

The Messenger



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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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!)

Groups we need your help!

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

FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC!

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JUNE 17th, 2018**



Please contact: the Intergroup Office at (305) 461.2425



The Road to Mental Freedom - Understanding Steps Six and Seven

Since the day I entered the program, I have had an insatiable appetite for learning all I could about the disease of alcoholism and having completed a very thorough fourth and fifth steps, and examining my motives for everything I did, in steps sixth and seven, It occurred to me that most of my problems in life involved my interfacing with, "Those Other People." As I got further into the steps and started to process each and every one of these inter actions, it became apparent to me that the basic cause of my discontent was, low self esteem and that, until I resolved that, there would be very little peace of mind. I had to get right with everyone. They say that understanding is the key to right living, and I read just about anything I can get my hands on, about these issues, that reinforce the principles we learn in the A.A. program such as; Emmet Fox's Sermon on The Mount, and others including, Scott Peck's, The Road Less Traveled, The Spirituality of Imperfection, Desiderata, (the poem) and the like. This kind of reference material helps me to get a better perspective on how to reduce the obstacles that stand in the way of my ability to solve these problems. I have to be willing to get right with every human being I know as suggested in step eight. (12X12) Scott Peck describes the word Love as: Caring for and nurturing another person's soul. I now look at Love as a verb and not a noun. You can love someone that doesn't love you back when you use this definition and as the result, I truly wish the best for every human being I know and offer help and guidance when I can. I become their best advocate. If I want to heal, I must look deeper and try to understand that other person and be strong enough to, first, reign in my ego, then to realize that the other person may be reacting to my adversarial position. Finding ways of removing my own judgmental attitudes opens the door to love and compassion. Today, I can love everyone by simply giving them the respect and acceptance that I would want for myself. After doing my best to adopt this plan of action over the years, I can only say that nothing that I have ever done, with respect to Those Other People, has been more rewarding than this approach. I have, to the best of my understanding, stopped judging others by their outside behavior and have the strength to look deeper. When I do that, I usually find a person, not different from myself, trying to protect himself from his fears, and I just can't bring myself to pile on and compound his pain. My heart goes out to him and I don't have to deal with regrets later on. My ego is neutralized as I come to understand his troubles. The greatest gift I receive from all of this is that, as I apply this to all of Those Other People, I seem to allow myself the same latitude without even expecting it since at one time, I was That Other Person. Self forgiveness and peace of mind seems to be the natural result of my efforts. I can accept everyone just as they are and not mess with God's work.

By Rick R.



**SOARING
INTO
SERVICE**

SOUTH FLORIDA AREA 15 GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY JULY 6-8, 2018

Hosted by District 2 Hillsborough & East Pasco Counties, Florida

Registration Friday 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

SATURDAY BANQUET

No. of Citrus Chicken _____
No. of Meat Lasagna _____
No. of Vegetarian/Vegan _____
Total Tickets at \$45 each _____
Total Amount Enclosed _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____
District _____
Guests with special dietary needs
(state needs): _____

PAYMENTS DUE BY: June 20, 2018

Make checks payable to: District 2

P.O. Box 996

Riverview, FL 33568

**QUESTIONS? Contact Banquet Chair at
July18Banquet@gmail.com**

Marriott Tampa Airport

4200 George J. Bean Parkway, Tampa, Florida 33607

Hotel Room Reservations:

(800) 228-9290 or (813) 879-5151

Room Rate: \$109.00 per night, Parking \$6.00

Reference: "South Florida General Service Conference"

HOTEL RESERVATIONS OPEN ON APRIL 9, 2018 AND

MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 6, 2018

For hotel room cancellations OR to be placed
on a hotel room wait list, please contact:

**Ty, Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:
hotelinfo@area15aa.org**

**Directions from South: Take I-275 North to Exit 39 for FL-60 West
toward FL-589 Clearwater/Tampa Airport,
Keep right to continue on George J. Bean Pkwy,
follow signs to Marriott Tampa Airport.**

QUESTIONS? Please contact

**Jim M., Quarterly Assembly Chair, at:
altchair@aatampa.org or 502-836-2688**

**or Ty M., Quarterly Hotel Liaison, at:
hotelinfo@area15aa.org or (813) 805-7300**

I Cringe!

I continue to observe a disturbing and continual demise of years-held AA meeting customs in my current A.A. community. These practices have served not only to solidify our unity but have kept our gatherings informative and pleasurable. I cringe as I watch them disappear. I have listed a few of these:

When we do the readings the reader's name is often not used; instead it goes like: "I have asked a friend to read . . ." How impersonal is that? How lazy is that? Are we just friendly strangers? I believe the regular meeting readings are important—especially for the new person.

However, some meetings go on and on with many-many readings. This over-reading destroys the sharp point of the steps and Traditions—besides, how boring!

During the vitally important reading of our Twelve Steps some audience members mock the process by "calling out" supposedly humorous statements—sometimes at every meeting! To the newcomer the Steps are life and death—it is not joke for them! For most seasoned AAs this is an ongoing bore.

Instead of attendees announcing as an alcoholic, many find it necessary to tell they are an alcoholic-and-a-something else. Well, who isn't! This practice dilutes our primary message of how we found a release from alcoholic obsession.

Non-alcoholics should not speak at open AA meetings. Non-alcoholics may speak of their rights yet fail to acknowledge that not being members of AA they have no rights. AA is for alcoholics—period!

I believe sobriety tokens are helpful, especially for members going through their first year. However, some groups present said reminders each month. It is easy to see how this ruins the process. It soon becomes old-hat. Oh hum.

Lastly, I cringe at the silly "Chicken Dance" at meetings end. This destroys the prayer's sincerity. Do you also cringe? I hope so.

Bob S.



WHAT I HEARD AT MEETINGS:

"I'd like to tell you what I did . . .
I stopped calling my sponsor.
I stopped going to meetings.
I stopped returning phone calls.
I stopped talking with the women I sponsor.
I had 20 years sober, and today I'm back with three days."



Those of you who have been fortunate enough to get another 24 hours clean/sober say a prayer for those who were not so fortunate. And don't forget to thank the Higher Power that made you one of the fortunate ones today.

SOBER WAY OUT

Presents...



A Video from
A.A. World Services



"Bill's Own Story"

SATURDAY, June 9th, 2018

Showtime: 1:00pm

"INTERGROUP BENEFIT"

FREE POPCORN!
& FREE
PASTELITOS!

LITTLE RIVER CLUB
51 NE 82nd Tr.
(305) 759-6332



Drinking tends to isolate some more than others.

WEST MIAMI GROUP

Is Celebrating it's

59th Anniversary

5:30pm to 6:30pm

Dinner

Followed by:

Speaker Meeting @ 7:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER

SUNDAY - JUNE 24th 2018

Join us for great food, fun & fellowship!



HARMONY ROOM

7221 SW 24th St. # 205 - (305) 261-1221

GROUP MOVING!

MIAMI YOUNG
PEOPLE'S GROUP

is moving to:

First United Methodist Church
536 Coral Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134

As of JULY 3rd, 2018

Meeting:

TUESDAYS @ 7:30pm

Please make a note of it!



My recovery must come first so that everything I love in life doesn't have to come last.

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 10 DE JUNIO 2011 - 2018**7mo Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento**

Del 10 de Junio al 15 de Junio a las 8:00pm
Viernes maratónica 10:00pm



Sesion Publica

16 de Junio del 2018 a las 4:00pm

Club de la Policia

2300 NW 14th St. - Miami, FL 33125

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 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

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

NUEVA VIDA 2006 - 2018**12 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 16 de Julio al 20 de Julio



Sesion Publica
Sabado 21 a las 7:30pm

Iglesia St. Dominic - Contiguo al grupo
5900 NW 7st St. - Miami

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, Becca Palmetto Bay, Bert South Dade, Adam M., Sal G. South Dade, Charles S. South Dade, Izzy South Dade, Raz S. Brickell Circle, Kandice South Dade, Gayle 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 Committee**
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 Committee**
2nd Saturday of the Month
@ 2:00pm
Sabal Palm Room
10102 SW 107th Ave. - 33176
305.274.7434

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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

Articles and opinions expressed herein not to be attributed to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

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 SIX**

"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

SOUTH DADE

Todd S. 2
Jaime SN 5
Henry 9
Irwin 13
Mary Q. 19
Roxanne 20
Debbie 21
Victor 23
Bonnie N. 26
Mickey B. 32
Chuck C. 45

HOMESTEAD

Flex C. 2
Ron C. 2
Melvin H. 3
Veronica P. 4
Rose A. 4
Henry S. 9
George C. 10
Bob M. 10
Ronnie B. 11
Pat M. 12
Ron H. 41

CORAL GABLES

Mike E. 1
Ben S. 1
Jorge S. 1
Allison 3
Alex C. 4
Monica 11
Isa 13
Tonie Marie 13
Jonathan 15
Otto 16
Gladys J. 18
Vicki B. 21
Porpoise 21
David R. 21
Ana B. 27
Doug P. 36

NORTH MIAMI

Marcela W. 2
Danny P. 14



MAY

SOUTH DIXIE

Charles F. 1
Eric S. 4
Jim S. 4
Luis D. 12
Val H. 14
Beverly C. 28
Debbie E. 32

SABAL PALM

Jose H. 1
Jorge S. 2
Richard A. 2
Terry F. 3
Bill S. 3
Ron Y. 4
Jojo 4
Ed W. 4
Diana M. 6
Crisitna H. 6
Rene O. 9
Debbie H. 10
Rachel V. 10
Harry C. 14
Frank L. 16
Steve A. 16
Rob S. 16
Jose H. 16
Ana Maria L. 19
Joanne K. 25
Pamela M. 35

PALMETTO BAY

Maria B. 4
Kathy P. 9
Terry R. 10
Debbie H. 10
Carol L. 11
Gregg L. 19
Jill S. 21

You don't have to
understand the
steps to work them.

You have to
work the steps
to understand them.

APRIL

HOMESTEAD

Rachel C. 1
Renee 1
Lynne S. 5
David R. 6
Jim 6

SLOGANS

- ° DAY AT A TIME
- ° EASY DOES IT
- ° FIRST THINGS FIRST
- ° LET GO LET GOD
- ° LIVE AND LET LIVE
- ° KEEP AN OPEN MIND
- ° THINK, THINK, THINK
- ° COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
- ° HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?
- ° KEEP IT SIMPLE
- ° LISTEN AND LEARN
- ° BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD
- ° JUST FOR TODAY
- ° PRINCIPLES ABOVE PERSONALITIES
- ° PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION
- ° TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT

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

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
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Young, Sober and Free/Last Sunday

Help Carry
the Message
Of AA



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

• 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- July 12, 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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(a thought, a story, a joke or something you heard at a meeting.)

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