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A NEW YEAR ... Needs A New Look

Why not take time out for another personal inventory?

First: I am sober and have been for three years, and that is the longest period of sobriety I have enjoyed in forty years, for I am sixty, and for twenty years I thought I handled liquor (although I now know I didn't) and the next twenty years it handled, or rather mauled, me. I am most thankful that A.A. has brought me this freedom from alcohol.

Second: I have come to know some really fine people, fine because refined by the same consuming fire I went through. They are tempered and con-

Third: I am not so lonely or bored; calls, and you start to get a feeling of something good.

Fourth: I hope that I am at a rather more control over my emotions and I

Fifth: I am conscious of the fact that are daily coming to respect A.A. more little, but seems a not too dangerous

Sixth: I realize an honest atheist is a keen and inquiring mind, will most power, a work, and all we have to do is to get ourselves in tune to begin to catch some of these note vibrations, dictates of consciousness, for who has not decided to lay aside a problem for the moment an emphasis more nearly in the right place.

Seventh: I am still extravagant and this is something I must put a little more thought to. I have made a little progress and I am trying to be honest and place the emphasis more nearly in the right place.

Eighth: I have made a little progress at home but I still have a lot of Twelfth Step work to do there for have broken a lot of china, and I feel it is most important to not be satisfied with just doing Twelfth Step work on the outside, for others.

Ninth: I am grateful that more young people are coming to recognize the alcoholic pattern and through AA do something about it and thereby save themselves and others years of suffering and unhappiness.

Tenth: I am grateful that employers and business men are recognizing the good philosophy in AA and that many of them are giving such splendid cooperation to aid alcoholic employees.

Eleventh: I am grateful for the Central Office, the Grapevine, the Big AA Book, the pamphlets, and for the meetingsall a source of inspiration.

Twelfth: Now I have reached Number Twelve, our number of steps, and if I can practice the last part of the Twelfth Step, that is to "practice these principles in all my affairs," and if I can continue to realize that this is a life job, a life's journey and will continue so to be, I will, I am sure, continue to be grateful.



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STEP ONE: “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.”

TRADITION ONE: “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

TRADITION ONE (long form) “Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward. “

CONCEPT ONE: “The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.”

1st Step Prayer: I admit that I am powerless over my addiction. I admit that my life is unmanageable when I try to control it. Help me this day to understand the true meaning of powerlessness. Remove from me all denial of my addiction.

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as “just for the sake of discussion,” plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?



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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My disease gradually progressed just like the Big Book says. Thank God I was finally able to put aside all the comparison, justification and rationalizing and accept my alcoholism. My life as a member of A.A. just keeps getting better, due to this priceless program. Yes, I'm an alcoholic, and I'm so glad that I finally got it.

Anonymous, Long Beach, CA

Tradition one

If you have been around Alcoholics Anonymous for a short time, this can appear as a scary proposition. I imagined that my life depended on the people in A.A.? Paleeese! After all, A.A. is NOT the mental bedrock of health!

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How would a newcomer ever learn what is available unless we show them? If we don't show the newcomer the A.A. way, who will?

We are in the proverbial lifeboat together. This is way better than the life I lived before I came to A.A. I was a lone ranger having to do everything myself, and with an attitude of "you can't make me - I already know how to do it." Mine appeared to be a terminal case. However, I had sponsors who were willing to tell me what is so - in other words here is the truth, the heck with your feelings.

The Traditions are rock solid because they are woven together. We MUST always be WE.

W.W., Los Angeles

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Although I mouthed the words, "I'm an alcoholic." in those early meetings, deep within my gut, I just didn't accept the concept. Comparison played a big part in my denial. I had not gotten a DUI, lost a job over drinking, lost my family or developed health problems. I just drank!

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12 Mis-Steps

1. Start missing meetings for any reasons, real or imagined.
2. Become critical of the methods used by other members who may not agree with you in everything.
3. Nurse the idea that someday, somehow, you can drink again and become a controlled drinker.
4. Let the other fellow do the 12th Step work in your group. You are too busy.
5. Become conscious of your AA seniority and view every new member with skeptical, jaundiced eye.
6. Become so pleased with your own views of the program that you consider yourself an "elder statesman."
7. Start a small clique within your own group, composed only of a few members who see eye-to-eye with you.
8. Tell the new member in confidence that you yourself do not take certain steps seriously.
9. Let your mind dwell more and more on how much you are helping others rather than on how much the AA program is helping you.
10. If an unfortunate member has a slip, drop him at once.
11. Cultivate the habit of borrowing money from other members; then stay away from meetings to avoid embarrassment.
12. Look upon the 24-hour plan as vital to YOU have outgrown the need of that long, long ago.

The elevator is broken...

TAKE THE STEPS

From AA's Past

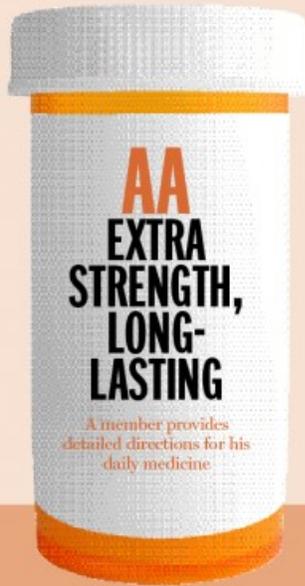
Bill W. died on Sunday, January 24, 1971, at 11:30, at the Miami Heart Institute, Miami, Florida, after a long illness. He had been treated for emphysema since 1986. At his death he was 75 years old.

After a private funeral service, burial was in East Dorset, VT, where he was born on November 26, 1895. These arrangements followed Bill's wishes. A.A. groups around the world held memorial meetings February 14, 1971, honoring Bill's work as co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, and articulator of the Fellowship's principles. Bill's last public appearance was at the convention Hall, Miami Beach, which was the 5th in AA's history. Bill had gone to Florida anticipating a short hospitalization necessitated a short hospitalization token convention appearance.

That Sunday morning, the tall, slender and somewhat weary white-haired man was wearing a bright orange-colored jacket as a salute to the AA's of his host state. As he pulled himself to his feet, a throng of 11,000 men, women, and children jumped to their feet applauding and cheering. Many wept. (from Box 459, Vol 16, No 2 Memorial Issue, January, 1971)

Source: Bill C., Orchard Park Group, *New Frontiers*, Jan 2016





AA is an extra strength, long-lasting, allergy relief medication.

IMPORTANT: When taken as directed, AA is known to substantially reduce the negative side effects associated with alcoholism, such as misery, depression, despair, remorse, guilt, shame, and physical, mental and spiritual maladies.

- Use AA only as prescribed:
 - 1) trust in God; 2) clean house; 3) help others.
- AA should be taken with plenty of open-mindedness and willingness.

CAUTION: We do not recommend that you use AA unless you are capable of being honest and completely willing to give yourself to this simple program. AA is

available for use by those who have a desire to stop drinking.

- AA will impair your ability to consume alcohol. If you are on any mind-altering substances, we suggest that you discontinue use immediately as this will cause a substantial reduction in the effect caused by AA.
- Do not take AA alone. Independent studies have shown that AA is most effective when working with others.
- Some of the most common side effects associated with AA are honesty, hope, faith, courage, integrity, willingness, humility, brotherly love, justice, perseverance, spirituality and service. A spiritual awakening and a psychic change have been reported in most cases.
- To reduce your risk of chronic relapse, a lifestyle change may be recommended. In nine out of 10 cases, practical experience shows that nothing will so much ensure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.
- An increased risk of recovery and long-term spiritual effects has been associated with AA. Consult your sponsor immediately when changes do occur.
- AA is recommended for long-term daily use. As with all allergy relief medications, results may vary, sometimes quickly sometimes slowly.

WARNING: Do not skip doses or discontinue use, as severe reoccurrence of fatal allergy symptoms may occur.

- If you are experiencing a resurrection lasting more than four hours, you needn't seek medical attention, as you may be experiencing the initial effects of AA.

For more information and to learn more about alcoholism and the AA Twelve Step program of recovery, we suggest you contact your local AA community directly, retain a sponsor and read the book Alcoholics Anonymous

-- Gordon R.
Carol Stream, Ill

Concept One *“The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.”*

As I was sitting in my Big Book meeting this morning, the subject came up about a new GSR for our group. Of course the question came up, “what is a GSR?”

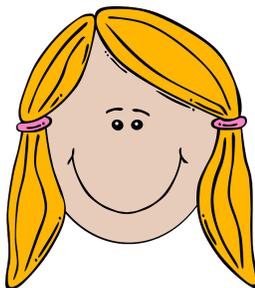
Unlike most organizations, we have been given the gift of the final say or “ultimate authority” of all matters affecting

A.A. as a whole. Most organizations have their Boards of Trustees calling all the shots and we also have ours. The big difference is our Trustees take their directions from our General Service Conference which in essence is us. The groups elect a representative to act as a conduit of information between our Area Delegate and the members of the group. Without this vital link between the Delegate and the group members, our delegate would run off to the General service conference

totally uninformed of how you and I may feel about many important matters. Not a good thing. Remember, the concept states that this is our “Responsibility”.

Bill W. wrote in Concept One:

“Therefore we believe that we see in our fellowship a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love of man and God to ensure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions.”



G.S.R. (General Service Representative) May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.

A HOLIDAY LETTER FROM OUR DISEASE

I HATE YOU!

I HATE YOUR MEETINGS, AND I HATE YOUR HIGHER POWER! I hate your program and I hate everyone who has a program! To all who come in contact with me, I wish nothing but shame, suffering and death!

Oh, don't you know me? I beg your pardon. Allow me to introduce myself- I am the disease of Alcoholism! Cunning, baffling, and powerful, that's me...

I have killed millions, and I am happy. I love to catch you by surprise. I love to pretend that I am your friend, and your lover. When trouble came into your life, wasn't I always there? When you wanted to die, didn't you call upon me? Together we destroyed just about every good thing in your miserable life.

People do not take me seriously. Not in the way in which they view heart attacks, strokes, or diabetes. Fools that they are, they do not realize that, without me, many of these things could not even be! I am a hated disease, yet I never come into your life uninvited. Many have chosen me over peace and reality.

But more, much more, than you may hate me, I hate anyone who has a 12-Step Program. Your program, your meetings, and your Higher Power weaken me; and I cannot function as I am accustomed to. When you only exist, I really live; when you really live, I only exist...

But my warning to you is that I am always here, waiting, watching growing stronger each time you skip your program. So, until we meet again, I wish you long-term pain, suffering, and madness—for I am the disease called Alcoholism!

Caesar C., Long Beach, CA

ON CULTIVATING TOLERANCE

By Dr. Bob Smith, Akron OH

During nine years in A.A. I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal, not only maintain sobriety, but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in educational advantages, and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own. I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes.

To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance we might tend to become a bit smug or superior--which of course is not helpful to the person we are trying to help, and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything which might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another--and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words it often promotes an open-mindedness which is vastly important--in fact a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

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ON TRADITION ONE

Editorial by Bill W.

"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."

Our whole A.A. program is securely founded on the principle of humility--that is to say, perspective. Which implies, among other things, that we relate ourselves rightly to God and to our fellows; that we each see ourselves as we really are--"a small part of a great whole." Seeing our fellows thus, we shall enjoy group harmony. That is why A.A. Tradition can confidently state, "Our common welfare comes first."

"Does this mean," some will ask, "that in A.A. the individual doesn't count too much? Is he to be swallowed up, dominated by the group?"

No, it doesn't seem to work out that way. Perhaps there is no society on earth more solicitous of personal welfare, more careful to grant the individual the greatest possible liberty of belief and action. Alcoholics Anonymous has no "musts." Few A.A. groups impose penalties on anyone for non-conformity. We do suggest, but we don't discipline. Instead, compliance or non-compliance with any principle of A.A. is a matter for the conscience of the individual; he is the judge of his own conduct. Those words of old time, "Judge not," we observe most literally.

"But," some will argue, "if A.A. has no authority to govern its individual members or groups, how shall it ever be sure that the common welfare does come first? How is it possible to be governed without a government? If everyone can do as he pleases, how can you have aught but anarchy?"

The answer seems to be that we A.A.s cannot really do as we please, though there is no constituted human authority to restrain us. Actually, our common welfare is protected by powerful safeguards. The moment any action seriously threatens the common welfare, group opinion mobilizes to remind us; our conscience begins to complain. If one persists, he may become so disturbed as to get drunk; alcohol gives him a beating. Group opinion shows him that he is off the beam, his own conscience tells him that he is dead wrong, and, if he goes too far, Barleycorn brings him real conviction.

So it is we learn that in matters deeply affecting the group as a whole, "our common welfare comes first." Rebellion ceases and cooperation begins because it must; we have disciplined ourselves.

Eventually, of course, we cooperate because we really wish to; we see that without substantial unity there can be no A.A., and that without A.A. there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. We gladly set aside personal ambitions whenever these might harm A.A. We humbly confess that we are but "a small part of a great whole."

(All of the editorials by Bill covering the 12 Points of Tradition appear in the new 48-page Tradition pamphlet, along with the 12 Points themselves. P-43)

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FINANCES	DEC	2019
<u>Income</u>		
Literature/Merchandise	\$4,064	\$43,657
Group Contributions	2,835	27,222
AA Birthdays	10	599
Faithful Five	10	230
Anonymous		
<u>Total Income</u>	7,225	74,994
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	104	1,441
Travel/Licenses/Permits		180
Office Supplies	132	1,122
Office Repair		259
Contributions		173
Payroll Net	1,711	20,533
Payroll Tax		4,454
Postage	99	169
Printing		1,285
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	3,459	26,334
Insurance		567
Rent	500	6,000
Sales Tax	202	3,055
Telephone/www	211	3,061
Utilities	100	1,200
Computer Equipment		
Computer Software		863
Computer/Maintain		100
<u>Total Expenses</u>	6,530	72,172
<u>Net Ordinary Income</u>	695	2,823
Other Income	1,010	10,826
Other Expenses		11,518
<u>NET OTHER INCOME</u>	1,010	-692
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$1,705	\$2,130

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

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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,*

*Service material prepared by the
General Service Office*

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>DEC</u>	<u>2019</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482	.0	.245
24 Hour Solution	.0	.69
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467	.0	.0
Back To Basics	.0	.0
Beach Bums 641645	.250	.500
Big Book Comes Alive, 710427	.0	.60
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101	.0	.0
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630	.50	.104
Big Book Study, 662395	.0	.0
Bonita Awareness, 124788	.0	.0
Bonita Banyan, 176463	.0	.550
Bonita Friday Night	.0	.193
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997	.0	.2,550
Bonita Men, 654428	.0	.200
Bonita Morning	.0	.360
Bonita Saturday Night	.0	.0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493	.0	.1,087
Bonita Springs Women's 169127	.0	.1,017
Bonita Springs Step, 134588	.40	.269
Bonita Unity	.0	.425
Bring Your Own Big Book	.0	.102
Brown Bag, 163924	.0	.1,399
Burning Desire, 653891	.300	.300
Cake Meeting, 701813	.0	.174
Came to Believe, 615490	.0	.0
Candlelight, 606877	.0	.0
Comes Of Age	.0	.0
Common Solutions, 179613	.200	.800
Early Reflections, 653770	.500	.500
Early Riser, 161795	.0	.2,325
East Trail, 150873	.0	.0
Easy Does It, 156979	.1,000	.3,550
Free 2 Be, 6700930	.0	.335
Friday Big Book	.45	.45
Golden Gate, 123819	.0	.0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330	.0	.0
Gratitude Hour, 134223	.0	.500
Happy Hour, 172923	.0	.0
Jaywalkers, 634271	.0	.0
Keep It Positive, 650541	.0	.0
Keep It Simple, 651598	.0	.420
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950	.0	.400
Lil'White House 721896	.0	.182
Living Sober, 605904	.0	.0
Living Sober Isle of Capri	.0	.0
Men Of Naples, 634030	.0	.0
Monday Night Men Step 724529	.0	.150
Monday Noon Daily Reflections	.126	.126
Morning Reflections, 660700	.0	.98
Naples Group, 103609	.0	.650
Naples Men's, 694322	.0	.200
Naples South, 130210	.0	.213
Naples Young People, 699130	.0	.0
New Dawn, 632504	.0	.750
New Women (Thursday noon)	.300	.300
Newcomers Coming Together, 684199	.0	.0
No Compromise, 681260	.0	.0
Not A Glum Lot	.0	.100
Nueva Vida	.0	.0
Old Timers, 698956	.0	.0

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>YTD</u>
One Day At A Time	.0	.227
Our Common Welfare	.0	.194
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323	.0	.0
Pay It Forward, 704772	.0	.1,600
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715	.0	.1,125
Saturday Morning Girlfriends 678117	.0	.154
Saturday Night Live	.0	.50
Spiritual Solutions, 720796	.0	.250
Start Where You Are	.0	.0
Step By Step	.0	.200
Step Into Life	.0	.30
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079	.0	.196
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959	.0	.0
Sunset Serenity, 654981	.0	.0
Survivor's, 157268	.0	.85
SW 239 BID	.0	.0
Swamp Group, 672733	.0	.0
Tables of Naples, 147671	.0	.306
The Solution Big Book Study Group 632503	.0	.0
Third Tradition, 143298	.0	.60
Three Legacies, 679400	.0	.0
Thursday New Women	.0	.400
Unity Monday Noon Step	.24	.475
Unity Step	.0	.56
Veranda	.0	.80
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923	.0	.0
Wanderers, Ave Maria	.0	.0
We Care, Bonita, 617011	.0	.305
Wednesday Step St. Johns	.0	.85
Where Are We	.0	.0
Women's Spirit	.0	.0
Women's Step, 159957	.0	.0

AA Groups/Meetings listed here are those which are either registered as a Group at the AA General Service Office in New York, or, have contributed financially to the Naples Area Intergroup.

Happy New Year!!!

How long has it been since you stopped by the Intergroup/Central Office? Also known as “The Front Door of A.A.” Our literature shelves are well stocked with lots of great AA literature. We have great gift items too. Our bookmarks cover a wide range of AA sayings; including the 3rd and 7th Step Prayers, the complete “Serenity Prayer”, Prayer of Saint Francis, and many, many others.

Our little “Meeting In A Pocket” (for which we have received orders from all over the country) is packed full of AA literature as well as some Step Prayers that you may not know about. They are still only \$1.00 and makes a great gift for a sponsee or sponsor. We have all the *Grapevine* titles as well as tapes and CSs

Español? Tenemos todos los libros de AA en español.

François? Nous avons le gros livre en François.

Deutsche? Wir haben das große Buch in deutscher Sprache.

Japanese? [1人称複数主格] 我々は [が] , 私たちは [が] .

Chinese? 我們在中國的大書我們在中國的大書.

Arabic? لدينا كتاب كبير في اللغة العربية.

Greek? Έχουμε το μεγάλο βιβλίο στα Ελληνικά .

Get the picture??? (I'm having too much fun!!!) **The Big Book is available in 50 languages!**

And AA Pamphlets???

We have all of them. History books? It may be time to read; “Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age”, “Pass It On”, “Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers”. “As Bill Sees It”, “Experience Strength and Hope” and “Daily Reflections”, “Our Great Responsibility” are also on our shelves.

Not a reader? The Big Book and The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are available in tape format as well as CDs. We also have these books in Brail.

Going on a long (or short) car trip? Check out our lending library of speaker CDs and tapes (if you have a car that's dated!). We also have books and quite a few *Grapevines* to loan out.

There's nothing like our “Drunk Junk”!

Chips and medallions in 4 or 5 styles and prices. Fashion AA jewelry in a wide price range. Key chains, Wallet cards, Bumper stickers, Circle/triangle stickers in a wide range of colors. *The Book That Started It All*, original manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous???

We have them in stock.

Looking for a title not on our shelves? We'll order it for you! Special orders don't upset us!

So, come in and say hello to the volunteer behind the desk. Have a cup of coffee and tell us all your troubles.

My profound thanks goes to all our faithful volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents. There's excitement in the air as we greet 2020. Make it a safe, sober and grateful year.

Bill S.

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.



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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.

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Last Thursday of the
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New Attitudes Club
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