

The Messenger



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STEP 12

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."



"Deep down in every man, woman and child is the fundamental idea of God."

BB pg. 55



64th ANNUAL BANQUET MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

MARCH 23rd, 2019

at the

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton

SAVE THE DATE!

MIAMI DADE INTERGROUP

Would like to
wish all of you
a

**HAPPY
AND
SAFE
HOLIDAYS!**



HAPPY, JOYOUS, BUT NOT FREE

(The Hollywood Christmas parade was a watershed lesson)

Bill W.'s spiritual experience of mid-December 1934, was an event of important historical significance, yet very few relate with it from their own moment of sudden "God-consciousness." However, I suffered the following illusion many years ago.

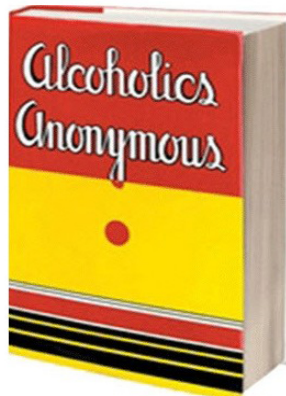
When I was sober about three months, and had yet to go through Twelve Steps, I experienced a similarity to what Bill W. jokingly referred to as a hot flash. Late one November night while in deep meditation, sitting on a pile of rocks protruding into the Pacific Ocean, I was suddenly overtaken with tremendous joy and exuberant fiery energy. I actually started running down Venice Beach through the night. I seemed to feel almost weightless; perhaps I could walk on water—good that I didn't. Ha! This Joyously overwhelming spell lasted into the early morning.

It occurred to me that I probably had had a similar experience as Bill W. (p. 14) It seemed plausible that the obsession to drink had been lifted — perhaps I was now a recovered alcoholic! Time to relax and take it easy! I would never drink again! I had arrived! Well, I hadn't! The very next month, after a Christmas Day parade on Hollywood Blvd., I marched right into a bar and almost ordered a gin and tonic — I only have God to thank that I didn't!

Appendix Two, "Spiritual Experience" (p.567) tells us that a spiritual experience or awakening causes "a personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism" — that definition didn't apply for me! My exciting episode on those rocks allowed me to become dangerously complacent. As years pass, these joyous episodes still occur, albeit to much lesser degree, but I have learned not to take them too seriously. The famous monk author, Thomas Merton, referred to such pleasant spiritual episodes as, "The wrong flame."

This may be a symptom of an "AA Honeymoon," which is okay, but is certainly not a signal to become complacent. The good news is that I immediately went through the steps with a new sponsor. A few months later I was given a blessed release from that nagging compulsion to drink—it has never returned! Living the AA Steps has been my recovery solution—not simply attending meetings, but both are necessary for me to remain happy, joyous and free.

Bob S.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY
BIG BOOKS****WE ONLY HAVE 29 LEFT!****THE REPLICA OF OUR
FIRST BIG BOOK WON'T
LAST FOR LONG.****They will no longer be
printed out.****COME AND GET YOUR COPY BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE!****Candlelight Holiday Party!****NORTH MIAMI GROUP****FRIDAY****DECEMBER 14th, 2018****Serving - 7:30pm***Covered Dishes, Desserts & Appetizers appreciated!***Intergroup Benefit****General Service Benefit****UPPER ROOM****822 NE 125th St. Suite 111 - North Miami - 305.899.8040****THIS PRECIOUS GIFT**

Rick R.

They say four billion years ago life showed its face on earth. And so it happens, man became, the product of that birth. Then grapes appeared upon the vine, eight thousand years just past.

Their juice, when crushed, seemed harmless, when enjoyed with repast. But like most things that seem so fine, and too good to be true, a darker side revealed the lure that many came to rue.

When smitten by this patient foe the bearers have no shield, and when the choice is yea or nay, the stricken always yield. So shameful was this malady, a moral thing they said. Their families kept their secret safe, long after they were dead.

Centuries have come and gone, since first it got its grip, and one in ten would pay the price, when venturing one sip. Then God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice, and Bill and Bob were listening, and heard his loving voice.

How fortunate we are today, to be among the first, to have been chosen, at this time, to quell that deadly thirst. The wisdom of eight thousand years is laid there at our feet.

How blessed to have it waiting, when I stumbled in defeat. When pondering the suffering crossed, that vast expanse of time, I would not waste one moment of, His precious gift sublime.

"SUNSET GROUP"

WILL BE OPEN

24 Hours on

**December 24th, 2018 &
December 31ST, 2018**



YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

SUNSET ROOM

6999 N Waterway Dr. - Miami - 305.261-3725

CORAL GABLES

Holiday Hours!



OPEN 24 HOURS!

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2018

12/25 - 3:00 am (O, D) Meeting

New Year's Eve

December 31st, 2018

01/01 - 3:00 am (O,D) Meeting

Coral Gables

1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd. - Coral Gables - 305.446.9558

A Joyful Time of year Bringing Joy to the Less Fortunate

How appropriate it seems that there are twelve months in a year and we have twelve steps in the program. The joy of good living is the theme of the twelfth step and it blends right in with the holiday season in November and December, starting with Thanksgiving and ending with the New Years Eve celebration. This time of year does bring a lot of joy to many of us but it also brings distress to some of the less fortunate ones who haven't yet been blessed with the gift of sobriety and peace of mind, in and outside of A.A.

During my drinking days I used to be very uncomfortable about the holidays. I never knew how to act around normal people unless I was half smashed. When invited to a celebration, I felt like a charity case and would rather just hang out at the bar where I felt safe. I never got into the spirit of reaching out to others. My family always celebrated the different holidays, and I always (due to My discomfort} would put a damper on it by complaining about the tacky gifts that people would buy for each other and the mad rush to go shopping and the commercializing facade that it had become. Any excuse was better than facing me and the miserable wretch I had become.

After being sober for several years it occurred to me that I still had some of those same attitudes, and that I was still holding on to them to some degree largely due to the inconvenience of it all. I explained this problem to a dear friend once, and he asked, "Does the rest of the family enjoy the holidays?" I said yes. He then said, "Why don't you just take a back seat and just watch the joy in their eyes as they experience these things." I did exactly what he suggested and when I started to observe the childlike innocence and happiness it brought to them, it gave me a whole new appreciation for this time of year. It brought tears of Joy to my eyes and I no longer wanted to be the grouch, putting a damper on the joy that they were having. I have been following this line of thinking ever since and it has changed my whole attitude concerning these things.

This change of attitude has inspired me to apply the unselfish lessons that I've come to understand and now I spend the holiday season filled with Joy. If it works like that for the holidays, then why can't I bring it with me for the rest of the year? This has been my mission for several years, and I am always looking for the opportunity to brighten the lives of people less fortunate than myself. I try to do these things anonymously and without fanfare. I also try to consider the discomfort that I used to feel when I was the one on the receiving end of a charitable gesture. I am very careful to do these things in a way that preserves the dignity of that other person. I don't have to wait for the holidays to do these things. Every day is a holiday in and outside of my home, and you can believe me when I say; I reap more than my share of the joy.

by Rick R.

GRUPO ENCUENTRO 1975- 2018

43 Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 13 De Enero al 18 de EneroSesion Publica Sabado
19 de Enero a las 6:00pmCuerpo de Bomberos
2980 NW South River Dr. - Miami - 33125

GRUPO CUENTO CONTIGO

1991 - 2019

"28 Aniversario"

Semana de Compartimiento
Lunes 31 Diciembre del 2018
al Sabado 5 de Enero del 2019

Sesion Publica

Sabado 6 de Enero 2019 a las 12:00pm

Club de la Policia
2300 NW 14th St. - Miami, FL 33142

GRUPO NUEVO DESPERTAR 1990 - 2019

29 Aniversario

Semana de Compartimiento
Del 21 de Enero al 26 de Enero 2019



Sesion Publica

27 de Enero del 2019 a las 11:00am

Club de los Bomberos
2980 NW S. River Dr., Miami, FL 33125Gran Cena & Baile
Navideña 2018Oficina Intergruppal Sur de la Florida
Comité de Eventos Especiales

Sábado, Diciembre 22

Adultos: \$15 y Niños: \$5 - (7pm)

2300 NW, 14 St. Miami, 33125

Felicidades
y mucha
Sobriedad

DUODECIMA TRADICION

"El anonimato es la base espiritual de todas nuestras Tradiciones, recordándonos siempre anteponer los principios a las personalidades."

DUODECIMO PASO

"Habiendo obtenido un despertar espiritual como resultado de estos pasos, tratamos de llevar el mensaje a los alcohólicos y de practicar estos principios en todos nuestros asuntos."

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, Marcy South Dade, Hendrick South Dade, Dawn South Dade, Raz, Manuel.

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**
TO BE ANNOUNCED!

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 Sunday of the month
@ 1:30pm at the
Lambda Miami Dade Club
28 NE 54th St.
Miami, FL 33137

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



THE KNOTS PRAYER

Dear God,
please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.
Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots, and
might nots that find
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind
my heart and my life all of the am
nots that I have allowed to hold me
back, especially the thought
that I am not good enough.

Amen.

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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 Twelve**

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.."

NOVEMBER

PALMETTO BAY

Patricia A. 14
Pat J. 38
Bob M. 46

SOUTH DADE

Albert C. 4
Bambi 29
Pat C. 33
Callie 33
Bob M. 46

SOBER WAY OUT

Inez R. 2
Allison G. 2
Wendy O. 3
Alfred R. 4
Mehgan G. 7
David M. 10
Conrad G. 12
Stella S. 14
Marta A. 18
Sophia S. 27
Alfred J. 29

SABAL PALM

Adriana 1
David 1
Caprice 1
Lori K. 1
Maryann O. 2
Walter 4
Mari D. 4
Albert 4
Marlon 6
Casey B. 8
Jessica G. 16
Eddie I. 16
Regina F. 22
Mario Q. 25
Bill W. 29
Margie U. 39
Merle G. 42
Robert M. 46

SOUTH DIXIE

Kevin D. 7
Ed 8
Casey 9
Juliana W. 13

NORTH MIAMI

Louis E. 9
Jerry D. 19
Ted 29

DECEMBER

GOOD MORNING

Willie D. 2
Chelsea L. 6
Danielle 6
Ileana M. 7
Grant H. 7
John B. 8
Lelis C. 9
Laura L. 11
Askia K. 29
David G. 30



LITTLE RIVER GROUP

Mark 1
Anthony 7
Kevin 13
Ron 16
Mark 17



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

Office will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:



December 24th, 2018 & December 25th, 2018

&

December 31st, 2018 & January 1st, 2019

Phones will be forwarded to the

CORAL GABLES GROUP

305.446.9558



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.russianaaa.com
russianaaa.florida@gmail.com

• 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?

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
Happy Hour Group/ 3rd Thursday @ 6:35pm
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
Happy Hour Group/Last Friday @ 5:30pm
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

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- January 10th, 2019 @ 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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