

# THE COURIER

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**"Welcome Newcomer! If you stick to A.A., and we sure hope you do, many wonderful changes will take place in your life. This we can guarantee!"**

If it's okay with you, I'd like to be your temporary AA sponsor. This means that I'll do anything within my power to help you make a success of this program.

Over the past several years, I have worked with men who found themselves in the same spot you're in now. They usually fall into three categories: (1) those who accepted the AA way of life either at their first meeting or shortly thereafter; (2) those who stumbled around for months or years before finally sobering up, simply because they were unwilling to accept the obvious fact that booze had them whipped (I was one of these, incidentally); (3) the men who drifted away and have not returned to AA. Some of these are now dead; some are in prison and some have severe brain damage.

But you have to do your share! Doing your share would include following these simple suggestions:

1. Keep an open mind.
2. Attend as many meetings as you can for the first three months.
3. Start reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and don't stop.
4. Keep in close touch with me during the next few weeks either by telephone, and/or personal contact. We will spend at least one hour together in the beginning.
5. Encourage your spouse/family to attend AlAnon or AlAteen meetings. This is a family disease.
6. Most important - stay away from that first drink, no matter what. Should you decide at any time -day or night- that you must have a drink, I want you to call me before you take that drink, not after.

Remember, I'm on your side, and so are hundreds of other AA members in this area. Perhaps you've been a loner, like I was, and you don't feel up to mixing with those you see at meetings. But it is possible to change, and I am living proof of that truth. Get acquainted with these people. As for phone numbers; ask for suggestions on how to deal with problems. And stick with the winners. By that, I mean the men who are comfortable with themselves and others. You'll be able to pick them out. And when the time comes, say, in a couple of months, choose one of these winners as your permanent sponsor. Until then, I'll do the best I can as your temporary sponsor.

In closing, may I suggest you try our way of life for the next 90 days. You can put all the money you would have spent on liquor in a jar. At the end of the 90 days if you decide AA is not for you, you'll have all that money to spend on liquor to finish the job. Fair enough?"

**STEP TWO:** “Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

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**TRADITION TWO (long form) :** “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.”

**CONCEPT TWO :** “The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.”

*2nd Step Prayer: I know in my heart that only you can restore me to sanity. I humbly ask that you remove all twisted thought & Addictive behavior from me this day. Heal my spirit & restore in me a clear mind.*

## TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

This is a Checklist for Tradition TWO. Reprinted with permission from Service Material from the General Service Office:

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? New comers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?



**The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous** will be held **July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan** with the theme “Love and Tolerance is our Code.” A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

Information about Convention registration and housing reservations is available at the Naples AA office.. All necessary information is included in the registration packet. This packet will lists numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, etc. This information has been mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the website.

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## **A.A. History in February**

**February 1 1918** - Original date set for Bill W.'s marriage to Lois Burnham. The date was moved up because of the war.

**February 2 1942** - Bill W. paid tribute to Ruth Hock, AA's first paid secretary, who resigned to get married. She had written approximately 15,000 letters to people who had asked for help.

**February 5 1941** - Pittsburgh Telegram ran a story on the first A.A. group's Friday night meeting of a dozen "former hopeless drunks."

**February 8 1940** - Bill W., Dr. Bob, and six other A.A.s asked 60 rich friends of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for money at the Union Club, N.Y. They got \$2,000. 1940 - Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on A.A. by Larry J.

**February 9 2002** - Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's daughter died.

**February 10 1922**: Harold E. Hughes was born on a farm near Ida Grove, Iowa. After his recovery from alcoholism, he became Governor of Iowa, a United States Senator, and the leading dark horse for the Presidential Democratic nomination in 1972, until he announced he would not run. He authored the legislation which created the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and other legislation to help alcoholics and addicts.

**February 11 1938** - Clarence S. ("Home Brewmeister" in 1st, 2nd & 3rd editions) had his last drink.

**February 12 1945** - World War II paper shortage forced reduction in size of the Big Book.

**February 13 1937** - Oxford Groups "Alcoholic Squadron" met at the home of Hank P. ("The Unbeliever" in the 1st edition of the Big Book) in New Jersey. 1940 - With about two years of sobriety, Jim B. ("The Vicious Cycle") moved to the Philadelphia area and started the first Philadelphia A.A. group.

**February 14 1971** - AA groups worldwide held a memorial service for Bill Wilson.

**February 15 1946** - AA Tribune, Des Moines, IA, reported 36 new members since Marty M. had been there.

**February 16 1941** - Baltimore Sunday Sun reported city's first AA group begun in 1940 had grown from 3 to 40 members, with five being women.

**February 18 1943** - AA's were granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases, despite gas rationing.

**February 19 1967** - Father "John Doe" (Ralph P.), 1st Catholic Priest in AA, died.

**February 20 1941** - The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.

**February 21 1939** - 400 copies of the Big Book manuscript were sent to doctors, judges, psychiatrists, and others for comment. This was the "multilith" Big Book.

**February 22 1842** - Abe Lincoln addressed the Washington Temperance Society in Springfield, IL.

**February 24 2002** -- Hal M., "Dr. Attitude of Gratitude," died. He had 37 years of sobriety. Hal testified, anonymously, before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on December 3, 1970.

Other February happenings with no specific date: 1908 - Bill W. made boomerang. 1916 - Bill W. & sophomore class at Norwich University was suspended for hazing. 1938 - Rockefeller gave \$5,000 to AA. 1939 - Dr. Harry Tiebout endorsed AA, the first psychiatrist to do so. 1940 - First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA is held at McCreedy H.'s room at 2209 Delaney Street. 1940 - 1st AA clubhouse opened at 334-1/2 West 24th Street, NYC. 1943 - San Francisco Bulletin reporter Marsh Masline interviewed Ricardo, a San Quentin Prison AA group member. 1946 - Baton Rouge, La., AA's hold their first anniversary meeting. 1946 - The AA Grapevine reported the New York Seaman's Group issued a pamphlet for seamen "on one page the 12 Steps have been streamlined into 5." 1946 - Des Moines Committee for Education on Alcoholism aired its first show on KRNT. 1946 - Pueblo, Colorado, had a second group, composed of alcoholic State Hospital patients. 1951 - Fortune magazine article about AA was published in pamphlet form. 1959 - AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book. 1963 - Harpers carried article critical of AA. 1981 - 1st issue of "Markings," AA Archives Newsletter, was published, "to give the Fellowship a sense of its own past and the opportunity to study it."

### Why We Call It "The Big Book"

A printer in Cornwall, NY, named Edward Blackwell, had been highly recommended to Bill Wilson. Blackwell was the President of Cornwall Press. So Bill and Hank Parkhurst (author of the personal story "The Unbeliever" in the first edition of the Big Book) went to Cornwall to see Blackwell. There they were told that the book would probably be only about four hundred pages when printed. That seemed a bit skimpy. They wanted to sell the book for \$3.50 per copy. That was a very large sum in those days; probably the equivalent of about \$50 today, and people might not think they were getting their money's worth.

They picked the cheapest, thickest paper the printer had, and requested that each page be printed with unusually large margins surrounding the text. This made for an unusually large book. Thus, the book came to be nicknamed the "Big Book."

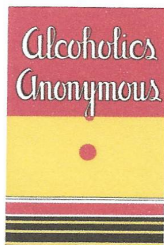
A reproduction of the first printing can be purchased today and it is much taller and thicker than our current Big Book, although it has fewer pages.

Blackwell had an excess of red material for the bindings, so he offered them a special deal. Eager to save costs, Bill and Hank agreed. They also thought, according to some reports, that the color red would make the book more attractive and marketable.

The first printing was the only one on which a red binding was used. All the other printings of the first edition, except for the fourth printing, were in various shades of blue. The fourth printing, due to another overstock of binding material and thus, lower cost, was bound in blue as well as in green.

Despite all their efforts at proofreading, there was a typographical error in the first printing. On page 234, the second and third line from the bottom was printed twice. This was corrected in subsequent editions.

A New York AA member named Ray Campbell, a recognized artist, was asked to design the dust jacket. His story, "An Artist's Concept", appears in the Big Book's first edition. He submitted various designs for consideration including one which was blue and in an Art Deco style. The one which was chosen was red, and yellow, with a little black, and a little white. The words Alcoholics Anonymous were printed across the top in large white script. It became known as the circus jacket because of its loud circus colors. The unused blue jacket is today in the Archives at the Stepping Stones Foundation.



**Sisters By The Sea**



# **Spring Into Action**



**Please Join Us for our annual kickoff at the  
United Church 320 N Barfield, Marco Island on  
Friday ,March 6th for Dinner and a Speaker  
Doors open at 6pm, Dinner,Speaker 8:00pm  
Tickets \$10**

**You can mail ck for tickets and I will mail the  
tickets back.**

**Sisters By The Sea  
1024 Anglers Cove Unit 203  
Marco Island, Fl. 34145  
Limited Seating**

# **Holly D.**

**For scholarship funding for Treatment and 1/2 way  
House participation for the upcoming conference on June  
19, 20,21 2020 held at the Hilton Naples  
Catered By Blake Becker And his Sponsorship Team**



## RAILROADED

*Talked into service, a reluctant teen meets the AAs who convince him to stick around.*

MY sobriety date is April 7, 1986. I was 17 years old in 1986. I'd had my first drink at age 8 and started to use drugs at 9. I now have a life I believe would have never happened if it weren't for Alcoholics Anonymous.

When I first came in, it was my age to feel accepted and something so big. I went to a but was introduced to AA the were no adolescent centers at

I didn't have a desire to stop thought that I would stay so-time. My counselor, for whom grateful, was sober in AA for two hours a day with me, more than any counselor other clients. Trust me, I did- She made me read three sto- "Too Young," "A Teen-Ager's

"Freedom From Bondage." She explained the malady of the disease and she explained to me that I was there because I had a disease. She also said that if I could get sober and stay sober I would be able to help many more young people who were going to come to AA.

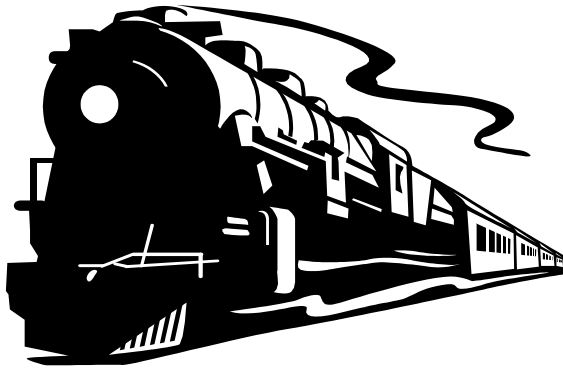
When I left to go home, I had no intention to stay sober or help anyone. I went back to a small town in the Midwest, where I was introduced to a new AA group. I wasn't welcomed very well because I am dually addicted. I would share about both addictions and they would share that they were "real alcoholics." I didn't read that part in the Big Book about a real alcoholic. I was asked to leave that group--I was physically removed--and was told not to come back until I could talk about my alcoholism.

Knowing what I have learned today about the Traditions, I wish someone had taken me aside and explained Tradition One and Tradition Two. I didn't come back to another AA meeting until almost eight months later, when I moved to the Central Valley in California. I met my sponsor a few weeks later. God put a young punk kid and a grown man who didn't have a son together. For the next 20 years that man showed me the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. He had me get a service sponsor for the Twelve Concepts for world service. But I didn't like AA for over a year and wouldn't admit that I was an alcoholic for that period of time.

What happened was that I was railroaded into being an alternate general service rep when I was sober for a year and a half. I was 19. At an assembly, a lady who was a district committee member gave a report, during which she said that she sobered up at 20 years old and had 10 years of sobriety. Again, God put the exact person in my life. I didn't understand anything they were talking about. All I knew was that there was a lady who'd gotten sober young, and I was amazed. When I left that weekend I had the desire to stay sober and I was ready to admit that I was an alcoholic. In fact, I wanted what she had and I got the bug for general service. I came back home with a fire that hasn't left me. I was on a mission.

The day my counselor said to me that I could help so many young people if I stayed sober rings true every day of my life. I got involved in my home group, and started speaking at schools and at youth corrections facilities and juvenile institutions.

I still have the energy and the love for AA that was given to me by my sponsor, who passed away almost three years ago with over 30 years of sobriety. At the age of 41, I'm now almost 24 years sober and still involved in service.



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Shaun G., Manteca, CA

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**FINANCES****JAN****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	\$6,081
Group Contributions	2,183
AA Birthdays	
Faithful Five	10
Anonymous	

**Total Income** 8,274**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees	108
Travel/Licenses/Permits	
Office Supplies	105
Office Repair	363
Contributions	
Payroll Net	1,711
Payroll Tax	1,113
Postage	
Printing	
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	3,331
Insurance	
Rent	500
Sales Tax	
Telephone/www	197
Utilities	100
Computer Equipment	
Computer Software	77
Computer/Maintain	

**Total Expenses** 7,455**Net Ordinary Income** 819

Other Income

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## Thank You to all who contributed to Naples Intergroup/Central Office

### Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

### SELF-SUPPORT:

#### Where Money and Spirituality Mix

Naples Area Intergroup

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Naples, FL 34109  
(50%)

General Service Office

P. O. Box 459  
New York, N. Y. 10163  
(30%)

District 20

District 20 Treasurer  
P.O. Box 2896  
Naples, FL 34106  
(10%)

Area 15

Lisa D.  
PO Box 1784  
Pompano Beach, FL 33061  
(10%)

### Disbursement of a Group's Funds

"After the group's basic needs are met, such as providing for rent, literature, refreshments, and insurance, the group can participate in the financial support of the Fellowship as a whole by sending money to various A.A. service entities: 1) their local Intergroup or Central Office, 2) Area 15 and District 20; and 3) the General Service Office in New York. Many groups provide financial support for their G.S.R.s attending service functions. These entities use contributions in a number of ways, always with the aim of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. *The A.A. Group Treasurer, F-96,*

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## GROUP\*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are **NOT registered with G.S.O.** and therefore not a "Group" (by AA definition), but is a "meeting".

\*Please see A.A. pamphlet: "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482 .....	0	0
24 Hour Solution .....	0	0
Apreniendo A Vivre, 176467 .....	0	0
Back To Basics .....	0	0
Beach Bums 641645 .....	0	0
Big Book Comes Alive, 710427 .....	150	0
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101 .....	0	0
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630 .....	0	0
Big Book Study, 662395 .....	0	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788 .....	0	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463 .....	180	0
Bonita Friday Night .....	0	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997 .....	0	0
Bonita Men, 654428 .....	0	0
Bonita Morning .....	408	0
Bonita Saturday Night .....	0	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493 .....	0	0
Bonita Springs Women's 169127 .....	0	0
Bonita Springs Step, 134588 .....	0	0
Bonita Unity .....	0	0
Bring Your Own Big Book .....	0	0
Brown Bag, 163924 .....	0	0
Cake Meeting, 701813 .....	0	0
Came to Believe, 615490 .....	0	0
Candlelight, 606877 .....	0	0
Comes Of Age .....	0	0
Common Solutions, 179613 .....	0	0
Early Reflections, 653770 .....	0	0
Early Riser, 161795 .....	224	0
East Trail, 150873 .....	0	0
Easy Does It, 156979 .....	0	0
Free 2 Be, 6700930 .....	81	0
Friday Big Book .....	0	0
Golden Gate, 123819 .....	0	0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330 .....	0	0
Gratitude Hour, 134223 .....	0	0
Happy Hour, 172923 .....	0	0
Jaywalkers, 634271 .....	0	0
Keep It Positive, 650541 .....	0	0
Keep It Simple, 651598 .....	0	0
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950 .....	0	0
Lil' White House 721896 .....	0	0
Living Sober, 605904 .....	0	0
Living Sober Isle of Capri .....	0	0
Men Of Naples, 634030 .....	0	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529 .....	0	0
Monday Noon Daily Reflections .....	24	0
Morning Reflections, 660700 .....	0	0
Naples Group, 103609 .....	0	0
Naples Men's, 694322 .....	200	0
Naples South, 130210 .....	0	0
Naples Young People, 699130 .....	0	0
New Dawn, 632504 .....	600	0
New Women (Thursday noon) .....	0	0
Newcomers Coming Together, 684199 .....	0	0
No Compromise, 681260 .....	0	0
Not A Glum Lot .....	0	0
Nueva Vida .....	0	0
Old Timers, 698956 .....	0	0

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>YTD</u>
One Day At A Time .....	174	0
Our Common Welfare .....	0	0
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323 .....	0	0
Pay It Forward, 704772 .....	0	0
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715 .....	0	0
Saturday Morning Girlfriends 678117 .....	0	0
Saturday Night Live .....	0	0
Spiritual Solutions, 720796 .....	0	0
Start Where You Are .....	0	0
Step By Step .....	0	0
Step Into Life .....	30	0
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079 .....	0	0
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959 .....	0	0
Sunset Serenity, 654981 .....	0	0
Survivor's, 157268 .....	0	0
SW 239 BID .....	0	0
Swamp Group, 672733 .....	20	0
Tables of Naples, 147671 .....	76	0
The Solution Big Book Study Group 632503 .....	0	0
Third Tradition, 143298 .....	0	0
Three Legacies, 679400 .....	0	0
Thursday New Women .....	0	0
Unity Monday Noon Step .....	61	0
Unity Step .....	0	0
Veranda .....	0	0
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923 .....	0	0
Wanderers, Ave Maria .....	0	0
We Care, Bonita, 617011 .....	106	0
Wednesday Step St. Johns .....	0	0
Where Are We .....	0	0
Women's Spirit .....	0	0
Women's Step, 159957 .....	0	0

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Horace C.

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## CONCEPT 2

The speaker is a past trustee--a man I've admired since I first heard his name spoken in reverence at an area assembly many years ago. He just told me that he has no more say in Alcoholics Anonymous than I do. In fact, even when he was a member of the Conference and the board of trustees he had no more say than any of us. He goes on to tell me that as wonderful as the Conference process is, its authority is not ultimate. He tells me that if I'm disturbed by an action of the Conference, it is my responsibility to question it, discuss it with others, and make my voice heard through the "Right of Appeal" that is guaranteed by Concept Five. I read the Concepts for the first time a few years ago when they were brought to my attention by my service sponsor. At first they seemed lengthy, somewhat confusing, and seemingly applicable only to those important people with fancy titles. How incredible to find out that these lofty principles apply to me (and to you). Not only do the Concepts tell me that I have the right to speak up when I disagree with a Conference decision, they say a lot more about me and my group. They tell me a lot more about how our trusted servants function. To begin, Concept One says that final responsibility and ultimate authority belong to the groups (that's us). Not only am I in charge (so are you) but I am also responsible for AA's world services. Fortunately, Concept Two assures me that I can turn over most of the major decision making to the Conference (delegates, trustees, directors, and staff members) and they turn over daily responsibilities to the board (Concept Six). I can exercise my voice regarding their activities by my "Right of Appeal" (Concept Five) and the power of the AA purse (our voluntary contributions--Concept Seven). Early in my sobriety I discovered that spiritual principles would solve all my living problems. Now I've discovered through the Twelve Concepts that spiritual principles will solve all the seemingly insurmountable problems of our AA Society. If you haven't read the Twelve Concepts because they don't apply to you, pick up a copy of the new illustrated pamphlet and find out how spiritual the Concepts are and how important you are.

B.W., Eureka, CA

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## The Birthday Club

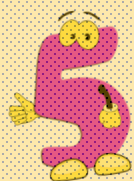
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer. Envelopes available at Central Office or from your Intergroup Representative.



Ron P.	49 years
Ron L.	40 years
Don M.	39 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	34 years
Jackie T. F.	33 years
Judy W.	33 years
Steve K.	27 years
Peter F.	24 years
Bill S.	17 years
Mary B.	17 years
Laura T. F.	3 years
Bree F.	3 years



## Faithful Fivers Needed



### 2019 Faithful Fiver Club

***Ron L., James B., Theresa R., Judy W., Kathryn Mc., Bill S.***

We are members of A.A. who want the hand of A.A. always to be there in the Naples, Florida area.

***It's easy to join!***

Use a Check or Credit Card to contribute monthly, or one time.

Stop by the Central Office or Telephone the Central Office for a one time Credit Card charge.

***\$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year!***

Your membership directly supports 12Step work in District 20 and Central Office Operations.

**District 20**

(Collier County, the portion of Monroe County bordered by Collier and Miami-Dade Counties, and the portion of Hendry County below the northernmost boundary of Collier County.)

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