



Tri-County Central Office News

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My Sponsor Is Getting Better

When I entered AA's doors fourteen short months ago, I had a slight problem with drinking. I had been spending each evening in smoky taverns where no intelligent person would go, and more than once I had passed out in my car, only to awaken to the sight of strange vines growing on the sides of buildings. Previously, I had been treated in hospitals and clinics for being manic depressive. I had attempted suicide twice. I had lost a good husband and two fine children through divorce. So when I came to AA, everything was "fine," except for my slight drinking problem. At my first meeting, I met "Mardie." I knew she had problems from the moment she opened her mouth because I heard her say, "I'm grateful to be here and grateful to be sober." At least I was honest enough about my problem, for I remember saying, "My name is Fran, I'm an alcoholic and I'm mad as hell about it." I remember peering at Mardie. I thought: "She's been in AA for at least 110 years and they've brainwashed the poor unfortunate into being grateful for being here." Mardie had a stern, no-nonsense attitude. And over the next few months she let me hear from her on more than one occasion. In particular, one night after my third or fourth meeting, I came to repeat (so I wouldn't feel different), "My name's Fran and I'm an alcoholic. I'm glad to be here and glad to be sober." Mardie was sitting next to me and said sternly yet softly, almost teasingly, "We'll let you know when you get sober." I was furious. How dare she talk to me like that? She hadn't walked in my shoes. Who was this woman, and on whose authority did she presume to tell me that I wasn't sober? I had not had a drink in four days. Another time, while the group was having coffee after a meeting, Mardie started talking about the thirteenth step. She didn't anything directly to me, but I knew she meant it for me. "When these people try to fall in love and get sober at the same time, there's bound to be problems. I've seen it happen time after time." I gritted my teeth, thinking, "Now, she's judging me and I haven't done anything yet. Easy for her to say since she's married. Mardie had a lot of problems. She insisted that everyone needed a sponsor. She suggested once in a meeting that only AA General Service Conference approved literature be used for conducting meetings. She remarked that new people should learn to listen. (I was sure she meant that jab for me, too.) She did however, always tell me, "Keep coming back." And for some reason I did. I was reluctant to choose a sponsor. "It's nobody's business what I do, what I've done, how many meetings I go to, what Step I'm working, or anything else," I thought. "I don't need any of these old biddies telling me what I should do." But I wanted to get sober. I didn't want the going-to-the-tavern/passing-out-in-my-car routine back again. So I started to look around for a sponsor. One night a very charming and intelligent woman gave a talk. I admired her. She told how her sponsor helped her work the program. She said, "If it weren't for my sponsor, I probably wouldn't be standing here tonight." I wanted what she had. After the meeting, I asked her, "Who is your sponsor?" "Mardie," she replied. With the help from a Higher Power that I didn't know I had at the time, I asked Mardie to be my sponsor. She didn't say, "Yes, I'd be thrilled to be your sponsor." She said, "Well, I'm speaking Wednesday night at the First Step group. You come and hear my story and if you still want me to be your sponsor, I will." I went. I listened. At the end I cried.

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...In Mysterious Ways

In June of 1969, I was sentenced to life imprisonment for second-degree murder. I had killed a man in a blackout. I shared this experience in the February 1971 Grapevine, in an article entitled "Peace of Mind in Prison." After a year, while using the AA program to the best of my ability, I tried to work Step Nine by writing a letter to the widow of the man I was accused of killing. It But the institution would not allow the letter out. I talked this over with a man whom I greatly respect, an alcoholic priest who has been sober for many 24-hours longer than I have. He said that maybe it wasn't the proper time just yet, and advised me to refer back to Step Three. I did. For another two years, the thought would cross my mind every now and then, and I would mull it over and fantasize about the way I would do this when the time came. Then I would dismiss it from my mind, for the time being. Just recently, there was an amazing series of events. A week after I moved from the cell I had been living in for over two years to another block, we underwent a major disturbance. A riot exploded, but thanks to calm, efficient handling by a newly appointed warden and commissioner, another Attica was avoided. Afterwards, there was a heavy blanket of fear and unrest over the whole institution. So an unheard-of move was brought into effect: Members of the Jaycees were allowed to come in and roam among the inmates and guards to ease tensions. One night, as I was going to my cell, I noticed another inmate talking with two of these outsiders. They were still talking some two and a half hours later, when I got undressed and went to bed. After half an hour, I had the urge to get up out of bed and see if the inmate and the two civilians were still there. They were, so I invited all three into my cell for a cup of coffee. They readily agreed, as it offered them a chance to sit down and relax. The inmate, who also attends the AA meetings in this prison, told them how active I am in the program, and turned the conversation around to me, about my being a lifer and having been in for three years. One of the civilians asked me if I minded if he asked where this incident has taken place. I said no, and named the geographical area. He responded with the name of the victim. My whole body felt numb. The fear was like that feeling you get when riding a roller coaster or when a car takes that first plunge down the biggest hill—as if every support has been removed from under you. It turned out that the visitor was the best friend of the victim's son. He knew the family intimately and had been like a second son to the victim. I explained some of my past history and the events that had led to the fateful evening. Before leaving, he asked me if there was anything he could do to help me, as he thought it a shame I could spend so much time in here under the circumstances. I asked him to let me first get used to the idea that he was who he was. He has been back three times since then, and each time he's asked for me. Once, he brought me a birthday card signed "From one newfound friend to another." It would have been virtually impossible to plan anything such as the conditions under which Step Nine unfolded for me. Out of over 600 men in the institution, I had to be the one to invite him into the cell for coffee. That amend had seemed almost impossible, a huge stumbling block in my program for sobriety.

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

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TBAIC SECRETARY REPORT

June 13, 2026

Attendance: Nancy, Patti G, Jessica M, Gaby G, Mike B, Christina, John T, Vicki R, Kendra, Mindy W, Scott, Spencer
Chair Report: Jessica reported that District 2 has open positions, please reach out to Jessica M for more information. Jessica attended the Founder Days event on behalf of the committee, multiple people signed up for service positions for the TBAIC. Jessica mentioned that her term ends in October of this year and will discuss more in new business. **Secretary Report:** Gaby read the minutes for the month of May, and it was accepted without any changes. **Treasurer Report:** Vicki reports that the TBAIC balance is currently at \$6,720.23. May contributions consisted of \$771. There were no expenses for the month of May. **Treatment Centers:** Mike B reports: River Oaks has not updated Mike on progress due to point of contact, Ed, being out of town. He will provide an update when he returns. Salvation Army is still closed to the public and only allows alumni to enter. The meeting is currently not mandatory for residents. TGH Behavioral is going well, they were offered literature from our committee's cabinet. Ibis Behavioral Health is going well, they were offered literature from our committee's cabinet. ACTS Wraparound is going well, no complaints or requests. ACTS Detox is going well, many service opportunities available. Riverside Recovery has not provided an update. Tampa Hope is going well. Turning Point is going well. James reports: Ibis Men's Residential is going well and is well attended by volunteers. The last Tuesday of month is a speaker meeting and they have speakers confirmed through August. Jessica reports: Northside Behavioral Health needs a new chair in spirit of rotation. Gaby expressed that her homegroup may be interested in taking over this position. Patti reports: ACTS Juvenile Detox (Wednesdays & Fridays at 7 PM) needs volunteers. **Corrections:** Bianca reports: Faulkenberg is doing and currently has 15 volunteers. They currently have 2 meetings a week (Friday evening and Sunday afternoon). Bianca reports that August will be 3 years she has been doing this commitment and in spirit of rotation, she will be rotating out of this position. Nancy reports: Faulkenberg (Wednesday) is doing great. Scott reports: Zephyrhills is doing well, volunteers are needed. Jessica reports: The Pasco women's jail meeting is currently still under suspension. Jessica will follow-up. Mike P reports: Faulkenberg Men's is going well. **Bridging the Gap:** Individuals who receive the Bridging the Gap calls report that there were 3 calls and 4 bridges. 3/4. **Man on the Bed:** Mindy reported that they received 4 calls and 4 were completed. There 2 new volunteers who signed up at Founders Day. Mindy will be rotating out of her position. **Old Business:** TBAIC will be hosting a 15-minute workshop at the Area Assembly in July on Man on the Bed. John T, Jessica M, and Gaby G will get together to work on this. **New Business:** John T will contact Ring Central to inquire what is needed to transfer the current phone number to a more cost-efficient phone carrier service. Gaby made a motion to hold elections in November to align with District 2's panel. Motion passed. Vicki made a motion to begin paying Central Office's rent annually instead of monthly. Vicki would make a payment for the remaining of the year and begin paying annually in January of 2027. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 10:57 AM with the Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer.

Our Next Committee Meeting

July 11th, 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: MAY-JUNE-2026:

Soberstock:\$5,000.00, Keep it Simple/ Pass it On: \$405.00, Living in the Solution: \$258.00, Turning Point: \$482.00, Language of the Heart: \$247.04, By the Book Mens:\$65.00, Ruskin Fellowship: \$111.00, Keystone Discussion: \$43.00, Thank God It's Friday: \$58.00, Barracks Brigade: \$27.00, Came to Believe: \$25.00, XYZ-32 Group: \$62.00, Set It Aside Group: \$18.65

June Ending Account Balance	\$10,225.87
June Contributions	\$6,030.69
June Literature Expenses	\$1,643.67
June Total Expenses	\$2,658.03
Estimated Available Balance	

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

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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I could identify with her story. I loved her for sharing her experiences and tragedies and finally, through the AA program, her daily victory over alcohol. So Mardie became my sponsor. It's amazing, but Mardie is getting better. During the past fourteen months, Mardie has made remarkable improvements. She is understanding, loving, has a sense humor, and possesses an uncanny knack for figuring out just what newcomers need. I thank my Higher Power for teaming me up with Mardie. Her brand of tough love was just what I needed. Just the other day Mardie gave me a pair of almost new shoes which she no longer wears. They are a lovely crimson color. I wear them all the time. But you know, they are just a little too big.

F.D., Huntsville, Ala.

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NO STRINGS ATTACHED

Around the tables, there is sometimes heard a lament or complaint about failures in Twelfth Step work, or lack of appreciation shown by some constant "slippers" in spite of all we are doing for them. Reviewing my own record, I realized how often I had been piqued because some newcomers didn't thank me or appreciate my efforts sufficiently. (Of course, I had said, "As long as I am sober, it is a successful Twelfth Step work.") There came a time in my growth when I recognized my efforts and my expectations for what they truly were—defects of character, manifestations of selfishness and pride. When I saw them in that light, it meant I had to have God's help to remove them and change the defects to virtues. Clearly, my actions had been right; it was the intentions behind them that had been wrong. So it was deep within me that the change had to come. Now I realize that not only Twelfth Step work, but all other forms of AA service must be on a "no strings" basis. I must do them for the sake of doing them, to pass on what I have received, expecting nothing. As I have done this, I have found that my sobriety improves in quality and unexpected rewards pile up beyond description. In fact, the "no strings" approach works everywhere.

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Someone has said there are four kinds of "bones" in every organization. There are Wishbones, who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work. Then, there are Jawbones, who do all the talking but very little else. Next, there are Knucklebones, who knock everything anyone tries to do. And finally, there are Backbonebones, who get under the load and do the work.

E.H.

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FOUR LETTER WORDS

When I came to AA, I was ready and willing to try anything. You gave me a bundle of four-letter words. I made a determined jump into AA; you told me to *walk*. I was full of fear; you gave me *hope*. I was torn with bitterness, hostility, and self hatred; you taught me to *love*. I made lists of my wants; you helped me understand what I *need*. I wanted to "get the program" right away; you taught me to begin with the *First Step*. I was in a race to prove my worth; you showed me how to live at an even *pace*. I wanted to know what lay ahead; you said, "Better things, in *time*. I cried to you for help; you told me, "God answers if you *pray*. And now when I wonder when, I know I'll know if I *wait*.

S.C.

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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

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.



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www.aagrapevine.org



NOTES FROM INSIDE THE CENTRAL OFFICE

June 9th, 2026 the Board of Directors for Central Office

BOARD MEMBERS

REPRESENTING GROUP

SCOTT B.	CHAIRPERSON	TAMPA SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKERS
BRIAN L.	BOARD MEMBER	BARRACKS BRIGADE GROUP
LINDA R.	BOARD MEMBER	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
TRACI L.	BOARD MEMBER	STEPPING STONES WOMEN'S GROUP
MICHAEL P.	BOARD MEMBER	THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY GROUP
BOB H.	BOARD MEMBER	HIGH NOONER'S GROUP
MARIE B.	BOARD MEMBER	LIVING SOBER AS BILL SEES IT GROUP
OPEN	BOARD MEMBER	
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Board Members present: Chairperson: Scott B., Secretary: Linda R., Traci L., Michael P., Marie B., and Bob H. and Brian L.

Board Meeting: 6:45 pm: Scott welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting. He then opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Scott noted that at the last Council meeting Tim had announced that TBAIC was wanting to pay the remaining storage fees for the year and then pay one full amount for the year starting in January 2027. Scott then mentioned the Founders Day noting that it was a great turn-out with over 250 people attending. We are going to meet Sunday for a post-mortem meeting to talk about what went good, what we can do better. Scott then asked if anyone was willing to help out at the Quarterly in July that District 2 is hosting. Scott concluded the meeting with a brief summary of the review of the informal By-Laws meeting that some Board and Council members had gotten together to go over. There will be another meeting June 17. **Council Meeting: 7:00pm:** Scott opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer welcomed all the Council members to the meeting and asked if there were any new Council Members. We welcomed Dominic from the Tampa Bay Young People's Group, and, also Melissa and Matteo from the Sobrenity Group. **Secretary Report:** Linda presented the May Minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes. There was a second to the motion. Motion was approved. **Treasurers Report:** Scott noted that we were still looking for a Treasurer. Tim presented the May Treasurers report. Contributions came in at \$5,138.72 and contributions from PayPal were \$1,148.67 giving us a total of \$6,287.39. We had a total of 32 groups or individuals contribute to Central Office for the month of May, also 3 Birthday contributions. Literature sales were \$6,416.01, this included 3 Newsletter subscriptions. Adding contributions and literature sales gave us a total income of \$12,724.40. Total cost of goods were \$5,239.52. Subtracting Cost of Goods from Total income gave us a gross profit of \$7,484.88. Total expenses were \$11,473.56. Subtracting expenses from gross profit left us minus \$3,988.68 for the month of May. However, so far from January to May, we are currently sitting at a minus- \$3,376.85 in the red for the year. Randall had a question asking if the report included expenses for workers and staff. Tim answered in the affirmative, noting that it showed the amounts for not only himself, but, the three other guys that either come in when he's not here and Al who does the After Hours Phone. Randall made a motion to accept the Treasurers report. There was a second to the motion. Motion was approved. **Chair's Report:** Scott B: I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as chair of the Tri-County Central Office Board of Directors. Founders Day was held on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The event had a great turnout, and over 250 people attended. Attendees played games, listened to music,

June 9th 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

BRAD W.	GUEST— TECH HOST
ANTONELLA L.	TAMPA NIGHTLY NEWCOMERS GROUP
KALEIGH F.	GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY GROUP
SAMANTHA A.	FISHHAWK GROUP
JANET T.	THE MEETING PLACE GROUP
ERIN D.	WOMEN'S FULL MOON RIVER GROUP
NANCY G.	HIDE-A-WAY GROUP
CARRIN P.	BIG BOOK BUNCH 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
BARRY H.	KEEP IT SIMPLY SPIRITUAL GROUP
TOM R.	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART GROUP
KRISTA M.	STEP SISTERS IN SOBRIETY GROUP
DOMINIC P.	TAMPA BAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
MELLISSA	SOBRENITY GROUP
MATEO G.	SOBRENITY GROUP
PAUL T.	TUESDAY NIGHT NEWCOMERS GROUP

fellowshipped. This free event has been held for the past two years. Our speakers, Tina C. and Dave I., told their stories and spoke on the history of AA. This was a free event put on by Central Office. Central Office will have a table at the Area 15 July Assembly in Wesley Chapel. And we'll be selling service manuals and other AA conference-approved literature. Several of the central office board members and reps got together to review the bylaws. this was an informal gathering. The group read through the bylaws and made comments, and we are scheduled to meet again next Tuesday, June 17th. **Old Business:** None **New Business:** Scott asked for a sense of the body; Tampa Bay Area Institution and Corrections Committee. use... some storage space at central office to store their stuff in. They have been...doing this, and paying us monthly to store their stuff, and they have requested that they do it annually. So, my poll is going to just be a question to ask...get a sense of the body, and see if it's okay for TBAC to switch its...payment, instead of paying it monthly, to pay it annually. Some discussion followed briefly. It was a unanimous decision to go forward on the request from TBAIC. **Announcements:** Several announcements were made Scott gave a pitch for the Hospitality House for the upcoming Quarterly and pitches for positions at District. A motion to close was made, seconded and approved. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. **The next Board & Council Meeting will be July 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
THURSDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK	AL B.	07/15/88	38 YRS
THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY GROUP	MICHAEL P.	07/04/92	34 YRS
MIDDAY MATINEE GROUP	LOUEITA H.	07/18/91	35 YRS
WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP	DAVE F.	07/19/85	41 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	LISA H.	07/06/22	4 YRS
SIMPLY SOBRIETY WOMEN'S	NANCY H.	07/22/86	40 YRS
RUSH HOUR GROUP	JANIE M.	07/27/81	45 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DIANE B.	07/24/14	12 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	SUE D.	07/16/12	14 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	DOLORES E.	07/04/07	19 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	PATTIE H.	07/21/06	20 YRS
FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP WOMEN'S	ANNETTE J.	07/20/02	24 YRS
HIGH NOONER'S PLANT CITY	TRAVIS J.	07/15/18	8 YRS
SOBRIETY AT SUNRISE GROUP	LEANNE M.	07/22/00	26 YRS
BACK TO BASICS GROUP	LOIS M.	07/09/95	31 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MORGAN	07/24/05	21 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MATT M.	07/19/05	21 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	MARK V.	07/09/91	35 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	CARLTON P.	07/01/83	43 YRS
RIVERSIDE GROUP	LARRY P.	07/08/80	46 YRS
CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP	DOMINGO G.	07/01/20	6 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	AL D.	07/19/14	12 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	KEN S.	07/01/14	12 YRS
KEYSTONE DISCUSSION GROUP	ANTHONY S.	07/28/05	21 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	SILVIA H.	07/21/08	18 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	MICHELLE G.	07/04/08	18 YRS
JUST WHAT I WANTED WOMEN'S	JACKIE W.	07/03/87	39 YRS
CENTRAL OFFICE	TIMOTHY S.	07/04/88	38 YRS

A BIRTHDAY CLUB SUPPORTER TO CENTRAL OFFICE

ONE DOLLAR OR **MORE** FOR EACH YEAR OF SOBRIETY

Home Group	Honors To	Date	Years
THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY	MICHAEL P.	07/04/92	34 YRS
THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY	VINCE S.	07/2007	19 YRS
WESLEY CHAPEL GROUP	DAVE F.	07/19/85	41 YRS
GREAT WAY START DAY	PAT Mc.	06/03/24	2 YRS
	DONNA S.	05/07/13	13 YRS
	KEVIN K.	06/16/93	33 YRS

That's 788 Years of Sobriety!

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

SELF-SUPPORT-JUNE, 2026

© Today in June we have approximately **191** Groups to **184** groups and from **498** meetings weekly to **461**. Also we have **132** Zoom meetings weekly, up from **129**. Contributions in June totaled \$6,730.73. This accounts for what 19 Groups or Individuals in our area have contributed in June. Also included is \$1,999.14 from 11 Groups or Individuals who made contributions through PayPal. Also included is \$172.00 from 6 Birthday Contributions . Our literature sales for June was \$7,655.74 and \$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 June was \$14,393.47. Our Total Cost of Goods Sold was \$6,267.30. Subtracting the Total Cost of Goods Sold from our June income left us with a Gross Profit of \$8,126.17. Our Total Expenses for June were \$10,200.90. Subtracting our Expenses from our Gross Profit gave us a Net Income of minus-\$2, for 73 month of June. In spite of it all, 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:)

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By seeking the advice of someone who had been sober longer than I had, and then by turning the situation over to my Higher Power, a way I couldn't even imagined opened up before me. May the God of your understanding be as good to you as mine has been to me.

R.L.H., South Walpole, Mass.

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Success Story

There was once an Indian, living on a reservation, who had drunk himself into very bad shape. He was so sick that his father, the chief, told him that if he didn't straighten out, he'd have to leave the reservation. Of course, he kept right on drinking; so he was banished to the world outside. He was away for several years and his father heard nothing from him. Then one day he arrived home again, dressed in a three-hundred-dollar suit and driving a shiny new car. His father greeted him in the traditional Indian manner: Hand in air, he said, "How." The son simply replied: "The fifth chapter, Father, the fifth chapter."

Please support your Central Office.

"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."

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

LET'S NOT LOUSE THIS THING UP GROUP



STARTING
**FRIDAY
JULY 31ST
@ 8PM**



**PALMA CEIA
PRESBYTERIAN**
3501 W SAN JOSE ST,
TAMPA, FL 33629



DOUBLE SPEAKER STEP SERIES MEETING—A STEP A WEEK.

SPEAKERS



Terry Y
FROM YPG



Katie R
FROM SOBRENITY

NEW MEETING!



**FRIDAYS
7:30 PM**

**INAUGURAL
CELEBRATION/
POT LUCK**

(bring a covered dish/snacks, or a dessert.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2026

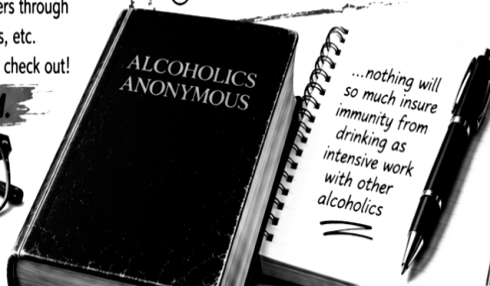
A meeting that was started by several OSG members 9 years ago in a small studio in North Tampa, that moved online for 7 years and now it's coming home to the OSG. This meeting is where we raise "sponsors", not "sponsees". It's in-depth interactive step study in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous like you've never seen before! If you've struggled through the steps before, or want to know how to take others through the steps, how to get sponsees, etc. this is the meeting you want to check out!

CHAired BY VIRGIL M.

WHAT TO BRING:

- ✓ Your sponsor/sponsees, friends in the program
- ✓ Your own Big Book
- ✓ A blue highlighter (leave the yellow one at home!)
- ✓ An ink pen
- ✓ Notebook

LET'S
TAKE THE
STEPS TO A
WHOLE NEW
LEVEL!



THIS WILL BE
AN ONGOING
MEETING,
EVERY FRIDAY
AT 7:30PM!



OLD SCHOOL GROUP
18125 US-41,
LUTZ, FL 33549

68th FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION



ORLANDO, FL ROSEN PLAZA ORLANDO
August 6TH-9TH, 2026

9700 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819

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A NEW FREEDOM



39th Tampa Bay Fall Roundup



Sheraton Tampa Brandon Hotel
10221 Princess Palm Ave, Tampa

Double or King \$169.00
Jr Suite \$189

Last Date for Hotel Rate AUGUST 4th, 2026

LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Friday, Sept 4th - Monday, Sept 7th, 2026

"We Are His Agents"

\$45 REGISTRATTION INCLUDES:

- 9 Speakers
- 12 Step Studies
- Gulded Meditation
- Workshops
- Win It in a Minute
- Young at Heart Dance
- Karaoke
- Hula Hoops
- Talent Show



SPEAKERS:

- Mickey K, Tampa, FL
- Nancy M, Seal Beach, CA
- Michelle B, Pinellas Park, FL
- Rona Y, Tacoma, WA
- Kat Mc, Inverness, FL
- Pat Y, Seal Beach, CA
- Phyllis Mc, Tulsa, OK
- Tracy S, Punta Gorda, FL

PACKAGE DEAL \$195*:

(Conf T-Shirt • Fri Ice Cream Social • Sat Night Banquet • Sun Buffet)

*Package Deal includes any banquet meal option, no up charge

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Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D	Group	JUNE	Y T D
7:15 Young Peoples Group			Keeping it Real Group			SoberStock Event		3250.00
11th Step Group (CTK)		81.39	Keystone Group		779.50	Sobrenity Group		
A Common Solution			Language of the Heart		20.00	Sobrietea Women's Group		75.00
AA101 Group		2.33	Life Enrichment Group	824.20	824.20	Soberilla		
Alpha Group	100.00	500.00	Live & Let Live Group			Sobriety at Sunrise Group		1063.05
Annual Housecleaning			Living in the Solution			Sobriety at Sunset Group	17.16	81.31
Anonymous Donations	102.50	5,623.34	LivingSober/As Bill Sees It		388.05	Southshore Men's Group		458.00
As Bill Sees It Mens Odessa	210.00	225.87	Grapevine Meeting Apollo Beach		450.00	Southside Men's Group # 1		
Barracks Brigade Group		100.00	Lunch Bunch Group		108.87	Southside Men's Group #3		
Beginners First Group			Midday Matinee		1,479.49	Southside Men's Group #4		421.85
Better Together Group		400.00	Morning Express Group		83.00	Spiritual Development BB.		
Big Book Bunch Group		190.00	Morning Express (YANA)		693.00	Spiritual Growth Group		
Bill D's Group		225.00	Morning Group			Staying Alive @ 5:45 Zoom		
Birthday Club	172.00	865.00	Morning Meditation Meeting			Step Sisters in Sobriety	209.00	498.25
Brandon Beginners Step Group		380.00	Morning Mindset Group	25.00	50.12	Stepping Stones Group (w)		272.91
Brandon Big Book Meeting			New Beginnings-(5:45)Joe's		791.16	Steps By the Book		110.50
Brandon Saturday Night Group		684.41	New Beginnings Group Brandon		384.00	Sun City Center Group		43.90
By The Book Men's Group			New Beginning Group-(Our Club)		506.05	Sun City Center Men's	70.00	170.00
BYO 12 & 12 Group			Newcomers Group		215.11	Sunday Afternoon Step		148.50
Came To Believe Group	411.00	958.30	New Tampa Monday Night Men			Sunday Night Speakers		315.00
Candlelight Group			New Way Women's Group		38.00	Sunshine Group	420.00	420.00
Cardinal Group - Odessa		422.50	Nooners Group--Riverview			Tampa Bay Fall Roundup		
Carrollwood Group		131.00	Nooners Group--Tampa			Tampa Bay Institutions	600.00	900.00
Celebrations & Meditations	260.00	522.26	Noontime Celebration Gp.			Tampa New Leaf Recovery		
Clean Air Group			Odessa Group		189.00	Tampa Bay Young Peoples	1,237.02	1246.71
Come As You Are Group		30.00	Old School Group		203.40	Tampa Bay Speakers Gp.		
Dade City Keep it Simple Group		975.00	On the Way Home Tpa 5:30		533.55	Tampa Nightly Newcomers		
District 2 General Service	262.26	262.26	Palma Ceia Big Book Group	100.00	300.00	Tampa Sat. Night Speakers		202.02
Druid Hills			Pancake Breakfast Event		16.00	T & C Sisters in Sobriety		
Early Risers Group			Pavillion Peeps			TGIS Group		
Easy Does It		100.00	Pilgrim Group -St Leo's			Thank God it's Friday	19.00	327.00
Expect a Miracle Group	257.58	257.58	Plank Owners Group		460.00	The 164 Group		
Fireside Group			Primary Purpose Group	6.02	16.40	The Meeting Place Group		
Fishhawk Group		130.00	Promises Anniversary Dinner			The Promises Meeting Group		
Fourth Dimension Group	284.00	459.00	Red Chip Day			Tri-County 51st Anniversary		4226.50
Founders Day Event			Reflection Group-Lake Mag	625.07	1,072.54	Town & County Sisters in Sobriety		662.40
Freedom in Sobriety Group		471.93	Riverside Group			Tuesday Big Book Study of Brandon		140.00
Friday @ 4 Group		408.20	Ruskin Fellowship Group			Tuesday Book Club Group		208.39
Fri. Morn. Women's Friendship		700.00	Ruskin Women's Big Book		169.00	Tuesday Newcomers Group		
Friends of Bill Meditation			Safe, Sane & Sober Group		616.33	Turning Point Group		260.00
Friends of Bill Women's Group		340.00	Seminole Heights Blackbelt Men's			UpTown/ Downtown Group		
Full Moon River Women’s		370.16	Saturday Night Fever Group			WAWA Group		100.00
Gifts of Sobriety			Saturday Serenity Group	152.00	267.20	Wed Night Step Workshop		
Good Start Group		3.00	Set Aside Big Book Study Group		0.85	Wed Keep it Simple Group		
Grace-n-Gratitude		85.40	Simply Sobriety Women's Group		841.10	Wellspring Group		
Grapevine Gals Group		155.13	Sisters 12 n 12 Group (Zoom)			With Room to Grow Group		700.00
Great Way To Start The Day		437.00	Sisters in Sobriety Group		91.85	Wesley Chapel Group		
Happy Hour Group		2.86	Sober @ 7 Group		191.00	Women's Friendship Group		800.15
Hi Nooners Group Plant City		100.00	Sober @ 7 Group Anniversary			YaYa Sisterhood of Sobriety		37.40
Hide-A-Way Group		333.20	Sober at Seven Group Plant City		50.00			
High Nooner's Group	50.00	350.00	Sober on Saturday Group	340.00	592.00			
Host of Friends Group								
It's in the Book Men's Group		999.00						
International Serenity Group (Z)		167.13						
Just What I Wanted Women's	10.00	34.79						
Keep it Simple Men's Group	16.24	91.24						
Keep It Simple/Pass It On		250.00						
Keep it Simple Plant City		180.00						
Keep it Simply Spiritual								