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BILL W's HOLIDAY GIFT by Bob S., A.A CLEVELAND

On a bleak November day in 1934, Bill W. was in the process of receiving—albeit unknowingly—a Christmas present beyond his belief. During a visit, an old schoolmate, Ebby T., explained how he had found sobriety via religious ideas of the Oxford Group. Bill was amazed, yet unimpressed. He thought: *“My gin would last longer than his preaching.”* (p. 9 BB.) But it did not! Bill’s curiosity with his friend’s success eventually led Bill to the doors of the alcoholic ward of Towns Hospital a few weeks later. He was released with a full week of sobriety on December 18, just one week before Christmas. He never drank again!



But that was only a beginning! While in the hospital, he had a personality change that altered his modus operandi! He previously had never wanted anything more than to be a rich member of the Wall street crowd, as he was before drinking ruined that high point of his life. However, before leaving the hospital the thought came to him: *“There were thousands of hopeless alcoholics who might be glad to have what had been so freely given to me. Perhaps I could help some of them. They in turn might work with others.”* (p. 14 BB.)

Bill’s real Christmas present was a complete personality change as described by Dr. Carl Jung: *“Ideas, emotions, and attitudes which were once the guiding forces of the lives of these men are suddenly cast to one side, and a completely new set of conceptions and motives begin to dominate the-.”* (p. 27 BB.) Well, did Bill go back to Wall Street? No, he did not! He went down to Calvary mission and brought home a disheveled, and perhaps not-so-well-smelling, wino to his fancy Brooklyn Heights home and fed him and prayed with him. But the drunk got drunk, again. So, Bill went back, and the same thing happened. Did he give up and go back to Wall Street? No, he did not! He went back to that mission again and again through January, February and March of 1935 and guess what? They all got drunk!

What a personality change! What a wonderful Christmas present! Not just getting sober, but a strong desire to help others. We call this Step Twelve today, but this personality change was not only Bill’s exciting Christmas Present—it is certainly ours, as well!

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 self-supporting 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. (AA Grapevine, Inc.)



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

TRADITION TWELVE: “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

TRADITION TWELVE: (Long Form) “And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.”

CONCEPT TWELVE: “The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.”

12th Step Prayer: My spiritual awakening continues to unfold. The help I have received I shall pass on and give to others, Both in and out of the Fellowship. For this opportunity I am grateful. I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day on the road of spiritual progress. I pray for the inner strength and wisdom to practice the principles of this way of life in all I do and say. I need You, my friends, and the program every hour of every day. This is a better way to live.

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

This is a Checklist for Tradition Twelve:
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1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help an other alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

“The only way I ever found to displace a thought was to put another thought in its stead.”

**“We Must Banish Fear!”
Alexandria, Virginia, August 1950, AA Grapevine**



The 12 Days of Christmas

With the first step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
A day of sobriety.

With the second step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
A wee bit of faith and...

With the third step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Will-ing-ness...

With the fourth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Pencil, pen and pad...

With the fifth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Another human being

With the sixth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Lots of options

With the eighth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Too good a mem'ry...

With the ninth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Shatterproof glasses...

With the tenth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Spot checks a plenty...

With the eleventh step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
The Prayer of St. Francis

With the twelfth step of A.A.
My HP gave to me
Calls on the hotline...

The First Noel

**The first little drink my sponsor did say would
take my 3-year chip away.**

Be it whiskey or beer—be it red wine or white.

I'll end with me puking all through the night.

Little drink, little drink, the first little drink -

It's an idea that really stinks!

Deck the Halls

Deck the dash with beer and wine
D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

Wreck the car with bongos and line
D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

Officer, I hear you sing
D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

Breathe into this little thing
D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

**A.A. is where you ought to go
While drinking is in your way
It tells you what you need to know
To get you through the day
It leads you to your Higher Power
When you have gone astray
O come now and join us at A.A.
Come to A.A.
O come now and join us in A.A.**

Jingle Bells

Jingling keys, Jingling keys,
That is what you'll hear
When you get to rehab
The end of your career
Of alcohol, self-abuse,
Life in disarray
Then you can discover
The healing of A.A.

BENEFITS of RECOVERY

There are two benefits from recovery: we have short-term gains and long-term gains.

The short-term gains are the things we can do today that help us feel better immediately.

We can wake up in the morning, read for a few minutes in our meditation book, and feel lifted. We can work a Step and often notice an immediate difference in the way we feel and function. We can go to a meeting and feel refreshed, talk to a friend and feel comforted, or practice a new recovery behavior, such as dealing with *our* feelings or doing something good for ourselves, and feel relieved.

There are other benefits from recovery, though, that we don't see immediately on a daily or even a monthly basis. These are the long-term gains, the larger progress we make in our life.

Over the years, we can see tremendous rewards. We can watch ourselves grow strong in faith, until we have a daily personal relationship with a Higher Power that is as real to us as a relationship with a best friend.

We can watch ourselves grow beautiful as we shed shame, guilt, resentments, self-hatred, and other negative buildups from our past.

We can watch the quality of our relationships improve with family, friends, and spouses. We find ourselves growing steadily and gradually in our capacity to be intimate and close, to give and receive.

We can watch ourselves grow in our careers, in our ability to be creative, powerful, productive people, using our gifts and talents in a way that feels good and benefits others.

We discover the joy and beauty in ourselves, others, and life.

The long-term progress is steady, but sometimes slow; happening in increments and often with much forward and backward movement. Enough days at a time of practicing recovery behaviors and piling up short-term gains lead to long-term rewards.



Gratitude is a verb not a noun. A quote from Bill W., says: “Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward. In other words, if you carry the message to still others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given you.” This sounds like the alcoholic version of “Pay It Forward.” It makes perfect sense when you think about it. I like to do quick Gratitude Lists in my head when I am feeling stressed, and it is usually pretty easy to think of ten things I am grateful for. But even though this mental exercise of making a Gratitude List usually calms me down and refocuses me, it is not very productive in terms of helping others. Having me recite in my own mind that I am grateful for having my health, my freedom, my family and friends, etc., isn’t very useful to my brothers and sisters who are still sick and suffering. As important as it is for me to feel grateful, and to have an attitude of gratitude, Bill W. reminds me how important it is to show my gratitude by carrying the message to others. There are so many opportunities to be of service in the Program, and you never know when just being present at a meeting might help save the life of someone in trouble. It’s great to be grateful, but it’s better to be helpful.

What Do Those Mottos Mean? – From Twenty-Four Hours a Day

First Things First

We should always keep in mind that alcohol is our number one problem. We must not ever let any other problem, whether of family, business, friends or anything else, take precedence in our minds over our alcohol problem. As we go along in AA, we learn to recognize the things that may upset us emotionally. When we find ourselves getting upset over something, we must realize that it's a luxury we alcoholics can't afford. Anything that makes us forget our number one problem is dangerous to us.

Live and Let Live

Tolerance of other people who think differently than we do, whether they are in AA, or outside of AA. We cannot afford the luxury of being intolerant or critical of other people. We do not try to impose our wills on those who differ from us. We are not "holier than thou". We do not have all the answers. We are not better than other good people. We live the best way we can and allow others to do likewise.

Easy Does It

We just go along in life doing the best we can and not getting steamed up over problems that arise in AA or outside of it. We alcoholics are emotional people and have gone to excess in almost everything we have done. We have not been moderate in many things. We have not known how to relax. Faith in a Higher Power can help us to learn to take it easy. We are not running the world. I am only one among many. We are resolved to live normal, regular lives.

But for the Grace of God

Once we have fully accepted the AA program, we become humble about our achievement. We do not take too much credit for our sobriety. When we see another suffering alcoholic in the throes of alcoholism, we say to ourselves: "But for the grace of god, there go I". We do not forget the kind of people we once were. We remember those we have left behind us. And we are very grateful to the grace of god which has given us another chance.

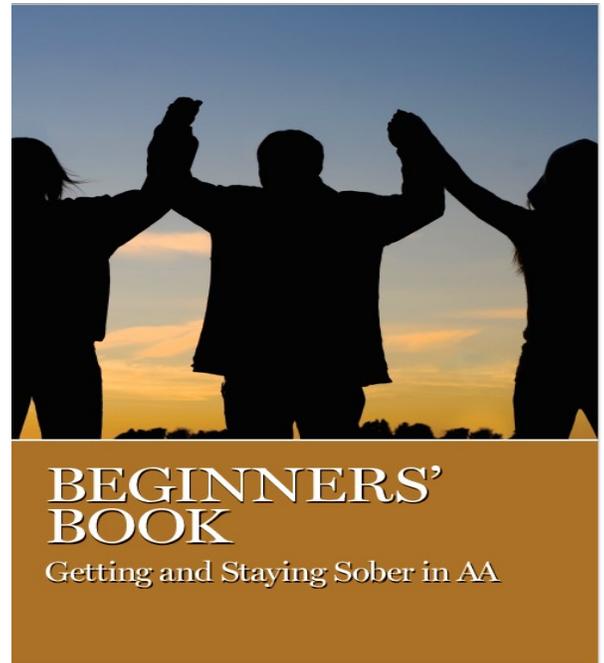


Naples Area Intergroup BOOKSTORE and GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SHOPPING

**Jewelry, AA Medallions, Coffee Mugs,
AA Literature, and much more !!!
9 to 4 / Monday - Saturday**

“My inner feelings boil down to a handful of things – fear, anger, self-pity, shame, and feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem. These are the things we need to talk about in AA.”

“One Brick at a Time,” Russell, Pennsylvania, December 2004, Beginner’s Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA



AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area
Intergroup*

Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30

Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00

(One morning or afternoon each week.)

and, Telephone Helpline

After-hours, various days.

1-year continuous sobriety.

For information: 239/262-6535

Gifts of the Program

Courage *not* Fear

Faith *not* Despair

Hope *not* Desperation

Peace Of Mind *not* Confusion

Self-Respect *not* Self-Contempt

Real Friendships *not* Loneliness

Self-Confidence *not* Helpfulness

Clean Conscience *not* Guilt

Respect *not* Contempt

Direction *not* Purposeless

Love and Understanding *not* Doubts

Freedom *not* Bondage



“Blue People” Graphic

A gathering of folks, silhouetted in blue. A gathering of people, all sorts of people, that look just like us.

This graphic image is affectionately known as the “Blue People.” Originated in January, 2006, the simple graphic has come to be regarded as a heart-warming representation of the inclusiveness of Alcoholics Anonymous, a powerful and much-adored depiction of our membership. A graphic image that has also come to be synonymous with G.S.O.’s A.A. website, aa.org.

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A.A. World Service, Inc., Board of Directors, June 17, 2016

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Next Month.

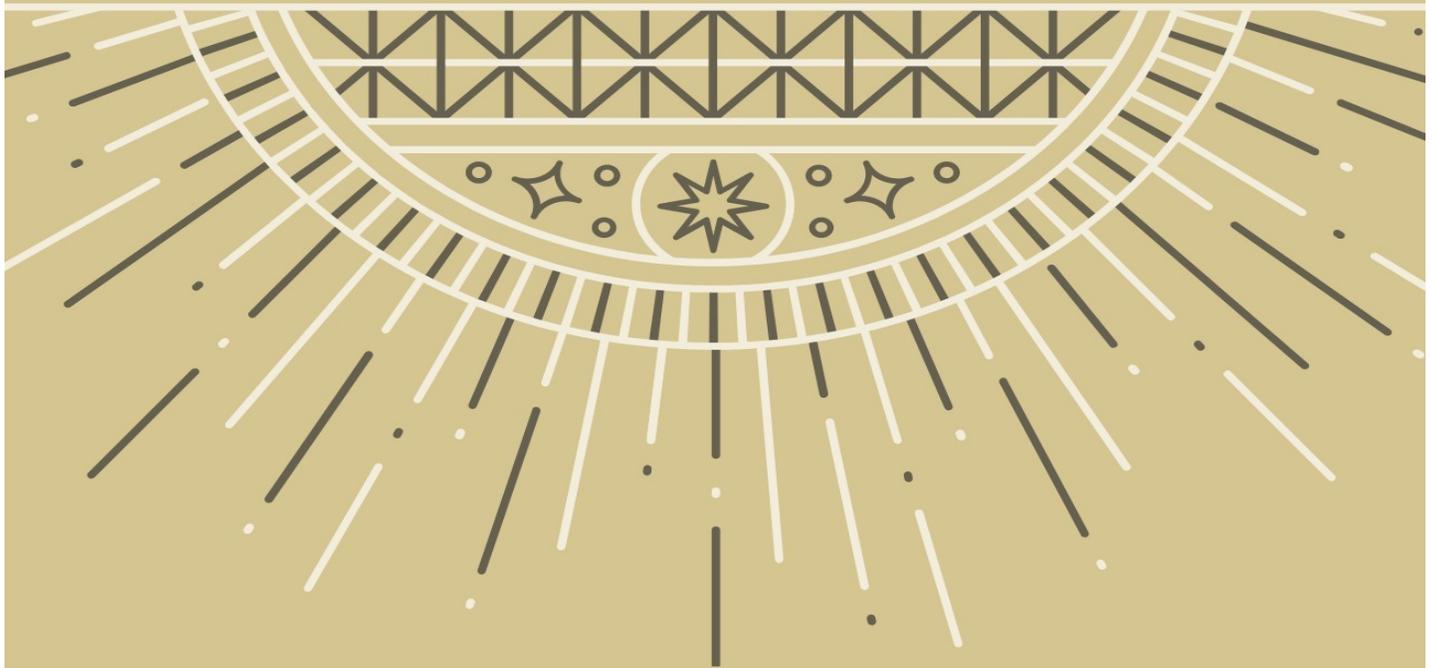
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JOIN US FOR A NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S AA MEETING

TUESDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP

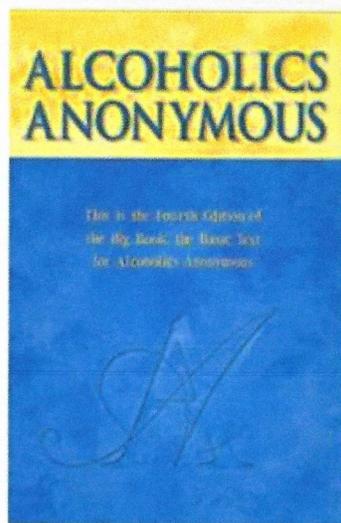
*ROTATING MEETING FORMAT:
SPEAKER/LITERATURE BASED DISCUSSION*

**EVERY TUESDAY | 7:00PM
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25999 OLD 41 RD, BONITA SPRINGS**

Join us for the beginning of a new Young People's AA meeting in
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We will have snacks and fellowship available after the meeting.
See you there!

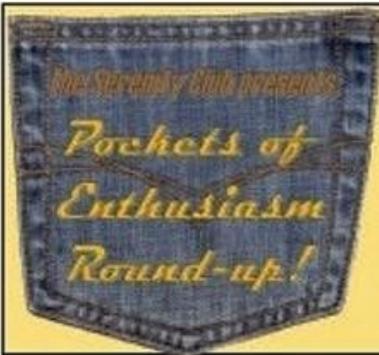
Women by the Book CLOSED AA Meeting!



Monday Nights at 7:30 p.m.

- Workshop format with extra support for newcomers!
- Opportunity for long term members to grow and offer their experience, strength, and hope!
- Learn where the steps are in your Big Book!
- Follow the Big Book Study Guide handout used by Joe & Charlie!

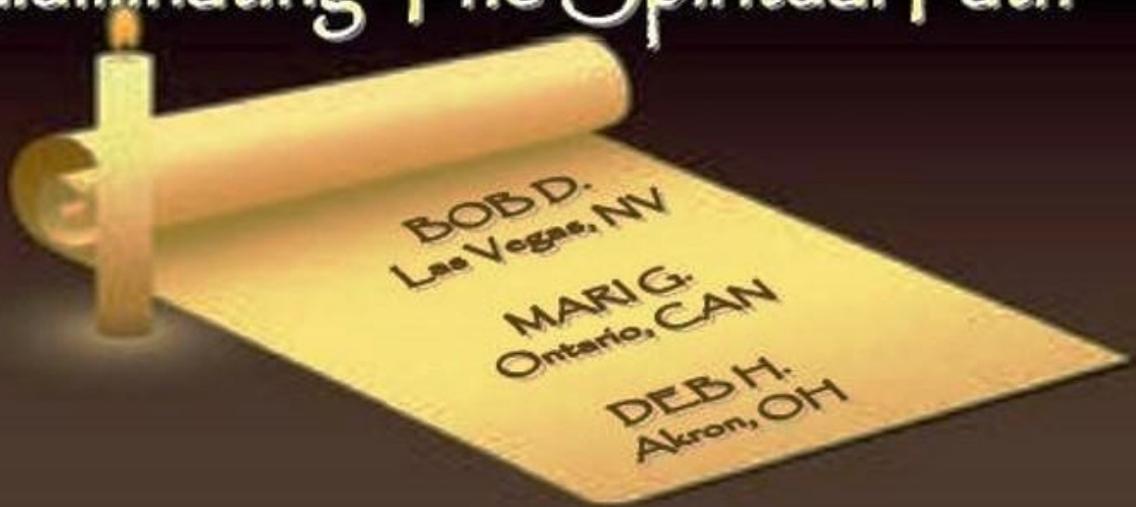
**Email womenbythebookaa@gmail.com
for complete Zoom information.**



Pockets of Enthusiasm!

February 4-6, 2022

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If you need additional information, or have special needs, please call Jerry at 239-776-6767, email jerryeddeleman@gmail.com, or write: **Pockets of Enthusiasm**, 5625 Cedar Tree Lane, Naples, FL 34116

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FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA (FCYPAA)

SW239 BID FOR FCYPAA 101

WHO ARE WE & WHAT DO WE DO

WHAT WE DO

SW239 IS A GROUP OF MEMBERS OF AA WHO ARE DEDICATED TO BRINGING THE FCYPAA CONFERENCE TO THE SWFL AREA. WE BRING AA MEETINGS INTO DETOX FACILITIES AND TREATMENT CENTERS TO INSPIRE HOPE AND SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF OUR BID'S MISSION. WE THROW EVENTS IN OUR AREA TO FUNDRAISE AND INTRODUCE NEWLY SOBER PEOPLE TO MEMBERS WITH LONG TERM SOBRIETY.



WHO WE ARE

THE SW239 BID FOR FCYPAA IS COMPRISED OF SOBER MEMBERS OF AA WHO ARE YOUNG OR YOUNG AT HEART.

WHERE AND WHEN DO WE MEET

OUR BID MEETS EVERY OTHER THURSDAY AT 7:00PM AT SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BONITA SPRINGS. CLOSER TO THE TIME OF THE CONFERENCE IN LATE JUNE WE WILL BEGIN MEETING WEEKLY.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

STEP 1: SHOW UP!!! WE HAVE TONS OF SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE. WE PUT A BOOK TOGETHER TO PRESENT TO AN ADVISORY COUNCIL WE PUT ON A SKIT THAT WE PERFORM FOR THE COUNCIL AND OTHER BIDS. WE COULD USE YOUR HELP EVERYWHERE!!

MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT WWW.SW239BID.COM

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August 3rd – 7th 2022

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Use the Link Below to Fill Out a Volunteer Sign-Up Form or email volunteer2022FSC@gmail.com

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**Planning Meetings will be in person at:
The Center for Spiritual Living
4849 North Dixie Hwy, Oakland Park, FL 33334**

Mask required if not vaccinated (facility rules)

Hybrid will be offered if you cannot come in person at www.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 882 8429 1768 ~~~~~ Passcode: FSC2022

Planning Meeting Dates are all on a Saturday at 9:00am as follows:

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| <i>November 20</i> | <i>February 19</i> | <i>May 21</i> |
| <i>December – No meeting</i> | <i>March 19</i> | <i>June 18</i> |
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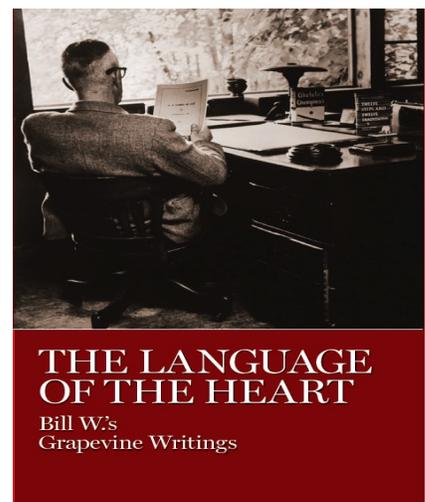
Twelve Tips for a Sober Joyous Holiday Season

Holiday parties without alcohol may still be a dreary prospect for new AAs. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober. **Here are some tips:**

1. Line up extra AA activities—meetings, speaking, phone answering, other AA service.
2. Entertain AA friends, especially newcomers.
3. Keep AA phone numbers with you at all times—and use them.
4. Find out about special holiday parties, meetings, or other events at groups in our area, and go. If you're shy, take a newer member.
5. Skip drinking occasions you're nervous about. Remember your drinking talent for making excuses? Put it to work for you in sobriety.
6. If you must attend a drinking party, and can't find a fellow AA to come with you, keep some candy handy.
7. You don't have to stay late. Plan for an "important date."
8. Go to church. Any church.
9. Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on reading, letters, walks.
10. Remember, one day at a time. Don't start now to worry about all those silly parties and "holiday temptations."
11. **And, lastly ... if you can't give material gifts this year, you can give love !!!**

"In despair, I had cried out, 'Now I am willing to do anything. If there is a God, will he show himself?' And he did. This was my first conscious contact, my first awakening. I asked from the heart, and I received."

*AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1960,
"The Language of the Heart", The
Language of the Heart*



FINANCES**Dec****YTD****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	\$3,784	\$32,844
Group Contributions	500	22,926
AA Birthdays	0	515
Faithful Five	15	285
Individual/Anonymous	207	3,353
Total Income	4,516	59,923

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Fees	81	704
Travel/Licenses/Permits		86
Office Supplies	590	2,344
Office Improve/Repair		433
www Hosting		145
Payroll	1,958	20,306
Payroll Tax		4,455
Postage	9	71
Printing		
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	1,649	16,338
Insurance		568
Rent	500	5,500
Sales Tax		2,042
Telephone/www	204	2,651
Utilities	100	1,100
Computer Equipment		
Computer Software	50	1,062
Computer/Maintain		
Total Expenses	5,141	57,805
Net Ordinary Income	(625)	2,118
Gratitude Dinner	1,350	4,110
Other Expenses	3,109	3,383
NET OTHER INCOME	(1,759)	2,845
NET INCOME	(\$2,384)	\$2,845

**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**

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

District 20

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

Area 15

Don H.
P.O. Box 311
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>Dec</u>	<u>2021</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0	73
12 Steps By Paragraph.....	0	150
24 Hour Solution.....	0	0
After and Before.....	0	50
Anchor.....	0	0
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0	0
Back To Basics.....	0	0
Beach Burns 641645.....	0	250
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0	391
Big Book Step Study.....	0	24
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	0	169
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	0	165
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0	269
Bonita Beginnings.....	0	100
Bonita Friday Night.....	0	180
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0	1,372
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0	0
Bonita Morning.....	0	722
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0	274
Bonita Springs Women's 169127.....	0	810
Bonita Springs Step,134588.....	0	37
Bonita Unity.....	100	148
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	0	150
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0	1,907
Cake Meeting, 701813.....	0	50
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0	0
Candlelight, 606877.....	0	0
Comes Of Age.....	0	0
Common Solutions, 179613.....	0	2,103
Daily Reflections ZOOM.....	150	1,465
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0	0
Early Riser, 161795.....	0	1,843
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.....	49	49
Keep It Positive, 650541.....	0	0
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0	0
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	0	480
Ladies Noon.....	0	27
Living Sober, 605904.....	0	0
Living Sober Isle of Capri.....	0	0
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	29	201
Men's Big Book.....	0	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529.....	0	0
Monday Noon Big Book.....	0	31
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	5	63
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0	0
Naples Group, 103609.....	0	0
Naples Men's, 694322.....	0	0
Naples South, 130210.....	0	230
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	0	596

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>2021</u>
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
One Day At A Time.....	0	102
Our Common Welfare.....	0	0
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323.....	0	0
Pay It Forward, 704772.....	0	1200
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715.....	0	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	55
Sunlight Of the Spirit, 647959.....	0	126
Sunset Serenity, 654981.....	0	100
Survivor's, 157268.....	0	0
SW 239 BID.....	0	0
Swamp Group, 672733.....	0	0
Tables Of Naples.....	0	200
The Solution Big Book Study Group 632503.....	0	0
Third Tradition,143298.....	160	160
Three Legacies, 679400.....	0	0
Thursday New Women.....	0	0
Unity Monday Noon Step.....	0	0
Unity Step.....	0	0
Veranda.....	7	224
Walk The Steps With Women, 701923.....	0	0
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....	0	0
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....	0	63
Wednesday Step St. Johns.....	0	350
Where Are We.....	0	100
Women's Spirit.....	0	0
Women's Step,159957.....	0	350
YANA, 270553.....	0	0

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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



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2021 Faithful Fiver Club

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Use a Check or Credit Card to contribute monthly, or one time.

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Fourth Thursday of the Month, 7:00 pm
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

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