

# THE COURIER

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The Naples Area Intergroup

239/262-6535

## GRATITUDE DINNER 2023

SAT. NOVEMBER 11

TICKET PRICE \$35

Cash/ check payable to NAPLES INTERGROUP  
see your Intergroup Representative

DINNER 7PM/ DOORS OPEN 6PM

**North Naples Church**  
6000 Goodlette-Frank Rd  
Naples, FL 34109

credit card payments accepted in person  
at Intergroup Office  
(office hours Mon.-Sat. 9AM to 4PM)

### 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.

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## September ...The Ninth ( 9th ) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

**STEP NINE:** *"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."*

**TRADITION NINE:** *"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."*

**TRADITION NINE (Long Form):** *Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.*

**CONCEPT NINE:** *"Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."*

**9Th Step Prayer:** *I pray for the right attitude to make my amends, Being ever mindful not to harm others in the process. I ask for Your guidance in making indirect amends. Most important, I will continue to make amends by staying abstinent, helping others and growing in spiritual progress.*

### TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

**"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**



## Step Nine: The Promise Of Intuition

### We Will Know Peace

Rick R., Miami, Florida

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. (B.B. pg. 84) How many times in your life have you been faced with a decision, and you did not know what to do about it, then a day and a half later, you awakened in the middle of the night, sat up in bed, and said to yourself, A-Hah, and went right back to sleep? Somehow the answer came to you without having to go through days of research.

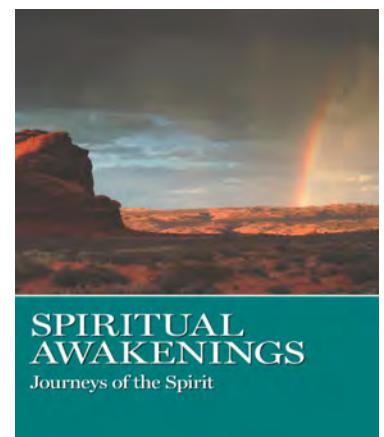
In the early days of 1970, I was going through a course on human behavior and the instructor was trying to describe how the brain functions. He explained that the human brain has approximately ten billion cells and we only use about one billion of them. He then explained that these cells store everything we experience in our lifetime. The more current events are easier to remember than the things that are off in the distant past, but they are all in there somewhere. He then likened it to a file system where, if you ask a question, the more current answers come immediately, but for those more distant memories, the brain starts searching the files and it may take a while eventually the answer will come.

With all the mental chaos that we bring with us when we enter the Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) program, we have a lot of, what I refer to as, *unlearning* to do. We go through the process of trying to rid ourselves of alcoholic thinking and to replace it with sound principles and values. If we are fortunate enough to buy in completely, and do a thorough job of house-cleaning, so to speak, we can start using the ideas that we hear of, and others used successfully, and we get a surprisingly good result. We may hear as many as twenty or thirty people share at any given meeting. Can we remember everything we hear? To me, the answer is yes. I could come up with a dozen boilerplate A.A. clichés about how the answers come to me but it does not get any simpler than the mental file cabinet theory. Sometimes it seems to me that I am learning when I am not even listening, and it is like getting it through osmosis. If you have ever heard of the police trying to get a witness to remember a license plate number by hypnotizing that person, you understand what I mean. It is in the sub-conscious and there is a curtain-like screen between the conscious and subconscious mind. This is what keeps us from going mad due to the busyness of it all.

I never underestimate the capacity of my mind when it comes to problem solving. Attending A.A. meetings on a regular basis and interacting with the people who have had similar experiences and have found similar solutions to their problems gives me a very encouraging outlook for the future. Many of the answers that I am seeking are right in front of my face and some are deeper in the file cabinet. Most of the time, when faced with the dilemma that is causing me any kind of distress, I can refer to my simple request of my higher power. God, please show me to do and please give me the strength to do it. I do not do well on my own. It is surprising how often I awake in the middle of the night, say "A-HAH," and go back to sleep again. It seems that intuitively, the answers come.

**“I had been undergoing a spiritual experience without knowing it. My confused questioning about a Higher Power, my changed mental attitude, and even my physical recovery had all be part of a spiritual awakening. Without knowing it, I had been in contact with the source of life, whatever or whoever that might be.”**

**“So That’s a Spiritual Experience!,” York, Pennsylvania, January 1977, Spiritual Awakenings: Journeys of the Spirit.**





**“My job is to achieve enough humility to see myself in others and to accept both myself and others, by identifying. The willingness to make amends will grow from this act of love.”**

**“8-1/2,” Bowling Green, Kentucky, October 1986, Best of the Grapevine, Volume 2.**



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## **Introduction to the *THE LORD's PRAYER***

**Mary Pat B., Naples, Florida**

**The reason we join hands as we say the LORD's PRAYER ... is to remind us of the truth ... that we are not alone ... our prayer is for the still suffering alcoholic ... those who are with us ... and, those who are still searching for us. Hold on to the hand of the person next to you like your life depends on it ... **someday it may.****



## “A Spiritual Overhaul” ... continued from August 2023

### Donald Wood, Ft Myers, Florida

Autumn is coming. The water on the lake outside our lanai was ruffled, no longer glass-like, and untroubled. It wasn't going to be like this every morning but it served as a reminder that the inevitable change of a season was coming. And welcomed. It's probably the thing I miss most since coming down from up north, the arrival of fall. It brought bushels of leaves, cursed if you had to rake them but delighted in if you're watching a child frolicking in the piles of a neighbor's yard. Simple pleasures for a simpler time perhaps. I smiled as I took another sip of my pumpkin-spice-flavored coffee. Not surprisingly, I had succumbed to the seasonal barrage of all things pumpkin. Just last night I read an article entitled *“65 Pumpkin Spice Foods That Have No Business Being Pumpkin Spiced”*. To say we have taken this a little over the top is an understatement. Mercifully, the doorbell rang. My friend had arrived.

“I figured it out,” he exclaimed not halfway through the door. “You figured what out?” I responded while heading to the kitchen. “The whole mystery of is it God's will or is it my will,” my friend said smiling. “Well, it is not so much that I figured it out for mankind or anything quite so dramatic. I figured it out for me.” I thought, this should be good and responded, “Do tell, oh enlightened one” as I held up a coffee mug for him. “Last week we talked about how it is much easier to determine what God's will isn't than it is to determine what it is, right?” I nodded in agreement.

“Well, I went home that night and watched a rerun of Seinfeld where George decides to do the opposite in any situation that he usually does because every instinct he has ever had turns out wrong. So I figured...” I raised my hand, “Stop. Please stop. I see where this is going and I am pretty sure we are not on the threshold of any spiritual breakthrough. Grab your coffee and let's talk about what might actually make some sense, using a few spiritual and analytical tools to determine which course to take.”

My friend was still smiling as he sat down and grabbed the Big Book on the table and began again. “Bottom of Page 87 it reads, *‘As we go through the day we pause, when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action.’* Last week I sat here and scratched out a list of all of the things I typically do when I am agitated or doubtful. It was like a page and a half! Little wonder that the Seinfeld episode resonated with me. It's almost like I need to be ‘rebooted’ or something. My ‘default settings’ are screwed up or at the very least, need an update!”

“Congratulations,” I said smiling. “Congratulations!” my friend howled. “For what? For realizing that I am almost forty years old and my response to the world when I do not get my way is to act like a spoiled child or a bully?” “Exactly,” I responded. “Most people go through life and never see that in themselves, how they deal with conflict or indecision. I have not met many alcoholics who don't struggle with this in sobriety but it's not just alcoholics who have this problem. How often do we hear a relative or an acquaintance say, ‘I don't need to change, this is who I am,’ You have been given a gift. In sitting down last Saturday and putting pen to paper you identified the real source of your problem, right?” My friend responded sheepishly, “I know where you are going with this. The problem is me, right?” I nodded affirmatively, “Well, the good news is that the rest of the planet doesn't need to change, just you!”

I continued, “When I first arrived at Alcoholics Anonymous I had no idea how important inventory was going to be in this ‘new way of life’, as the Big Book calls it. The pervading perception of inventory in contemporary A.A. is that it is tied up in Step 4 and it is going to be horrible to have to admit our past actions and be accountable to make right the mistakes of our past. Fair enough and undeniably true. But over time through studying the Big Book I began to understand that while my actions certainly needed an overhaul, a periodic tune-up of my thinking was necessary as well and must continue for my lifetime. That is what Steps 10 and 11 are designed to do, see what I mean?”

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## “A Spiritual Overhaul” ... continued from page 5.

“Yeah, well I am starting to see what you are talking about” my friend responded. “I mean I just took that one phrase, ‘when agitated or doubtful’, and asked myself the question, what is it that I typically do when I am disturbed like that? Well, suffice to say, the word pause did not come to mind!” “Oh, I get it,” I replied. “This gets back to that point you mentioned earlier that your ‘default settings’ were confrontation, attack mode or obsessively fixating on the problem till you have figured it out because you are seemingly ‘hard-wired’ to turn to self-reliance. And see the thing is while you could say that this has nothing to do with drinking, it does have everything to do with your serenity. A single instance of you reverting to your old way of dealing with a situation could result in a full notebook of writing during your evening review!”

“Wow”, my friend responded. “And if I don’t do an evening review, it just rolls over again, kicked down the road to be dealt with at a later day, right?” “Yes, that is how I see it today,” I said while nodding my head. “One of the helpful insights I learned from an Alanon friend was that a lot of these ‘default settings’ go back to our childhood if we come from a family that has been touched by alcoholism. Children sometimes have to grow up fast, too fast, and have to learn coping skills necessary to survive in a chaotic household that they carry with them into adulthood. The Big Book describes family members living in an alcoholic household in this way, *‘Years of living with an alcoholic is almost sure to make any wife or child neurotic.’* Is it any wonder that many children who grew up in an alcoholic household are hard-wired to be self-reliant and self-centered and they carry those coping skills into adulthood?”

“Whether an individual comes from an alcoholic family or not, if they are alcoholic, they are going to have to make some wholesale changes in their approach to life. I liken it to being a football coach whose team is trailing 35 – 0 at halftime. If the coach wants to have any chance at winning the game, he is going to have to come up with a new game plan for the second half because the old one is not working. And so it is with us. If we are going to have any chance at living successfully in a world without alcohol or drugs, we need a new game plan. For me, I found that new game plan in the directions found in the Big Book.”

I reached over picked up the book and flipped to the chapter, “The Family Afterward”. “Listen to this, *‘Like a gaunt prospector, belt drawn in over the last ounce of food, our pick struck gold.’* Interesting metaphor, right? Then Bill Wilson writes, *‘Joy at our release from a lifetime of frustration knew no bounds.’* I wonder what is meant by that? Is Bill just referring to drinking or is it more? He then writes, *‘Father feels he has struck something better than gold. For a time he may try to hug the new treasure to himself. He may not see at once that he has barely scratched a limitless lode that will pay dividends only if he mines it for the rest of his life and insists on giving away the entire product.’* Not bad writing for a drunk who has been sober for less than four years, huh?”

My friend shook his head, “I know I have read that before but I never really read it, you know what I mean?” I nodded affirmatively back at him. “And this is kind of what we have been talking about, digging a little deeper, going beyond just the Steps on the wall as you like to say. When I began to write about what I typically did in response to being agitated or doubtful it revealed a part of me I never considered. Granted, it is no longer as bad as it used to be when I was drinking, like going psycho over something trivial. But seeing the way I still react, my thinking when agitated with a situation makes me want to change, it makes me want to do better. And it makes me want to seek more of that treasure that the book talks about. And it is all right there, in the book if I am willing to do the work.

“Good stuff, my friend,” I replied. “This way of life will pay dividends ONLY IF we mine it for the rest of our lives and pass it along to others. One more time, but it bears repeating, simple but not easy, right?”

“A Spiritual Overhaul” ... to be continued October 2023.



## Can't make it to a live AA meeting? No worries!

The EARLY RISERS PHONE MEETING is here for you; held from 8:05 AM to 9:00 AM every day of the week.

 Join the Early Risers Phone Meeting!

 Dial (667) 770-1476  Access code: 748635#

This meeting was initiated during the Covid-19 shutdown of the 24-Hour Club of Naples by the EARLY RISERS GROUP, ensuring our members could continue to connect and support each other. The meetings have been going strong ever since and offer an excellent alternative for those who cannot attend live meetings and prefer PHONE MEETING over Zoom meetings. Give it a try, I know you will find this group very welcoming!


### Meeting Format:

 Monday & Tuesday: Open Discussion

 Wednesday: "Big Book" Meeting.

 Thursday: See Speaker Meeting Script

 Friday: "Step Meeting" – except for the last Friday, which is the "Tradition of The Month" Meeting.

 Sunday: "Daily Reflections" Meeting. You may use any reflection this month. The Chairperson reads and gives the lead.

We have signup sheets for chairpeople to make a one-month commitment for a chosen day of the week. For the Thursday Speaker Meeting, multiple chairpeople are responsible for finding speakers for their selected week of the month.

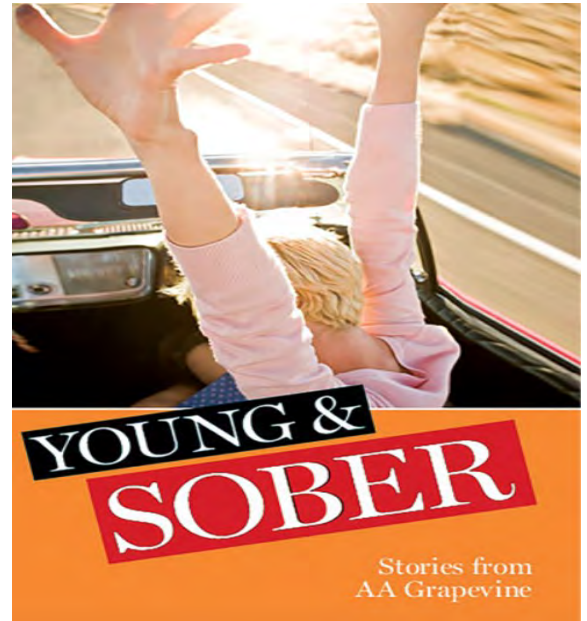
Don't miss out on the support and fellowship! Join us for the Early Risers Phone Meeting and stay connected on your journey to recovery.

Tim A.

**QUESTION: When you walk into your home this evening, how long would it take you to find ... and pick up your " AA BIG BOOK ??? "**

“I have learned how to place principles before personalities, begun to understand that it’s okay for me to be wrong, and that it is also all right for me to allow others to be wrong and to make mistakes. Learning to let go is a huge part of service work on all levels.”

“More Than One Way,” Cleveland, Ohio, February 2010, Young & Sober: Stories By Those Who Found AA Early.



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

**AA GRAPEVINE, February 2003**

**Calling all AA  
Authors !!!**

**Please submit  
an article to**

**The COURIER !!!**

**Email article to:**

**[naplesintergroup@yahoo.com](mailto:naplesintergroup@yahoo.com)**



**Your Groups’**

**Activities**

**Can Be Here**

**Next Month.**

**To Highlight**

**Your Group,**

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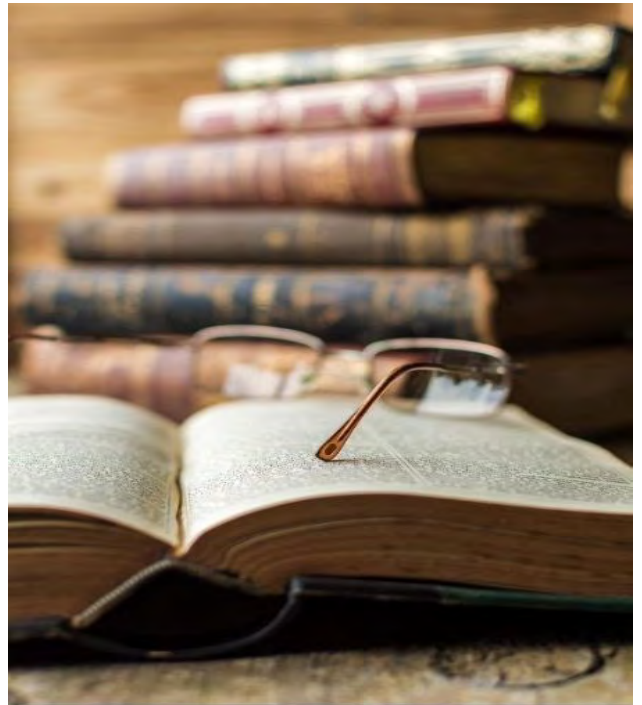
**Intergroup Office**

**239/262-6535**



“While I wouldn’t recommend that anyone become an alcoholic, I believe that sober alcoholics living the AA way of life have been blessed with a gift. It’s a gift that can’t be bought, that can’t be won in a lottery, that can’t be stolen, forged, or rented.”

Edenvale, Gauteng, South Africa, October 1996, “A Healthy Appetite for Beer,” The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 3



## AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area  
Intergroup*

**Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30**

**Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00**

**(One morning or afternoon each week.)**

**and, Telephone Helpline**

**After-hours, various days.**

**1-year continuous sobriety.**

**For information: 239/262-6535**

**FINANCES****Aug23** **YTD23****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	\$3,761	\$32,689
Group Contributions	5,002	24,616
AA Birthdays	53	440
Faithful Five	-	220
Individual/Anonymous	20	2,850
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,836</b>	<b>60,815</b>

**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees	133	1,247
Licenses/Permits	-	200
Office Supplies	429	3,103
Office Improve/Repair	-	-
www Hosting	-	-
Payroll	2,154	17,235
Payroll Tax	-	-
Postage	19	49
Printing		487
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	2,841	22,474
Insurance	-	-
Rent	500	4,000
Sales Tax	487	2,720
Telephone/www	480	2,174
Utilities	100	800
Computer Equipment	613	-
Computer Software	97	961
Computer/Maintain	-	-
Quarterlies / Travel		220
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,833</b>	<b>57,384</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>\$1,003</b>	<b>\$3,431</b>
Gratitude Dinner	300	300
Other Expenses	-	-
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,303</b>	<b>\$3,731</b>

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

**Spirituality and Money**

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

**SELF-SUPPORT:**

Where Money and Spirituality Mix

**Naples Area Intergroup**

1509-B Pine Ridge Road  
Naples, FL 34109  
(50%)

**District 20**

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

**General Service Office**

James A. Farley Station  
P. O. Box 2407  
New York, N. Y. 10116  
(New Address) (30%)

**Area 15**

Don 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>AUG23</u>	<u>YTD23</u>
11th Step Prayer & Meditation .....51.....164		
Beach Bums .....0.....250		
Big Book Comes Alive.....124.....513		
Big Book Steppers, Bonita, 698101.....0.....389		
Big Book Steppers, Naples, 654630.....46.....284		
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....0.....357		
Bonita Happy Hour, 670997.....0.....1,375		
Bonita One Day At A Time .....0.....362		
Bonita Saturday Night.....0.....523		
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....0.....803		
Bonita Unity .....50.....90		
Brown Bag .....594.....1,518		
Bonita Wed 11th Step.....0.....40		
Cake Group .....0.....65		
Common Solutions Naples .....239.....1,548		
Daily Reflections ZOOM .....148.....657		
District 20 .....2,000.....2,000		
Early Risers .....0.....591		
Easy Does It, 156979.....1,000.....2,000		
Gratitude Hour, 134223.....0.....69		
Happy Healers .....0.....675		
Jaywalkers, 634271.....23.....206		
Keep It Simple, 651598.....0.....726		
Ladies Noon .....0.....75		
Living Sober.....257.....257		
Meeting In The Park.....0.....135		
Men Of Naples, 634030.....52.....217		
Monday Noon Daily Reflections.....35.....86		
Morning Reflections, 660700.....0.....372		
Naples Group .....330.....997		
Naples Living Sober .....0.....20		

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>AUG23</u>	<u>YTD23</u>
Naples Nooners .....0.....2,000		
Naples South, 130210.....0.....399		
New Dawn, 632504.....0.....896		
Park Shore Women .....0.....300		
Primary Purpose Marco .....0.....2,700		
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Primary Purpose Marco .....0.....2,700		
Primary Purpose—Naples .....0.....100		
Spiritual Solutions .....125.....125		
Swamp Group, 672733 .....51.....101		
Tables Of Naples.....75.....105		
Veranda.....25.....108		
Wanderers, Ave Maria.....39.....233		
We Care, Bonita, 617011.....0.....151		
Where Are We .....100.....200		

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## The Birthday Club

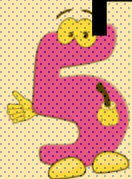
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics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



Paul B.	51 years
Ron P.	51 years
Ron L.	42 years
Don M.	43 years
Jim B.	41 years
Jackie T. F.	39 years
Bill D.	36 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	31 years
Peter F.	27 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	21 years
Ken H.	21 years
Laura T. F.	7 years
Tina S	2 years



## Faithful Fivers Needed



### 2023 Faithful Fiver Club

***April O., Bill S., Eric S., James B., Jeanette H., Jim B., Jim H., Judy W., Kathryn Mc., Ken H., Ralph W., Ron L., Theresa R., Tim A.,***

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.)

**District 20 Officers:****Chair:**

Pete C., 784-7725  
pete.curtner@yahoo.com

**Alt. Chair:**

Joe S., 845/554-8721  
joeascaliala@icloud.com

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Maria M., 370-2034  
mmetchear@aol.com

**Treasurer**

George A., 276-4024  
george.arminio1@gmail.com

**Secretary:**

Tom D., 206-6780  
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**Service Committees:****Archives**

Susan H., 280-7093  
Business meeting 3rd Saturday @ 24 Hour Club at 11am

**Current Practices**

Jerry E., 776-6767  
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**Grapevine**

Andrea C., 908/347-0494  
4chellana@gmail.com  
Business meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., 24 Hour Club

**Institutions**

Joe S. 845/554-8721  
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1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., 24 Hour Club

**Public Information/CPC**

Ronnie P., 269-8251  
Business meeting the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., 24 Hour Club

**Technology Opportunity.**

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Submissions are edited for space and clarity only.

**District 20****Business Meeting:**

Fourth Thursday of the Month, 7:00 pm  
New Attitudes Club  
4133 Tamiami Trail E.  
(Lakewood & E 41)  
Behind Speedway Gas

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

Every day except Wednesday  
7:00 p.m.  
Maria M., 370-2034  
mmetchear@aol.com

**WILLOUGH**

Sunday, Monday and Thursday  
7:30pm  
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