					
It's in the Book Men's Group		441.00						
International Serenity Group (Z)								
Just What I Wanted Women's		20.00						
Keep it Simple Men's Group		75.00						
Keep It Simple/Pass It On						Total	178.00	
Keep it Simple Plant City	60.00	120.00				YTD Total		8939.51
Keep it Simply Spiritual						Monthly Total	3,921.39	
						Grand Total	27,559.59	
Total	1,416.50		Total	2,326.89				
YTD Total		12,291.41	YTD Total		6,328.67			