

The Messenger



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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"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

Tickets on sale NOW!

\$40.00 per person

\$400 per table

at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton

Step One: The A. A. Launch Pad She didn't find it Too Comforting.

I was sitting at a meeting recently when I heard a very young, and very sincere, single mother of two, sharing that her first experience in A.A. was the thought of having to do all this stuff for the rest of her life and she didn't find it too comforting. It sounded to me that, from her perspective, she knew that she had to do it, but it wasn't going to be easy or fun. I admired her for her courage and conviction and I tried to encourage her by explaining things that I had experienced when I was faced with the life changing challenges of sobriety. I was the father of a boy, I was in the Navy at the time, and was divorced. It was a difficult time but I had to go through it, drinking or not. I began the process of recovery in a slow, methodical and thorough way, and I came out a stronger person for it. I likened it to the first Apollo space mission to the moon. It goes something like this: When you first see the size of this space craft and consider the amount of energy it would take to put it into space, it is hard to fathom. After the countdown is complete, the engines fire and a tremendous amount of flame and smoke engulf the entire area, and in a few moments, it slowly starts to lift off. As it lumbers its first few hundred feet, it is expending a tremendous amount of fuel. Slowly it starts to gain momentum and pick up speed, still shuddering along. Soon the booster tanks are depleted and they are ejected and the main tanks begin to propel it further along the flight path with even more thrust as it is reaching for orbit. Next, the main tank is depleted just before orbit and is ejected. What is left is a very small portion of what left the launch pad. Soon the craft leaves orbit and heads toward the moon and

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SERVICETHE THIRD LEGACY!

Service starts in your own group and can happen as soon as your first day of sobriety. How, you ask? It is as simple as pushing your chair under the table or aligning it with the other chairs in the row or in the circle. As one gains confidence and trust. A person can move on to just pouring coffee... and then coming early to make the coffee. Usually, every six months, there is a need for a new secretary for the meeting. If you attend a larger meeting or a fellowship you can be elected to one of many positions.

You can make sure that your group always has a supply of coffee, cups, sugar, cream, etc. not to mention books, chips, and medallions.

WE speak of contributing to our own sobriety. This is how it begins. But always it begins with you... clean up after yourself and space around you.

➡ **STEP ONE** ⬅

**"WE ADMITTED WE WERE
POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL
--THAT OUR LIVES HAD
BECOME UNMANAGEABLE."**



SOUTH DIXIE GROUP OPEN HOUSE

10:30 – 3:30

SUNDAY

February 10, 2019

Please join the South Dixie Group as we share our GRATITUDE for our new location and 20 years as a Group. We will have DOUBLE LONGTIMER SPEAKER MEETINGS at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

FINGER FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

OPEN HOUSE

FOOD

SPEAKERS

FELLOWSHIP

11 AM MEETING

2 PM MEETING

LONGTIMER
SPEAKERS

1yr @ our

NEW

LOCATION

16201 SW 95 AVE
SUITE 302

305 233 4784

The South Miami Men's Group
invites you to join us for our
32nd Annual



Thursday, Jan 31st, 2019

Fellowship 5:30-6:00

Dinner 6:00-7:30

Open Speaker Meeting 8:00



MENU

Spaghetti & Meatballs
Tossed Salad
Italian Bread
Dessert

ALL ARE WELCOME!
(Men + Women)
ALL EAT FREE!
\$\$\$ 50/50 RAFFLE \$\$\$

Unitarian Universalist Cong. Church
7701 SW 76th Ave, South Miami

FOUR STAGES OF THE 12-STEPS

Steps One thru Three: Giving it up:

The cliché "Meeting makers make it" can be helpful—sort of. Group sharing, early on, helped me to solidify that I was really an alcoholic (Step One), and that a spiritual power, "greater than myself," could restore my sanity, consequently, I would never again have to wake up in another drunk tank (Step Two); also, those many meetings made clear that I needed to ask God for help, el pronto (Step Three). Yet I was told that "Survival on the fellowship was untreated alcoholism," I was also told that although meeting makers may make it to lots of meetings, and learn important and hopeful facts, it was not my solution. This process was only a beginning—many albies who stopped at this point got drunk! Certain of the less sensitive refer to this as: "1-2-3 Cha-Cha-cha (not recommended).

Steps Four Thru Six: Fessing it up:

My sponsor pointed out, just after we prayed the Third Step prayer together, that all my new-found spiritual gusto would soon fade away unless we begin Step Four at once (p. 64). After a short period of spontaneous God-inspired writing, followed by my own reflections, I then had enough honest information to allow my sponsor to take me through the Fourth Step Process. Step Five was done at first opportunity (p. 74), which started only a few minutes later. Now, being armed with those defects and shortcomings that constituted that bondage of self I confessed to myself that I had to become willing to have them removed (Step Six).

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MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

Would like to give THANKS to very special dedicated members that have served in our board as Trusted Servants for the past 2 years;

Gary C. as Chairman, Ali P. and Raz S. as Steering Committee members.

To You Thank You Very Much!

And we would like to welcome our new board: Robert L. as Chairman, Raz S. as Vice Chair, Tom D. and Ian S. as Steering Committee members.

HOMESTEAD GROUP

69th Anniversary

FEBRUARY 9th, 2019

Coffee Social: 5:00pm / Dinner: 6:00pm

Speaker Meeting @ 7:30pm



Guest Speaker



\$10.00 per ticket

Fun, Fellowship, 50/50 Raffle, Music!

Desserts WELCOME!

INTERGROUP BENEFIT!



Location:
Redland Community Church
14601 SW 248th St.
Homestead, FL 33032



STEP ONE.... (Cont. from page 1)

something else happens that sometimes goes unnoticed. Somewhere between the earth and the moon, the gravitational pull of the moon has more influence on the craft than the earth's has, and it is gently drawn along its path. Very little energy is needed at this point except for minor course corrections.

In A.A.; when we first get started, it appears to be an insurmountable task and it requires a tremendous amount of effort just to get off the launch pad. Not every launch is successful and some of us don't make it the first time, and we have to exert all that energy in each successive attempt. As we do get on our way, it starts to get easier as we increase our momentum. Much of the burden falls away as we make progress, and the going gets easier as we head for our objective. When we go through the twelve steps, we finally reach orbit. After we are satisfied that everything is in order, we can now set out for the moon. If we stay on course, the spiritual gravity of values we have adopted in the A.A. program will far outweigh the negative gravity of the past as long as we eject all of the dead weight that held us down. As we continue to adjust the day to day, mistakes that we make, and adopt an unselfish approach to life, somewhere along the flight path, we will cross that line where we are drawn towards a life of peace and serenity that is hard to imagine when we are setting on the launch pad. The most important part of the journey is the lift off. If we can get through that most difficult time, it does get easier, and then we need only to stay the course.

By Rick R.

MEETING!!

As of
01/2019



ALMERIA GROUP

Will meet on Saturdays

@ 6:30pm

(not 7:30pm)



Coral Gables Congregational Church
3010 Columbus Blvd - Coral Gables - 33134



55th



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE
LOS ANGELES**

*The Language of the Heart
will be spoken Here*

February 7th - 10th 2019

**The Westin Bonaventure
Hotel & Suites**

404 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
213-624-1000

IWC is a closed conference for Women in Alcoholics Anonymous

www.internationalwomensconference.org

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 2019Sesion Publica
Sabado 6 de Enero 2019 a las 12:00pmClub 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 11:00amClub de los Bomberos
2980 NW S. River Dr., Miami, FL 33125

¿Sabías qué..?

La Oficina de Servicios Generales (OSG) tiene actualmente una extensa lista de hombres encarcelados que están a la espera de intercambiar correspondencia con un miembro de A.A. de afuera. La gran mayoría de estos hombres son alcohólicos hispanos que desean trabajar el programa de A.A. Tu puedes enviar el mensaje de A.A. manteniendo esta correspondencia y usando La Viña como herramienta de Paso Doce.

Para obtener más información, envía un correo electrónico a: corrections@aa.org. O puedes escribir a:

**Correccionales,
Oficina de Servicios Generales
Box 459, Grand Central Station
Nueva York, N.Y. 10163.**

Llegamos a comprender
que teniamos que admitir
plenamente, en lo mas
profundo de nuestro ser,
que eramos alcoholicos.
Este es el **PRIMER PASO**
hacia la recuperacion!



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.
305.274.74.34
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



January

FOUR STAGES OF THE 12-STEPS.. (Cont. from page 2)

Steps Seven Thru Nine: Cleaning it up:

I then asked God to remove these suddenly revealed destructive facets in Step Seven, then reviewed and added to my mostly written Step Eight list. After a conference with my sponsor, and prayers to God, I began making my Step Nine amends as suggested in the Big Book.

Steps Ten thru Twelve: Living it up:

I have learned that the above nine steps were only a teaching-of-the-heart event. Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve, are a lifelong process. Living these last three steps is a continuous re-doing (living) of the first nine! Life is easier, and much happier now—I have begun the process of living it up!

Bob S., Richmond, IN

A.A.WISDOM

**I AM TRANKFUL TO BE RELEASED
FROM ALCOHOL, BUT I AM MORE
THANKFUL TO BE BOUND BY THE RE-
SPONSIBILITIES OF SOBRIETY, A NEC-
CESSARY EVIL IS ONE WE LIKE SO MUCH
WE DON'T CARE TO ABOLISH IT.
PUT YOUR SOBRIETY FIRST!
TO MAKE YOUR SOBRIETY LAST!**

- Bill S., MS

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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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Concept One

"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

DECEMBER

SOBER WAY OUT

Tony V. 2
John D. 2
Guy M. 4
Jordan G. 4
Sadena 5
Dawn G. 11
Robert B. 12
Scotty S. 16

SABAL PALM

Miguel U. 1
Joe D. 1
Julie Y. 1
Jason B. 2
Joe B. 2
Tony N. 2
Andrew 7
Matt Q. 7
Byron H. 7
Jose S. 7
Cynthia 10
Al P. 10
Barry L. 12
Ray S. 12
Mary Ann M. 14
Francisco 14
Shimon C. 15
Angelo K. 24
Kenneth Cl. 24
Carroll P. 29
Eddie D. 29

NORTH MIAMI

Kate M. 3
Robert 17
Pat P. 34

SOUTH DIXIE

Peter R. 2
Don L. 6
Chris S. 7
Ricky M. 7
Sarah I. 9
Jason D. 21
Patricia D. 27

SOUTH DADE

Julia 1
Jose A. 3
James T. 3
Sandi N. 4
Davin 4
Sarah I. 9
Aldrick 12
Doug M. 17
Dale Q. 19
Meredith 20
Jaime G. 24
Sandy 25
Gayle K. 26
Wes D. 30
Josh A. 34
Tom G. 38
Helen M. 43

PALMETTO BAY

Edwin H. 1
Peter R. 2
Ovi S. 3
Heidi T. 5
Christine H. 6
Sarah I. 9
David C. 19
Josh A. 34
Helen Marie 43



JANUARY



GOOD MORNING

Fayola C. 3
Ruby G. 5
Annette B. 6
Gil G. 7
Kenneth T. 15
Herbert W. 19
Donna P. 22
Ruth G. 27
Wilfred M. 30

THANK YOU CINDY!

Who can no longer volunteer at the office. Thank you for your service on 2018!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALY & MONICA!

For their continue volunteering service at the office!

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

• 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
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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

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- February 14th, 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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