# The Messenger



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# **FOUNDER'S DAY SUNDAY - JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017** Bill Baggs in Key Biscayne

**Pavillion A1** From 10am till 5:00pm



# **GUEST SPEAKER**





Intergroup Office 305.461.2425

# **Became Entirely Ready**

What is the meaning of the word defect? What is the meaning of the word shortcoming? Those are two words that we hear often when we are discussing steps six and seven, and we sometimes get caught up in the semantics of the words and it distracts us from really getting to the heart of the matter. I can understand why a person could get a little confused since they both obviously imply that there is something wrong, but if they are intended to be synonymous why did they not include them both in step six or step seven? Early in my sobriety I heard one version that implied that they didn't want to be redundant when they wrote the big book and when I think back on it, I see that as a weak explanation. When I read the twelve and twelve, I see a much more active role expected of us than simply asking God to rid us of these faults. Understanding that the founders never wanted to edit the Big Book, I can see that these issues had to be addressed and by publishing the twelve and twelve they could provide amplifying information on these and many other ideas that were unclear to the rest of us.

In order to find a simple framework that makes it easy to get the best results as I addressed these two steps I had to come up with a way to conform to the spirit of the program and rid myself of my obvious character flaws. To put it in simple terms, I might use an example that we are all familiar with: If a person purchases a new car and several month later they discover a defect in the braking system causing the car to continue to role forward when you apply the brakes, the car would be recalled, the defect would be corrected, and the brakes would perform

properly each time you put your foot down on the pedal. The defect was the faulty brakes, and the shortcoming was the behavior of the car. It wouldn't stop properly. Once the defect was corrected, the shortcoming went away.

While talking to a close friend of mine about gossiping about others his comment on the matter was that "All forms of criticism and character assignation stem from low self esteem." The low self esteem was the defect that caused the gossip (shortcoming). Since that conversation, whenever I caught myself wanting to criticize others I replaced the gossip with compassionate understanding and took the fall back position such as: There are two ways to have the tallest buildingin town. 1) Build the tallest building or 2) Tear all of the other buildings down around you. When I saw how pathetic that behavior was, I quickly started to remove it from my day to day interactions with others. (Stop the gossip) I try to use this type of model on all of the defects as I discover them and it seems to have taken all of the power out of them. This is a never ending process and nothing has served me better. Discover and correct the defects and the shortcomings disappear. My shortcomings were apparent to everyone but my defects of character were not. When I could identify them in myself, all I had to do was to use a little self restraint and the results were amazing.

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# We are people who normally would not mix.

# **NORTH MIAMI GROUP**

(New Spanish Meeting)

# **NUEVA REUNION EN ESPAÑOL**



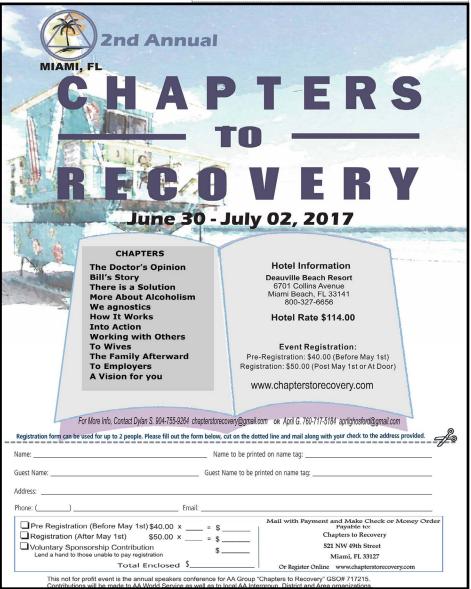


- TEMA: LIBRO AZUL (Big Book)
- ABIERTO (Open)
- ✓ SABADOS 8:30pm
- ✓ Empieza el Sábado 3 de Junio del 2017

LOS ESPERAMOS !!!

#### **UPPER ROOM**

822 NE 125 Street, Suite 111 - North Miam,i FL 33161 - 305-899-8040



# **Became Entirely Ready** (Cont from page 2)

When I asked my higher power remove my shortcomings, I became entirely ready and this process became the answer I was searching for and as a result, most of the guilt and shame has dissolved into nothingness. I don't let the semantics of the two words, defect and shortcoming; stop me from applying a model that works for me. I am a firm believer in step study meetings and have been attending one weekly ever since I got sober in 1969. I liken it to a rock tumbler. Each time you go through a cycle, slowly but surely, all of the rough edges are worn down and soon you begin to evolve to the finished product that you envisioned. This is one that really worked for me.



#### A.A.'s FOUNDING MOMENTS

moment!

Rowland Hazard was the first in the chain of events leading to the founding of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. In attempt to receive a psychological release from his chronic alcoholism, he boarded an ocean liner, in 1926, bound for Zurich, Switzerland hoping to find a method of release from the famous Dr. Carl Jung. But, surprisingly, the great doctor had no psychological advice for him—he was told that his problem was not treatable from a medical standpoint. The cost of transportation and lodging, plus the very expensive doctor's fee, amounted to about \$50,000 in today's money. What a bummer! However, Rowland received information much more important than money—an idea that now reins as the solution for all followers of the AA program of action—his only solution was to undergo a vital spiritual experience! (p. 27) Although Rowland did not remain continually sober, we AA's are benefiting from it today. First founding

Ebby Thacher was in deep chicken-fat trouble for drunkenly shooting pigeons in a very elegant neighborhood of Manchester, Vermont. This was his third arrest and he faced six months in Winsor Prison or Brattleboro Asylum, but the judge told him if he came to court sober the following Monday, he would be released to the guardianship of an Oxford Group member. Ebby was not a religious man, but he went home, gave his last several bottles of Ballantine Ale to his neighbor and prayed to God, "as he had never prayed before." An amazing release took place immediately and he remained sober for over two years and seven months. Second founding moment!

Back to court the following Monday, Rowland Hazard became his Oxford Group mentor, teaching Ebby the Oxford Group's spiritual program of action and suggesting that Ebby reside in Calvary Mission in lower Manhattan, so as to help other inebriates. This led Ebby to carry his newly found message to Bill Wilson (p. 9) resulting in Bill also having a spiritual experience which kept him sober the rest of his life. Third founding moment.

Five months later Bill carried the same message to Dr. Bob Smith, in Akron, Ohio, and eventually he had a personality change sufficient to bring about recovery—he never drank again. Fourth founding moment! Thank God for this overlapping sequence of events!

WANTED....!

**GROUPS TO DONATE** 

BOOKS FOR BASKETS

FOR
FOUNDER'S DAY!





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



8:00pm (C,ST,D,S)

(From 8:30pm)

Starting JUNE 5th, 2017





St. Christopher's by the Sea 95 Harbor Dr. – Key Biscayne – 33149

**GRUPO 10 DE JUNIO** 2011 - 2017

> 6to Aniversario Semana de Compartimiento Del 4 de Junio al 10 de Junio



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**Sesion Publica** 11 de Junio del 2017 a las 7:00pm

Club de la Policia 2300 NW 14th St. - Miami, FL 33125

GRUPO QUINTO PASO 2001-2017

16 Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento Del 5 de Junio al 9 de Junio

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**Sesion Publica** 10 de Junio del 2017 a las 5:00pm

**Jorge Mas Canosa Youth Center** 11400 SW 2nd St. - Miami - 33147

HABLAME DE TI 2014 - 2017

3er Aniversario Semana de Compartimiento Del 29 de Mayo al 2 de Junio De 7:00pm a 8:30pm

**Sesion Publica Domingo** 2 de Junio del 2017 de las 5:00pm a las 10:00pm

**SABORES** 8228 W. Flagler - Miami, FL 33144

**NUEVA VIDA** 2006 - 2017

11 Aniversario **Semana de Compartimiento** Del 24 de Julio al 28 de Julio



**Sesion Publica Sabado** 29 de Julio del 2017



Iglesia St. Dominic - Contiguo al grupo 5900 NW 7st St. - Miami

**GRUPO LIBERACION** 1991 - 2017

26 Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento Del 25 de Junio al 1 de Julio

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Sesion Publica 2 de Julio del 2017 de las 12:00pm a 6:00pm



Club de la Policia 2300 NW 14th St. - Miami - 33125

**ALEGRIA DE VIVIR** 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

NUEVO HORIZONTE

1985 - 2017



32 Aniversario Semana de compartimiento Del 17 al 22 de Julio

**Sesion Publica** Domingo 23 de Julio a las 6:00pm

**LOGIA MASONICA** 124 NW 15th Ave. - Miami

# **CONCEPTO SEIS**

La Conferencia reconoce que la iniciativa principal y la responsabilidad activa en la mayoría de los asuntos de Servicio Mundial deben ser ejercidas por los Custodios miembros de la Conferencia cuando actúan como la Junta de Servicios Generales.

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**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.

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## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

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GS DISTRICT 10

Literature Committee

1st Wednesday of the Month

@ 7 pm at

North Miami Group

822 NE 125th St. # 111

305.899.8040

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GS DISTRICT 10 Corrections committee

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





"Every day is not a bed of roses, but it is such a relief to know that no matter what life throws my way, I never have to do it alone. I can't wait to see what happens next."

"Thirsty Thursday," Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2011/A.A. Grapevine





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# **TRADITION SIX**

An A.A. group ought never endorse, nance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."



#### **MARCH**

#### **HOMESTEAD**

Nancy C. 1 Nicole D. 2 Eugene S. 2 Debbie O. 4 Maria Q. 4 Mike M. 28 Elisa B. 31 Mary C. 39

#### **APRIL**

#### **HOMESTEAD**

Chris G 1 Brian 2 Lynne S.4 Jim R 5 Donald B 9 Steve V. 16 Noreen L. 31

#### MAY

# **PALMETTO BAY**

Maria P. 4
Kathy P. 8
Terry R. 9
Debbie H. 9
Carol L. 10
Gregg L. 18
Jill S. 21

## **SOBER WAY OUT**

Olivia C. 1 Shawn W. 1 Robert P. 2 Raymond 3 Brian M. 3 Billy M. 6 Joel B. 6 Reila 7 Marye B. 9 Andrew S. 9 Allie S. 13 Lisa P. 14 Fredric R. 28 Wendy 29

# **SABAL PALM**

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Richard A. 1

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Pamela M. 34

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# 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

# **Group Anniversaries**

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

# "Yes, we know you've been dry one week, Higgins, but this is not the way to celebrate."



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