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Happy New Year!

Meeting Safety

General Service has recently produced a card on safety for AA groups, in the spirit of Tradition One, AA Unity, the Naples Intergroup/Central Office added these cards to our literature inventory. There is no charge for the cards and they probably should be displayed and read at meetings.

SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

(The General Service Office has made this optional statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it.)

Suggested Statement on Safety

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

Service Material from the General Service Office

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

TRADITION ONE: “ Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on 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 re-side in the collective conscious of our fellowship.”

1 st 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.

If we are planning to stop drinking, there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol.



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TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

Tradition One:

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

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 pretexts 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 in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
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 help of fellowship?

Our Common Welfare

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.

— Tradition One (Long Form)

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an A.A. meeting. Nevertheless, Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society we exist in. As such, problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety — to raise awareness in the Fellowship and to seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible to carry A.A.'s message of hope and recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.

The Survival of the Saplings

We hear so much about emotional sobriety in AA meetings, and I often wonder if the average member really understands where this all fits in. Most normal people go through life by experiencing the *good and the bad and they end up with a life that is acceptable to them*. They don't seem to be plagued by the *things the alcoholics struggle with every day of their lives*. Most of our problems are caused by our *misguided instincts* when we let them go far beyond their intended purpose. When these behaviors/habits are allowed to persist and the consequences of them are *masked by alcohol*, we *never mature emotionally* and we spend most of our efforts trying to rationalize these behaviors to the point that we start *believing our own lies*. These things don't begin when we start drinking; they start in our formative years long before we ever touch a drop of alcohol.

Our behavior when drinking appears to be more of a problem than the disease of alcoholism that causes it. The more we drink the more irresponsible we become as our disease progresses and the harder it is to explain these behaviors away. To the outside world it appears that the *drinking* is the problem and we can't deny that because drinking is **a** problem, but it is not **the** problem. We finally throw in the towel and show up in the AA meetings where we learn that *alcoholism stems from deeper rooted emotional problems*, and that we can live a somewhat normal life if we are willing to take the steps of the pro-gram, in their full implication, without any reservations. We can lead a somewhat normal life, but we can never be normal, if by normal we mean that we can drink like a normal person.

We can never drink normally because the tolerance for alcohol, or any other mind altering drug, is gone

and the idea that we will ever regain control has to be smashed. We are like men who have lost their legs, they never grow new ones. It's hard for the struggling alcoholic to accept this truth but we must if we are to have any chance of being happy. We are scarred on the in- side and that scar- ring goes never away. It can be come over- by prac- ticing the tics the- ples of the program in their entirety but it can only be arrested, *never cured*.

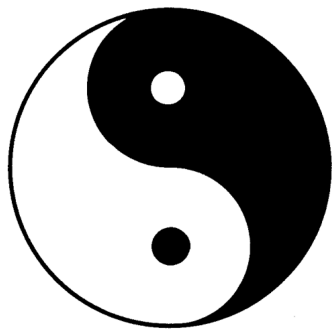


To explain this in simple terms, let's say that we plant a row of *saplings* and shortly after they have taken root, one of them is trampled and bent over onto the ground. It may still survive if it receives wa-ter and nourishment. *If it is not straitened up immediately* and if it is *allowed to grow crooked*, it will still grow into an adult tree but it will *never be strait like the other trees around it*. We can prune it and trim it and decorate it, and make it look good, but *it will always be damaged*. Like that crooked sapling, our sobriety is contingent upon the maintenance of our *spiritual* condition. *We can live a life that is somewhat normal and sometimes a much happier life than we would, had we never became an alco-holic* in the first place provided, we accept our condition and all of its ramifications, and are willing to embrace the solutions that are set forth in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. As we cultivate this new approach to life, we grow stronger than ever, and as I see it, *sometimes the crookedness of a tree is what gives it its character*. I hope I never get complacent about my spiritual development and I hope I never stop growing.

Rick R.

The Yin and Yang of alcoholics anonymous

The exciting Fellowship was a God-given necessity when I first entered the doors of AA in Santa Monica, California, during the 1970s. I was in such bad mental and emotional shape that a small gang picked me up because they weren't sure I could find my way around Los Angeles. Later, they told me that I looked very mean, but then, they could easily see that I was just crazy—what love! I am so glad that I attended meetings obsessively, because, otherwise, I might not have been given the blessing of continual sobriety. They say that surviving on the Fellowship is "untreated alcoholism," but I was not capable of anything else those first several months.



I felt as though the Fellowship was the Program of action and short-shrumped the Big Book Steps. A near slip and a new sponsor brought me to believe that the AA Fellowship was one thing, but the AA Program of action (The Twelve Steps), was another. They co-exist like yin and yang; one is no good for continual sobriety without the other. A lesson well learned: "Don't drink and go to meetings" was not my answer!

At six months sober my new sponsor rocketed me into and through the first Seven Steps and had me begin making amends from the Eighth Step list. I felt more confident, but still that mental obsession plagued me; anxiety was a daily companion. When was I to find relief? I began to have my doubts, but "I hung in there, like a tick on a hound dog," as an old timer tagged "Alabama," from the Studio City Club, used to say to the newcomers. The result: At about a year sober, as I continued to connect the Fellowship (yin), concurrently with the Program (yang), I experienced a blessed release from that dreadful mental obsession, and it has yet to return.

Thank you, God!

Bob S, Richmond, IN. Akron Intergroup News, Jan. 2018

So You Think You're Different? That's what makes AA

A young newcomer in my group recently told one of our old-timers that he felt different because of his age. The old-timer's response made it easy for our young friend to stay with us.

"We all feel different. Someone here is the tallest, and someone is the shortest. Someone has the most education, and someone has the least, and both feel different. Someone has the darkest skin, and someone's hometown is farther away than anyone else's, and that person feels different because of his or her accent.

"Someone has spent a lot of time in jail, and some have never been arrested, and both feel different. Some of us don't know one or both of our parents, and some come from large families, and both groups feel different because they never felt special.

"Someone was abused as a child, and someone else abused a child, and both feel certain that they are different.

"Someone recently declared bankruptcy, and someone else has more money than he knows what to do with. Both are certain that they are different because of money.

"Someone has retired and has time on his hands, some single mom works two jobs and raises children and, boy do they feel different.

"The one thing that all alcoholics have in common is that we're all different! That's what makes us so interesting.

"Personally, I was glad when you showed up, because I'm tired of being the youngest guy in the room."

The newcomer laughed. Our old-timer is at least fifty five. It's a joy watching them develop a friendship. As the Big Book says:

"We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, and friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful."

Scott I., Nashville, Tennessee
The AA Grapevine, Inc., December, 2006, p46

A Thousand Angels

Her journey to learn about Tradition One opened her heart to hope

When I first got to AA, I did not have any understanding of what the Steps could do for me, or how critical the Traditions are for the life of the group. But I knew in my heart that I needed meetings desperately. I knew that I was living from meeting to meeting the same way I had lived from bottle to bottle.



The First Tradition was a difficult concept for me. Having grown up in an alcoholic household, I learned never to trust anyone, never to let anyone see that I was scared, and never to let anything get in the way of what I wanted. Lying and stealing were what I did best (next to drinking), and I was secretly proud of my ability to manipulate and connive. The concept of a “common welfare” was totally alien to me, and to be expected to put the needs of others in front of my own was almost laughable. However, I was motivated by a desperation I can only describe as God-given, because without the certain knowledge that I was spiraling toward a very ugly death, I would never have been moved to accept those ideas. And I did accept them. I made a decision to accept this Tradition the same way I accepted the truth of the First Step, not because I fully understood all the implications and recognized their validity, but because I was desperate

and I believed these were the only things that could save me.

I understood that the First Step was my lifeline to this program, and the First Tradition was the life-line for the group. I understood that my recovery depended on AA unity. I even began to understand that it was just as important to me that others recovered because, for the first time in my life, I realized that I needed other people.

What I learned from the First Tradition changed the way I viewed the world and hence the way I interacted with others. Since this was the first time I looked at other people as important, and not as enemies, I had to learn to listen to them. This was pretty difficult for someone like me. But as I got better at it, I was surprised to learn that there were an awful lot of smart, funny, nice people around. And people started to talk to me, and not just to say, “You keep coming, honey.”

I learned to see the bigger picture, meaning AA beyond the groups I attended. I began to see the global power of AA, and I was able to trust AA to be my Higher Power. I have heard it said at meetings that when God sees the tiniest spark of willingness in your heart, he sends a thousand angels rushing to your side. Being able to accept AA as my Higher Power was that tiny spark of willingness, which opened my heart to hope. For me, this was the first gift of Tradition One. I had hope that this precious Fellowship would endure and that I could endure with it.

Another gift was the ability to work alongside others, whether it was to make coffee, reach out to a newcomer, or be a parent and a partner. (Truth be told, the parent and partner part was a long, slow process.) It didn’t happen overnight, but I came to realize that I was having conversations with people during the break or while doing service. For the very first time in my life I knew the joy of being one among many, a worker among workers. For the very first time in my life I belonged somewhere, and it was in AA. I learned that putting AA ahead of myself didn’t mean that I was “less than,” it meant that I was part of. My greatest hope is that that never changes, and my greatest joy is that I know it never has to.

-- Kathleen D., Shirley, New York. Reprinted with permission © AA Grapevine, January 2014

SOME A.A. HISTORY

Some timely events that brought about our life saving and life changing fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous?



Alcoholics Anonymous?

Let us take the "Way Back Machine" to December 11, 1934 when we see Bill W enter Towns Hospital once again in a somewhat state of inebriation and Dr. Silkworth tells him, "Well now boy, isn't it time you got upstairs and went to bed?" (*Bill W* by Robert Tomsen) and for the next two days had thoughts and shameful memories of his past.

Ebby T stopped by on the second evening to visit and to repeat the Oxford Groups life changing formula: (1) Realize you were licked; (2) Admit it; and (3) Be willing to turn your life over to the care of God.

After Ebby's departure Bill W paced his small room as a trapped animal debating his



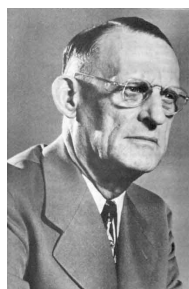
pride and willpower's ability to help him. He wanted to live! He cried out! "If there is a God, show me a sign!" and suddenly beyond any sense Bill W felt a Presence with him and for how long he could not recall. Bill W left Towns Hospital, and after many false starts with Skid



Row residents, he finds in Akron Ohio, Dr. Bob in May of 1935, as the result of Henrietta Seiberling's daily guidance. Dr. Bob takes his last drink in June and our Fellowship is founded. Henrietta departs this life in December of 1979. The Gate Lodge of Stan Hywet where she lived and introduced Dr. Bob to Bill W was dedicated on May 12, 2000 as the Birthplace of Alco-

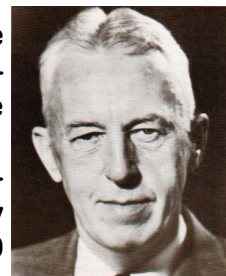


holics Anonymous.



Another great player in the saga of AA is Sister Mary Ignatia, born in County Mayo, Ireland on January 1, 1889 and departed us in 1966, with great sorrow for her passing. It was her desire to help the sick that she abetted Dr. Bob's attempts to admit the suffering alcoholic into St. Thomas

Hospital, and start the Alcoholic Ward. She accepts the Poverello Medal for AA on December 7, 1949 (the first public honor bestowed upon AA) and is ever known as the Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous. Dr. Bob departed us on November 16, 1950 after tirelessly Twelfth Stepping over 5,000 prospects and who is known as



the Prince of the Twelfth Steppers. Bill W, after dedicating the rest of his life to service, passed on January 24, 1971.



To complete this very brief compilation of momentous events that brought about AA, we must introduce our friend Roland H. The message that Ebby T carried to

Bill W, who carried it to Dr. Bob was initiated by Roland's talks with Ebby T and Oxford Group's meetings. Roland H departed us in 1945 but is not forgotten. There are so many events that December brings us including cold and snow, but let not these deter you from enjoying this season of Grace and the tidings of joy that our Greater Power has gifted to you by His love.

There is much more information. If you would like to enhance your knowledge of these events and so many others that were not mentioned, please visit your Akron AA Archives. For you readers out of town, search out your local AA Archives and experience more of your local history, as you trudge the New Year's Road To Happy Destiny.

In Service

Jim B, Archivist/Conservator, Akron, OH

FINANCES

Dec. YTD

Income

Literature/Merchandise	\$2,441	\$48,947
Group Contributions	870	23,793
AA Birthdays	40	879
Faithful Five	25	361
Anonymous	-	638

Total Income

3,376 74,619

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Fees		781
Travel/Licenses/Permits		
Office Supplies	34	2,143
Office Improvement		1,047
Payroll Net	1,427	17,131
Payroll Tax		5,366
Postage	56	333
Printing		1,993
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	4,264	31,596
Insurance		567
Rent	500	5,500
Sales Tax	225	2,794
Telephone/www		2,028
Utilities	100	1,100
Contributions		454
Computer Software	24	243
Computer Maintenance		
Computer Equipment		234
<u>Total Expenses</u>	6,630	73,575
<u>Net Ordinary Income</u>	-3,254	1,043
Ttl Other Income	-60	1,655
Ttl Other Expenses		2,956
<u>Net Other Income</u>	-60	-1,301
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$-3,314	\$-258

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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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) their area and district; and 3) the General Service Office. 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

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GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

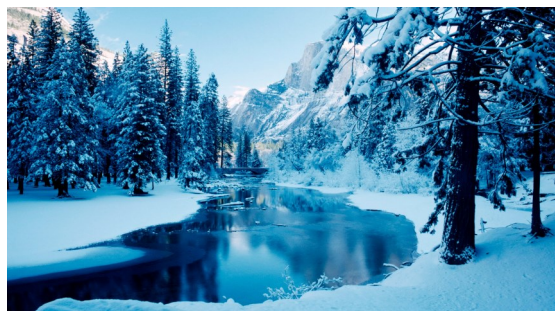
The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are **NOT registered with G.S.O.** and therefore not a "Group"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

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

Group/Meeting	DEC.	YTD
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0.....	149
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0.....	0
Back To Basics.....	0.....	0
Beach Bums 641645.....	0.....	450
Big Book Comes Alive, 710427.....	0.....	284
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	0.....	0
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	0.....	56
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0.....	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0.....	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0.....	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0.....	723
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Saturday Night.....	500.....	500
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0.....	631
Bonita Springs Women's Group, 169127.....	0.....	500
Bonita Step.....	0.....	750
Bonita Unity, 103316.....	0.....	250
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0.....	1,683
Burning Desire, 653891.....	200.....	1,000
Cake Meeting.....	0.....	0
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0.....	40
Candlelight, 606877.....	0.....	0
Common Solutions, 179613.....	0.....	971
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0.....	1,070
Early Riser, 161795.....	0.....	1,188
East Trail, 150873.....	0.....	120
Easy Does It, 156979.....	0.....	959
Free 2 Be, 6700930.....	0.....	323
Friday Big Book.....	0.....	250
Girlfriends, 678117.....	0.....	0
Golden Gate, 123819.....	0.....	0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330.....	0.....	0
Gratitude Hour, 134223.....	0.....	0
Happy Hour, 172923.....	0.....	75
Jaywalkers, 634271.....	0.....	0
Keep It Positive, 650541.....	0.....	0
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0.....	675
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	0.....	150
Lil'White House Group.....	0.....	180
Living Sober, 605904.....	0.....	270
Living Sober Isle of Capri.....	0.....	240
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	0.....	200
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0.....	215
Naples Group, 103609.....	0.....	250
Naples Men's, 694322.....	0.....	50
Naples South, 130210.....	0.....	437
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0.....	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	0.....	2,000
New Women (Thursday noon).....	0.....	478
Newcomers Coming Together, 684199.....	0.....	0
No Compromise, 681260.....	0.....	0
Not A Glum Lot.....	0.....	160
Nueva Vida.....	0.....	0
Old Timers, 698956.....	0.....	0
One Day At A Time, 120975.....	0.....	462

Group/Meeting	DEC.	YTD
Our Common Welfare.....	0.....	54
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323.....	0.....	0
Pay It Forward, 704772.....	0.....	900
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715.....	0.....	1,020
Saturday Morning Girlfriends.....	0.....	50
Spiritual Solutions, 720796.....	0.....	0
Start Where You Are.....	0.....	0
Step By Step.....	0.....	217
Still Living Sober, 624730.....	0.....	0
Students of the Steps, 635600.....	0.....	0
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079.....	0.....	0
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959.....	0.....	277
Sunset Serenity, 654981.....	0.....	0
Survivor's, 157268.....	100.....	140
SW 239 BID.....	0.....	47
Swamp Group, 672733.....	0.....	70
Tables of Naples, 147671.....	0.....	679
Third Tradition, 143298.....	0.....	60
Three Legacies, 679400.....	0.....	50
Unity Noon Step.....	70.....	553
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923.....	0.....	80
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....	0.....	59
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....	0.....	424
Wednesday Step St. Johns.....	0.....	0
Where Are We.....	0.....	39
Women's Spirit.....	0.....	0

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What does surrender mean?

Dr. Harry M. Tiebout, a psychiatrist, was an early pioneer in coupling the principles and philosophy of Alcoholics Anonymous with psychiatric knowledge of alcoholism. A strong supporter of AA throughout his life, he consistently worked for acceptance of his views concerning alcoholism the medical and psychiatric professions. He served on the Board of Trustees for AA from 1957 to 1966, and was chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism in 1950.



For reasons still obscure, the Program and the Fellowship of AA could cause a surrender, which in turn would lead to a period of no drinking. It became ever more apparent that in everyone's psyche there existed an unconquerable ego which bitterly opposed any thought of defeat. Until that ego was somehow reduced or rendered ineffective, no likelihood of surrender could be anticipated.

AA, still very much in its infancy, was celebrating a third or fourth anniversary of one of the groups. The speaker immediately preceding me told in detail of the efforts of his local groups—which consisted of two men—to get him to dry up and become its third member. After several months of vain efforts on their part and repeated nose dives on his, the speaker went on to say: “Finally, I got cut down to size and have been sober ever since,” a matter of some two or three years. When my turn came to speak, I used his phrase “cut down to size,” as a text around which to weave my remarks. Before long, out of the corner of my eye, I became conscious of a disconcerting stare. It was coming from the previous speaker.

It was perfectly clear: He was utterly amazed that he had said anything which made sense to a psychiatrist. The incident showed that two people, one approaching the matter clinically and the other relying on his own intuitive report of what has happened to him, both came up with exactly the same observation: the need for ego reduction. It is common knowledge that a return of the full-fledged ego can happen at any time. Years of sobriety are no insurance against its resurgence. No AA's, regardless of their veteran status, can ever relax their guard against a reviving ego. The function of surrender in AA is now clear. It produces that stopping by causing the individual to say, “I quit. I give up on my headstrong ways. I've learned my lesson.” Very often for the first time in that individual's adult career, he has encountered the necessary discipline that halts him in his headlong pace. Actually, he is lucky to have within him the capacity to surrender. It is that which differentiates him from the wild animals. And this happens because we can surrender and truly feel, “Thy will, not mine, be done.”

Unfortunately, that ego will return unless the individual learns to accept a disciplined way of life, which means the tendency toward ego comeback, is permanently checked. This is not news to AA members. They have learned that a single surrender is not enough. Under the wise leadership of the AA “founding fathers” the need for continued endeavor to maintain that miracle has been steadily stressed. The Twelve Steps urge repeated inventories, not just one, and the Twelfth Step is in itself a routine reminder that one must work at preserving sobriety. Moreover, it is referred to as Twelfth Step work—which is exactly what it is. By that time, the miracle is for the other person.

Celebrate Your Sobriety ... Join the Birthday

Birthday Plan Members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sobriety Date</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Home Group</u>
Ron P.	03/29/70	45	Beach Bums
Ron L.	07/24/78	38	Gratitude Hour
Don M.	03/09/80	37	Bonita Unity
Rad W.	08/20/85	31	Gratitude Hour
Jackie F.	04/25/84	32	Free 2 Be
Dennis F.	07/15/84	27	Unity Step
Richard K.	11/25/90	27	Miami
Peter F.	03/01/95	22	Easy Does It
Bill S.	01/11/02	15	Brown Bag
Mary B.	07/22/02	15	Brown Bag
Karen B.	02/11/09	7	Brown Bag
Heather W.	03/22/00	17	Naples Group
Judy W.	03/21/86	31	Easy Does It
Laura T. F.	07/01/16	1	Spiritual Solutions
Steve K.	07/29/92	25	Primary Purpose
Sarah B.		14	
Steve L.	08/28/93	24	Early Reflection

Welcome Ron L. to the Birthday Plan

History of the Birthday Plan...

The 1955 General Service Conference approved the Birthday Plan, under which members of the Fellowship send a dollar a year for each year of sobriety they have in A.A. Others use a figure of \$3.65, a penny a day, for each year. Some give more, but the amount cannot exceed \$3,000 for any year. Special envelopes are available to send your Birthday Plan contribution.



become a Faithful Fiver

“Every A.A. wants to make sure of his survival from alcoholism, and his spiritual well-being afterward. This is just as it should be. He also wants to do what he can for the survival and well-being of his fellow alcoholics. Therefore he is bound to have a vital interest in the permanence and well-being of A.A. itself.”

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*, p.166

What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who graciously contribute \$5.00 or more each month to support Naples Inter-group/Central Office.*

*contributions are limited to \$3,000 per member per year and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3).

*Page 9, Self-Support Pamphlet

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Faith Lutheran Church
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6pm GSR sharing
7pm Meeting

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