

THE COURIER

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Why We Were Chosen

God in His wisdom selected this group of men and women to be purveyors of His goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went instead to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate. He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world. Well might He have said the following words to us:

"Unto your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which has been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you."

"It must be used unselfishly; it carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long; no demands upon your time can be too urgent; no case can be too pitiful; no task too hard; no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed, and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect; lack of appreciation will be common; ridicule will be your lot; your motives will be misjudged. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection, and remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact from you beyond your capabilities."

"You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always, if success attends your efforts not to ascribe to personal superiority that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of my gift. If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, this power would have been entrusted to the physician and scientist."

If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would be available.

You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world and your long experience as drunkards has made or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere."

"Keep ever in mind the admission you made on the day of your profession in AA -- namely that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will unto my keeping that relief came to you."

-- Speech given by Judge John T. on the 4th Anniversary of the Chicago Group in 1943.

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.)



Identifying Untreated Alcoholism

Donald W. – Fort Myers, Florida

Near the end of a sunny February day, I sat drinking coffee on my lanai. My musing was interrupted by the telephone. The cheery voice of an old friend asked if he might come over for a chat. “Sounds good”, I replied, “see you in a few”. The door opened and he stood there, looking somewhat troubled but at the same time, hopeful. “I gotta talk to you, do you have a few minutes?”, he said. “I was in a meeting on Monday and the topic was those darn bedevilments that you are always chirping about and this guy said that if you were experiencing these calamities in your life you were probably spiritually sick. I remembered how you said that they were an indicator of someone who was suffering from untreated alcoholism but I haven’t had a drink in more than a few twenty-four hours so I don’t understand why I am feeling them in my life today. I mean, it’s not that bad, sure I’ve got stuff going on, my boss is a jerk, my wife is always asking me to do things after I get home after working all day, she never listens to me, the kids do not appreciate me and I never seem to have time to do what I want to do”. I nodded knowingly, “Uh-huh”, I responded.

“First the good news”, I said. “You realized that something was up with you and you reached out, that is the good news. The bad news? You have not picked up a drink yet; but if you are not spiritually fit, and it doesn’t sound like you are, that first drink could be coming down the road. If you pour alcohol on those bedevilments, they go away pretty quickly but they are back the next morning.”

“Let’s not go crazy”, my friend responded. “Not spiritually fit? How could that be? I did a 5th step with my sponsor a couple of years ago and I made most of my amends. I am pretty sure I had that spiritual awakening that you guys talk about. Dude, I am the donut guy at my home group on Saturday morning, every January I am the chairperson at that meeting. I regularly share my wisdom at discussion meetings, and just last week I gave a guy a ride home from the meeting even though it was out of my way. I am a meeting-makers-make-it monster!”

“How about if we do a quick program check now”, I suggested. “First off, how are you doing with your morning devotion?”. “My what?” my friend responded. “You know, your daily routine of prayer, some readings, and quiet time to start your day,” I said. “Well, to be honest, I have pretty much gotten away from that, I do ask God to keep me sober though, most days anyway.” I asked, “How about if you are upset or disturbed with someone during the day, how do you handle that? Do you use the tools laid out in steps 4-9?” “Not exactly”, my friend replied, “but I am pretty good about saying I am sorry”. “Evening review?”, I inquired. “What is that”, he asked. “Are you currently working with anyone as a sponsor?”, I asked. “No”, he answered, “but if somebody asked me to I would sponsor them; but, I am pretty busy with all I have going on.”

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His responses sounded familiar for I had been there. After not having a drink for almost 5 years, my life became “unsatisfactory” – to me anyway. My exterior world was better than it had ever been but inside I was empty. After completing my 5th step and beginning to make some amends I had put my Big Book back up on the shelf. My motivation, or perhaps my objective in doing the work was not ideal – I just wanted to get it over with. My sponsor told me what to do, I followed his instructions. At no point did I consider learning to apply the spiritual tools into my daily routine. I DID the work: I WAS DONE.

My friend continued with his litany of grievances with seemingly most of the planet when I held up my stop signaling him to stop. “I think I know what is happening with you because something very similar happened to me. I had a spiritual awakening as a result of doing the steps and it was amazing. What I did not realize was that my work was not done at that point, it was only beginning. I guess with some people stopping drinking is enough but I learned that with me, anyway, that was NOT going to be enough.”

“Today, I understand that if I am not spiritually fit, it is on me. I have begun to ... as it says in the Big Book ... “rest on my laurels.” The rest of the planet and its inhabitants are not the problems. All of my difficulties are rooted in my not getting what I want, people not doing what I want them to do when I want them to do it. In a word, selfishness: SELFISHNESS for an alcoholic in recovery is insidious; it is like one of those “shape-shifter” monsters in a sci-fi movie. It reappears in our life in various new forms looking to take us down. The only way to subdue the beast of selfishness is to continue to develop a spiritual way of life. But the work necessary to do that takes practice, persistence, and patience - not exactly characteristics found in a typical alcoholic.” My friend groaned, “Perhaps you are right, I can’t live like this, what do I have to do?”

In our April 2022 COURIER: A Spiritual Overhaul - Donald W.

“If you haven’t been to a meeting for a while, come, and add to the mix ... we need you. Come for yourself, come for the Fellowship, come to celebrate sobriety, and come for the alcoholic who still suffers.”

*“Torn Asunder,” San Francisco, California,
February 1993, AA Grapevine*



MARCH ... The Third Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

TRADITION THREE (Long Form) : "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation"

CONCEPT THREE: "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"

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

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

Step Three: God as He May Express Himself

God of Our Own Understanding

Rick R. – Miami, Florida

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) came into existence in 1935 when much of our society was centered around the churches in the communities where we lived. As a child in my hometown, on Sunday morning I could look out the window and see a vast 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 was highly influenced by 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.

That is 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 12&12 that clearly state all the options available when it comes to finding a "Power Greater Than Myself". I can name three (3) right off top of my head: 1) Alcohol itself was my higher power for a long time and still would be if had not gotten into the program; 2) My EGO ran my life for quite a while until I got serious about Real life Issues; and 3) The A.A. program itself.

I found myself spiritually lost when I entered the program and when faced with the need to come to terms with the Higher Power issue. I now realize why it took so long to settle this subject. After years of drinking and an underdeveloped thinking process, it was hard to get up to speed right away.

As I got more familiar with the Big Book, and the 12&12, I started to uncover all the evidence that debunked the idea that I had to conform to any religious doctrine. In the 12&12 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, 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 12&12 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."

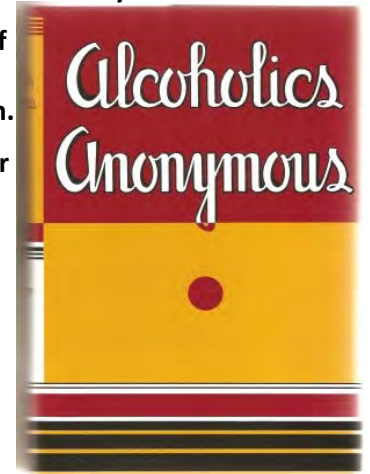
Today I am comfortable with my own concept of a Higher Power, and I use the word God only to put a name on a concept that has no physical form; and, I might say that it expresses itself in the collective conscience of the world we live in.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

How the Big Book Came To Be

In May 1938, when Bill W. began work on the first draft of what is now the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous... he had been sober about three and a half years. Dr. Bob was sober a few months less than three years, and the other 100 early members who contributed in one way or another to the writing of the book had been sober for periods ranging from a couple of years to a couple of months. The early members realized the book would need a "story" section. "We would have to produce evidence in the form of living proof, written testimonials of our membership itself. It was felt also that the story section could identify us with the distant reader in a way that the text itself might not." Dr. Bob and the members in Akron, Ohio, led this effort. One member of the Akron group was a former newspaperman with two years of sobriety, named Jim. He and Dr. Bob "went after all the Akronites who had substantial sobriety records for testimonial material. In most cases Jim interviewed the prospects and wrote their stories for them. Dr. Bob wrote his own." By January, the Akron Group had come up with 18 stories. In New York, where there was no one with writing expertise, they decided that each member with substantial sobriety would write his own story. When Bill and a fellow member turned to edit these "amateur attempts," there were objections. "Who were we, said the writers, to edit their stories? That was a good question, but still we did edit them. The cries of the anguished edited tale-tellers finally subsided and the story section of the book was complete in the latter part of January 1939. So, at last, was the text." "More than 100 titles were considered, but in the end, it came down to Alcoholics Anonymous or The Way Out, and when the two groups voted, The Way Out received a slight majority. At this that is how our society got its name." So, this somewhat shaky, often fearful group of men and women somehow brought to publication, on April 10, point, one of the A.A.s visited the Library of Congress to research the number of books titled The Way Out versus those called Alcoholics Anonymous. There were 12 with the former title, none with the latter, and since nobody wanted to make the book the 13th Way Out, the problem was solved. "That is how we got the title for our book, and 1939, the book Alcoholics Anonymous.



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



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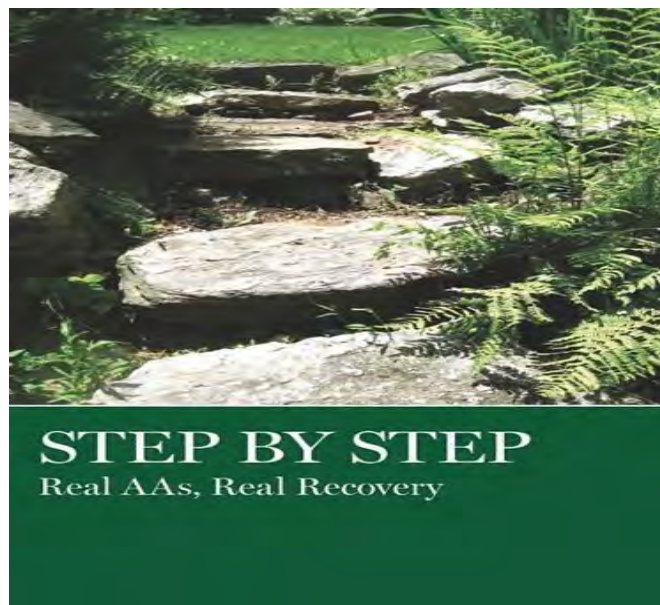
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“Recovery is something like the restoration of a very old painting, covered over by layers and layers of darkening, distorted varnish ... Not all of the underlying pattern can be revealed at one time. What is uncovered, bit by bit and layer by slow, 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



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

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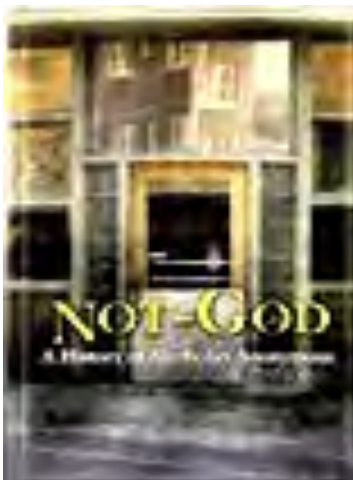
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Sponsorship: We All Do It Differently

I don't really know if I am a good sponsor or not. I just copy what I've learned from the sponsors I've had over the years. But I do know that I have a 100% success rate. No matter what anyone I have sponsored has done, I've stayed sober. This includes men leaving A.A. and getting on with their lives; leaving A.A. and dying drunk, or as a result of an alcohol-related illness or accident; or leaving A.A. and winding up serving a life sentence for a violent third strike committed while sober. I've also been fired by a number of sponsees who somehow manage to stay sober without me. Sometimes it was a simple: "This isn't working." At other times it was a long and confusing explanation. And at times they just kind of "went away," and ignored my texts or phone calls. As a rule I stop trying to get in touch with people after three attempts. (A lesson I learned in Al-Anon: After three times it's nagging.) While I am happy to be a sponsor, and get a lot out of it, I'm not one of those A.A.s who goes out actively looking for newcomers to sponsor. If someone thinks I might have something to help him stay sober, he'll ask. One of the interesting things about sponsorship is that while it is mentioned in a number of the stories, the word itself does not appear in the first 164 pages of the "Big Book." We find a lot about the need for "working with others," but not the "S" word.

According to Not God, Ernest Kurtz's "unofficial" history of A.A., sponsorship grew out of the idea of and need for working with others, and started in the early Cleveland groups: "The core A.A. ideas... were the importance of 'identification' as the main, if not the sole route, to 'getting the program'; the deep sense that 'this simple program' could be 'gotten by anybody,' but that be 'anybody's' concerned were very different in accidental ways, and a profound awareness concerning sobriety that 'you keep it only by giving it away,' and especially impelling conviction of the need for 'working with others.'"

Kurtz points out that the pamphlet on sponsorship describes it simply. "Essentially the process of sponsorship is this: An alcoholic who has made some progress in the recovery program shares that experience on a continuous, individual basis with another alcoholic who is attempting to attain or maintain sobriety through A.A." The pamphlet also makes several other important points. "Alcoholics Anonymous began with sponsorship. When Bill W., only a few months sober, was stricken with a powerful urge to drink, this thought came to him: 'You need another alcoholic to talk to. You need another alcoholic just as much as he needs you!' He found Dr. Bob, who had been trying desperately and unsuccessfully to stop drinking, and out of their common need A.A. was born.



The word "sponsor" was not used then; the Twelve Steps had not been written; but Bill carried the message to Dr. Bob, who in turn safeguarded his own sobriety by sponsoring countless other alcoholics. Through sharing, both of our co-founders discovered, their own sober lives could be enriched beyond measure." The pamphlet, available at Central Office and at most meetings, also answers several important questions about sponsorship, such as: Is there any one best way of sponsoring a newcomer? "The answer is no. All members are free to approach sponsorship as their own individual experiences and personalities may suggest. Some sponsors adopt a more or less brusque, "Take it or leave it" approach in dealing with newcomers. Others exhibit extreme patience and great personal interest in the people they sponsor. Still others are somewhat casual, content to let the new person take the initiative in asking questions or seeking help in special situations. Each approach is sometimes successful and sometimes fails. The sponsor has to decide which to try in a particular case. The experienced sponsor recognizes the importance of flexibility in working with newcomers, does not rely on a single approach, and may try a number of different approaches with the same person." The pamphlet also reminds us: "Most present members of Alcoholics Anonymous owe their sobriety to the fact that someone else took a special interest in them and was willing to share a great gift with them."

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPEN AND CLOSED A.A. MEETINGS?

Closed Meeting

This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. In support of A.A.'s singleness of purpose, attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol you are welcome to attend this meeting. We ask that discussing our problems, we confine ourselves to those problems as they relate to alcoholism.

Open Meeting

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are here — especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states “The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking,” we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol.

Lead and Discussion Meetings

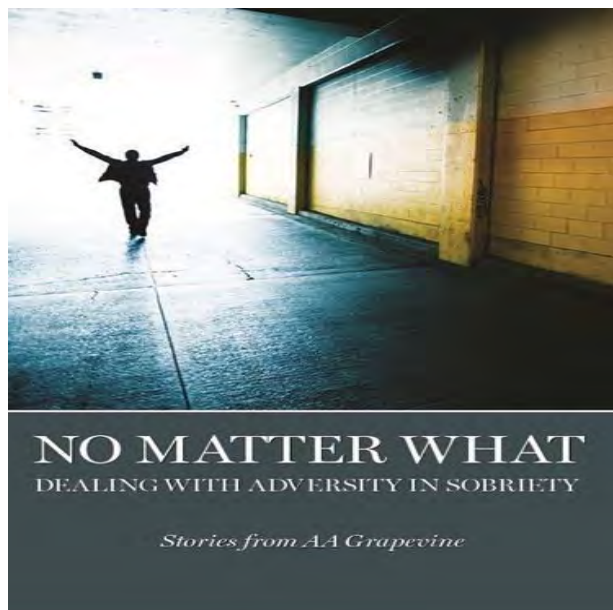
There are also difference kinds of Meetings. Lead meetings one person tells their story of what life was like while drinking, how they found AA had how applied AA principles has made life better.

In a discussion meeting someone brings up a topic such as how do I not drink at by friend's wedding reception where I'm the best man? How do it toast the couple? How did you work a certain step? Or anything related to alcoholism. Then those attending share their experience, strength and hope on how they solved the problem.

There are also Big Book and 12 & 12 meetings where a chapter of one of those books are read and discussed.

“I still don't have answers for all the eternal questions, like why bad things happen to good people, or why babies die. But I have found that life works better when I focus more on how I am contributing to God's world than musing about what he is or is not doing in mine.”

*“The Scoop,” Woodinville, Washington,
November 2013, AA Grapevine*



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

For more information, contact Convention Chair Karen V.

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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.

FINANCES**FEB****YTD22****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$2,755 \$6,159

Group Contributions 2,404 6,753

AA Birthdays 25 25

Faithful Five 0 60

Individual/Anonymous 125 598

Total Income 5,309 13,595**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 68 222

Travel/Licenses/Permits 0

Office Supplies 82 1,296

Office Improve/Repair 0

www Hosting 0

Payroll 1,958 3,916

Payroll Tax 0

Postage 18 18

Printing

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 2,529 6,645

Insurance 0

Rent 500 1,000

Sales Tax 238 584

Telephone/www 217 421

Utilities 100 100

Computer Equipment 89

Computer Software 13 116

Computer/Maintain

Total Expenses 5,812 14,418**Net Ordinary Income** (503) (823)

Gratitude Dinner

Other Expenses

NET OTHER INCOME**NET INCOME** (\$503) (\$823)

**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%)

District 20

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

General Service Office

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New York, N. Y. 10116
(New Address) (30%)

Area 15

Don H.
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Safety Harbor, FL 34695
(10%)

Disbursement of a Group's Funds

"After the group's basic needs are met, such as providing for rent, literature, refreshments, and insurance, the group can participate in the financial support of the Fellowship as a whole by sending money to various A.A. service entities: 1) their local Intergroup or Central Office, 2) Area 15 and District 20; and 3) the General Service Office in New York. Many groups provide financial support for their G.S.R.s attending service functions. These entities use contributions in a number of ways, always with the aim of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The A.A. Group Treasurer, F-96,

*Service material prepared by the
General Service Office*

GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

The six digit number next to the meeting name is their unique AA Registration Number assigned by the General Service Office in New York. This number signifies they are a "Registered Group"...Those meetings listed without a six digit number are **NOT registered with G.S.O.** and therefore not a "Group" (by AA definition), but is a "meeting". *Please see A.A. pamphlet: "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	37.....	37
12 Steps By Paragraph.....	0.....	0
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 Bums 641645.....	0.....	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.....	28.....	110
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0.....	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0.....	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0.....	157
Bonita Beginnings.....	0.....	0
Bonita Friday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	733.....	733
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	0
Bonita Saturday Night.....	592.....	592
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0.....	303
Bonita Springs Women's 169127.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Step, 134588.....	0.....	0
Bonita Unity.....	0.....	0
Bonita Wed Beginners.....	0.....	50
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	0.....	0
Brown Bag, 163924.....	329.....	329
Cake Meeting, 701813.....	0.....	0
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0.....	0
Candlelight, 606877.....	0.....	0
Comes Of Age.....	0.....	0
Common Solutions, 179613.....	489.....	740
Daily Reflections ZOOM.....	0.....	525
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0.....	0
Early Riser, 161795.....	0.....	488
East Trail, 150873.....	0.....	0
Easy Does It, 156979.....	0.....	0
FCYPAA.....	0.....	0
Free 2 Be, 670930.....	0.....	0
Friday Big Book.....	0.....	0
Go To Any Length, 305375.....	0.....	0
Golden Gate, 123819.....	0.....	0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330.....	0.....	0
Gratitude Hour, 134223.....	0.....	0
Happy Hour, 172923.....	0.....	0
Jaywalkers, 634271.....	0.....	0
Keep It Positive, 650541.....	0.....	0
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0.....	898
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	0.....	100
Ladies Noon.....	0.....	0
Living Sober, 605904.....	0.....	0
Living Sober Isle of Capri.....	0.....	0
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	60.....	60
Men's Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	8.....	8
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0.....	144
Naples Group, 103609.....	0.....	0
Naples Men's, 694322.....	0.....	0
Naples South, 130210.....	0.....	125
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0.....	0

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>YTD22</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.....	28
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.....	100.....	100
Women's Spirit.....	0.....	0
Women's Step, 159957.....	0.....	0
YANA, 270553.....	0.....	0
Unidentified Group Contribution.....	0.....	161

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

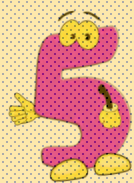
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics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



Paul B.	50 years
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.	27 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	20 years
Mary B.	18 years
Laura T. F.	4 years
Bree F.	3 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2021 Faithful Fiver Club

***Bill S., James B., Jeanette H., Jim B., Jim H., Judy W.,
Kathryn Mc., Ken H., Paul B., Ron L., Theresa R., 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 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 the 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.)

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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

**NAPLES
INTERGROUP
MEETING****Central Office**

1509-2 Pine Ridge Rd.
(next to 24 Hour Club)

SECOND Wednesday of
each month at 7:00pm

**Treatment
Commitments****DAVID LAWRENCE
CENTER**

Every day except
Wednesday
7:00 p.m.
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