

The Messenger



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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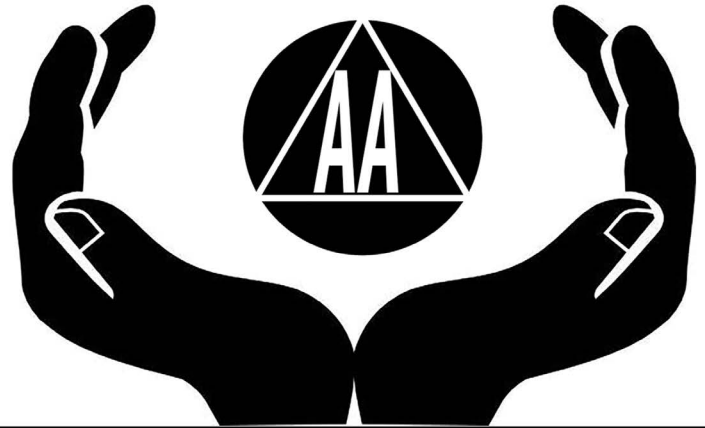
A JOYFUL LIFE

How appropriate it seems that there are twelve months in a year and we have twelve steps in the program. The joy of good living is the theme of the twelfth step and it blends right in with the holiday season in November and December, starting with Thanksgiving and ending with the New Years Eve celebration. This time of year does bring a lot of joy to many of us but it also brings distress to some of the less fortunate ones who haven't yet been blessed with the gift of sobriety and peace of mind, in and outside of A.A. During my drinking days I used to be very uncomfortable about the holidays. I never knew how to act around normal people unless I was half smashed. When invited to a celebration, I felt like a charity case and would rather just hang out at the bar where I felt safe. I never got into the spirit of reaching out to others. My family always celebrated the different holidays, 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 the commercializing facade that it had become. Any excuse was better than facing me and the miserable wretch I had become.

After being sober for several years it occurred to me that I still had some of those same attitudes, and that I was still holding on to them to some degree largely due to the inconvenience of it all. I explained this problem to a dear friend once, and he asked, "Does the rest of the family enjoy the holidays?" I said yes. He then said, "Why don't you just take a back seat and just watch the joy in their eyes as they experience these things." I did exactly what he suggested and when I started to observe the childlike innocence and happiness it brought to them, it gave me a whole new appreciation for this time of year. It brought tears of Joy to my eyes and I no longer wanted to be the grouch, putting a damper on the joy that they were having. I have been following this line of thinking ever since and it has changed my whole attitude concerning these things.

This change of attitude has inspired me to apply the unselfish lessons that I've come to understand and now I spend the holiday season filled with Joy. If it works like that for the holidays, then why can't I bring it with me for the rest of the year? This has been my mission for several years, and I am always looking for the opportunity to brighten the lives of people less fortunate than myself. I try to do these things anonymously and without fanfare. I also try to consider the discomfort that I used to feel when I was the one on the receiving end of a charitable gesture. I am very careful to do these things in a way that preserves the dignity of that other person. I don't have to wait for the holidays to do these things. Every day is a holiday in and outside of my home, and you can believe me when I say; I reap more than my share of the joy.

Rick R.



63rd Annual Miami- Dade Intergroup Banquet

Saturday - March 17th, 2018

Tickets: \$40.00

To be of service....

"Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us."

- Big Book pg 77

STEP 12

"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."

CORAL GABLES

Holiday Hours!



OPEN 24 HOURS

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th, 2017

12/25 - 3:00 am (O, D) Meeting

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31st, 2017

01/01 - 3:00 am (O,D) Meeting

CORAL GABLES ROOM

1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd. - Coral Gables - 305.446.9558

KEY BISCAIYNE

57th Anniversary

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 15th, 2017



**FABULOUS
RAFFLE!!!**

Serving at 7:00pm
OPEN Meeting at 8:30pm

Guest Speaker

POTLUCK DINNER

Desserts welcome too!!

INTERGROUP BENEFIT!

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

"SOUTH DADE"



Holiday Hours



"OPEN 24 HOURS"

CHRISTMAS EVE - December 24th, 2017

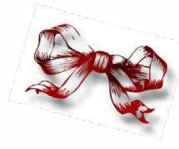
CHRISTMAS DAY - December 25th, 2017

&

NEW YEAR'S EVE - December 31st, 2017

NEW YEAR'S DAY - January 1st, 2018

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND STAY SAFE!



SOUTH DADE ROOM

10965 SW 186th St. - Miami - 305.238.6451

The Group RISE, SHINE AND AWAKE *is BACK!!!!*

All are Open Meetings 7:29am

Monday thru Friday

Weekly Format

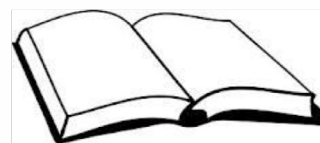
MONDAY - Step and Tradition of the month

TUESDAY - Big Book

WEDNESDAY - Daily Reflections / Grapevine

THURSDAY - Prayer and Meditation

FRIDAY - Beginner Speaker Meeting



LAMBDA DADE CLUBHOUSE
28 NE 54th Street - Miami, FL 33137



4th Convention in CUBA



25 years of LOVE and LIFE

January 19-21, 2018
Santa Clara, CUBA

[Information](#)

AA office in Havana: 53 39 86 29



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 ♥

Candlelight Holiday Party!



NORTH MIAMI GROUP

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 15th, 2017

Serving - 7:30pm

Covered Dishes, Desserts & Appetizers appreciated!

Intergroup Benefit

General Service Benefit



UPPER ROOM

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

Hard Drinker? —Not Me!

Someone wrote: "Self cannot rid self of self with self." This cliché proved doubtless true in respect to my obsession to hit the bottle over and again. No matter how hard or many times I tried to quit forever, I always ended up all soused up in some watering hole. After nearly thirty years of "quitting drinking forever," I luckily landed in AA. Also, fortunately, I was armed with indisputable evidence that self-will and self-knowledge would not work for an alcoholic such as me. I was helpless and hopeless after I took a shot of whiskey as well as before. Obviously, "Self" was of no avail, so when AA offered me a power greater than myself I grabbed it with near-boundless desperation! Terror led me to exclaim: I believe! I believe! Guess what? It worked! I did the steps and the obsession left me within the first year.

But what about so many of my drinking friends who simply quit drinking or learned to drink moderately on their own. The doctor told one of my friends, who drank worse than I did, that he had sugar diabetes and would soon die if he didn't quit. He did, and that was that! So, why couldn't I? Well, page twenty-one of the Big Book explains the nature of a "hard drinker" who can stop or moderate. My friend must have been one of those—he was a horse of a different color! His will-power and knowledge worked just fine and he didn't need a power greater than "self" to solve his drinking problem.

There are such types!

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CENA NAVIDEÑA 2017**Oficina Intergrupala Hispana del Sur
de la Florida****23 de Diciembre del 2017****Precio \$15.00****Niños \$5.00****Hora: 7:00pm a 11:00pm****Lugar:****Club de la Policia****2300 NW 14th St. - Miami, FL 33125****Informacion: Angela A. 305.305.5109
Marvin C. 786.597.6379****PASO DOCE**

**"Habiendo
obtenido un
despertar
espiritual como
resultado de
estos pasos,
tratamos de
llevar el mensaje a los
alcohólicos y de practicar
estos principios en
todos nuestros
asuntos."**

**AREA 15 SUR DE LA FLORIDA ASAMBLEA DE SERVICIOS GENERALES
"LA FRATERNIDAD DEL ESPÍRITU"**

Auspiciada por los Distritos 3 y 5 - Del 5 al 7 de Enero, 2018

Inscripciones: Viernes 4:00 PM - 8:30pm - Sábado 8:00am - 8:30pm

Domingo 7:00am - 9:00am

Necesidades especiales para cualquier reunión o taller, habitación con acceso a silla de ruedas, o interprete para sordomudos para la reunión de trabajo del domingo, pueden obtenerse comunicándose con el Coord. de Accesibilidades del Área a: saccessibilities@area15aa.org

TRADICION 12

**El Anonimato es la base espiritual de todas
nuestras Tradiciones, recordandonos siempre
anteponer los principios a las personalidades.**

Convertir lo negativo en positivo

"Nuestro desarrollo espiritual y emocional en A.A. no depende tanto de nuestros éxitos como de nuestros fracasos y reveses" (Bill W., Cómo lo ve Bill).

Alcohólicos Anónimos, Reflexiones diarias

**Convención Internacional - Detroit, Michigan
Julio 2 al 5 de 2020**

Para el otoño de 2019, se dispondrá de información sobre la inscripción para la Convención y reservaciones en hoteles. Se proporcionará a la información necesaria en los paquetes de inscripción, que también estarán disponibles en otoño de 2019. El paquete incluirá una lista de números telefónicos a que llamar para informarse en concreto sobre el alojamiento, el programa, etc.

Se facilitará la información por correo postal a los grupos, oficinas y contactos de A.A. alrededor del mundo, así como por el sitio web.



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; Lee A. South Dade, Penny South Dade, Inessa South Dade, Isabel South Dade, Gayle South Dade, Tina South Dade; Manuel N. Brickell Circle, Mandy South Dade, Becka Palmetto Bay, Raz Brickell Circle, Henry Homestead, Isabel South Dade, Bert South Dade, Laura N. South Dade, Philip Seidler Little River Group, Adam M.

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

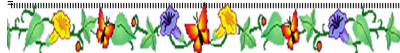
GS DISTRICT 10
TREATMENT Committee
For more information go to www.
district10miami.org

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

GS DISTRICT 10
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



MEETINGS IN RUSSIAN

Do you know any Russian-speaking
friend, who has drinking problems?
Please invite them to our new 7pm
Sunday Russian-speaking
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.



12 STEP HOUSE
205 SW 23rd St.
FL Lauderdale, FL 33315

www.russianaa.com
russianaa.florida@gmail.com



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NEW TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
From 1:00pm till 5:00pm

(Volunteers welcome in the morning
hours, please call the office
for more information: 305.461.2425)

Phones will be forwarded to the Coral Room
and Sunset Room in the morning hours.

Miami-Dade Intergroup Staff

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Founder's Day

OPEN POSITION

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If your group discontinues a meeting or changes its 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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**TRADITION TWELVE**

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

CORAL GABLES

Dustin 1
Angie B. 1
Ed V. 2
Don G. 3
Jorge A. 4
Camila P. 4
Nini 5
Roly 5
Mary 5
Mark 8
Philip S. 11
Jackie F. 11
Ray M. 12
Cris A. 12
Jim M. 16
Kris 16
Jorge V. 20
Irma D. 21
Myriam G. 27
Luis H. 28
Dick B. 28
Roxana 34

NOVEMBER

SABAL PALM

Maryann O. 1
Jeff L. 1
Jeremy C. 2
Mari D. 3
Alberto V. 3
Albert C. 3
Donna W. 3
Donna 3
Marlon P. 5
Jessica G. 5
Eddie I. 5
Michael M. 20
Regina F. 21
Mario Q. 24
H.A.K. Je. 27
Bill W. 28
Margie U. 38
Merle A. 41
Robert 45

NORTH MIAMI

Louis E. 8
Jerry D. 18

PALMETTO BAY

Joy C. 1
Patricia Ann 13
Pat C. 37



DECEMBER

SOUTH DIXIE

Kevin 6
Ed D. 7



• We are looking for local articles /stories / cartoons to be featured in our Newsletter **"The Messenger"**
• Here are some topics.....

- * 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?

My 12 Step Relay experience

Roughly a year ago I was given the opportunity to cover the Miami-Dade Intergroup 12 Step Relay line. For those unfamiliar, this is a 24 hour phone service. Anyone seeking help with their drinking can call and someone will be there to answer the phone, 24 hours a day. I have the Monday night shift. On February 4th of this year I got a call from Daniel. He had just hit what would be his bottom and was willing to ask for help. Coincidentally (maybe not...) Daniel lives just a few blocks from me so we made plans to go to a meeting the next day. Shortly after that Daniel asked me to be his sponsor.

Shortly after that we worked the steps together. This past week, Daniel, now sober and having worked the steps, has picked up the Wednesday and Thursday 12 Step Relay service. He will be carrying the message of recovery to those in need, just as was done for him. To see AA work in people's lives and to see this program of service and self-sacrifice come full circle in Daniel's life so quickly has been incredibly rewarding. I am grateful to be a member Alcoholics Anonymous and am looking forward to hearing Daniel tell a story similar to this someday soon.



Andrew B.

South Dade Group, Miami

Hard Drinker? —Not Me! (Cont. from page 4)

Indeed, I once attended a "We Agnostics" AA meeting where members were prohibited to discuss any sort of supernatural power (especially God). Some were even proclaimed atheists (Of course the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions were not read). A few had been sober many years! I had to wonder whether they were horses of the same color as me? I had to remember what page twenty-one inferred that some I have no difficulty concluding that I fit into the category of the "real alcoholic," as also mentioned on page twenty-one, who cannot use self-will and/or self-knowledge to stop or moderate. What about you?

~~ Bob S., Richmond, IN

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

Miami-Dade Intergroup
Wishes everyone
Happy Holidays and
a Happy New Year 2018!

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 11th, 2018 @ 8:00pm Iglesia Metodista Unida- 133 Ponce de Leon - 33135 This is a great opportunity to do service!
For more info call: (305) 461-2425 For comments / suggestions e-mail us - Editor: jamc13@bellsouth.net or aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

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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.)

HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!

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