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"We feel we are walking on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe."

65th Annual Banquet

MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

Saturday MARCH 21st, 2020

6:00pm - Reception 7:00pm - Dinner 8:30pm - Speaker Followed by Dance @ 10:00pm

Tickets: \$40.00 per person / \$400 per table (10 people)

Double Tree Hotel by Hilton 711 NW 72nd Ave. - 33126 (Near Miami Int'l Airport)

"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

The Big Book infers that a vital spiritual experience is necessary for alcoholics to face and be rid of the obsession to drink. (p. 27) Yet, paradoxically, we are told that belief in God was not necessary to accomplish this miracle—we need only become willing to believe. (p. 46) Indeed, I found that it wasn't necessary to define God before doing the Twelve Steps, but I began to see the result of my willingness to believe several months afterward. I experienced a release from that deadly mental obsession that had plagued me for nearly thirty years! My willingness to believe came before

doing the Twelve Steps, but my belief came afterwards. The evidence was indisputable—I had been released! I had experienced a "personality change sufficient to recover from alcoholism." I had been in AA for about a year before the release took place (The Big Book uses the word recovered), so in AA Program language I had had a spiritual awakening (slow) rather than a spiritual experience (sudden) as mentioned in Appendix II. (p. 567)

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The Big Book does not say that I must understand God, but it speaks of: "God as we understood Him," in Steps 3 and 11. This simply means that we each may entertain our different views of a higher power. Although I may not understand God, I can see His results, i.e.: We have over two million sober alcoholics in AA and most all of us claim that God saved them from an alcoholic pit. (Including me!)

Reverend Sam Shoemaker, Bill Wilson's Oxford Group mentor, stated: "Step two is not theological, it is evidential." The evidence is around the AA tables!

As I study the Big Book, I realize that certain words are used in a special and technical context not to be found in dictionaries. One of these words is "sanity." Sanity, in Big Book speak, is when an alcoholic can see and act on the truth in the matter of drink. Alcoholic insanity is when they cannot. Two examples: Alcoholic insanity: Jim pouring whisky into milk: "plain insanity" (p. 37) Alcoholic Sanity: Fitz Mayo who "couldn't drink even if he would." (p. 57)

Someone wrote: "The better I understand God, the less I know God." Came to believe is a decision of the heart, rather than of a conclusion of the mind."

Bob S.



"I've been sober nine months, but I'm still working on a couple of character defects!"

Alcohol - The Great Remover

Alcohol is a product of amazing versatility. It will remove stains from designer clothes, and will also remove the clothes from your back.

If by chance it is used in sufficient quantities, alcohol will remove furniture from the home, rugs from the floor, food from the table, lining from the stomach, vision from the eyes, judgment from the mind.

Alcohol will also remove good reputations, good jobs, good friends, happiness from children's hearts, sanity, freedom, spouses, relationships, and man's ability to adjust and live with his fellow man, even life itself.

As a remover, alcohol has no equal!

Patricia Dixon



"You've come to the right place, felia."



Who am I to Judge Another? By Rick R.

We all must use good judgement as we trudge the road of life
For if we lack in this domain it often ends in strife
Good Judgement tells us, look both ways,
before we cross the road

For if we don't a bus may come and squash us like a toad It's when we're judging other people, that we go astray But it comes back to haunt us in a dark and shameful way I asked myself why I was prone to pointing out their faults When in my mind it seems to foster negative results Then in a conversation with a friend who understood He said that shaming other people, never ends up good When pointing out Their faults and flaws it shows I'm off the beam

And that it really does expose my own low self-esteem
Since that day I've monitored my judge mentality
And as I reign it in, I gain my own integrity
It's not my job to point out others, when I think they're flawed
For if I harbored that approach, I'd still be playing God.
Accepting them just as they are, is the remedy
We learn that no one's perfect and that's oh so plane to see
When pointing out the faulty things that other people do
The act of Judging others nears the top of that list too.

65th Annual Miami-Dade Intergroup Banquet BIG BOOK RAFFLE!

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Our Own Concept of a Higher Power..... All You Need is an Open Mind By Rick R.

When we are born, we come into the world untainted and perfectly innocent. From that time on, we are influenced ${
m \$by}$ everything we experience in life, good and bad. If we are loved and nurtured, we may develop feelings of trust and \S safety, but if, as it sometimes happens, we get our hand slapped when we pick up something from the coffee table, it may strigger an attitude of defiance and resistance. These two opposites are just examples of the many conflicts we encounter in anglea lifetime. We are conditioned to think and react in a certain way as the result of the influences we are exposed to. Newcomgers in Alcoholics Anonymous, and even some seasoned veterans, often find it hard to grasp a concept of "a power greater" anglethan ourselves." This is probably the biggest hurdle we in AA must face in our search for a happy and meaningful life. Once we come to terms with the concept of a higher power, it becomes much easier to proceed with the rest of the program. The \S word God means something different to just about everyone that is having difficulty with it, and if God alone was the answer why do priests and ministers come to AA for solutions; why not just go to church? Alcoholics Anonymous is here for all alco $label{eq:properties}$ holics that want to get sober regardless of their approach to faith. Anyone that thinks that we are trying to convert someone \$into a religion or out of a religion is simply misguided. The Big book and the 12X12 have many comments explaining this, but unfortunately this old conditioning, bolstered by the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but unfortunately this old conditioning, bolstered by the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but unforced by the conditioning the conditioning but the conditioning the conditioning but the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but the conditioning but the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but the conditioning but the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but the EGO, and the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance but the EGO, seems to block some of §on this subject, or some members may just fake it to appear to be going along with the program, but never getting the rem \$sults. If we denied the possibility of a God of the different religious groups, they could not have AA available to them, and if we made it a requirement that we picked one of those beliefs, atheists would be left out.

If a person believes that he doesn't have a higher power, I might remind him/her that alcohol was more powerful or else why would they need AA. With this in mind, I might suggest that they may only need to find a power greater than alcohol to begin with, then, as it says in the 12X12 "To acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could." As I look back on it now, I realize that, that was exactly the way I found my way through this dilemma. I find absolutely no conflict in any approach that one discovers on his own, only that he practices the rest of the program with enthusiasm. What it seems to imply is that if we trust the process and, just do the suggestions, you will find a suitable understanding of a power greater than yourself that you can do business with. I'm still not sure what or who (if you like) I am asking for guidance from but I'm open minded about these things, and I must let everyone find their own brand of enlightenment, without prejudging anyone else's approach on this matter. I believe that changing my perception was what put me firmly on the road to recovery. The only thing that I must resist is my EGO, and the way I do that is by living by sound and unselfish principles many of which are discussed in AA meetings It's not that complicated. If I don't get caught up in the debate and just follow the simplest suggestions, it all works out just fine.

Therefore, Step Two is the rallying point for all of us. "Whether agnostic, atheist of former believers, we can stand together on this Step." (12x12 Pg.33)

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Le dice un borracho a su amigo:

- Sabés qué?, le hice una broma al del colectivo.
- ¿Por qué? Porque le pagué y no me subí.

- iUna cuerda, por favor! iUna cuerda! grita uno desde el centro del río.

Y en la orilla habían dos borrachos y uno le dice a otro:

I- iMirá que estúpido! iNo se conforma Icon ahogarse, que ahora quiere ahorcarse!

¿CÓMO? ¿NO HAY PRESIDENTE?

Cuando se les dice que nuestra sociedad no tiene presidente con autoridad para dirigirla, ni tesorero que pueda exigir el pago de cuotas... nuestros amigos se quedan asombrados y exclaman, "Eso no puede ser así"...

DOCE PASOS Y DOCE TRADICIONES, p. 139

Cuando por fin llegué a A.A. no podía creer que no había tesorero que pudiera exigir el paso de cuotas". No me podía imaginar una Comunidad que no exigiera contribuciones económicas a cambio de servicios. Fue la primera –y hasta la fecha la única- experiencia que tuve de recibir "algo por nada". Ya que no me sentía abusado o engañado por los A.A., me era posible abordar el programa sin prejuicios y con mente abierta. No querían nada de mí. ¿Qué tenía que perder? Doy gracias a Dios por la sabiduría de los cofundadores que conocían tan bien el desdén que tiene el alcohólico a ser manipulado.

-Como Lo Ve Bill - Feb. 28



Los temas de la revista en el 2020

iLleva el mensaje de AA a través de la revista!

Encuentra motivación en los temas que te sugerimos haciendo clic aquí, pero recuerda que puedes escribir sobre el tema que desees, siempre y cuando sea un mensaje de tu experiencia en AA.



ESPERANZAS Y EXIGENCIAS

Graba en la conciencia de cada individuo el hecho de que se puede poner bien a pesar de cualquier otra persona. La única condición es que confíe en Dios, y haga una limpieza de su interior.

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS, p. 91

En nuestras reuniones a menudo tratamos del tema de las esperanzas. No tiene nada de malo esperar progresos de mí mismo, buenas cosas de la vida o buen trato por parte de otra gente. Lo malo está en dejar que mis esperanza se conviertan en exigencias. No lograré ser lo que quiero ser, y las situaciones se desarrollarán, porque la gente de vez en cuando me fallará. La única pregunta es: "¿Qué voy a hacer al respeto?" ¿Sumirme en la ira o en la lástima de mí mismo? ¿Vengarme y hacer que la situación vaya de mal en peor? O, ¿confiaré en el poder de Dios para traerme bendiciones a los líos en los que me encuentre? ¿Le preguntaré a qué debo dedicarme a aprender? ¿Sigo haciendo las debidas cosas que yo sé hacer, sea lo que sea? ¿Me tomo la molestia de compartir mi fe y j mis bendiciones con otras personas? -Como Lo Ve Bill - Feb. 14

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!

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"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

4th Thursday of the month @ 8:00pm at Sabal Palm Room 10102 SW 107th Av., 33176 ********

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

3rd Sunday of the month @ 10:00am at Little River Club 51 NE 82nd Tr. ******

Accessibilities

2nd Saturday of the month @ 11:00am West Dixie Club 1636 NE 148th St. *******

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

2nd Tuesday of the month @ 8:00pm Iglesia Metodista Unida 133 Ponce de Leon Blvd. ******

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

Treatment Committe

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

For more information go to www.district10miami.org

HOMESTEAD GROUP 70th Anniversary

FEBRUARY 8th, 2020

Coffee Social: 5:00pm / Dinner: 6:00pm Speaker Meeting @ 7:30pm



Guest Speake



\$10.00 per ticket

Fun, Fellowship, 50/50 Raffle, Musicl

Desserts WELCOME!

INTERGROUP BENEFIT!



Location:

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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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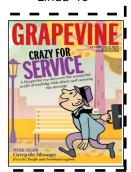
"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority... a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Our leaders are but trusted servants... they do not govern."

NOVEMBER

PRIMARY PURPOSE Jose 1

Rose 6 Jay 10 Mike 10 Izzy 32 Linda 40



DECEMBER

HOMESTEAD

Kennith F. 1 Bruce H. 1 Sean T. 1 Rich H. 9 Miki S. 9 Morgan C. 27

PRIMARY
PURPOSE
Steve 1
Sam 1
George 1
Nelson 4
Pat R. 11
Sheldon 14
Steve 16
Kathy 19

Susan 34

FEBRUARY

LITTLE RIVER

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

Cindy T. 2 Tony G. 2 Antonio T. 4 Owens B. 6 Ralph J. 12 Darryl B. 16 Clifton 17

Judy J. 24 Xavier 27 Eva T. 28 James S. 29 Docc 30 Ralph J. 30

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Kelly M. 2
Erin B. 2
V. 3
Ann 4
Ivan 9
Nellie 9
Karen 9
Bryan S. 9
Chris M. 11
Alexandra 14
Richard V. 20
Peter C. 22
Jack C. 31
Mike M. 36
Victoria 37

LITTLE RIVER

Nicholas B. 6 Stephanie H. 9 Kenneth T. 12 Carlos M. 16 Bruce R. 20 Herbert W. 20 Mamie K. 31 Keith O. 48

HOMESTEAD

Sully 1 Luis P. 1 Andi M. 7 Luisa R. Michael H. 15 Tall Mike 21

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Mary 1 Mike 2 Ibrahim 2 Rav 4 Tony 4 Ivan 5 Malika 5 Humberto 6 Angela 6 Cory 8 Alex 8 Dan 9 Robert 10 Andres 11 Linda 16 Eric 25 Aly 25 Eva 27 Iggy 28 Lewie 29 Vinnie 31 Charlie 33

JANUARY

SOUTH DIXIE

Maria F. 1 Erin B. 2 Kelly M. 2 Marco F. 6 Lynn A. 14 Rita C. 24 Gerry C. 36 Russell S. 39

PALMETTO BAY

Ann C. 1 Richard A. 6 Amos L. 8 Joanna J. 10 Marlene K. 20

SOBER WAY

Ronald G. 4 Johnny S. 8 Connie M. 9 Stephanie H. 9 Robert B. 14 Kenneth T. 15 Patrick R. 16 Mechelle L. 16 Herbert W. 20 Eudely R. 21 David Mc B. 23 David H. 23 Yasaar M. 27 Mamie K. 31 Michael L. 35

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Brickell Group/3rd Thursday @ 1:05pm Brickell Circle/3d Saturday @ 8:15pm 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 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

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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.

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