

The Messenger



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FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC

Sunday - June 17th, 2018

**Bill Baggs State Park - Key Biscayne
Pavillion A1**



(After main entrance first left)

10:00am - 5:00pm



**Great Guest Speaker
@ 2:00pm**



Music!

Food!

Raffle!

Fellowship!



Desserts are welcome!

**Tickets on sale now!
\$10.00**

(BYO Beach stuff, chairs, etc!)

A.A. Grapevine.... **New Book!** **"A.A. In the Military"**

AA in the Military is a collection of stories, previously published in Grapevine, by members of Alcoholics Anonymous who have served in the military.

The book begins with letters from the troops during World War II, when Grapevine first became a vital tool in keeping soldiers sober and connected to AA.

The chapters that follow are filled with stories of experience, strength and hope—by both men and women—who served their country on land, sea and air. These personal accounts illustrate the challenges alcoholics in uniform encounter, often under difficult circumstances, far from loved ones.

The book concludes with a powerful selection of stories by our sober veteran members, titled "Coming Home."



AA IN THE MILITARY

Stories of experience, strength and hope from Grapevine

A.A. Thought

Spirituality is an awakening -- or is it all the loose ends woven together into a mellow fabric?

It's understanding -- or is it all the knowledge one needs ever to know?

It's freedom -- or is it the consoling fear of slavery.

It's confidence -- or is it the belief that a Higher Power will see you through any storm or gale?

It's adhering to the dictates of your conscience -- or is it a deep, genuine, living concern for the people and the planet?

It's peace of mind in the face of adversity. It's a keen and sharpened desire for survival.

THOUGHT TO PONDER.....

SPIRITUALITY is patience in the face of stupidity.

Groups we need your help!

We are looking for groups that would like to donate a basket with A.A. approved Literature for our

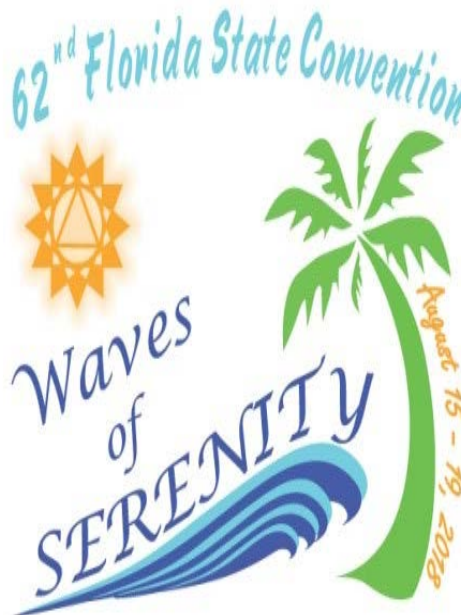
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JUNE 17th, 2018



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CLEANING HOUSE

Somehow, being alone with God doesn't seem as embarrassing as facing up to another person. Until we actually sit down and talk aloud about what we have so long hidden, our willingness to clean house is still largely theoretical.

— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 60

It wasn't unusual for me to talk to God, and myself, about my character defects. But to sit down, face to face, and openly discuss these intimacies with another person was much more difficult. I recognized in the experience, however, a similar relief to the one I had experienced when I first admitted I was an alcoholic. I began to appreciate the spiritual significance of the program and that this Step was just an introduction to what was yet to come in the remaining seven Steps.

From the book *Daily Reflections*
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SPONSORING VIA THE BIG BOOK

Some years ago, out in Hollywood, California, I was asked to sponsor a guy named Tom. However, I declined by informing him that I was only two years sober, to which Tom replied: "Well, that's all I want!"

What to do? I had been studying the Twelve Step directions from the Big Book, so I decided it might work out if we stuck to those clear-cut directions, page-by-page. After all, Step Twelve doesn't say that I am to carry my message - my sponsor's message - what I think message, etc., but it says to carry THIS MESSAGE - I believe that means the one in the Big Book. Confidence restored, I proceeded full speed ahead and the vital Big book message was successfully carried.

Since, I have only one authority as an active sponsor: The Big Book program of action. Being a history-minded sort of guy, I have spent many years studying the ingredients and suggestions of the AA Program.

A place to start was a November 1934, "kitchen table" meeting between Ebby Thacher and Bill Wilson (pg. 9): Ebby told of a simple religious idea (A vital spiritual experience), and a practical program of action (The Oxford Group's Four Absolutes, etc). Bill had the idea that his gin would outlast Ebby's preaching, but it did not—a week or so thereafter, Bill checked back into Towns Hospital never to drink again.

On Dec 14th, 1934, Bill, while lying in bed, went through the essential elements of our now Twelve Steps (pg. 13). By 1936 these ideas (tenets) became what was then known as the six-step program (Read pg. 263). Although similar, there were several versions of these.

Bill W. started writing the Big Book manuscript during the spring of 1938, and by December had completed the writing of all Twelve Steps. However, his manuscript was altered somewhat dramatically in January of 1939 and included our Twelve Steps of today.

But guess what - it worked! We then had maybe one-hundred members, but now over two-million are staying sober by their use. Thank God I had these guidelines when I sponsored Tom so many years ago.

Bob S., Richmond, IN



Change Takes Time Will They Ever Trust Me?

I was on a visit to the place where I grew up, after being gone for many years, and one of the things that intrigued me the most was that many of the people that I encountered there were, for the most part, the same as they were when I left there. They hadn't changed much at all. Some of them still had the same resentments and comments towards their neighbors that they had when I moved away. How can that be, isn't it a natural process to put those things behind us and forgive and forget? The answer was; NO. Most people don't change, simply because they don't have to. Alcoholics change.

Why do we change? We change because we have to in order to survive. Occasionally we hear a new member, disappointed that, after being sober for X number of days, his family doesn't appreciate that fact and he wonders, "are they ever going to trust me, can't they see that I've changed?". It's not that simple, for they don't live inside of our brains. They only see some of the external improvements brought about by the natural effect of abstaining from alcohol. That can all disappear the next time they hear the pop of a beer can, and they know it.

The people close to us are encouraged by the positive changes they see in us, but as they say, Rome wasn't built in a day. It takes time to overcome years of the alcoholic behavior and the mental image left in their memories. As for those people who aren't in our immediate circle of friends and loved ones, they, like the people I visited in my hometown, haven't witnessed the day to day changes, and the only thing they have to go on is a snapshot of the last headline from our drunken behavior before we got sober so why should they think that we would be any different. If we can be patient, and not be in too much of a hurry to regain the approval of our friends and loved ones, we will develop a much deeper trust than anyone would have imagined. It's hard to understand but we can't speed up the clock.

A close friend of mine coined the term, SLOWBRIETY, and that explains it all for me. Easier said than done, you say? Yes, but that is where faith comes in. Trusting that it will turn out alright is so out of character for us. It requires daily surrender, quiet dedication, perseverance, and above all, TIME.

Imagine what progress we could make if, from this day forward, we never made another mistake. Impossible, I know, but not a bad thing to strive for. Going through the steps in the spirit that they were intended, helps us establish a framework that will sustain us for the rest of our lives. The further along this path that we are on, the easier it is to accept change and if we can reestablish our values and principles, over the long haul, we will slowly develop the credibility and integrity that we seek. But, as they say "It's not a sprint, it's a marathon". I say, it's a long slow walk without the distraction of a bag of golf clubs.

By Rick R.

Honey, I'm home

An intoxicated husband tried to stealthily crawl into bed, but the woman woke up.

"You're drunk again, aren't you?" she asked.

"How can you tell?" he responded.

With a stern look, she said, "Because you live next door with your wife." - Paul C.

Who needs it?

How many drunks does it take to screw in a light bulb?

None. To hell with the light, we'll drink in the dark.

- Christian N.

"Having one drink is like me having one Cheerio for breakfast."

Anonymous

Quiet please

A drunk goes up to the counter and shouts, "Hey! Can I have a cheeseburger and fries?" The woman at the counter quickly replies,

"Sir, this is a library."

"Oh, sorry," the drunk whispers,

"Can I have a cheeseburger and fries?"

- Amardeep S.

5th Step - Not Yet at Peace

IT IS a beautiful, tropical Sunday morning here in Panama. I am sitting at the dining-room table, working on lesson plans for our AA group's regular Wednesday-night study session.

Looking through the window, I see the parked cars of those who are attending services at a neighborhood church. I often think that maybe I should be in that church, too. As time marches on and my period of sobriety lengthens, I feel more and more the spiritual stirrings in my heart. Little by little I am awakened, as alcohol looses its grasp over my soul. The thinking is becoming a bit less stinking, and I find that I am maturing and growing with each sober day.

I am restless, so I pick up a stack of Grapevines and thumb through them searching for a new article, but I have read them all. I look for notices of new AA literature, but there are none; I have already ordered all that is currently available. I pick up the Big Book and thumb again its dog-eared pages, with underlined passages and myriads of marginal notes. The same with the "Twelve and Twelve." I pick up a folder containing some Grapevines from 1946 and 1947 that I have been fortunate enough to acquire. I treasure these scraps of AA history and handle them with great care.

I am still restless and dissatisfied. Something is missing.

I think back to last Wednesday night's study session. There lies the cause of my restlessness. I conducted the meeting, reading from the "Twelve and Twelve" and sagely fielding questions from the floor. It was a good meeting. It ran twenty minutes past the usual hour. Everybody was excited and went home happy and content. Everybody but me. The subject of the discussion had been the Fifth Step, and, in my heart and soul, I knew that I had not yet admitted to God, to myself, or to another human being "the exact nature" of my wrongs.

Yes, that is the source of my discontent. I am not yet at peace with myself or with my God.

I think these inner stirrings and the "spiritual awakening" I have been feeling must be God at work, oiling the rusty hinges of the floodgates. If this is the signal that He is ready to listen, then I think that soon I must have the "courage to change the things I can."

Let us pray that the time has come.

T. R. T. Panama

GRUPO 8 DE MAYO 30 Aniversario**1988 - 2018****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 5 de Mayo al 11 de Mayo a las 8:00pm**

**Sesion Publica****12 de Mayo del 2018 a las 4:00pm****Phichol Williams Community Center
951 NW 4th St. - Homestead 33030****GRUPO QUINTO PASO 2001- 2018****17 Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 4 de Junio al 8 de Junio**

Sesion Publica**9 de Junio del 2018 a las 5:00pm****Jorge Mas Canosa Youth Center
250 SW 114th Ave, Miami - 33174****GRUPO AMISTAD 1990 - 2018****28 Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 4 de Junio al 9 de Junio**

**Sesion Publica****10 de Junio del 2018 a la 1:00pm****Club de la Policia****2300 NW 14th St. Miami 33125****GRUPO 10 DE JUNIO 2011 - 2018****7mo Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 10 de Junio al 15 de Junio a las 8:00pm****Viernes maratonica 10:00pm**

**Sesion Publica****16 de Junio del 2018 a las 4:00pm****Club de la Policia****2300 NW 14th St. - Miami, FL 33125****HABLAME DE TI 2014 - 2018****4to Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 4 de Junio al 8 de Junio****A las 8:00pm****Sesion Publica Domingo****10 de Junio del 2018****Lugar: Pendiente de informar****GRUPO LIBERACION 1991 - 2018****27 Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 1 de Julio al 7 de Julio**

Sesion Publica**8 de Julio del 2018****de las 12:00pm****Club de la Policia****2300 NW 14th St. - Miami - 33125****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.



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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: _____

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_____ 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.

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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
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2nd Saturday of the Month
@ 2:00pm
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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 FIVE**

"Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

APRIL

PALMETTO BAY

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Donna W. 5
Liz G. 5
Lee 7
Carla 7
Paul S. 8
Donald B. 10

SOUTH DIXIE

Danny S. 2
Charles S. 5
Donald B. 10
Pat G. 11
Michelle S. 26
Xavier 32

NORTH MIAMI

Sabel 24
Pete K. 49

SUNSET

John S. 1
Andrew F. 2
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Luis G. 3
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Brenda M. 5
Robert E. 9
Carol A. 31

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Chris 2
Mary R. 5
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Ashley 6
Lee 7
John G. 9
Donald B. 10
Chuck I. 12
Darryl 15
Scott N. 27
Noreen LM 32

SABAL PALM

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Rachel C. 1
Yvette Marie 2
Andrew F. 2
Dan S. 2
Luisa 3
J.P. 3
Art B. 4
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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.



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spiritual
value!

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

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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



"Of course you're the only one who can say whether or not you're an alcoholic!"



Drinking tends to isolate some more than others.

Help Carry
the Message
Of AA



Beginning January 1, 2018
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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?

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