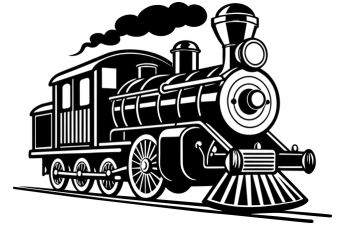




INTERGROUP-EXPRESS



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Lee County Area Intergroup, 7050 Winkler Rd. #119, Fort Myers, FL 33919

(239) 275-5111—Email: leeintergroup@gmail.com—Website: <https://leecountyaa.org>

Office/Store Open Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm and First Saturday of the month 10:00am-1:00pm

Importance of Intergroup's Hotline & How we work with our District's Committees

The majority of the calls we receive are people looking for meeting information and general information such as location, hours, and availability of merchandise. However, every month we get calls from people looking for help from AA for themselves or family members. This past month we received two calls that are prime examples of how important our phone line is as well as how important it is to have a working relationship with our district's committees.

A mother called to request a visit from an AA member for her son who was hospitalized. She explained that her son's drinking had led to the behavior that caused him harm. The chair of the Treatment Committee was contacted and told of the situation. A member of that committee called the mother for more information. After determining that her son was open to receiving a visit from an AA member, this sober member of AA visited her son. Not once, not twice, but several times during his stay. Once he was released from the hospital, the AA member continued to offer support. The AA member also kept in contact with the Intergroup office, providing updates on the result of that call.

A daughter called to request a visit from an AA member for her mother who is 99 years old with 60+ years of sobriety. She explained that her mother had not attended an AA meeting since prior to Covid. She also explained that her mother's dementia has been rapidly progressing since that time. Due to this, her mother is not able to attend a meeting. She said that her mother had not said anything about AA for years until the day before and has not spoken of anything else since. The chair of the Accessibility Committee was contacted. He spoke with the daughter to get more information. He followed up with the Intergroup office to say that he and other AA members would be going to spend time with this woman.

Thank you to everyone who has ever answered our phone at the Intergroup office or answered our call for a newcomer or family member in need of a call or visit. We cannot carry out our mission without help from our Fellowship.

"WITH PEOPLE LIKE ME"

In the gathering of the minds, we fought to seek answers,
Voicing the struggles of our life, Discussing the afflictions cancer.
So many eyes of life, So many hearts that now give,
Sharing so much in this gathering, I was learning how to live.

It seemed there were no secrets, Locked away in hidden rooms,
Everyone there had tasted death, And shook the hand of doom.
The lights weren't the only glimmer, There was laughter—an glowing eyes,
This surely was the place, Where you came to share your lives.

There are hopes I hold in my hands, Not just for me but for everyone,
Choosing a different life is easy, But the choice is of your own.
There's a common ground for mistakes, That had been left behind,
All walks of life were seated, All joined by hearts and minds.

There was no mystic magic, No one brought a crystal ball,
No one was forcing their will, Like making me climb the wall.
I looked in the eyes of smiles, And for the first time I found peace,
I go now to the gathering, "Where the people are just like me".

James E.— Ft. Myers, FL—90 days sober

Originally published in the Intergroup-Express, December 1989

MEETING CHANGES

Location Changes beginning October 1st

PI Groupers
9:30 am Tuesday & Wednesday
United Methodist Church
5701 Pine Island Rd, NW Bokeelia 33922

PI Sisters in Sobriety
10:00 am Friday
United Methodist Church
5701 Pine Island Rd, NW Bokeelia 33922

Service

Good for Your Recovery

Lee County Area Intergroup

- ⇒ Get involved in our 12 Step Call program, Speaker Exchange, as a volunteer at the office/store, or join a fundraising committee
- ⇒ Attend the monthly meeting—3rd Thursday, 6:30pm, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers
- ⇒ Become an Intergroup Representative for your home group

District 7

- ⇒ Become a General Service Representative for your home group
- ⇒ Attend the monthly meeting—last Sunday, 2:00pm, YANA Foundation, Fort Myers
- ⇒ Join a committee:

Accessibilities—Bob L—accessibilities@district7area15aa.org

Archives—Kathie W—archives@district7area15aa.org

Corrections—Linda S—corrections@district7area15aa.org

Corrections committee meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm on Zoom*

Grapevine—Martin C—grapevine@district7area15aa.org

Grapevine committee meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm on Zoom*

Literature—Deb F—literature@district7area15aa.org

Outreach—Steve M—outreach@district7area15aa.org

Outreach committee meets monthly on the 2nd Saturday at 11am on Zoom*

PI/CPC (Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community)—Shawna C—picpc@district7area15aa.org

PI/CPC committee meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 7pm on Zoom*

Treatment—Kyle—treatment@district7area15aa.org

Treatment committee meets monthly on the 1st Sunday at 2:00pm at YANA

Website—Nick S—website@district7area15aa.org



***ZOOM DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE DISTRICT 7 WEBSITE AT DISTRICT7AREA15AA.ORG.**



RULE 62: "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."

~ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 149



- ⇒ Thanks for being friends with me. Questionable life choice, but I appreciate it.
- ⇒ My mind is exceptionally quiet today. I'm suspicious I'm up to something I don't want me to know about.
- ⇒ It's not a middle finger. It's my unicorn fist.
- ⇒ Drinking a large amount of water every day helps you avoid other people's drama because you're too busy peeing. Stay hydrated.
- ⇒ It's getting increasingly harder to tumble out of bed and stumble to the kitchen and pour myself a cup of ambition.
- ⇒ I feel like a lot of my problems would be solved if I had a dragon.
- ⇒ The difference between me and Superman is ... He has super vision. I require supervision.
- ⇒ Bats are just Halloween butterflies.
- ⇒ My brain is fast but the steering is difficult and the brakes are lousy.
- ⇒ Looking back at all the successes and failures in my life, I can't help but be proud that at least the potty training thing stuck.
- ⇒ Sometimes you just have to sit back, relax, and let the train wreck itself.
- ⇒ Never using online dating again. Last guy said he lived in a gated community. ... Prison. He meant prison.
- ⇒ Onion rings are vegetable donuts.
- ⇒ I don't know how many coffees it takes to be friendly, but so far it's not twelve.

From the L.C.A.I. STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

x
Tim B.
Lee County Area Intergroup Steering Committee Chairman

From the L.C.A.I. OFFICE MANAGER

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OFFICE STATS for August 2025 (all are approximate)

Visitors = 126

When visiting our office, please sign our DAILY visitor log!

Phone Calls (during business hours) = 142

12 Step & Newcomer = 10

Spanish = 7

Meeting Info = 57

Other 12 Step (Al-Anon, NA, CA, etc) = 1

Treatment (detox, etc) = 1

General Info (hours, location, merchandise, etc) = 39

Management (inquiries that require manager) = 27

Intergroup Steering Committee 2025

Chair: Tim B.; Vice Chair: Casey B.; Treasurer: Joyce D.; Secretary: Gale P.; Members-at-Large: Mike B. & Roben D.; Office Manager: Stephanie H.

Intergroup Office Volunteers

Deb L., Gary K., Gretchen N., Janet Q., Mike B., Paula B., Remington L., Roben D., Sandy B., Sebastian S., Tom M.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Name	Aug	YTD
1 2 3 Go Group		50.00
12&12 Step Study		
1935 Step Group		57.50
5 Alive! Beginners		46.69
5:30 Group		346.00
CC Beginners Wed Nt		
7&7 Group		330.00
A New Perspective		
Anonymous		155.00
A to Z meeting		110.00
A Woman's View of ABSI Zoom		198.00
ABC Beginners Group ^	120.00	728.58
ABSI by the River Group		563.00
After Hours meeting		
Against All Odds Group		
All Lit Up	100.00	100.00
Alva A.A. Way Group	450.00	450.00
Another Peace of Hope ^		
As Bill Sees It		
Attitude Adjustment Group		100.00
B-Happy Joyous & Free Group		314.00
Back to Basics Women's Group		
Basics Recovery Meeting		
Beginners 123		
Beginners Big Book Workshop		
Being Convinced		
Beyond Belief		
Big Book Babes		63.50
Big Book Connections Group		
Big Book Steppers Group		488.25
Big Book Study		
Big Book Study Group		
Bike Night Group		
Bonita Banyan Group		415.02
Bonita Men's Group	200.00	1400.00
Bonita Springs Step Group		
Bonita Springs Womens Step Group		150.00
Bonita Unity Group		
Book Worms Group	58.50	120.00
Bottom of the Barrel Group		250.00
Brown Baggers Group		1000.00
Buckingham AA Group ^		173.00
Calamity Janes Group		
Calusa Harbor Bunch		

Name	Aug	YTD
Cape Connected ^	56.00	310.00
Cape Coral Bookies Group		
Cape Reflections Group ^	100.00	500.00
Central Group		50.00
Chiquita Bananas Group ^		1100.00
Clean Slate Big Book Group		268.23
Clear the Air Group		1217.50
Courage to Change Women's Group ^		189.95
Daily Reprieve Group^		523.80
Depot Park Men's meeting		
Digital Drunks Men's Discussion		
Doctor's Opinion Study		
Dragon Fly Group ^		139.84
Drunkin Donuts Group		
<i>Early Riser's Group</i>		800.00
Eye on Hope Group ^		400.00
F.B.I. (Friday Book Investigation)		
Favorite Passages in AA literature		86.50
First Things First Group		471.00
Footprints in the Sand		
Fort Myers Beach Men's Group		270.00
Fort Myers Group		550.00
Fort Myers Shores Group ^	200.00	200.00
Freethinkers of Bonita Springs Group		180.00
Freethinkers of Fort Myers Group		
Fresh Start; Fresh Start Step mtg		200.00
Friday Night Beginners Group ^		240.00
Friday Night Group		
Friday Night Lights		
Friends of Bill Group ^		125.00
Garden Group		100.00
Garden Group Zoom		30.00
Get Well Group		100.00
Grupo 4 De Julio		
Grupo Hispanos de Lehigh		
Grupo Quinto Paso		
Grupo Recuperacion de Immokalee		
Grupo Sendero de Vida		
H.O.W. Group	50.00	100.00
Highsteppers Group		
Hotrod Ranch Group		
How It Works		
Interesting Topic Group	672.00	672.00
It's 5 O'clock Somewhere		
Joe & Charlie Big Book		

Name	Aug	YTD
Just for Today Group		300.00
Just Show Up Group		
Keep it Real Group		
Keep It Simple Group		107.00
LaBelle Group ^		200.00
Ladies Night Group		
Lambda Drummers Group		
Lehigh 12&12		
Lehigh Acres Group		
Lehigh Big Book Study Mtg		
Lehigh Happy Hour Group		
Lehigh Sunday Night		
Light at Heart Group	200.00	400.00
Living Sober (ABSI) Group ^		
Living Sober by the River Group		300.00
Lunch Bunch		
Mad Hatters Group		
Maintenance Grp (Came to Believe)		
Meat & Potatoes Group ^	124.78	363.74
Men's Big Book		
Men's Recovery Group ^	250.00	250.00
Men's Stag		
Mid Day Miracles Group		170.00
Mixed Nuts		
Mon. Morning Big Book Study Group		
Mon. Morning Sanibel Big Book	75.00	75.00
Monday Beginners Big Book		
Monday Big Book Study ^		170.00
Monday Living Sober Group ^		200.00
Monday Recovery Group		
Morning After Group		388.00
Myana Group		152.90
N.E.W. (Nothing Else Worked)		
New 7:30 Group	114.00	1023.00
NFM Sat Nite Spkr Group	400.00	400.00
Not A Glum Parking Lot Group		430.00
Nuevo Despertar		
Nuevo Horizonte		
ODAAT	153.00	296.00
Old Timer's		
Open Door Group		
Our Primary Purpose Big Book Study	400.00	400.00
Parking Lot Meeting		
PI Groupers		
PI Sisters in Sobriety Group		50.00
Pit meeting		
Plan of Recovery Group ^		716.00

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Name	Aug	YTD
Port LaBelle Group ^		712.00
Precisely How We Have Recovered Group		
Primary Purpose Group		100.00
Primary Purpose with Joe & Charlie		
Principles in All our Affairs		
Progress Group		
Promises of Cape Coral Group		200.00
Recovery Group		
Recovery Rocks Group		1102.00
Recovery Too Group		
Refuge for Recovery		
River Reflections Group		
San Carlos Park Group		1350.00
Sanibel Approved AA Literature		
Sanibel Beginners		
Sanibel Friday Nite Spkr Group		
Sanibel Noon		
Sanibel Speaker Meeting		
Sanibel Step Meeting		
Sanibel Survivors Beach Meeting		
Sanibelles (seasonal)		
Sat Night Open Discussion Group		
Saturday Night Beginners Group		325.00
Saturday Night Women's Group		100.00
Serenity Group		175.00
Sermon on the Mount		
Serving Our Brothers		100.00
Singleness of Purpose Group		450.00
Sisters in Sobriety Group	100.00	220.00
Sisters Step Study Group		
Sober in East L.A.	40.00	115.00
Sober on the Shores Group		400.00
Sobriety at Six		
Soul Sisters Group		579.00
Southern Women Group ^		200.00
Spiritual Search Group		70.00
Step & Grow Group		
Step Sisters Group		391.50
Step Sisters in Sobriety Group		
Stepping with the Big Book Group ^		300.00
Stepping with the Girls Group ^		140.00
Steps to Awakening Group ^	128.00	828.43
Steps to Live By		
Steps to Sobriety		
Steps to Sobriety from the 12 and 12 Group	80.00	194.00
Sugarsweet Group		
Sunday Breakfast meeting		

Name	Aug	YTD
Sunday Morning Serenity Group		311.00
Sunday Night Group (ABSI Lehigh)	40.00	40.00
Sunday Speakeasy Group		
Sunlight of the Spirit Group		
Sunshine Sisters Group		142.50
Support System Group		
Survivors Group		100.00
SWFL Women's Speaker mtg		10.00
T.G.I.F.		
The Brady Bunch Group		260.00
The Islanders ^		250.00
The Lunch Break Big Book Meeting		
The Nooners Group	300.00	1200.00
The Serenity Group		350.00
The Shared Gift		685.00
The Way Out		
Toes in the Sand		200.00
Tough Love Group		
Tuesday Night Step		
Tuesday Night Young People's Group		200.00
Upon Awakening		
Veterans meeting		
Walk with Purpose Group ^		150.00
Way of Life Group (aka Way of Living)		200.00
Way of Living Big Book Study		
Way of Living Newcomer Workshop		
We Agnostics		
We Care Group		
Welcome Home		
What It's Like		1425.95
W.I.S.E. Group ^		589.77
Women of Willingness Group		100.00
Women of Worth Group		
Women's Big Book Group		100.00
Women's Daily Reflection meeting		
Women's Evening Meditations Group		
Young at Heart Group ^		285.00
Zoom Sisters Group		

CONTRIBUTIONS	AUG	YTD
Groups	4,411.28	37,475.15
Individuals	72.00	5,270.00
Monthly LCAI Meeting	57.00	418.00
Gratitude Dinner	360.00	360.00
Interest Income		448.88
Miscellaneous Income	5.37	53.14
TOTAL	4,905.65	44,025.17



CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

"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". Reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S., Inc.

Lee County Area, District 7, suggested contributions:

50% to Lee County Intergroup
30% to District 7
10% to Area 15
10% to General Service (NY)

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 via PayPal at: leecountyaa.org



General Service District 7
 P.O. Box 61732, Fort Myers, FL 33906-1732

Area 15 Treasurer
 2950 W Cypress Creek Rd, Ste 101 #1097, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
 OR via PayPal at: area15aa.org
 OR via Zelle to: Treasurer@area15aa.org

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

^ means the group rep attended the monthly Intergroup meeting

October Anniversaries



7 & 7

10/9/11 Robyn D

ABC Beginners

10/3/23 Bob S
10/6/20 Brad D
10/11/22 Tony D

Alva AA Way

10/15/23 Mike K

Back to Basics Women

10/25/86 Vicki A

Buckingham AA

10/26/15 Billy Jo H

Clear the Air

10/25/76 Bob H Sr
10/1/18 Michele P
10/11/10 Bob H
10/17/22 Mike V

Courage to Change

10/21/13 Colette H
10/15/91 Suzy C

Daily Reprieve

10/4/15 Bill P
10/8/20 Terrie S

Dragon Fly

10/24/09 Joyce D
10/2/16 Jaimee L

Fort Myers

10/29/24 Jeremiah R

FMB Sat Morn Men

10/8/13 Byron E
10/13/73 Gene C
10/11/95 Greg B
10/21/14 Jamie P
10/18/11 Jim P
10/1/84 Joe R
10/30/82 Kevin D
10/19/06 Kirk C

Friends of Bill

10/1/04 Holly S

H.O.W.

10/10/22 Clarence
10/24/97 Jim W
10/25/05 Larry E

LaBelle

10/27/84 Tim B
10/18/23 Ric F

Living Sober ABSI

10/13/17 Ken S
10/16/23 Denise H

Meat & Potatoes

10/7/19 Brian V
10/8/93 Ken F
10/13/18 Jamie B

Monday BB Study

10/31/19 Casey B
10/31/20 Ryan K

Monday Living Sober

10/6/80 Bill W

NFM Sat Nt Speaker

10/3/90 Jim K

Sisters in Sobriety

10/2/23 Cary R

Survivors

10/15/06 Jim M
10/4/06 Mary S

The Nooners

10/1/23 Keren W
10/11/95 Joyce C
10/17/23 Nicole H

W.I.S.E.

10/2/16 Jaimee L

- ☐ Later
- ☐ Tomorrow
- ☐ Today
- ☒ **NOW**

1. Submit an updated anniversary list for your meeting every year.
2. If you have changed home groups, inform your previous group.
3. If you have added your name to more than one group's anniversary list, your name will only be included under one group. If you have a preference of which group, please contact the Intergroup Office.
4. When a member of your group dies, please notify the Intergroup Office so that their name can be removed from your group's list.

NEW PRODUCTS



Dragonfly Triplate. Back: We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.

Available in 1-60 years; currently have 9y and 11y



Beach Triplate. Back: I stood in the sunlight at last. Bill W.

Available in 1-60 years; currently have a 3y, 13y, and 35y



Sea Turtle Triplate. Back: Happy Joyous Free

Available in 1-40 years; currently have a 4y and 14y



Acceptance Triplate. Both sides: Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. Back: Nothing absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake. I cannot find serenity until I can accept that person, place or situation as being exactly the way it's supposed to be at this moment.

Available in blue, purple, and green; \$11.00 ea

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

4 designs made with cartoons previously published in Grapevine magazines. Greeting inside is either Happy Anniversary or Thinking of You. \$3.00 ea



A new selection of funny recovery-related cards, featuring cats, dogs, Muppets, and other designs. Our first batch almost sold out within a week. Another order is on its way. \$2.50 ea



A new selection of recovery-related anniversary cards. These are not year-specific. \$2.50 ea





SOBER ACTIVITIES

Sisters in Sobriety Group's 37th Anniversary meeting

September 30, 2025
Potluck 5:00pm—Speaker 6:00pm

St. Hillary's Episcopal Church
5011 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers

- this is a women's meeting -

A.R.M. 10 & R.W.R. 4 The 10-4 Halloween Bash

November 1, 2025
Doors open 4:00pm—Food served 5:00pm—
Speaker 6:00pm
Admission \$20; under 12 Free

Rise Christian Church
50 Bell Blvd N, Lehigh Acres

Clean Slate Big Book Group's 10th Anniversary Breakfast Buffet

November 1, 2025
Breakfast 8:30am Breakfast—First Speaker 9:30am—Second Speaker 9:50am

Faith United Methodist Church
15690 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers 33908
In The Fellowship Hall—Building B

LCAI's 41st Gratitude Dinner Raising funds for our Intergroup

Saturday, November 1, 2025 *** 5:00pm—9:00pm
Faith Presbyterian Church, 4544 Coronado Pkwy, Cape Coral
Open Seating — Holiday Dinner Buffet — Music — Speaker



SCAN ME

Tickets: cash/check \$45.00; surcharge applied to credit/debit purchases;
online \$46.50

available for purchase from Steering Committee members, Gratitude Dinner Committee members, Inter-
group Representatives, at the office, and on our website at <https://leecountyaa.org>

District 7 hosts Carry the Message Day

November 22, 2025
Free event — Lakes Park, Fort Myers

More information available soon

<https://district7area15aa.org>

Intergroup is hosting a Pig Roast

December 13, 2025
Admission fee TBD — Lakes Park, Fort Myers

More information available soon

<https://leecountyaa.org>

Do you have information about a sober event? Help us help others.
Please call or email the Intergroup Office with the details.

It is **critical** for Intergroup to have information about local sober events: Sober people in the community call our
Hotline for this information.