

T H E COURIER

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February 2024

A DUSTY OLD AA DIRECTORY

My first AA group met in a clubroom upstairs in an old building. The paint was peeling, the windows were dirty; the chairs and tables were Early Depression. There was an old broken-down desk in the corner, its drawers filled with ancient AA literature, scraps of paper, dirty and used paper cups, and every other imaginable relic of the past. The walls displayed the usual Steps and Traditions, Serenity Prayer and Slogans. On the top of the desk was the usual supply of [Big Books](#), [Twelve and Twelves](#), and pamphlets in various stages of disarray. I stayed around that club attending the meetings and reading everything I could find, and it was there that I had my first demonstration of how AA works.

Some two months after my first AA meeting, on a December afternoon during a heavy snowfall, a call for help came in. I answered the phone. It was a fellow I had met at the meetings there, and it was obvious he had been drinking. He told me he was at a city jail in a town some sixty miles away, and asked me to get The AA directory in the clubroom, call a member in the town where he now was, and ask that person to come help him.

The only other person in the room at that time was the caretaker, and neither of us knew what an AA directory was; but we began to search. I went to the old desk, started to empty the drawers, and found an outdated (one-volume) AA directory, published by AA World Services more than seven years before. It was all we could find. I turned to our state and the name of the town from which the call had come. There was one group listed, with one contact's name and phone number.

I called the number, and when a man answered, I asked for the person listed in the old directory. This man informed me that he was that person. Immediately, I identified myself as an AA member and told him of the plight of the man at the jail. There was a very long pause, and he finally asked, "Where did you get my name?" When I told him, he said, "I did belong to the AA group in town, but I haven't attended an AA meeting in more than five years, even though I'm still sober."

We talked a bit longer; I told him about the AA member in trouble; he told me that it was snowing hard and he lived thirteen miles away from town. It ended with his saying he would put chains on his pickup truck, go into town, and call me after he had talked to the fellow in trouble. Some two hours later, he called back, saying he had secured the release of the alcoholic and brought him home. The man in trouble soon returned to our group, and he is now sober.

About three years later, I went to that town to talk at an [AA meeting](#). After the meeting, a man came up to me and asked if I remembered making that call three years before. Of course I remembered it, because it was my first one. He said, "That got me back into AA, and I've never left again." I see him at AA meetings of all kinds and have for many years now.

So that old, out-of-date AA directory helped three alcoholics. and maybe many more. Who Knows?

Reprint, AA Grapevine, October 1985

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. (Copyright © The AA Grapevine, Inc., Reprinted with permission.)



February: The SECOND (2nd) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

STEP TWO: “Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

TRADITION TWO: “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

TRADITION TWO (long form) : “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.”

CONCEPT TWO : “The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.”

2nd Step Prayer: I know in my heart that only you can restore me to sanity. I humbly ask that you remove all twisted thought & Addictive behavior from me this day. Heal my spirit & restore in me a clear mind.

TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

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

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? New comers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

“Long before I was a binge drinker, I was a binge thinker. I tended to think incessantly, as if this were an essential part of staying alive. My mind either had no ‘off’ switch, or, if it did, I had no idea where it was.”

Ames, Iowa, July 2010,
From: “Binge Thinker”,
AA Grapevine



Calling all AA

Authors !!!

**Please submit
an article to**

The COURIER !!!

Email article to:

naplesintergroup@yahoo.com



**Your Home Group's
Activities**

**Can Be Here
Next Month.**

**To Highlight
Your Group,
Please Call Us:**

**Intergroup Office
239/262-6535**

MASQUERADE

Jerry E.

Naples, Florida

My heart goes out to the family members and friends of the deceased. Like them, I mourn the loss of yet another member of our fellowship; one to whom many of us had reached out to in the past several months. He will be missed and his passing will somehow diminish our collective experience. Like so many that I've seen die over the years, my friend was not killed either by alcohol or the disease of alcoholism. My friend died of a drug overdose.

Ironically, although I knew him from the AA meetings, I never knew him to spend much time in meetings of other fellowships. He believed, as so many do, that "a drug is a drug is a drug" and that the Twelve Steps will work to relieve every obsession of the mind. I believe in the Power behind the Twelve Steps, but I do not underestimate the power of the diseased mind and its ability to separate the sufferer from the very help that he so desperately needs.

Looking back over the past twelve years of my own recovery, I am hard pressed to recall a single member of AA who has died from the disease of alcoholism. Conversely, I can easily list the many names of those I've known who have died from drug addiction. I've never been a member of any other fellowship and I knew all of these friends from AA meetings that I have attended.

The only conclusion that I can draw from all of this is that these people have suffered from an incomplete or misdiagnosis of their problems and, as a result, their treatment and recovery has been incomplete. Those who suffer from multiple addictions must treat each addiction or risk relapse from the untreated problem. There are vast differences between addictions and one cannot safely assume that treatment in one area will result in recovery in other areas. One does not recover from a back injury by having a tooth pulled.

Chapter 3, "MORE ABOUT ALCOHOLISM," from the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous begins with the words, "Most of us have been unwilling to admit we were real alcoholics. No person likes to think he is bodily and mentally different from his fellows." The next paragraph states that, "The delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed."

That was certainly true in my case. I stubbornly refused to admit that I was different, probably because I instinctively knew that to BE different might cause me to have to DO differently. I feared observation or that my behavior should be examined lest these differences become apparent to everyone. I feared any judgment that might cause me to have to change. I feared change because, in years past, alcohol had been the only thing that had worked for me to numb my feelings and enable me to cope with life. I could not imagine living a life without alcohol.



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



When You're Lost

I am 46 years old. I am almost 9 months sober (again)...

I first got sober when I was 35, I stayed sober for 2 years and 2 months. And after having a sponsor, having a home group, going through the [12 steps](#) twice, it was still difficult to say, hi I'm Tracey, I'm an alcoholic. It was like a dirty word to me. I'd rather say I'm a drug addict or that I'm bi-polar. But, something about the word alcoholic, made me cringe. I was in denial. I did not believe that I was powerless over alcohol or that my life had become unmanageable, because to be honest, maybe it hadn't gotten that bad, yet...

You see, it's a progressive disease. And, I never lost a job or a man or gotten a DUI or had health issues or financial woes. It, this cunning, baffling, powerful disease, was eating me alive.

I've been to 6 different rehabilitation facilities, 5 since 2020, mostly fancy and bougie, I was a rockstar in rehab, could get sober quickly and did have the desire to stop drinking (Tradition 3) yet couldn't stay sober. Until I finally hit my lowest emotional bottom.

God never left me, but I left God. I wasn't suicidal, but I thought, what's the point of life? I've pursued everything I ever set out to do. I'm not passionate about anything, what is my purpose?

Since July 20, 2020 (my birthday) I've been sober on and off. I thought that when I quit my stressful job and finally ended my tumultuous [relationship](#) with my fiancé, I wouldn't have to drink so much – wrong. It only got worse; collecting unemployment, isolated and then COVID, in Los Angeles.

The last rehab I went to was strict. The only option was Alcoholics Anonymous. Not the usual buffet of: smart recovery, refuge, moderation management, therapy, medication assisted treatment. Just straight out of the Big Book. The original incentive to get my iPhone back was to find a new sponsor that was local to do step work with every week. Therapy was very beneficial and I started journaling again, every morning before I did anything else "morning pages" I'd learned from the book *The Artist's Way* (written by sober folks).

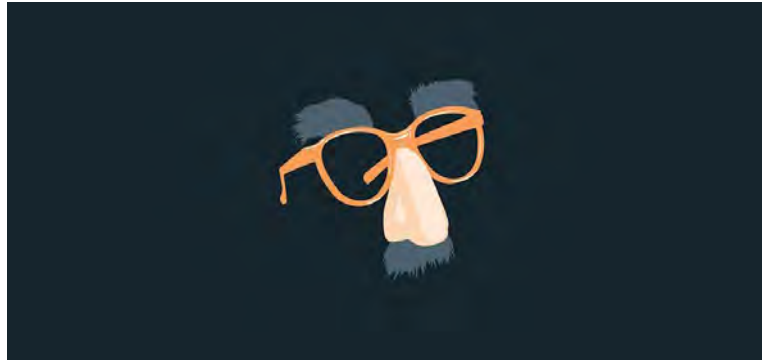
For the first time, I understood the steps as if I finally had them translated. As if God, had always spoken a foreign language and now he was speaking English. I was focused and worked the 12 steps as if my life depended on it. I didn't stall. I finished the steps this time in 90 days. In my humble opinion, the way they should be done. I truly believe that if everyone worked the steps, there would be world peace! Because I looked at my part, where could I have done better, been more honest, less selfish, helped someone else that needed a little extra love and encouragement. Trust God. Clean House. Be of Service. Simple, not easy.

I don't (won't) drink no matter what. That first drink sets off the craving; the allergy of my body and then, before I can blink, turns into the obsession of my mind, that poison is then all I can think about. The plot of the Big Book: you are either in self will (superiority, ego centric, self-pity = selfish) or you are in God's Will. It's black and white. When I'm down or feeling sorry for myself I reach out to another alcoholic. I get into gratitude: from my basic surroundings and health all the way up to the big beautiful sky, and I remind myself to stay present. Just for today.

I am now in [acceptance](#). I needed the gift of desperation (God) and to have complete deflation (the original step #1 p 263 BB). I finally have inner peace and contentment. My light is back on. I lean back and can go with the flow of life that God wants for us all. I know that I was never alone. I am blessed and now my purpose is to pay it forward. Life gets "Lifey", I live life on life's terms and know in my heart and soul, drugs and alcohol only temporary filled that big, deep, wide, dark hole inside of me. I am forever FREE!

By Tracey R. Area 55 News, December 2023

IMPRESSIONS



We were talking with a comparatively new member at a meeting recently who stated that he had made this trip across town to hear the speaker scheduled to speak. He informed us that he had known this man for many years and considered him one of the lowest of the low, a man without any decent principles or impulses and absolutely devoid of any morals or character.

Soon after he had embraced the Fellowship, he heard this man [being extolled by several as being one of the most outstanding AAs in the Cleveland area. He couldn't believe his ears, It couldn't be the same man . . . and if it was, then very evidently this cookie had certainly pulled the wool over the eyes of "the guys who ran AA" and let him come in. And if it was indeed the same fellow whom he knew, inside and out, he would expose this fourflusher to all and sundry.

He searched the Group News column of the [Central Bulletin](#) and learned that this man was to speak at this particular meeting. We sat with the visitor and as the speaker rose to make his talk, the visitor hissed an aside to us: "That's the faker!" We quieted him and urged him to listen with an open mind.

For fifteen minutes, the speaker qualified, describing himself as having been morally and spiritually bankrupt. He had been disloyal to his wife and family, his employer and all of his friends. His word was worth nothing and his promises false. None could have sunk lower, he admitted.

"God must have listened to the prayers of my family," he went on, "for I hadn't been in contact with Him for many years." A complete stranger took him in, had hospitalized him, reconciled him with his family and former employer and gave him the keys to the AA way of life.

His words rang with sincerity and his humility was impressive as he described the battle he had with downing his old wrong impulses and changing his thinking habits so that he could face "The Man Upstairs" (his conception of the Power Greater Than Himself) each night.

It hadn't been easy for him, but he dutifully followed his sponsor's example and advice. His sponsor had impressed him with his need for a mental and moral catharsis, and emphasized the importance of the [Four Absolutes](#) which he had found as a solution for his own moral regeneration.

He found it most difficult to be ABSOLUTELY honest, pure, unselfish, and to practice love . . . but he persisted and found to his amazement that life was FUN – real, honest, care-free fun, and life was good.

The man at our right sat spellbound and when the meeting closed, he jumped to his feet and was the first to greet the man whom he had intended to "expose."

We did not listen to their conversation, but we did notice that afterwards they sat to one side, talking intimately as we left the meeting.

We met the newcomer the other day at one of our nursing homes, where he had taken his first "baby." We noticed a decided change in his [attitude](#). He seemed "to belong."

We asked him how he was getting along and he informed us that his life had completely changed since the meeting we had attended together when he was going to show up the "faker."

The "faker" and he became inseparable companions and the "Daily Plan and the Four Absolutes" have completely changed his life.

He also has found that sober living with a plan and purpose can be fun ... real fun.

A.A. History in February

February 1 1918 - Original date set for Bill W.'s marriage to Lois Burnham. The date was moved up because of the war.

February 2 1942 - Bill W. paid tribute to Ruth Hock, AA's first paid secretary, who resigned to get married. She had written approximately 15,000 letters to people who had asked for help.

February 5 1941 - Pittsburgh Telegram ran a story on the first A.A. group's Friday night meeting of a dozen "former hopeless drunks."

February 8 1940 - Bill W., Dr. Bob, and six other A.A.s asked 60 rich friends of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for money at the Union Club, N.Y. They got \$2,000. 1940 - Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on A.A. by Larry J.

February 9 2002 - Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's daughter died.

February 10 1922: Harold E. Hughes was born on a farm near Ida Grove, Iowa. After his recovery from alcoholism, he became Governor of Iowa, a United States Senator, and the leading dark horse for the Presidential Democratic nomination in 1972, until he announced he would not run. He authored the legislation which created the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and other legislation to help alcoholics and addicts.

February 11 1938 - Clarence S. ("Home Brewmeister" in 1st, 2nd & 3rd editions) had his last drink.

February 12 1945 - World War II paper shortage forced reduction in size of the Big Book.

February 13 1937 - Oxford Groups "Alcoholic Squadron" met at the home of Hank P. ("The Unbeliever" in the 1st edition of the Big Book) in New Jersey. 1940 - With about two years of sobriety, Jim B. ("The Vicious Cycle") moved to the Philadelphia area and started the first Philadelphia A.A. group.

February 14 1971 - AA groups worldwide held a memorial service for Bill Wilson.

February 15 1946 - AA Tribune, Des Moines, IA, reported 36 new members since Marty M. had been there.

February 16 1941 - Baltimore Sunday Sun reported city's first AA group begun in 1940 had grown from 3 to 40 members, with five being women.

February 18 1943 - AA's were granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases, despite gas rationing.

February 19 1967 - Father "John Doe" (Ralph P.), 1st Catholic Priest in AA, died.

February 20 1941 - The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.

February 21 1939 - 400 copies of the Big Book manuscript were sent to doctors, judges, psychiatrists, and others for comment. This was the "multilith" Big Book.

February 22 1842 - Abe Lincoln addressed the Washington Temperance Society in Springfield, IL.

February 24 2002 -- Hal M., "Dr. Attitude of Gratitude," died. He had 37 years of sobriety. Hal testified, anonymously, before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse on December 3, 1970.

Other February happenings with no specific date: 1908 - Bill W. made boomerang. 1916 - Bill W. & sophomore class at Norwich University was suspended for hazing. 1938 - Rockefeller gave \$5,000 to AA. 1939 - Dr. Harry Tiebout endorsed AA, the first psychiatrist to do so. 1940 - First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA is held at McCready H.'s room at 2209 Delaney Street. 1940 - 1st AA clubhouse opened at 334-1/2 West 24th Street, NYC. 1943 - San Francisco Bulletin reporter Marsh Masline interviewed Ricardo, a San Quentin Prison AA group member. 1946 - Baton Rouge, La., AA's hold their first anniversary meeting. 1946 - The AA Grapevine reported the New York Seaman's Group issued a pamphlet for seamen "on one page the 12 Steps have been streamlined into 5." 1946 - Des Moines Committee for Education on Alcoholism aired its first show on KRNT. 1946 - Pueblo, Colorado, had a second group, composed of alcoholic State Hospital patients. 1951 - Fortune magazine article about AA was published in pamphlet form. 1959 - AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book. 1963 - Harpers carried article critical of AA. 1981 - 1st issue of "Markings," AA Archives Newsletter, was published, "to give the Fellowship a sense of its own past and the opportunity to study it."



"May we never forget that we live by the grace of God -- on borrowed time."

**AA Co-Founder, Bill W.,
April 1948, From: "Tradition Five", The Language of the Heart**

THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings

"My drinking career was all about running away. I could pack up and vanish in a flash. Now ... I'm taking the risk to stick around, to just show up and see what happens."

**New York, N.Y., May 1997,
From: "At Home in a Home Group", Beginner's Book**



BEGINNERS' BOOK

Getting and Staying Sober in AA

Why We Call It "The Big Book"

A printer in Cornwall, NY, named Edward Blackwell, had been highly recommended to Bill Wilson. Blackwell was the President of Cornwall Press. So Bill and Hank Parkhurst (author of the personal story "The Unbeliever" in the first edition of the Big Book) went to Cornwall to see Blackwell. There they were told that the book would probably be only about four hundred pages when printed. That seemed a bit skimpy. They wanted to sell the book for \$3.50 per copy. That was a very large sum in those days; probably the equivalent of about \$50 today, and people might not think they were getting their money's worth.

They picked the cheapest, thickest paper the printer had, and requested that each page be printed with unusually large margins surrounding the text. This made for an unusually large book. Thus, the book came to be nicknamed the "Big Book."

A reproduction of the first printing can be purchased today and it is much taller and thicker than our current Big Book, although it has fewer pages.

Blackwell had an excess of red material for the bindings, so he offered them a special deal. Eager to save costs, Bill and Hank agreed. They also thought, according to some reports, that the color red would make the book more attractive and marketable.

The first printing was the only one on which a red binding was used. All the other printings of the first edition, except for the fourth printing, were in various shades of blue. The fourth printing, due to another overstock of binding material and thus, lower cost, was bound in blue as well as in green.

Despite all their efforts at proofreading, there was a typographical error in the first printing. On page 234, the second and third line from the bottom was printed twice. This was corrected in subsequent editions.

A New York AA member named Ray Campbell, a recognized artist, was asked to design the dust jacket. His story, "An Artist's Concept", appears in the Big Book's first edition. He submitted various designs for consideration including one which was blue and in an Art Deco style. The one which was chosen was red, and yellow, with a little black, and a little white. The words Alcoholics Anonymous were printed across the top in large white script. It became known as the circus jacket because of its loud circus colors. The unused blue jacket is today in the Archives at the Stepping Stones Foundation.



It's That Time Again...

The Serenity Club's 28th Annual

HAM ON WRY



Pig Roast

at Vineyards Park in Naples, Florida

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tickets Are
Only \$20.⁰⁰

12:00 NOON DINNER MENU INCLUDES:

Slow-Roasted BBQ Pork, Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn, Garlic Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Sodas & Dessert!

ACTIVITIES:

Horseshoes, Three-legged Race, and Kid's Activities

plus an AA Speaker Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Featuring Guest Speaker

Roger H. (Seminole, FL)

For More Information, Directions, or Tickets Call Karen W. at 777-4738

Proceeds benefit The Serenity Club of Southwest Florida, Inc. a Florida Nonprofit Corporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization.

FINANCES**Jan 24** **YTD 24****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	\$5,025	\$5,025
Group Contributions	2,470	2,470
AA Birthdays	-	440
Faithful Five	10	10
Individual/Anonymous	1,000	1,000
Total Income	8,505	8,505

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Fees	110	100
Licenses/Permits	-	-
Office Supplies	189	189
Office Improve/Repair	-	-
www Hosting	-	-
Payroll	2240	2240
Payroll Tax	-	-
Postage	29	29
Printing	187	187
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	4,470	4,470
Insurance	-	-
Rent	500	500
Sales Tax	294270	270
Telephone/www	416	416
Utilities	100	100
Computer Equipment	-	-
Computer Software	96	96
Computer/Maintain	-	-
Quarterlies / Travel/ Membership	150	150
Total Expenses	8,820	8,820
Net Ordinary Income	-\$315	-\$315
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	-	-
Gratitude Expenses	-	-
NET OTHER INCOME	-	-
NET INCOME	-\$315	-\$315

**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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(New Address) (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*

The Birthday Club

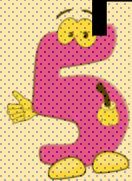
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics 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.	22 years
Ken H.	21 years
Laura T. F.	7 years
Tina S	2 years



Faithful Fivers Needed



2023 Faithful Fiver Club

April O., Bill D., 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.)

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Technology Opportunity.

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Contributions from our readers are encouraged.

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

NAPLES AREA INTERGROUP MEETING

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

SECOND Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm

Treatment Commitments

DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER

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