

THE COURIER

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Supporting the A.A. Support System

TRADITION SEVEN: *"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."*

...placing the responsibility of supporting A.A. headquarters directly upon A.A. members..."

What is the value of your sobriety?

We are very fortunate in the Naples Area to have all the A.A.'s *essential services* available to those who may need them. These *essential services* deserve our support...

Naples Area Intergroup/A.A. Central Office This is the "Front Door" of A.A. This is the office that provides partnership among the Naples Area Groups. It exists to aid the Groups in our common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers by performing many vital A.A. services including:

- ~ 24 hour/7 days a week telephone service (A.A. phone number: (239) 262-6535)
- ~ Maintains a 12th Step Contact List of volunteers who can help the suffering alcoholic.
- ~ Maintains an up-to-date Area A.A. meeting schedule.
- ~ Orders, stocks and sells A.A. Conference Approved Literature and other Recovery Literature and "drunk junk".
- ~ Publishes a monthly newsletter, ***The Courier***.
- ~ Maintains a website, showing meetings and local A.A. information. (www.aanaples.org.)

Local District 20 Communicates directly with the Groups, providing the District Group Conscience for the area assemblies, and serves as a link between the Area Delegates and the General Service Representatives of the local A.A. Groups.

Area 15 Committee Coordinates vital A.A. activities over a broad geographical area; sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference; holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship; provides information at all levels of service.

General Service Office Functions as a storehouse of A.A. information, communicating with members and groups around the world; it publishes A.A. literature, supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested in A.A.

Please see *page 8* to learn where to send contributions.

STEP SEVEN: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

TRADITION SEVEN: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

CONCEPT SEVEN: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

7th Step Prayer: My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here to do Your bidding. Amen

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

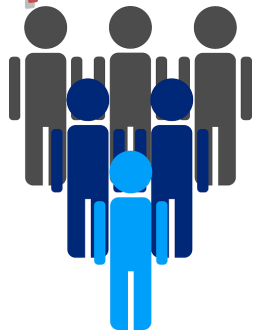
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- 1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?*
- 2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?*
- 3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?*
- 4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?*
- 5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?*
- 6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?*

Self Support and the Seventh Tradition *"Self-support begins with me, because I am part of us – the group. We pay our rent and utility bills, buy coffee, snacks and A.A. Literature. We support our central office, our area committee, and our General Service Office. If it were not for those entities, many new people would never discover the miracles of A.A. *"*

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Group Contributions



We appreciate your Seventh Tradition and Gratitude Month Contributions.

Individual Contributions



Individual, Anniversary, Honorary and Memorial Contributions. *See page 11*

FAITHFUL



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Join your fellows who graciously pledge \$5 or more each month to support Central Office.

See page 11

In keeping with the Seventh Tradition, Naples Intergroup/A.A. Central Office limits contributions to two sources: A.A. groups, and individual A.A. members. While there is no limitation on the amount an A.A. group may contribute, we follow the limits established by the General Service Conference for individual contributions, currently not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per year. Bequests in wills are acceptable on a one-time basis, and not in perpetuity. The limit is no more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

Together, group and individual contributions make it possible for us to coordinate the services which individual groups in the Naples Area cannot provide and to facilitate twelfth step work.

For additional information regarding A.A.'s tradition of self-support, please read the pamphlet ***Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix, the A.A. Guidelines on Finance***, and visit www.aa.org.

We ask that group treasurers include Group Name (as it appears in the meeting schedule), Group Service Number, and date for contributions to Naples Intergroup/A.A. Central Office so we can maintain our records properly.

Please go to page 8 of this *Courier* to find information regarding where and how to send contributions to the Naples area A.A. Service entities.

What's New?

The A.A. ELECTRONIC BASKET



How many times have you not been able to contribute to an A.A. meeting because you didn't have cash? or could not break a large bill? or now that so many meetings have been cancelled due to health concerns moving to ZOOM?

What if there was a way to use your cell phone to make a donation directly to A.A. ? Now there is a "virtual" basket to collect Seventh Tradition contributions digitally. One such platform is Venmo, which some groups have adopted to make Seventh Tradition contributions.

Following are Venmo Setup Instructions:

Have a trusted servant download the Venmo App.

Follow setup procedure in App. If the group has a checking account, debit, or credit card then use that in the set up. If the group does not have any banking accounts, use the trusted servants account.

Once set up, click on settings tab.

Select "Edit Profile"

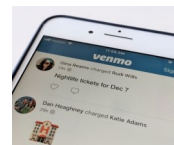
Enter group name for Username. This will allow members to search for group.

In the App, it will have a selection to move the money to your account.

Also in the App, there is a icon of a head silhouette. If you click this icon it will bring up a list of all donations sent to the account.

Here are the steps to make contributions.

1. Download the Venmo app from your app store (Venmo is a free app).
2. Once downloaded, follow the set up process and add a payment method (bank debit or credit card). This entry is protected by your account and not sent to the group.
3. Top right of Venmo will have a send payment icon. This Icon is square with a pencil & Dollar sign in it.
4. A search box will appear.
5. Search for the groups name
6. Enter payment amount.
7. Under "What's it for?" Type 7th tradition.
8. Press pay.



Virtual 2020 International Convention

July 2020 @aa.org

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history; a

presentation of the 40 millionth Big Book; a new
Archives video on the history of A.A.; an AA
Grapevine video created for the Convention,
and more.

We will be up and running on aa.org by July 1,
2020, to coincide as closely as possible with the
original Convention date, and the site will be
available throughout the entire month of July.

Please stay tuned for updates on aa.org.

GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA ARE HERE TO HELP

Due to the current changing health situation, many
AA meetings across the U.S. and Canada are finding
it safer to close. To help members during this time,
we are giving everyone free access for a limited peri-
od to our 2020 Grapevine (Jan. through May) and La
Viña (Jan/Feb through May/Jun.) print issues.

Please share with your fellows.

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help>

Things Started Working for Me When:

1. My Desperation Outweighed My Denial.
2. My Conscience Outweighed My EGO.
3. My Compassion Outweighed My Resentments.
4. My Giving Outweighed My Taking.
5. My Faith Outweighed My Fear.
6. My Unselfishness Outweighed My Greed.
7. My Service Outweighed My Neglect.
8. My Acceptance outweighed My Criticism.
9. My Caring Outweighed My Indifference.
10. My Empathy Outweighed My Contempt.
11. My Perspective Outweighed My Opinion.
12. My Smiles Outweighed My Smirks.
13. My Calmness Outweighed My Rage.
14. My Understanding Outweighed My Confusion.
15. My Virtues Outweighed My Faults.
16. My Hope Outweighed My Distrust.
17. My Gratitude Outweighed My Dismay.
18. My Kindness Outweighed My Spite.
19. My Principles Outweighed My Delusions.
20. My Happiness Outweighed My Pain.
21. My Confidence Outweighed My Insecurity
22. My Maturity Outweighed My Childishness
23. My Quiet Discipline Outweighed My Gossip.



Volunteers for A.A. Office to answer phones and sell A.A. Literature.

Requirements: Solid Sobriety, Posi-
tive Attitude, Ability to Smile, Ability
to count to 10.

Call 262-6535

Reopening Meeting Spaces for A.A. Meetings Safely

Reflective questions which may be relevant to your group.

- Has your home group scheduled a group conscience or business meeting to consider resuming face-to-face meetings?
- Is your group familiar with the latest CDC, state, and local regulations concerning large group meetings? Where can these regulations be found? How can these regulations be communicated to the group?
- Has your group considered how its actions and decisions could affect other groups, or could affect AA as a whole?
- Will your group's regular while following government distancing? If not, how will your coholics and also avoid contro-
- Will your home group con-in meetings during live, face-to-would this option be consid-meetings are utilized during a will this raise issues of anonymi-
- Concerning COVID-19, cerned with any legal liability these be?
- Will hospitality service con-measures could your group
- Will your group supply hand your group conduct meetings
- Will your group continue to members during in-person
- If masks are required, will your group supply a mask for those without one? Will the greeter's role be expanded to offer masks? Will there be a need to create new group service commitments regarding safety? Will a member be asked to leave if they do not wear a mask—And how can this be handled lovingly?
- How will your group practice Tradition 7? Has your group considered vectors in passing a physical basket? If so, how can the basket be passed safely?



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share literature between meetings?

How has your group considered following government regulations in light of practicing the Traditions—specifically Traditions 4, 5, 10 and 11?

A Life of Principles and Purpose

Rebuilding Our Morality

By Rick R.

The twelve steps of the A.A. program are placed in numerical order for a reason. Each step is preparatory to the next step and each step requires a certain amount of attention before we can successfully move on to the next step. Simply put, Step one is acknowledging that we have a problem. Step two is about accepting outside help. Step three is where we surrender to that outside help. (A power greater than ourselves) Step four is the beginning of the *action* steps where we acknowledge and document the immoral behaviors of our past and those we offended. Step five may be the most difficult step where we must admit to God, to our self and to another human being, all those faulty deeds and habits. It was that "other human being" part that I found to be the most difficult thing and it delayed my progress for a short time. We cannot change one moment of the past, but we can change our habits and behavior as we begin our journey into the future and that is where Step Six and Seven come in. To simplify my understanding of these two steps it occurred to me that most of my faulty behaviors (shortcomings) are the result of my (defective) thinking. Once I discovered the defect in my motives, it was not too difficult to change my behaviors. On the last page of Step 7 in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions it says, "The chief activator of our defects has been self-centered fear." Most of my fears were of the irrational variety as I discovered that they stemmed from experiences in my youth that caused my fears and insecurity and to do things that were morally wrong. Those actions were the Shortcomings that stemmed from my Irrational Fears. Once I recognize the defect (fear), the Shortcomings (Behaviors) were much easier to change. "Selfishness--Self-Centeredness! That we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of Fear, Self-Delusion, Self-Seeking, and Self-Pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate." (BB pg.62) If, in fact, Selfishness-Self-Centeredness is the root of our problems it is plain to see that Unselfishness just might be solution to my problems. I could not have understood this line of thinking when I was still using alcohol to mask these problems. I do not believe that I would have been strong enough to follow these guidelines had I not completed Step Five and admitted my fault to God, to myself, and to another human being. The proper completion of Step Five was the most humbling experience of my life, but it opened the door to the rest of the program. Had I not done that I could never have taken my ego out of the game and the rest of the program may have been a shallow facade. The only requirement for A. A. membership is a desire to stop drinking. Those words were put in place by the Co-founders of the program Alcoholics Anonymous and it gives each of its members the opportunity to choose their own degree of thoroughness when it comes to practicing the AA principles. I am so thankful that I did not let my ego stand in the way of my spiritual development and all the progress that I have made in the program. I have experiences all the promises and I encourage anyone who is still caught up in the Fear of Step Five to take the leap of faith, revisit it, get your ego out of the way and clear your conscience. We only live once, and it would be a shame to waste this precious gift.

Relapse: Like Dancing with a Gorilla

Praying for Potatoes

By Rick R.

One of the things I have always enjoyed about A.A. meetings is our ability to poke fun at each other, in a lighthearted way. We laugh at things that others would consider to have been tragic incidents in our lives but we seem to have come to terms with these past negative experiences and what we are really laughing at is the absurdity of what our old way of thinking. Sometimes we need to have things explained to us in simple terms. The world of A.A. is ripe with metaphors, similes, and allegories that make the learning process much easier to understand. With all of the re-learning we go through to help us in changing our old way of thinking, we are faced with the task of setting new principles, new disciplines and new priorities in place for our actions and behaviors in the future.

Starting with the first and most important priority, we have to be convinced that, we "*are like men who have lost their legs, they never grow new ones*". (BB CH.3) It can't be put any better than that. Then you may hear it said about relapse: *It's the first drink that gets you drunk, not the forth fifth or*, you may hear, *Taking that first drink is like dancing with a gorilla, the dance isn't over till the gorilla says your done*. These things are truths that we all hear at meetings but these things won't stop anyone from picking up a drink if they're not done yet

In A.A. we hear a lot about prayer and meditation and it seems that everyone has their own way of defining what that means to them. Some may be reunited with the religion of their childhood, while others may feel that they are agnostics and seem to find a sort of neutral approach in finding a power greater than themselves, and that seems to work for them. Then there are those that consider themselves atheists and, as it says in the 12X12 (step two). "A, one-time, Vice President of the American Atheist Society got through with room to spare." However we, as individuals, frame our own approach to how we incorporate this concept into our lives is equally acceptable, as long as it replaces our own, failed way of thinking.

What we pray for is another, sometimes, misunderstood practice that may be clarified by a few metaphors that we hear in meetings. Asking God to cure someone of an illness seems, well meaning but misguided. If God worked his wonders at that level, *the hospitals would be full of sinners and the people we pray for would all be healthy and happy*. I can only pray for the understanding and strength to deal with these things when they are presented as it is suggested in step eleven, "*praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out*." (step 11) i.e. God, please show me what to do, and please give me the strength to do it; I do not do well on my own.

Most of the principles I live by today are backed up by stories that *illustrate a point* that may have been easy to misunderstand when my old way of thinking was involved. The next thing that I find important is that I have to do the things that I learn when I ask for guidance and not just give them lip service, after all, "*If you're going to pray for potatoes, you better grab a hoe*".

FINANCES**JUNE****YTD****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$1,846 \$17,104

Group Contributions 73 6,934

AA Birthdays 666

Faithful Five 320 530

Anonymous 100 150

Total Income 2,339 25,384**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 42 334

Travel/Licenses/Permits 30

Office Supplies 631

Office Repair 110 684

Contributions

Payroll Net 1,711 10,266

Payroll Tax 2,227

Postage 82

Printing 371

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 475 10,662

Insurance

Rent 2,500

Sales Tax 1,170

Telephone/www 200 1,186

Utilities 500

Computer Equipment

Computer Software 13 199

Computer/Maintain

Total Expenses 2,320 30,842**Net Ordinary Income** 19 -5,458

Other Income

Other Expenses

NET OTHER INCOME**NET INCOME** \$19 -5,458

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

1509-2 Pine Ridge Road
Naples, FL 34109
(50%)

District 20

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

General Service Office

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

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	JUNE	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	0.....	704
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	200
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	408
Bonita Saturday Night	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493	0.....	378
Bonita Springs Women's 169127	0.....	908
Bonita Springs Step,134588.....	0.....	40
Bonita Unity	0.....	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	0.....	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	JUNE	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.....	73.....	230
Unity Step.....	0.....	0
Veranda	0.....	0
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923	0.....	0
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....	0.....	0
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....	0.....	227
Wednesday Step St. Johns	0.....	0
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.

Service Material from the General Service Office:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON PRACTICING THE SEVENTH TRADITION AT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

In recent years a number of groups have utilized digital payment platforms to provide opportunities for members to make cashless contributions. There are different payment platforms to facilitate this service, and it is up to the group to determine which one to use. Experience suggests that the treasurer is a natural choice to handle digital contributions. Some groups, however, share the responsibilities among trusted servants or even create a new service position to inform group members about digital payment options and assist those who are interested in contributing this way.

- Q. Our group is meeting virtually as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our meeting costs are low, so why do we need to take a Seventh Tradition collection?
- A. The spirit of self-support ensures that even minimal expenses are borne by the whole group rather than by individual members. In addition, many groups want to continue support for other A.A. services. Local intergroup/central offices still have bills to pay, such as rent and utilities. Many have employees who are working hard to keep meeting information updated and respond to calls for help. The Online Intergroup of A.A. also has its own costs which require support, and many districts and areas continue to have expenses as they support the work of committees and plan future events. Furthermore, the General Service Office needs to cover its operating expenses in order to continue providing services. Literature sales, which traditionally help pay for services, currently are much lower than usual.
- Q. If our group decides we want to “pass the virtual basket” how would we get started?
- A. Often a group will have their treasurer or other members gather shared experience and information on different digital payment options, then present that to the group for discussion at a business meeting.
- Q. What kind of options are available?
- A. Here are some of the digital payment platforms that groups using: Apple Pay, Cash-App, Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle. Information on options being used locally may be available from your intergroup/central office, district or area.
- Q. How would we decide between them?
- A. Groups often compare the costs and benefits of each platform, considering things like ease of set up and use, payment processing fees, security, privacy, and how commonly known it is. Some groups offer multiple options for their members.
- Q. Once the group decides, then what?
- A. Often it will be the group treasurer who sets up the account and links it to the bank account the group is using (for more information on setting up bank accounts and tax ID numbers, see the links below). It is helpful to choose a username for the account that is simple and intuitive since it will be shared with those attending the meeting. Groups usually avoid using a personal email that reveals someone’s full name so as not to compromise that person’s anonymity. Often at the beginning of a digital meeting, or during a break, groups will share the username through the chat or a screen share as they make an announcement about practicing the Seventh Tradition. It is recommended that groups do not share the username as part of the meeting’s public online information.
- Q. What about anonymity?
- A. Some digital payment platforms have social components that members may want to disable to protect anonymity. For example, members have shared about changing the privacy settings on Venmo so contributions are only visible to the sender and recipient.

For more information on the Seventh Tradition and shared experience for A.A. group treasurers: *The A.A. Group Treasurer*; *Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix*; *A.A. Guidelines on Finance Rev*

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.	36 years
Judy W.	340 years
Steve K.	27 years
Peter F.	24 years
Bill S.	18 years
Mary B.	18 years
Laura T. F.	4 years
Bree F.	3 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2020 Faithful Fiver Club

Welcome Wendy T.

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

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

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