



# CASA NEWS

## 12-STEP VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

*T'was the night before Christmas when I went on a bender,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a bartender.  
The empties were stacked by the chimney just fine,  
In hopes that St. Nick would fill them with wine.*

*With Mama in her kerchief and I with my booze,  
We'd just settled down for a long winter's snooze.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I put down my drink to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the window I crawled and then stumbled  
To open the shutters where I stood and just mumbled.  
Then what to my bloodshot eyes should appear  
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.*

*I thought it was DT's and needed help quick!  
I didn't know it was only St. Nick.  
I poured myself another as the reindeer came  
While he shouted and called them by name:*

*"Now Barfly! Now Wino! Now Boozer and Rummy!  
On Drunkard! On Alky! On Dipso and Dummy!"  
So up to the housetop St. Nicholas flew  
While I pulled the pop-top on another brew.*

*I trembled with fear when I heard a new sound—  
Down the chimney came St. Nick with a bound.  
His cheeks were like roses, he grinned like a possum,  
His eyes, how they twinkled, his nose had rum-blossoms!*

*I offered him a drink, step up to the bar,  
"Not today," he said, "I am now so-ber."  
He had a clear face and a little beer belly,  
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.*

*This was too much, it increased my thirst.  
"Hold it!" said St. Nick, "First things first.  
You don't have to drink, easy does it,  
Now that wasn't too hard, was it?"*

*He reached in his sack and with a great fuss  
He gave me the book "Alcoholics Anonymous."  
"Read this 'Big Book' for a life sublime,  
Follow the principles one day at a time.*

*"This is the best present I can give,  
Twelve steps – a new way to live.  
The AA program keeps me sober, it's true."  
Then giving a nod, up the chimney he flew.*

*Then I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,  
"You now have a choice, starting tonight.  
So Merry Christmas to all and to all Season's Greetings,  
Don't pick up that first drink, and go to AA meetings!"*

*~ Author Unknown*

### ALCATHONS

Celebrate the holidays - and share your sobriety - by chairing an Alcathon meeting!  
Starting at 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, there will be meetings every two hours. Sign up to chair in pairs!



### CHRISTMAS AT CASA

Santa's favorite elves - "Happy", "Joyous", and "Free" - invite you to a Christmas Day potluck at CASA at 1:30, following Sober Living.

**Merriment (and perhaps a few elvish shenanigans) will abound!**



## CASA BOARD MESSAGE FROM DIANE H.

Chair, CASA Board of Directors

### IMPORTANT ANNUAL CASA MEMBERSHIP MEETING JANUARY 14TH! PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

CASA Bylaws require that an Annual membership meeting take place in January with at least 25% of the members present, in order to elect officers and conduct official business.

If anyone is interested in serving on the CASA board of directors, contact Diane H. or any officer. The current officers are **Diane H., Mark H., Kelli L., Jack S., Ken S., Ralph D., Rock A., Rob W., Richard D., and Tim W.** Current membership Chair is **Chris B.**, Newsletter Chair is **Amy H.** There are 3 board seats vacant.

At this year's Membership Meeting, there will be discussion about a new building including a progress report on funds in Building Account, funds in the Marion Brown investment account, what the next steps are in getting a new building, what type of building CASA is interested in obtaining and how CASA might proceed. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Building fund. We need a consensus from a majority of members before proceeding with next steps on a building plan, so please attend on January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

It is important that CASA's day-to-day operations are financially stable before we can start a new building. Please donate \$2 in the basket every time if you can! Make sure coffee money is picked up after each meeting – give it to the Chairperson to put it in the safe. Renew your membership annually. Bring in new members. Encourage others to join.

Thank you for your assistance. Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season! (May it be safe and sober!)

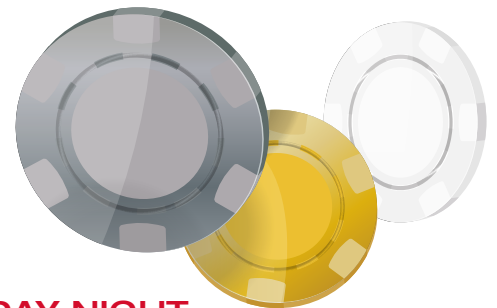


### *In Memoriam*

*Our dear friend and active CASA member, Walker P., passed away earlier this month, and CASA would like to extend condolences to his family. If you would like to send a card or note to his family, please contact Megan D. at 850-559-0011.*

*Walker was a strong presence at CASA, and he always told me to "stay in the light," says Megan. "I feel so grateful that he gave me my first white chip and that I got to present him with his last chip (4 years.)"*

*A celebration of Walker's life will be held on Sunday, December 21st – see the flyer at CASA for more information.*



### **BIRTHDAY NIGHT DECEMBER 26, 2014**

Birthday Night at CASA is the last Friday of every month. All who have celebrated their sobriety birthdays during that month will share the gift of their experience, strength, and hope. Bring a covered dish at 6:00, and join in the celebration!

# CASA 12, INC.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

### MEMBER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

I prefer to pay: ☐ Annually (\$100) **Best Value!**

☐ Semi-Annually (\$50)

☐ Monthly (\$10)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **CASA 12, Inc.**  
Payments (*along with this form*) can either be mailed to the  
address below or placed in an envelope in the clubhouse safe,  
or to to [casa12inc.org](http://casa12inc.org) and pay your dues online.

**CASA 12, INC.**

**P.O. BOX 12391**

**TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-2391**

*Thank you for your support!.*



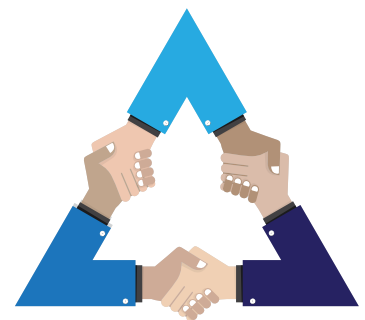
### CASA BREAKFAST DECEMBER 14, 2014

Breakfast takes place the **second Sunday of every month** from  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Feast on the best custom-made  
omelets prepared by **Mark H.**

Please bring a side dish like hash  
browns, sausage, bacon, fruit, etc.  
Help with setting up and cleaning up  
is always needed and appreciated...  
so get there early and stay late.

It's only \$3.00 for CASA members  
& \$5.00 for all others. **It's the best  
deal in town!**



### CASA BOARD MEETING JANUARY 7, 2015

The CASA Board meets on the **second Wednesday night of every month**  
at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to  
attend, and your input is welcome.  
Please join us!

## MEETINGS AT CASA-12, INC.

2410 MONDAY ROAD  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301

### MONDAY

7:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact AA meeting – Meditation (*Casita*)  
12:30 p.m. – 1. Living Sober 12 & 12 AA meeting  
12:30 p.m. – 2. Al-Anon meeting (*Casita*)  
6:15 p.m. – Happy Hour AA meeting

### TUESDAY

7:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact AA meeting – Meditation (*Casita*)  
12:30 p.m. – Living Sober AA meeting  
6:15 p.m. – Happy Hour AA meeting

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact AA meeting – Meditation (*Casita*)  
12:30 p.m. – Living Sober AA meeting  
6:15 p.m. – Happy Hour AA – Speaker meeting

### THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact AA meeting – Meditation (*Casita*)  
10:30 a.m. – Tears & Laughter Women's AA meeting  
12:30 p.m. – Living Sober AA meeting  
6:15 p.m. – Happy Hour AA meeting – (*Closed Meeting*)

### FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact Open AA meeting – Meditation (*Casita*)  
12:30 p.m. – 1. Living Sober AA meeting  
12:30 p.m. – 2. Al-Anon meeting (*Casita*)  
6:15 p.m. – 1. Step-Sisters (*Casita*) *On the last Friday of each month, Step-Sisters meets at 5:15 p.m.*  
6:15 p.m. – 2. Happy Hour AA meeting \*

**\* THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH: CASA's Sobriety Birthday Meeting celebrates those attending Living Sober, Happy Hour, Step-Sisters or Conscious Contact AA meetings. Covered dish dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by celebrants sharing their stories of recovery 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Open Meeting.)**

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact AA meeting – Meditation (*Casita*)  
11:00 a.m. – Living Sober AA meeting  
6:15 p.m. – Happy Hour AA meeting – 12 & 12 Step Study  
7:30 p.m. – Game Night!

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – Conscious Contact AA meeting – (*Meditation*) \*  
\* *On the 2nd Sunday of each month, Conscious Contact meets at 8:00 a.m.*

**CASA BREAKFAST from 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. on the 2nd Sunday of Each Month**

11:00 a.m. – Living Sober AA meeting  
6:15 p.m. – Happy Hour AA meeting – Half and Half Book Study  
8:00 p.m. – Miracle Group AA meeting

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