

# THE COURIER

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**The Naples Area Intergroup**  
239/262-6535

## GRATITUDE DINNER

### 2025

**SAT. NOVEMBER 1**

**TICKET PRICE \$40**  
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**WELCOME RECEPTION 6:15PM**  
**DINING ROOM DOORS OPEN 6:45PM**

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#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS PREAMBLE:

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



## 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



## 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

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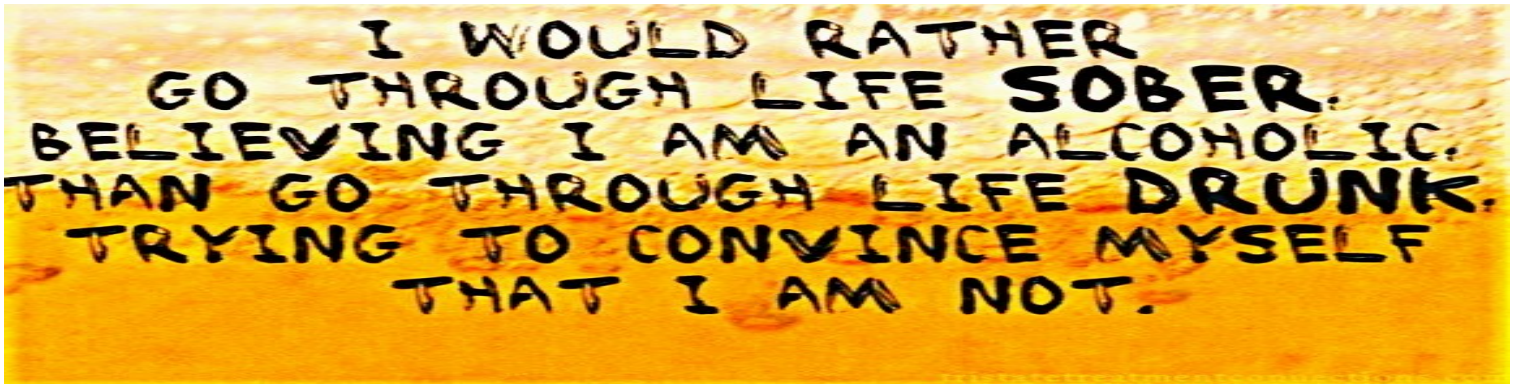
1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in 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., San Diego, California

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.

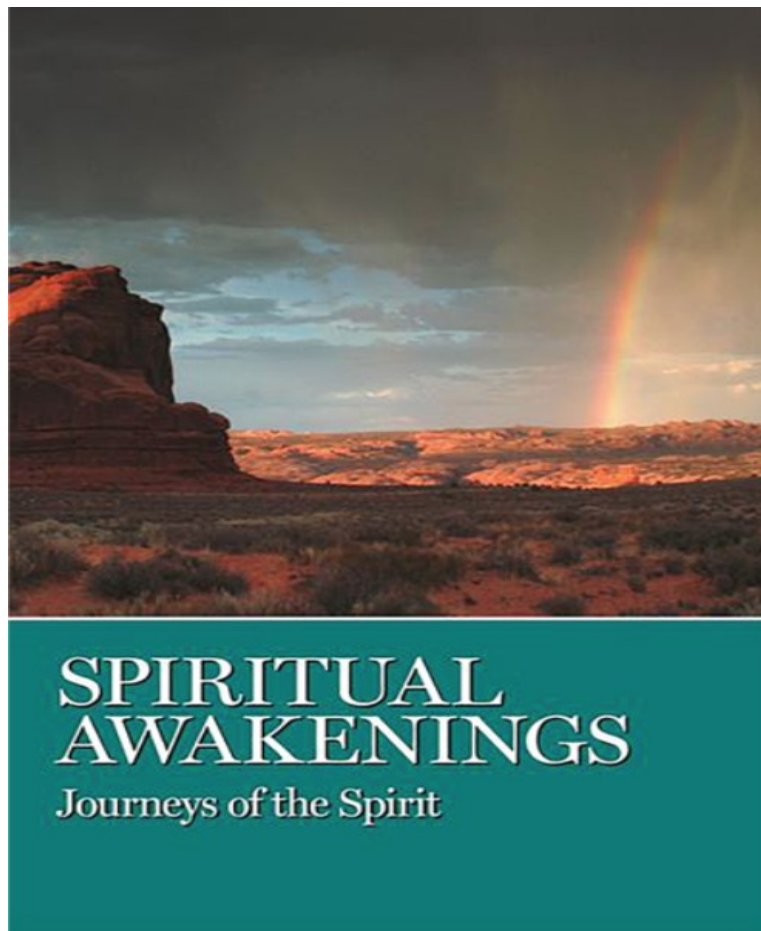
In the early days of 1970, I was going through a course on human behavior and the instructor was trying to describe how the brain functions. He explained that the human brain has approximately ten billion cells and we only use about one billion of them. He then explained that these cells store everything 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 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. cliches 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 business of it all.



“What I did need and need desperately, was not more knowledge about God, but, with God’s help, a deep and penetrating knowledge about myself.”

“A Gift That Surpasses Understanding,” April 1970, Spiritual Awakenings



“When I effectively practice my program, I am only a cheap dime-store garden hose carrying God’s message of hope, recovery, and forgiveness.”

“Garden Hose Sobriety,” El Paso, Texas, October 2006, Spiritual Awakenings II



# I Did Not Fit In

When I look back on my experience, after going through my pre drinking years, my drinking years, and my sober years in the AA program, it is not hard to see what a troubled individual I was.

In my days from birth to the day I entered grammar school, I was unaware of the dysfunction in my

immediate environment and with the absence of supervision, discipline, and role models, I did anything I wanted to do, and my behavior became dishonest, selfish, and shameful, as I later learned.

On my first day of parochial school, the world came apart for me when I looked around the classroom and realized that I did not fit in. All the other kids were having fun and enjoying that experience and I was terrified and knew that I could never live up to what was expected of me at that time.

As a result, I developed fears and inhibitions that those other kids did not seem to have. I learned right from wrong in church, but was much too insecure to do what was right. I learned to cut corners, lie, and cheat, since I had no confidence that I could ever keep up with my peers.

I began to overcompensate and to act out to make up for my short falls, but it never worked for me. Fist fighting became a regular event. This all went on till I turned thirteen and found the answer to all my problems.

I had access to alcohol, and I did not recognize it at first, but it immediately removed all those fears and inhibitions. And, for the first time in my life, I felt normal and that I was as good as anyone and better than most, so I thought.

I continued to drink to feel good but when I awoke in the morning, I was more terrified than before and all I had to do was to take that first drink and everything was right with the world again.

I continued this pattern until I was twenty-eight years old when I woke up one morning to face The Hideous Four Horsemen, Terror, Bewilderment, Frustration Despair (Big Book p. 151) and I had a moment of clarity. I knew that I had to do something about my drinking, or I would die a horrible death at the hands of others or by my own hand.

I called AA, struggled to find the location of the meeting place, arrived there two hours later, and was greeted by three members who were compassionate and understanding and as they listened, my sense of isolation slowly went away, as did the desire to drink. I have never wanted a drink from that moment (October 5, 1969) to the present.

I have never had to struggle with the AA program and have embraced it to the best of my understanding. I came to understand that the things that I did as a child and as a practicing alcoholic were the ingredients of the disease of Alcoholism and that, the die was cast at the age of six, all the ingredients were there long before I ever took a drink and all I had to do was add the alcohol.

Once I removed the alcohol, all the ingredients were still there and that is what the program helped me to set right.

I was not responsible for becoming an Alcoholic. I am, however, accountable for my behavior while I was drinking. And, if I am willing to make restitution and clean up the wreckage of the past, I can free myself from all the guilt and shame and walk away with my dignity and self respect.

Today my life is better than it ever could have been, had I never become an Alcoholic in the first place, and, of that, I am convinced.

*By Rick R., San Diego, Californin*





**“I’m glad we have both conservatives and enthusiasts. They teach us much. The conservative will surely see to it that the AA movement never gets overly organized. But the promoter will continue to remind us of our terrific obligation to the newcomer and to those hundreds of thousands of alcoholics still waiting all over the world to hear of AA.”**

**AA Co-Founder, Bill W., August 1948, “Tradition Nine”, The Language of the Heart**



## THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s  
Grapevine Writings



## IN OUR OWN WORDS

Stories of Young AAs in Recovery

**“Alcohol robbed me of my adolescence. But I’ve learned to grow up in AA.”**

**“Lost in the Shadows,” Mineola, New York, March 2001, In Our Own Words**



# 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**

**Calling all AA  
Authors !!!**

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an article to**

**The COURIER !!!**

**Email article to:**

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**Your Groups'**

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**Next Month.**

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**Your Group,**

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## Language of the Heart

Even at the Vancouver airport the game was afoot. Who were the 40,000 anonymous alcoholics heading down to the Convention Center? Bet that lady over there wearing the “Smith & Wilson University” shirt is. Then out to the main airport lobby where AA volunteers were on hand to guide us on how to use the Skytrain to get downtown.

Even blocks away from the Center you could start seeing blue name tags – first a few and then dozens and dozens. Then it became a groundswell where even moving through the crowd was tough. Block parties began Thursday night at 8pm. Have you ever seen 5,000 AAs rockin’ out?

There were meetings every hour on the hour starting at midnight Thursday. The main event started at 9am Friday morning with mini-Leads, info sessions, & panels in 10 different languages. Topics ranged from “Tolerance and Trust” to “AA and Correctional Facilities” to “Pain: The Touchstone of Growth.” Speakers were from around the world – my first mini-Lead was a New Zealander.

These workshops continued long into the day, ending around 5:30pm. Meanwhile, spread across the hotels were 25 hospitality suites featuring AA subgroups, e.g., “Deaf AA and Friends,”

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“International Conference of Secular AA,” “International Pilots and Aviation Industry,” and (of course) “Irish.” In the Convention halls were exhibit booths for “Carry the Message,” “GSO Archives,” and “Grapevine/La Viña.” Both Al-Anon and Alateen had their meetings with over 1,800 Al-Anoners registered for the weekend.

The crowd roared in approval as a fife & drum band loudly introduced Friday night’s 8pm Big Meeting at BC Place. There was a Flag Ceremony where the 80+ represented countries had their flags paraded across the stage to great applause. Three mini-Leads followed – a woman from New York, a gentleman from Helsinki, and a Cree Indian woman from Vancouver. The Helsinki mini-Lead broke down several times during his recovery story demonstrating the Convention’s theme, Language of the Heart.

Saturday was rinse and repeat. Tons of meetings. Food trucks of every variety. Beautiful views of the mountains across Vancouver Harbor. Cool breezes. And wonderful opportunities to just stick your hand out and say, “Hi, I’m from Cleveland.” I met, not one, but two women who peppered me with questions about Clarence Snyder. I know many Cleveland AAs who have never heard of him, and here, 3,000 miles away, we talked about the lengths he was willing to go to stay sober. Towards day’s end, Ohioans gathered for an impromptu photo shoot complete with the iconic OHIO formed by four AAs holding their arms aloft. I counted at least 20 Clevelanders I readily identified in the crowd. What a blast!

Back at BC Place Saturday night for the Oldtimers Big Meeting, and boy, we were not disappointed. Twelve AAs, each with 50+ years, regaled us with witty, poignant, inspiring, and funny 5 minute mini-Leads. Worth the price of admission. More dances ended the night and went into the morning (while I was in bed).

Sunday was the day to start saying goodbye to new friends. I can’t tell you how many AAs I told to get ahold of me if they were ever in Cleveland or at Founders Day. The Closing Big Meeting began at 9am and brought closure to an emotion filled weekend. Do yourself a favor, and, just this once, don’t live one day at a time. Instead, take your calendar and mark the weekend of July 4th, 2030, for AA’s 95th Anniversary to be held in St. Louis. See ya there!

P.S. Gratitude to Vancouver AA and the 5,000 volunteers. They did a fantastic job.

*By: Paul R., Cleveland Intergroup Office, September 2025*



**“I went to my former employer and made my amends. What started out as one of my worst days -- because I was so scared -- became one of my best days when it was over. Because I had trusted God, my sponsor, and AA that trinity had lifted the weight that was on my shoulders for so long. I felt sober.”**

**“Right to the Edge,” Taft, California, April 2006, Step By Step**



**STEP BY STEP**  
Real AAs, Real Recovery



**“I can recall that even as a small child I had allergic reactions to certain forms of reality.”**

**“Distilled Spirits,” Williamstown, West Virginia, December 1997, AA Grapevine**





## God Leaves the Door Open for Everyone

### No Need to Overthink This Issue

The Alcoholics Anonymous program is open to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking. It makes no difference if you are an atheist, agnostic, Buddhist or a member of one of the vast number of religions in the world. All of us have the same opportunity to get well through the 12 Steps.

That ensures no alcoholic is left out. We embrace everyone who walks through that door. If Step Two had been written to say, “*Came to believe that God,*” rather than, “*a Power greater than ourselves*” could restore us to sanity, I wonder if AA would have succeeded in the way that it has—especially when we consider the problems that the Oxford group had with this issue.

I have seen people talking of religion, and others who were irritated with any talk of God. Yet, we still hold hands at the end of the meeting and say a prayer. And everyone leaves the meeting feeling a little better. I personally know priests and ministers in the program, and they seem to adjust to the diversity of the landscape. I wish that it could be simpler for each person, but there are no two people who are identical in this matter.

Speaking for myself, if I wanted to be freed from the deadly obsession of alcoholism and come to terms with a concept of a power greater than myself, I had to trust the guidance of the two books that are suggested and the leadership of the more experienced members of the group. I was like those described in the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions who “*think they have tried faith and found it wanting.*” (p. 28)

I also read that, “*even the militant atheist got through the hoop with room to spare.*” I did not believe in the God of the religionist in the same way that I thought they did. But I did not think I was an atheist, either. The Power Greater than myself option was a good start for me.

### You Might Call It a Miracle

Something happened to me within minutes after arriving at my first introduction to three people, sitting on a bench in the front yard of a little house in Los Angeles, where they held their AA meetings. The obsession to drink was gone, and I have not had, nor wanted, a drink since then.

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### You Might Call It a Miracle ... continued from page 12.

You might call that a miracle, and you might be right, depending on your definition of a miracle. But it came to me as a profound Change of Perception brought about by the Love, Understanding and Compassion I sensed as they welcomed me. These experiences were a great way for me to start. But now, what about prayer? Who or what do I pray to?

I heard about doorknobs and icons, the ocean, and other such things but that way of thinking did not set well with me. I did not want to be too glib about such an important matter.

Then I noticed that, in Step Two, it did not say that I had to believe in anything, only that I had to believe that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity. The collective wisdom of the AA program and the people in it have been the framework for my faith in a higher power.

The experience that I had in that front yard, fifty-one years ago, was all I needed to know to get on with the rest of the program. I pray to God every day to show me what to do and give me the strength to do it. I still do not know for sure who or what God is.

I use the word God only to describe the spiritual influence that AA has had on this drunk. I pray to God as I understand God, and he expresses himself in my consciousness. The only thing left for me to do is to separate the wheat from the chaff.

*Rick R., San Diego, California*



## 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.**



## HOW ARE YOU DOING IN SOBRIETY ?

Are you still struggling with anxiety or want to be happier in your sobriety?

Do you wake up dreading another day? Wrestling with the same old thoughts that drove you to drink?

Are you still restless, irritable or discontented?

Would you like to experience real emotional sobriety?

## THERE IS A SOLUTION



Join women who have found the answers to all these questions and more! Curious? *LISTEN, LEARN, FIND RELIEF*

## **SOS WOMEN'S BIG BOOK STEP STUDY MEETING NOW A HYBRID MEETING ZOOM and IN PERSON Meeting ID - 921 0559 8213 Password - 002220**

Wednesday Evening 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
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**"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**



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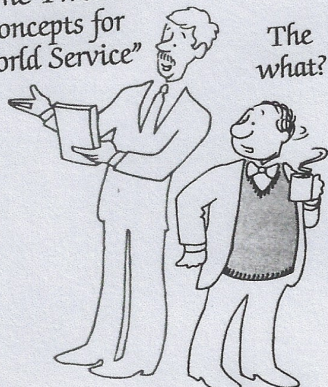
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"The Twelve  
Concepts for  
World Service"



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## 12 CONCEPTS

### OF AA WORLD SERVICE WORKSHOP

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- Who runs AA?:
- Am I responsible?
- What do all those strange letters mean?  
PI, GSO, GSR, CPC, AAWS, GVR



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**FINANCES****Aug 25****YTD 25****Income**

Literature/Merchandise \$3,419 \$35,538

Group Contributions 6,102 25,870

AA Birthdays - 681

Faithful Five 15 575

Individual/Anonymous 143 6,695

**Total Income** 9,679 69,359**Expenses**

Bank/Credit Card Fees 115 1,016

Licenses/Permits - 200

Office Supplies 228 2,622

Office Improve/Repair - 441

www Hosting - 240

Payroll 2,331 18,648

Payroll Tax - 1,314

Postage 16 55

Printing - 671

Purchases/Lit./Merch. 2,056 26,470

Insurance - 722

Rent 500 4,000

Sales Tax 191 2,667

Telephone/www 218 1,760

Utilities 100 800

Computer Equipment -

Computer Software 107 1,279

Computer/Maintain

Accounting Services 155 1,426

**Total Expenses** 6,739 64,557**Net Ordinary Income** 2,940 \$4,802

Gratitude Dinner Tickets -

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Gratitude Expenses -

**NET OTHER INCOME** -**NET INCOME** \$2,940 \$4,802

**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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(50%)

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James A. Farley Station  
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Naples, FL 34106  
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**Area 15**

**Area 15 Treasurer**  
**2950 W. Cypress Creek Rd.**  
**Ste 333 #1097**  
**Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309**  
**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*



## 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>July 2025</u>	<u>YTD 25</u>
Bonita 1th Step Prayer & Meditation .....	61.....	205
24 Hour Solutions .....	0.....	500
Beach Bums.....	0.....	500
Big Book Babes .....	30.....	0
Big Book Steppers— Bonita .....	36.....	250
Big Book Steppers- - Naples.....	0.....	167
Bonita Banyon .....	84.....	415
Bonita Friday Joe & Chrlie .....	66.....	263
Bonita Happy Hour .....	0.....	496
Bonita Ladies Night .....	0.....	75
Bonita Morning Group .....	0.....	623
Bonita Saturday Nite.....	1,000.....	1,000.
Bonita Women's Step.....	0.....	150
Brown Bag Group.....	0.....	762
Cake Meeting .....	0.....	70
Common Solutions Naples.....	0.....	453
Daily Reflections ZOOM .....	20.....	255
Easy Does It .....	0.....	3,000
Early Risers.....	0.....	500
Flemsy Reed Group .....	55.....	258
Free 2 Be .....	200.....	600
Friday Nite Lights.....	0.....	200
Happy Healers.....	0.....	425
Jaywalkers.....	0.....	47
Keep It Simple.....	135.....	722
Living Sober Naples .....	0.....	70
Meeting In The Park .....	0.....	639
Men Of Naples .....	0.....	64
Monday Daily Reflections .....	0.....	44
Morning Reflections .....	145.....	185
Naples Group .....	400.....	400
Naples Men Big Book Study.....	0.....	52
Naples Nooners .....	0.....	2,850
New Dawn.....	0.....	467
New Serenity.....	0.....	250

<u>Group/Meeting</u>	<u>July 25</u>	<u>YTD 25</u>
Nuts & Bolts .....	0.....	350
On Awakening.....	0.....	150
One Day At A Time .....	153.....	153
Park Shore Women.....	500.....	500
Primary Purpose Marco .....	3,433.....	6,583
Saturday Girlfriends.....	0.....	150
Three Legacies.....	0.....	194
Veranda Group .....	0.....	28
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 Naples Area Intergroup.**



# The Birthday Club

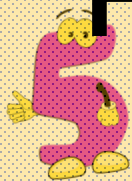
Did you know you can share your sobriety and gratitude in a practical way by joining the AA Birthday Club? Sign up today and be featured in the *Courier*. Show your support for your Central Office. A donation of only one dollar for every year of your sobriety will help carry the message to alcoholics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



Rick G.	55 years
Paul B.	51 years
Ron P.	51 years
Ron L.	47 years
Jackie G.	39 years
Bill D.	37 years
Merle B.	37 years
Michael L.	36 years
Dennis F.	35 years
Rad W.	35 years
Judy W.	34 years
Steve K.	32 years
Bill S.	23 years
Ken H.	23 years
Laura .	7 years
Eric S.	6 years



## Faithful Fivers Needed



### 2025 Monthly Faithful Fiver Club

***April O., Bill D., Bill S., Eric S., Jeanette H., Jim H., Judy W., Kathryn Mc., Ken H., Ralph W., Rick G., Ron L., Theresa R.***

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.



## 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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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

### Technology Opportunity.

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Wednesday 9am to 4pm  
Thursday 9am to 4pm  
Friday 9am to 4pm  
Saturday 9am to 4pm  
Sunday CLOSED

#### Office Volunteers

Becky S., Bill S., Blair S.,  
Bonnie B., Carrie W., Caroline  
H., Eric S., Gay S., Geoff  
S., Lara E., Natacha A.,  
Peggy E., Ralph B., Swen L.,  
... and loyal substitutes.

### Service Opportunity

#### After-Hours Phone Volunteers

Bob M., Craig P., Geoff E.,  
Heather B., Ken H., Lauren  
F., Steve K., and Tim A.

### Service Opportunity