

THE COURIER

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Sooner or later, every AAer comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of positive direction

Every AA group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs his conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. ...Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect, we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore, we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

Excerpts from editorial by Bill W., A.A. Grapevine, January 1948

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.)



Are you Spiritually Fit?

Donald W. - Fort Myers, Florida

OK, so you have been a member of our fellowship for a while, and you are grateful for the gifts that you have received as a result of your sobriety. Your step work with your sponsor has led to remarkable changes in your life. Steps 2 and 3 have enabled you to open the door to a new relationship with your Higher Power. Steps 4, 5, 6 and 7 have given you a new understanding of yourself. And Steps 8 and 9 provide you with a way to get right with the people that you have harmed in the past.

You are cruising along on the Sea of Serenity, not a cloud in the sky ... isn't life grand? You probably can't remember the last time you even thought about taking a drink, right? As they tell us in the book on page 84, ***"We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame."*** Exactly! I am good to go! Oh, wait. There is that last sentence in that paragraph, ***"That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition."***

Truth be told, perhaps we are not as committed to the daily maintenance of our spiritual condition as perhaps we once were when "we needed it". Resting on our laurels perhaps? No matter how long ago alcohol was removed from your life, maybe it is time for a "check-up" of your spiritual fitness. It is probably not necessary to Google it; let's just go with the tools that are available in our Big Book. Specifically, let's reference what the book calls the ***"Bedevilments" on page 52,*** and then we will move to what is often called ***"The Promises" starting on page 83.***

Let's start with the bedevilments. A dictionary definition of the word 'bedevil' is, ***"To torment or harass maliciously or diabolically, as with doubts, distractions, or worries."*** This paragraph on page 52 of the Big Book is a description of one who at this point is in grips of alcoholism, and not by any stretch of the term, spiritually fit. A wise sponsor may suggest that turning statements found in the text into questions is a useful way starting point in discovering your truth. When we do that, here is what it looks like:

Am I having trouble with personal relationships?
Am I unable to control my emotional nature?
Am I prey to misery?
Am I prey to depression?
Am I having trouble making a living?
Do I have a feeling of uselessness?
Am I full of fear?
Am I unhappy?
Am I unable to be of real help to other people?

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Are you Spiritually Fit? ... continued.

For the bedevilments, to affirm that these afflictions presently exist is a sign that we might be in trouble. We thought they had been eliminated for good and all but now the presence of one or some of these conditions is like the check engine light appearing on your dashboard - it is possible that it could be a temporary condition or it could be something that requires attention sooner rather than later. Typically, if we are serious about our effort, our replies will need to go a bit deeper than just a “yes” or a “no”, particularly if our responses fall more along the lines of “kind of” or “maybe” or “sometimes” or “can you repeat the question?” For some reason, as you may have heard, putting a pen to paper is magical when it comes to self examination. Don’t be shy, this exercise is about your favorite subject – YOU. The deeper you go, the more effort and thought you put into it, the more worthwhile the exercise will be for you.

Now let’s shift to the other end of the spectrum, “The Promises” on page 83. I view this paragraph as a description of someone who has had a spiritual experience / awakening. What a dramatic alteration from the emotional state of one who was drowning in the desperation of the bedevilments to a life of happiness, peace, and usefulness to others! This transformation comes about by following the directions in the chapters “How It Works” and “Into Action”.

Again, we will apply that same formula of taking statements and turning them into questions when looking at these statements:

Today, do I feel a new freedom and a new happiness in my life?
Do I not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it?
Do I comprehend the word serenity, and do I have peace in my life?
Do I now see how my experience in life can benefit others?
Has that feeling of uselessness and self-pity disappeared in my life?
Have I lost interest in selfish things and gained an interest in others?
Has self-seeking will slipped away from me?
Has my whole attitude and outlook on life changed?
Has your fear of people and economic insecurity left you?
Do you intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle you?

Have you begun to realize that God is doing for you what you could not do for yourself?

Unlike the earlier bedevilments, if the promises ARE NOT manifesting themselves in your life, why not? “At some point, I did feel like they were coming true in my life but I don’t know about now, maybe I was too optimistic or I was on that pink cloud that people talk about.” Do you think that they are unrealistic? Perhaps you feel that you now have reached the objective that you set when you arrived in the rooms of AA – freedom from alcohol, and that is good enough?

Is it feasible that at this present time you may not be as spiritually fit as you thought? What could possibly go wrong?

Next month in The COURIER – [“A Spiritual Overhaul”](#)

FEBRUARY ... The Second Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP TWO: "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

TRADITION TWO: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

TRADITION TWO (long form) : "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

CONCEPT TWO : "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs."

2nd Step Prayer: I know in my heart that only you can restore me to sanity. I humbly ask that you remove all twisted thought & Addictive behavior from me this day. Heal my spirit & restore in me a clear mind.

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? New comers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

God as He May Express Himself

God as We Understand Him

Alcoholics Anonymous came into existence in 1935 at a time when much of our society was centered around the churches in the communities where we lived. Much of the South and the Midwest are still like that to this day.

As a child in my home town, on Sunday morning I could look out the window and see a great majority of my neighbors walking to church. That was the way it was in the early 1940's. The book, Alcoholics Anonymous was published in 1939, and it seems that it was highly influenced by the many early members of the program at that time. A.A. could have, very easily become a religious program, but fortunately, the elders of that time realized, by the mistakes of the Oxford Group, and the Washingtonians, that they had to make it clear that, *a desire to stop drinking was the only requirement for membership*, and that the individual members could choose their own concept of a power greater than themselves, i.e. God as we understand him.

In Tradition Two it says, "As He may express Himself in our group conscience." When the word God is used in the remainder of the book, it is not always followed by the "as we understand him" qualifier, and I believe that many members get the idea that somehow, they are trying to push religion on them. I think that's understandable.

When I was faced with that possibility, I personally found it easy enough to read the black part of the pages in the book and to not let myself become distracted by what I now recognized as a cultural norm at the time. I had no problem setting aside my religious bias and recognizing the parts of the Big Book and the 12X12 that clearly state all of the options available when it comes to finding a "power greater than myself", and I can name several right off top: 1) Alcohol itself was my higher power for a long time and still would be if hadn't gotten into the program. 2) My EGO ran my life for quite awhile until I got serious about Real life issues. 3) The A.A. program itself.

I found myself spiritually lost when I surrendered and entered the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and when faced with the need to come to terms with the Higher Power issue, I now realize why it took such a long time to settle this subject. Years of drinking and an underdeveloped thinking process that was hard to get up to speed right away. As I got more familiar with the Big Book, and the 12X12, I started to uncover all the evidence that debunked the idea that I had to conform to any religious doctrine. In the 12X12 I read on page 26, "*alcoholics anonymous does not demand that you to believe anything.*" On belief, "*to acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could.*" (Pg.27) Also on page 26 where it states, "Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think..... A one-time vice-president of the American atheist Society ... got through with room to spare" Then on page 33 of the 12X12 it says "Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this step."

Today I am very comfortable with my own concept of a Higher Power and I use the word God only to put a name on a concept that has no physical form; and, I might say that it expresses itself in *the collective conscience of the world we live in*. I can assure you that if you read these qualifiers and practice the rest of the principals of the program, as enthusiastically as you can, you will come to terms with a personal concept of a higher power as well as any of us.

A.A. Materials on YouTube

A YouTube channel has just been launched for A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) and the A.A. General Service Office (G.S.O.). The new channel can be found at: [https:// www.youtube.com/c/ AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldSer - vicesInc.](https://www.youtube.com/c/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc) It provides an additional plat-form from which A.A.W.S.-produced videos can be easily shared with a broad audience in order to enhance carrying the message to alcoholics, the general public and the professional community. The channel was started with three engaging public service announcements (PSAs): “Doors,” “My World” and “I Have Hope” (all available in English, French and Spanish). More content will be added as it becomes available. For any questions or feedback related to the A.A.W.S./G.S.O. YouTube Channel, contact: commsservices@aa.org.

CONFERENCE- APPROVED LITERATURE

The term “Conference-Approved” describes written or audiovisual material approved by the Conference for publication by G.S.O. (General Service Office). This process assures that everything in such literature is in accord with A.A. principles. Conference-Approved material always deals with the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous or with information about A.A. Fellowship.

It does NOT imply Conference disapproval of other material about A.A. A great deal of literature helpful to alcoholics is published by others, and A.A. does not try to tell any individual members what he or she may or may not read.

Conference Approval assures us that a piece of literature represents solid A.A. experience. Any Conference-Approved booklet or pamphlet goes through a lengthy and painstaking process, during which a variety of A.A.s from all over the U.S. and Canada read and express opinions at every stage of production.

Not All “A.A. Literature” Is Conference-Approved

Intergroup/Central Offices do write and distribute pamphlets or booklets that are not Conference-Approved. If such pieces meet the needs of the local membership, they may be legitimately classified as “A.A. literature.” There is no conflict between A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.—publishers of Conference-approved literature), and Intergroup/Central Offices—rather they complement each other. The Conference does not disapprove of such material.

Source: Service Material from General Service

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ATTENTION PLEASE:
New Mailing Address
GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
James A Farley Station
P.O. Box 2407
New York, N.Y. 10116



I Do not Understand Thermodynamics Where is All This Warmth Coming From?

Rick R. – Miami, Florida

I came to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) bankrupt in every department. When I started to take the steps, my first big challenge was to find a power greater than myself that could solve my problems. What an order for a guy who they describe in step two in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12) as the one who "had tried religion and found it wanting." I could see the examples of people around me that seemed to have it figured out and I became a nuisance trying to corner them to get them to explain to Me ... how they do it and they had the same trouble explaining it as I did. One day I confronted my friend, Jim, and asked him to let me in on the secret. Frustrated, He asked, "Do you want to drink right now"? My answer was "NO." He then asked me, "Did you want to drink a year ago"? And my answer was "YES. I could not go a day without it." Next, he asked me "What made the difference"? My answer was "I was influenced by the A.A. program" His next question was, "Do you have any Problem calling that God? WOW! What a concept.

I have never wanted a drink since I entered the program and the only answer, I could produce was the influence of A.A. in my life. For a guy who could not conceive of a day without alcohol, to a guy that has never wanted a drink since, was all I needed to know about God. I wish I could tell you who or what God is, but I cannot. I can, however, tell you what God does for me, but I will get to that later.

The second appendage in the Big Book, (Alcoholics Anonymous), Spiritual Experience, implies that there are many examples of spiritual experiences, and they come in different forms. They can be of the Burning Bush variety or a Psychic Change enough to bring about recovery from Alcoholism. Or, as I like to believe, my spiritual experience came in the form of "A Profound Change of Perception." When it occurred to me that all my thinking was flawed and that I was finally in an environment where I could, with the help of the group, start to follow simple unselfish guidelines that would restore my self-esteem and put me at peace with myself and others, I started this wonderful journey and I have never had it so good. These universal truths are common in the meaningful Philosophies of life, and I must seek them out if I want to heal.

I pray to God every day, even though I do not know who or what God is. My mind is not evolved enough to understand God and I am not sure that God hears my prayers, but, I HEAR MY PRAYERS and that, I believe, puts me in the best possible attitude I can have about the issue I pray for. My prayers are always the same. I pray for knowledge of his will for me and strength to carry it out. i.e., God, please show me what to do and please give me the strength to do it, I do not do well on my own. I often knew what to do but was not always strong enough to do what was right. Today I am stronger.

Who or what is God? I am not sure anyone can define God. As a friend of mine (Will) explained, "You do not have to understand Thermodynamics to enjoy the warmth of the sun", I do, however, know what God does. When I ask for guidance, I become a better receiver and I hear the answers that used to pass right over my head when I Thought I had all the answers, and today, I thank God for an open mind.

“I am responsible for reporting for duty and making the effort to overcome adversity ... and in so doing ... to overcome myself.”

“Responsibility Is the Name of the Game,” Van Nuys, California, November 1966, AA Grapevine.



AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area
Intergroup*

Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30

Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00

(One morning or afternoon each week.)

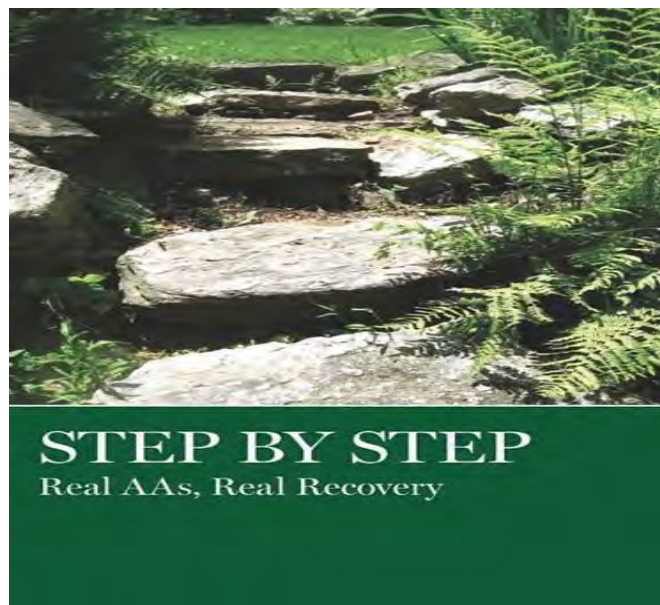
and, Telephone Helpline

After-hours, various days.

1-year continuous sobriety.

For information: 239/262-6535

“Recovery is something like the restoration of a very old painting, covered over by layers and layers of darkening, distorted varnish ... Not all of the underlying pattern can be revealed at one time. What is uncovered, bit by bit and layer by slow, careful layer, are the things which are necessary and appropriate for me to know about myself right now.”
“An Indescribable Benevolence,” Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, August 1992, Step By Step



**“How do I know when I’m doing God’s will?
I don’t ... but, I KNOW when I’m not.**

AA GRAPEVINE, February 2003

**Calling all AA
Authors !!!**

**Please submit
an article to**

The COURIER !!!

Email article to:

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Next Month.

**To Highlight
Your Group,**

Please Call Us:

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13TH ANNUAL FLORIDA NATIVE AMERICAN RECOVERY CONVENTION

MARCH 4TH – 6TH, 2022

John Boy Auditorium
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Based on The Twelve Steps
& Twelve Traditions

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For rate, please call
Tracey 239-503-0959

Pre-Registration Fee: \$50
This includes Meals &
Annual T-shirt

Door Registration Fee: \$60
This includes Meals Only

Daily Admission: \$20

Pre-Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 11th, 2022

Registration Form:
www.seminolesinrecovery.com

Registrations can be
mailed/emailed to you by
contacting:
Helene or Tracey



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16th Annual SOBERSTOCK 2022



Soberstock is a 3-day weekend AA/Al-Anon/Alateen event featuring speakers, meetings, bands, food & fellowship. This festival is open to all members of AA/Al-Anon and their families.

Proceeds of this function will purchase Big Books and other AA literature for District 2 Jails & Institutions. The remaining profits go to the area pie chart.

Speaker Meetings!

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(No RV's/Popups!)

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(CHILDREN ALLOWED ONLY IF ACCOMP. BY PARENT/GUARDIAN)

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Tent Pitching: \$15 Per tent (We don't supply tents)

T-Shirts: \$20/ea (Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL)

**NOTE: WE ONLY TAKE CASH OR CHECKS AT THE GATE
NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS AT THE GATE!**



Soberstock attendees, in light of the ongoing COVID, if you are sick, or think you are sick, please do not attend the event. Masks will be encouraged, especially in SWED HALL. Should conditions around Covid change, Soberstock reserves the right to put into place additional safety measures the committee may deem necessary. We will keep you posted on our website about any changes to safety measures leading up to the event. Your love and tolerance of such is greatly appreciated.

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5TH ANNUAL KEYS FOR SERENITY ROUNDUP 2022

September 16-18, 2022

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Register online now at: www.keysforserenity.com

We look forward to seeing you in September!

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

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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HOSPITALITY	MERCHANDISE	PROGRAM	READY SQUAD	ACCESSIBILITIES
TRANSPORTATION	LGBT	GRAPEVINE	GRAPHICS	COFFEE
GOLF	ARCHIVES	AL-ANON	BANQUET	CORNHOLE

Use the Link Below to Fill Out a Volunteer Sign-Up Form or email

volunteer2022FSC@gmail.com

CLICK HERE → [Link for Volunteer sheet](#)

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:

<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>
<i>January 22</i>	<i>April 16</i>	<i>July 16</i>

For more information, contact Convention Chair Karen V.

(954) 554-0346 or Chair2022fsc@gmail.com

FINANCES**JAN****2022****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$3,404 \$3,404

Group Contributions 3,349 3,349

AA Birthdays 20 20

Faithful Five 60 30

Individual/Anonymous 453 453

Total Income 7,286 7,286**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 154 154

Travel/Licenses/Permits 0

Office Supplies 1,125 1,125

Office Improve/Repair 0

www Hosting 0

Payroll 1,958 1,958

Payroll Tax 0

Postage 71

Printing

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 3,117 3,117

Insurance 0

Rent 500 500

Sales Tax 345 345

Telephone/www 204 204

Utilities 100 100

Computer Equipment

Computer Software 103 103

Computer/Maintain

Total Expenses 7,606 7606**Net Ordinary Income** (320) (320)

Gratitude Dinner

Other Expenses

NET OTHER INCOME**NET INCOME** (\$320) (\$320)

**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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(50%)

District 20

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

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(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,

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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 **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>JAN</u>	<u>2022</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0.....	0
12 Steps By Paragraph.....	0.....	0
24 Hour Solution.....	0.....	0
After and Before.....	50.....	50
Anchor.....	0.....	0
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0.....	0
Back To Basics.....	0.....	0
Beach Bums 641645.....	300.....	300
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0.....	0
Big Book Step Study.....	0.....	0
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	0.....	0
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	82.....	0
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0.....	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0.....	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	157.....	157
Bonita Beginnings.....	0.....	0
Bonita Friday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0.....	0
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	0
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	303.....	303
Bonita Springs Women's 169127.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Step, 134588.....	0.....	0
Bonita Unity.....	0.....	0
Bonita Wed Beginners.....	0.....	0
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	0.....	0
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0.....	0
Cake Meeting, 701813.....	0.....	0
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0.....	0
Candlelight, 606877.....	0.....	0
Comes Of Age.....	0.....	0
Common Solutions, 179613.....	740.....	740
Daily Reflections ZOOM.....	0.....	0
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0.....	0
Early Riser, 161795.....	0.....	0
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.....	898.....	898
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	100.....	100
Ladies Noon.....	0.....	0
Living Sober, 605904.....	0.....	0
Living Sober Isle of Capri.....	0.....	0
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	0.....	0
Men's Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	0.....	0
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	144.....	144
Naples Group, 103609.....	0.....	0
Naples Men's, 694322.....	0.....	0
Naples South, 130210.....	125.....	125
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0.....	0

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>2022</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.....	0
Our Common Welfare.....	0.....	0
Out To Lunch Bunch, 147323.....	0.....	0
Pay It Forward, 704772.....	0.....	0
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715.....	0.....	685
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.....	30
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

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.



The Birthday Club

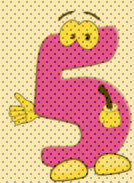
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Ron P.	50 years
Ron L.	42 years
Don M.	41 years
Jim B.	39 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Jackie T. F.	36 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	28 years
Peter F.	25 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	19 years
Mary B.	18 years
Laura T. F.	4 years
Bree F.	3 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2021 Faithful Fiver Club

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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 for a one time Credit Card charge.

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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

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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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