

INTERGROUP-EXPRESS

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Open House

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

12734 Kenwood Lane #72, Fort Myers
Sales, snacks, beverages, & fellowship

12 Step Call List

We will be updating our call lists in January 2024. Office volunteers will be calling to verify members' information and availability. If you are interested in being someone who receives 12 Step calls, please let us know so we can add you to our list.

Service Work Opportunities

Intergroup Office, Intergroup Steering Committee, Intergroup Representatives, District Committees, General Service Representatives

REPORT ON ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

This is a thank you message on behalf of the Lee County Area Intergroup for the strong support our AA community gave to this year's Gratitude Dinner fundraiser. It was our 39th dinner and by all measures a joyous evening. We sold 345 tickets for the event, our caterer served us a tasty meal and our speaker, Charlie H., gave us an entertaining and wonderful talk on recovery. We raised approximately \$3000 for our Intergroup office.

This event could not take place without a slew of volunteers. It started with early planning meetings, then regular committee meetings with chairs of those committees getting volunteers to help with decorations, handmade centerpieces, setup of table and chairs, volunteers to handle ticket taking, picking up supplies and selling of drinks and making and serving coffee and finally cleanup and tear down. The evening ended about 9:00 pm and at 9:45 I was the last one to leave with all the tables and chairs returned, the trash taken out, the coffee pots cleaned, and everything loaded that needed to be taken back to the office. That took a lot of bodies to do that so quickly and the custodians complimented you all as saying the best job ever. As a fellow AA member, I could not have been prouder of how our community stepped up and not only made this possible but made it a huge success.

Again, on behalf of your Intergroup office, thanks for attending and volunteering.

Tom M. LCAI vice chair

Note: Cumulative sobriety at the event = 3,967 years 10 months 8 days. Most time = 50 years; Least time = 8 days.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Things To Do, Places To Go

Thanksgiving Day 2023 Alcathon

Thursday, November 23rd Dinner at 3:00P

Meetings at 6:30A, 8:00A, 9:30A, 12:00P, 1:30P, 4:30P, 6:00P

AWOL, 1313 Lafayette, Cape Coral

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Fort Myers, FL

Intergroup Representative Meeting

Third Thursday of the month
6:30P (New IGRs @ 6:00P)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
2439 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers

How It Works Workshop

presented by AWOL Clubhouse

Every Thursday, 6:00P - 7:00P
4 times each month for Beginners

1313 Lafayette St., Cape Coral

See flyer in newsletter and on website, leecountyaa.org.

District 7 General Service Representative Meeting

Last Sunday of the month
2:00P (New GSRs @ 1:00P)

YANA, 1185 Lake McGregor Dr, Fort Myers

****NEW Spanish Meeting****

Nuevo Horizonte

English-speaking welcome!

Thursday, 8:00P-9:30P
AWOL, 1313 Lafayette, Cape Coral

For more information,
call (786) 626-3188

Virtual Series on The Service Manual

presented by Area 15 Outreach Committee

Every other Thursday, 7:00P
2023: October 12, October 26, November 9, November 30,
December 14, December 28
2024: January 11, January 25, February 8, February 22, March 7,
March 21

Zoom Log-in: 832 7056 4121 -- Password: service

For more information, email Outreach@area15aa.org

South Florida Area 15 General Service Assembly

January 5-7, 2024

Hosted by District 4
Sarasota/Manatee

For more information, see
District or Area website

THE A.A. GROUP ... where it all begins

EXCERPTS FROM A.A. GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE-APPROVED LITERATURE

"This pamphlet is designed as a handy information tool and suggested guide for an A.A. group. It serves as a complement to The A.A. Service Manual, the A.A. Group Handbook and other literature, which cover specific group matters at greater depth.

Designed for easy reference, the pamphlet covers four main areas: what an A.A. group is; how a group functions; group relations with others in the community; and how the group fits into the structure of A.A. as a whole."

*P-16 The AA Group ... where it all begins, p.6.
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"There are no dues or fees for membership in A.A., but we do have expenses such as rent, refreshments, A.A. Conference-approved literature, meeting lists, and contributions to services provided by the local intergroup (central office), district and area, and the General Service Office of A.A."

*P16 "The A.A. Group ... where it all begins, p.16.
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Suggested contributions by Lee County Area, District 7:

50% to intergroup
30% to district
10% to area
10% to G.S.O.

Websites & Addresses for Contributions:

Lee County Area Intergroup
leecountyaa.org
12734 Kenwood Lane #72, Fort Myers, FL 33907

District 7 Treasurer
district7area15aa.org
P.O. Box 61732, Fort Myers, FL 33906-1732

South Florida Area 15 Treasurer
contribution.aa.org
PO Box 590835, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0835

General Service Board
contribution.aa.org
PO Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407

"Many A.A.'s have found that serving at Intergroup – answering calls from alcoholics and doing what else needs to be done – greatly enriches their sobriety and broadens their circle of friends."

*P16 "The A.A. Group ... where it all begins, p.37-38.
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"What Does an Intergroup (Central Office) DO?"

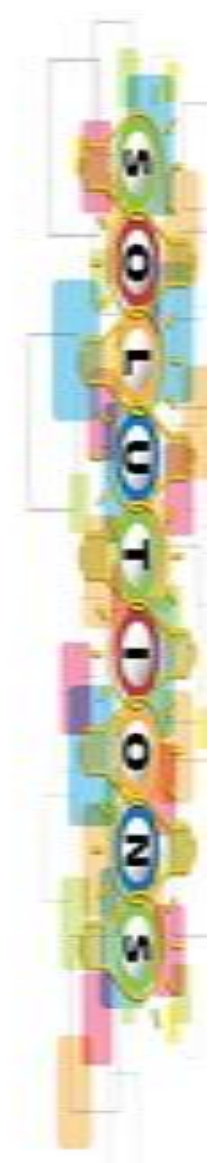
- Respond to phone or walk-in requests for help from alcoholics
- Handle phone and mail inquiries, and route them to local groups, thus distributing Twelfth Step work on a geographical basis so that newcomers are assured of help.
- Distribute up-to-date meeting lists.
- Stock and sell A.A. literature.
- Serve as a communications center for participating groups.
- Handle requests for information about A.A. from local community.
- Cooperate with local, district and area committees.
- Maintain communication and cooperation – but not affiliation – with the community and helping professionals in the field of alcoholism."

*P16 "The A.A. Group ... where it all begins, p.38.
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"How Are A.A. World Services Supported?"

Like the expenses of other A.A. activities, those of the General Service Office are met generally by group and individual contributions. Since these contributions do not completely cover the cost of A.A.'s world services, publishing income is used to help offset the deficit."

*P16 "The A.A. Group ... where it all begins, p.35.
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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS – OCTOBER & YEAR-TO-DATE 2023

NAME	Oct	Jan-Oct	NAME	Oct	Jan-Oct
1-2-3-Go		100.00	Monday Morning Big Book Study		175.00
1935 Step	10.00	92.00	Monday Living Sober		425.00
7-7		332.00	Monday Night Big Book		107.10
A to Z		154.00	Morning After		250.00
A Woman's View of ABSI (zoom)		190.00	MYANA		204.00
ABC Beginners		300.00	North Fort Myers		50.00
Against All Odds		300.00	New 730		590.00
Anonymous	150.00	377.00	Nooners	300.00	884.38
Attitude Adjustment		440.00	Not a Glum Parking Lot		78.00
Baby Steps		382.00	ODAAT		499.00
Back to Basics Women's		104.77	Old-timer's		263.00
Big Book Babes	50.00	303.00	Open Door		40.00
Big Book Connections		186.19	Pathfinders		50.00
Big Book Steppers		411.33	Pine Island Groupers		250.00
Bike Night		100.00	Pine Island Sisters in Sobriety		374.00
Bonita Men's	400.00	2,900.00	Plan of Recovery	176.00	850.91
Book Worms		72.00	Port LaBelle		120.00
Bottom of the Barrel	75.00	225.00	Precisely How We Have Recovered		411.48
Brady Bunch		383.00	Primary Purpose		100.00
Brown Baggers	500.00	3,500.00	Primary Purpose Big Book Study	85.00	260.00
Buckingham AA	30.00	30.00			
Cape Coral Friday Night		252.89	Recovery Rocks		216.00
Cape Reflections	100.00	700.00	Reflections on the River	400.00	568.46
Central		150.00	Refuge for Recovery		200.00
Chiquita Bananas		550.00	San Carlos Park		250.00
Clean Slate Big Book		204.43	Sanibel Survivors		450.00
Clear the Air	1,050.00	1,457.00	Saturday Night Beginners	150.00	424.70
Courage to Change Women's	199.00	688.00	Serenity		450.00
Daily Reprieve	145.41	320.54	Serving Our Brothers	85.00	185.00
Dragon Fly		148.50	Shared Gift		300.00
Early Bird Special	100.00	250.00	Singleness of Purpose	152.00	818.00
Early Risers (zoom)		1,190.00	Sisters in Sobriety		200.00
Eye on Hope		500.00	Sober on the Shores		405.00
Favorite Passages in AA Literature (zoom)		137.50	Soul Sisters	164.25	744.25
Flying Blind		50.00	Southern Women		242.00
Fort Myers Beach Men's		698.00	Spiritual Search	62.50	177.11
Fort Myers		537.73	Step and Grow		146.52
Foxhall	45.00	87.00	Step Sisters		162.32
Freethinkers	50.00	100.00	Step Sisters in Sobriety		66.00
Fresh Start		195.90	Stepping with the Big Book		581.00
Friday Night Lights		264.14	Stepping with the Girls		42.00
Friends of Bill		221.00	Steps to Sobriety	20.00	179.50
Cape Coral Friday Night		252.89	Sunday Morning Serenity		310.00
Garden		250.00	Sunshine Sisters		200.00
Garden (zoom)		170.00	Survivors		245.00
Grapevine		50.00	The 530	75.00	287.52
H.O.W.	60.00	160.00	The AWOL Club		200.00
Highsteppers		250.00	The Islanders	250.00	400.00
Hot Rod Ranch		1,600.00	The Promises		200.00
Just for Today		300.00	Toes in the Sand		315.00
Keep It Real	100.00	200.00	Tuesday Night Young People's		241.46
			Unity	100.00	100.00
Keep It Simple	112.50	617.50	WISE Women		584.50
LaBelle		155.00	Walk with Purpose		100.00
Lehigh Acres	56.50	86.50	Way of Life		368.00
Lehigh Happy Hour	44.83	73.83	We Care		151.00
Lehigh Monday Night Big Book		76.50	Women's Big Book		200.00
			Women's Day	1,500.00	1,500.00
Lehigh Sunday Night		100.00	Women of Willingness		150.00
Lehigh Thursday 12&12		13.50	Young at Heart		423.70
Light at Heart		500.00	Zoom Sisters		85.00
Living Sober ABSI	100.00	550.00			
Living Sober by the River		207.00			
Meat & Potatoes	81.61	536.13			
Men's Recovery	500.00	1,350.00	TOTAL	7,479.60	45,881.79
Mid-Day Miracles		100.00			
Mixed Nuts		100.00			

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS – OCTOBER & YEAR-TO-DATE 2023

TYPE	OCTOBER	JANUARY - OCTOBER
Faithful Fivers	129.31	1,120.68
Groups	7,479.60	45,581.79
Individual	21.67	3,785.20
Intergroup Rep Meeting	34.00	454.00
Special Events (Fundraiser)	11,157.72	15,630.91
Miscellaneous	0.00	411.50
Other	0.00	2,086.47
TOTAL	18,822.30	67,788.15

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Back to Basics: Bree H. 12/2/1984, Martha U. 12/26/2014, Kristin H. 12/26/2015, Laurie A. 12/8/2022 **Brady Bunch:** Tom O. 12/23/1981, Phyllis R. 12/14/2021, Leonard A. 12/18/2021 **Chiquita Bananas:** Bobby Z. 12/15/1984, Marilyn C. 12/14/2022 **Courage to Change:** Heather R. 12/12/2000 **Fort Myers Group:** Bruce P. 12/31/2022 **H.O.W.:** Ralph S. 12/12/1992, Eric S. 12/4/2012, David W. 12/14/2021 **Hotrod Ranch:** Kris 12/26/2021 **Nooners:** Bruce P. 12/12/1992, Brad H. 12/3/2012, Bruce G. 12/10/2012, Alisha D. 12/29/2015, Mercedes 12/28/2016, Beth C. 12/17/2021 **North Fort Myers Group:** Allan H. 12/27/2015 **Singleness of Purpose:** Bill G. 12/28/1985, Kevin N. 12/1/1990, Ned H. 2/5/1994, Ed B. 12/28/1995, Steve L. 12/6/1996, Tom C. 12/11/2008, Mindy Y. 12/8/2017, David F. 12/11/2019, Bonnie H. 12/19/2022 **Sisters in Sobriety:** Ali L. 12/20/1998, Kim B. 12/28/2011, Barbara J. 12/27/2016, Nathalie F. 2/27/2016, Toni K. 12/21/2021 **Steps to Awakening:** Lory C. 12/27/1993, Anne F. 12/19/2017, Mari G. 12/7/2018, Annie F. 12/9/2018 **Survivors:** Joe Mc. 12/29/1985 **Morning After:** Rae L. 12/28/1992, Marie T. 12/1/1994, Steve M. 12/5/2005, Lynn L. 12/31/2014 **Tough Love:** Sue H. 12/26/1996, Mary E. 12/3/2015 **Walk with Purpose:** Joe D. 12/23/1997 **W.I.S.E.:** Kathryn W. 12/15/2008, Kristin L. 12/31/2010, Dana M. 12/15/2014, Angelica 12/20/2014, Christine K. 12/2/2017, Jodi Sch. 12/30/2021 **Women of Willingness:** Trina Mc 12/19/2000, Sharon W. 12/22/2009, Kelly Y. 12/22/2019

GRADUATES

Lona H. > sober 8/18/79 – 10/24/23 – founder of Step Sisters Group

Tommy N. > sober 7/4/87 – 10/30/23 – home group: Singleness of Purpose

Kathy U. > sober 5/15/80 – 11/6/23 – home group: Southern Women

LAUGHS ARE LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Q: What is the difference between a chicken and a turkey? A: Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving!

***** My favorite part of Fall is walking through a hundred spider webs a day and screaming every single time. ***** A wise man once said ... Nothing, he only listened. ***** I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you. ***** Take my advice — I'm not using it. ***** Can't see an end. I have no control and I don't think there's an escape. I don't even have a home anymore. Think it's time for a new keyboard. ***** Sometimes, when I am matching socks, I think, "What if these two socks don't even like each other?" ***** My superpower is making people laugh. Which would be great if I was trying to be funny. ***** I don't understand why people get attacked by sharks. Can they not hear the music? ***** Being a hypochondriac is going to save my life one of these days. *****



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