

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

God as He May Express Himself.... God as we Understand Him

Alcoholics Anonymous came into existence in 1935 at a time when much of our society was centered around the church in the communities where we lived. Much of the South and the Midwest are still like that to this day. As a child in my home town, on Sunday morning I could look out the window and see a great majority of my neighbors walking to church. That was the way it was in the early 1940's. The book, Alcoholics Anonymous was published in 1939, and it seems that it was highly influenced by the many early members of the program at that time. A.A. could have, very easily become a religious program, but fortunately, the elders of that time realized, by the mistakes of the Oxford Group, and the Washingtonians, that they had to make it clear that, a desire to stop drinking was the only requirement for membership, and that the individual members could choose their own concept of a power greater than themselves, i.e. God as we understand him. In Tradition Two it says, "As He may express Himself in our group conscience" When the word God is used in the remainder of the book, it is not always followed by the "as we understand him" qualifier, and I believe that many members get the idea that somehow, they are trying to push religion on them. I think that's understandable. When I was faced with that possibility, I personally found it easy enough to read the black part of the pages in the book and to not let myself become distracted by what I now recognized as a cultural norm at the time. I had no problem setting aside my religious bias and recognizing the parts of the Big Book and the 12X12 that clearly state all of the options available when it comes to finding a "power greater than myself", and I can name several right off top. 1) Alcohol itself was my higher power for a long time and still would be if hadn't gotten into the program. 2) My EGO ran my life for quite awhile until I got serious about life issues. 3) The A.A. program itself. I found myself spiritually lost when I surrendered and entered the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and when faced with the need to come to terms with the Higher Power issue, I now realize why it took such a long time to settle this subject. Years of drinking and an underdeveloped thinking process that was hard to get up to speed right away. As I got more familiar with the Big Book, and the 12X12, I started to uncover all the evidence that debunked the idea that I had to conform to any religious doctrine. In the 12X12 I read on page 26, "alcoholics anonymous does not demand that you to believe anything." On belief, "to acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could." (Pg.27) Also on page 26 where it states, "Take it easy. The hoop you have to jump through is a lot wider than you think..... A one-time vice-president of the American atheist Society ... got through with room to spare" Then on page 33 of the 12X12 it says "Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this step." Today I am very comfortable with my own concept of a Higher Power and I use the word God only to put a name on a concept that has no physical form and I might say that it expresses itself in the collective conscience of the world we live in. I can assure you that if you read these qualifiers and practice the rest of the principals of the program, as enthusiastically as you can, you will come to terms with a personal concept of a higher power as well as any of us.

By Rick R.

TRADITION 2 (an Excerpt)

Sooner or later, every A.A. comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of positive direction. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our A.A. reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every A.A. group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership.

Daily experience informs and instructs his conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into A.A. Tradition.

The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience. We humbly hope and believe that our growing A.A. Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.



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

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



Groups we need your help!

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

64th Annual Intergroup Banquet
MARCH 23rd, 2019

Prices for baskets are at cost for this event!

Please contact the Intergroup Office: 305.461.2425

64th Annual Miami-Dade Intergroup Banquet

BIG BOOK RAFFLE!

1946 - FIRST EDITION "BIG BOOK"
10th Printing

Winning ticket to be drawn at Banquet
Doubletree Hotel by Hilton on March 23rd, 2019
NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
1 ticket for \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00

Alcoholics
Anonymous

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

"SOBER WAY OUT"

NEEDS OUR SUPPORT!

Saturdays @ 2:00pm

**OLD TIMER'S
MEETING**



LITTLE RIVER CLUB
51 NE 82nd Tr. - 305.759.6332



Little River Group

**8:30pm
MEETINGS**

NEEDS SUPPORT!



Little River Group
Little River Club - 51 NE 82nd Tr. - 305.759.6332

RENACER EN SOBRIEDAD 1916 - 2019**3er Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 18 de Febrero al 22 de Febrero
a las 8:00pm**

**Sesion Publica****23 de Febrero 7:30pm en adelante****Local del Grupo****1883 W. Flagler St. - Miami****GRUPO TRADICION 1989- 2019****30 Aniversario****Semana de Compartimiento****Del 25 de Febrero al 1 de Marzo
a las 8:30pm****Sesion Publica Sabado****2 de Marzo del 2019
a las 8:30pm****Local del Grupo****32 SW 21th Ct. - Miami, FL****¿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**

**XLVII CONVENCION HISPANA DE ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS Y CANADA SEDE ATLANTA, GEORGIA
30 Y 31 DE AGOSTO Y 1 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2019**

**UN MILLÓN DE VOCES
UN SOLO MENSAJE**

BOLETIN #2

**CONVENCION NACIONAL
XLVII CONVENCION HISPANA DE AA DE
ESTADOS UNIDOS Y CANADA ATLANTA GA 2019**



**ATLANTA, GA
P.O BOX 191586
ATLANTA GA. 31119
770.875.5463 / 770.655.1874**



UNMILLONDEVOCESUNSOLOMENSAJE@GMAIL.COM



**OFICINA INTERGRUPAL
HISPANA Y DISTRITO 17**

**Los invita a nuestras reuniones
planificadas de servicio en los grupos**

Continuando con el grupo

GRUPO QUINTA TRADICION

Viernes - Febrero 8, 2019 a la 8:00pm

Temas:

- 1) Tenga su representante ante la Oficina Intergrupal.
- 2) Cual es la enseñanza y el aprendizaje que nos deja la Intergrupal al término de su función.

GRUPO ENCUENTRO

Domingo - Febrero 10, 2019 a la 8:00pm

Temas:

- 1) Como se podria practicar la atracción y no la promoción en la Intergrupal
- 2) Cuál es la función del Paso 12 en la Intergrupal.

**TODOS LOS GRUPOS ESTAN INVITADOS!
HABRA REFRIGERIO!**

Acompañenos para fortalecer nuestra unidad!

**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, Adam M., Kandice South Dade, Becka South Dade, 4 Anonymous.

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

Meetings at the
Coral Room
4th Saturday of the month
@ 3:00pm
1100 Ponce de Leon, CG
305.446.9558

GS DISTRICT 10

Literature Committee

TBD

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

3rd Saturday of the Month
@ 3:00pm
Coral Room
1100 Ponce de Leon, CG
305.446.9558

**For more information go to
www.district10miami.org**



A JOURNEY OF HOPE

Getting right with this world is a wonderful quest. When you've been to the gates of hell.
For we who used liquor, to soften the pain,
Know it usually doesn't end well.
We relied on our EGOs, to bolster our pride,
And support our old way of thinking.
Then slowly but surely, as things went awry,
We began to rely on our drinking.
Failures at life, loss of family and friends,
What a horrible price to pay.
When all else had failed, desperation stepped in,
And we entered the gates of A.A.
Surrounded by people, who'd been there before
And the help of Gods gentle sway.
A new life emerged, that we knew nothing of,
And our problems started fading away.
From the gates of hell, to the gates of A.A.
Go a journey you don't want to miss.
From the pain of the past to the hope of today,
Could it possibly all end in bliss?
If we practice the program, one step at a time,
Leaving nothing out from the start.
The final result will be happiness,
Peace of mind, and a quiet heart.

- by Rick R.

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Ian S.

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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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Concept Two

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

NORTH MIAMI

Glen M. 1
Stephen L. 1
Gary R. 2
James B. 4
Julie P. 10
Art W. 14
Tom T. 18
David H. 23
Val M. 27
Mary S. 38

SOUTH DADE

V 2
Allan E. 2
Ann M. 3
Erica 4
Clerin 5
Karen M. 8
Bryan S. 8
Nellie 8
Ivan M. 8
Chris M. 11
Alexandra 13
Richard V. 19
Peter C. 21
Geoff C. 22
Jack C. 30
Mike M. 35
Victoria W. 36

PRIMARY PURPOSE

Ibrahim 1
Mike 1
Aly 1
Eileen 1
Ray 3
Tony 3
Malika 4
Ivan 4
Angela 5
Humberto 5
Cory 7
Alex 7
Kim 7
Lisa 8
Dan 8
Robert 9
Mini 10
Andres 10
Carolina 12
Aly 24
Iggy 27
Lewie 28
Charlie 32

JANUARY



PALMETTO BAY

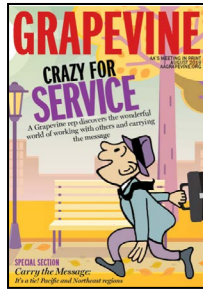
Kelly M. 1
Melissa A. 1
Richard A. 5
Clarín S. 5

SOBER WAY OUT

Alexis A. 3
Donald G. 3
Johnny S. 7
Connie M. 8
Stephanie H. 8
Robert B. 13
Kenneth T. 14
Mechelle L. 15
Patrick R. 15
Herbert 19
Eudely 20
David Mc B. 22
David H. 22
Yasaar M. 26
Mamie K. 30
Michael L. 34

SABAL PALM

Josh G. 1
Maria B. 1
Selma B. 2
Lucesita M. 4
Victor H. 4
Carlos A. 5
Hilda S. 5
Amos L. 7
Jorge P. 7
Taj K. 7
Kathi T. 10
Marcelle G. 14
Nancy B. 16
Kathleen Y. 16
Joel H. 17
Matthew E. 19
Rita C. 23
Luis M. 24
Graham G. 24
Connie G. 31
Allen G. 32
Mary L. 33



HOMESTEAD

Katherine G. 5
Andi 6
Myrna G. 9
Kevin P. 9
Renee 10
Michael H. 14
Flo 17
Tall Mike 20

SOUTH DIXIE

Kelly 1
Julio C. 1
V. 2
Marco F. 5
Joanna J. 9
Lynn A. 13
Jason 21
Patricia D. 27
Gerry G. 35
Russell S. 38

CORAL GABLES

Paul 1
Anthony 2
William 2
Lisel 3
Camille 3
Javier C. 3
Emily 5
Susan 6
Tere 6
Daisy O. 7
Meryl 8
Ken T. 11
Dan W. 11
Tom F. 13
Jo 17
Shawn S. 18
Nitza P. 22
Eddie 24
Pam N. 29
Peggy 46

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
203 SW 23rd St.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

www.russianaa.com
russianaa.florida@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

LITTLE RIVER GROUP

Cindy T. 1
Tony G. 1
Antonio T. 3
Owens B. 5
Ralph J. 11
Darryl B. 15
Clifton. 16
Judy J. 23
Xavier. 26
Eva T. 27
Docs. 29
Ralph J. 29
Melvin B. 30
Ron H. 35

GOOD MORNING

Mujahiv A. 1
Jacquelyn P. 3
Dennis T. 7
Paula S. 8
Nay C. 17
John B. 20
Don E. 28
Lee 44

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

LOOKING FOR MEETINGS?

Learn more at:
www.meetingguide.org

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



BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH GRAPEVINE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY TOOLKIT



A comprehensive package of recovery tools to connect groups

Available January 21st, 2019
aagrapevine.org/75thanniversary

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- March 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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MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP
c/o The Messenger

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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.)

HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!

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**Happy
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