

# THE COURIER

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Happy Birthday  
A.A. June 10th

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June, 2020

The “Front Door” Of A.A. will  
open on Monday, June 15th., at 9am



The Steering Committee of the Naples Area Intergroup is pleased to  
announce that the A.A. Office/Book Store will open at 9am, Monday,  
June 15, 2020... recognizing the 6 foot stay apart order as well as face  
mask wearing and sanitizing. *Welcome Home!*

**STEP SIX:** *“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”*

**TRADITION SIX:** *“An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”*

**TRADITION SIX (long form):** *Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. - and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.*

**CONCEPT SIX:** *“The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.”*

*6th Step Prayer: Dear God, I am ready for Your help in removing from me the defects of character which I now realize are an obstacle to my recovery. Help me to continue being honest with myself and guide me toward spiritual and mental health.*

## TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities

## Happy 85th Birthday, Alcoholics Anonymous!

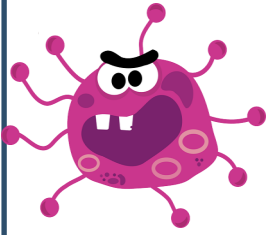
In early May of 1935, Bill Wilson frantically called the numbers of random clergy members while in a panic at the Mayflower Hotel in Akron, Ohio. A hopeless drunk with a little bit of sobriety time under his belt, Wilson was in town after a business deal fell through and was dealing with the incessant beast of alcoholism slowly whispering in his ear. Threatened with depression and staring at a bar full of lively, happy people congregating around the drink he loved so much, Wilson knew he must find another drunk to work with or fall prey to the obsessive thought of a drink that was slowly creeping into his mind. As luck (or serendipity) would have it, Wilson spoke to a Reverend Tunks who in turn put him in touch with Henrietta Seiberling, a local member of the Oxford Group. Knowing the perfect hopeless drunk for him to speak with, Henrietta introduced Bill to Dr. Bob Smith. After several failed attempts at sobriety and one surgical incident that could have turned out very bad for the poor, unknown patient having a proctology procedure performed by a drunk doctor, Dr. Bob sobered up and had his last drink on June 10, 1935. That date is now known as the anniversary of the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous.

That “chance” meeting 85 years ago, through the seconds and inches of time, has affected more people suffering from alcoholism than any one single event in the history of the world. Alcoholics Anonymous regularly faces opposition from those who do not understand it, who do not believe in it or who think it doesn’t work. It has been called cultish, voodoo and religion masquerading as spirituality. It has been berated by professionals of medicine and psychology. It has oddly become a “catch all” for people that probably don’t need to be there. The criminal justice system, the legal professional, doctors and even addiction treatment centers often use AA Principles and it’s meetings as continuing care or aftercare or as a punishment for those people having some type of issue with drugs or alcohol. Get a DUI? Have to go to AA. Caught drinking on the job? Go to AA. Ever go to a rehab or treatment center? Have to go to AA. Unfortunately, Alcoholics Anonymous was never meant to be a net that caught every fish that ever had an issue with alcohol. Alcoholics Anonymous was the last stop for those people who were killing themselves with alcohol and still couldn’t stop. Alcoholics Anonymous was meant for those who had a love affair with alcohol, who tried every method of self-moderation, therapy and treatment to stop and for whom NO OTHER METHODS had worked. Alcoholics Anonymous was for those people who needed a spiritual experience or a spiritual awakening in order to stop drinking and stay stopped, because it seemed as though no human power had been able to relieve them of their alcoholism. Not therapy. Not treatment. Not medication. Indeed, Alcoholics Anonymous was for the hopeless.

Since June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous has been the most successful means of recovery from alcoholism that the world has to offer. Millions of men and women have recovered from alcoholism through Alcoholics Anonymous and it’s 12 Step program. Millions more have recovered from similar addictions through the fellowships that were born from AA, including Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Cocaine Anonymous (CA), Gamblers Anonymous (GA), Eating Disorders Anonymous (EDA) and hundreds of other 12 Step fellowships.

Is AA perfect? Of course not. Are there meetings that are cultish, boring and depressing? Of course. Does AA work for everyone? Probably not. Are many members of AA misinformed that AA is not group therapy for people to dump their problems? Sure. Does the true message of AA often get convoluted or misinterpreted? Indeed. Do the human shortcomings of many members of Alcoholics Anonymous give new people attending meetings a bad taste in their mouth or rub them the wrong way? Clearly. But at it’s core, Alcoholics Anonymous has one message: A hopeless alcoholic, by taking the 12 Steps and continuing to live by those spiritual principles, will have a spiritual awakening as the result of taking those 12 Steps and can live both sober and happy. This message of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot be ignored and it is that simply message that has helped millions of people recover from alcoholism and lead happy, sober lives for the last 85 years. Happy Birthday, A.A.

## STEP SIX



When I first walked into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous I had no idea what a character defect was. I became aware of many and I made a list with the guidance of my sponsor. I had many. Step Six was a deep soul searching of myself and I needed it for spiritual growth. Many of my character defects are still there, some are gone, just not so glaring. Like my alcoholism they are arrested one day at a time as long as I continue to move forward. I was willing to ask God for help.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT US

**These** days are really interesting. Safe to say, we've never been through anything like this, but it's all good, depending on the frame of mind and the actions we choose—right now. Well-known Franciscan priest and author Richard Rohr writes on the concept of order, disorder, and reorder in his latest book, as a contemplative way of working with internal or external change.

First, order: life, having a sober experi-ings, going to dinner with fellow survi-fellowship, working with others, going everything is in order—good times.

Then we get hit over the head with disor-dates, employment and income upended. daily life turned on its head—this is some meetings shutting down, going online to, cakes? Huh? Maintaining social distanc-this other stuff no one wants to do. Can't tells me it's always going to be like this. fiant character, and get really pissed off way the world should be going. Thank fallacy of our defiance was revealed. At was for us; instead we had been telling reliance, not defiance.” (12&12, p.31).

I had to really take a hard look at my current relationship with my Higher Power. Where is my reliance, today? Is it with some news outlet, or other social media telling me how terrible things are, and that it's only going to get worse? Although staying up with the news is worthwhile, it's easy to become unreasonably fearful. I found it necessary to reinvigorate my reliance upon my H.P., keeping close to the 3rd step promise of becoming “conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, to-morrow, or the hereafter We were reborn.” (Big Book, p.63).

Reliance on God helps facilitate a new and altogether untraveled reorder. In our area, organizations are enter-into phased or outright re-opening, which will also include renewing face-to-face A.A. meetings. I need an open mind for this. The questions I have to ask are, how can I help? What can I bring to a meeting under this new reordering? It's important to stay really mindful of the First Tradition, that “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity” (12 & 12, p 9). We have no idea how the reordering of meetings is going to shake out, but I want to do my part to ensure the health and well-being of my fellow travelers, as well as that of the Program itself. I'm relying on my Higher Power to guide us in being of maxi-mum service to our fellows, and I know it's going to be good—really good. By the grace of God, we can do anything.

### Reordering our lives following A Pandemic

ence, is going along well; hitting meet-vors afterwards, to break bread/pretty much wherever and whenever—

der: pandemic virus, stay at home man-Working at home, or not working at all, serious dis-friggin'-order. There's more; what? Zoom meetings? Virtual chips and ing, wearing masks, disinfecting, and all go and do what we want now; my mind It's really easy to retreat into the old de-by all this stuff going on contrary to the God for this program of recovery; “the no time had we asked what God's will Him what it ought to be. . . Belief meant

Greg S. , *Conscious Contact Newsletter*, Prescott, AZ

## TRADITION SIX...

“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.” The first thing that came to my mind when I read Tradition Six was UNITY, which is one of our three legacies. Some ask why unity is so important. We want to have a common message of recovery. There are many great causes outside our program. We do not endorse any of them. There can be a great treatment center, but it is not AA. Even if they use our steps as a tool of recovery for alcoholics, we cannot endorse them. Some of our members might work there, but they are there as individuals, not members of the Fellowship. Early in our fellowship Bill W., Dr. Bob and Marty M. did endorse the National Council on Alcoholism. Marty was the founder and director. Bill and Bob were on the board. We were developing our traditions and Bill and Bob decided to remove their names from being associated with the council, even though its purpose was to educate the public on the problems of alcoholism. Sounds good but we can not endorse this because somebody will want A.A. to endorse something else. The purpose of Tradition Six is that no outside influences “divert us from our primary purpose.” Our primary purpose is carrying the message of A.A. to the still suffering alcoholic. We do not need discussions on what causes to support, who on the outside of A.A. is doing a good job or not. Let them do what they do, and we will do what we do best, which is carry the same message that Ebby carried to Bill in the fall of 1934, Bill carried to Dr. Bob (spring, 1935), and the people in Ulster County, New York carried to me when I was a young man. Our twelve steps along with fellowship are our main means of helping alcoholics recover. “A.A.’s Twelve Traditions apply to the life of the Fellowship itself. They outline the means by which A.A. maintains its unity and relates itself to the world about it, the way it lives and grows.” (12 & 12 p. 15)  
Dan S. Prescott Valley, AZ

## The Stage of Fear and Insecurity

Shakespeare said the world's a stage, and we each play our part.

My stage was in a bar room and that's where I got my start.

It was the place where I felt safe to dream of things to be.

“I think I'll be an astronaut,” it all made sense to me.

Where fear and insecurity where words you'd never hear.

For they were safely locked away, behind a keg of beer.

But this can only last so long and the Piper we must pay.

The fallacy was ripped away, and I had to face the day.

I had to find a different stage and play a different role, To face my insecurities and fears would be my goal.

Instinctive fear is not a fault that I need to replace, for it saves me from recklessness and falling on my face.

Irrational fear is where I falter whenever I'm in doubt, while doing shameful things that I don't like to talk about.

In later years I changed my role to acting like a clown.

My drinking used to mask these things, that weighed my conscience down.

Desperation was the final roll that brought me to my knees.

My conscience told me “Call AA and deal with your disease”.

It's in the program that I learn the habits of right living.

Abandoning all the taking and replacing it with giving.

AA has been the answer and I go there every day, now acting like I'm a grown-up, knowing God directs the play

By Rick R.



## Concept VI – A.A. Functions Democratically in Principle While Also Following a Corporate Model in Its Business Operations.

The first five Concepts provide the foundation for Alcoholics Anonymous to operate democratically as a fellowship. Then, in Concept VI, Bill adds discussion of how A.A. at the level of its world services is also a very large business. He introduces the "corporate model" as the basis for A.A. business operations.

A.A. is both a fellowship and a corporation? How complicated is that? It's beginning to sound like Bill had never heard of KISS. I now also needed to figure out why A.A. has and needs two operational sides, working closely together--both the General Service Conference and the General Service Board. Then I was told to read on through Concepts 6, 7, and 8 to really understand.

Bill elaborates on what he means by the "corporate model", saying that "Our Trustees must function almost exactly like the directors of any large business corporation. They must have authority to effectively manage and conduct A.A.'s business." Aha! I am beginning to understand. A simple way to think of this is that the A.A. General Service Conference is critical to our working harmoniously together as a fellowship, while the Trustees, assures that we follow sound business practices, although these purposes do overlap.

Bill says that our Trustees exercise a wide latitude of judgment and authority. We A.A.'s are holding them responsible for all our service activities. The Trustees have the legal and practical responsibility for the operation of A.A. World Service, Inc. which embraces publishing as well as the operation of the A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

These entities have a combined cash flow of many millions of dollars annually. The Trustees are also responsible for A.A.'s public information activities. They are the guardians of the Twelve Traditions. They are responsible for carrying the A.A. message to countries around the world. They are A.A.'s "bankers", overseeing the financial operations and investing A.A.'s substantial Reserve Fund. They are busy people who hold a great deal of responsibility for the effectiveness of A.A. workings.

Who are these Trustees to whom we give such authority? They fall into two categories: Class A and Class B. Class A Trustees are persons who are not and have not been afflicted by the disease of alcoholism and who express a profound faith in the recovery program upon which A.A. was founded. They are persons who have been friends of A.A., including members of professions such as medicine, law, the clergy, finance, or any other field that may have occasion to work with alcoholics, and whose personal and/or professional expertise and dedication can be invaluable to our Fellowship. Class B Trustees are sober A.A. members who have been nominated through our General Service committees and usually are members who have been deeply involved in A.A. service.

All Trustee nominations, Class A and Class B, are approved by the General Service Conference. Trustees serve a limited term. All serve as volunteers with no monetary payment. Each serves out of a 'labor of love' for Alcoholics Anonymous.

I have learned through the study of Concept VI that the General Service Board Trustees give us assurance that our business matters, particularly, are well taken care of. I am confident that the Trustees will perform their tasks effectively, guard our Traditions well, and serve our A.A. Society throughout the world. This ultimately frees me to devote my attention to carrying out our Fellowship's primary purpose found in Tradition Five--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.



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***This is a 12 part series written by members of the 12 Concepts Study Group in Reno, Nevada. Efforts were made to use simple, everyday language. Each concept is written by an individual member of the group and is not necessarily the opinion of AA as a whole or NAI. We hope this series will help our community to understand the Concepts and bring interest to those wanting to know more about them. Revised May, 2017***

## PANDEMIC PARADOX

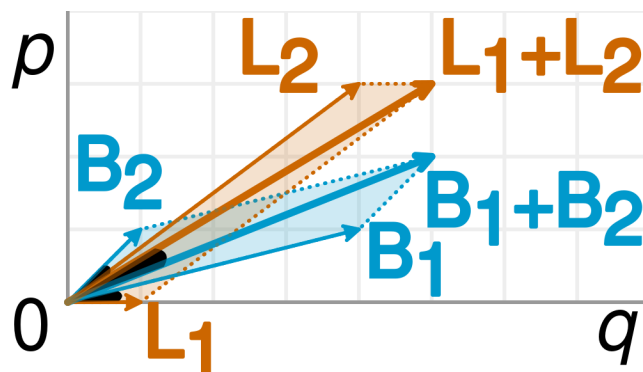
As alcoholics (I am assuming that this newsletter does not have a large normie following), we are the victims of a progressive and ultimately fatal illness for which medical science has yet to find a cure. The agent involved in this disorder is a simple molecule made up of carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen atoms which, in the hands of the alcoholic, is a killer.

However, there is way to achieve remission in this disorder and that is through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, which teaches us that there is a spiritual solution achieved through the Twelve Steps.

Other parts of the solution involve gathering in groups with others who share our disease and reaching out our hands, both physically and metaphorically, to others who are similarly afflicted, but are unaware of the existence of the solution we have found.

Currently the world is in is also progressive and short months COVID-19 afflicting more than ing nearly 300,000 as of

While this corona virus nol molecule, it is still electron microscope. It is must attach itself to a



the grip of another illness which can be fatal to many. In a few has spread to 212 countries, 4,000,000 individuals, and kill-this writing.

particle is larger than the etha- quite small, visible only by the unable to “live” on its own but host cell to reproduce.

Unlike alcoholism, it might be possible to acquire this disease from a toilet seat, particularly if the practicing alcoholic were to spend time, as we say, “worshipping the porcelain fixture”. Like alcoholism, medical science has yet to find a cure for this illness, and alas, there does not appear to be a spiritual solution...yet.

How do we avoid falling victim to COVID-19? We must do exactly the opposite as what we are taught regarding alcoholism! We cannot gather in groups and certainly not reach out and take the hand of a newcomer, as we must maintain a six-foot separation from them. We cannot even offer a friendly smile as we must always remain masked.

It appears that we are powerless over the virus. Our only hope is to recoil from it as we would from a hot flame! It is most probable however that those of us who follow the few simple suggestions offered to us by our COVID sponsors (the medical experts) will survive the current danger and be able to continue to practice the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous in all our affairs.

A little patience and tolerance can go a long way. Down with COVID! Long live A.A.! Thank God for Zoom!

Blaine H., *The San Diego AA Coordinator Newsletter*

<b>FINANCES</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Literature/Merchandise	\$231	\$15,257
Group Contributions	1,681	6,861
AA Birthdays	476	666
Faithful Five	10	210
Anonymous		50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>23,044</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees		292
Travel/Licenses/Permits		30
Office Supplies	196	861
Office Repair		573
Contributions		
Payroll Net	1,711	8,555
Payroll Tax	1,113	2,227
Postage	7	82
Printing		371
Purchases/Lit./Merch.		10,187
Insurance		
Rent	500	2,500
Sales Tax		1,170
Telephone/www	197	986
Utilities	100	500
Computer Equipment		
Computer Software		186
Computer/Maintain		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3,850</b>	<b>28,521</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-1,452-</b>	<b>-5,477</b>
	1,452	
Other Income		
Other Expenses		
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>		
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-1,452</b>	<b>-5,477</b>

## 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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(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*

Group/Meeting	MAY	YTD
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0	124
24 Hour Solution.....	0	0
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0	0
Back To Basics.....	0	0
Beach Bums 641645.....	0	250
Big Book Comes Alive, 710427.....	0	150
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.....	0	180
Bonita Friday Night.....	0	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	352	704
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0	200
Bonita Morning.....	0	376
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0	0
Bonita Springs Women's 169127.....	608	908
Bonita Springs Step,134588.....	0	40
Bonita Unity.....	100	100
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	200
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0	0
Early Riser, 161795.....	0	224
East Trail, 150873.....	0	0
Easy Does It, 156979.....	0	0
Free 2 Be, 6700930.....	0	208
Friday Big Book.....	0	0
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	0
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	0	100
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.....	0	41
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	500	500
Naples Group, 103609.....	0	0
Naples Men's, 694322.....	0	200
Naples South, 130210.....	0	0
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	0	600
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

Group/Meeting	MAY	YTD
One Day At A Time.....	0	174
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.....	0	60
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079.....	0	0
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959.....	0	0
Sunset Serenity, 654981.....	0	0
Survivor's, 157268.....	0	129
SW 239 BID.....	0	0
Swamp Group, 672733.....	0	20
Tables Of Naples.....	0	76
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.....	0	157
Unity Step.....	0	0
Veranda.....	0	0
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923.....	0	0
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....	0	0
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....	121	227
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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## Share Your Experience...

### Greetings from your Naples Area Intergroup/Central AA Office.

During these "different" times, we are still working hard to serve the Fellowship.

- ◆ Our telephone continues to be answered 24/7. Newcomers continue to call, along with members who just need to talk.
- ◆ We continue to maintain our [aanaples.org](http://aanaples.org) website - which we rely on more than ever.
- ◆ Please submit your email address to be included on our email list. It is a current form of communication, along with receiving our Courier Newsletter. We also respond to several emails daily.
- ◆ The Book Store will open on Monday, June 15. We devised a plan of safety for you and our office volunteers. We are interested in what is going on with your meetings. We are hopeful to share your experiences with other members and meetings. Please take a moment to answer a brief questionnaire and give us your comments. E-mail them back to [naplesintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto:naplesintergroup@yahoo.com) so we may know your group's experience during this unprecedented pandemic.
  1. Are you doing Zoom or other electronic meetings? Face to face?
  2. Success with Zoom meetings; How is it working for you?
  3. Is our [www.aanaples.org](http://www.aanaples.org) link to Naples ZOOM meetings helpful?
  4. How have you worked with Newcomers and electronics?
  5. "Zoom Bombers". How have you handled them?
  7. Does your Zoom or Telephone Meeting have a method of providing "proof of attendance" (for the Courts)?
  8. How are you doing 7th tradition?

Please give us your comments. We would like to share them with other groups. We are all in this together. Peace be with you during this time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill S., Central Office Manager.

## The Birthday Club

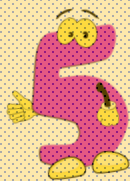
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics 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
Jim B.	38 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.	18 years
Mary B.	18 years
Laura T. F.	3 years
Bree F.	3 years



# Faithful Fivers Needed



## 2020 Faithful Fiver Club

**Welcome Tim A**

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

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New Attitudes Club  
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Central Office  
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**(next to 24 Hour Club)**

**First Wednesday of  
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