

THE COURIER

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Founders' Day 2021 Saturday / Sunday, June 12 & 13, 2021

Founders' Day 2021 is a virtual event. Although registration is required, there is no fee to register.

Donations are greatly appreciated! The Founders' Day Committee encourages you to click on the schedule of events to view an exciting lineup of speakers, history, and happenings.

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Step 6

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character"

Tradition 6

"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."

Concept 6

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they

Sixth Step Prayer

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

The Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Tradition Six

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- 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?*



AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area
Intergroup*

Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30
Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00

and, Telephone Helpline

After-hours, various days.

1-year continuous sobriety.

For information: 239/262-6535

Instructions: HOW TO USE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- 1) AA is an allergy relief program commonly used to treat and inhibit the use of alcohol and the common defacts caused by alcoholism.
- 2) AA is designed to reduce the symptoms commonly associated with alcoholism. When taken as directed AA is known to substantially reduce the negative side effects associated with alcoholism such as: misery, depression, despair, remorse, guilt, shame, physical, mental, and spiritual maladies, a mental obsession and a physical allergy commonly known as alcoholism.
- 3) We do not recommend that you use AA unless you are capable of being honest and completely willing to se who have a sincere desire to stop drinking.
- 4) CAUTION: AA will impair your ability to consume alcohol. If you are on any other medications such as alcohol or any other mind altering substance we suggest that you discontinue use immediately as this will cause a substantial reduction in the effect caused by AA.
- 5) Some of the most common side effects associated with AA are: Honesty, Hope, Faith, Courage, Integrity, Willingness, Humility, Brotherly love, Justice, Perseverance, Spirituality, and Service. A spiritual awakening and a psychic change have been reported in most cases.
- 6) If you are experiencing a resurrection lasting more than four hours, you needn't seek medical attention, as you may be experiencing the initial effects of AA.
- 7) AA has no negative side effects on pregnant women or women who are nursing.
- 8) To reduce your risk of chronic relapse, a lifestyle change maybe recommended. In 9 out of 10 cases practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.
- 9) An increased risk of recovery and long term spiritual affects have been associated with AA. Consult your sponsor immediately when changes do occur.
- 10) AA should be taken with plenty of open-mindedness and willingness. Do not take AA alone. Independent studies have shown that AA is most effective when working with others.
- 11) Always remember it is important that you use AA only as prescribed: 1. Trust in God 2. Clean House 3. Help others
- 12) WARNING: Do not skip doses or discontinue use as severe reoccurrence of fatal allergy symptoms may occur.
- 13) AA is recommended for long term daily use. Prodigious results have been found in those who continue long term use of AA. As with all allergy relief medications some results may vary, sometimes quickly sometimes slowly.
- 14) For more information and to learn more about the AA 12 step program of recovery and alcoholism we suggest you contact your local AA community directly ,retain a sponsor, and read the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.



Humility for Today

An Essay by Bill W.

Published June 1961 in the Grapevine

THERE can be no absolute humility for us humans. At best, we can only glimpse the meaning and splendor of such a perfect ideal. As the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" says: "We are not saints. . . we claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection." Only God Himself can manifest in the Absolute; we human beings must needs live and grow in the domain of the relative. We seek humility for today.

Therefore our practical question is this: "Just what do we mean by 'humility for today' and how do we know when we have found it?"

We scarcely need be reminded that excessive guilt or rebellion leads to spiritual poverty. But it was a very long time before we knew we could go even more broke on spiritual pride. When we early AAs got our first glimmer of how spiritually prideful we could be, we coined this expression: "Don't try to get too damned good by Thursday!" That old-time admonition may look like another of those handy alibis that can excuse us from trying for our best. Yet a closer view reveals just the contrary. This is our AA way of warning against pride-blindness, and the imaginary perfections that we do not possess.

Now that we no longer patronize bars and bordellos; now that we bring home the pay checks; now that we are so very active in AA; and now that people congratulate us on these signs of progress—well, we naturally proceed to congratulate ourselves. Yet we may not be within hailing distance of humility. Meaning well, yet doing badly, how often have I said or thought, "I am right and you are wrong," "My plan is correct and yours is faulty," "Thank God your sins are not my sins," "You are hurting AA and I'm going to stop you cold," "I have God's guidance, so He is on my side." And so on, indefinitely.

The alarming thing about such pride-blindness is the ease with which it is justified. But we need not look far to see that this deceptive brand of self-justification is a universal destroyer of harmony and of love. It sets man against man, nation against nation. By it, every form of folly and violence can be made to look right, and even respectable. Of course it is not for us to condemn. We need only investigate ourselves.

How, then, can we do more and more about reducing our guilt, rebellion and pride?

When I inventory such defects, I like to draw a picture and tell myself a story. My picture is that of a Highway to Humility, and my story is an allegory. On one side of my Highway, I see a great bog. The Highway's edge borders a shallow marsh which finally shelves down into that muddy morass of guilt and rebellion in which I have so often floundered. Self-destruction lies in wait out there, and I know this. But the country on the other side of the road looks fine. I see inviting glades, and beyond them great mountains. The countless trails leading into this pleasant land look safe. It will be easy, I think, to find one's way back.

Together with numbers of friends, I decide to take a brief detour. We pick our path and happily plunge along it. Elatedly, somebody soon says, "Maybe we'll find gold on top of that mountain." Then to our amazement we do strike gold—not nuggets in the streams, but fully minted coins. The heads of these coins each declare, "This is pure gold—twenty-four carats." Surely, we think, this is the reward for our patient plodding back there in the everlasting brightness of the Highway.

Soon, though, we begin to notice the words on the tails of our coins, and we have strange forebodings: Some pieces carry rather attractive inscriptions. "I am Power," "I am Acclaim," "I am Wealth," "I am Righteousness," they say. But others seem very strange. For example: "I am The Master Race," "I am The Benefactor," "I am Good Causes," "I am God." This is very puzzling. Nevertheless we pocket them. But next come real shockers. They read: "I'm Pride," "I'm Anger," "I'm Aggression," "I'm Revenge," "I'm Disunity," "I'm Chaos." Then we turn up a single coin—just one—which declares: "I am the Devil himself." Some of us are horrified and we cry, "This is fool's gold, and this is a fool's paradise—let's clear out of here!"

But many would not return with us. They said, "Let's stay here and sort over those damned coins. We'll pick only the ones that carry the lucky inscriptions. For instance, those that say, 'Power' and 'Glory' and 'Righteousness.' You fellows are going to be sorry you didn't stick around." Not strangely, it was years before this part of our original company returned to the Highway.

They told us the story of those who had sworn never to return. They had said, "This money is real gold, and don't tell us any different. We're going to pile up all we can. Sure, we don't like those fool mottoes. But there's plenty of firewood here. We'll just melt all this stuff down into good solid gold bricks." Then our late arrivals added: "This is how the gold of Pride claimed our brothers. They were already quarreling over their bricks when we left. Some were hurt and a few were dying. They had begun to destroy each other."

This symbolic picture graphically tells me that I may attain "humility for today" only to the extent that I am able to avoid the bog of guilt and rebellion, and that fair but deceiving land which is strewn with the coin of Pride. This is how I can find and stay on the Road to Humility which lies in between. Therefore a constant inventory which can reveal when I am off the road is always in order.

Of course, our first attempts at such inventories are apt to prove very unrealistic. I used to be a champ at *unrealistic* self-appraisal. I wanted to look only at the part of my life which seemed good. Then I would greatly exaggerate whatever virtues I supposed I had attained. Next I would congratulate myself on the grand job I was doing. So my unconscious self-deception never failed to turn my few good assets into serious liabilities. This astonishing process was always a pleasant one. Naturally this generated a terrible hankering for still more "accomplishments," and still more approval. I was falling straight back into the pattern of my drinking days. Here were the same old goals—power, fame, and applause. Besides, I had the best alibi known—the spiritual alibi. The fact that I really did have a spiritual objective always made this utter nonsense seem perfectly right. I couldn't tell a good coin from a bad one; it was spiritual gold-bricking at its worst. I shall forever regret the damage I did to people around me. Indeed, I still tremble when I realize what I might have done to AA and to its future.

In those days I wasn't much bothered about the areas of life in which I was standing still. There was always the alibi: "After all," I said to myself, "I'm far too busy with much more important matters." That was my near perfect prescription for comfort and complacency.

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But sometimes I would simply have to look at certain situations where, on the face of them, I was doing very badly. Right away, a rousing rebellion would set in. Then the search for excuses would become frantic. "These," I would exclaim, "are really a good man's faults." When that pet gadget finally broke apart, I would think, "Well, if those people would only treat me right, I wouldn't have to behave the way I do." Next in order was this: "God well knows that I do have *awful compulsions*. I just can't get over this one. So *He* will have to release me." At last came the time when I would shout, "*This, I positively will not do; I won't even try.*" Of course my conflicts went right on mounting because I was simply loaded with excuses and refusals.

When these troubles had finally exhausted me enough, there was yet another escape. I would commence to wallow in the bog of guilt. Here pride and rebellion would give way to depression. Though the variations were many, my main theme always was, "How god-awful I am." Just as I had exaggerated my modest attainments by pride, so now I would exaggerate my defects through guilt. I would race about, confessing all (and a great deal more!) to whoever would listen. Believe it or not, I took that to be great humility on my part, and I counted this as my sole remaining asset and consolation!

During those bouts with guilt, there was never a decent regret for the harms I had done, nor was there any serious thought of making such restitution as I could. The idea of asking God's forgiveness, let alone any forgiveness of myself, never occurred to me. Of course my really big liability—spiritual pride and arrogance—was not examined at all. I had shut out the light by which I might have seen it.

Today I think I can trace a clear linkage between my guilt and my pride. Both of them were certainly attention-getters. In pride I could say, "Look at me, I am wonderful." In guilt I would moan, "I'm awful." Therefore guilt is really the reverse side of the coin of pride. Guilt aims at self-destruction and Pride aims at the destruction of others.

This is why I see humility for today as that safe and secure stance midway between these violent emotional extremes. It is a quiet place where I can keep enough perspective, and enough balance to take my next small step up the clearly marked road that points toward eternal values.

Many of us have experienced far greater emotional gyrations than I. Others have experienced less. But all of us still have them at times. Yet I think we need not regret these conflicts. They seem to be a necessary part of growing up, emotionally and spiritually. They are the raw material out of which much of our progress has to be made.

Does anyone ask if AA is but a retching pit of pain and conflict? The answer is "Certainly not." In great measure, we AAs have really found peace. However haltingly, we have managed to attain an increasing humility whose dividends have been serenity and legitimate joy. We do not detour as much or as far as we once did.

At the outset of this meditation, it was thought that absolute ideals are far beyond our attainment, or even our comprehension; that we would be sadly lacking in humility if we really felt that we could achieve anything like absolute perfection in this brief span of earthly existence. Such a presumption would certainly be the acme of spiritual pride.

Reasoning thus, many people will have no truck at all with absolute spiritual values. Perfectionists, they say, are either full of conceit because they fancy they have reached some impossible goal, or else

they are swamped in self-condemnation because they have not done so.

Yet I think that we should not hold this view. It is not the fault of great ideals that they are sometimes misused and so become shallow excuses for guilt, rebellion and pride. On the contrary, we cannot grow very much unless we constantly try to envision what the eternal spiritual values are. As Step Eleven of AA's recovery program says, we *Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.* This surely means that we ought to look toward God's Perfection as our guide rather than as a goal to be reached in any foreseeable time.

I'm sure, for instance, that I ought to seek out the finest definition of humility that is possible for me to envision. This definition doesn't have to be absolutely perfect—I am only asked to try. Suppose I choose one like this: "Perfect humility would be a state of complete freedom from myself, freedom from all the claims that my defects of character now lay so heavily upon me. Perfect humility would be a full willingness, in all times and places, to find and do the will of God."

When I meditate upon such a vision, I need not be dismayed because I shall never attain it, nor need I swell with presumption that one of these days its virtues shall all be mine.

I only need to dwell on the vision itself, letting it grow and ever more fill my heart. This done, I can compare it with my last-taken personal inventory. Then I get a sane and healthy idea of where I actually stand on the Highway to Humility. I see that my journey toward God has scarce begun. As I thus get down to my right size and stature, my self-concern and importance become amusing. Then faith grows that I do have a place on this Highway; that I can advance upon it with deepening peace and confidence. Once more I know that God is good; that I need fear no evil. This is a great gift, this knowledge that I do have a destiny.

As I continue to contemplate God's Perfection, I discover still another joy. As a child, hearing my first symphony, I was lifted up into its indescribable harmony, though I knew little of how or whence it came. So today, when I listen for God's Music of the Spheres, I can now and again hear those divine chords by which I am told that the Great Composer loves me—and that I love Him.

Wilson, William. *The Language of the Heart.* New York: AA Grapevine, Inc. 1988. Print. Reprinted.

Fun Facts for June

06/10/1935: Bill W. and Dr. Bob Founded the AA Fellowship in Akron, Ohio.

06/20/1941: Cleveland has first AA women's group meeting.

06/21/1944: First issue of *The AA Grapevine* is published.

06/27/1935: Bill D., AA's #3, enters Akron's City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.

FINANCES	MAY	YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Literature/Merchandise	\$3,121	\$14,698
Group Contributions	4,080	13,317
AA Birthdays		472
Faithful Five	15	120
Individual/Anonymous	150	1,828
<u>Total Income</u>	7,366	30,435
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	77	350
Travel/Licenses/Permits		61
Office Supplies	54	337
Office Improve/Repair	433	433
www Hosting		145
Payroll Net	1,711	8,558
Payroll Tax		2,226
Postage		37
Printing		
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	989	7,101
Insurance		
Rent	500	2,500
Sales Tax	198	909
Telephone/www	205	1,221
Utilities	100	500
Computer Equipment		
Computer Software	13	218
Computer/Maintain		
<u>Total Expenses</u>	4,279	5,841
<u>Net Ordinary Income</u>	3,087	5,841
Other Income		
Other Expenses		
<u>NET OTHER INCOME</u>		
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$3,087	\$5,841

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%)

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

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

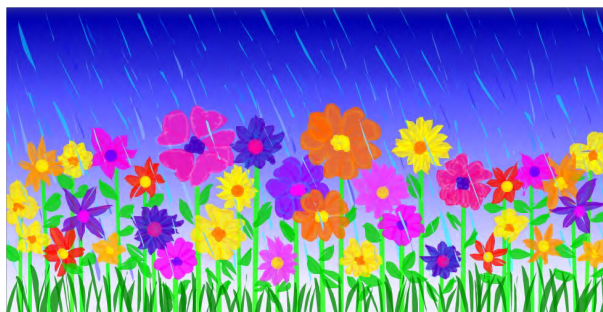
The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are **NOT registered with G.S.O.** and therefore not a "Group" (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>MAY</u>	<u>2021</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0.....	73
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.....	250
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0.....	220
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	34.....	139
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	0.....	84
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0.....	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0.....	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0.....	158
Bonita Beginnings.....	0.....	100
Bonita Friday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0.....	995
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	722
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0.....	349
Bonita Springs Women's 169127	235.....	560
Bonita Springs Step,134588.....	0.....	0
Bonita Unity.....	0.....	0
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	50.....	100
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0.....	1,018
Cake Meeting, 701813.....	0.....	25
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0.....	0
Candlelight, 606877.....	0.....	0
Comes Of Age.....	0.....	0
Common Solutions, 179613	0.....	0
Daily Reflections ZOOM	365.....	365
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0.....	0
Early Riser, 161795.....	721.....	1,371
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.....	60
Jaywalkers, 634271.....	0.....	0
Keep It Positive, 650541.....	0.....	0
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0.....	0
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	0.....	480
Living Sober, 605904.....	0.....	0
Living Sober Isle of Capri	0.....	0
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	39.....	90
Men's Big Book	0.....	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529	0.....	0
Monday Noon Big Book.....	0.....	31
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	11.....	30
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.....	290.....	290
New Women (Thursday noon).....	0.....	0
Newcomers Coming Together, 684199.....	0.....	0
No Compromise, 681260.....	0.....	0

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>MAY</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.....	1200.....	1200
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715.....	2,385.....	3,060
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.....	100
Survivor's, 157268	0.....	0
SW 239 BID.....	0.....	0
Swamp Group, 672733.....	0.....	0
Tables Of Naples.....	0.....	150
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.....	172
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

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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.aonline.net/>

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

Founders Day (June 10)...What will you be doing to celebrate A.A.'s 86th Anniversary?

Following is an early AAs recollection of his first Founders Day in Akron, Ohio (birthplace of A.A.).

“Never shall I forget my first Founders Day in Akron, birthplace of A.A. It was held in the Mayflower Hotel dining room. The date: June 10, 1945, I had been sober only three months. During my last binge, the country had changed Presidents, and I did not know it till my third day in the St Thomas alcohol ward, where they showed me a newspaper.

I spent six days in the ward, and there I had the opportunity to meet Sister Ignatia and the beloved Dr. Bob, co-founder of A.A.

Dr. Bob was on the staff of the hospital. He would come in to see us twice a day. There were eight of us.

Most of the early members who came to our bedsides have gone to their reward, I was only thirty-four at the time. Dr. Bob and the other A.A.'s took much time with me. Today, I am humbly grateful for the message of hope that was passed on to me. I shall always have a place in my heart and mind for the six days I spend there. It was there my real adult life began.

We are now living in Florida, like a lot of other old people, but we plan to be in Akron form Founders Day if it is the Lord's will.

For us who are privileged to have this A.A. way of life, there is no better means of showing our grateful appreciation to The Founders and other pioneers of this Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Looking forward to some great A.A. Fellowship in June.”

The Birthday Club

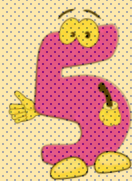
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics 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.	39 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



2021 Faithful Fiver Club

***Ron L., James B., Theresa R., Judy W., Kathryn Mc., Bill S.,
Jim B., Ken H., 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 12-Step work in District 20 and Central Office Operations.

District 20

(Collier County, the portion of Monroe County bordered by Collier and Miami-Dade Counties, and the portion of Hendry County below the northernmost boundary of Collier County.)

District 20 Officers:

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