

THE COURIER

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Hello Fellow Readers,

Is it luck or God's will? Some will say that there is no such thing as luck, that it is just God's plan and once we surrender to the plan, it is out of our hands. We don't get into semantics, the word luck for us means either God's plan or for some just pure and simple luck of the draw. What ever it is for you we hope that you enjoy reading this issue. As we continue with the coronavirus shut downs and less in person meetings, we can see a light at the end of the tunnel. There are a lot of meetings in person and it seems that the on-line meetings are becoming more popular. Our website is an excellent resource for on-line and in person meetings. Which ever is best for you, keep coming back and look for the newcomer to see how they are doing. We would love to hear from you. One of the things that makes our newsletter unique is the contributions from our readers. Please consider sending in your experience, strength and hope to share with others. We look forward to being together again! With deep love and gratitude, *Courier* Newsletter Committee

Promises, Promises

Another promise from the big book that is amazing is that feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. I mean heck. I've had those feelings since high school. Now I understand that the Program works to resolve the regrets and resentments from your past but feelings are just feelings. They can't be just exorcised from your brain. Oh but they can. This miracle of making the feelings of uselessness and self-pity disappear is like many of the promises in the big book. First it's impossible, then it's difficult, then it's accomplished. The useless feeling was easy to see from our drinking days. If our head wasn't killing us, it was an event. If we weren't throwing up, it was a good day. If we had money, it was an oversight. All these things made us useless to ourselves and to those around us. How many family events did we miss? How much time did we waste planning how and when we were going to get that next drink? By getting and staying sober we became useful to our family. By Twelfth Step work we became useful to society. No wonder the feelings of uselessness disappeared. We aren't useless anymore. That the feelings of self-pity would disappear is the real trick. When I came into the program it was because it was either that or the grave and I really was deserving of pity. At least from God. But this isn't pity from God, it's self-pity that disappears. It's feeling sorry for myself. And as I worked the Program and started to see the real changes in myself, there was no reason for self-pity. I am happy and whole and so very grateful. Now there can be times when I feel useless. Like in the middle of winter when I don't feel like doing anything but watching the fire in the fireplace. And when I start a pity party that things are not back to normal because of the pandemic (not sure I remember what normal is). But those feelings are a lot more temporary than they used to be and I don't take them seriously. So keep looking for the promises to come true in your life as you work the program. They will if you keep working.

STEP THREE: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

TRADITION TWO: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking

CONCEPT TWO: "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

3rd Step Prayer: "God, I offer myself to Thee - to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!"

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

- 1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- 2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- 3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- 4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- 5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
- 6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

STEP THREE (A Decision and a Prayer) For some years I assumed the decision of turning my will and life over to "God as I understood Him" took place when I prayed the well-known prayer on page 63. But in retrospect, I discovered that my decision had already been made! The bottom paragraph of page 62 reminded me: "next we decided in this drama of life that God was going to be our director." The decision was made before the prayer! The Big Book states that the astounding promises on page 63 begin to happen right away (before the prayer). My sponsor allowed near-zero time between the decision and the prayer. Immediately following Step Two we prayed the Third step prayer together. Those promises began to manifest shortly thereafter and have continued to this day! I especially appreciate the promise of being reborn. This means to me that I can now see and act on the truth in drink. I have not had to drink alcohol since! I like the saying: "I can't. God can! I'll ask Him to help me." And I would like to add: NOW. The Third Step decision, followed by a prayer, does not provide a comprehensive assurance of continuing sobriety. A decision minus action is only an intention. Half measures availed us nothing. Someone said: "God will help you with the Steps, but He won't do them for you." We are told: "This was only a beginning." Then we are told to launch out on a course of vigorous action. This, of course, would be to follow the clear-cut Twelve Step directions from our basic text. My sponsor was adamant concerning the Big Book timetable, not only with for first three, but as prescribed throughout all the Steps. I was so lucky to be afforded a Big Book sponsor.

Thank you, God! Bob S, Richmond, IN.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood Him: "God, I offer myself to Thee—to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!" We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.

A.A. World Services Inc. Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition . A.A. World Services, Inc.. Pg. 63 Reprinted with permission

Emotional Insecurity

The most common symptoms of emotional insecurity are worry, anger, self-pity, and depression. These stem from causes which sometimes seem to be within us, and at other times to come from without. To take inventory in this respect we ought to consider carefully all personal relationships which bring continuous or recurring trouble.

It should be remembered that this kind of insecurity may arise in any area where instincts are threatened.

- *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*

God Sets Us Free-AA Gets Us There

Full surrender to God is the way towards divine works and miracles, stay surrendered to God's will and your life can become a continuous miracle making machine. God has given us the gift of sobriety, to be guided by so we can seek through Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Big Book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and the Good Book His will for us and our life. We will know God's will for us by making the use of the suggestions in these works. God brought into being the Alcoholics Anonymous Program as He had great compassion for the alcoholics who were suffering. God gave us the solution to all addictions, the answer to resolving poor behaviors and how we can resolve all problems. Accepting our powerlessness over booze, is the First Step.

Coming to greater power than ourselves exists the way the works. And a power and of will and takes care of and opens able to complete the Alcoholism point of defeat if left unkill us. the Alcohol-



believe that a power greater than our- to help us is the Second Step sincere surrender- abandonment life to God the Third Step us up to being complete the rest Twelve Steps. leads us to the destruction and treated it will Getting into Alcoholics Anonymous

Program and returning to the religion of our youth (if we so desire) can bring us into a relationship with God that gives us Good Orderly Direction When we took in booze, and acted out poorly, as we held onto negative thoughts and resentments, we became that which we immersed ourselves into and became the worse version of ourselves. When we enter into Alcoholics Anonymous and take in positive thoughts and good spiritual instructions we become a better version of ourselves. Each day can be successful, full of joy, freedom and victory as we let go and let God come fully into our hearts, minds, and lives, to remove the drink problem and keep us alive. When we truly let go and let God in, we can pray for the honesty, open-mindedness and willingness to work the AA Program thoroughly. As we do so we will learn to make the choices that are best for us and things will improve greatly. Life will get better for us. And we will receive some peace of mind and serenity. We will do our best work with the AA Program when we approach it without reservations and with the attitude that our life really depends upon living the spiritual principles thoroughly. When we go into Alcoholics Anonymous willing to go to any lengths for sobriety all things become possible for us. God is always available to help us along with the AA Members and the meetings will inspire us to do these spiritual works of the Twelve Steps and to be of maximum service.

Higher Power, help me to understand:

To “let go” is to admit powerlessness, which means the outcome is not in my hands.

To “let go” is not to try to change or blame another, it’s to make the most of myself.

To “let go” is not to care for but to care about.

To “let go” is not to judge but to allow another to be a human being.

To “let go” is not to deny but to accept.

To “let go” is not to adjust everything to my desires but to take each day as it comes and cherish myself in it.

Surrendering to a Power greater than ourselves is how we become empowered.

We become empowered in a new, better, more effective way than we believed possible.

Door open. Windows
gy becomes channeled, at
for us. We become in tune
place in the Universe.

And there is a Plan and Place
know that. The Universe will
for us, with all that we need

It will be good. Understand

Learning to own our power
do not need to stop at power-

a temporary place where we re-evaluate where we have been trying to have power when we



open. Possibilities occur. Our ener-
last, in areas and ways that work
with the Plan for our life and our

for us. We shall see that. We shall
open up and make a special place
provided.

that it is good, now.

will come, if we are open to it. We
lessness and helplessness. That is

Our Troubles

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. Sometimes they hurt us, seemingly without provocation, but we invariably find that at some time in the past we have made decisions based on self which later placed us in a position to be hurt. So our troubles, we think, are basic-

l y o f o u r o w n m a k i n g .

AA ACRONYMS

AA = Absolute Abstinence
 AA = Adventurers Anonymous
 AA = Altered Attitudes
 AA = Altruistic action
 AA = Attitude Adjustment
 ABC = Acceptance, Belief, Change
 ABC = Ashtrays, Broom, Coffee
 ABC = Ashtrays, Broom, Chairs
 ACTION = Any Change Toward Improving One's Nature
 AGAINST = After Grandious And Insane Neurotic Stupidity
 ALCOHOLICS = A Life Centered On Helping Others Live In Complete Sobriety
 ANONYMOUS = Actions Not Our Names Yield Maintenance Of Unity and Service
 ANONYMOUS = Actions Not Our Names Yield Maintenance Of Uninterrupted Sobriety
 ASK = Ass-Saving Kit
 BAR = Beware!, Alcohol!, Run!
 BAR = Beware!, Alcoholic Ruin
 BIG BOOK = Believing In God Beats Our Old Knowledge
 DEAD = Drinking Ends All Dreams
 DENIAL = Don't Even Notice I Am Lying
 DETACH = Don't Even Think About Changing Him/Her
 DUES = Desperately Using Everything but Sobriety
 EGO = Easing God Out
 EGO = Edging God Out
 FAILURE = Fearful, Arrogant, Insecure, Lonely, Uncertain, Resentful, Empty
 FAITH = Fear Ain't In This House
 FEAR = Few Ever Arrive Rejoicing
 FEAR = Failure Expected And Received
 FEAR = False Evidence Appearing Real
 FEAR = False Expectations Appearing Real
 FEAR = Fear Expressed Allows Relief
 FEAR = Feelings Every Alcoholic Rejects
 FEAR = Fighting Ego Against Reality
 FEAR = Forget Everything and Run
 FEAR = F--k Everything and Run!
 FEAR = Face Everything and Recover!
 FEAR = Forgetting Everything's All Right
 FEAR = Frantic Effort to Appear Real
 FEAR = Frantic Efforts to Appear Recovered
 FINE = Faithful, Involved, knowledgeable and Experienced
 FINE = Feeling Insecure, Numb and Empty
 FINE = Frantic, Insane, Nuts and Egotistical
 FINE = Freaked out, Insecure, Neurotic and Emotional
 FINE = Frustrated, Insecure, Neurotic and Emotional
 FINE = F--cked, Insecure, Neurotic and Emotional
 GAYS = Go Ask Your Sponsor
 GIFT = God Is Forever There
 GIFTS = Getting It From The Steps
 GOD = Good Orderly Direction
 GOD = Group of Drunks
 GOYA = Get Off Your Ass
 GUT = God's Undeniable Truths
 HALT = Honestly, Actively, Lovingly Tolerant

HALT = Hope, Acceptance, Love and Tolerance
 HALT = Horny, Angry, Lonely, Tired
 HALT = Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired: Fix these situations before you make any decisions.
 HALT = Horny, Arrogant, Lazy and Tragic: if you're any one of these, get to a meeting!
 HALTS = Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired and Stupid
 HALTS FEAR = Hope, Acceptance, Love and Tolerance Stops Forgetting that Everything's All Right
 HELP = His Ever Loving Presence
 HELP = Her Ever Loving Presence
 HELP = Hope, Encouragement, Love and Patience
 HOPE = Happy Our Program Exists
 HOPE = Having Organized Priorities Everyday
 HOPE = Hearing Other Peoples' Experience
 HOPE = Hang On! Peace Exists...
 HOW = Honesty, Open-mindedness, Willingness
 HOW = Honest, Open-minded and Willing
 ISM = I, Self, Me
 ISM = Incredibly Short Memory
 ISM = InSide Me
 ISM = I Sabotage Myself
 ISM = I Sponsor Myself
 KISS = Keep It Simple, Stupid
 KISS = Keep It Simple, Sugar
 KISS = Keep It Simple, Sweetheart
 KISS = Keeping It Simple, Spiritually
 MMM = Meetings, Meditation and Masturbation
 NUTS = Not Using The Steps
 OUR = Openly Using Recovery
 PACE = Positive Attitudes Change Everything
 PAID = Pitiful And Incomprehensible Demoralization
 PMS = Poor Me Syndrome
 PMS = Pour More Scotch
 PROGRAM = People Relying on God Relaying a Message
 PUSH = Pray Until Something Happens
 RELATIONSHIP = Real Exciting Love Affair Turns Into Outrageous Nightmare, Sobriety Hangs In Peril
 RID = Restless, Irritable and Discontented
 SLIP = Sobriety Loses Its Priority
 SOB = Sober Old Bag
 SOB = Sober Old Bastard
 SOB = Sober Old Biker
 SOB = Sober Old Bitch
 SOBER = Son Of a Bitch, Everything's Real
 SPONSOR = Sober Person Offering Newcomers Suggestions On Recovery
 STEPS = Solutions To Every Problem Sober
 STEPS = Solutions To Every Problem in Sobriety
 STEPS = Solutions To Every Problem in Society
 STOP = Sicker Than Other People
 TIME = Things I Must Earn
 WILLING = When I Live Life, I Need God
 YET = You're Eligible Too

Step 3

Like many alcoholics arriving to AA, I had zero conception of any loving God to rely on. I ran my life playing God, expecting to be the center of the universe and having no concern for other people. Look at where that had gotten me! So how does a person like me turn their will and life over to this new Power? For me, the experience happened slowly. First, I simply trusted my sponsor. She drank exactly as I had, yet she was sober and happy. I followed her suggestions because I knew my sobriety depended on it. Next, I formed relationships with other alcoholics in a home group. Here was a whole group that could be trusted because they also found a solution to their problem! Maybe, just maybe, I could have faith in something greater. Step Three is simply a decision; it is a commitment to taking the rest of the steps. If we are to turn our will and our life over, more action is required. By taking an honest 3rd step, I immediately jumped into the 4th step, and continued through the work. Each day I rely on prayer, meditation, inventory, amends, and service to turn my life over to this loving God.

Tradition 3

I am forever grateful that A.A. members were practicing Tradition Three when I arrived at A.A. If every group had a list of membership rules and regulations, I would have been kicked out long ago! Out of experience, the early members realized A.A must be open to any suffering alcoholic. The founding members were initially afraid that “beggars, tramps, asylum inmates, prisoners, queers, plain crackpots, and fallen women” could destroy the fellowship if allowed into AA (from the Twelves Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 140). I personally fit in most of these categories at one time or another! But behind this fear is intolerance. After all, how cruel would it be if members conspired to keep out alcoholics really in need of help? It is our responsibility to carry this program to anyone who needs and wants it, without reservation.

Concept 3

At every level of A.A. service, all trusted servants and A.A entities have their own “Right of Decision.” They have the freedom to decide how to deal with problems that arise. Every entity has its own autonomy, responsibility, and authority to practice this right of decision. They are free to decide which problems to tackle themselves, and which problems they will consult with other service structures. In order for this concept to be practiced effectively, each A.A group also relies on well-informed General Service Representatives. The GSRs are responsible for effectively linking the individual groups with A.A. as a whole. Underlying concept three is the principle of trust. For instance, trusted servants are trusted to carry out their commitments, GSRs are trusted to make the best decisions when voting based on their group conscience, and the General Service Board and the A.A. Grapevine are trusted to carry out their responsibilities.

FINANCES**Feb****2021****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	\$2,388	\$4,892
Group Contributions	1,844	3,776
AA Birthdays	52	52
Faithful Five	15	30
Individual/Anonymous	104	1,157

Total Income

4,403 9,907

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Fees	51	112
Travel/Licenses/Permits	61	61
Office Supplies		117
Office Improve/Repair		
www Hosting		
Payroll Net	1,711	3,422
Payroll Tax		1,113
Postage		37
Printing		
Purchases/Lit./Merch.		2,050
Insurance		
Rent	500	1,000
Sales Tax	163	319
Telephone/www	203	406
Utilities	100	200
Computer Equipment		
Computer Software	13	167
Computer/Maintain		

Total Expenses

4,110 9,004

Net Ordinary Income

293 903

Other Income

Other Expenses

NET OTHER INCOME**NET INCOME**

293 903

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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District 20

District 20 Treasurer
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Naples, FL 34106
(10%)

General Service Office

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New York, N. Y. 10163
(30%)

Area 15

Wayne H.
P.O. Box 1311
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
(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>FEB</u>	<u>2021</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0.....	20
12 Steps By Paragraph.....	0.....	150
24 Hour Solution.....	0.....	0
Anchor.....	0.....	0
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0.....	0
Back To Basics.....	0.....	0
Beach Bums 641645.....	0.....	90
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	0.....	0
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	63.....	89
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0.....	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0.....	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0.....	0
Bonita Beginnings.....	0.....	100
Bonita Friday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0.....	377
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	0
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0.....	349
Bonita Springs Women's 169127.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Step, 134588.....	0.....	0
Bonita Unity.....	0.....	0
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	0.....	50
Brown Bag, 163924.....	726.....	726
Cake Meeting, 701813.....	0.....	0
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0.....	0
Candlelight, 606877.....	0.....	0
Comes Of Age.....	0.....	0
Common Solutions, 179613.....	0.....	0
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0.....	0
Early Riser, 161795.....	650.....	650
East Trail, 150873.....	0.....	0
Easy Does It, 156979.....	0.....	0
FCYPAA.....	0.....	0
Free 2 Be, 670930.....	0.....	0
Friday Big Book.....	0.....	0
Go To Any Length, 305375.....	0.....	0
Golden Gate, 123819.....	0.....	0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330.....	0.....	0
Gratitude Hour, 134223.....	0.....	0
Happy Hour, 172923.....	0.....	0
Jaywalkers, 634271.....	0.....	0
Keep It Positive, 650541.....	0.....	0
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0.....	0
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	400.....	450
Living Sober, 605904.....	0.....	0
Living Sober Isle of Capri.....	0.....	0
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	0.....	33
Men's Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	5.....	18
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0.....	0
Naples Group, 103609.....	0.....	0
Naples Men's, 694322.....	0.....	0
Naples South, 130210.....	0.....	0
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0.....	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	0.....	0
New Women (Thursday noon).....	0.....	0
Newcomers Coming Together, 684199.....	0.....	0
No Compromise, 681260.....	0.....	0
Not A Glum Lot.....	0.....	0
Nueva Vida.....	0.....	0
Old Timers, 698956.....	0.....	0

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>2021</u>
One Day At A Time.....	0.....	0
Our Common Welfare.....	0.....	0
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323.....	0.....	0
Pay It Forward, 704772.....	0.....	0
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715.....	0.....	675
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.....	0
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079.....	0.....	0
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959.....	0.....	0
Sunset Serenity, 654981.....	0.....	0
Survivor's, 157268.....	0.....	0
SW 239 BID.....	0.....	0
Swamp Group, 672733.....	0.....	0
Tables Of Naples.....	0.....	0
The Solution Big Book Study Group 632503.....	0.....	0
Third Tradition, 143298.....	0.....	0
Three Legacies, 679400.....	0.....	0
Thursday New Women.....	0.....	0
Unity Monday Noon Step.....	0.....	0
Unity Step.....	0.....	0
Veranda.....	0.....	0
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923.....	0.....	0
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....	0.....	0
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....	0.....	0
Wednesday Step St. Johns.....	0.....	0
Where Are We.....	0.....	0
Women's Spirit.....	0.....	0
Women's Step, 159957.....	0.....	0
YANA, 270553.....	0.....	0
ZOOM Noon.....	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.



Online Meetings

<http://www.aa-intergroup.org/directory.php>

AA-Alive.net
An Online AA Group.
Online Meeting and Chat Room
<http://www.aa-alive.net/>

AA Chat Meetings
<http://www.stepchat.com/aa.htm>

AA Online.net
Conducts open topic meetings
online very much like face-to-face meetings
<http://www.aaonline.net/>

AA Online Meeting.net
English speaking Skype based online
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
<http://www.aaonlinemeeting.net/>

Alcoholics Anonymous Online Group
AA Beginner / Newcomer OPEN to th
Public Discussion Forum Meeting
Online <http://www.onlinegroupaa.org/>
is mobile device friendly.

Grateful Recovering Online Women's
(GROW) Group
<http://www.g-r-o-w.com/>

Lamplighters Group of AA
We share our experience,
strength and hope with each other over
the Internet, and via email
<http://www.aa-lamplighters.org/>

Staying Cyber
AA Meeting for the WWW
<http://www.stayingcyber.org/>

Jokes

The smallest package in the world is an alcoholic all wrapped up in himself.

Teacher: "If I have 5 bottles in one hand and 6 in the other hand, what do I have?"

Student: "A drinking problem."

Customer: "Your finest Scotch, please."

Employee: "Yes, sir." says the Staples employee as he hands him a 12 year old roll of tape.

Only Two More Aisles!

An AA newcomer mom waked into a grocery store with her 3-year-old girl in the seat of her shopping cart. As they passed the cookie aisle, the little girl asked for cookies, and her mother told her no. The girl immediately began to whine and fuss, kicking her legs in irritation. "Now, Sally, we only have half the aisles to go through. Don't be upset. It won't be long." the mother said quietly.

Next they came across to the candy section, and the girl began to beg for candy. When her mother said she couldn't have any, the little girl began to cry. The mother patiently said, "The re, there Sally. Only two more aisle to go, and then we'll be checking out."

When they got to the checkout counter, the little girl started clamoring for gum, and she threw a loud tantrum when her mother refused. With a deep sigh, the mom said, "Sally, we'll be through this checkout lane in five minutes, and then you can go home and have a nice comfy nap."

A customer followed them out to the parking lot and stopped the woman to compliment her. "I couldn't help but notice how patient you were with little Sally," he said.

The newcomer laughed. "My little girl's name is Alice.

My name is Sally."

If drinking is interfering
With your work, you're
probably a heavy drinker!

If work is interfering with
your drinking, you're
probably alcoholic!

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.	50 years
Ron L.	42 years
Don M.	41 years
Jim B.	38 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Jackie T. F.	36 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	28 years
Peter F.	25 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	19 years
Mary B.	18 years
Laura T. F.	4 years
Bree F.	3 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2020 Faithful Fiver Club

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District 20**Business Meeting:**

Last Thursday of the Month, 7pm
New Attitudes Club
4133 Tamiami Trail E.
(Lakewood & E 41)
Behind Speedway Gas

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Every day except Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

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Central Office
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(next to 24 Hour Club)**

**First Wednesday of
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