# The Messenger **MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP**



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#### From your Intergroup Office

Your Intergroup Office would like to thank all the volunteers who have served for the past 2 years in our Steering Committee to help steer our office. Special thanks to Maria Z., who served as our Chair person, all our Steering Committe members and our dear Trustees. We would also like to thank all of you and the groups that have contributed and supported your Intergroup Office throughout this year.

This year was a year of change and challenges....after having our office in Coral Gables for 8 1/2 years we were forced to relocate our office to another location in order to keep our office cost as low as possible.

We decided to change the format of our "When and Where" so we can print them in house as well as our newsletter "The Messenger". By leasing a copier machine that we operate from the office that helps with the cost of printing it has helped us manage the amount of prints we make on a daily basis or as it is requested.

We have welcomed 4 new groups that have opened it's doors this year: Friday Night Lights, Love Life Wynwood, Utopia and 12 Steps to Recover. We wish them all the best!

Two of the biggest club rooms that rent spaces to many A.A. groups have relocated like the Boulevard Club and The Little River Club. The relocation of these rooms forced these groups to move their meetings around.

We continuously work closely with AT&T to bring our telephone lines cost at a lower rate as well as the answering service. We also moved our service from Paychex to ADP, a payroll company for a much better service rate.

We are trying to keep our book inventory updated and with a good stock of books so we can have enough supplies to better serve the A.A. groups.

As of the end of October 2016 our Prudent Reserve was at \$12,000, an amount that we kept untoched for almost a year. This Prudent Reserve as you may know is money that should only be used in case of an emergency, but due to the lack of support and contributions lately, our Prudent Reserve has gone down to \$9,000 in order for us to cover office and payroll expenses.

Our office has tried to support all the groups to the best of our abilities by sending weekly flyers to all the groups in Miami to help unite and inform the groups of Step Meetings, Events, Potlucks, Birthdays, etc.

Also, Throughout the year we host few big events such as our Annual Intergroup Banquet, Founder's Day and the Big Service Breakfast which is a joint event with General Service, all these events require a lot of support from our membership and we are always grateful to all the people who had stepped up to the plate to make each one of these events a big success.

Having said all of this, a lot of these services we provide can not be provided as "Free". The office monthly expenses are around 5,000 to 6,000 per month. In order for us to provide you with Welcome packages, When & Where's, Weekly flyers, Monthly Newsletters and special events, we need to at least maintain such an income so all of these vital services can be provided by our office without any interruptions.

We know that many of us are going through rough times, but let's not forget what A.A. has given us...There are about 4 Intergroup Offices around U.S. that have been forced to closed their doors due to the lack of support. As you know, the Intergroup Office is the core of A.A. in receiving the first contact with the alcoholic who still suffers. If our office is not there, our question is, who will be there to answer the phones?

We would like to leave you with our Responsibility Declaration:

I am responsible....When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help; I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I AM RESPONSIBLE.....





## MIAMI GROUP HOLIDAY-POTLUCK

5:30pm to 6:30pm **Dinner** 

Followed by:

Open Speaker Meefing



December 18th, 2016

Join Us For Great Food, Fun & Fellowship!



HARMONY ROOM 2215 SW 67TH Ave. - (305) 261-1221









### "NEW HORIZON"

38 Curtiss Parkway - Miami Springs - 305.887.9113

### "CORAL GABLES"

1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd. - Coral Gables - 305.446.9558 MEETING AT 3:00am both Nights!

### "SUNSET"

6999 N Waterway Dr. - Miami - 305.261-3725

**WILL BE OPEN** 

### **24 HOURS** ON

December 24TH, 2016 & **December 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2016** 











**FRIDAY DECEMBER 16th**, 2016

Serving: 7:15 PM - Meeting: 8:30 PM

Covered Dishes, Desserts & Appetizers appreciated!



822 NE 125th St. Suite 111 - North Miami - 305.899.8040



















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#### THE JOY OF GOOD LIVING

Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.'s

that there are twelve months in a year and we have twelve steps in the program. The joy of good living is the theme and it blends right in with Thanksgiving in November, and all the religious holidays in December, and is topped off with the New Year's Eve celebration.

This time of year does bring a lot of joy fortunate ones who haven't yet been blessed with the gift of sobriety and peace of mind, in and outside of A.A.

I used to be very uncomfortable about the holidays as I never knew how to act around normal people. I felt like a others. My family always celebrated Christmas, and I always (due to My discomfort) would put a damper on it

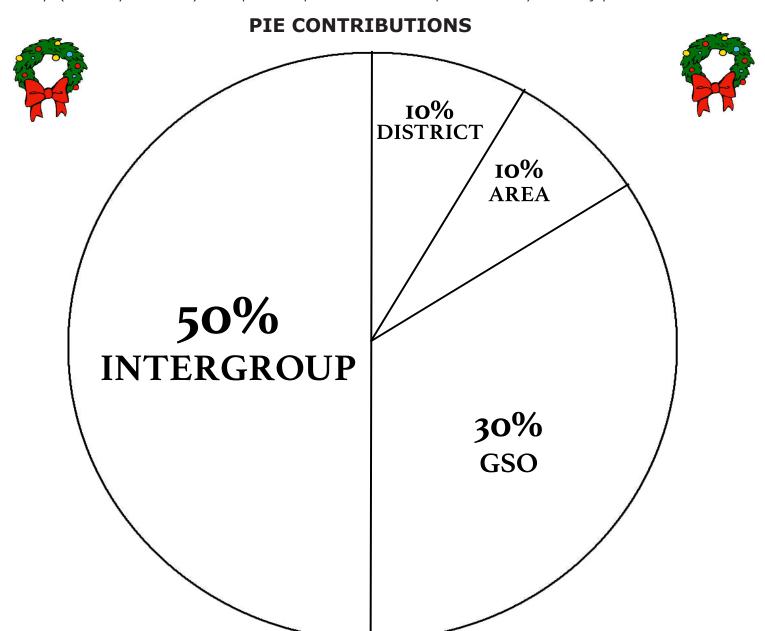
by complaining about the tacky gifts that people would buy for each other and the mad rush to go shopping and all the commercializing it had become.

I explained this to a dear friend once, and he asked," Does the rest of the family enjoy it?" I said yes. He then said," why Twelfth Step. (12 X 12 pg. 125) How appropriate it seems don't you just take a back seat and watch the joy in their

eyes as they experience these things? " I did that exact thing and have been doing it ever since and it has changed my appreciation of this time of year.

This change of attitude has inspired me to apply the unselfish lessons that I've come to understand and I spend the holiday season looking for the

to most of us but it also brings distress to some of the less opportunity to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than myself. I often do these things anonymously and without fanfare. I also consider how I used to feel when I was the one on the receiving end of a charitable gesture and am very careful to do these things in a way that preserves their dignity. I charity case and never got into the spirit of reaching out to don't have to wait for the holidays to do these things. Every day is Christmas at my home, and believe me when I tell you that I reap more than my share of joy. Rick R.





### AREA 15 SUR DE LA FLORIDA ASAMBLEA DE SERVICIOS GENERALES

### "Una Experiencia Compartida — Una Nueva Vida"

Auspiciada por el Distrito 7 \* Sarasota County, Florida \* Enero 6 al 8, 2017 Inscripciones: Viernes 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM; Sábado 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM; Domingo 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

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	Viernes, Enero 6		Sábado, Enero 7	
1	8:30-9:30 PM	Reunion de Orador	12:30-1:30 PM	Reunión de Coords. de Distrito
1	10:00-11:00 PM	Reunion de Desvelados	12:30-1:30 PM	Reunión de Tesoreros de Distrito
1	10:00-11:00 PM	Reunion de Desvelados Español	12:30-1:30 PM	Secretarios/Registradores Distrito
1	Sábado, Enero 7	_	1:00-1:50 PM	Taller de Tradiciones Español
1	7:00-8:00 AM	Reunion de Madrugadores	1:30-3:50 PM	Comité de Insts. Correccionales
1	7:00-8:00 AM	Reunion de Madrugadores Español	2:00-3:50 PM	Comité de Finanzas
1	8:00-9:00 AM	Taller de Conceptos	2:00-3:50 PM	Intergrupo/ Oficinas Centrales
1	8:00-9:00 AM	Taller de Conceptos Español	2:00-3:50 PM	Compartimiento RSG's
1	8:30-10:50 AM	Comité de Centros de Tratamiento	2:00-3:50 PM	Compartimiento MCD's
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de Comunidades Remotas	2:00-3:50 PM	Reunión Coords. de Trimestrales
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de la Convencion Estatal	4:00-5:00 PM	Taller de Manual de Servicio*
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de Archivos	5:00-6:00 PM	"En Que Piensas?"
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Com. Acuerdos y Procedimientos	7:00-8:30 PM	Banquete
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de Grapevine/La Viño *	8:30-9:30 PM	Reunión de Orador***
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de Literatura	10:00-11:00 PM	Reunión de Desvelados
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de IP / CCP	10:00-11:00 PM	Reunión de Desvelados Español
1	9:00-10:50 AM	Comité de Necesidades Especs.**	Domingo, Enero 8	_
1	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Comité Lingüístico Hispano	7:00-8:00 AM	Reunion de Madrugadores
1	11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Taller de Tradiciones	7:00-8:00 AM	Reunion de Madrugadores Español
	12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Comité del Sitio Web	9:00 AM	Reun. Trabajo Area 15 Sur Fl.***
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\*Se proporcionara interprete en Español; \*\* Se proporcionara interprete ASL, (si se solicita); \*\*\* Se proporcionaran Interprete ASL,(si se solicita) e Intérprete en Español. Necesidades Especiales para cualquier reunion o taller; habitaciones de hotel con acceso a silla de ruedas o intérprete para sordomudos para la reunion de Trabajo del Domingo se pueden obtener llamando al Coordinador de Necesidades Especiales del Area al: (941) 258-5271 o a: specialneeds@area15aa.org. by 12/16/2016.



#### Banquete del Sábado Menuu

No. de solamente Pollo
No. de sobresaliente Lasaña
No. de sabroso Vegetariano
Total Boletos a \$43 c/u
Cantidad Total Incluida
Nombre
Dirección
CiudadCalle
Zip
Teléfono
E-mail
Distrito Día de Llegada: Vier. o Sab.

FECHA LIMITE PAGO: Diciembre 30, 2016 Extienda Cheques Pagaderos A:

Invitados con Necesds. Especs. (explíquelas)

District 7 P.O. Box 61732

Fort Myers, FL 33906-1732 ¿PREGUNTAS? Contact: Carlos M. (Banquet Chair) at 239-243-4304

O a District7banquetchair@gmail.com

#### **Hyatt Regency Sarasota**

1000 Boulevard of the Arts Sarsota, Florida, USA, 34236 Teléfono: 941-953-1234

Reservaciones: 1-888-421-1442

Referencia: "South FL Area General Service" Costo Habitación: \$139.00 S/D \$149 T \$159 Q Deberá recibirse para Diciembre 3, 2016 Reserve en línea en:

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SFLAreaGeneralServices2017

### PARA LISTA DE ESPERA O PARA CANCELAR UNA HABITACIÓN: <a href="https://hotelinfo@area15aa.org">hotelinfo@area15aa.org</a>

#### **Indicaciones:**

I-75 a Salida 210, vire al Oeste en Fruitville Road hacia Sarasota por aprox. 7 millas, vire a la Der. en Tamiami Trail, Vire a la Izq. en el primer semáforo hacia Boulevard of the Arts

¿PREGUNTAS?: Llamar a Quarterly Chair Texto por favor o llamar a Jim R 239-699-7374 o District7quarterlychair@gmail.com

#### **FAITHFUL FIVER MEMBERS**

<b>Yes, I want to parti</b> Contribution information:			ub!				
Amount:	Monthly:	Quarterly:		Annually: _		_	5
(Note: No A.A. member can contribute more than \$3,000 per year)							
I am a new Member: PAYMENT PLAN	Current Meml	ber:		Returning I	Member:		
Check Enclosed:	Credit Card:	Visa	_ MC	_ Amex		CVS: _	
Card #:			_ Expiration date	e:	_/		
Name on Card:		Address:					
City:Yes, I would like							

**FAITHFUL FIVER FRIENDS** are fellow A.A. members who contribute \$5.00 a month to the Intergroup Office as an act of gratitude. Their generosity help us to carry the message of A.A. to the still sick and suffering alcoholics throughout the year! THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL FIVER'S....Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Gary C. & Friends; Stanley J., Doni B; Maria Z., Anonymous Key Biscayne, Lee A. South Dade, Penny South Dade, Michael S., Anonymous South Miami Men's, Ten @ SOBE, 3 Anonymous South Dade Members; Anonymous West Miami, Biker's in Recovery Anonymous, Manuel N., Brickell Circle, John G. South Dade Isabel South Dade, Bert South Dade.

#### COMMITTEES MEETINGS: A Reliable Sponsorship Guide

GS DISTRICT 10
Monthly Business Meeting
1st Tuesday of the month
at 7:30pm at the
CG Congregational Ch.
3010 De Soto Blvd., CG

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GS DISTRICT 10 TREATMENT Committe For more information go to www.district10miami.org

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GS District 10 PI/CPC
Last Saturday of the month
and Even Months
Coral Room @ 3:00pm
1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Odd Months
Upper Room @ 3:00pm
822 NE 125th St. # 111, NM

Step Twelve: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

affairs.

Some years ago, out in Hollywood, California, was asked to sponsor a guy named Tom. However, I

declined by informing him that I was only two years sober; to which Tom replied: "Well, that's all I want!" What to do? I had been studying the Big Book step directions, so I decided it might work out if we stuck to that, maybe page by page. After all, Step Twelve doesn't say that I am to carry my message—my sponsors message—what I think message, etc., but it says to carry THIS MESSAGE—I believe that means the one in the Big Book. I was relieved to be off the hook, and proceeded full speed ahead and all worked out okay. Since, I have only one authority as a sponsor: The Big Book program of action.

Being a history-minded sort of guy, I have spent some time studying the early ingredients of the AA Program of action. A place to start was that November, 1934, "kitchen table" meeting between Ebby Thacher and Bill Wilson (page 9): "Ebby told of a simple religious idea (A vital spiritual experience), and a practical program of action (The Oxford Group's Four Absolutes and several tenets for living). Bill had the idea that his gin would outlast Ebby's preaching, but it did not—shortly thereafter Bill was back in Towns Hospital never to drink again. On Dec 14th, 1934, Bill, while lying in bed, went through the essential elements of our now Twelve Steps (Page 13).

By 1936 these ideas became what was then known as the six-step program (Read Page 263). Although similar, there were several versions of these. Bill started writing the Big book during the spring of 1938, and by December had completed the writing of all Twelve Steps. However, his manuscript was altered somewhat dramatically in January of 1939 and became our Twelve Steps of today. But guess what—it worked! We then had maybe one-hundred members, but now over two-million are staying sober by their use. Thank God I had these guidelines when I sponsored Tom so many years ago—that was back in the late 1970s.

Bob S., Richmond, IN

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#### **NOTICES**

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If your group discontinues a meeting or changes it's schedule time, please notify Intergroup as soon as possible at (305) 461-2425

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Further endorsements, opposing views and rebuttals to articles published are also welcomed. Also, please tell us how we can improve.

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### STEP TWELVE

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry these message to alcoholics, and to practice these Principles in all of our affairs."



#### **CORAL GABLES**

William G. 1 Andres M. 1 Michelle N. 1 Edilson 1 Bryan G. 1 Elizabeth 1 George A. 3 Nini 4 Roly 4 Mark B. 7 Axel 8 Philip S. 10 Jackie 10 Ray M. 11 Cris A. 11 Andrew S. 13 Kris 15 Jorge V. 19 Irma D. 20 Myriam G. 26 Luis H. 27

#### **SABAL PALM**

Jeremy C. 1 Donna W. 2 Alberto 2 Albert C. 2 Charyl 5 Bob 10 Mark V. 12 Jessica G. 14 Eddie I. 14 Michael M. 18 Pegav K. 19 Maggie G. 20 Regina F. 20 Mario Q. 23 Jr K. 26 Margi U. 37

#### **SUNSET**

Bob M. 44

Giovanni D. 1 Katrina H. 1 Ed A. 1 Vidal L. 1 Nancy K. 1 Eva 1 Milly G. 3 Jim M. 15

#### **HAPPY 1060**

Dave R. 14

OCTOBER

**CORAL GABLES** 

NOVEMBER

### PRIMARY PURPOSE

Lonnie 2 Dave 3 Pablo 3 Alain 3 Josh B. 6 Vinnie F. 6 Carmen 7 Harold W. 19 Jay 20 Jorge LH 21 Gordon P. 24 Indian H.

#### **SOUTH DADE**

Chris B. 1 Amanda 1 Cathy 1 Albert C. 2 Danny 2 Brandon 2 Casey B. 7 Bambi C. 27 Bill W. 27 Jeannie Mc. 30 Pat C. 31 Callie 31

#### **SOUTH DIXIE**

Kim B. 1 Pat L. 1 Kevin D. 5 Ed D. 6 Juliana W. 11 Joyce 19 Jeannie Mc 30 Callie 31

#### **SOBER WAY OUT**

Alfred R. 2 Frank M. 2. Meghan G. 5 David M. 8 Conrad G. 10 Stella S. 12 Martha A. 16 Sophia S. 25

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# MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

Office will be CLOSED on the

following dates:



DECEMBER 26th, 2016

JANUARY 2nd, 2017

Phones will be forwarded to the

CORAL GABLES GROUP 305.446.9558



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR ALL OF YOU!

Miami-Dade Intergroup

# NEW ATTITUDES BIKERS IN RECOVERY



Needs your support!

THURSDAYS

@ 8:30pm



WEST DIXIE CLUB – 1636 NE 148<sup>th</sup> St. – North Miami

Group Conscience/Business/Service Meetings Brickell Group/3rd Thursday @ 1:05pm Coral Gables Group/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm Good Morning Group/3rd Friday @11:00am Happy 1060 Group/3rd Sunday @ 11:45am Homestead Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm Lincoln Road YP/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm Little River Group/2nd Sunday @ 7:00pm Miami Young People/3rd Saturday @ 7:00pm New Beginner's # 2/2nd Thursday @ 7:30pm Night Owl Group/2nd Sunday @ 7:00pm North Miami Group/Last Wednesday @ 7:15pm Palmetto Bay/3rd Wednesday @ 6:35pm Primary Purpose/Last Wednesday @ 6:45pm Quinto Paso/1st Monday @ 7:00pm Sabal Palm/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm Sober Way Out/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm Something Happens/1st Saturday @ 10:00am South Dade Group/3rd Wednesday @ 7:00pm South Dixie Group/2nd Sunday @ 12:15pm Sunset Group/2nd Friday @ 7:00pm West Miami Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm

#### **Group Anniversaries**

We Stopped in Time/1st Monday @ 9:35pm

Young, Sober &Free/Last Sunday @ 8:05pm

Almeria Group/Last Tuesday @ 7:30pm Coral Gables Group/Last Monday @ 8:00pm Grupo Central/Last Sunday @ 1:00pm Good Morning Group/Last Friday @ 10:00am Happy 1060 Group/Last Sunday @ 10:45am Homestead Group/Last Thursday @ 8:30pm Key Biscayne Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm Killian Pines Group/Last Friday @ 8:00pm Lincoln Road YP/Last Sunday @ 7:00pm Little River Group/Last Wednesday @ 8:30pm Miami Springs Group/Last Monday @ 7:30pm Miami Young People/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm North Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm Palmetto Bay Group/Last Saturday @ 5:30pm Plymouth Group/Last Wednesday @ 7:00pm Primary Purpose/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm Sabal Palm Group/Last Sunday @ 7:00pm Shamrock Group/Last Tuesday @ 8:30pm Sober Way Out/Last Friday @ 8:30pm Something Happens/Last Saturday @ 9:00am South Dade Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm South Dixie Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm Sunset Group/Last Friday @ 7:30pm West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm We Stopped in Time/Last Monday Young, Sober and Free/Last Sunday

#### DECEMBER

GOOD MORNING

John D. 6 Avery S. 12 Askia K. 27 Miami Bid for FCYPAA meets the second Friday of every month at 7:30pm at the South Miami Treatment Center located at

Center located at 6900 SW 80th St Miami, FL 33143

Do you want to know..... How can you help? How can you do service? Come to our next monthly meeting of Miami-Dade Intergroup which will be held on Thursday- January 12, 2017 @ 8:00pm (Iglesia Metodista Unida - 133 Ponce de Leon Blvd. - Miami)

This is a great opportunity to do service! For more info call: (305) 461-2425

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Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	

Please note: When you mail in this form, feel free to add something you would like to share with the fellowship (a thought, a story, a joke or something you heard at a meeting.)

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