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A Life of Joy and Happiness opportunity to brighten the lives of

I Reap More Than My Share.... Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore, the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step. (12 X 12 pg. 125) 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 and it blends right in with Thanksgiving in November, and all the religious holidays in December, and is topped off with the New Year's Eve celebration. This time of year, does bring a lot of joy to most 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. I used to be very uncomfortable about the holidays as I never knew how to act around normal people. I felt like a charity case and never got into the spirit of reaching out to others. My family always celebrated Christmas, 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 all the commercializing it had become. I explained this to a dear friend once. and he asked," Does the rest of the family enjoy it?" I said yes. He then said," why don't you just take a back seat and watch the joy in their eyes as they experience these things?" I did that exact thing and have been doing it ever since and it has changed my appreciation of this time of year. This change of attitude has inspired me to apply the unselfish lessons that I've come to understand, and I spend the holiday season looking for the

those less fortunate than myself. I often do these things anonymously and without fanfare. I also consider how I used to feel when I was the one on the receiving end of a charitable gesture and am very careful to do these things in a way that preserves their dignity. I don't have to wait for the holidays to do these things. Every day is Christmas at my home. More recently I started to contemplate the difference between Joy and Happiness as I always thought that they were synonymous, and they are in some respects, but they do have some different qualities. I am generally a very happy person as the result of being very diligent when it comes to working the steps of the program and practicing the principles in all my affairs. I am not without the little inconveniences and irritations that come with my day to day living activities, but they are nowhere near the problems I encountered prior to becoming a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. They do not lower my level of happiness because I simply take them as they come. Over a period, as I mature in this journey, my mean level of happiness continues to rise, and I am generally very happy as the result. When I look at the word Joy, I do not feel that I am in a constant state of Joy but I do have many little things that happen on a day to day basis that rise above my state of happiness and they sometimes bring tears to my eyes. We all can identify with the term "tears of joy." Even unhappy people can have tears of joy occasionally. I was introduced to the principle that "happiness is a byproduct of right living and not an end in itself" I have been living by that principle ever since and you can believe me when I tell you that I reap more than my share of joy.

By Rick R.

As the year comes to an end, Miami-Dade Intergroup would like to thanks each one of you for your continued support through out the year. May God bless all of you and your

family in this new year with a Joyous, Happy and Free life. Thank you again for letting us be of service to you!

Miami-Dade Intergroup





CORAL GABLES

Holiday Hours!





Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2019 12/25 - 3:00 am (0, D) Meeting

New Year's Eve December 31st, 2019

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

Coral Gables

1100 Ponce de Leon Blvd. - Coral Gables - 305.446.9558

"SUNSET GROUP"

WILL BE OPEN

24 Hours on

December 24th, 2019 & December 31ST, 2019







YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

SUNSET ROOM

6999 N Waterway Dr. - Miami - 305.261-3725 旅游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游游



HOMESTEAD GRO

HOLIDAY HOURS



December 24th, 2019

December 31st, 2019

Regular meeting schedule POTLUCK FOOD, GAMES & FELLOWSHIP!







Homestead Alano Club 11 SE 2nd Drive. - 33033 - 305.245.1796











The **BOULEVARD CLUB** "KEYNOTE GROUP" Is Moving!

To A New Location:

1782 Sans Souci Blvd. North Miami, FL 33181

As of December 8th, 2019





For more information: Contact Intergroup Office: 305.461.2425

NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

TUESDAYS

(a) 1:00pm (C,BB,12&12)







SOUTH MIAMI LUTHERAN 7190 SW 72nd Ave. - 33157



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following dates:

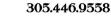


December 24th, 2019 & December 25th, 2019

December 31st, 2019 & January 1st, 2020

Phones will be forwarded to the

CORAL GABLES GROUP



Anonymity is The Spiritual Foundation

*We Failed Idealists Need Attention

I came from a family that was riddled with alcoholic drinkers and many of them had the problem as bad as I did. I recall the first month, or so, when I •got sober, still hanging out with them at our favorite watering hole, drinking ginger ale. I would slip out every night at 8:00pm and go to the A.A. meeting at 8:30 and return at 10:30 pm without telling anyone where I was going. I didn't want anybody to know that I was checking out the A.A. program. I *didn't want to face the ridicule at the time, and I wasn't sure it was going to work for me. If it didn't work, I wouldn't have put up with their mocking me. 'You might say that I was protecting my anonymity at the time and didn't even know it. After thirty days of that, I didn't care who knew about it because I believed I had found the answer, and I did. Soon after that I was one of them •that wanted to shout it from the rooftops and try to sober up everyone around me and you know how that turned out. As I dragged each or my five brothers to A.A. meetings, it seems that they each learned just enough to be able to rationalize exactly why they were not alcoholics, and they ridiculed me any way. Two later died of alcohol related symptoms and a third committed suicide. That was among the experiences that gave me hard earned lessons on the respect for the principle of anonymity. Of the rest of my immediate family of ten, only one sister saw something in me that she liked, and she got sober in the program and hasn't had a drink in over forty-eight years. We are exposed to the •discussions in A.A. meeting as the newer members complain about someone breaking their anonymity, or the ones that want to shout it from the rooftops, like my former self, and that will always be the case in A.A. as that is one of the symptoms of alcoholism. We are failed idealists that need attention, but as we get more and more experience, we learn the true value of the spirit of anonymity. We can always come up with some noble reason for tooting our own horn and we can dress it up in the altruistic motive of sacrificing one's own anonymity to save someone's life and that, sometimes, in the long run, destroys the chance of being a good example and often turns out doing just *the opposite, and I have personally witnessed that. In Tradition Twelve it talks of Anonymity as" The spiritual foundation of all of our Tradition ever reminding us to place principles before personalities". There is a difference in the Spirit of the law", and the" Letter of the law". We who have been diligent with the program have been highly influenced by the Spirit of what the founders learned and introduced us to in the form of the 12 steps and the 12 traditions, and they all come in the form of unselfishness of the spirit. I have yet to find one prayer or principle in the two books that we use, as reference guides, that are of a material nature or of selfish motives. This tells me that the things I do, that are as the result of practicing the principles of the program, should be done unselfishly and without fanfare. So long as I needed the attention that I was always seeking when I was looking for the photo opp., I was still only following the letter of the law, so to speak. When I came to understand the Spirit of Anoinymity, I was able to rein in my EGO and my selfish motives. I try to be a good •role model and do it quietly. It seems to work better that way.

A.A. GREAT GIFTS IDEAS!



- * Living Sober
- * Pass It On
- * Came to Believe
- * A.A. Comes of Age
- * Daily Reflections
- * Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers

* One Year - A. A. Grapevine Subscription

For Orders Please Call the Intergroup Office at: 305.461.2425

WEST MIAMI GROUP

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

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Followed by:

Speaker Meeting @ 7:00pm

GUEST SPEAKER



SUNDAY December 15th, 2019



Join Us For Great Food, Fun &
Fellowship!



HARMONY ROOM

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







YOUNG PEOPLE SOUTH DADE GROUP

HOLIDAY - POTLUCA



8:00pm - Dinner

Followed by:



8:30pm - Candlelight Meeting

WEDNESDAY December 18th, 2019

(Followed by a Dance!)

Join Us For Great Food, Fun & Fellowship!



SOUTH DADE ROOM 10965 SW 186th St. - 33157



Gran Cena & Baile de Gratitud

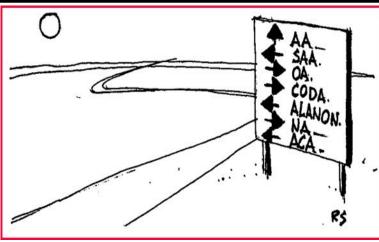
Distrito 17 - Miami Dade

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 VINA "Voces de AA" - Detroit 2020

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





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



BAJO EL MISMO TECHO

Ateos y agnósticos comparten su experiencia, fortaleza y esperanza

Paso Doce

"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."

Tradicion Doce

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

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:			17/9
Amount:	Monthly:	Quarterly:	Annually:	5
I am a new Member:	(Note: No A.A. member can contribute more than \$3,000 per year) Current Member: Returning Member:			
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Yes, I would For Credit Card recurring	like my name to be added g contribution informa	d in "The Messenger." Ition please call the office	No, I would like to real at: 305.461.2425	main 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. **9 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

4th Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm - Sunset Room 6999 N. Waterway Dr.

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

GS DISTRICT 10 Literature Committee

Meetings at the **CORAL ROOM**

1100 Ponce de Leon, CG 305.446.9558 *********

GS DISTRICT 10 PI/CPC

Treatment Committe

3rd Saturday of the Month @ 3:00pm ********

For more information go to www.district10miami.org

THE MEETING AFTER THE MEETING

(An important 12-Step opportunity!)
Bill W. wrote in an AA pamphlet: "Sobriety—
freedom from alcohol through the teaching and
practice of the Twelve Steps—is the sole purpose of an AA group." I believe this means my



home group has further purposes than simply presenting its regular weekly meetings. One of these must be the "Meeting after the meeting." What better time might be to discuss the Twelve Steps with a newcomer, or even with a more seasoned member?

Many years ago, a certain new person mentioned that he was unable to go ahead with the steps because of his negative spiritual beliefs. After the meeting, we had a rather long talk which resulted in him taking a more fruitful view of a higher power—soon thereafter, we went through the AA step process; he later he finished a college degree to become an enthusiastic and well-liked alcoholic counselor, directing countless alcoholics toward the blessings of Alcoholics Anonymous. This took place nearly forty years ago, but what if "Motel time" (AA slang for we're closing: right now!) would have been announced before that crucial conversation?

Local AA history: Oldtimers have reported that during the early years of AA, donuts were a "must" at a certain meeting. However, these tempting goodies were not served till after the meeting. This was to intercept the newcomer from directly marching out the door after the Lord's Prayer, as newbies are wont to do. One member of that group would hang around the clubhouse till the bars closed and then go to a nearby hamburger joint where all the late-night drunks would hang out and talk AA to drunks. Meeting after the meeting, indeed!

Many of the 90-minute meetings in the Los Angeles area had short mid-meeting breaks in order to greet the newcomer; perhaps to invite them out for coffee. Also, after the meeting is a good time to introduce newcomers to AA literature—they could then be introduced to the most appropriate booklet. Of course, this could erupt into a changing of phone numbers and invites to other AA meetings, or even lead to sponsorship!

I say, let us leave "Motel time" to the bars!

Bob S., Richmond,

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Founder's Day Picnic

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If your group discontinues a meeting or changes it's 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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CONCEPT TWELVE

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.



NOVEMBER

SOUTH DADE

Debbie 1 Angie B. 3 Randy 3 Albert C. 5 Bambi 30 Pat C. 34 Pat J. 39 Bob M. 47

GOOD MORNING

Elvis H. 10 Sofia S. 28 Alfred J. 30

HOMESTEAD

Bennis C. 1 Danny B. 1 Silvio R. 2 Rachel M. 2 Ryan B. 3 Daralene W. 4 Joe W. 9 Danielle Z. 16 Patrick 26 Morgan C. 27

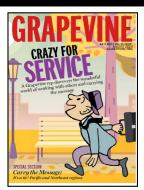
SABAL PALM

Bill F. 1 Evan O. 1 Lori C. 2 Maryann O. 3 Walter B. 5 Freddy 7 Marlon P. 7 Eddie I. 17 Regina F. 23 Mario Q. 26 Bill W. 30 Margie U. 40 Merle 43

DECEMBER

GOOD MORNING

Walter M. 8 Dolores S. 9 John D. 9 Lelis C. 10 Stacy V.K. 30 Askia K. 30 David G. 31



PALMETTO BAY

B. M. 47

Kevin D. 8 Patricia A. 15 Pat J. 39

CORAL GABLES

James 1 Rav 14 AJ 1 Chris 14 Miriam B. 6 Kris 18 Jorge 6 Jorge 22 Roly 7 Irma 23 Nini 7 Myriam 29 Paige 9 Luis H. 30 Philip S. 13 Roxane 37



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

GROUP NEWS

Bal Harbour Sober Sisters have moved to a new location: Beth Moshe Temple - 2225 NE 121st St. - 33181 Women's Meeting on Thursdays @ 7:00pm

All Together Group

New Meetings: Mondays @ 7:30am - Lit,O,D

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday @ 8:30pm

Palmetto Bay Group new meeting: Sundays @ 9:30am - O,Lit as of November 3rd

No Dry Drunks GrouP - IS NO LONGER ACTIVE



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 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 Mix Nuts Group/1st Monday @ 9:30pm 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 Ouinto 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

Group Anniversaries

West Miami Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm

We Stopped in Time/1st Monday @ 9:35pm

Young, Sober &Free/Last Sunday @ 8:05pm

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Learn more at: www.meetingguide.org



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 9th, 2020 @ \$: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.)

HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!

