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A Profound Sense of Gratitude **How Fortunate We Are Today**

Alcoholics Anonymous came into existence in 1935 when Bill and Bob started carrying their message to fortunate souls who, up to that point, had little hope of ever overcoming the disease of alcoholism. Prior to that, there were attempts to overcome the disease that came close but failed when they let other issues distract them from their primary purpose. I'm sure they had some, but not all, of the answers, but it did give our co-founders some of the γ answers as to "what not to do" when they established the steps and traditions. The book, Alcoholics Anonymous was published in 1939 after the first (100 alcoholics had maintained their sobriety. I was (born in 1941, just two year after the Big Book was published. I was 28 years old when I came to the program which, at that time, was only in existence for 34 years. They say that Alcohol has been around for about 10 thousand years. How fortunate we are today, to be among the first, to have been chosen at this time to have a solution laid at our feet and for them to have the wisdom to not allow the first 164 pages of the Big Book to be edited or changed. When I talk of the word Gratitude, I ponder the vast amount of time (10 thousand years) that there was no answer to this problem and the hopelessness of those unfortunate souls before 1935. As a child I watched my parents and grandparents, and many of the elders in my life hopelessly suffer through the pains of this disease and they didn't even consider it a disease. On October 15, I will celebrate 50 years of sobriety and no one could be more grateful for all λ the benefits I have received as the results of clinging to this wonderful program and all the principles and values that have given me the tools that separated me from the delusional thinking of the past and showed me a path of recovery that has influenced so many people, starting with my immediate family and spiraling outwards to my relatives, my friends and coworkers and all my A.A. associates. If A.A. had come into existence and the Big Book would have been published just 30 years later than it was, I, most likely, would have been included in those unfor-Stunate souls of the past that had no hope. I showed Sup at the doors of A.A. on Oct. 15,1969 and as I see it, the Program had evolved just enough to be ready for this Grateful recipient and I will always be amazed by the timing of it all. In the 84 years of its existence, Alcoholics Anonymous has been the answer for millions and considering all the ten thousand years before the existence of A.A; I believe we are very fortunate to be on the cutting edge of one of most important and beneficial developments in the history of mankind and to think that it all started when two common variety drunks got together and triggered the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

55th Annual Gratitude Dinner

"Unity Through Love and Service"

GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 10



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

Watsco Center, University of Miami 1245 Dauer Drive Coral Gables, FL 33146

Desserts are Welcome!

FELLOWSHIP 5:30pm

DINNER 6:15pm **SPEAKER** 8:00pm

Guest Speaker

Raffle

Groups are encouraged to contribute raffle basket with books 1. Build your own basket

(Conference approved literature including Grapevine) - suggested \$50.00.

We will build it for you. Contribute \$50.00. (Make checks payable to Miami Dade Intergroup)

Table \$200 - Each Ticket \$25.00

Contact Miami-Dade Intergroup for more information: 305.461.2425

Gratitude Dinner Committee Meetings are being held as follows Sunset Room on the following dates: October 12, October 26 and November 2, 2019 (all meetings start @ 2:00pm)

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Words cannot express the Gratitude I have for this program considering all the suffering that went on prior to 1935 when God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice, and fortunately, Bill and Bob were listening and heard His loving voice. As I read the long form of the Twelve Traditions and all the pains it took when tackling all the points and counter points while formulating our program, I am amazed that (all the pieces fell in place as they are today, and they seem to have gotten it right. I am extremely Grateful for those that came before me and handed me the wonderful life I live today. By Rick R.

"SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION TO IMPROVE OUR CONCIOUS CONTACT WITH GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM, PRAYING ONLY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL FOR US AND THE POWER TO CARRY THAT OUT."







Fall 2019 Workshops



Traditions & Concepts Workshop

2 Day Workshop & Saturday Potluck

Oct 18 - 19

Miami Big Book Workshop

Nov 15 - 17

3 Day Workshop & Saturday Lunch

Register @

miamibigbook.com

Price: \$25 each or 2 for \$40

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS

First Miami 609 Brickell Ave Miami, FL 33131 Event to Benefit Local Intergroup, Local District 10, Area 15 and GSO.

Questions email: info@themiami.group

ARE WE SUPPORTING OUR SUPPORT SYSTEM?

When was the last time your group made a contribution to your local Intergroup? Has it been a month, two months, six months? Or is your group one of those that has never made a contribution? Is this apathy or just lack of knowledge? I serve on the advisory board for our Intergroup Office and it seems no one is willing to make contributions anymore. It's becoming harder and harder to support our Intergroup Office and provide the services necessary for our AA community. As a member of the advisory board I knew it was part of my job to help find some answers to this problem. I started questioning the meetings I regularly attend, asking them point blank why they hadn't made a contribution. The answers I received astonished me. One group told me that the secretary had decided they wouldn't make a contribution because they needed the money for the group's social activities. Another secretary told a group member that he'd do what he damn well wanted with the money.

Then there were groups who said there just wasn't enough money left over to make contributions. Some secretaries admitted they had to kick in their own money to keep the group going. The hardest and saddest stories I heard were from groups that simply didn't know how and where to make a contribution. The basics of Intergroup information are published regularly in our local service newsletter. In addition, a pamphlet from GSO on the question of self-support is sent regularly in the secretary's packet. Either groups don't read the secretary's packet or they've never paid any attention to the information under the heading "Contributions." Unfortunately, we have many secretaries out there who are new in sobriety. They're not even out of the fog before someone pushes the job of secretary on them. New in sobriety, I received really clear-cut directions from my sponsor about how much time in sobriety was recommended before I made a commitment to certain service positions. When my time did arrive to serve, I was informed what I needed to do. I was told the coffee was to be made an hour before meeting time so there would be time for fellowship. All of the literature was to be displayed on a table, especially the Big Book.

Most importantly, I was told that regular contributions to support our Intergroup Office must be made. I realize that not all newcomers have sponsors. But the group has a responsibility to inform those secretaries who are newcomers. So how do we get the word passed around? Maybe those who care about Intergroup should start questioning the groups they attend about contributions. What's wrong with asking groups if they understand that they should make contributions on a regular basis, explaining what they need to do?

I can hear the responses already: It's not my job. Let someone else do it. I didn't get sober to spend my time running after a bunch of drunks and keeping them straight. The fact is, there are only so many of us in service. We need help, so we turn to other members. They need to remember that AA stands for unity, recovery, and service. Bill W. said if AA was to be destroyed, it would be from within. It would be sad if it was due to apathy.

P.S., Columbus, OH

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5:30pm to 6:30pm Food and Fellowship

Followed by:

Speaker Meeting @ 7:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER



SUNDAY December 15th, 2019



Join Us For Great Food, Fun &







HARMONY ROOM

7221 SW 24th St. # 205 - (305) 261-1221

"THANKSGIVING HOURS" MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

OFFICE WILL BE <u>CLOSED</u> ON

THURSDAY - NOV. 28th, 2019 FRIDAY - NOV. 29th, 2019

Phones will be forwarded to the following rooms:

Thursday "SUNSET ROOM"
Friday "CORAL ROOM"

In observance of



THE SHOT HEARD AROUND THE AA WORLD



Ebby T's shotgun blast of late summer of 1934 will evermore resound throughout the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Ebby was thirty-eight years old, alone and nearly destitute, living in his family's summer home in Manchester, Vermont. He had inherited \$150,000 only five years earlier, but that mostly evaporated following the stock market crash of 1929. While well-intoxicated one late evening during the late summer of 1934 he began shooting at pigeons on his roof. Not a good idea in such a prestigious neighborhood. (Robert Todd Lincoln, the President's on once lived across the street!) So Ebby was off to court for the third time; he faced six months confinement.

However, a friend from earlier days, Cebra G, heard of his plight and got Ebby off the hook—his father was the judge! However, Ebby was paroled to live under the tutorship of well-respected millionaire Rowland Hazard. Rowland convinced Ebby to become a resident at Calvary Mission in downtown Manhattan. There he learned that his old schoolmate, Bill Wilson was deep into alcoholic despair. His "kitchen table" visit (pp. 8-9) eventually led Bill to Towns Hospital for treatment; he never drank again! As you know, just five short months later, Bill carried his sobriety message to Dr. Bob S in Akron Ohio which soon afterward signaled the birth of AA.

That was all that was eighty-five years ago, so you may ask: "What's the point?" Well, this short AA history story illustrates that what I do in AA today may have long lasting effects. If I transmit the actual Big Book Twelve Step program of action to the next person, I believe the effect will result in sobriety for those who follow, one to the next. However, if I just make up what seems sort of appropriate, like elaborating on the steps from the clubhouse wall, the long-lasting results will be quite different. Sadly, through the years, I note such half-measure practices on the rise.

A pool player once stated: "I try to make all my shots count!" My hope and desire are that all my Twelve Step shots will be from the Big Book, so they will be heard through the years, but not from some superficial easier softer way. Ebby's kitchen table message to Bill was the Oxford Group message from which our steps were mainly derived. Page 77 tells us: "Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us." You see what I mean.

By Bob S.

Gran Cena & Baile de Gratitud

Distrito 17 - Miami Dade

Sábado, Noviembre 16, 2019 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. \$ 20.00 p.p.

"Ven a disfrutar con todos nosotros.."

Presentacion Especial: LA VNA "Voces de AA" - Detroit 2020

1700 S.W. 62 Avenue, West Miami, FL 33155

Undecimo Paso

"Buscamos a través de la oración y la meditación mejorar nuestro contacto consciente con Dios, como nosotros lo concebimos, pidiéndole solamente que nos dejase conocer su voluntad para con nosotros y nos diese la fortaleza para cumplirla."

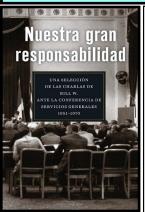
GRUPO ACEPTACION 1993 - 2019 **26** Anniversario

Semana de Compartimiento
Del Domingo 1ro al 6 de Diciembre del 2019
a las 8:00pm

Continua....
De Lunes al Viernes
a las 8:00pm

Sesion Publica 7 de Diciembre a las 6:00pm

> Salon Logia Masonica "Nuevos Horizontes" 600 West 29th St. - Hialeah -33012



"Bajo El Mismo Techo" Ateos y agnósticos com parten su experiencia, fortaleza



BAJO EL MISMO TECHO

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Undecima Tradicion

"Nuestra política de relaciones públicas se basa más bien en la atracción que en la promoción; necesitamos mantener siempre nuestro anonimato personal ante la prensa, la radio y el cine."

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

Yes, I want to participate in the Faithful Fiver Club!

Contribution information:	Date:			
Amount:	Monthly:	Quarterly:	Annually:	5
I am a new Member:	•		\$3,000 per year) Returning Member:	
Check Enclosed:	Name:	Address: _		
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Tel: _()	
Yes, I would For Credit Card recurring	like my name to be adde g contribution informa	d in "The Messenger." ation please call the office	No, I would like to ren at: 305.461.2425	nain anonymous

"Each day that your Group participates in the work of our local A.A. services, whether through those who "Contribute their Time" or Group Contributions, or Sobriety Contributions, something wonderful happens in A.A. When a newcomer calls us and finds your meeting, it is indeed a miracle. Your contributions show that you care about the services we as a fellowship provide and continued hope for the newcomer that reaches out for help. Words cannot fully express the deep gratitude about the energy that your A.A. Group devotes into carrying the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic.'

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.

Adam M., 5 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 Corrections Committee

Miami FCYPAA Host

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month @ 1:30pm at the Lambda Miami Dade Club 28 NE 54th St. Miami, FL 33137

Archives Committee

Remote Communities

Accessibilities

GS DISTRICT 10 Grapevine Committe

1st Wednesday of the month @ 7:15pm Upper Room 822 NE 125th St. # 111 North Miami, FL 33161

Meetings at the **CORAL ROOM**

1100 Ponce de Leon, CG 305.446.9558

GS DISTRICT 10 PI/CPC

4th Saturday of the month @ 3:00pm ********

GS DISTRICT 10 Literature Committee

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 7:00pm

Treatment Committe

3rd Saturday of the Month @ 3:00pm

For more information go to www.district10miami.org





FABULUS Serving at 7:00pm
RAFFLE!!! Serving at 8:30pm

Guest Speaker

POTLUCK DINNER

Desserts welcome too!!

INTERGROUP BENEFIT!

St. Christopher's by the Sea 95 Harbor Dr. - Key Biscayne

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CONCEPT ELEVEN

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OCTOBER

SABAL PALM

Stephanie M. 1

Lewis S. 1

Felix A. 1

Cindy H. 2

John M. 2

Stacia 11

Pierre 16

Chris T. 12

Diana G. 16

Valerie L. 18

Cynthia G. 23

George B. 29

Mari M. 21

Jorge F. 27

Fred R. 34

Rafael M. 35

Jeanine G. 2

Elizabeth G. 6

SOUTH DIXIE

Roly 2 Jorge C. 2 Tracy S. 2 Rachel F. 3

Sonia H. 3 Maria S. 4 Elizabeth 6

Elizabeth 6 Pat 7

Stacia 11 Chris P. 19

Fred R. 34

Linda W. 41

SOUTH DADE
Olivia D. 1
Roly 2
Lola 5

Penny G. 11

Fred R. 4

PALMETTO BAY

Olivia D. 1 Mickey S. 1 Roly 2 Janeen W. 2 Chris R. 3 Stan R. 4 Izzy 7 Becka 8

Marji S. 8 Nino P. 31 Woki K. 38

LITTLE RIVER GROUP

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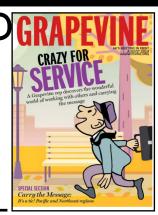
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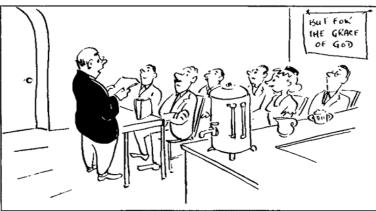
NOVEMBER

LITTLE RIVER GROUP

Stephen 2 Michael 5 Alfred R. 5 Alan 16 Sylvester 16 Carl. 19 Sophie 28 Alfred J. 30







"We've elected a chairman, secretary, and treasurer—now the important job—nominations are open for coffee maker!"



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

Take Me To Your Sponsor

Sobriety can be tough sometimes, which is why recovering alcoholics can always use a good laugh.

In AA, members learn to not take themselves too seriously, to be happy, joyous and free. Luckily, sobriety can be pretty darn amusing.



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

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

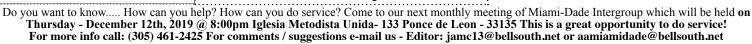
Almeria Group/Last Tuesday @ 7:30pm Coral Gables Group/Last Monday @ 8:00pm Grupo Central/Last Sunday @ 1:00pm Good Morning Group/Last Friday @ 10:00am Happy 1060 Group/Last Sunday @ 10:45am Happy Hour Group/Last Friday @ 5:30pm Homestead Group/Last Thursday @ 8:30pm Key Biscayne Group/Last Friday @ 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

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