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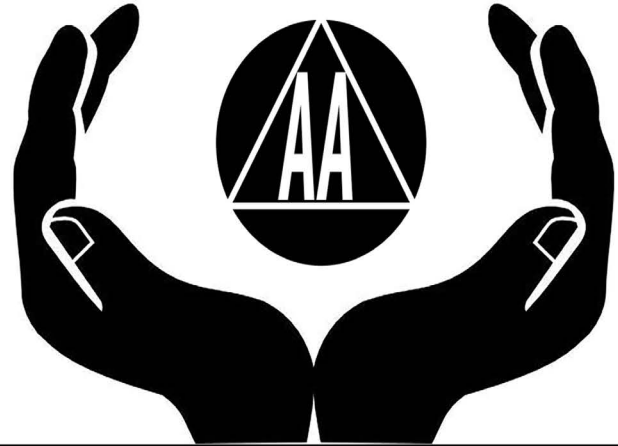
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BIG BOOK page 63

When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Established on such a footing we became less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood Him: "God, I offer myself to Thee-to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always!" We thought well before taking this step making sure we were ready; that we could at last abandon ourselves utterly to Him.

We found it very desirable to take this spiritual step with an understanding person, such as our wife, best friend or spiritual adviser. But it is better to meet God alone than with one who might misunderstand. The wording was, of course, quite optional so long as we expressed the idea, voicing it without reservation. This was only a beginning, though if honestly and humbly made, an effect, sometimes a very great one, was felt at once.



63rd Annual Miami- Dade Intergroup Banquet

Saturday - March 17th, 2018
Tickets: \$40.00

Double Tree Hotel by Hilton
711 NW 72nd Ave. - 305.261.3800

To be of service....

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

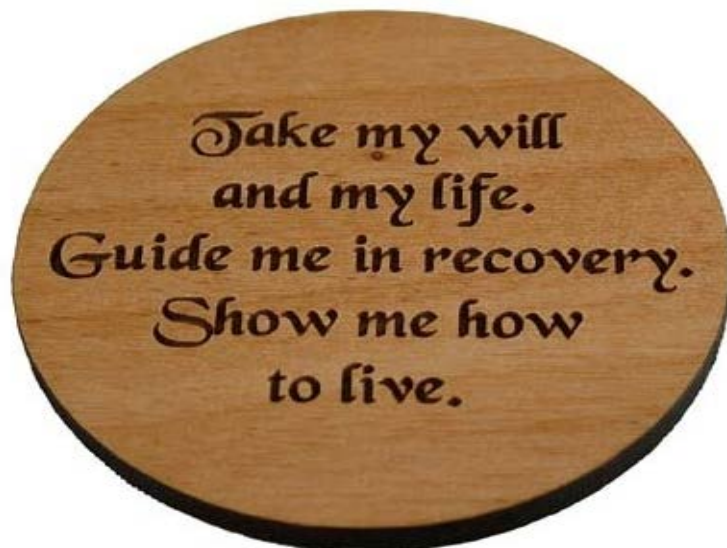
-Big Book pg 77

**"Made a decision to turn our will and our
lives over to the care of God as we
understood Him."**

Problem by Problem or Principle by Principle....

It Renders My EGO a Weak Contender when people come through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous they are usually overwhelmed with problems. Some of these problems are of a legal nature, while others may be due to marital strife, and still others may just be because of desperation due to a life that has been spinning out of control. The one thing that is the common denominator in all of these matters is the use of alcohol otherwise, why would they be coming to A.A.? In the beginning you will hear the horror stories of the divorce proceedings or of the legal fees for the DUI case and you will see well meaning members of the program telling them how to get around some of these problems and when, occasionally, that person gets away with it, he thinks that the DUI was the problem, but as we know, it was but a symptom of the real problem, that being alcoholism. Most of the wreckage of the past is the result of our unbridled thinking and if, in the beginning, we focus only on getting out of trouble and not focusing on the thinking that got us into those difficulties in the first place, it often gives us the feeling that we are on safe ground and can relax. A half hearted effort concerning our decision making just leads to more faulty thinking and rationalizing why we do the things we do. This often leads to a succession of relapses before that person finally crosses that line where he is opened to change and if, at that time, he is encouraged to learn to live by proven principles and not to modify those principles to suit his/her own selfish agenda, he/she finally has a chance to live a meaningful life. My experience has been that, living by principles is much easier than anything I could have come up with myself. When we solve a problem and we don't change our behavior, it's only a matter of time before another similar problem arrives. We can solve one problem at a time or, we can set in place, a principle that governs many problems of a similar nature. Take for instance: Cash register honesty. This, to me, means much more than just not cheating the person at the cash register. It means that I should never take an unfair advantage of anyone. With this approach in mind, I think before I act and, I get it right the first time and as the result, I have a clear conscience. Why focus on one problem at a time when I can live by unselfish principles and take the decision making out of the equation.

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New Group.....

STEPS & TRADITIONS

New Meetings.....

**TUESDAYS – O,BB
&
FRIDAYS – O,ST,S
@ 7:00pm**



Little River Club

Little River Club – 51 NE 82nd Tr. – 305.759.6332

SOBER WAY OUT

Needs your support!



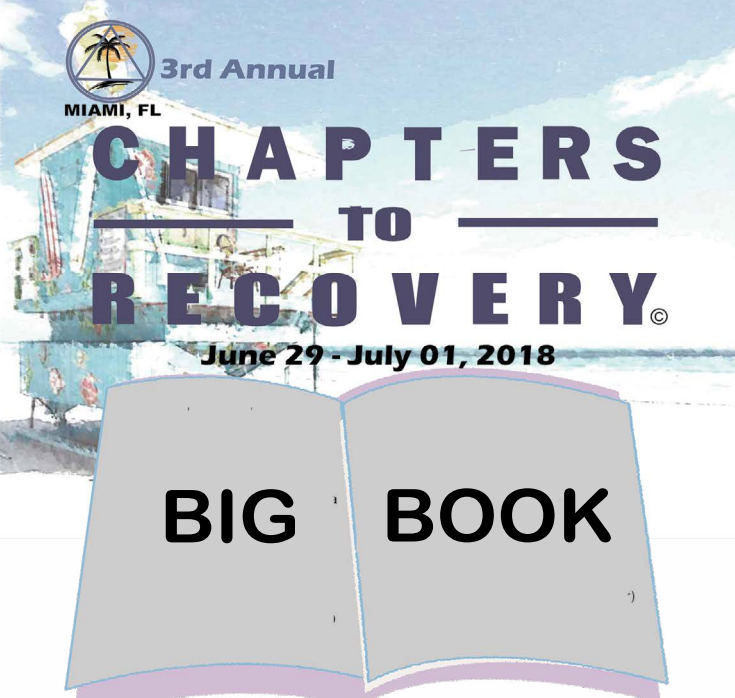
**TUESDAY – THURSDAY
FRIDAY - SATURDAY – SUNDAY**

@ 1:00pm

At the

Little River Club

51 NE 82nd Ter. - Miami – 305-759-6332



3rd Annual
MIAMI, FL
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BIG BOOK

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Problem by Problem or Principle by Principle

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If I can just be honest with myself and do what's right, It takes away all of the guilt and shame and lightens my spirit. This is reward enough for me and it far outweighs any material gain I could have acquired by taking the selfish path and after practicing this way of thinking, over a period of time, my load gets lighter and lighter. My EGO seems to run my problems and strives for material victory over them, while my Conscience decides my principles and when I follow the dictates of my conscience, I stop making the mistakes of the past and my spirit heals. I'm no longer ashamed of my behavior and over a period of time, as I continue to rely on my conscience to fashion a life of unselfish principles, a drink has no appeal to me and, in the end, it renders my EGO a weak contender.

Rick R.

FOUR STAGES OF THE 12-STEPS

- 1-3 Giving it up
- 4-6 Fessing it up
- 7-9 Cleaning it up
- 10-12 Living it up

Steps One thru Three: Giving it up:

The cliché "Meeting makers make it" can be helpful—sort of. Group sharing, early on, helped me to solidify that I was really an alcoholic (Step One), and that a spiritual power, "greater than myself," could restore my sanity, consequently, I would never again have to wake up in another drunk tank (Step Two); also, those many meetings made clear that I needed to ask God for help, el pronto (Step Three). Yet I was told that "Survival on the fellowship was untreated alcoholism," I was also told that although meeting makers may make it to lots of meetings, and learn important and hopeful facts, it was not my solution. This process was only a beginning—many alxies who stopped at this point got drunk! Certain of the less sensitive refer to this as: "1-2-3 Cha-Cha-cha (not recommended).

Steps Four Thru Six: Fessing it up:

My sponsor pointed out, just after we prayed the Third Step prayer together, that all my new-found spiritual gusto would soon fade away unless we begin Step Four at once (p. 64). After a short period of spontaneous God-inspired writing, followed by my own reflections, I then had enough honest information to allow my sponsor to take me through the Fourth Step Process. Step Five was done at first opportunity (p. 74), which started only a few minutes later. Now, being armed with those defects and shortcomings that constituted that bondage of self I confessed to myself that I had to become willing to have them removed (Step Six).

Steps Seven Thru Nine: Cleaning it up:

I then asked God to remove these suddenly revealed destructive facets in Step Seven, then reviewed and added to my mostly written Step Eight list. After a conference with my sponsor, and prayers to God, I began making my Step Nine amends as suggested in the Big Book.

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GROUP MOVING!

SOUTH DIXIE GROUP

is moving to a new
location.....



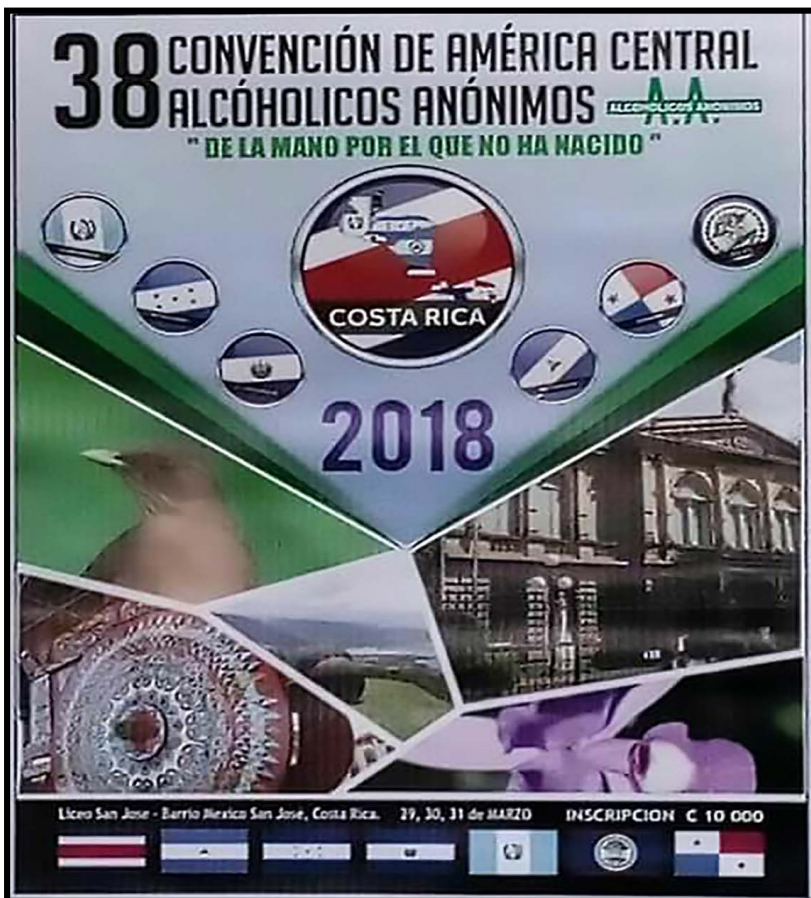
16201 SW 95th AVE. - #302

MIAMI, FL 33157

As of February 11th, 2018

LAS DOCE PROMESAS DE ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS

1. Vamos a tener una nueva visión de la libertad y la felicidad.
2. No tendremos que lamentarnos del pasado ni cerrarle cobardemente las puertas.
3. Comprenderemos lo que significa la palabra Serenidad.
4. Disfrutaremos la verdadera paz.
5. Independientemente de lo bajo que hayamos llegado, veremos cómo nuestra experiencia puede beneficiar a otras personas.
6. Desaparecerá como por encanto la sensación de inutilidad y compasión propia que antes se encerraba en nuestro fuero interno.
7. Ya no queremos ser egoístas en nuestras relaciones humanas y cobraremos un gran interés en las desdichas de nuestros semejantes.
8. No tendremos que buscar brújula que oriente nuestra trayectoria.
9. Nuestra actitud y perspectiva de la vida serán muy distintas.
10. Dejaremos de tener miedo a la gente que nos rodea y no nos desesperaremos ante la inseguridad económica.
11. Intuitivamente sabremos hacernos cargo de situaciones complicadas en las que antes nos sentíamos desorientados.
12. Muy pronto comprenderemos que Dios, tal como cada quien lo conciba, está haciendo por nosotros lo que no pudimos hacer por nosotros mismos.

**GRUPO TRADICION 1989- 2018****29 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 19 de Febrero al 23 de Febrero
a las 8:30pm

Sesion Publica Sabado
24 de Febrero del 2018
a las 8:30pm

Local del Grupo
32 SW 21th Ct. - Miami, FL

GRUPO DOCE PASOS 1978 - 2018**40 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 21 de Abril al 27 de Abril





Sesion Publica
28 de Abril de 2018 a las 6:00pm

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

RENACER EN SOBRIEDAD

2016 - 2018

2do ANIVERSARIO

Semana de compartimiento

Del 18 de Febrero al 24 de Febrero

La idea de la fe

"No dejes que ningún prejuicio que puedas tener en contra de los términos espirituales te impida preguntarte a ti mismo lo que significan para ti" (Alcohólicos Anónimos, Alcohólicos Anónimos). La idea de la fe es algo difícil de tragar, cuando dentro y alrededor de mí el miedo, la duda y la ira abundan.

A veces, la mera idea de hacer algo diferente, algo que no estoy acostumbrado a hacer, puede acabar convirtiéndose en un acto de fe si lo hago regularmente y sin debatir sobre si es lo apropiado. Cuando llega un día malo y las cosas no salen bien, una reunión o una conversación con otro borracho a menudo me distraen lo suficiente como para convencerme de que todo no es tan imposible, tan abrumador como lo había creído.

De la misma forma, asistir a una reunión o hablar con un compañero alcohólico son actos de fe: creo que estoy contrarrestando mi alcoholismo. Estas son las formas en las que sigo acercándome a la fe en un Poder Superior, tal como yo lo concibo.

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.

Lee A. South Dade, Penny South Dade, Isabel South Dade, Gayle South Dade, Tina South Dade; Manuel N. Brickell Circle, Becka Palmetto Bay, Bert South Dade, Adam M., Sal G. South Dade, Charles S. 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.
305.274.7434
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
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FOUR STAGES OF THE 12-STEPS (Cont. from page 3)

Steps Ten thru Twelve: Living it up:

I have learned that the above nine steps were only a teaching-of-the-heart event. Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve, are a lifelong process. Living these last three steps is a continuous re-doing (living) of the first nine! Life is easier, and much happier now—I have begun the process of living it up!

Bob S., Richmond, IN

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and to do with me as Thou wilt.
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**TRADITION THREE**

**"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a
 desire to stop drinking."**



JANUARY

HOMESTEAD

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Kat G 4
Myrna 8
Michael K. 13
Tall Mike 19

PALMETTO BAY

Katrina C. 1
V. 1
Clerin S. 4
Richard A. 4
Amos L. 5

Katrina H. 1
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Victor H. 3
Luz 3
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Amos L. 6
Taj M. 6
Kathi T. 9



SABAL PALM

Haydee S. 11
Marcelle G. 13
Kathleen E. 15
Matthew E. 18
Geoff C. 21
Rita C. 22
Luis M. 23
Graham G. 23
Lisa M. 30

FEBRUARY

CORAL GABLES

Maria B. 1
Maria L. 2
Javier 2
Pablo A. 3
Jeremiah B. 4
Edwin 4
Matt S. 4
Jose G. 8
Bernie M. 10
Jenny B. 10
Stewart 12
Robert F. 14
Doug H. 15
Pepe A. 16
Sandra G. 18
Estrella 22
Andre S. 23
Mark R. 23
Frank C. 23
Richard S. 25
Xavier 25
Jerry 25
Nancy W. 31

SABAL PALM

Linda E. 1
Mark F. 3
Willie V. 3
Joah St. J. 4
Jonathan S. 5
Don S. 6
Maria K. 8
Terry B. 9
Alex M. 9
Juan C. N. 10
Mary G. 11
Greg M. 14
Kelly W. 20
Bruce V. 21
Frank M. 27

SUNSET

Maria 1
Carlos S.1
Katrina B. 4
Jose R. 6
Letty C. 9
Darlene S. 19
Jorge G. 19
Estreza Z. 22
Frank M. 27
Bill Mc 31
Rafael S. 31
Jimmy G. 32
Emi B. 34

PALMETTO

Shannon 2
Neil T. 3
Timmy 3
Kandice 4
Tarri 5
John B. 19
Xavier 25
Nathan C. 28

SOUTH DIXIE

Tara 2
Shannon 2
Zack N. 3
Lorraine 18
Bob L. 25

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

We lost a very dear friend...

MICHAEL M.

from the Homestead Group



Michael was a very special person and he will always live in many people's hearts, he will be greatly missed.



Our most sincere condolences to his family and friends.

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

Big Book

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
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the Message
Of AA



Beginning January 1, 2018
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• 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- March 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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