

# The Messenger



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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**South Dade Group 4<sup>th</sup> Annual HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, October 29th

7:00pm - Double Speaker Meeting  
8:00pm - Masquerade Dance  
11:30pm - Raffle drawing (need not be present to win.)

**WHERE:**  
**10965 SW 186 St.**  
(Quail Roost Drive)

For more info. call  
305-238-6451

Suggested Donation - \$5 at door

**WEAR YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

**\* DJ \* Dancing \* Food**

**\* Fellowship! \* Fun! \* 50/50 Raffle! \* Face Masks!**

Kids welcome!  
Treat-or-treat  
Goodies!

Apple Bobbing,  
Limbo, & costume  
Contests



**SOLUTIONS GROUP**

**Halloween Party!**

**Saturday Night October 29th  
after the 8:30pm meeting**

**Come in costume!**  
**Lots of Finger food / DJ / Music / Dance**  
**Raffle: Gifts and 50/50**

**INTERGROUP BENEFIT!**

**Covered dishes / gifts for raffle are welcome!**

**West Dixie Club**  
**1636 NE 148<sup>th</sup>. St. - North Miami**

## STEP TEN

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

### A.A. ACCOUNTABILITY

Rick R.

If, when born, we understood, and had the power to choose, how many of us would have picked, a life controlled by booze?

The cards we're dealt in youthful years, affect how we progress, And when we added alcohol, it ended in distress. Did we have power to change our ways, relying on self will? The ones that harbor that idea are, out there drinking still. I thought that I was guilty for the way that I was living, And of that life I thought my friends could never be forgiving.

But I was wrong and in A.A., God changed my way of thinking, to a life of peace and quiet, absent of the drinking. A person's not responsible for contracting a disease that rendered him a hopeless soul and brought him to his knees.

There was no choice when he was born, conditions paved his road. The guilt and shame he carried was an overwhelming load.

Accountability is how; he learned to right those wrongs. He finds himself in A.A. and that's right... where he belongs.

Who could fault a person who accounts for all their flaws? Then turns them into assets and never seeks applause. Keep this in mind when judging him, we're not all referees. Those failings were all symptoms of a horrible disease.

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## TRADITION TEN

**"Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."**

## New Group

**"12 STEPS TO RECOVER"**

## New Meeting!

(O,S,ST)

**MONDAYS @ 7:30pm**



**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
3930 S. Le Jeune Rd. – Coral Gables



**Come Join Us In Our Anniversary!**



The **SUNSET GROUP** Celebrates its

**53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Picnic!**



**SATURDAY, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**11:00am to 4:00pm**



**50/50 Raffle!**

**A.D. Barnes Park**

**3401 SW 72nd Ave.**

**Food, Fun, Fellowship!**

**2:30pm – Speaker**

**RUSSELL S.**

(South Dixie Group)



## THE TENTH STEP ACID TEST

Each of our steps takes a certain amount of thoroughness but for most of the steps, it seems we will be working on them for the rest of our lives as they involve practicing principles that we have incorporated into our day to day living experiences, and after the ninth step has been given due diligence, we can go on to the tenth step. This is not the time to rest on our laurels. Having put a little time between us and our last drink required a lot of effort and it would be a shame to lose interest in the growing process at this time. My ego is always ready to move right into those empty spaces when I vacate the growing process.

My approach to step ten was confusing at first, as I thought I was going to be running around with a clipboard for the rest of my life, and I didn't like the idea of credit and debit lists and penciling out things, but I tried it for awhile, and I still didn't like it. I couldn't see monitoring myself on every face to face verbal transaction and running around apologizing to everyone that I may have made a mistake with. That was my first impression of step ten.

What I discovered was that the tenth step is a framework for the upkeep and maintenance of all of the previous nine steps, and as I incorporated those principles into my value system it made me aware of my mistakes and it became easier and easier for me simply because the more I live by unselfish, proven principles, the less mistakes I make, and the easier it became to right those mistakes on the spot. When I first heard the term, "cash register honesty", it meant more to me than just being honest with a cashier. It meant that I had to stop taking advantage of everyone. That's a principle to live by.

Since I started on this journey I have wanted to be free of all of the sick feelings I had about myself and, at first, I couldn't find anything in the Big Book or the 12X12 that I could sink my teeth into. The one thing that came close was the term: sins of omission, but that was too direct. I was looking for a broader term that would have covered the things that I was unaware of. All of my life, under a mountain of misdeeds and inappropriate behavior was the word NEGLECT. I may be wrong but I don't think I ever saw it addressed as all of the other major defects are, but it was major for me.

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## NEW GROUP!

## Friday Night Lights Group



**FRIDAYS @ 7:00pm**

**(O,D)**



**Enhanced Healing Center**  
875 NE 79th St. - 33138





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## **THE TENTH STEP ACID TEST** (Cont. from page 3)

I discovered it in the process of doing the tenth step.

In order to set the tone for my day to day activities I start by making my bed when I get up in the morning. By doing this I am making a statement that, I won't be neglectful, irresponsible, lazy, etc. If I am at the market, I'll find a stray cart and return it to the rack, just to make up for all the times I pushed a cart into the flower bed and fled. The acid test is how diligent I am at continuing these exercises in selflessness until they become a second natured behavior. You may have your own way of giving back to make it right and these things cost us nothing, but if I'm willing to do them, it's a cinch I won't be ripping anyone off today. It helps to have a clear conscience and it may be what a good role model should be doing. I want to be quick to address my mistakes, for we know that nobody's perfect, I don't want to miss the spiritual boat. Now it all comes down to, going through each day without doing anything I regret, and I hope I meet the acid test.

Rick R.

## **52ND Annual Gratitude Dinner**

**"IT WORKS, IT REALLY DOES"**

**GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 10**



## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

University of Miami's Field House  
1245 Dauer Drive  
Coral Gables FL 33146

***Desserts are welcome!***

**FELLOWSHIP**  
**5:30 P.M.**

**DINNER**  
**6:15 P.M.**

**SPEAKER**  
**8:00 P.M.**

**RAFFLE:** GROUPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING BASKET WITH BOOKS or YOUR GROUP MAY PURCHASE THE BOOKS FROM INTERGROUP 305 461-2425

**Sara G will put baskets together and label with your group.**

**CONTACT:** Intergroup Office for more information

**SUGGESTED contribution of \$50.00** (CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE INCLUDING GRAPEVINE)

## FAITHFUL FIVER MEMBERS



***Yes, I want to participate in the Faithful Fiver Club!***

Contribution information: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarterly: \_\_\_\_\_ Annually: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: No A.A. member can contribute more than \$3,000 per year)**

I am a new Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT PLAN**

Check Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_\_ CVS: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like my name to be added in "The Messenger." ! \_\_\_\_\_ No, I would like to remain anonymous!

**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**

**COMMITTEES 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

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

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GS DISTRICT 10  
TREATMENT Committee  
For more information go to  
[www.district10miami.org](http://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

MIAMI BID FOR FCYPAA

*Presents:*

*it's*

**LITERATURE**

FAM

SPEAKER MEETING AT 8:30 PM

*FOLLOWED BY:*

LITERATURE

**RAP BATTLE/JEOPARDY/DANCE**

★ SUGGESTED DONATION \$10 ★



Saturday Oct. 15  
At the Coral Room  
1100 Ponce De Leon Blvd  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

**FORGIVENESS**

*is not something*

*we do for OTHER PEOPLE.*

*We do it for OURSELVES*

*- to GET WELL and*

**MOVE ON.**



## SURRENDER IS FREEDOM

Ivan 4

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Jeff 7  
Yan 7  
Floyd P. 33  
Marsha 40

## HAPPY HOUR

Peter W. 8  
Pedro 9  
Ricardo 13  
Faye T. 17  
Sandy N. 35

## FREE THINKERS

Jorge 4  
Bernard 10  
Eric 11

## SOBER WAY OUT

Luis S. 5  
Vanessa J. 5  
Marvin F. 12  
Kenneth J. 12  
Ado M. 13  
Yusuf S. 19  
Donya B. 25  
Martha F. 28

## GOOD MORNING

Shirley N. 1  
Kirt P. 4  
James M. 8  
Dennis L. 14

## SOUTH DADE

Andrew B. 3  
Marcy A. 4  
Fred D. 7  
Todd F. 9  
David K. 12  
Brian W. 23  
Jim L. 30  
Dwayne D. 30  
Phyllis 50

## WEST MIAMI

Julian G. 1  
Sofia L. 29  
Matt T. 43

## SUNSET

Vince C. 1  
Rick N. 1  
Jessie G. 2  
Richard B. 2  
Shawn S. 3  
Pedro F. 4  
Bohne 6  
CJ 18  
Shari T. 21  
Michael T. 22  
Mina 25  
Celeste M. 27  
Richard J. 34  
Matt T. 43

## SABAL PALM

Ralph R. 1  
Carmen 1  
Mark G. 1  
Danielle G. 1  
Jorge C. 1  
Jorge L. 2  
Nicole K. 2  
Jack O'D. 3  
Kathie M. 6  
Richard C. 9  
Cip 10  
Frank P. 10  
Jeanette B. 11  
Colleen F. 11  
Bobby O. 15  
Paul B. 16  
Robert R. 19  
Lux O. 19  
David A. 20  
Valeri M. 29  
Jim L. 30  
Marc B. 32  
Gerry T. 33

## SEPTEMBER

## PALMETTO BAY

Carl M. 1  
Ralph R. 1  
Ivan F. 2  
Pedro F. 3  
Vitaliy F. 4  
Marcy A. 4  
Daisy 5  
Andrew W. 7  
Brian W. 23

## SOUTH DIXIE

Vitaly 4  
Jack M. 8  
Jim W. 11  
Jim L. 30  
Dwayne D. 30  
Fred 31

## DAILY MAINTENANCE

Mirian 1

## MIXED NUTS

Kaitlyn 1  
Megan M. 1

## HAPPY 1060

Bill T. 30

## CORAL GABLES

Roger S. 1  
Lynn C. 1  
Mari B. 1  
Cesar F. 1  
Katia E. 2  
Gabriel C. 4  
Hiram 4  
David M. 5  
Miriam G. 5  
Gary T. 5  
Marissa E. 6  
Chris D. 7  
Mickey G. 15  
Paula P. 18  
Juan Carlos 21  
Mary LJ. 21  
Sean B. 24  
Mary Grace 27  
Celeste 27  
Linda B. 27  
Peter P. 29  
Sergio L. 29

## BIKERS IN RECOVERY

Brian 11

## 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  
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

## OCTOBER

## SOLUTIONS

Fernando W. 3  
Agnes G. 6  
Jonnie S. 10  
Yvette L. 17  
Larry I. 27



## Principle behind Step 10

### "PERSEVERANCE"

**"We have entered the world of the Spirit and strive to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This takes practice and means we have to keep on keeping on. We are beginning to trudge the road of Happy Destiny, and this takes diligence."**

## CONCEPT 10

**Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.**

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- November 10th, 2016 @ 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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(a thought, a story, a joke or something you heard at a meeting.)

**HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!**

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