

The Messenger



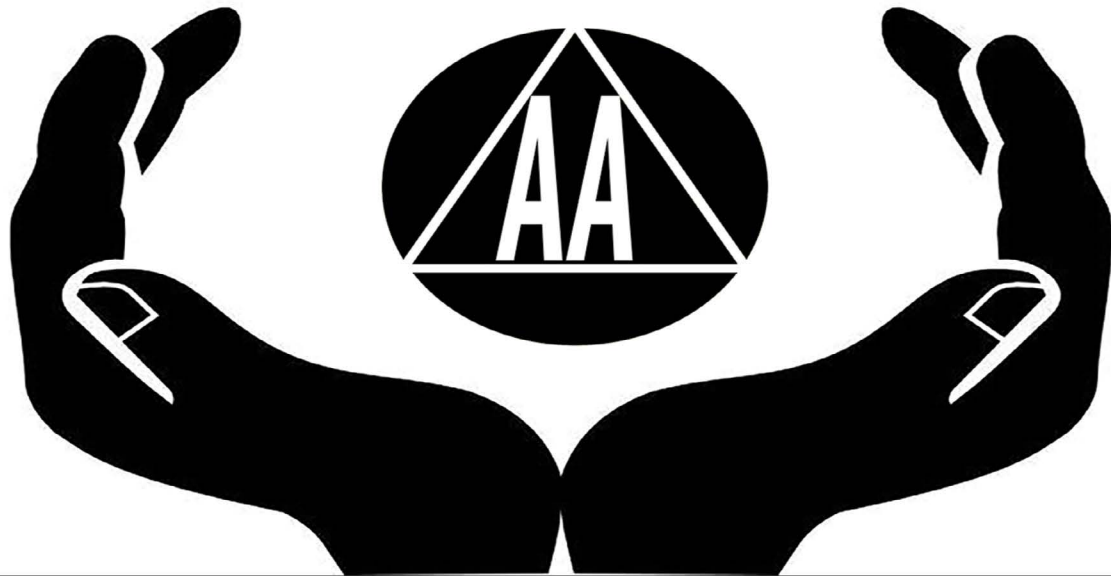
MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

Florida - USA

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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



Quarterly Eating Meeting

Q3 - Friday January 19, 2018

Speaker: Joe C. - Palm Coast, FL



Dinner @ 6:30 pm
Meeting @ 8:00 pm



Brickell Circle
FPC Miami
609 Brickell Ave
Miami 33131

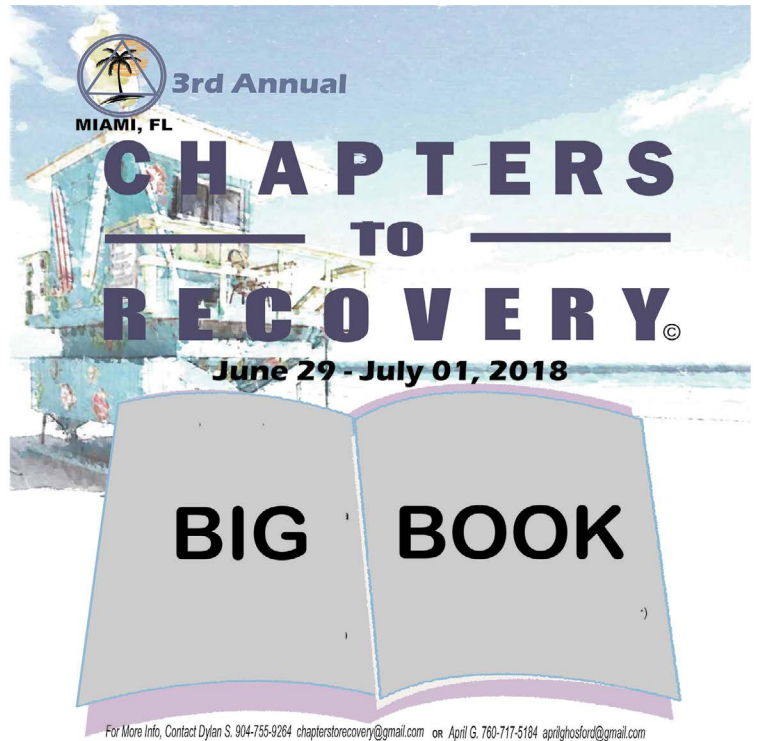
** Potluck Style - Please Bring A Dish! **

** Come Early to Help Set UP! **

For Menu Details Contact April S. @ (760) 717-5184

** Event to Benefit Local AA Community **

Questions email: brickellcircle@gmail.com



For More Info, Contact Dylan S. 904-755-9264 chapterstorecovery@gmail.com or April G. 760-717-5184 aprilghosford@gmail.com

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OF REGISTRATIONS: _____ # OF BANQUETS: _____

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The Survival of the Saplings

We hear so much about emotional sobriety in AA meetings, and I often wonder if the average member really understands where this all fits in. Most normal people go through life by experiencing the good and the bad and they end up with a life that is acceptable to them. They don't seem to be plagued by the things the alcoholics struggle with every day of their lives. Most of our problems are caused by our misguided instincts when we let them go far beyond their intended purpose. When these behaviors/habits are allowed to persist and the consequences of them are masked by alcohol, we never mature emotionally and we spend most of our efforts trying to rationalize these behaviors to the point that we start believing our own lies. These things don't begin when we start drinking; they start in our formative years long before we ever touch a drop of alcohol.

Our behavior when drinking appears to be more of a problem than the disease of alcoholism that causes it. The more we drink the more irresponsible we become as our disease progresses and the harder it is to explain these behaviors away. To the outside world it appears that the drinking is the problem and we can't deny that because drinking is a problem, but it is not the problem. We finally throw in the towel and show up in the AA meetings where we learn that alcoholism stems from deeper rooted emotional problems, and that we can live a somewhat normal life if we are willing to take the steps of the program, in their full implication, without any reservations. We can lead a somewhat normal life, but we can never be normal, if by normal we mean that we can drink like a normal person.

We can never drink normally because the tolerance for alcohol, or any other mind altering drug, is gone and the idea that we will ever regain control has to be smashed. We are like men who have lost their legs, they never grow new ones. It's hard for the struggling alcoholic to accept this truth but we must if we are to have any chance of being happy. We are scarred on the inside and that scarring never goes away. It can be overcome by practicing the principles of the program in their entirety but it can only be arrested, never cured.

To explain this in simple terms, let's say that we plant a row of saplings and shortly after they have taken root, one of them is trampled and bent over onto the ground. It may still survive if it receives water and nourishment. If it is not straightened up immediately and if it is allowed to grow crooked, it will still grow into an adult tree but it will never be straight like the other trees around it. We can prune it and trim it and decorate it, and make it look good, but it will always be damaged. Like that crooked sapling, our sobriety is contingent upon the maintenance of our spiritual condition. We can live a life that is somewhat normal and sometimes a much happier life than we would, had we never become an alcoholic in the first place provided, we accept our condition and all of its ramifications, and are willing to embrace the solutions that are set forth in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As we cultivate this new approach to life, we grow stronger than ever, and as I see it, sometimes the crookedness of a tree is what gives it its character. I hope I never get complacent about my spiritual development and I hope I never stop growing.

Rick R.

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 ♥

HOMESTEAD GROUP

68th Anniversary

FEBRUARY 10th, 2018

Coffee Social: 5:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm

Speaker Meeting @ 7:30pm



GUEST SPEAKER

Tickets: \$10.00

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, 50/50 RAFFLE!

INTERGROUP BENEFIT!



Redland Community Church
14601 SW 248th St.
Homestead, FL – 305.245.1796



TWELVE REWARDS OF SOBRIETY

1. Hope instead of desperation.
2. Faith instead of despair.
3. Courage instead of fear.
4. Peace of mind instead of confusion.
5. Self-respect instead of self-contempt.
6. Self-confidence instead of helplessness.
7. The respect of others instead of their pity and contempt.
8. A clean conscience instead of a sense of guilt.
9. Real friendships instead of loneliness.
10. A clean pattern of life instead of a purposeless existence.
11. The love and understanding of our families instead of their doubts and fears.
12. The freedom of a happy life

GRUPO CUENTO CONTIGO

1991 - 2018

"27 Aniversario"

Semana de Compartimiento
Domingo 31 Diciembre del 2017
al Viernes 5 de Enero del 2018

Sesion Publica

Sabado 6 de Enero 2018 de 6 a 10:30pm

Club de la Policia
2300 NW 14th St. - Miami, FL 33142

GRUPO ENCUENTRO 1976 - 2018**42 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 15 de Enero al 20 de Enero

Sesion Publica

21 de Enero del 2018
de la 1pm a las 6:00pm



2980 NW South River Dr. - Miami, FL 33125

GRUPO NUEVO DESPERTAR 1990 - 2018**28 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 23 de Enero al 27 de Enero



**Sesion Publica**

28 de Enero del 2018 a las 11:00am

Club de los Bomberos
2980 NW S. River Dr., Miami, FL 33125

RESURRECCION 1995 - 2018**23 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 8 de Enero al 12 de Enero



Sesion Publica Domingo
13 de Enero del 2018
a las 7:00pm

Local del Grupo
7241 SW 48th St. - Miami, FL

NUEVO PORVENIR 2002 - 2018**16 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 4 de Febrero al 7 de Febrero
2018



**Sesion Publica**

10 de Febrero 2018 a las 5:00pm

New River City Center
60 Weston Rd. - Sunrise, FL 33326

**El borracho que va a Alcohólicos
Anónimos.**

Entra tambaleándose y se dirige
como puede al mostrador de la
entrada y, al verlo en ese estado, la
señora que lo está atendiendo, le
pregunta:

- ¿Vino solo?

- No... ¡hip! ...CON HIELO, POR
FAVOR.

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., Sal G. South Dade.

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
1100 Ponce de Leon, CG
305.446.9558

GS District 10 **PI/CPC**
Last Saturday of the month
Coral Room @ 3:00pm
1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
305.446.9558

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 Room
10102 SW 107th Ave.
305.274.74.34
corrections@district10miami.org

Miami Bid for FCYPAA
2nd Friday of the month
@ 7:30pm at the
So. Miami Treatment Center
6900 SW 80th St
Miami, FL 33143

New Time and Location!
GS DISTRICT 10
Treatment Committe
2nd Saturday of the Month
@ 2:00pm
Sabal Palm Room
10120 SW 107th Ave. - 33176
305.274.7434

**For more information go to
www.district10miami.org**



New Group....



PANTHER'S FOR RECOVERY

New Meeting.....



When?



FRIDAYS @ 7:30pm

(Open, Discussion)

Fiu Main Campus
11200 SW 8th Street
Room GC 241 A

Graham center (2nd Floor)

(Open to all students and Alumni)



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Jennifer R.

Aly P.

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Askia K.

Mary S.

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NOTICES

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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 ONE**

**"Our Common welfare should come first;
personal recovery depends on A.A. unity."**

NOVEMBER

SOUTH DIXIE

Kevin 6
Ed D. 7
Juliana W. 12

SOUTH DADE

Ann A. 1
Amanda 2
Cathy P. 2
Albert C. 3
Bambi 28
Callie 32
Pat C. 34
Pat J. 37
Bob M. 45

HOMESTEAD

Ryan B. 1
Celina M. 1
Darlene W. 2
Liz S. 2
Darcy 3
Danielle 14
Patrick 24
Dawn M. 30
Bob M. 45



DECEMBER

SABAL PALM

Ryan G. 1
Tony N. 1
Steve S. 2
Joel M. 3
Rafael G. 5
Jose S. 6
Angie W. 6
Matt Q. 6
Byron H. 6
Cynthia V. 9
Al P. 9
Kathi T. 9
Ray S. 11
Barry I. 11
Francisco T. 13
Shimon C. 14
Kathleen Y. 15
Mathew E. 18
Geoff C. 21
Angelo K. 23
Keanneth C. 23



NORTH MIAMI

Ralph E. 2
Kate M. 2
Ben G. 6
Pat P. 33



SOUTH DIXIE

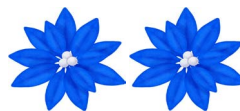
Peter R. 1
Don L. 5
Ricky M. 6
Sarah I. 8
Jason D. 20
Patricia D. 26

SOUTH DADE

Jose A. 2
Chuck A. 2
Sandi 3
Davin 3
Sarah 8
Aldrick D. 11
Doug 17
Meredith 19
Jaime 23
Sandy 24
Gayle K. 25
James W. 28
Wes D. 29
Josh A. 33
Tom G. 36
Helen 36
Marie 42

SUNSET

Joe B. 1
William W. 1
Chris D. 1
Steve G. 1
Matt Q. 6
Maria I. 11
Gary M. 16
Stephanie G. 25
Dan B. 28
George P. 30
Rob W. 30
Carolina F. 35



**I never want
to feel the way
alcohol made
me feel.
Ever. Again.**

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.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

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



Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues

- AA in Prison (due Jan. 5)
- Share Your Experiences Doing Service (Feb. 5)
- Young & Sober (March 5)

www.aagrapevine.org/contribute

*Help Carry
the Message
Of AA*



Beginning January 1, 2018
www.aagrapevine.org/challenge

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
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West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm
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Young, Sober and Free/Last Sunday

● 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?

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- February 8th, 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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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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NEW
YEAR**



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