

THE COURIER

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Happy Birthday
A.A. June 10th

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June 2022

Happy Birthday, A.A., 87 years, one day at a time!

The Gate Lodge, located at the entrance to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, is where the first unofficial Alcoholics Anonymous conversation was held in 1935.



STEP BY STEP
Real AAs, Real Recovery

"Step Six may be the greatest act of courage in the whole twelve-step process: a total act of faith. I have to trust that God will see the big picture and make the right choices."

Tujunga, California, June 2010, "My Armor", Step By Step

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.)



June ... The Sixth (6th) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

Step 6

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

Tradition 6

"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

Concept 6

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

Sixth Step Prayer

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

The Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine

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

Tradition Six

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

- 1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?*
- 2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?*
- 3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?*
- 4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?*
- 5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?*

"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

A.A. - 87 YEARS STRONG

AKRON, OH. – “Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life. There’s no question about that. It’s the best thing that ever happened in my life. I was one of those that everybody that knew me thought I’d always be drinking.”



It was just the way it was. The program has made such a difference in my life. There’s no way anybody could understand it unless they’d been there too,” said Charlie D, a recovering alcoholic who hasn’t had a drink in over 50 years.

Recently celebrating its 87th anniversary, the program Alcoholics Anonymous was started by two raging alcoholics, each having tried to kick their drink problem through various methods over the years.

In June of 1935, former New York stock analyst Bill Wilson traveled to Akron, Ohio for business. A newly sober alcoholic himself, Wilson sought out any other drunkard who was attempting to live a clean life.

Through his learning from the Oxford Group, a Christian predecessor of Alcoholics Anonymous which emphasized moral teachings on “absolute honesty, absolute purity, absolute unselfishness and absolute love,” Wilson was urged to seek out another suffering soul in the throes of alcoholism.

Wilson was directed to Akron surgeon Dr. Bob Smith, a man agonizing under his addiction to alcohol and daily use of benzodiazepines. Speaking to Smith on the threefold disease of addiction, harming his mind, body and spirit, Wilson soon found an ally.

Smith stopped drinking on June 10, 1935, and thus, the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous was born.

“I can’t imagine my life without Alcoholics Anonymous today. I literally can’t imagine my life because I would be dead. There’s no doubt I would have drank myself to death,” shared Corey P.

In 1939, the basic text of the program, “Alcoholics Anonymous: The Story of How More Than One Hundred Men Have Recovered from Alcoholism,” was published. Now in its fourth edition, “The Big Book,” as it’s commonly known, has been recognized by The Library of Congress as its one of 88 “books that shaped America.”

With well over 20 million copies of the book in current circulation, the basic text provides those in need with a guide on how to get and stay sober and how to meet everyday challenges and victories without a glass in hand. Currently, it has been translated into over 100 languages.

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Meeting halls and rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are full of people, young and old, from all walks of life. Membership estimation of approximately two million people worldwide have Alcoholics Anonymous groups in over 180 nations.

The textbook for those battling alcoholism reads, "We are average Americans. All sections of this country and many of its occupations are represented, as well as many political, economic, social and religious backgrounds. We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful.



"We are like the passengers of a great liner the moment after rescue from shipwreck when camaraderie, joyousness and democracy pervade the vessel from steerage to Captain's table. Unlike the feelings of the ship's passengers, however, our joy in escape from disaster does not subside as we go our individual ways.

"The feeling of having shared in a common peril is one element in the powerful cement which binds us. But that in itself would never have held us together as we are now joined."

The book gave an outline for working the fellowship's 12 Steps which provide an outlet for members to comprehensibly address their behaviors and the effects their drinking has had on those in their life. The 12th step tells members, "Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

The program insists on the constant thought of its members' fellow man and reiterates that the most significant act one can do to ensure their own sobriety is to help another person get and stay sober.

"Service work is what keeps me going on bad days. Sometimes, I want to whine and feel sorry for myself, but I can't. The second I fall into that trap, I start wallowing in self-pity. It becomes all about self and I'm back into being a selfish person. That's what my addiction was all about. Today, it's all about helping other people. That and the steps save my life," reflects Lisa M.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are available throughout the week in Cullman. For meeting times and locations around the county, please visit <http://the12traditions.com/>. For more information about Alcoholics Anonymous, please visit <https://www.aa.org/>.

“For me, there is no better feeling than the one I get running into another alcoholic when I’m feeling down. We alcoholics are bonded together by the sadness of a deadly disease and the miracle of a spiritual solution.”

December 2006, “Between a Bartender and a Bad-Tempered Boss,” AA Grapevine.



AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area
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A SPIRITUAL OVERHAUL ... continued from May 2022 COURIER

Donald W.
Fort Myers, Florida

As I sat on my lanai sipping coffee with my friend, I thought it was nearing the end of a perfect day, not a cloud on the horizon. Our conversations were always thoughtful but usually sprinkled with some lighthearted banter; he was, after all, a New York Yankees fan, and I a die-hard Red Sox supporter. But, I knew today was not the time for joking. My friend's expression was one of apprehension. I had been telling him about my journey in recovery, how after my initial experience with the Steps I did feel that I was a changed person. But, I could tell by the look on my friend's face at this moment that it was not my journey to enlightenment that had captivated his attention, it was my admitting that after years of having alcohol removed from my life, I came to realize that I was dissatisfied with life, even though my external world was better than it had ever been.

At the time, I did not see it that way. My negative attitude toward life and the rest of the planet permeated my existence. People were not "following my script" and I was getting ticked off about that more times than I cared to admit. Every day it was something or someone who occupied my thoughts and not in a good way. Every solution depended on me. And the people who were in my life? Would it kill them to show a little bit of appreciation and gratitude once in a while? For me, and perhaps this was the part that rattled my friend, was my admission that I began to entertain dark thoughts. The worst kind, that perhaps I would be better off dead. "I think it happens more often than people want to admit," I said to my friend. "It is untreated alcoholism combined with a healthy dose of ego and a whole lot of delusion on our part."

My friend's expression seemed puzzled as I continued, "The Steps are a guide to living our lives based upon sacred principles developed by spiritual teachers across the ages. The alcoholic ego, drinking or not drinking, is suppressed by following the program of recovery, the directions that are laid out in the Steps. I use the term suppressed because the ego, our egocentric nature is perhaps a better way to state it, is never fully defeated or removed from the typical alcoholic, at least I don't think so. It is laying in wait for the opportunity to reassert itself."

"Hold up," my friend interrupted, "you're losing me. What do you mean by my egocentric nature?" I smiled, "Yeah, that is one of those terms that we just shake our heads on in acknowledgment that we know what the term means but having an understanding of the definition as it applies to our situation is important. The definition of egocentric that I like to use goes like this – *Egocentric means having the self as the center of all things; having little or no regard for interests, beliefs, or attitudes other than one's own.*"

My friend raised his hands as if signaling me to stop. "You're telling me that if I am not practicing the Steps in my life, even though I am not drinking, this egocentric personality can return?" "That's correct," I said. "As described by an early friend of AA, the psychiatrist Dr. Harry Tiebout, '*this egocentric nature will reassert itself with undiminished intensity, and drinking will again enter into the picture.*'" My friend thought for a moment about what I said and then responded, "Or even worse than picking up a drink."

"And what about that other thing you mentioned, being delusional? I think I understand that part. That is when you don't think you have a problem with your drinking, right?" "Well, that is certainly true concerning our drinking, but once again, I will defer to the dictionary to understand how it applies to our spiritual fitness," I said. "The definition of delusional that I find most helpful is *a persistent false belief regarding the self that is maintained despite indisputable evidence to the contrary.*" "Whoa," my friend exclaimed. "That is certainly more involved than what I had heard in the rooms as to what being delusional meant. I thought it was just that you believed your own lies. But when you put it the way you did, that sounds like a real problem!"

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"Yes," I replied, "especially the last part, where it says *despite indisputable evidence to the contrary*. That is what inventory is for, to examine the evidence and discover those areas in my life where I have reverted to having myself as the center of all things at the expense of the other people in my life. It is never a tidal wave, it is more of the boiling of the frog syndrome and our delusional thinking makes it an even more subtle foe. If I am not spiritually fit, my relationships with others are where it is showing up; although I can keep my discontentment to myself for the most part. But inside, my fury can go from zero to ninety in a matter of seconds.

My friend let out a long, audible sigh. "I was at the regular 5:30 meeting at the clubhouse last night and the topic for discussion was gratitude. As usual, it was a pretty big meeting and most of the comments were from people whose lives were going pretty well. One lady shared how her kid had been sick but was now feeling better and another younger woman said she had just got a raise at her job."

"At that point, this guy I had seen around at other meetings raised his hand to share. The guy said, 'I suppose that I may be the only person in here today that is not feeling too grateful. I lost my job this week and that may be the end of my marriage as well as my wife has not exactly been kind and loving the past few months, we are always getting into it for one reason or another.' An old-timer then piped up, 'If you haven't had a drink today, then that is plenty to be grateful for.' My friend said, 'I looked at the guy and he looked down and away, clearly not too grateful for the old-timer's rebuke. Moments later, he got up and left the meeting. The sharing returned to gratitude. One woman was grateful that her daughter was graduating from college. Another was going up north for the summer to visit her grandkids and so it went on for the rest of the meeting. After the prayer, I said hello to a couple of friends and walked outside to see if I could catch up with the guy; but, he was gone. I wanted to tell him that I could relate to his share; but, I also knew that was all I had. I did not understand why I was not feeling grateful these days and I certainly did not have a solution. I guess if I did, I would apply it to myself."

"I get it," I said to my friend. "Sure, it is easy to be grateful when good things are happening in our lives. Maybe the old-timer was right to some degree, being grateful for sobriety when positive events in your life are not occurring is a recognition of your blessings, right?" "Yeah, I suppose" my friend replied "but I couldn't help but think that the old-timer's comment got under his skin and caused him to walk out of the meeting and head to the bar. I mean, I get it, I do not often handle criticism very well either and I could certainly relate to his comment about his job and his strained family life. If he has all this stuff going on in his life, no wonder he is a train wreck. But, what the heck does being spiritually fit have to do with it?"

"Everything," I replied to my friend. "And it starts with our relationship with our Higher Power and our conception of what that Power can do for us." I explained, "I was raised in an Irish-Catholic family and so I guess I always had a belief, or probably more accurately, a fear of God. I did not have a problem with that part of the process that the Big Book talks about, starting with just being willing to believe. But being *willing* to believe in God is not the same as *believing* in God. *Believing* in God is not the same as *believing in the power* of God. And *believing in the power* of God is not the same as *trusting* God." "I had never thought of it like that. What's the difference?" my friend said. "We will get there, I promise you that, and it is important that we do," I said to my friend. "Trust God, clean house, and help others was the formula for recovery in early Akron AA and they are the elements we must continue to work on in our journey. In each of those areas of our recovery, we must continue to evolve. I was in a meeting last week and a woman who was picking up her five-year chip shared how she had gone back and read her journal from when she was working on Step 2. She said she was blown away as to how much her conception of God has changed over that time. 'I didn't do anything special,' she said. 'I trusted my sponsor and I just followed the directions that she showed me in the Big Book. I continue to do them today.' "Simple but not easy, right?" my friend quipped.

"Yep," I responded, "Simple but not easy."

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"As I trudge the Road of Happy Destiny, AA holds my left hand, God holds my right, and I have no hands left to pick up a drink."



"Can She Bake a Cherry Pie?"

Albuquerque, New Mexico, AA GRAPEVINE.

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A.A. Oldtimers...On The Sixth Step

A.A. Grapevine, April 1945, Vol. 1 No. 11

Editorial: On the 6th Step

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

This step is most important because here we are ready for God (as we understand Him) to walk along with us and guide us as we seek to improve our character and eliminate the defects which contributed to our alcoholic problem.

With God's help we'll now apologize quickly when we are curt to others. We'll overcome our resentments. We'll become humble and remember it's our own character we want to improve, not the character of others. We'll remember that as we aren't perfect we haven't any particular right to be critical toward others.

We'll ask quickly for help each time we are aware of wrong thinking and whenever we begin to feel sorry for ourselves. When we wish to judge others, we'll remember that not so long ago we were in no position to judge anyone.

Resentments, our biggest stumbling block, can be dropped right here. Resentments against those who loved us and tried to help us; resentments against the boss, against our fellow-worker, and all the million other little and big resentments must be turned over to a higher power.

At a later date, as our character becomes sound, we'll find that these resentments disappear.

We must ask God to help us understand others.

It takes a continued program of doing and thinking our best each day to lead us ahead, out into the open, where we can join the company of our fellow men.

The same help we seek in dealing with our alcoholic problem must be used to overcome our other defects. Knowing our problem is in God's hands will give us serenity and peace of mind.

In other words, we will turn our will over to God, asking that His will be done, and we'll work on our defects one by one as they make themselves known to us.

Mark H.

Buffalo, New York

The Values I Learned as a Child

An All-Encompassing Spiritual Roadmap

Rick R.

Miami, Florida

I navigate my way through the program of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), with only a limited education, but a desire to learn all I can about life as it unfolds. It occurs to me that most of the things that the program teaches me are things I've have been taught before.

I learned the Ten Commandments in church. In the Boy Scouts, I learned that a scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. In sports I learned of Teamwork and of Disappointment. In kindergarten, I learned to play fair in the sand box, I also heard of the Golden Rule. These things have been around long before me and even before A.A; so, where did I go wrong? I, like most Alcoholics that come into the program, had a myriad of personal problems; and at first, I believed that those life issues including Marital, Legal, Economic, Physical, etc.; were the cause of my drinking the way I did. At that time, I was not experienced enough to understand the ins and outs of these things. I am not sure that anyone can just drop what they have been conditioned to do, just because they quit drinking.

There must be more to it than that. If at first, we are fortunate enough to envision the wonderful life we can experience as the result of fully embracing this program. We will first, want to clear up the wreckage of the past. This we can do by thoroughly going through the steps in the spirit they were intended to be taken, being careful not to hold back anything. As we approach the twelfth step, we are introduced to the Saint Francis prayer in the 12&12. Francis was not a saint when he wrote this prayer. He expressed that these virtues were the answer to all the misguided thinking of the past. Note that not one of his requests is for help with things that are of a selfish or material nature.

I am not affiliated with any religious organization; I am not threatened by religious doctrines; and, I agree with the statement on pg. 87 BB. "Be quick to see where religious people are right. Make use of what they offer".

I am sometimes honored when a newer member of the program asks for some guidance. I will usually suggest that he/she write out this prayer in long hand, paste it on his / her mirror and read it every day for a minimum of 30 days. I guarantee that it will influence your thinking for the rest of your life. It did for me. I do not know of a more practical thing to set the tone for a person's interactions with others. Thinking back on it, I always knew the right thing to do; but, was not always strong enough to do it. I dismissed these things ... not realizing the pain that would result as I lost my direction in life.

The Saint Francis prayer is one of the ways in which the program suggests we revisit our early value system. It gives us a spiritual direction that deals with the change in our inner self. If we heal in that area, the material world will take care of itself.

When faced with a sticky situation, I have a choice whether to escalate it or to back off and withdraw with love and understanding. After years of trying my best to live in the spirit of this prayer, it occurred to me that, as the result:

I qualify in all those things I learned as a child, in church, in the Boy Scouts, in Kindergarten, The Golden Rule, and in childhood sports.

To me, it is an ALL-ENCOMPASSING SPIRITUAL ROADMAP.

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STORY SOLICITATION

Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous* — Big Book

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022

Online submission: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more Alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action:

“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.”

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees’ Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition.

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Deadline: Please submit on or before October 31, 2022.

Online: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

Email: 5BBStory@aa.org

Subject Line: Fifth Edition of the Book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

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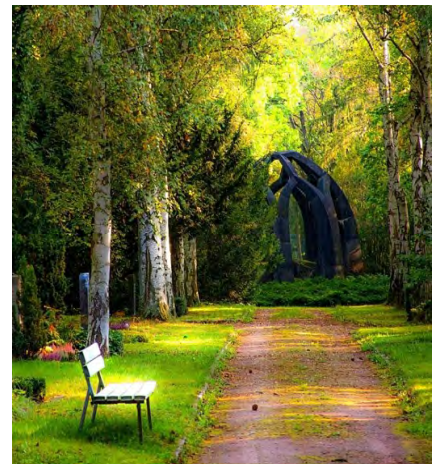
Thank you to all who are participating in this process!

The Twelve Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

“Even though some of the ghosts of the past may still be spooking around, popping up from time to time to scare me, today I can pretty much handle them. Today, the only real monster I have to face is myself, that part of me that tries to urge me back to drinking.”

**Waukesha, Wisconsin, October 1994, “Trick or Treat,”
AA Grapevine.**



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<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>

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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**May****YTD22****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$3,642 \$19,626

Group Contributions 2,751 14,752

AA Birthdays 420 520

Faithful Five 35 190

Individual/Anonymous 184 1,274

Total Income 7,032 36,362**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 98 519

Travel/Licenses/Permits 70

Office Supplies 159 2,370

Office Improve/Repair 492 612

Web Hosting 360 360

Payroll 1,958 9,792

Payroll Tax - -

Postage 9 39

Printing

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 2,712 14,837

Insurance 0

Rent 500 2,500

Sales Tax 313 1,672

Telephone/www 218 1,075

Utilities 100 500

Computer Equipment

Computer Software 13 345

Computer/Maintain

Inst Comm (Pink Pig) 177 177

Total Expenses 7,109 34,868**Net Ordinary Income** (77) 1,494

Gratitude Dinner

Other Expenses

NET OTHER INCOME**NET INCOME** (\$77) \$1,494

**Thank You to all who contributed to
Naples Intergroup / Central Office.**

Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer of-
ten involves many details, it is important to re-
member that the money the treasureroversees
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
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Naples, FL 34106
(10%)

General Service Office

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Area 15

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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 finan-
cial support of the Fellowship as a whole by send-
ing 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, al-
ways 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

GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

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

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0.....	64
12 Steps By Paragraph.....	0.....	0
24 Hour Solution.....	0.....	462
After and Before.....	0.....	50
Anchor.....	0.....	0
Aprendiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0.....	0
Back To Basics.....	0.....	0
Beach Bums 641645.....	300.....	600
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0.....	0
Big Book Step Study.....	0.....	0
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	0.....	54
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	0.....	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.....	0.....	733
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	0
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0.....	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
Bonita Women's Step.....	750.....	750
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	0.....	0
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0.....	329
Cake Meeting, 701813.....	0.....	0
Came to Believe, 615490.....	0.....	0
Candlelight, 606877.....	0.....	0
Comes Of Age.....	0.....	0
Common Solutions, 179613.....	1,236.....	1,976
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.....	330.....	330
Happy Healers.....	0.....	500
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.....	35.....	35
Men's Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	25.....	54
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0.....	470
Naples Group, 103609.....	0.....	760

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
Naples South, 130210.....	0.....	125
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0.....	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	0.....	596
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.....	150
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.....	75.....	220
Wednesday Step St. Johns.....	0.....	0
Where Are We.....	0.....	100
Women's Step, 159957.....	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

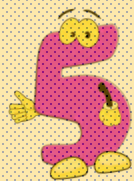
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Paul B.	50 years
Jim B.	40 years
Peter F.	27 years
Bill S.	20 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2022 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.

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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
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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.
Jon B., 537-5862

**NAPLES COMMUNITY
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