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MY EGO CAN WHIP YOUR LOC LET YOUR CONSCIENCE BE YOUR GUIDE

I've haven't had too many problems with places or things. My problems have always been with the people in those places and the ones that owned those things. It's always been THOSE OTHER PEOPLE. When I first entered AA, I learned that one of the symptoms of alcoholism was our inability to form a true partnership with another human being. I could be your partner as long as you were willing to see it my way. Most of the people I knew got tired of me and pulled away. I had to explain why they deserted me, so I went about pointing out all of their faults while rationalizing (making a socially acceptable excuse for a socially unacceptable behavior) my own behavior. I never felt good about myself after behaving that way, but I couldn't face the idea of admitting that I was the problem.

One evening, I was talking to a friend of mine about this topic and he said: "all forms of criticism and character assignation stem from low self esteem". I heard another person say "there are two ways to get the tallest building in town, 1. Build the tallest building or 2. Tear all the other buildings down". The low self esteem comment stopped me in my tracks. I knew I had to restrain my tongue if I was ever going to overcome the insecurity inside of me. I was going to have to rely on my own merits if I was ever going to have a healthy self image.

All people are conditioned to protect themselves and often they overreact and do and say things that cause others to react in kind. This can do damage to any relationship, and sometimes can destroy a friendship. I am in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to heal myself so it's my responsibility to cut off my own escape and take the initiative to deal with my side of the action whether the other person cooperates or not. If I want to--- have the best possible relationship with ትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትትት

SABAL PALM GROUP

26th Anniversary **EXTRAVAGANZA**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 2018

POTLUCK!

PLEASE BRING A DISH! FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP GALORE!



For more info

305,274,7434

NEXT TO SABAL PALM ROOM

AT THE RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

10775 SW 104th ST. - 33176

FELLOWSHIP @ 6:30pm

DINNER @ 7:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER @ 8:00pm



INTERGROUP BENEFIT!

every human being I know--- (12x12 steps 8) it's up to me and I had to stop judging people by their surface behavior, look deeper and try to understand how they are conditioned to behave the way they do. This gives me the strength to be empathetic and not aggravate the situation. We all make mistakes and today I don't let my EGO compound the problem. When I let myself get into a confrontation with another person who has problems like I do, all I am saying is," I'LL BET MY EGO CAN WHIP YOUR EGO".

It's a long and slow process, and it requires constant attention on my part. I try to give everyone amnesty. I apply the golden rule in every situation. I use the ST. Francis prayer for inspiration. I refuse to pile on when another person is a little off his/her game. If I find that that person is still willing to cross my boundaries and cause me grief, I can remove myself and detach without condemning the other person as I withdraw. I don't discuss his faults to others when he's not present. (No gossip)

And most of all, I must be satisfied with delayed gratification. It may take years before anyone appreciates the changes that I have made, and when they do, it makes it even more gratifying. Today I am nobody's adversary; I nobody's victim; and I am nobody's perpetrator. I know that my ego doesn't like the way I live today, but my conscience gets the final say.





62nd Florida State Convention

Wednesday, August 15th – Sunday, August 19th www.FloridaStateConvention.com Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa Fort Lauderdale, Florida www.MarriottHarborBeach.com

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen Meetings and Workshops; Open Captions and ASL Interpreting; LGBT, Spanish Speaking, and Young Peoples Meetings and Workshops; Triday and Saturday Banquets and Ice Cream Socials; Exclusive Convention Merchandise; Sports Activities including Golf, 2 Mile Beach Walk/Run, Beach Horseshoes, and Beach Volleyball; Dances and Entertainment; Marathon Meetings and Oldtimers Meeting; Grapevine, Archives and Out-of-State Archives Displays; Meditation on the Beach and Yoga.

FORT LAUDERDALE HARBOR BEACH MARRIOTT RESORT & SPA

AAA rated 4 Diamond Resort 3030 Holiday Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 www.Marriott Harbor Beach.com 954-525-4000 / 800-222-6543

Convention Code: 62nd Florida State Convention Phone reservations accepted after September 15, 2017 Direct Reservation Link: https://aws.passkey.com/e/49166705

GROUP MOVING!

MIAMI YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

is moving to:

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

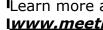
As of JULY 3rd, 2018

Meeting:

TUESDAYS @ 7:30pm



Please make a note of it!



Here is the icon to look for:

Check out the new **FREE** app....

MEETING GUIDE!

It's a great mobile app that lets you know the next and nearest A.A. meeting to your actual location. (Also searchable by day, time and location)

Usable here in Miami Dade County, Broward County las well as other Counties in Florida and many other places accross the country including Canada and Europe!

It's run by A.A. volunteers, and only Intergroups can enter data, to keep it more accurate.

Learn more at:

l<u>www.meetingguide.org</u>

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THE MESSENGER

THE BLESSING OF A.A. SERVICE WORK

I found a strong feeling of security to be surrounded by AA members in attendance at my first Area Assembly. Some of these members had been sober twenty or thirty years, but yet willing to travel all over the place—sometimes a hundred miles, plus—to participate in AA's important service structure. Even more it was the joy and enthusiasm penetrating the room[s]. I, at once, decided to become part of all this!

Starting at the near bottom, so to speak, my first position was that of an Intergroup representative in West Los Angeles. I will never forget that there was a hot issue in the air, so when time came to Vote I did so for several different groups (I was sure they would have been for it!). However, I was informed, with great kindness, that I could

only vote for my home group. A bit embarrassed, but better informed, I became willing to learn what I was doing before acting out. My sobriety was conveniently enhanced by this lesson in humility!

Moving back to my home town of Richmond, Indiana, I became a General Service Representative for the AZ-UR group that met in our local club. Our District meetings met about ten time per year, which I enjoyed a lot. I took over the committee for printing the district's meeting schedule which was more difficult than I had allowed for, but it gave me a feeling of being part-of. More mistakes only added to my

A few years later, I became a District Committee Member which placed me in the exciting rooms mentioned in the first paragraph. It was, of course, my duty to report the essential decisions and upcoming events back to the District Meetings. Thank God for PCs because after telling the news, I could simply copy the essentials and hand them to the GSRs so they could read said information to their specific groups.

My current service positions, these last years, have been the District's Archive Chairperson. It is great fun displaying AA stuff all over the place and discussing the fascinating history of AA. I am also editor of our District newsletter which is printed only four times a year, but that is also a great pleasure.

I will never be smart enough to be a GSO Delegate, but then; who is the most important person in AA, anyway?

Answer: The Coffee maker.

HEARD AT MEETINGS:

Bob S, Richmond, IN

"Most of my great discoveries in sobriety have just been flashes of deep insight into the obvious."

•I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes three or four gang up on me at once."

Rita it's a moral inventory ...not an inmoral inventory!"

I don't know about blackouts buy I had many involuntary naps!"

ANONYMITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Our literature states that the greatest single protection that the fellowship has to assure it's continued existence and growth", is

ANONYMITY.

"When using digital media. A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others when we post, text or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertenly break the anonymity of others."

Reprinted from guidelines for internet from GSO New York MG-18

Tradition 7: The Price of a Drink -And the value of gratitude

Whenever I go out to dinner in a restaurant with my husband or friends, I find myself drawn to the drinks section of the menu. I also find myself paying a lot of attention to the advertisements in the window of my local liquor store. Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous and the hope and strength I found in its rooms, I have not had to take a drink since April 1988, and I am convinced that if I keep on following the suggestions, I will continue not to drink, one day at a time. So why my fascination with the price of alcohol? It has to do with the worth of my gratitude.

When I came into this fabulous Fellowship, I was lucky enough to get sober in a place where almost every time the Seventh Tradition basket was passed, someone explained about taking part in meeting the expenses of the group and helping to carry the message to other alcoholics whenever possible.

Early on, what I could do didn't amount to very much. I was single, barely able to meet my personal living expenses, and had a lot of financial amends to make. Even so, a small glimmer of awareness in my slowly clearing brain realized that, because AA helped me not to pick up that first drink, I was saving myself a lot of money on a daily basis. I didn't begrudge that dollar in the basket.

Several years later, I was doing better financially, not going to as many meetings every week, had gotten very involved in general service, and had watched area committees struggle to do service with the small amounts of money that most groups were able to send. It dawned on me then that there was nothing particularly sacred about "a buck in the basket." After consultation with other, wiser, women in the Fellowship, I decided to at least put in the price of a cup of coffee for myself and the newcomer with only some lint in his or her pocket.

Now I have trudged a few more years down that "Road of Happy Destiny" and connected a few more dots. I couldn't count the number of times that I have said in meetings, "I am grateful to AA and my Higher Power for not having to pick up that first drink today."

Connect. . . connect. Why not put the price of that first drink that I didn't have to take today into the basket? It makes perfect sense to this alcoholic, since I know that not taking that first drink today has saved me not only the price of dozens more that I would have to chase it with, but saved my life, my self-respect, and a long list of other priceless personal assets that I owe to my sobriety.

So, now you know why I pay so much attention today to the drink list on the menu. Today, it's just another spiritual tool.

> Gayle S.R. - Hackensack, NJ Reprinted with permission Grapevine July 2008

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

NUEVA VIDA

2006 - 2018

12 Aniversario

Semana de CompartimientoDel 16 de Julio al 20 de Julio



Sesion Publica Sabado 21 a las 7:30pm



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

FE Y ESPERANZA

1979 - 2018

39 Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento Del 29 de Julio al 4 de Agosto a las 8pm

Sesion Publica 11:00am

Club de la Policia 2300 NW 14th St. - 33125



Convención A.A. con participación de Al-Anon y Alateen Miércoles 15 de Agosto al Domingo 19 de Agosto, 2018

www.FloridaStateConvention.com

Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach Marriott Resort and Spa

Les presentamos 7 Talleres/Oradores en el Salón Sarasota en el 5º Piso

Jueves, 16 de Agosto a las 6:30 PM – Reunión de Orador Coordinadora: Shannon R.; Oradora: Natalia F.

Viernes, 17 de Agosto a las 6:30 PM – 1er, 2º y 3er Paso Coordinadora: Natalia F.; Orador: Daniel Z.

Viernes, 17 de Agosto a las 10:00 PM - Reunión de Orador Coordinador: Louis F.; Oradora: Rosie T.

Sábado 18 de Agosto a las 8:00 AM – Reunión de Al-Anon Coordinadoras: Rufita D. y Ana I. – Tema: Las 3 Cs de Al-Anon

Sábado 18 de Agosto a las 12:30 PM – Panel de Oradores 90 Minutos Coordinador: Enrique S.; Mujeres en A.A.: Jacqueline V.; Más Acerca del Alcoholismo: Mario G.; Una Visión Para Ti: Guillermo Z.

Sábado 18 de Agosto a las 4:00 PM – Reunión de Orador Coordinadora: Lucy; Orador: Pablo E.

Sábado 18 de Agosto a las 10:00 PM – Meditación Coordinadora: Cynthia C.

Debes registrarte para participar!

REGISTRATE AHORA!!
\$35.00 Registración por adelantado y \$40.00 en la Convención

www.FloridaStateConvention.com

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 proporci nará 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 faciliará 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

Amount:	Monthly:	Quarterly:		Annually:	
	(Note: No A.A. me	ember can contrib	oute more	than \$3,000 per ye	ar)
I am a new Member: PAYMENT PLAN	Current Mo	ember:		Returning Memb	per:
Check Enclosed:	Credit Card:	Visa	_ MC	Amex	CVS:
Card #:	-	-	_ Expiration	n date:/	
Name on Card:		Address:			
City:	State:	Zip Code: _		Tel: _()_	_

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; Becka 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 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

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





I'm Your Addiction

Allow me to introduce myself
I am the disease of addiction.
Cunning, baffling, powerful –
That's me and I'm here for your affliction.
I wish you pain and suffering
while I rob you of your health,
I'll pretend to be your friend if you give me
all your wealth.
I will listen to your struggles I'll pretend

to dry your eyes.
I'll corrupt your mind with ease as I fill your head with lies.

I hate your Higher Power, why don't you call on me instead?
I'll be there to hold your hand when you put the gun to your head.

I am such a hated disease!
Yet I don't come invited.
When you decide to end your life that gets me excited!

I hate your twelve step program more than you'll ever know.
Now I must lie here dormant
you don't see me yet I grow.
I will never leave your side.
I'll come visit you in jail.
I will gladly hold your hand.

I will gladly hold your hand, as I lead you straight to hell!

- by Glenda J.

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Sheila 2 Rene 5 Dave S. 5 Greg P. 7 Frederic 25 Carnie Joe 27

SUNSET

Renee L. 3 Julio L. 4 Mario D. 6 Frank A. 8 Ricardo M. 10 Paul S. 19 Musta P. 30 Scarlett 32

SOUTH DIXIE

Juanita L. 4 Andy M. 12 Suzy H. 15 Ivette M. 17 Robert S. 27 Larry D. 40

JULY

GOOD **MORNING**

Jimmy P. 1 Scott A. 2 Demetrius S. 3 Derrick R. 4 Kamet P. 5 Geo R. 6 Evie V. 7 Brenda C. 8 Rick C. 9 Mervyn B. 10 Keith W. 11 Tom N. 12 Keith D. 13

JUNE

NORTH MIAMI

Andrea L. 3 Nicole 9

PRIMARY PURPOSE

Mercy 1 Sam 1 Denise 1 Peter 1 Victor 1 Franc 2 Shannon A. 3 Pedro A. 3 Ileana 6 Kent 15 Regina 16 Wade 18 Manny 20 Charlie 30 Bob 38

CORAL GABLES

Armand F. 1 Edward M. 1 Raul C. 1 Raul P. 2 Jerry M. 3 Omar 4 Marlene M. 5 Robin 5 Mario D. 6 Rober T. 7 Carol D. 8 Mili 8 Anthony A. 8 Luis 9 Marco G. 10 Moises P. 10 Rick C. 12 Gus 13 Gisela 15 Lisette R. 18 Jim S. 25 Patricia DR 31 John S. 35 Richard



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Gus Z. 1 Carolina L. 11 Carlos G. 1 Kelly R. 13 Ivonne D. 1 Darren C. 15 Mary A. 2 Bill M. 21 Dave N. 4 Lance T. 23 Ileana G. 5 Michelle K. 24 Jean Marie 5 Robert A. 24 Samir K. 9 Bob P. 37

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Would like to recognize and thank all the volunteers that have been helping in the office attending the phones and by helping doing other duties.

> Cindy Monica Lee Alv

And special thanks to Laura for doing such a great job in managing our Twelve Step Relay.

To All Of You Thank You Very Much!

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.



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 We Stopped in Time/Last Monday Young, Sober and Free/Last Sunday

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