

DISTRICT DISPATCH

DISTRICT 2 | AREA 15 | SOUTH FLORIDA | OCTOBER 2025

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

In Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), "Service" is a core principle, particularly emphasized in the 12th Step, which involves "carrying the message" to others who are struggling with alcoholism to help them achieve and maintain sobriety. This principle fosters humility, community, and gratitude, providing purpose and reinforcement for one's own recovery journey by shifting focus from self-centeredness to helping others.

How Service Works in AA

Carrying the Message

: The most direct form of service involves sharing your personal experience, strength, and hope with other alcoholics, especially newcomers.

Community Support

: Service includes taking on responsibilities within your AA group, such as setting up for meetings, making coffee, or helping newcomers navigate the steps.

Outreach

: Service can also involve participating in wider outreach efforts, such as promoting AA's message in hospitals, prisons, or schools.

Why Service is Crucial for Recovery

Personal Healing

: By helping others, individuals often find their own challenges become less intense and gain a deeper understanding of their own recovery.

Strengthened Sobriety

: Service provides purpose, connection, and a sense of humility, acting as a protective measure against relapse for members.

Gratitude

: Giving back the solution that was freely received fosters a sense of gratitude and reinforces a commitment to sobriety.

Unity

: Service reinforces the principle of "We," emphasizing the collective rather than the individual, and contributes to the overall health and vitality of the AA fellowship.

Source: Google AI Overview

OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS

Standing Committee Chairs Needed:

Accessibilities

Finance

New GSR Orientation

PI/CPC

DCM/ACM:

Sub-District C: (Dover, Plant City)

Sub-District D: (Land-O-Lakes/Lutz/Odessa)

Sub-District E: (West Columbus)

Sub-District F: (South Central Tampa)

Sub-District H: (Apollo Beach, Ruskin, Sun City)

Sub-District N: (Riverview)

Sub-District O: (Interbay, Gandy Bay to Bay)

Sub-District Q: (Brandon, Clair Mel)

Sub-District T: (New Tampa/USF)

Sub-District U: (Drew Park/NW Tampa)

All of the Sub-Districts need ACMs.

For more information please go to:

<https://aatampa.org/committees/>

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE

CONCEPT 10 - Long Form:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Clarity of roles, responsibility and authority is vital. No effective and successful business or organization can run without this clarity. A.A. has gone to great lengths to ensure there is final/ultimate authority and to define where it lies should any “course correction” ever be needed.

This Concept suggests that providing trusted servants with clearly defined jobs and the authority to do those jobs is equally important. This is where the idea of the “group conscience” as ultimate authority and the “trusted servant” as delegated authority clearly cross paths and need each other to function.

Source: <https://takethe12.org/c10/>

SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

October 3-5, 2025

Hosted by District 10

Registration times: Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM,
Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM



For more D2 and Area 15 events and information, go to <https://aatampa.org/> and click on Events. This includes scheduled District 2 committee meetings. Please feel free to attend any committee meeting of interest! There are links to Area and General Service Office, local and online meetings.

✦SOBER EVENTS✦

DISTRICT 2 PRESENTS
Grapevine & Archives
Workshop

Whispers from the Past...
 ...Echoes for the Future

Step into an afternoon
 of Grapevine
 storytelling and a
 glimpse into the AA
 Archives.

Ever wonder who
 walked these rooms
 before you... or how
 your own story might
 heal (or haunt)
 someone else?

@YANA

209 S Tampania Ave
Tampa, FL 33609
26th October 2025 | 1-4 PM

grapevine@aatampa.org archives@aatampa.org

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

AA RECOVERY

RELATIONSHIPS & The 12 Traditions

THE STEPS ARE "HOW IT WORKS" AND THE TRADITIONS ARE "WHY IT WORKS"

WHEN
NOVEMBER 8TH 1:30 - 4:30 PM

WHERE
OLD SCHOOL GROUP
18125 US-41 N, LUTZ FL 33546
ENTRANCE IS IN THE BACK OF THE BUILDING
PARKING IS IN THE LOT TO THE NORTH BY THE TACO STAND

FACILITATED BY
RON B & T.J. B

Back by popular demand!

IF YOU ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP, OR HOPE TO BE, WE CAN ALL BENEFIT FROM A REASONABLE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES. WHEN APPLIED TO RELATIONSHIPS, THE 12 TRADITIONS PROVIDE CLEAR, WELL-REASONED PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES THAT WE CAN ALL USE TO IMPROVE OUR MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIPS IN LIFE.

POTLUCK LUNCH - PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, MAIN DISH OR DESSERT

50/50 RAFFLE • OPEN MIC • GROUP PARTICIPATION

District 2 Presents

The Annual **Gratitude** Dinner

Speaker
 Rose
 District 1

Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

Cake Walk
 Contact Allison
 860-573-3290

Sobriety Countdown

New Hope Church

Saturday
November 8, 2025
5-9 PM

213 Knights Ave.
Brandon, FL
33510

Tickets are \$20.
 To purchase tickets, scan the QR code or go to
<https://aatampa.org/committees/gratitude-dinner/>