

The Messenger



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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Florida - USA

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BIG SERVICE BREAKFAST

**MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP &
GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 10**

September 22nd, 2018

*** Tickets \$8.00**

<p>7:00am SETUP</p> 	<p>9:00am COFFEE</p> 	<p>9:30am FOOD</p> 	<p>10:00am SPEAKERS</p> 
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GREAT SERVICE SPEAKERS!



Location:

St. Faith Episcopal Church
10600 Caribbean Blvd. – Miami 33189
(Right off Exit 11 Turnpike)

Tickets on sale NOW!

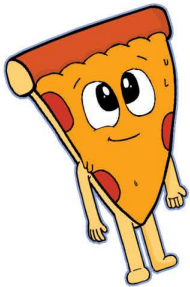
Tickets on sale NOW!

For Service opportunities: Call the Intergroup Office 305.461.2425
Please support, contribute and help make this event a success!

My Amends began at Ground Zero - Family Negligence Headed the List

I was serving in the navy, living like a fleet sailor, in a rocky marriage, with one child, in and out of port, drinking and quarreling a lot with my wife, and circling the drain. One day my ship pulled into port and tied up to the pier. I grabbed my essentials and went to my home in the navy housing facility to find the place empty and deserted. Gone was my wife, my son, my furniture, my car, my marriage and my pride. I returned to my ship, shamed and humiliated and absolutely crushed. I spent the next two years crying in my beer and looking for sympathy. I stared across the bar at myself in the mirror wondering if everyone in the bar knew how much pain I was in. I began to have problems getting back to my ship on time in the morning, and after the third such episode, when I woke up at 9 am, I was already two hours late for muster. I called the local A.A. fellowship and found my way there. That was on Oct. 15, 1969, and I have been sober ever since. A little over a year after I got sober, I was remarried to my current wife of 47 years. About a year into that marriage I remember waking up in the middle of the night, sitting up in bed and my wife asked me, "what's wrong". I replied "I can't do this anymore". She asked me what I was talking about and I replied, "I have to stop bad mouthing my first wife". From that day until now, my wife and I have been treating her with kindness, respect, empathy, understanding and love. That is where I started getting into making amends and family negligence headed the list. There are many areas in our lives where we need to repair damaged relations, but there's no more important place to start than at ground zero. Our families have been on the receiving end of our errant behavior for years, and it will take time to regain their trust. They were not the problem, we were, and they don't owe us anything. Until we gain some credibility, we can't make any demands. Credibility is doing what you say you're going to do, and not making any promises we can't keep. A whole bunch of credibility leads to the beginning of integrity. We can repair other relations as we spiral outward from our families to our close friends then to our work mates and our fishing buddies and so on. Being a good husband/wife, a good father/mother or, a good sister/brother, I think, should hold a top priority, as our families need us. About twelve years ago, after living in the same community for 24 years, at the time, and attending meetings daily I made a statement at a meeting that I would give anyone \$100.00 if they had ever heard me say one negative thing about my first wife, and nobody could collect on it, including my wife, and that son I thought I had lost. As I think back on that incident, I realize that it was the seed that fashioned my whole attitude about how I practice my principles. Now tell me, if I say that I never say anything bad about my first wife, but I am still gossiping and being critical about other people, am I not a hypocrite? I cannot be selective about who I apply these principles to. Principles are not flexible. They are the solid bedrock that my credibility and integrity rest upon. Learning how to treat my family makes it much easier to repair the damage to those outside the family circle and my family will be witness to my credibility and my integrity.

By Rick R.



WE ARE CELEBRATING 71 Years!!!!



Come and join us to celebrate
with Pizza, Sodas, Coffee
and a delicious Cake! **7:30pm**

September 13th, 2018



Iglesia Metodista Unida - 133 Ponce de Leon



THE MIDDLE STEPS IN A TIMELY MANNER

Luckily, my sponsor, Carl, allowed me almost no "let me think it over" time as we approached my initial middle step process. No time for fear or hesitation was available! Only minutes after praying the Third Step request for God's help, he had me start a process I call "spontaneous writing" which provided substantive and honest Fourth Step information. I was warned not to write good things about myself because that would take too many pages. Ha!

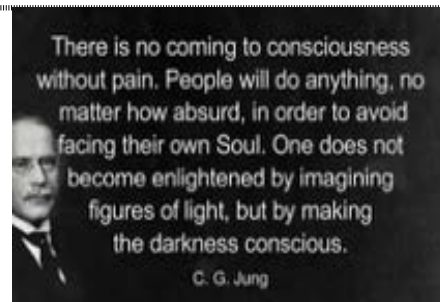
Carl, then helped me actually "read and do" the Fourth Step process directly from the Big Book (PP 64-71). The "Spontaneous writing" process started on a Saturday, "at once," per page 64 instructions," and we then completed Step Four instructions the following Saturday.

The Step Five process of reporting my newly found character defects, etc., with Carl, began just a few minutes after finishing Step Four (First opportunity, page 74), and Step Six began, "then," (p. 76) and Step Seven was prayed at "first opportunity" (p. 76). Actually, Steps Four through Seven, were completed in a few hours that last Saturday. Doctor Carl Jung has written: "People will do anything to avoid facing their own soul." Thankfully, my sponsor didn't give me time to back out. He followed the Big Book timetable!

As years pass, as I watch newcomers too often disappear between Steps Three and Four, I have become much more appreciative of the Big Book's timetable for the middle steps. I believe too much in-between time allows fear and doubt to take over; then, even the sincerest Third Step decision will often deteriorate into indecision and inaction.

Sometimes I hear: "God will show me when to start my inventory," or, "I plan to take my time and do it right" . . . and so on. I believe it is good to explain, at this point, that what is missed in Step Four can always be taken care of in Step Ten—even years later when they crop up. A.A. is a program of timely action.

Bob S., Richmond, IN



Looking for STEP Meetings?

KEY BISCAYNE GROUP
Mondays @ 8:30pm
at St. Christopher's Church

SOBER WAY OUT GROUP
Fridays @ 1:00pm
@ the Little River Club

STEPS & TRADITIONS GROUP
Fridays @ 7:00pm
@ the Little River Club

SABAL PALM GROUP
Tuesdays @ 4:00pm
@ Sabal Palm

BREAKFAST CLUB GROUP
Sundays @ 9:30am
@ the West Dixie Club

SOMETHING HAPPENS GROUP
Fridays @ 8:30am
@ the Boulevard Club

BRICKELL GROUP
Thursdays @ 12:00pm
@ St. Jude Church

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
Tuesdays @ 8:30pm
@ the Friendship Club



AREA 15 SOUTH FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

"The Language of the Heart"
"El Lenguaje del Corazón"

Hosted by Districts 8 and 17 • October 5 - 7, 2018

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

HOTEL INFORMATION

Boca Marriott

Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center - 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton, FL 33486 - 561.392.4600

Reference "South Florida Area General Service" or GSVGSA

Room Rate: \$129.00 S/D - Must be received by September 6th, 2018

GRUPO UNIDAD

2012- 2018

**6to Aniversario**

Semana de compartimiento
Del 16 al 22 de Septiembre

Sesion Publica
Domingo 23 de Septiembre
a la 1:00pm

A Party Hall

10957 SW 186th St. - Miami, FL 33157

QUINTA TRADICION

1998- 2018

**20 Aniversario**

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 6 al 13 de Octubre

Sesion Publica Domingo
14 de Octubre a las 12:00pm

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

VIVIENDO SOBRIO

2014- 2018

4to Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 8 al 12 de Octubre a las 8:00pm

Sesion Publica
Sabado 13 de Octubre
a las 6:00pm



Iglesia Metodista Unida
133 Ponce de Leon - Miami, FL 33135



OFICINA INTERGRUPAL HISPANA Y DISTRITO 17

Los invita a nuestras reuniones
planificadas de servicio en los grupos

Continuando con el grupo

GRUPO LIBERACION

Sábado - Septiembre 8, 2018 a la 8:00pm

Temas:

- 1) Los enemigos de nuestra recuperación
- 2) Fortaleciendo nuestra recuperación a través del servicio.

GRUPO ALEGRIA DE VIVIR

Miércoles - Septiembre 26, 2018 a la 8:00pm

Temas:

- 1) Responsabilidad en A.A.
- 2) Unidad en A.A.

TODOS LOS GRUPOS ESTAN INVITADOS!
ABRA REFRIGERIO!

Acompañenos para fortalecer nuestra unidad!

NOVENA TRADICION

"A.A. como tal nunca debe ser organizada; pero podemos crear juntas o comités de servicio que sean directamente responsables ante aquellos a quienes sirven."

**ETAPAS DEL ALCOHOL**

- Te ries por cualquier cosa
- Quieres a todo el mundo
- Lloras
- Hora de llamar a los amigos
- Empiezas a hablar otros idiomas
- Baile erótico
- Soy rico!
- Estoy bien, estoy bien
- Hospital

NOVENO PASO

"Reparamos directamente a cuantos nos fue posible el daño causado, excepto cuando el hacerlo implicaba perjuicio para ellos o para otros."

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, Adam M., Sal G. South Dade, Charles S. South Dade, Kandice 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.
305.274.74.34
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 Committee
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**



Groups we need your help!

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

Literature for the amount of **\$30.00** for the

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SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2018

St. Faith Episcopal Church



If your group would like to donate a basket, you can order the books by contacting the Office and we will give the books to the Basket committee.



Please contact:
the Intergroup Office at (305) 461.2425

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Jennifer R.

Aly P.

Manuel N.

Chris W.

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Askia K.

Mary S.

Founder's Day**OPEN POSITION****Intergroup Banquet**

Lee, Raz, April

Intergroup Office

Jennifer R.

The Messenger

Office

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Keith D.

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NOTICES

Notices published in "The Messenger" are taken from information submitted to the Miami-Dade Intergroup Office. Information is based on what is current at the time of printing.

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 Nine

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

JULY

HOMESTEAD

Bruce S. 1
Bill K. 8
Pablo G. 9
Ray C. 24

SABAL PALM

Susie G. 1
Karlo 1
Jonathan G. 1
Rohit P. 1
Jose S. 2
Vicky F. 2
Natalie M. 2
Louis 2
Mark H. 3
Alex 3
Kathy C. 5
Roy A. 6
Carlos M. 9
Gail S. 10
Jackie R. 10
Mike J. 13
Peter D. 16
Steve H. 17
Louie 29
Santiago 34

NORTH MIAMI

Shannon D. 2
Mily S. 14
Mary Ann 34
Andrea L. 34

AUGUST

SOUTH DIXIE

Elise 2
Ruben C. 2
Frank V. 31

PALMETTO BAY

Marcy Y. 2
Derek G. 4
Gail C. 10
Arianne R. 10
George W. 17

LITTLE RIVER

Mark 21
Deborah 22
Danya 27
Jimmy G. 29
Martha 30
Gary 30
Jessie 31

SOUTH DADE

Sal G. 6
Shaneka M. 7
Gail S. 10
Dave R. 14
Drew H. 19
Sam S. 53

KEY BISCAYNE

Ruthie 5
Natalia 11
Norma 16
Debbie C. 19
Jennifer R. 19

SUNSET

Patrick P. 2
Nikki S. 3
Jill B. 4
Elena 5
Richard X. 6
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Pedro P. 17
Hollywood 22
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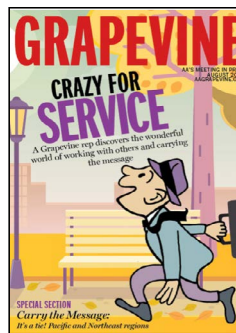
HOMESTEAD

Jorge M 1
Vanessa N 1
ALDO R 2
Mike B 2
Johnny V 2
Joey B 3
Eddy D 4
Laura K 11
Wes K 13
Ron G 20
Todd 21



SOBER WAY OUT

Marc M. 3
Reggie c. 4
Alex V. 6
Raina E. 7
Rafaela R. 7
Norma C. 8
Lucille G. 9
Kris S. 13
Clyde I. 14
Debra J. 20
Garcia G. 25
Deborah J. 27
Pat G. 28
L.A. Rose 33
Jimmy S. 33



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/2nd Sunday @ 7:00pm
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

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

54th Annual Gratitude Dinner

"Sunlight of the Spirit"

GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 10



IS COMING UP.....!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Gratitude Dinner Committee Meetings are being held as follows:

9/22 - 10/20 - 11/10 - 11/24

All meetings start @ 2:00pm at the
SUNSET ROOM - 6999 N. Waterway Dr. - Miami - 305.261.3725

Help Carry
the Message
Of AA



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

LOOKING FOR MEETINGS?

Learn more at:
www.meetingguide.org

Here is the icon to look for.....



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- October 11th, 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.)

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September!

