

# THE COURIER

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## **BILL W's HOLIDAY GIFT** by Bob S., A.A CLEVELAND

On a bleak November day in 1934, Bill W. was in the process of receiving, albeit unknowingly—a Christmas present beyond his belief.

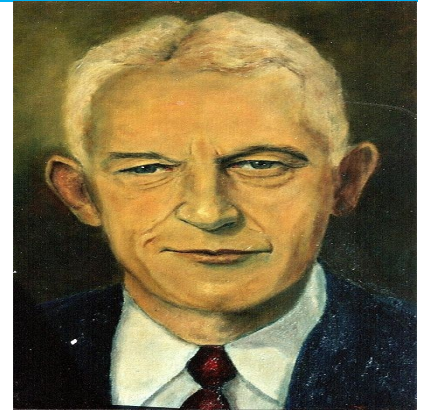
During a visit, an old schoolmate, Ebby T., explained how he had found sobriety via religious ideas of the Oxford Group. Bill was amazed, yet unimpressed. He thought: *“My gin would last longer than his preaching.”* (p. 9 BB.) But it did not! Bill’s curiosity with his friend’s success eventually led Bill to the doors of the alcoholic ward of Towns Hospital a few weeks later. He was released with a full week of sobriety on December 18, just one week before Christmas. He never drank again!

But that was only a beginning! While in the hospital, he had a personality change that altered his modus operandi! He previously had never

wanted anything more than to be a rich member of the Wall street crowd, as he was before drinking ruined that high point of his life. However, before leaving the hospital the thought came to him: *“There were thousands of hopeless alcoholics who might be glad to have what had been so freely given to me. Perhaps I could help some of them. They in turn might work with others.”* (p. 14 BB.)

Bill’s real Christmas present was a complete personality change as described by Dr. Carl Jung: *“Ideas, emotions, and attitudes which were once the guiding forces of the lives of these men are suddenly cast to one side, and a completely new set of conceptions and motives begin to dominate the-.”* (p. 27 BB.) Well, did Bill go back to Wall Street? No, he did not! He went down to Calvary mission and brought home a disheveled, and perhaps not-so-well-smelling, wino to his fancy Brooklyn Heights home and fed him and prayed with him. But the drunk got drunk, again. So, Bill went back, and the same thing happened. Did he give up and go back to Wall Street? No, he did not! He went back to that mission again and again through January, February and March of 1935 and guess what? They all got drunk!

What a personality change! What a wonderful Christmas present! Not just getting sober, but a strong desire to help others. We call this Step Twelve today, but this personality change was not only Bill’s exciting Christmas Present—it is certainly ours, as well!



## **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 al-



## DECEMBER: The Twelfth (12th) Month Of Alcoholics Anonymous

**STEP TWELVE:** “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and practice these principles in all our affairs.”

**TRADITION TWELVE:** “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

**TRADITION TWELVE: (Long Form)** “And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.”

**CONCEPT TWELVE:** “The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.”

*12th Step Prayer: My spiritual awakening continues to unfold. The help I have received I shall pass on and give to others, Both in and out of the Fellowship. For this opportunity I am grateful. I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day on the road of spiritual progress. I pray for the inner strength and wisdom to practice the principles of this way of life in all I do and say. I need You, my friends, and the program every hour of every day. This is a better way to live.*

## TRADITIONS—CHECKLIST

This is a Checklist for Tradition Twelve:  
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1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help an other alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?



**Naples Area Intergroup  
BOOKSTORE and GIFT  
SHOP**

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

**9 to 4 / Monday - Saturday**



**“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**

## **This Precious Gift**

**Rick R.**

**San Diego, California**

**They say four billion years ago life showed its face on earth.**

**And as it happened, man became, the product of that birth**

**Then grapes appeared upon the vine, eight thousand years just past.**

**Their juice, when crushed, seemed harmless, when enjoyed with repast.**

**But like most things that seem so fine, and too good to be true,**

**A darker side revealed the lure that many came to rue.**

**When smitten by this patient foe the bearers have no shield,**

**And when the choice is yea or nay, the stricken always yield.**

**So shameful was this malady, a moral thing they said.**

**Their families kept their secret safe, long after they were dead.**

**Centuries have come and gone, since first it got its grip,**

**And one in ten would pay the price, when venturing one sip.**

**Then God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice,**

**And Bill and Bob were listening and heard his loving voice.**

**How fortunate we are today, to be among the first,**

**to have been chosen, at this time, to quell that deadly thirst.**

**The wisdom of eight thousand years is placed there at our feet.**

**How blessed to have it waiting, as I stumbled in defeat.**

**When pondering the suffering crossed, that vast expanse of time,**

**I Would not waste one moment of His precious gift sublime.**



# Forever



I view the first nine steps as primarily a short-lived event that teaches how to begin the lifelong process of the living last three steps.

The event: Steps One, Two and Three are simply admitting: I can't; God can; then asking for help. This is a prerequisite!

[Step Four](#) begins “at once” (p 64) which may take a week or so of writing to attain honest information to allow a sponsor to show how to “face and be rid of” selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear—this sponsor-help procedure often takes only an hour or so. (p 64-71).

Step Five begins “at first opportunity” (p 74) which can start about five minutes after finalizing Step Four with a sponsor. This may take only an hour or so but may vary. Step Six begins then, not later (p 76) and [Step Seven](#) begins “when ready.” (p 76)

Steps Six and Seven are often completed in a rather short period.

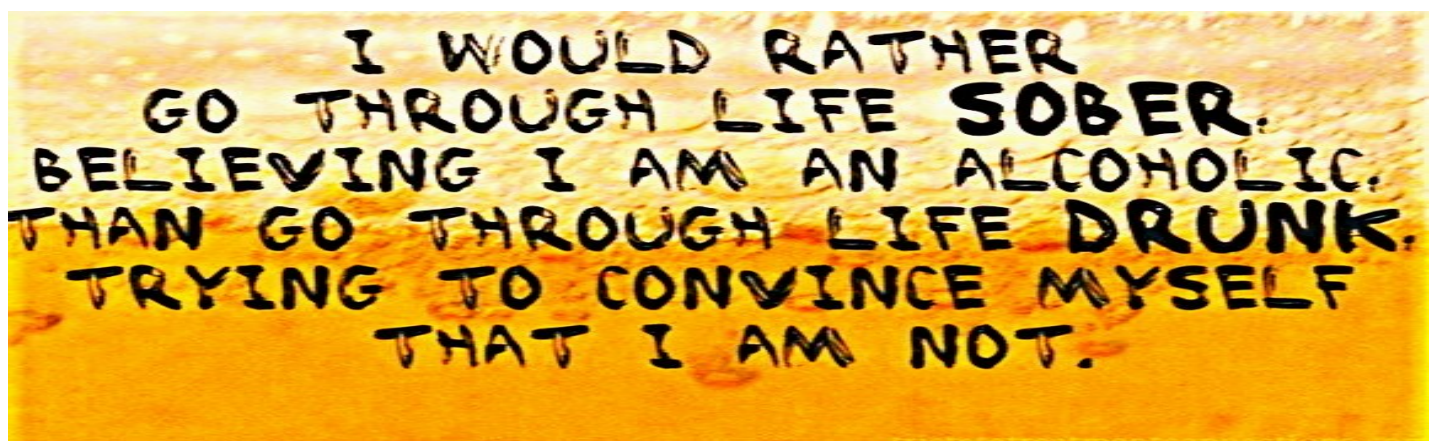
Most of the Eighth Step “harms to others” has been already listed from Step four and Step Nine begins “Now.” (p 76) Of course,

Step Nine may last for an indefinite period as continued in Step Ten.

The Process: I view the above, Steps One through Nine, as a learning event that has a beginning and an end. Once this learning has taken place it is time to put what has been learned into action by following the clear-cut directions.

Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve for a lifetime. (p 84-103) Of course, “learning” continues as we go along. I view the important difference between an event and a process is the former has a [timeline](#), of sorts, but the latter is non-ending. First, we learn how to do it—then we do it.

*Bob S, Richmond, IN*



## The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

### Step Study Meetings

Rick R. - San Diego, California

I consider myself to be one of the fortunate ones that came to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) in 1969, at the age of 28, desperately looking for answers. The Rehabilitation programs had not gotten off the ground yet, and Drug Addicts did not begin to show up until the mid-1970s. A considerable number of the members of A.A. came there of their own free will, wanting to get sober. The elders of my first group suggest that, if you plan to attend so many meetings a week, one of them should be a Step Study Meeting, and I have been doing that ever since. As we do that, we go through the steps 4 times a year as we split step 12 into two parts due to the number of pages it entails. As new members come into the group they bring with them, their own variety of alcoholic symptoms and it takes time to abandon the things that they feel threatens their own identity. It was not uncommon to see them in the parking lot after the meeting gossiping and bad-mouthing other members that they disagree with, and I was no different than them in my early days of recovery.

About 20 years ago a local group in our community was uprooted from their location and ended up in a new Alano Club at the time and they settled into the Monday through Friday 7 AM slots. The Thursday meeting became a Big Book Study, and the Friday meeting was a Step Study. I was happy to have them so convenient for me. I was much happier when, after we completed Step Twelve, we did not go back to Step One. We went straight into Tradition One and in a short time I noticed how the traditions shined a new light on what Alcoholics Anonymous was all about. On the first page in Tradition One it states *"We believe there isn't a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members; surely there is none which more jealously guards the individual's right to think, talk, and act as he wishes. No A.A. can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled. Our 12 steps to recovery are suggestions; the 12 traditions which guarantee A.A.'s unity contain not a single Don't. They repeatedly say, "We ought..." but never "You must." WE don't normally hear these things in the everyday meetings.*

Each of the Traditions have their own variety of suggestions that, in the interest of unity, add a mature understanding to those that study them and share them with those that have not studied the Traditions.

When I share at a meeting I try to explain, in a way that does not reflect *being in judgement* about any individual. I may discuss Character Defects or Shortcomings and explain the idea that we all have them and for me to point out the faults of others is a *shortcoming, itself*. The person that gets off the beaten path is the person I care about the most. These are all symptoms of Alcoholism, and I am no better than anyone in the program. I may be farther down the path, but No Better. We may hear the term "Love and Tolerance" and try to explain how I include it in my approach to these two words. Scott Peck was influential in the spiritual approach in the program and in his book "The Road Less Traveled" he defines Love, as "Caring for and nurturing another person's soul, and not the version we see up on the movie screen." It is an action word, and I can Love everyone even if they do not love me back.

As for the word "Tolerance," I would change that word to "Acceptance," as they suffer from the same disease that I once suffered from, and I am not superior to anyone in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.



# AA Volunteer Opportunities



*Naples Area  
Intergroup*

**Mornings: 9:00 to 12:30**  
**Afternoon: 12:30 to 4:00**

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

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**1-year continuous sobriety.**

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

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**Next Month.**

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On Mother's Day 1935, through mutual friendships, Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith, met for the first time in Akron, Ohio, in the sitting room of the Henrietta Seiberling's Gate House.

## Bill W. Meets Dr. Bob

Dr. Bob had in mind that time spent with this mug would be snappy, so he had made Henrietta promise that they would stay only 15 minutes after supper, but this notion became less compelling when Bill said something to the effect that Dr. Bob appeared to need a drink. But the 15-minute talk continued on and on till eleven o'clock!

Perhaps the prevailing factor sparking the doctor's continued interest was that Bill's revelations came from personal experience, unlike from other benignly motivated friends who spoke from book knowledge. Another factor would have been that Bill doubtless related Dr. Silkworth's ideas of the physical allergy and the mental obsession . . . any true alcoholic would immediately see the truth in this concept through their own experience.

Bill's recently enlightened method of talking with new prospects reflects lesson #2 from the earlier page of this book. Doctor Silkworth's pointing out the necessity that Bill change his approach from preaching to personal experience, at just the right time, may well have provided another example of Dr. Carl Jung's notion of 'synchronicity.'

Dr. Bob had been privy to the teachings of the Oxford Group for over two years, so he obviously would not have been impressed by Bill's new-found spiritual knowledge. Just as today, one drunk sharing his or her alcoholic experience with another alcoholic best implants the seed of hope into a newcomer's world of doubt and confusion.

But yet, it is not beyond reason that Ebby's miracle would have been discussed, as well as Bill's spiritual experience at Towns Hospital. Plus, certainly, both parties would have shared a mutual interest in the Oxford



## The 12 Days of Christmas

With the first step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
A day of sobriety.

With the second step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
A wee bit of faith and...

With the third step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Will-ing-ness...

With the fourth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Pencil, pen and pad...

With the fifth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Another human being

With the sixth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Lots of options

With the eighth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Too good a mem'ry...

With the ninth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Shatterproof glasses...

With the tenth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Spot checks a plenty...

With the eleventh step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
The Prayer of St. Francis

With the twelfth step of A.A.  
My HP gave to me  
Calls on the hotline...

## The First Noel

**The first little drink my sponsor did say would  
take my 3-year chip away.**

**Be it whiskey or beer—be it red wine or white.**

**I'll end with me puking all through the night.**

**Little drink, little drink, the first little drink -**

**It's an idea that really stinks!**

## Deck the Halls

Deck the dash with beer and wine

D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

Wreck the car with bongos and line

D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

Officer, I hear you sing

D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

Breathe into this little thing

D-D-D-D-D-D-W-I

## God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

**A.A. is where you ought to go  
While drinking is in your way  
It tells you what you need to know  
To get you through the day  
It leads you to your Higher Power  
When you have gone astray  
O come now and join us at A.A.  
Come to A.A.  
O come now and join us in A.A.**

## Jingle Bells

Jingling keys, Jingling keys,  
That is what you'll hear  
When you get to rehab  
The end of your career  
Of alcohol, self-abuse,  
Life in disarray  
Then you can discover  
The healing of A.A.

**“Not picking up a drink creates infinite possibilities for me ... When I wake up in the morning I pray for what I need to get through the day sober. I also smile and say to myself, Who knows? This could be the greatest day of my life!”**

**“Attitude Adjustment,” New York, New York, January 2006, Beginner’s Book: Getting and Staying Sober**



## **BEGINNERS’ BOOK**

*Getting and Staying Sober in AA*



**“Certainly, we need leaders, but we must regard them as the human agent of the Higher Power and not with undue adulation as individuals.”**

**AA Co-Founder, Dr. Bob, September 1948, “The Fundamentals in Retrospect”, The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 2**

## Things Started Working for Me When:

1. My Desperation Outweighed My Denial.
  2. My Conscience Outweighed My EGO.
  3. My Compassion Outweighed My Resentments.
  4. My Giving Outweighed My Taking.
  5. My Faith Outweighed My Fear.
  6. My Unselfishness Outweighed My Greed.
  7. My Service Outweighed My Neglect.
  8. My Acceptance outweighed My Criticism.
  9. My Caring Outweighed My Indifference.
  10. My Empathy Outweighed My Contempt.
  11. My Perspective Outweighed My Opinion.
  12. My Smiles Outweighed My Smirks.
  13. My Calmness Outweighed My Rage.
  14. My Understanding Outweighed My Confusion.
  15. My Virtues Outweighed My Faults.
  16. My Hope Outweighed My Despair.
  17. My Gratitude Outweighed My Dismay.
  18. My Kindness Outweighed My Spite.
  19. My Principles Outweighed My Delusions.
  20. My Happiness Outweighed My Grief.
  21. My Confidence Outweighed My Insecurity
  22. My Maturity Outweighed My Childishness
  23. My Quiet Discipline Outweighed My Gossip.
- I Could Go on Forever...

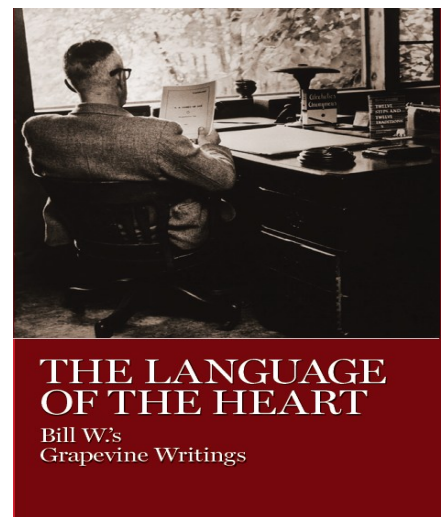
Rick R.

## Twelve Tips for a Sober Joyous Holiday Season

Holiday parties without alcohol may still be a dreary prospect for new AAs. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober. **Here are some tips:**

1. Line up extra AA activities—meetings, speaking, phone answering, other AA service.
2. Entertain AA friends, especially newcomers.
3. Keep AA phone numbers with you at all times—and use them.
4. Find out about special holiday parties, meetings, or other events at groups in our area, and go. If you're shy, take a newer member.
5. Skip drinking occasions you're nervous about. Remember your drinking talent for making excuses? Put it to work for you in sobriety.
6. If you must attend a drinking party, and can't find a fellow AA to come with you, keep some candy handy.
7. You don't have to stay late. Plan for an "important date."
8. Go to church. Any church.
9. Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on reading, letters, walks.
10. Remember, one day at a time. Don't start now to worry about all those silly parties and "holiday temptations."
11. **And, lastly ... if you can't give material gifts this year, you *can* give love !!!**

"In despair, I had cried out, 'Now I am willing to do anything. If there is a God, will he show himself?' And he did. This was my first conscious contact, my first awakening. I asked from the heart, and I received."



## What Brought Us Into AA?

It was the realization that we had no power to help ourselves.

We had relied entirely upon ourselves because we liked the rules we made for ourselves better than those rules that generations upon generations of mankind had found necessary for living without personal disaster. We had considered ourselves above those who lived by the universal rules.

When trouble came, we sought to help self-imposed discipline, we usually succeeded, for a while. But again, we made our own rules, and as we got the upper hand over our troubles we compromised with evil. A little evil would be all right: it was too much evil that got us into trouble. The particular evil that we compromised with was luring because we wished to recognize no responsibilities and because that evil destroyed all reminders of responsibility.

Simple first grade arithmetic ought to have been enough to teach us. But we wouldn't believe the simple addition because we wouldn't believe that what was meat for moderate, disciplined men was poison for the undisciplined.

Many of us still have trouble in believing it, and in [accepting](#) the simplest facts of our experience. We still want to make our own rules. We still want to avoid responsibility. We still are unwilling to accept our lots in life.

Let us look back at our efforts to help ourselves. How did we reach the position in which we found ourselves when we grabbed desperately at the help that AA offered? Very few of us were on an unbroken downward descent. We stopped the slide "many times and tried to walk up hill. Then we compromised with evil and tried to ride up hill, with no power other than our own feeble wills. It wasn't long before we found ourselves sliding backwards at breakneck speed.

Let us keep on looking back at our efforts to help ourselves. Each successive time that we tried to help ourselves, we were on a lower level than we had been before. Each effort to rise was less successful. Sometimes we thought we had gained a pinnacle, but we never looked back to see the towering mountain from which we had slid.

When we landed in a heap at the bottom of the slide, or banged up near the bottom, we realized at last that we had no power to help ourselves. We could not get up, we couldn't walk, and we surely couldn't climb. We seized the hand that was offered us. We took the nourishment that restored our ability to stand and then helped us to climb. We were restored outwardly and we found an inward strength.

The hand that was offered us was the hand of AA, the hand of another alcoholic. The strength that that hand found to pull us to our feet was not the hand's own but it was the strength that the hand had found after it had learned that it had no power to help itself.

It had found a power greater than its own. It had found it in the realization that if the body is to be saved the Spirit must also be saved. It had found that since it is not able to defend itself it must seek the help of a [higher power](#) than itself.

This power is not a crutch that can be used for a while and then thrown away. Our whole experience should teach us that. And so should the experience of those who thought that the power was a mere crutch.

Our experience should teach us that when we try to make our own rules the temptation comes to embrace evil because a little evil seems pleasant; or we eagerly seize upon evil because we cannot stand to face a new adversity or we are not willing to accept the realization that our stature is less than we wish it to be.

No, the power is not a crutch: it is a backbone. It is a backbone whose living fluid is the Spirit, and that living fluid must be defended against assaults of evil and against the temptation to believe that we have the power to walk alone in any direction that we choose.

Those of us who are wise have learned that we have no power to help ourselves. Our help is in a power outside ourselves, a help that first comes to us through the hand of AA.



# Christmas At the 24 Hour Club



*Dinner at 12:00 Noon  
Speaker to Follow at 1:00 pm  
Open to all*



*Come Join Us For Food, Fun & Fellowship*



*The Club will provide the Turkey,  
Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy.*



*Sign up to provide your specialty!  
Help set up or  
Help clean up after dinner*

*Gratitude*

*Sign Up Sheet  
Is Posted In the Kitchen*

*Thanks*



*Blessed*



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		<u>24 24</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Literature/Merchandise	\$3,644	\$40,581
Group Contributions	1,535	21,936
AA Birthdays	-	210
Faithful Five	10	380
Individual/Anonymous	150	2,503
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>65,606</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Bank/Credit Card Fees	127	857
Licenses/Permits	-	70
Office Supplies	121	3,054
Office Improve/Repair	-	1,151
www Hosting	-	400
Payroll	2,240	22,405
Payroll Tax	-	-
Postage	11	175
Printing	-	708
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	4,362	30,505
Insurance	-	-
Rent	500	5,500
Sales Tax	123	2,542
Telephone/www	214	2,390
Utilities	100	1,100
Computer Equipment	-	498
Computer Software	18	2,389
Computer/Maintain	-	-
Accounting Services	141	1,484
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>72,101</b>
<b><u>Net Ordinary Income</u></b>	<b>(\$2,794)</b>	<b>(\$3,191)</b>
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	2,520	10,850
Raffle Ticket Sales	1,280	
Gratitude Expenses	1,312-	7,5600
<b><u>NET OTHER INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$8,298</b>	<b>3,290</b>
<b><u>NET INCOME</u></b>	<b>\$5,504</b>	<b>(\$99)</b>

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**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:**  
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"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  
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<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>YTD 24</u>
Grp# 510367 .....	.0	86
11th Step Prayer & Meditation .....	.57	691
Aprendiendo A Vivre .....	.50	50
Beach Bums .....	.300	600
Big Book Comes Alive.....	.0	147
Big Book Babes .....	.0	10
Big Book Steppers—Bonita .....	.0	198
Big Book Steppers—Naples .....	.0	107
Bonita Banyan, 176463.....	.0	578
Bonita Happy Hour .....	.205	1,018
Bonita Ladies Night .....	.0	75
Bonita Springs Primary Purpose .....	.66	247
Bonita Springs Morning, 678493.....	.0	938
Bonita Springs 96395 .....	.0	250
Bonita Women Step.....	.0	800
Bring Your Own Big Book .....	.0	75
Daily Reflections ZOOM .....	.0	748
Cake Meeting .....	.40	
.....Common Solutions Naples		
.....	.0	944
Early Risers .....	.0	1,260
Easy Does It .....	.0	2,000
Flemsy Reed Group .....	.0	320.
Free 2 Be .....	.0	300
Friday Night Lights.....	.200	200
Grupo Nueva Vida .....	.100	175
Girlfriends Group .....	.0	50
Happy Healers .....	.0	635
Jaywalkers, 634271.....	.0	198
Keep It Simple, 651598.....	.0	442
Language of Letting Go .....	.0	13
Living Sober .....	.0	20
Meeting In The Park .....	.0	831
Men Of Naples, 634030.....	.0	280

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Nov 24</u>	<u>YTD 24</u>
Morning Reflections .....	.0	258
Daily Reflections – Monday .....	.7	158
Naples Group .....	.0	849
Naples Living Sober .....	.0	50
Naples Men BB Group.....	.0	214
New Dawn.....	.0	751
Nuts & Bolts .....	.0	38
On Awakening .....	.0	95
Park Shore Women .....	.0	650
Primary Purpose Marco .....	.0	600
Saturday Big Book.....	.500	500
Sunday Speaker Meeting.....	.0	121
Swamp Group.....	.0	50
Switch It Up Group .....	.0	100
Tables Of Naples .....	.0	25
Three Legacies .....	.0	50
Veranda Group .....	.12	143
Wanderers Ave Maria .....	.0	315
Where Are We .....	.0	200

**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

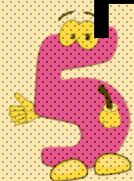
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Rick G.	54 years
Paul B.	51 years
Ron P.	51 years
Ron L.	46 years
Don M.	43 years
Jim B.	41 years
Jackie T. F.	39 years
Bill D.	37 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	33 years
Peter F.	28 years
Eileen D.	22 years
Bill S.	22 years
Ken H.	22 years
Laura T. F.	7 years
Eric S.	6 years



# Faithful Fivers Needed



## 2024 Faithful Fiver Club

***April O., Bill D., Bill S., Eric S., James B., Jeanette H., Jim H., Judy W., Kathryn Mc., Ken H., Ralph W., Rick G., 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.

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### District 20 Business Meeting

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Fourth Thursday of the  
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New Attitudes Club  
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## NAPLES AREA INTERGROUP MEETING

### Central Office

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

**SECOND** Wednesday of  
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Wednesday 9am to 4pm  
Thursday 9am to 4pm  
Friday 9am to 4pm  
Saturday 9am to 4pm  
Sunday CLOSED

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Becky S., Bill C., Bill D., Bill S., Bonnie B., Chrissie F., Chris G., Ed C., Eric S., Gay S., Geoff S., Lara E., Peggy E., Rob O., Tom S. ... and loyal substitutes.

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Geoff E., Holli G., Jeanette H., Ken H. Lauren F., Heather B., Steve and Tim A.

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