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A OUIET HEART

For years I have been quoting an old friend and mentor of mine from my early days of sobriety in 1970 when he said," All I want out of life is peace of mind and a quiet heart". The quiet heart part of that statement seemed to be what catches most people's attention since it adds a touch of tenderness to that statement; but what does it really mean? I understand the "peace of mind" part of the Quote to mean, in my own words, "absence of all unresolved mental issues". When he referred to "A guiet heart" he obviously was not speaking about that organ inside our chest that pumps blood through our bodies.

I was at a meeting recently, (August 6) and the topic was taken from an AA friendly publication and in it the," Thought for the day", was explaining how Psychologists are turning to religion in order to add the element of, a faith in something outside of ourselves, to their message, because faith was an act of the mind and of the will. It also said that the clergy and rabbis were turning to psychology to enhance their message in order to reach a more modern society. To me, it was the best approach I believe I've heard to express the all inclusiveness of the AA program when it comes to understanding the concept of, a power greater than ourselves.

When I think of my old friend's mention of, a quiet heart, I can see how it might mean something different to each of us. To the romantic, it probably means the place inside where they feel emotions, and more than just that blood pump in our chest. On the other hand, to the person with a religious foundation, it is, most likely, referring to the soul. To the psychologist it is most likely referring to the conscience. Call it what we may, to me this implies that there is something inside of us all that cannot be dismissed. It seems to be keeping a catalog of all of our behaviors; good and bad, then reintroduce them to us again each morning when we wake up and we keep reliving them, over and over. It's Time to put them to rest. We used to drink to make them go away. We have the will to live by the dictates of our heart, our soul, or our conscience, and that is where we have ability to right all of those, unresolved mental issues. (Continue on page 3)

SHORTCOMINGS REMOVED

But now the words "Of myself I am nothing, the Father doeth the works" began to carry bright promise and meaning.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 75

When I put the Seventh Step into action I must remember that there are no blanks to fill in. It doesn't say, "Humbly asked Him to (fill in the blank) remove our shortcomings." For years, I filled in the imaginary blank with "Help me!" "Give me the courage to," and "Give me the strength," etc. The Step says simply that God will remove my shortcomings. The only footwork I must do is "humbly ask," which for me means asking with the knowledge that of myself I am nothing, the Father within "doeth the works."

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Meeting Makers Make it—Sort Of (Relief is not Release)

After twenty-plus years of unsuccessfully "quitting drinking forever," I was finally taken to my first AA meeting. I was coming off a three-day drinking binge, still pretty much in an incoherent daze. Although, I recall very little about that meeting, I do remember becoming very emotional

during The Lord's Prayer, and left with a very strong conviction that AA was really going to work for me. From then on, I became a full-speedahead meeting attendee, generally going to more than just one meeting a day for months on end.

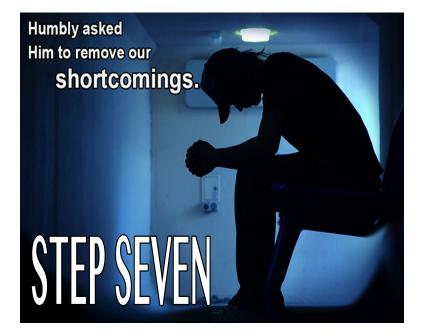
As I began to share openly at meetings, as well as before and after, those uncomfortable feelings of anger, anxiety and depression slowly diminished. As a matter of fact, I would leave meetings feeling great! This blessed relief would last for hours, often till I got to my next AA meeting, then the happy cycle would start all over again, "Ain't if great Ma, the wind stopped blowin'" (p. 82). But hold the phone! Those obsessive whisky thoughts still nagged on with a persistent vengeance.

This phenomenon is often tagged as an "AA honeymoon"—I was having a "relief," but not a "release." Someone guipped: "Survival on the AA fellowship is untreated alcoholism." Even after six months being happily sober, I had not yet gone through the Twelve Step process and was unknowingly living a life of "untreated alcoholism." Eventually, those honeymoon periods grew shorter and shorter. My unpleasant emotions returned and the whisky obsession grew stronger and stronger.

Finally, after a Hollywood parade, my untreated alcoholism allowed me to march into a bar and almost order a drink—thank God, I didn't, but I could easily see that alternating periods of relief from my emotional problems was not going to keep me sober. Within weeks a new sponsor had me living the AA program of action via the Twelve Steps. A few months later I experienced a release, and my obsession for whisky miraculously disappeared.

I have learned that although the AA fellowship may provide pleasant periods of relief, it is the Twelve Steps of AA in action that provide the necessary release for me to remain happy, joyous and free—and sober!

Bob S.



"SOUTH DADE" **GROUP**

NEW MEETING!



Men's Rap Meeting MONDAYS @ 7:00pm

(Men's Meeting)







SOUTH DADE ROOM

10965 SW 186th St. - 305.233.4784

Dear AA's:

Painting and scrubbing, Tearing down a wall, Laughing and joking, • Throughout it all, •This means a lot to us,• •At the Harmony Room.• **Everyone helped us**

When we had to move.

So now we thought we'd take This time to share Our sincerest thanks And show you we care.

> In gratitude, **Harmony Room**

"SOBER WAY OUT"

NEEDS OUR SUPPORT!

1:00pm Meetings

Sunday – Fortune Cookie Monday – As Bill Sees It Tuesday - Big Book Wednesday - Meditation Thursday - Speaker/Discussion Friday – Step Series Saturday – Living Sober



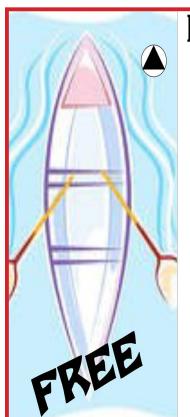




A QUIETER HEART (Cont. from page 1)

The program of alcoholics Anonymous, from beginning to end, is designed to recognize, acknowledge and resolve all of these issues by bringing it all to the surface in the safety of the people that have been through this process and understand what the individual is faced with. The good news is that as you resolve each of these concerns you will be freeing up all of that mental space and energy that has been causing the tormenting regrets of the past. When we recognize the pain that our past thinking and behavior has caused and have put forth the effort to resolve it, it is unlikely that we will be willing to return to those old behaviors.

Our unbridled instincts caused our behavioral problems. Our heart/soul/conscience recorded these things, and our minds live with the mental torment as the result. A quiet heart/a clean soul/ a clear conscience leads to peace of mind and when a person has peace of mind, a drink has no appeal to him/her and in the morning, they wake up with smiles on their faces. Rick R.



LITTLE RIVER GROUPS

JULY ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY - JULY 16th, 2017 11:00am till 4:30pm

Food, Fun for All, Fellowship Covered Dishes & Desserts Welcome

Food!! Raffle!! Talent Show! Games!

Oleta River State Park

(White Ibis Pavilion) 3400 NE 163 Street, NMB Park Fee: Per car

Little River Club (305) 759-6332

EUREKA GROUP

Is moving to a new Location





St. Andrews Church 14260 Old Cutler Road Palmetto Bay, FL 33158 (Parking on 144th St. side)

THURSDAYS @ 7:00pm



A.A. Planning Committee

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On Cultivating Tolerance

By Dr. Bob S.

During nine years in AA, I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in education advantages; and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own.

I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes. To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance, we might tend to become a bit smug or superior - which, of course, is not helpful to the person we are trying to help and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything that might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process. (Cont. on page 5)



54th INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

IWC is a closed conference for women in Alcoholics Anonymous

is coming to:

Phoenix, Arizona February 15th-18th 2018

Speakers Panels Workshops Banquets Tours

For more information or to register on-line www.internationalwomensconference.org

▼ REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 3550 ▼

4th Convention in CUBA



25 years of LOVE and LIFE

January 19-21, 2018 Santa Clara, CUBA

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1985 - 2017



32 Aniversario Semana de Compartimiento Del 10 de Julio al 14 de Julio



Sesion Publica 15 de Julio del 2017 a las 7:00pm

Logia Masonica 601 West 29th St. - Hialeah, FL 33012

FIESTA EN EL DISTRITO 17

Nuestro Distrito esta celebrando su "20 Aniversario"

> Domingo 16 Julio del 2017 a la 1:00pm

Estan todos invitados a un almuerzo y compartimiento con la comunidad!

Local del Distrito 1770 W. Flagler St. - Miami

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1985 - 2017



32 Aniversario Semana de compartimiento Del 23 al 29 de Julio

Sesion Publica Domingo 30 de Julio a la 1:00pm

Salon Caballeros de la Luz 1501 NW 1st St. - Miami NUEVA VIDA

2006 - 2017

11 Aniversario

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Sesion Publica Sabado 29 de Julio del 2017



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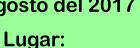
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38 Aniversario Semana de Compartimiento Del 30 de Julio al 5 de Agosto



Sesion Publica 6 de Agosto del 2017



Se dara a conocer posteriormente





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La Carta Constitutiva y los Estatutos de la Junta de Servicios Generales son instrumentos legales que facultan a los Custodios para gobernar y conducir los asuntos de Servicio Mundial. El Acta de la Conferencia no es un instrumento legal, pero se apoya, para hacer efectiva su finalidad, en la tradición y el patrimonio de AA ¿Qué es la Carta Constitutiva de la Conferencia? ¿Qué son los Estatutos? ¿En qué se diferencia la Carta de la Conferencia, de los Estatutos de la JSG? Si mi grupo retiene las contribuciones a la OSG para ejercer su "poder de bolsillo," ¿comunicamos esta decisión a la JSG? Explicar la idea de "equilibrio de poder" con respecto a la Conferencia y a la JSG El poder práctico de la Conferencia es superior al poder legal de la JSG ¿De dónde viene ese poder?

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

GS DISTRICT 10 **GRAPEVINE Committe** Meetings at the Coral Room 1st Sunday of the month @ 2:00pm

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

GS District 10 PI/CPC Last Saturday of the month Coral Room @ 3:00pm 1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

GS DISTRICT 10 Literature Committee 1st Wednesday of the Month @ 7 pm at North Miami Group 822 NE 125th St. # 111 305.899.8040 *********

Corrections committee 4th Thursday of the month @ 8:00pm at

Sabal Palm Group 10102 SW 107th Ave. 305.274.74.34

corrections@district10miami.org *******

Miami Bid for FCYPAA 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30pm at the

So. Miami Treatment Center 6900 SW 80th St Miami, FL 33143

On Cultivating Tolerance (Cont. from pg 3)

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words, it often promotes an open-mindedness that is vastly important - is, in fact, a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

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"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions."

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7th Step Prayer

My Creator, Jam now willing

that you should have all of me,

good and bad.

pray that you now remove

from me every single defect

of character which stands in

the way of my useful ness to

you and my fellows. Grant me

strength, as | go out from

here, to do your bidding.

Amen

CORAL GABLES Raul P. 1 Moises P. 9 Paul G. 2 Rich G. 10 Sean 2 Rick C. 11 Omar 3 Mario K. 12 David P. 3 Gus S. 12 Marlene M. 4 Gisela 14 Robin 4 Lisette R. 17 Mario D. 5 Darci P. 22 Roget 6 Jim S. 24 Gaston C. 7 Donna E. 29 Nidia 8 Patricia D. 30 Ani C. 8 Daniel R. 32 Marc G. 9 John S. 34 Richard W. 42

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Tami S. 1 Andy M. 11 Suzy H. 14 Ivette M. 16 Larry D. 39

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Sheila W. 1 Fred D. 2 Dave S. 4 Greg P. 6 Carnie Joe 26 Donna E. 29 Carolyn 33



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- How did you find A.A.? or A.A. found you?
- How did you meet your sponsor?
- * Have you had more than 1 sponsor?
- When was your moment of clarity?

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/3rd Thursday @ 6:30pm 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 We Stopped in Time/1st Monday @ 9:35pm Young, Sober &Free/Last Sunday @ 8:05pm

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GOOD **MORNING**

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HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!

