

THE COURIER

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An Open Letter To My Family

I am an alcoholic. I need help.

Don't allow me to lie to you and accept it for the truth, for in so doing, you encourage me to lie. The truth may be painful; but get at it.

Don't let me outsmart you. This only teaches me to avoid responsibility and to lose respect for you at the same time.

Don't let me exploit you or take advantage of you. In so doing, you become an accomplice to my evasion of responsibility.

Don't lecture me, moralize, scold, praise, blame, or argue when I'm drunk or sober. And don't pour out my liquor; you may feel better, but the situation will be worse.

Don't accept my promises. This is just my method of postponing pain. And don't keep switching agreements. If an agreement is made, stick to it.

Don't lose your temper with me. It will destroy you and any possibility of helping me.

Don't allow your anxiety for us to compel you to do what I must do for myself.

Don't cover up or abort the consequences of my drinking. It reduces the crisis but perpetuates the illness.

Above all, don't run away from reality as I do. Alcoholism, my illness, gets worse as my drinking continues. Start now to learn, to understand, and to plan for my recovery. I need help from a doctor, a counselor or a psychologist, a recovered alcoholic, or from God. I cannot do it by myself.

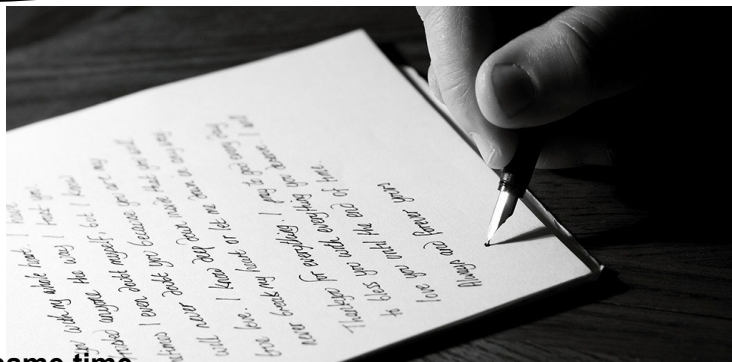
I hate myself, but I love you. To do nothing is the worse choice you can make for us.

Please help me,

Your Alcoholic (By Focus On Alcoholism, Washington State Dept. of Health, Olympia, WA)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PREAMBLE:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or Institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. (AA Grapevine, Inc.)



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?

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

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Authors !!!**

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an article to**

The COURIER !!!

Email article to:

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Your Groups'

Activities

Can Be Here

Next Month.

To Highlight

Your Group,

Please Call Us:

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STEP BY STEP

Real AAs, Real Recovery

“Recovery is something like the restoration of a very old painting, covered over by layers and layers of darkening, distorted varnish ... Not all of the underlying pattern can be revealed at one time. What is uncovered, bit by bit and layer by slow, careful layer, are the things which are necessary and appropriate for me to know about myself right now.”

“An Indescribable Benevolence,” Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, August 1992, Step By Step

“In the meetings I attend, newcomers sometimes ask me how I’ve been able to stay sober so long. My answer is always the same: every morning, the first thing I do is say three magic words -- God, help me.”

“Small but Mighty,” Kissimmee, Florida, March 2006, Beginner’s Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA



BEGINNERS’ BOOK

Getting and Staying Sober in AA

Writing the 12 Steps

You may have heard Bill W's story about writing the 12 steps. He sat at home one afternoon with a yellow legal pad, and the 12 steps just rolled out. He indeed may have just written them all at one time but they came from other sources before, and had other changes later.

AA evolved from the Oxford Group Movement. Their four spiritual activities:

1. The Sharing of our sins and temptations with another Christian life given to God, and to use Sharing as Witness to help others, still unchanged, to recognize and acknowledge their sins.
2. Surrender of our life, past, present, and future, into God's keeping and direction.
3. Restitution to all whom we have wronged directly or indirectly.
4. Listening to, accepting, relying on God's Guidance and carrying it out in everything we do or say, great or small.

In writing the Big Book, Bill created several versions of his own story, but his program of recovery could be summarized into four steps:

1. Place your life in the hands of God as you understand him—forever.
2. Make a thorough and ruthless inventory of all moral defects and immoral actions.
3. Be willing to get rid of all these defects and immoral actions and realize that you can't do this alone. Make amends for all past transgressions.

This led to these:

Admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care and direction of God as we understood Him.

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Were entirely willing that God remove all these defects of character.

Humbly, on our knees, asked Him to remove our shortcomings – holding nothing back.

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make complete amends to them all.

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Having had a spiritual experience as the result of this course of action, we tried to carry this message to others, especially alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

During pre-publication several changes got made in addition to writing the 12 steps. The single word, God, was modified to add "*as we understand Him*" or generalized to some version of Higher Power to ameliorate those coming in with aversion to that word—something like half of us the Big Book claims. The terms "*direction*" and "*on our knees*" died a similar death.

The final phrase "*others, especially alcoholics*" got its scope reduced. We made it a more attemptable level.

"*Spiritual experience*" made it into the first printings. Thereafter we changed it to "*spiritual awakening*" for those of us for whom this was less dramatic. We also added Appendix II: Spiritual Experience with footnotes referencing it on pages 25, 25, and 47 with increasing emphasis. Any future changes to the Steps require the consent of 3/4 of the registered groups.

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.

To be continued ... March 2024 COURIER.



An Important 12-Step Opportunity!

Bill W. wrote in an AA pamphlet: “Sobriety—freedom from alcohol through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps—is the sole purpose of an AA group.” I believe this means my home group has further purposes than simply presenting its regular weekly meetings. One of these must be the “Meeting after the meeting.” What better time might be to discuss the Twelve Steps with a newcomer, or even with a more seasoned member?

Many years ago, a certain new person mentioned that he was unable to go ahead with the steps because of his negative spiritual beliefs. After the meeting, we had a rather long talk which resulted in him taking a more fruitful view of a higher power—soon thereafter, we went through the AA step process; he later finished a college degree to become an enthusiastic and well-liked alcoholic counselor, directing countless alcoholics toward the blessings of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This took place nearly forty years ago, but what if “Motel time” (AA slang for we’re closing: right now!) would have been announced before that crucial conversation?

Local AA history: Oldtimers have reported that during the early years of AA, donuts were a “must” at a certain meeting. However, these tempting goodies were not served till after the meeting. This was to intercept the newcomer from directly marching out the door after the Lord’s Prayer, as newbies want to do. One member of that group would hang around the clubhouse till the bars closed and then go to a nearby hamburger joint where all the late-night drunks would hang out and talk AA to drunks. Meeting after the meeting, indeed!

Many of the 90-minute meetings in the Los Angeles area had short mid-meeting breaks in order to greet the newcomer; perhaps to invite them out for coffee. Also, after the meeting is a good time to introduce newcomers to AA literature—they could then be introduced to the most appropriate booklet. Of course, this could erupt into a changing of phone numbers and invites to other AA meetings, or even lead to sponsorship!

I say, let us leave Motel time to the bars!

By Bob S. (Cleveland AA Office)



Nothing of Importance is Ever Achieved Without It

By the Editor, Central Bulletin February, 1966

The third and final test of sobriety we shall consider is that of sacrifice. In a sense it is the ultimate test of the quality of our sober life. It is the cornerstone of all that is [spiritual](#) in our way of life. If you were to ask one of the many noble spirits in our fellowship about sacrifice, he or she would probably deny knowledge of what you are talking about.

Sacrifice for others has probably become such a fixed part of their life that it is natural and routine. Likewise the warm satisfaction that they have come to know is no doubt the most rewarding facet of their happy life.

Putting it simply, sacrifice is the willingness to forego immediate ease or gratification for the sake of a larger end. It is the case of giving the best you have for the best you know. At time of birth all of us receive the precious gift of life. It is literally all that we have, any of us. Then we proceeded to desecrate this gift when we lost our bout with alcohol.

Finally through the infinite mercy of Him who gave us life in the first place, we were given a second life with sobriety. The best we have to give in this second market place is our sober life. We also know that through giving of it without thought of reward, we find a greater reward than we have ever before conceived.

Nothing of importance in life is ever achieved without sacrifice. The mother endures pain that her child may be born. The father goes without so that his child may have some advantages which were never his. The scientist shuts himself up in an austere laboratory comparable to the seclusion of a medieval monk.

Our philosophy as set forth in the [Twelve Steps](#) is replete with the principle of sacrifice. We sacrifice our own ego in the act of surrender under Step 3. This is not a single act, it must be a continuous one, over and over again. We must sacrifice to make adequate amends under Step 9 and in some cases these amends are also a lifetime process.

Fearless personal inventories and prompt admissions when we are wrong are also sacrifices, at least in terms of puncturing our [ego](#). These items are mentioned first because without the humility they create we are actually not in the frame of mind for Step 11, nor are we really qualified for Twelfth Step work.

Of course, the real crux of our medium for sacrifice comes in Step 12, not only in helping other alcoholics, which means helping each other as well as those who still suffer. Beyond that, remember “to practice these principles in all our affairs”. The sober alcoholic who is qualified to give aid and comfort to the one who still suffers, has at least some talent to aid and comfort those with severe tribulations in life although they may be wholly unrelated to alcoholism.

Look back over your sober life. Those you have sponsored, or otherwise helped, will loom largest in any effort to take inventory of your accomplishments in this way of life. If it turns out that it isn't much of an inventory, then you had best start cramming for a better grade on the test of sacrifice.



That which we give away we keep. That which we keep

“Every sponsor is necessarily a leader,” wrote Bill W. in The Language of the Heart (p. 292). “The stakes are huge,” he continued. “A human life, and usually the happiness of a whole family, hangs in the balance. What the sponsor does and says, how well he estimates the reactions of his prospects, how well he times and makes his presentation, how well he handles criticisms, and how well he leads his prospect on by personal spiritual example — well, these attributes of leadership can make all the difference, often the difference between life and death.”

The General Service Conference has focused on the timeless topic of sponsorship over the years, and the following excerpts from past Conference presentations provide a window into this enduring aspect of carrying the message from one alcoholic to another. Vera M. from southwest Ohio shared this about sponsorship: *“When I came to A.A., nobody asked me to meet any specifications: they just accepted me as I was, with love. My first sponsor treated me with compassion, which, I believe, means with gratitude. She understood that sponsor and sponsee meet as equal people.”*

“Sponsorship is important to ensure that A.A. will continue,” said Dorothy M. of southern Indiana. “My sponsor was there to suggest the things I needed to do to stay sober. She was there to answer the questions I had about the program. She was there to explain the Steps and to help me work through them. She was there when I had no mind to think with. She was there to think for me. She was there with the kind of quality sobriety that I wanted. She was there to show me how to achieve quality sobriety. She was responsible.”

Herb M., who served as A.A.W.S. board member in the 1960s, put it this way: *“That which we give away we keep. That which we keep we lose. Such is the basis of our responsibility — to pass on to another alcoholic the message of love and understanding that made our own sobriety possible.... There has been unanimous agreement among us that the very substance of our sobriety lies in our willingness and our readiness to share this recovery experience with another.”*

Describing the privilege and responsibility that goes along with sponsorship in A.A., Peter W., a past Eastern Canada regional trustee, highlighted the fundamental role sponsorship plays in the Fellowship:

“A.A. had its origin in the principle of sponsorship — the need we have for one another. This principle is equally as valid today as when Bill carried the message to Dr. Bob. The world of alcoholism has changed, will continue to change. But our need for one another remains as vital today as it was in Akron in 1935. The privilege of being a sponsor insures our sobriety. It also helps us function effectively in recovery by recognizing the needs of others. It enables us to find within ourselves a response to those needs....

Sponsorship is woven intricately through our Legacies. To deny it could weaken our Fellowship.... Bill calls it ‘the language of the heart.’ It transcends the appearance and the personality of the individual and goes directly to the soul. Sponsorship is the silent legacy of our Fellowship, given to us by those who went before us. It can spell the difference between survival and stagnation.”

In closing, Peter noted, *“To love the lovable requires very little effort, but you and I are called upon to love the unlovable, to help that person become lovable. Can you think of any greater responsibility? Can you think of any better way to do it than sponsorship?”*



God as We Understand Him

Alcoholics Anonymous came into existence in 1935 at a time when much of our society was centered around the churches in the communities where we lived. Much of the South and the Midwest are still like that to this day.

As a child in my home town, on Sunday morning I could look out the window and see a great majority of my neighbors walking to church. That was the way it was in the early 1940's. The book, Alcoholics Anonymous, was published in 1939 and seems that it was highly influenced by the many early members of the program at that time.

A.A. could have, very easily become a religious program. But, fortunately, the elders of that time realized, by the mistakes of the Oxford Group, and the Washingtonians, that they had to make it clear that, a desire to stop drinking was the only requirement for membership, and that the individual members could choose their own concept of a power greater than themselves, i.e. God as we understand him.

In Tradition Two it says, "*As He may express Himself in our group conscience*" When the word God is used in the remainder of the book, it is not always followed by the "*as we understand him*" qualifier, and I believe that many members get the idea that somehow, they are trying to push religion on them. I think that's understandable.

When I was faced with that possibility, I personally found it easy enough to read the black part of the pages in the book and to not let myself become distracted by what I now recognized as a cultural norm at the time. I had no problem setting aside my religious bias and recognizing the parts of the Big Book and the 12x12 that clearly state all of the options available when it comes to finding a "*power greater than myself*", and I can name several right off top.

Alcohol itself was my higher power for a long time and still would be if hadn't gotten into the program.

My EGO ran my life for quite awhile until I got serious about life issues.

The A.A. program itself. I found myself spiritually lost when I surrendered and entered the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and when faced with the need to come to terms with the Higher Power issue, I now realize why it took such a long time to settle this subject.

Years of drinking and an underdeveloped thinking process that was hard to get up to speed right away. As I got more familiar with the Big Book, and the 12x12, I started to uncover all the evidence that debunked the idea that I had to conform to any religious doctrine. In the 12x12 I read on page 26, "*Alcoholics Anonymous does not demand that you to believe anything.*" On belief, "*to acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could.*" (p 27)

Also on page 26 where it states, "*Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think..... A one-time vice-president of the American atheist Society ... got through with room to spare*" Then on page 33 of the 12x12 it says "*Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this step.*"

Today I am very comfortable with my own concept of a Higher Power and I use the word God only to put a name on a concept that has no physical form and I might say that it expresses itself in the collective conscience of the world we live in. I can assure you that if you read these qualifiers and practice the rest of the principals of the program, as enthusiastically as you can, you will come to terms with a personal concept of a higher power as well as any of us.

"I didn't need to learn how to meditate before meditating. It turned out to be one of those learn-as-you-go things -- just as learning how to stay sober is part of staying sober a day at a time."

"Trusting the Silence,"
Anonymous, November
1991, Beginners' Book:
Getting and Staying Sober
in AA



ONE ON ONE

AA Sponsorship in Action



30th
Anniversary Edition

THE HOME GROUP: HEARTBEAT OF AA

From AA Grapevine, updated with extra stories
and a new chapter on virtual meetings

"Sincerity of purpose, humility in the knowledge of our own power to help, and confidence in our understanding of our capacities in AA are likely to help in working with others."

"St. Paul's Four Discussion Groups," St. Paul, Minnesota, December 1945, The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA



Happy 50th Birthday 24-Hour Club of Naples!

Join us and celebrate **five decades**
of support, community, and camaraderie!

Date: March 7

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

An evening of food, stories, and memories

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Join District 20 "Grapevine"

GRAPE FEST 2025

"Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser"
Tickets at door \$15

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th

FROM 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Panel Speaker Meeting to Follow

24 Hour Club
1509 Pine Ridge Rd. Naples, FL

Promoted by Lauren F. District 20 Grapevine Chair
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FINANCES**Jan 25****YTD 25****Income**

Literature/Merchandise	\$3,476	
Group Contributions	2,321	No YTD
AA Birthdays	190	Financial
Faithful Five	10	Statement
Individual/Anonymous	-	During
Total Income	5,807	January

Expenses

Bank/Credit Card Fees	177
Licenses/Permits	-
Office Supplies	180
Office Improve/Repair	-
www Hosting	-
Payroll	2,331
Payroll Tax	-
Postage	29
Printing	-
Purchases/Lit./Merch.	2,959
Insurance	-
Rent	500
Sales Tax	219
Telephone/www	214
Utilities	100
Computer Equipment	-
Computer Software	107
Computer/Maintain	-
Accounting Services	142
Total Expenses	6,887
Net Ordinary Income	(\$1,080)
Gratitude Dinner Tickets	-
Raffle Ticket Sales	-
Gratitude Expenses	-
NET OTHER INCOME	-
NET INCOME	(\$1,080)

**Thank you to all who contribute 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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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>Jan25</u>	<u>YTD 25</u>
11th Step Prayer & Meditation	39	39
24 Hour Solutions	500	500
Big Book Steppers—Bonita	54	54
Bonita Banyon	155	155
Bonita Friday Night	68	68
Bonita Happy Hour	231	232
Bonita Morning, Group	330	330
Daily Reflections ZOOM	50	50
Flemsy Reed Group	71	71
Free 2 Be	100	100
Meeting In The Park	267	267
Men Of Naples	32	32
Monday Daily Reflections	22	22
Morning Reflections	40	40
Nuts & Bolts	350	350
Veranta Group	11	11

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>Jan 25</u>	<u>YTD 25</u>
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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 Naples Area Intergroup.



The Birthday Club

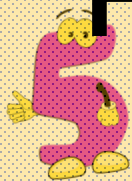
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics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



Rick G.	54 years
Paul B.	51 years
Ron P.	51 years
Ron L.	46 years
Jim B.	41 years
Jackie G.	39 years
Bill D.	37 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	33 years
Bill S.	23 years
Ken H.	22 years
Laura .	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.,

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It's easy to join!

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(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

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District 20

Business Meeting:

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

NAPLES AREA INTERGROUP MEETING

Central Office

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

SECOND Wednesday of
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After-Hours Phone Volunteers

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