

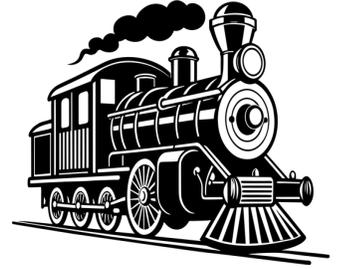


INTERGROUP-EXPRESS

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Lee County Area Intergroup, 7050 Winkler Rd. #119, Fort Myers, FL 33919
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Office Hours: 10:00am-6:00pm Monday—Friday; Closed on weekends



Responsibility

*When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that I am responsible.*

As members of AA, we can make the choice today to be and do different.

*“Members celebrate sobriety by giving time, energy and money in support of carrying the A.A. message.” (from *Where Money & Spirituality Mix*)*

“It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting.” (from the aa.org website)

Heard in a meeting: “AA needs to inconvenience me. Service is not a sacrifice if AA saved my life.”

I have to admit. I often feel like a broken record—asking for volunteers and contributions every month. However, given the fact that only 101 groups and 18 meetings, out of a total of 217, contributed to Intergroup last year, I believe it is imperative to continue to educate about self-support.

Your 7th Tradition contributions are not just for rent, coffee, tokens and books. By sending money to your local Intergroup/Central Office, District, Area, and General Service Office, you are helping these entities continue their work in helping alcoholics—examples include the Meeting Guide app, books brought to hospitals and institutions, education of professionals and others in the community, phones, emails, and letters being answered, publishing and facilitation of AA literature sales, and the sharing of experience, strength and hope worldwide.

Think about how you found your first AA meeting ... Call to an Intergroup/Central Office? 12th Step visit? Meeting brought into jail, detox or treatment facility? Literature in a library or office? Information from a professional? Someone in the Fellowship? Ad in the paper, on the radio or TV? A family member? The availability of most of these things is contingent upon your financial support.

All of AA—from Intergroup/Central Offices to GSO—have been experiencing a decline in contributions while prices of services and materials continue to increase. For instance, our Intergroup received roughly \$53,000 from groups in both 2017 and 2025. In 2017, that covered 65% of our expenditures whereas in 2025, it only covered 53%.

Both personally and as the Intergroup manager, I want the “hand of AA” to continue to be available, both locally and worldwide, for as long as there are alcoholics. In order for this to happen, I must do my part. For me, that usually means putting an extra dollar or two in the basket at every meeting. I do my best to remember that I would not have the life I do today without AA and the Fellowship.

Stephanie H., LCAI Office Manager

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 3rd Saturday at 9am 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



- ⇒ Feel free to take advice from me but you should know I almost choked drinking the Pringles crumbs out of the canister.
- ⇒ Instead of John, I call my bathroom Jim. It sounds better when I say I went to the Jim first thing this morning.
- ⇒ My patience is like a gift card. Not sure how much is left but we can give it a try.
- ⇒ I saw someone at the gym on the exercise bike wearing a helmet ... So I put on a life jacket and got on the rowing machine next to them.
- ⇒ I don't want to be in the loop or out of the loop. I want to be aware of the loop and its contents but free from any loop-related responsibilities.
- ⇒ A pessimist sees a dark tunnel. An optimist sees light at the end of the tunnel. A realist sees a freight train. The train driver sees three idiots standing on the tracks.
- ⇒ Did you know there are three places you can stay for free? In your lane, out of my business and way over there!
- ⇒ Do not seize the day. That only startles it, and nobody wants to deal with an aggressive day before coffee. Approach it slowly. Avoid eye contact. Maybe offer a polite nod. Act casual. If the day growls, starts making demands or mentions shenanigans, back away quietly and return to bed.
- ⇒ Does shivering count as exercise?
- ⇒ I put the thingamabob inside the whatchamacallit, turned the doohickey and the whateveritis still doesn't work. Any ideas?
- ⇒ How old were you when you discovered that the letter A is not in any spelling of any number from 1—100?
- ⇒ What if Stacey's Mom was Jessie's Girl and her number was 867-5309?

Office Monthly

We often hear “Why do people with long term sobriety go back out?” and the response is, “They stop going to meetings.” That’s a common response and probably true in most cases. But it begs the question, “Why?”

The answer is more complicated, because there’s not just one simple scenario. Some people find themselves too busy with their life and going to meetings becomes a burdensome task. Other times a resentment towards another member or a feeling that they have become irrelevant to the group justifies abandoning meetings. A feeling that they’ve accomplished sobriety for a period of time and decided that meetings were no longer a necessity. Or they are tired of hearing the same old things over and over again and feel that meetings are no longer of any value to them. Maybe they just get bored.

Many of us who have remained active in AA for a long period of time have faced these same challenges. Perhaps we have even stepped away for a period of time but came to the realization that without the support from AA, we were not happy in life and a drink starts to look like a reasonable solution. It is at that moment we realize that our life hangs in the balance and we must choose. Drink or get back to the meetings and actions that changed our lives.

I believe that newcomers see us long timers as having it made. That the fear and desperation that drove us into the program no longer haunts us. It is true that the program and promises may have come true in our lives, but it doesn’t mean that we are not ever again challenged, and many of us will be challenged by complacency and indifference.

Those who face these challenges must then make the choice. It’s a choice of life or death. Not always grave yard death, but death of a life that has given us new life.

I’ve been to a few thousand AA meetings, and they haven’t all been good, but I try to find something to carry with me and perhaps share something someone else can find helpful. I go to meetings for the same reason that I brush my teeth. I don’t want the consequences that stem from not doing it.

Things that I do to keep me engaged in the program and my recovery are service work, sponsorship, both as a sponsor and connecting with a sponsor as well as other members, sharing at meetings and of course actively maintaining a spiritual connection with the God of my understanding.

Meeting makers make it. This program of Alcoholics Anonymous is not a one and done deal, it is a lifelong adventure with all of the challenges life can offer.

Clean house, trust God and help others.

Tim B., Lee County Area Intergroup Chairperson

And may your God be as good to you as mine has been to me.

Seeking a member with ...

A minimum of 3 years of sobriety

2 years available for a service commitment

QuickBooks experience

Please call the Office Manager for more information



On behalf of the Intergroup Steering Committee and Group Representatives, I would like to thank Joyce D for being our treasurer for the past two years. During that time, she assisted us in successfully switching from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online, streamlining the categories in our Chart of Accounts, tracking down past taxes owed to the IRS, and moving some of the money in our Prudent Reserves to Certificates of Deposit to increase our savings. She also added to my knowledge of QuickBooks and accounting as a whole. Thank you again, Joyce, for your service!

With that said, Intergroup needs a new treasurer to assist in guiding the financial well-being of our organization. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please let us know.

Stephanie H., Office Manager

Intergroup Steering Committee

Chair: Tim B.; Vice Chair: Casey B.; Treasurer: VACANT; Secretary: Gale P.; Members-at-Large (2): VACANT; Office Manager: Stephanie H.

Intergroup Office Volunteers

Andrea F., Deb L., Gary K., Gretchen N., Janet Q., Roben D., Sandy B., Tom M.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

| Name | Jan | YTD |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1 2 3 Go Group | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 12&12 Step Study | | |
| 1935 Step Group | | |
| 5 Alive! Beginners | | |
| 5:30 Group | | |
| CC Beginners Wed Nt | | |
| 7&7 Group | | |
| A New Perspective | | |
| A to Z meeting | 92.00 | 92.00 |
| A Woman's View of ABSI Zoom | 110.00 | 110.00 |
| ABC Beginners Group | | |
| ABSI by the River Group | | |
| After Hours meeting | | |
| Against All Odds Group | | |
| All Lit Up ^ | | |
| Alva A.A. Way Group | | |
| Another Peace of Hope | | |
| As Bill Sees It | | |
| Attitude Adjustment Group | | |
| B-Happy Joyous & Free Group | 77.00 | 77.00 |
| Back to Basics Women's Group ^ | | |
| Basics Recovery Meeting | | |
| Beautiful Souls in Recovery | | |
| Beginners 123 | | |
| Beginners Big Book Workshop | | |
| Being Convinced | | |
| Beyond Belief | | |
| Big Book Babes | | |
| Big Book Connections Group | | |
| Big Book Steppers Group | 289.25 | 289.25 |
| Big Book Study | | |
| Big Book Study Group | | |
| Bike Night Group | | |
| Bonita Banyan Group | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Bonita Men's Group | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Bonita Springs Step Group | | |
| Bonita Springs Womens Step Group | | |
| Bonita Unity Group | | |
| Book Worms Group | | |
| Bottom of the Barrel Group | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Brown Baggers Group | | |
| Buckingham AA Group ^ | | |
| Calamity Janes Group | | |
| Calusa Harbor Bunch | | |
| Cape Connected | | |
| Cape Coral Bookies Group | | |

| Name | Jan | YTD |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cape Reflections Group | | |
| Central Group | | |
| Chiquita Bananas Group | | |
| Clean Slate Big Book Group | | |
| Clear the Air Group | 366.00 | 366.00 |
| Courage to Change Women's Group | | |
| Daily Reprieve Group | 110.00 | 110.00 |
| Depot Park Men's meeting | | |
| Digital Drunks Men's Discussion | | |
| Doctor's Opinion Study | | |
| Dragon Fly Group | | |
| Drunkin Donuts Group | | |
| Eye on Hope Group ^ | | |
| F.B.I. (Friday Book Investigation) | | |
| Favorite Passages in AA literature | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| First Things First Group | | |
| Footprints in the Sand | | |
| Fort Myers Beach Men's Group | | |
| Fort Myers Group ^ | | |
| Fort Myers Prayer & Meditation | | |
| Fort Myers Shores Group | | |
| Freethinkers of Bonita Springs Group | | |
| Freethinkers of Fort Myers Group | | |
| Fresh Start; Fresh Start Step mtg | | |
| Friday Night Beginners Group ^ | | |
| Friday Night Group | | |
| Friday Night Lights | | |
| Friends of Bill Group | | |
| Garden Group | | |
| Garden Group Zoom | | |
| Get Well Group | | |
| Grupo 4 De Julio | | |
| Grupo Aprendiendo a Vivir | | |
| Grupo Hispanos de Lehigh | | |
| Grupo Quinto Paso | | |
| Grupo Recuperacion de Immokalee | | |
| Grupo Sendero de Vida | | |
| Happy, Joyous & Free | | |
| H.O.W. Group | | |
| Highsteppers Group | | |
| Hotrod Ranch Group | | |
| How It Works | | |
| Interesting Topic Group | 160.00 | 160.00 |
| It's 5 O'clock Somewhere | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Joe & Charlie Big Book | | |
| Just for Today Group | | |

| Name | Jan | YTD |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Just Show Up Group | | |
| Keep it Real Group | | |
| Keep It Simple Group | | |
| Kickin Butt on the High Side of Life | | |
| LaBelle Group ^ | | |
| Lambda Drummers Group | | |
| Lehigh 12&12 | | |
| Lehigh Acres Group | | |
| Lehigh Big Book Study Mtg | | |
| Lehigh Happy Hour Group | | |
| Lehigh Sunday Night | | |
| Life Ahead Beginners meeting | | |
| Light at Heart Group | | |
| Living Sober (ABSI) Group ^ | | |
| Living Sober by the River Group ^ | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Lunch Hour Group | | |
| Mad Hatters Group | | |
| Maintenance Grp (Came to Believe) | | |
| Meat & Potatoes Group ^ | | |
| Men's Big Book | | |
| Men's Recovery Group ^ | | |
| Men's Stag | | |
| Mid Day Miracles Group | | |
| Mixed Nuts | | |
| Mon. Morning Big Book Study Group | | |
| Mon. Morning Sanibel Big Book | | |
| Monday Beginners Big Book | | |
| Monday Big Book Study ^ | | |
| Monday Living Sober Group ^ | | |
| Monday Recovery Group (12&12D) | | |
| Morning After Group | 71.00 | 71.00 |
| Myana Group | | |
| New 7:30 Group | 151.00 | 151.00 |
| No Name | | |
| North Fort Myers Group | | |
| Not A Glum Parking Lot Group | | |
| Nuevo Despertar | | |
| Nuevo Horizonte | | |
| ODAAT | | |
| Old Timer's | | |
| Open Door Group | | |
| Our Primary Purpose Big Book Study | | |
| Parking Lot Meeting | | |
| PI Groupers | | |
| PI Sisters in Sobriety Group | | |
| Pit meeting | | |
| Plan of Recovery Group ^ | 272.00 | 272.00 |

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

| Name | Jan | YTD |
|--|--------|--------|
| Port LaBelle Group ^ | 562.00 | 562.00 |
| Precisely How We Have Recovered Group | 148.00 | 148.00 |
| Primary Purpose Group | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Primary Purpose with Joe & Charlie | | |
| Principles in All our Affairs | | |
| Private | | |
| Progress Group | | |
| Promises of Cape Coral Group | | |
| Recovery Group | 230.00 | 230.00 |
| Recovery Rocks Group | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Recovery Too Group | | |
| Refuge for Recovery | | |
| River (Rats) Reflections Group | | |
| San Carlos Park Group | | |
| Sanibel Approved AA Literature | | |
| Sanibel Beginners | | |
| Sanibel Friday Nite Spkr Group | | |
| Sanibel Noon | | |
| Sanibel Speaker Meeting | | |
| Sanibel Step Meeting | | |
| Sanibel Survivors Beach Meeting | | |
| Sanibelles | | |
| Sat Night Open Discussion Group | | |
| Saturday Night Beginners Group | | |
| Saturday Night Women's Group | | |
| Serenity Group | | |
| Sermon on the Mount | | |
| Serving Our Brothers | | |
| Singleness of Purpose Group | | |
| Sisters in Sobriety Group ^ | | |
| Sisters Step Study Group | | |
| Sober AF | | |
| Sober in East L.A. | | |
| Sober on the Shores Group ^ | | |
| Sobriety at Six | | |
| Soul Sisters Group | 212.50 | 212.50 |
| Southern Women Group ^ | | |
| Spiritual Search Group | | |
| Step & Grow Group | | |
| Step Sisters Group | 90.00 | 90.00 |
| Step Sisters in Sobriety Group | | |
| Stepping with the Big Book Group ^ | | |
| Stepping with the Girls Group ^ | | |
| Steps to Awakening Group ^ | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Steps to Live By | | |
| Steps to Sobriety | | |
| Steps to Sobriety from the 12 and 12 Group | | |

| Name | Jan | YTD |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Sugarsweet Group | | |
| Sunday Breakfast meeting | | |
| Sunday Morning Serenity Group | | |
| Sunday Night Group (ABSI Lehigh) | | |
| Sunday Speakeasy Group | | |
| Sunlight of the Spirit Group | | |
| Sunshine Sisters Group | | |
| Support System Group | | |
| Survivors Group | | |
| SWFL Women's Speaker mtg | | |
| T.G.I.F. | | |
| The Brady Bunch Group ^ | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| The Islanders | | |
| The Lunch Break Big Book Meeting | | |
| The Nooners Group | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| The Serenity Group | | |
| The Shared Gift | | |
| The Way Out | | |
| Toes in the Sand | | |
| Tough Love Group | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Tuesday Night Step | | |
| Tuesday Night Young People's Group | | |
| Upon Awakening | | |
| Veterans meeting | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Walk with Purpose Group ^ | | |
| Way of Life Group (aka Way of Living) | | |
| We Agnostics | | |
| We Care Group | | |
| Welcome Home | | |
| What It's Like | | |
| W.I.S.E. Group ^ | | |
| Women of Willingness Group | | |
| Women of Worth Group | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Women's Big Book Group | | |
| Women's Daily Reflection meeting | | |
| Women's Evening Meditations Group | | |
| Young at Heart Group | | |
| Zoom Sisters Group | | |

| CONTRIBUTIONS | JAN | YTD |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Groups | 5,040.75 | 5,040.75 |
| Individuals | 229.06 | 229.06 |
| Monthly Business Meeting | 53.00 | 53.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 9.99 | 9.99 |
| TOTAL | 5,332.80 | 5,332.80 |

Did you know?

There are a total of **220** meetings in our area (149 registered as AA groups)

Several meet more than once a week, so there are a total of **363** meetings held every week across Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties and Immokalee (329 in-person and 34 online)

In January, **26** groups and **4** meetings contributed to Intergroup and **24** total were represented^ at the monthly Intergroup Business meeting.

In 2025, contributions were received from 55% of the total groups and meetings.

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



Area 15 Treasurer
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 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>



March Anniversaries



ABC Beginners

3/6/14 Reggie
3/8/82 Bob K
3/18/22 Chris L
3/25/20 Jeanne

Courage to Change

3/13/24 Marina

H.O.W.

3/17/77 Dennis H
3/21/09 Mike R

Nooners

3/5/25 Keren W

Sisters in Sobriety

3/1/05 Deborah G
3/3/08 Vicky C
3/10/20 Cheryl M
3/15/16 Emily M

W.I.S.E.

3/1/82 Pat B
3/8/85 Peg S
3/16/22 Denise D
3/13/07 Cyd T
3/21/97 Tiffany H

Chiquita Bananas

3/17/80 Jim D
3/4/23 Lisa T
3/6/88 Joe M

Fort Myers

3/15/23 Gregg K
3/16/15 Morgan P

Living Sober ABSI

3/15/92 Michael D

Plan of Recovery

3/26/07 Tim S
3/26/18 Forrest M
3/24/88 Rick B
3/1/14 Michael M

Steps to Awakening

3/8/25 Marybeth L
3/1/20 Sally I

- 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.**

Introducing the Birthday Plan!

“One Year at a Time”

In grateful celebration of their sobriety birthdays, many A.A. members contribute **one dollar or more** for each year of sobriety to the local Intergroup.

Your birthday contribution will go toward helping the Lee County Area Intergroup provide the following “Vital Services” to all Lee, Hendry, and Glades County A.A. Groups and their members:

Answering **phones** 24 hours a day, providing one-stop **shopping**, **publishing** the meeting list and monthly newsletter, keeping an up-to-date listing of meetings on the **website** and through the Meeting Guide **App**, and **supporting** all Lee County Area A.A. Groups and Meetings.

Contributions are accepted by mail, at the office, and through our website.

In January, one member celebrated by contributing \$38.00 to Intergroup.

THANK YOU!



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**San Carlos Park Group
41st Anniversary Celebration**

Friday, February 27, 2026
6:00pm Potluck & Fellowship
7:30pm Speaker meeting (open)

Estero Church
8188 Lords Way St, Estero

**Al-Anon District 150
Spring Gratitude Dinner**

March 28, 2026 — 6:00-9:00pm
AA and Al-Anon speakers

Tickets \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door
Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Faith United Methodist Church
15690 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers

**Sisters in Sobriety Conference
“Rooted in Recovery”**

April 10—12, 2026
Hotel Venezia
Venice, FL

For more information:
info@SISConference.com
Amanda P—954.775.6928

68th Florida State Convention

August 6-9, 2026
Orlando, FL

<https://68.FloridaStateConvention.com>

**Women’s Day 2026
“Sisters in Wonderland”**

Saturday, March 7, 2026
Doors open 8:15am
Event 9:00am-3:00pm
Tickets \$40
Lunch is included

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
1380 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers

www.womensdayfortmyers.org

**16th Annual Florida Native
American Recovery Convention**

March 27-29, 2026
John Boy Auditorium
Clewiston, FL

For more information:
seminolesinrecovery2015@gmail.com

**General Service Area 15
Quarterly Assembly**

April 10—12, 2026 in Boca Raton
area15aa.org

**36th Annual AFG Florida South Convention
with A.A. Participation**

August 21-23, 2026
Bonita Springs, FL

www.southfloridaal-anon.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 office for this information.

Alcoholics Anonymous aka the “Big Book”

The First Edition was published in 1939.
The Second Edition was published in 1955.
The Third Edition was published in 1976.
The Fourth Edition was published in 2001.

When is the Fifth Edition being published?

As of the 75th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference last April, the stories were still being reviewed. Over 2,500 stories were received from the Fellowship, whereas only 1,500 were received for the Fourth Edition.

According to the 2025 Final Conference Report, it was “requested that a manuscript or progress report be brought back to the 2026 Conference Committee on Literature.”

Additionally, it is noted that, according to the group conscious of the 71st General Service Conference, “the first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion,’ ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare,’ and the Appendices shall remain as is; and the draft shall include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III [Medical View on A.A.] and V [Religious View on A.A.]”

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for late April. It is likely a manuscript of the Fifth Edition will be brought to the Committee. If it is approved for publishing, without edits, the earliest it will be available for sale is December 2026—January 2027.

According to the Fourth Quarter Report from GSO, “several proposed agenda items,” regarding the cover of the Fifth Edition, “were noted for internal follow-up within the Fifth Edition Literature Subcommittee.”

MEETING NEWS

NEW Meetings

- Beautiful Souls in Recovery, 5:00pm Sunday, Women Closed Literature Discussion Speaker, First Christian Church, Room 3, 138 Ford Ave, LaBelle
- No Name, 12:00pm Monday, Open Discussion, Tice Church, 2nd floor in building behind church, 4545 Tice St, Fort Myers

NEW Locations

- We Agnostics, 5:30pm Sunday, Faith Presbyterian, Cape Coral, in the community room in the quad off NE 6th Court behind the church

NEED Support

- 6:00pm Monday & Thursday, Cape Coral Community Church, 811 Santa Barbara Blvd

OFFICE STATS for January 2026

(all are approximate)

Visitors = 186

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

Phone Calls (during business hours) = 140

12 Step & Newcomer = 15

Spanish = 3

Meeting Info = 43

Other 12 Step (AI-Anon, NA, CA, etc) = 4

Treatment (detox, etc) = 1

General Info (hours, location, merchandise, etc) = 49

Management (inquiries that require manager assistance) = 25



The Intergroup Office needs your help!!!

(at least 6 months of sobriety; prefer a year or more)

For more information, please call 239-275-5111

or stop by 7050 Winkler Rd #119, Fort Myers.