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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PREAMBLE:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are selfsupporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or Institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. (Reprinted with permission of AA Grapevine, Inc.)



Sister Mary Ignatia (1889-1966)

Born Della Mary Gavin in 1889 in Ireland, Sister Ignatia worked with Dr. Bob to help admit alcoholics into St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, Ohio, starting in 1939. She surmounted obstacles to personally care for thousands of alcoholics over the next several decades, both in Akron and later at St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland. Beloved by all who were associated with or helped by her, she was commonly referred to as the "Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Originally a musician, Sister Ignatia was transferred by her order, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine, to St. Thomas Hospital in Akron to work in their admissions office. It was in that capacity that she first met and worked with Dr. Bob. In an interview with Bill W., Sister regaled the co-founder with cherished recollections of Dr. Bob and their work with drunks at St. Thomas:

"Dr. Bob was the essence of professional dignity. He had a fine sense of humor and exceptional vocabulary.... Now, as I look back over the years, I realize that Dr. Bob was slowly but surely preparing me for the great project he had in mind. We often discussed the problem of alcoholism and the tragedies caused by excessive drinking. The individual given to alcoholic addiction is frequently a wreck of humanity – broken in body and soul, and heart and unable to help himself. His loved ones suffer, too; there were many broken homes and hearts because of compulsive drinking." (Recording of Sister Ignatia, 1954)

Her work in helping alcoholics was done with much dignity and modest distinction. In December 1949, she was presented with the Poverello Medal of the College of Steubenville. The medal was given to her for the A.A. Fellowship for her untiring efforts with alcoholics in Akron.In March 1961, Sister Ignatia received a letter of acknowledgment for her pioneering contributions from the White House (President Kennedy), which she shared with Bill W.

Sister Mary Ignatia (1889-1966) - - continued.

The letter read:

Dear Sister Mary Ignatia:

Through an admirer of yours, the President has learned of the fine work you have done in the past at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, and, more recently, at St. Vincent's in Cleveland. He has been informed that a large number of citizens have been restored to useful citizenship as a result of your efforts. As you have been a strong influence for the good to many people, you have added strength to your community and nation.

In response to receiving a copy of the President's letter, Bill responded to Sister Ignatia:

We have read the marvelous letter which President Kennedy requested be sent to you. It reminds me that I have no words to tell of my devotion and my gratitude to you, of the constant inspiration you have given me and so many over the years by your example of the finest in all that is spiritual and eternal, as well as temporal.

Following Dr. Bob's death in 1950, Sister Ignatia continued her work at St. Thomas. Then in 1952, she was transferred to St. Vincent Charity Hospital at Cleveland, where she was placed in charge of its alcoholic ward. Upon arrival, the ward at "Charity" was part of a dilapidated wing and was in great need of rejuvenation. Through the Sister's urging and much assistance from A.A. members with carpentry skills, the ward was soon transformed and named Rosary Hall Solarium.

Sister Ignatia provided each patient who left her care with a Sacred Heart badge. Receiving this item was accompanied by a personal promise to the Sister that the patient would return the badge before they drank again.

She died in Richfield Ohio, at age 77, on April 1, 1966. There were reportedly about 3,000 people present at the funeral, including A.A.'s co-founder, Bill W.

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The Twelve Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

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

4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

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

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

11. 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.

12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

The EIGHTH MONTH for ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

STEP EIGHT: "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

TRADITION EIGHT: "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

<u>CONCEPT EIGHT</u>: "The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) ...for policy and finance, they are the principle planners and administrators. ... (b)...incorporated and constantly active service, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial; oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities."

<u>8th Step</u> Prayer: "Higher Power, I ask Your help in making my list of all those I have harmed. I will take responsibility for my mistakes and Be forgiving to others as You are forgiving to me. Grant me the willingness to begin my restitution. This I pray."

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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- 1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
- 2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
- 3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward even if not money for my personal AA efforts?
- 4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself?. On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
- 5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
- 6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
- 7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition -- How It Developed?

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"Many ask 'What is anonymity?' and 'What is humility?' To me, they are almost the same thing. They are devoid of prestige; they demand nothing; they don't ask to be 'right'; they simply suggest that the icy egocentric elements in all of us retire into the background and that we wear the warm cloak of anonymity and humility and therefore, spirituality."

"I sometimes forget to feel gratitude for my sobriety ... This is why I must continue to work with others, to go to meetings, to be of some service to the world around me -not because these are 'good' things, but rather so that I can once again be stimulated into feelings of gratitude for this life I have found."

"Taking Gratitude for Granted," Los Angeles, California, May 2000, Voices of Long-TermTerm Sobriety



VOICES OF LONG-TERM SOBRIETY OLD-TIMERS' STORIES FROM AA GRAPEVINE

Your Groups' Activities **Calling all AA Can Be Here** Authors !!! Next Month. **Please submit To Highlight** RECOVERY an article to Your Group, **The COURIER !!! Please Call Us: Email article to: Intergroup Office** 239/262-6535 naplesintgroup@yahoo.com

The COURIER

AAGRAPEVINE, Inc.

Memo

To:	General Service Conference	
From	Josh Burney, A.A. Grapevine Board Chair	
Re:	Preamble Revision	
Date	May 28, 2021	

Dear Conference Members:

Several people have asked when the revised Preamble will be seen in print. In keeping with the final advisory action of the 71st General Service Conference, the A.A. Preamble revision replacing the words "men and women" with "people" will appear in the July issue of Grapevine, and its translation will be in the July/August issue of La Viña. Both of these issues will be mailed, and posted online, on June 15, 2021. After June 15, as new Grapevine, La Viña and A.A.W.S. literature or reprints go to press, and as web pages are updated, the language will change wherever the A.A. Preamble appears.

The June issue of Grapevine was on press when the Conference requested the change, so this is the first opportunity to make the adjustment in the magazines.

We've also received a number of inquiries about whether this negatively impacts the editorial independence of Grapevine. Please remember that the Grapevine Board, Publisher and Editors discussed this topic for an entire year over a series of board meetings. Ultimately it was agreed that Grapevine has the right of decision and foundational editorial independence. We felt that such a change would affect the groups as a whole and in keeping with Tradition 4, we sought the input from those it might affect by sending the discussion to the General Service Conference.

The topic was actively discussed in groups across the United States and Canada for two years over both the 70th and 71st General Service conference panels. As a result of those conversations the Delegates of the General Service Conference passed a series of votes, in a sequence of events that culminated with the final advisory action requesting:

"The Preamble revision replacing the words "men and women" with the word "people" be presented to the General Service Board for approval as the new revised A.A. Preamble.

Having been accepted by the General Service Board and forwarded to Grapevine for fulfilment, the Publisher and editorial staff at A.A. Grapevine went to work to carry out the will of the Conference with love and service.

I hope you are all having a wonderful experience reporting out the results of the 71st General Service Conference and thank each of you so very much for your dedicated service.

Josh E**rrent Erre** General Service Trustee A.A. Grapevine Board Chair

4TH ANNUAL KEYS FOR SERENITY 2021 "THE ROAD OF HAPPY DESTINY"

September 17-19, 2021 Key West Marriott Beachside 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd Key West, Florida

Workshops* 12step meetings/Panels* Alanon Participation/meetings
*Banquet*Entertainment*Sobriety Countdown
Book now! Early registration \$40.00
Hotel Accommodations at a discounted rate Sept 15-19
(For a longer stay contact hotel directly)
Go to KFS website for event registration and hotel reservations

Guest Speakers Include: Charlie & Katie P.-Texas Scott L. Tennessee Leo S.-Massachusetts

Register online now at: <u>www.keysforserenity.com</u> We look forward to seeing you in September!

Our committee is working closely with the host hotel KW Marriott Beachside to ensure the health and well-being for those who attend our in-person conference. We will follow Covid-19 guidelines according to the CDC as well as city/state ordinances.



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<u>FINANCES</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	-	
Literature/Merchandise	\$1,821	\$19,253
Group Contributions	4,380	17,932
AA Birthdays	43	515
Faithful Five	75	215
Individual/Anonymous	0	2,078
<u>Total Income</u>	6,319	39,993
<u>Expenses</u>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	53	474
Travel/Licenses/ Permits		61
Office Supplies	129	893
Office Improve/Repair		433
www Hosting		145
Payroll	1,958	12,472
Payroll Tax	1,113	3,340
Postage		37
Printing		
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	947	9,088
Insurance		
Rent	500	3,500
Sales Tax	242	1,369
Telephone/www	203	1,628
Utilities	100	700
Computer Equipment		
Computer Software	75	294
Computer/Maintain		
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<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$999	\$5,449

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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 P.O. Box 2896 Naples, FL 34106 (10%) General Service Office

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<u>Area 15</u>

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

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GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are <u>NOT registered with G.S.O.</u> 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*

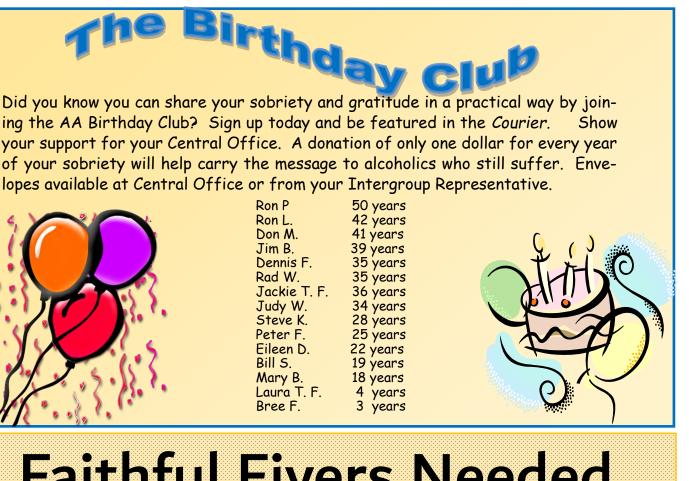
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12 Steps By Paragraph	0	
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AA Groups/Meetings listed here are those which are either registered as a Group at the AA General Service Office in New York, or, have contributed financially to the Naples Area Intergroup.

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Faithful Fivers Needed



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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Service Committees:

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Corrections Jeff K., 776-5673 kepkajeffery@yahoo.com Business meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., 24 Hour Club

Public Information/CPC **Opportunity** Business meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm, 24 Hour Club

Grapevine/Literature Peter C., 784-7725 Business meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30p.m., 24 Hour Club

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<u>Contributions from our readers are</u> encouraged.					
Submissions are edited f	or space and clarity only.				
District 20 <u>Business Meeting:</u> Last Thursday of the Month, 7pm New Attitudes Club 4133 Tamiami Trail E. (Lakewood & E 41) Behind Speedway Gas	MONTHLY NAPLES INTERGROUP MEETING Central Office 1509-2 Pine Ridge Rd. (next to 24 Hour Club) First Wednesday of month at 7:00pm				
<u>Treatment</u> <u>Commitments</u> <u>DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER</u> Every day except Wednesday 700 p.m	Area 15; Panel 69 (South Florida, Ba- hamas, US and Brit- ish Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maar- ten, and Cayman Is-				

7:00 p.m. Jon B., 537-5862

NAPLES COMMUNITY HOSPITAL Tim C., 778-5150

<u>WILLOUGH</u> Sunday, Monday and Thursday 7:30pm Joe S., 845-554-8721

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