

THE COURIER

Naples Area Intergroup
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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. (Reprinted with permission of AA Grapevine, Inc.)



Naples Area Intergroup 2022 GRATITUDE DINNER

Saturday, November 19th @ 7:00pm

NORTH NAPLES CHURCH

6000 Goodlette Road North
Naples, Florida 34109
<https://nnchurch.org>

Tickets: \$35.00 each.

Shirley P., Immediate Past
Chairperson, Area XV
Chairperson, 65th (2022)
Florida State Convention



Purchase tickets at the INTERGROUP OFFICE,
or from your home group Intergroup Representative.

Questions: Call the Intergroup Office: 239/262-6535

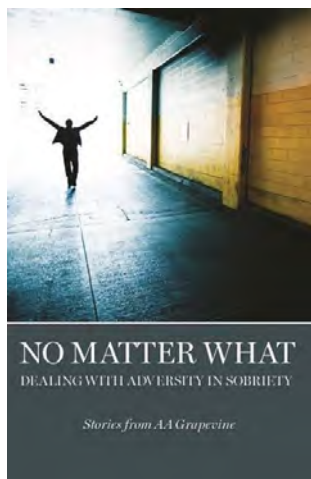
RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE THING - MARK HUSTON

"Today I know that I am responsible for one thing and one thing only. I am responsible to do the things necessary so that I can be a channel, so that God's Power, God's Love, and God's Way of Life can come through me and touch you. Period. End of statement. Nothing more. That's all I have to do.

If I do that, the Power does the rest. The Power shows me where I'm gonna live, who's gonna be in my life, how much I'm gonna make, where I'm gonna go, what I'm gonna do. Wow, what a deal for someone like us. It says that the WHOLE function of the Big Book is that I'm going to take a series of actions to allow a Power which is inside me, to begin to manifest and become real in my life, and this Power will do for me that which I have never been able to do for myself. THAT'S what this Program is.

It is NOT a program of getting yourself sober and keeping yourself sober. But I didn't know this until I began to make it a way of life. If anyone in this room is sober tonight and ever drinks again, you will drink because of your self-will. The Big Book says, "Above everything, we alcoholics must be rid of this selfishness. We must or it kills us!" So that's what we're up against. If you're a real alcoholic or drug addict, that's what you're up against. You're not up against alcohol or drugs. You're up against your selfishness.

Now here's the great trap. The very thing that will take you back to alcohol and drugs you create and there isn't anything you can do about it. Ain't that great? I create the very thing within me that makes me diseased that will convince my mind, in spite of grave consequences, to go take a drink when I know I shouldn't take a drink. Although I have a desire not to take a drink, I'll do it anyhow and there's nothing I can do about that on my power. And then we wonder why they look at us and say, "I can't help you, you have to go find God." Because it's the truth, they can't help us. We are beyond human aid. The Twelve Steps are the only vehicle I've ever known that keeps my ego right-sized."



"One night, in a moment of desperation, I got down on my knees and remembered a prayer an old sponsor had given me. It said, 'God, help me be of service ... to something or someone...' I knew intuitively it was the answer."

"Sinking Fast," Edmonton, Alberta, May 2010, No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety

The TENTH MONTH for ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

STEP TEN: *" Continued to take personal inventory and, when we were wrong promptly admitted it."*

TRADITION TEN: *" Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy"*

TRADITION TEN (Long Form): *No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A. , express any opinion on outside controversial issues — particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concrening such matter they can express no views whatever.*

CONCEPT TEN: *" Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.*

10th Step Prayer: *GOD, remove the Selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear that has cropped up in my life right now. Help me to discuss this with someone immediately and make amends quickly if I have harmed anyone. Help me to cease fighting anything and anyone. Show me where I may be helpful to someone else. Help me react sanely; not cocky or afraid. How can I best serve You — Your will, not mine be done. How can I best serve Thee—Thy will (not mine) be done. Amen.*

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? Prescribed medications? Other drugs? Other 12-Step programs? Vitamins? Al-Anon? The federal or state government?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression that I'm stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
5. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
6. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?
7. Should the meeting secretary intervene to remind AA members about this Tradition if a member starts criticizing one political party compared to others or favoring a religion over others?

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

"We Must Banish Fear!" Alexandria, Virginia, August 1950, AA Grapevine



A SPIRITUAL OVERHAUL ... Continued From the September 2022 COURIER

Donald W.
Fort Myers, Florida

I shuffled out to my lanai with a cup of coffee in one hand and my phone in the other as the sunrise bloomed on the eastern horizon. My wonderment at one of nature's often ignored gifts was interrupted by a single "chirp" of my phone. I smiled knowingly; my friend was sending me a simple text message containing only the word "Done".

It had been two weeks since we last sat together laying out a simple plan for helping my friend get back on the path to spiritual progress. By his admission, he had lost focus on this vital responsibility. He had begrudgingly recognized that his current distress and the return of those "bedevilmments" that the Big Book talks about, maybe, just maybe, had something to do with his return to self-reliance by his failure to adopt one of the essential components of the plan of action to enable an alcoholic to remain spiritually fit – quiet time to start our day.

My friend had suggested that "we don't go crazy" and instead, "let's start slowly, baby steps, progress not perfection I always say!" I cringed. Once again, probably one of the most abused lines in the book, the proverbial get-out-of-jail-free card for when we are justifying poor behavior, or, in this case, being lazy. Another characteristic of alcoholics is laziness when it comes to doing something that we do not want to do. I thought about how I used to pile into a car with my friends, hungover like a big dog, and drive to New Hampshire to hit a packie store as they were closed in Massachusetts on Sunday. Now that took effort, that was dedication. But get up a little bit early to spend some time with your Higher Power? Come on, man!

Our agreed-upon plan was simple. My friend would read what amounted to two paragraphs starting on page 86, "On awakening..." and carrying over to the top of page 87. Upon completing the task, he would simply text me one word – "Done". We agreed we would get together to talk about the next steps in two weeks, which would be later this morning. In the fourteen days since we last met, I received twelve of the aforementioned text messages. Not bad, but not perfect. Please, spare me the "progress not perfection" maxim. I had a sneaking suspicion that my friend would be trotting that out when we sat down to review the results of his task.

"Yeah, well I have to be honest," my friend began after grabbing some coffee and joining me on the lanai. "I know I missed a couple of days texting you but even worse, on a couple of days I was running late, and I just texted you without actually doing the reading." Well, I thought, that is encouraging. He is being honest about being dishonest. I had come to recognize over the short time that we had been getting together to chat that my friend was a good guy. Tragically flawed, just like the rest of us but a good guy. What seemed so easy to me was not so easy for my friend. I know, "progress not perfection!"

I changed course, "So, what did you think of the reading?" "Oh yeah, good stuff man," my friend responded. I poked him back, "Did you DO the things that the reading suggested, or did you just read them?" His response was short but spoke volumes, "Huh?" Oh, boy, I thought to myself. "Did you take the actions suggested in the reading or did you just read the paragraphs?" "Well, I definitely read them, except for those couple of days I missed, but I am not sure what the actions were?"

I thought we had covered this when my friend last visited but it was apparent even if we did, it did not have much of an impact on him. "Let's back up a moment. Remember we talked about how, at its most simple level, the formula for recovery was to trust God, clean house, and help others and how we must work on each aspect of that formula individually, right?". My friend nodded affirmatively. "Well, your morning prayer and quiet time can be considered one of the ingredients of the trust God element."

"Those paragraphs are directions on what to do in the morning to start your day. A simple definition of the word directions is *a statement that tells a person what to do and how to do it*".

My friend responded, "I remember listening to those Joe and Charlie tapes with Jim and Fred a while ago and they spoke about baking a cake and the need to follow the directions, exactly and precisely as they were laid out in the recipe if you wanted the same great cake. We had a lot of discussions back and forth about that" "Yes," I responded, "Joe and Charlie had a way about them that simplified the directions in the book."

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A SPIRITUAL OVERHAUL ... continued from page 4.

Bill Wilson wrote the Twelve Steps, but those guys showed me how to apply them to my life. And that simple metaphor that you mentioned helped turn things around for me. "I know, right?", my friend said. "When they put it that way, suggesting that within the Big Book there are a set of directions, not for baking a cake but for having a spiritual awakening and then living a life based upon spiritual principles, that kind of makes the work sound achievable, reasonable enough for even a knucklehead like me to follow. Why didn't they just put it that way when they wrote the book, tell us to follow these directions?"

I laughed, "Well, actually they did! Many current A.A. members would be shocked to discover that in the Original Manuscript of the Big Book, the chapter *How It Works*, opened with '*Rarely have we seen a person fail who thoroughly followed our directions*'. A couple of paragraphs down the page it read, '*If you have decided you want what we have and are willing to go to any length to get it – then you are ready to follow directions*'. "What?" my friend roared. "Why would they change that?" "The simple explanation is that one of the common personality traits identified in alcoholics, just like back in 1939 and I dare say still to this day, is that we are defiant. We don't like to be told what to do, can you identify with that?"

"My immediate inclination would be to go with a 'hard no' to the charge of being defiant, but when you define it as not liking being told what to do, well, maybe." I replied, "How about if we ask your wife if that applies to you?" My friend raised his hands as if to surrender. "Point taken," he grinned sheepishly. I continued, "One more aspect of how defiance works in the mind of the alcoholic is that, according to Dr. Tiebout, the psychiatrist who was a great promoter of A.A. in the early days, is that defiance is rooted in our subconscious. When we have been burned by 'our latest debacle' as it says in the book, we come to A.A. begging for help, we are hopeless, we are broken, we are willing to do anything for freedom from alcohol, was that your experience?" I asked my friend. "Oh, yeah" he acknowledged.


"Mine too," I said, "But in short order my willingness to surrender, to do 'whatever it takes' cooled, and my defiance reasserted itself and I was no longer open to the suggestions of my new friends in the rooms. I was talking recently about this with one of my friends who works in a treatment center, and she said, 'Oh my gosh, it happens all the time! I interview the person when they first arrive, and they say they are willing to do anything to stop drinking. Then when they come in for their exit interview, they don't think they will be attending meetings after they get out!' "That's exactly how defiance works, I said, the newcomer now says, 'I think I overestimated the problem; I am doing good now, thanks for the information but I got it!' "Oh, I can identify with that," my friend said. "This is all good information, and I must admit, my willingness to follow the directions subsided after my initial step work. Guilty as charged on that one, those two paragraphs that you asked me to read in the morning might as well have been written in a foreign language as I didn't have a clue as to what I was supposed to be doing!"

"OK," I said, "let me start with this. Your morning quiet time is going to be unique for you just like mine is for me. But there are 'directions' on these pages that will tell you 'What to do and how to do it'. A wise friend of mine likes to say it doesn't matter which donkey you choose as long as he gets you to the top of the mountain. But the lesson from Joe and Charlie about baking the cake is that if you deviate from the directions, either by substituting another 'ingredient' or by leaving it out completely, will mean you are not going to get the same 'cake' or have the same experience that you signed up for. Again, this is one of the things that is not necessarily the experience of everyone sitting in the rooms of A.A. But if you want access to your Higher Power, and all of the blessings that come with that, then you better be willing to step up and do what is necessary to grow and maintain that relationship. From my perspective, there is nothing more important than prayer and quiet time every morning, to seek God's guidance and ask Him to direct my thoughts and actions. What do you say we take some time and break down these directions?"


"Sounds good," my friend responded, "How about a refill on your coffee?" "I am way ahead of you," I said as I grabbed his mug and headed for the kitchen.

To be continued ... November 2022 COURIER.


BIG BOOK TIMELINE

 May 1938



Bill's Story

 June 1938


There Is a Solution

 September 1938

More About Alcoholism and We Agnostics

 November 1938To Wives, The Family Afterward, Working with Others,
To Employers, and A Vision for You December 1938

How It Works and Into Action

 January 1939

Tom Uzzell and Janet Blair Edit Manuscript

 Feb. 1939

Original Manuscript Released

 April 10, 1939

Big Book Released to Public

**Calling all AA
Authors !!!**

**Please submit
an article to**

The COURIER !!!

Email article to:

naplesintergroup@yahoo.com



**Your Groups'
Activities
Can Be Here
Next Month.
To Highlight**

**Your Group,
Please Call Us:
Intergroup Office
239/262-6535**

"In AA we talk a great deal about each other. Provided our motives are thoroughly good, this is not in the least wrong. But damaging gossip is quite something else. Of course, this kind of scuttlebutt can be well grounded in fact. But no such abuse of the facts could ever be twisted into anything resembling integrity. It can't be maintained that this sort of superficial honesty is good for anyone. So the need to examine ourselves is very much with us. Following a gossip binge we can well ask ourselves these questions: 'Why did we say what we did? Were we only trying to be helpful and informative? Or were we not trying to feel superior by confessing the other fellow's sins? Or, because of fear and dislike, were we not really aiming to damage him?' This would be an honest attempt to examine ourselves, rather than the other fellow. Here we see the difference between the use of the truth and its misuse. Right here we begin to regain the integrity we had lost."



THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings

Large Print Edition

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., August 1961, "This Matter of Honesty," *The Language of the Heart*

AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area
Intergroup*

Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30

Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00

and, Telephone Helpline

After-hours, various days.

1-year continuous sobriety.

For information: 239/262-6535

The Unselfish Spirit
Accepting The World as It is

By Rick R.
Miami, Florida

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety !!!

The degree that the individual carries out these two goals is not mandated by the A.A. body and the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. The AA program offers suggestions on how to overcome the difficulties brought about by the disease of alcoholism and not simply the act of drinking. These difficulties come in the form of *spiritual damage* and *material wreckage*. It seems that our spiritual damage lies in the unseen part of our makeup such as, our thinking, our motive, our fears, our conscience, our ego, guilt, shame, self-esteem, and the like. *Our material wreckage often comes as the result of our spiritual damage and is the residue of our spiritual condition.*

Selfishness- self-Centeredness! That, we think is the root of our trouble. (pg. 62 BB.) That, being said, isn't it apparent that unselfishness would be the solution to our trouble? That seems to oversimplify the solution but, in my experience, it is so simple that it is usually overlooked. Most alcoholics have spent their lives taking advantage of everything and everyone around them and as the result, have been plagued by the guilt and shame that only a drink could mask. The program of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests that *we live by principles*; and, I cannot find one selfish principle in the Big Book or the 12&12.

I believe that most of the people that truly have a desire to stop drinking and embrace the A.A. program start to change the behaviors that they recognize as counterproductive simply because they can hear these things that we all share at meetings; and, they change the most obvious shortcomings in their day-to-day activities. This is a good start and with time it starts to erode much of the shameful habits of past that had become commonplace. Talk of inventories and amends cause us to think at a different level about those material matters. That is usually the only thing that we are aware of in the beginning.

When we talk about spiritual matters, it seems that we all have different perceptions of exactly what we mean by" spiritual". If, for the sake of simplicity, we think of it as our innermost self, such as our ego, conscience, our mind, our heart, or soul, if you like ... and realize that this is where our spirit resides and where our emotions live ... that is also where the pain of our past thrives.

If we want to achieve the peace of mind that is promised in step nine, we will have to come to terms with the process of acceptance of the world as it is and of the people in that world. If we want to be accepted and forgiven for our past mistakes, we must be willing to accept all the people that we find fault with and give them the same latitude that we are seeking. To accomplish this, we can *stop being judgmental and replace that with an understanding spirit. We will have to replace gossip and character assignation with compassion and empathy.* If we can't do that, then how can we expect the world around us to accept us and forgive us for our past mistakes?

As the Convention approaches, we will update our website with registration information. Let's celebrate sobriety together in Vancouver in 2025. This is no time to rest on our laurels, so to speak. It's time to begin cleaning out the attic. This is where we begin to free up that space in our minds that has been keeping us awake at night. This is truly the path to developing the *unselfish spirit*, and with it come a peace of mind that's hard to imagine while we were still playing God ourselves. It costs me nothing to be kind.

My wish for those other people is that they can someday find the same peace of mind for themselves that this process has provided for me. What more can I say ???

“My daily life is conducted in a manner that is far different from my drinking days. The places I go, the things I do, and the people I am with are a reflection of my spiritual progress. My life is conducted with the knowledge that God is always at my side and guides me through the day. For that, at the end of each day, I say, ‘Thank You.’”

Fairfield, Connecticut, September 1978, “Spiritual Progress,” AA Grapevine



Continued
prayers for
Floridians 🙏

impacted by
hurricane 🌀

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Next Convention: 2025 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium.

As the Convention approaches, we will update our website with registration information. Let's celebrate sobriety together in Vancouver in 2025!

[International Convention | Alcoholics Anonymous \(aa.org\)](https://www.aa.org/)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminal-convictions.html>



FINANCES**Sep '22****YTD'22****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$3,676 \$36,116

Group Contributions 2,687 23,448

AA Birthdays 0 520

Faithful Five 27 389

Individual/Anonymous 0 8,459

Total Income 5,776 62,624**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 67 798

Travel/Licenses/Permits 249

Office Supplies 242 4,280

Office Improve/Repair 355

www Hosting 360

Payroll 1,958 17,626

Dist 20 Inst Committee 177

Postage 9 163

Printing 459

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 2,130 24,337

Insurance 578 578

Rent 500 4,500

Sales Tax 50 2,378

Telephone/www 220 2,370

Utilities 100 900

Computer Equipment 0 930

Computer Software 254 2,207

Computer/Maintain

Total Expenses 5,755 61,8332**Net Ordinary Income** \$16 \$193

Other Income 1,265 2,069

Other Expenses 0 32

NET OTHER INCOME \$1,265 \$2,037**NET INCOME** \$1,281 \$2,236**Thank You to all who contributed to
Naples Intergroup/Central Office****Spirituality and Money**

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

SELF-SUPPORT:**Where Money and Spirituality Mix****Naples Area Intergroup**

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(50%)

District 20

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

General Service Office

James A Fraley Station
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New York, N. Y. 10116
(New Address) (30%)

Area 15

Wayne H.
P.O. Box 311
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
(10%)

Disbursement of a Group's Funds

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

*Service material prepared by the
General Service Office*

GROUP*/MEETING CONTRIBUTIONS

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

**Please see A.A. pamphlet: "The A.A. Group...where it all begins" P-16*

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
11th Step Prayer & Med., 715482.....	0.....	107
24 Hour Solution.....	0.....	462
After and Before.....	0.....	50
Beach Bums 641645.....	0.....	600
Big Book Comes Alive.....	0.....	206
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....	0.....	80
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....	0.....	142
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	0.....	393
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....	0.....	1,544
Bonita Ladies Night.....	0.....	150
Bonita Morning.....	0.....	405
Bonita Saturday Night.....	0.....	803
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	0.....	591
Bonita Springs Step, 134588.....	0.....	83
Bonita Wed Beginners.....	0.....	50
Bonita Women's Step	0.....	750
Bring Your Own Big Book.....	0.....	100
Brown Bag, 163924.....	0.....	909
Cake Group.....	0.....	40
Common Solutions, 179613.....	0.....	2,551
Daily Reflections ZOOM	100.....	1,045
Early Risers, 161795.....	0.....	1,445
Easy Does It, 156979.....	0.....	500
Girlfriends.....	0.....	200
Gratitude Hour, 134223	0.....	330
Happy Healers	0.....	500
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	0.....	898
Ladies Night, Bonita, 672950.....	0.....	100
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	0.....	208
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....	0.....	84
Morning Reflections, 660700.....	0.....	470
Naples Group, 103609.....	0.....	1,160

<u>Group/ Meeting</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>YTD22</u>
Naples Living Sober.....	0.....	400
Naples South, 130210.....	0.....	250
Naples Young People 699130.....	0.....	0
New Dawn, 632504.....	0.....	622
One Day At A Time.....	0.....	150
Park Shore Women.....	0.....	400
Pay It Forward	1,200.....	1,200
Primary Purpose Marco, 146715.....	1,350.....	2,035
Spiritual Solutions	0.....	168
Step By Step.....	0.....	32
Sunday Night Speakers, 665079.....	0.....	53
Swamp Group, 672733.....	0.....	50
Tables Of Naples.....	0.....	08
Tuesday Women's Step.....	0.....	80
Veranda.....	0.....	76
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....	30.....	60
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....	0.....	220
Where Are We.....	0.....	250
Where Are We.....	0.....	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

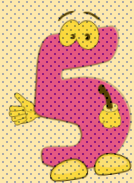
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Ron P.	50 years
Ron L.	42 years
Don M.	41 years
Jim B.	39 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Jackie T. F.	36 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	28 years
Peter F.	25 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	20 years
Ken H.	20 years
Mary B.	18 years
Laura T. F.	4 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2021 Faithful Fiver Club

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

Business meeting 3rd Saturday
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Current Practices

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Grapevine/Literature

Peter C., 784-7725
Business meeting the third
Tuesday of each month at
5:30 p.m., 24 Hour Club

Institutions

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at 7:00 p.m., 24 Hour Club

Public Information/CPC

Scott H., 734-0047
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Wednesday of each month at
7:00 p.m., 24 Hour Club

Technology

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Fourth Thursday of the
Month, 7:00 pm
New Attitudes Club
4133 Tamiami Trail E.
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Behind Speedway Gas

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7:00 p.m.
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