

THE COURIER

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Step 7 (Humility)

The concept of HUMILITY quickly becomes a mind game to me. If I say I have it, I don't; but I need it to do this step. It quickly becomes a maze I can get lost in, and from there it's just another delaying tactic. It took me an embarrassingly long time to really get what Step Seven is all about.

For a long time I made lists of which defects I wanted God to take away first and what it would look like once they were gone. There were a bunch of defects that I intended to leave be until after I was too old to really enjoy them; and, I even had reasonable excuses to keep some of them. Of course, I did want to live life in a way that was more socially acceptable and morally upright. I wanted to be admired by those I cared about, and that was going to take some work. I wanted to be a good person. None of that served me very well. I just wasn't getting there, and I was afraid I never would.

I was working really hard and figuring out how to do this thing. In fact, I was obsessed with it. One day, the danger of obsession became infinitely clear to me. As I was driving along, obsessing on just how to fix my son in ten words or less, I made a turn and came within a foot of hitting a pedestrian. I had become even more dangerous than I was in the old days! Wandering around in my own head was a dangerous way to run away from my own fears: the fear of not being good enough, the fear of not doing it right, the fear of failure.

It began to dawn on me that humility is about admitting this fear to myself and not running away from it. It's about admitting that I, alone, am never going to figure out how to get rid of all of the things that stand between me and living a life I can respect. Okay God, I get it. You're going to have to do this for me. My will, my brain power, and my obsessions are never going to do it for me. In fact, those are the things that got me into trouble in the first place. The first time I let go of this fear and self-will was in the First Step. Now, I'm asking that You take away the parts of me that will keep me from staying truly sober.

Nan T.
Tucson, Arizona

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.)



JULY...The Seventh (7th) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP SEVEN: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

TRADITION SEVEN: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

CONCEPT SEVEN: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

7th Step Prayer: My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here to do Your bidding. Amen

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

**“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

Pride-Humility-Shame

The Golden Mean

By Rick R.

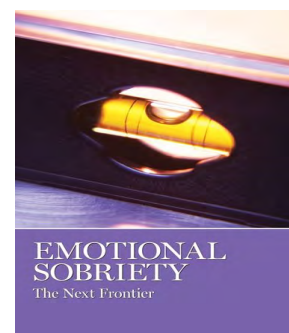
Defining the word Humility was not an easy thing to do; and, it took a long time to settle on an understanding that put it to rest for me. I thought that Pride and Humility were Opposites. The final piece of the puzzle came to me when in my 22nd year of sobriety, I was on the phone with a man who was trying to engage me in an argument, and when he realized that I wasn't going to bite, he fired his last volley by saying: *"Well, I've heard stories about you, and you're no angel."* I thought about it for a few seconds and replied, *"I have done things in my life that I am not Proud of, but I am not Ashamed of anything that I have done in the past 22 years."* The phone call ended peacefully.

Several years later, in a step study meeting on Step Seven the topic was Humility. I remembered that phone call and realized that Pride was not the opposite of Humility that *Pride was the opposite of Shame* and that *Humility fell right in the middle of the two*. When I boiled it all down, I concluded that I should not be proud of, or ashamed of the things I do and that I should be in the middle somewhere. This applies to my receiving as well as my giving.

On Page 62 of the Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous) it says, **"Selfishness---Self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity, we step on the toes of our fellows, and they retaliate."** In Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) I learned that if selfishness was the root of my problems, I could solve them by examining my motives for all my behaviors and staying on the unselfish side of every decision I make. That one challenge has taken all the shame out of my conscience and has replaced it with compassion and empathy and as a result I receive unselfish comments in return. Aristotle referred to this as "The Golden Mean" where, for example, when we are in the habit of giving compliments to our friends when they deserve it, we should not be so stoic that we cannot accept a compliment with the proper amount of appreciation, when we deserve it. **To me this means finding the Mean between the extremes and exercising it until it becomes second nature.**

I have known some humble people in my lifetime, and they have many things in common: They seldom bring attention to themselves, they never criticize others, they are always comforting, and they are always an asset and never a liability. Humble people do the things they were taught as a child. They treat others with respect. They are: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient... Sound familiar? I learned it in the boy scouts. I learned the Golden Rule in church, but I was never strong enough to live by it. Today, I am stronger. If you are not sure what you are supposed to be doing, Read the 11th Step Prayer in The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12) or The Boy Scouts Laws, or try practicing The Golden Rule. That should be a good start. **When I found A.A. I was reintroduced to these values and that helped to rein in my ego. And, today I am at peace with myself and with the world around me.**

**"I still don't know much about heaven, but I've learned some valuable lessons about life on earth."
"The Root of Our Troubles," December 1979,
Emotional Sobriety, The Next Frontier**



The Very, Very Beginning - Samuel Moor Shoemaker III

Some of you may know the history about the relationship between co-founder of *Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill Wilson and Sam Shoemaker. For those who don't here's a brief account.

Dr. Samuel Moor Shoemaker was an Episcopalian priest, the rector at Calvary Episcopal Church in New York City. He was also a leader in the American Oxford Group. The Oxford Group is where the founding members of AA would meet before there was even an official group called Alcoholics Anonymous. AA adopted the 12 steps from the Oxford groups 6 tenets. Bill Wilson just took the loopholes out of the 6 tenets and when he was done writing them out, they turned into the 12 steps as we know them today.



There was a bowery style rescue mission attached to Calvary Church called Calvary mission. Ebby Thatcher (the man that 12 stepped Bill W.) was staying at Calvary mission when he made the call to Bill in November, 1934.

It was at the Oxford Group meetings held at Calvary Church that Bill met Sam Shoemaker. Sam became one of Bill's early spiritual mentors and Bill credits Sam with teaching him the principles (6 tenets) that became the Twelve Steps as we know them today.

Partial history excerpt from Jim (anonymous) from [SobrietyRecovery forums](#)

"Life is lived moment to moment ... and every moment provides me with an opportunity for growth."

"Drama Queen," Madison, Wisconsin, November 2010, Emotional Sobriety II



**EMOTIONAL
SOBRIETY II**
The Next Frontier

I Stand By The Door

Samuel Moor Shoemaker III, DD, STD (12/27/1893 - 10/31/1963) published I STAND BY THE DOOR during the Christmas Season 1958, while he was Rector (1952—1962) at Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Shoemaker)

I stand by the door.
I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out.
The door is the most important door in the world-
It is the door through which men walk when they find God.
There's no use my going way inside, and staying there,
When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,
Crave to know where the door is.
And all that so many ever find
Is only a wall where a door ought to be.
They creep along the wall like blind men,
With outstretched, groping hands.
Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,
Yet they never find it...
So I stand by the door.
The most tremendous thing in the world
Is for men to find that door-the door to God.
The most important thing any man can do
Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands,
And put it on the latch-the latch that only clicks and And opens
to that man's own touch.
Men die outside that door, as starving beggars die
On cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of winter-
Die for want of what is within their grasp.
They live on the other side of it-live because they have not found it.
Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it, and open it,
and walk in, and find Him.
So I stand by the door.
Go in, great saints, go all the way in-
Go way down into the cavernous cellars,
And way up into the spacious attics-
It is a vast roomy house, this house that God is.
Go into the deepest of hidden casements,
Of withdrawal, of silence, of sainthood.
Some must inhabit those inner rooms,
And know the depths and heights of God,
And call outside to the rest of us how wonderful it is.
Sometimes I take a deeper look in,
Sometimes venture in a little further;
But my place seems closer to the opening...
So I stand by the door.

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Samuel Moor Shoemaker III

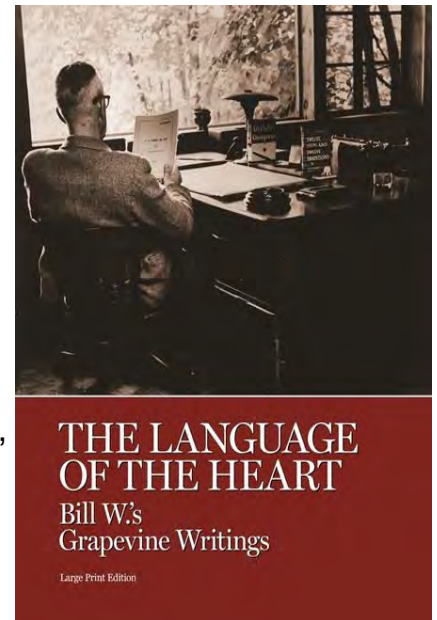
There is another reason why I stand there.
Some get part way in and become afraid
Lest God and the zeal of His house devour them;
For God is so very great and asks of all of us,
And these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia,
And want to get out. "Let me out!" they cry.
And the people way inside only terrify them more.
Somebody must be watching for the frightened
Who seek to sneak out just where they came in,
To tell them how much better it is inside.
The people too far in do not see how near these are
To leaving-preoccupied with the wonder of it all.
Somebody must watch for those who have entered the door,
But would like to run away. So for them too,
I stand by the door.
I admire the people who go way in.
But I wish they wouldn't forget how it was
Before they got in. Then they would be able to help
The people who have not yet found the door,
Or the people who want to run away again from God.
You can go in too far and stay in too long,
And forget the people outside the door.
As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place,
Near enough to God and hear Him, and know He is there,
But not so far from men as to not hear them.
And remember they are there too.
Where? Outside the door-
Thousands of them, millions of them.
But-more important for me-
One of them, two of them, ten of them,
Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.
So I shall stand by the door and wait
For those who seek it.

"I had rather be a doorkeeper..."
So I stand by the door.



“By the fall of 1937 we could count what looked like forty recovered members. One of us had been sober three years, another two and a half, and a fair number had a year or more behind them. As all of us had been hopeless cases, this amount of time elapsed began to be significant. The realization that we ‘had found something’ began to take hold of us. No longer were we a dubious experiment. Alcoholics could stay sober.”

A Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1945, “The Book Is Born”,
The Language of the Heart



AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area
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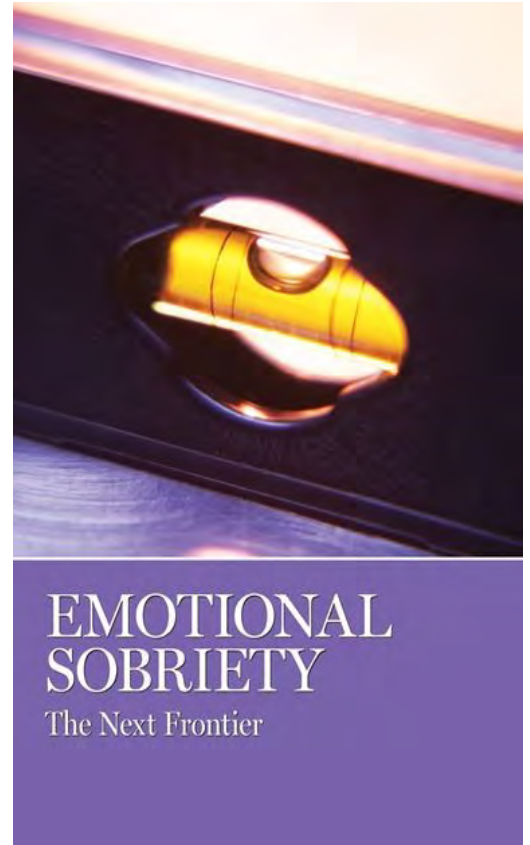
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“Self-centeredness is a poison to my emotional system. It frustrates my every effort toward a comfortable and happy existence. A terrible chain reaction begins. Fear sets in. Anger, resentment, and self-pity become my guiding forces. My only escape is to put this awful selfishness aside and become involved with the world around me.”

“The Root of Our Troubles,” December 1979,

Emotional Sobriety



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A SPIRITUAL OVERHAUL ... continued from June 2022 COURIER

Donald W.
Fort Myers, Florida

"I get what you are saying", my friend said, "It makes sense, if you trust God, clean house, and help others then you are probably spiritually fit, but I guess that has not been a priority for me as of late. If I am being honest, I am not sure if it ever was. I attend my regular meetings, and after going through the steps with my sponsor and I have been pretty much cruising along although but as I have been telling you, the water has been pretty choppy as of late". Again, I reiterated to my friend that all alcoholics are not equal and that some of our friends attend meetings regularly, pick up a service commitment every so often and they can lead comfortable lives – apparently.

But it was also apparent that the gentleman sitting across from me on my lanai was no longer in that comfortable camp. Like countless others among our ranks, when greeted at a meeting and asked, "how is it going?", the standard response was always "fine". Perhaps telling the truth was too complicated. A more truthful acknowledgment of "you don't really want to know" was too much information.

But today we were talking about getting back on track. I was ready to share some ideas with my friend that had been passed along to me by my friend Tom when I was telling everyone at meetings that I was doing "fine". The truth was that although my external world was better than it had ever been I had become dissatisfied with life, and I began to contemplate some "options – none of which would merit consideration by someone who was spiritually fit. Just as Tom began with me at that time, I now suggested to my friend that it might be a good time to evaluate his understanding of "Trust God, clean house, and help others" and how he interpreted those concepts and more importantly, how he was implementing them in his daily life.

"You said earlier that we should start by taking a look at my relationship with God and our conception of what He can do for us. I never heard it put like that, I always thought that when you talk about your conception of God, you are talking about how you imagine God to be. You know, like when Ebby said to Bill something like he could choose his own conception of God, right?". "Yep", I replied, "and that is a big deal but at that point in the story they are talking about a conversation with Bill who was reluctant to accept the religious solution that Ebby was proposing. Ebby suggests a starting point that would evolve over time just as it has with so many of us."

Personally, and I have heard many others with a similar experience, that while not necessarily an agnostic, and certainly not an atheist, my conception of God was based upon what I learned in Catholic school as a child. Not that that was bad, but what I took away from that instruction was, yes, there is a God, whose main job was to punish me. That conception of God was not going to fly in this new way of life in which I would be dependent upon God not just to keep me away from that first drink but also to guide me through the difficult days of life or as it says in the book, "*to survive the certain trials and low spots ahead*". I thought of something that Tom told me. "My religion said to me that I should love my neighbor and do God's will. I agreed with that, but it didn't show me how to do that and that's what the steps are for."

My friend looked up from his coffee and said, "I get it. I struggled with the Higher Power stuff for a while, but my sponsor hammered me on the hopelessness of Step One until I eventually became willing to let go of some old ideas that I had around my conception of God. He said it worked for him and for so many other of the guys I spoke with that I eventually surrendered. I remember how great I felt after doing my 3rd Step with my sponsor. I felt it, I was different, everything was going to be OK, and I was on the right path. My sponsor told me to be on the lookout for ways in which God was working in my life, helping me to make better decisions, reminding me to do the next right thing, and trying to live the way God wanted me to live. That feeling has never left me, or at least I wanted to believe that, but I can't say I have paid much attention to my conception of God, certainly I have not done much to nurture that relationship. I doubt it has changed much since. But honestly, I don't think I have ever heard anyone talking about an evolution of your conception of God. Where do you get this stuff, man?"

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I laughed, “Don’t worry, I don’t have a lot of original ideas, but I get a lot of inspiration as a result of quiet time in the morning” which was something my friend had admitted he had all but discarded due to his busy schedule. “OK, so tell me, what is your conception of God these days?” he asked.

“I am not so sure that me telling you what my conception of God is the right way to go about this”, I responded. “I think that according to the varying needs of each person, so does each person think of God. You don’t need to think of God as I do or as others think of him, but what I do is that I think of Him as supplying what I need at that moment. That is what I meant by saying that believing in the power of God is very different than just believing in God. For example, when I am fearful, I need God’s courage. When I am weak, I need God’s strength. When I am being judgmental, I need God’s understanding. Sometimes, I just need God as a friend. I am no expert but since I have been relying on God to supply me with what I need, it has been working out pretty well for me”.

I continued, “My conception of God changes as I gain faith through my own experience of God’s power in my life. The ever-accumulating weight of evidence in support of God’s guidance in my life, and the number of instances in which seeming coincidence appear out of nowhere, I now choose to attribute to God’s working in my life”.

“Well, it is pretty obvious from what I have been telling you that I am nowhere near that,” said my friend. “I was kind of embarrassed to tell you that I was not practicing any quiet time in the morning but, in my defense, I am a busy guy and sometimes I know my day is going to be crazy so I am already wound up some mornings before I get out the door. But to hear you tell it, it sounds pretty important if I am going to get to the place you have described in your life.”

As I finished the last sip of coffee in my cup I said, “Well, I have more bad news for you, my friend. I know that for me on those days when I think I am too busy to take quiet time, those are the days when I can’t afford *to not take the time*. A stressful schedule can cause me to feel separated from God and on my own. I learned that lesson the hard way. When I am too busy for prayer and quiet time, that’s probably when I need it most”.

I continued, “Look, I am no saint but because I am faithful in this practice these days, it is not uncommon for me during the day to get a feeling of inspiration that seemingly comes out of nowhere or an intuitive thought that tells me that God is providing me with direction. It is all about having a personal relationship with God. The benefits are endless and I believe I have just scratched the surface. I know, I sound like a crackpot. But maybe just maybe it is possible to have that kind of a relationship with God? Sounds crazy, right?”

“Often the most helpful advice I give a newcomer when it comes to this aspect of the plan of action is pretty simple – what someone, somewhere designated as the Three P’s - practice, patience, and persistence. Not too many alcoholics are particularly good at any one of those individually let alone collectively. But if you drop the ball on the first one, practice, I doubt if you are going to receive those gifts I have been talking about. Most alcoholics are sprinters, not marathon runners. We enthusiastically pick up an activity and we are all-in – for a short time and then we move on to the next shiny object. That approach is unlikely to be successful here. Not sure if you have heard, but we alcoholics are undisciplined, or so the Big Book says. But when it came to pursuing our vices, man, we were all in for that, right? But, ask us to stop thinking about ourselves and seek a way of life that aligns with God’s will and we pull back and think, ‘whoa, let’s not get too spiritual here, remember, the book says we are not saints!’ ”

My friend sighed, “I think I am going to need more coffee”.

To Be Continued: August 2022 COURIER.



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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.

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

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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

On the envelope: The word "5th Edition BB" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Thank you to all who are participating in this process!



Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity depend our lives;

And the lives of those to come.

From Bill's last message*

**If I were asked which of our blessings
I felt was most responsible for our
growth as a fellowship and most vital
to our continuity, I would say, the
"Concept of Anonymity."**

***Read by Lois at the 1970
Annual New York Intergroup Dinner**

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

For more information, contact Convention Chair Karen V.

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FINANCES**June****YTD22****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$2,554 \$22,111

Group Contributions 2,343 17,095

AA Birthdays - 520

Faithful Five 30 220

Individual/Anonymous 312 1,586

Total Income 5,239 41,532**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 64 582

Travel/Licenses/Permits 70

Office Supplies 664 3,490

Office Improve/Repair - 155

Web Hosting - 360

Payroll 1,958 11,751

Payroll Tax - -

Postage - 39

Printing

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 1,743 16,583

Insurance 0

Rent 500 3,000

Sales Tax 305 1,977

Telephone/www 218 1,292

Utilities 100 600

Computer Equipment

Computer Software 13 358

Computer/Maintain

Inst Comm (Pink Pig) - 177

Total Expenses 5,565 40,434**Net Ordinary Income** (326) 1,098

Gratitude Dinner - -

Interest Income - 69

NET OTHER INCOME**NET INCOME** (\$326) \$1,168

**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**

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Naples, FL 34109
(50%)

District 20

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Naples, FL 34106
(10%)

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(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 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

Group/Meeting	June	YTD22
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
Aprindiendo A Vivre, 176467.....	0.....	0
Back To Basics.....	0.....	0
Beach Bums 641645.....	0.....	600
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0.....	0
Big Book Step Study.....	0.....	0
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	26.....	80
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	0.....	110
Big Book Study, 662395.....	0.....	0
Bonita Awareness, 124788.....	0.....	0
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0.....	300
Bonita Beginnings.....	0.....	0
Bonita Friday Night.....	0.....	0
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0.....	733
Bonita Men, 654428.....	0.....	0
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	405
Bonita Saturday Night.....	254.....	846
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	288.....	591
Bonita Springs Women's 169127.....	0.....	0
Bonita Springs Step, 134588.....	0.....	40
Bonita Unity.....	0.....	0
Bonita Wed Beginners.....	0.....	50
Bonita Women's Step.....	750.....	750
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	100.....	100
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0.....	909
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.....	130.....	855
Early Reflections, 653770.....	0.....	0
Early Risers, 161795.....	0.....	1,157
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
Girlfriends.....	0.....	200
Go To Any Length, 305375.....	0.....	0
Golden Gate, 123819.....	0.....	0
Good Orderly Direction, 642330.....	0.....	0
Gratitude Hour, 134223.....	0.....	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.....	27.....	172
Men's Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Night Men Step 724529.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Big Book.....	0.....	0
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	11.....	65
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0.....	470
Naples Group, 103609.....	400.....	1,160

Group/Meeting	June	YTD22
Naples Living Sober.....	0.....	400
Naples South, 130210.....	125.....	250
Naples Young People, 699130.....	0.....	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	371.....	622
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.....	32
Step Into Life.....	0.....	0
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079.....	53.....	53
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.....	78
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.....	8.....	58
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.....	150.....	250

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

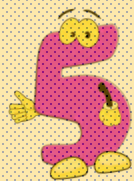
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Paul B.	50 years
Jim B.	40 years
Steve K.	30 years
Peter F.	27 years
Ken H.	20 years
Bill S.	20 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2022 Faithful Fiver Club

***Bill S., James B., Jeanette H., Jim B., Jim H., Judy W.,
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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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INTERGROUP
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Central Office

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

SECOND Wednesday of
each month at 7:00pm

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