

The Messenger



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**Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, A.A.'s speak the language of the heart
in all its power and simplicity."** Big Book pg XXIV

Due to COVID-19 and the inability of the groups to meet in person we find ourselves limited to attend mostly online meetings. Even though people do contribute as per our 7th Tradition the Intergroup Office has been very affected and will be having a hard time keeping the doors open in the near future if us, the members and the groups don't contribute to keep its doors open.

Please keep your Intergroup Office in mind when you send your contributions, the office has a direct link for contributions on our website:
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The Enabling Process Can go on Forever. If I Thought it Would Help

As a practicing alcoholic, I became very crafty when it came to manipulating the people who loved me. I made promise after promise to change the way I did things, but I always disappointed them, which only made things worse for them and for me, as I see it now. What they did not know then was that most of the time, when they gave in trying to meet my requests, they were not helping me. Well meaning as they were, they were, in fact, enabling me, and that only perpetuated my problem. When I was turned down, I just went to the next one on my list, until I found someone that could not say no.

After I entered Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) and got deeper into the program I had to address my behavioral problems of the past and make restitution to those people, I realized how difficult it was for a loved one to say NO to a child or a friend when they appeal to them the way we do. Then, came the acid test for me.

I received a collect phone call from a divorced relative, (mother of two daughters ages 11 and 13) asking me for, what was, a goodly amount of money at that time. I was aware of her use of drugs and her priorities about her children. At first, she did not want to say why she needed the money, but after I insisted, she said that she was in jail and need to get bailed out. Visions of my past came back, and I was now on the receiving end of the enabling process. Writing the check would have been the easy thing to do, but as I now understand, not the right thing. I asked her why she called me instead of her friends. She replied, "yours was the only number I could find". I thought about it for moment then said, "IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP, I would be all over it but, I know your track record and I know that if I bail you out, you will be running again, and your girls need you right now". That was the best thing I could do for her at that time and I have never regretted it, and neither has she. She has nothing but respect for me today for having the strength to say NO when that was the right answer. She has been sober for about 30 years.

Every so often a new person shows up at a meeting and is complaining about the bad break that came about that brought them to the program and when I get a chance to talk to them on a personal level the first question, I ask them is: "If that had not happened would you be here right now?" and their usual response is, "Probably not". The right decision is not always the most popular one and I may be misunderstood when I make it, but in good conscience I do try to muster up the strength to make it. Writing the check would have been the easy way and I may have been applauded for doing it but, for me, it would have been the more selfish thing to do. That single act may have been the turning point in her life, but no one can predict the outcome of any decision we make. As I look back on it now. If no one ever said NO to me, I may never have changed and could have reached the point of no return and ended badly. Sometimes I must risk the disapproval of those that do not understand me. I, however, must make sure that my motives are unselfish.

By Rick R.

I'm done with alcohol. Look at this parrot I bought last night



STEP FIVE: A CONFIRMED AWARENESS

When I asked God to relieve me of the "bondage of self" in Step Three, I had only a vague concept of what that might be, but when my sponsor helped me go through the Step



Four directions from the Big Book, I developed a much clearer insight—I began to realize that this bondage was what had been blocking me from the truth in drink. Someone said: "An alcoholic cannot drink on the truth, only on a lie."

The Big Book suggests that we begin Step Five at "first opportunity" (p. 74) which turned out to be approximately ten minutes after completing Step Four. My sponsor, Carl, helped me realize, from my Step Four list, where I had been selfish; dishonest; resentful; and fearful to an extent that I had never realized. As a matter of fact, he pointed out that most all my character defects, etc., would fall under one or more of these four "grosser handicaps" (p. 71). They were like an umbrella! If I improve on these four major items, then the minor ones would become less destructive, or hopefully disappear.

Step Five not only simplified the step process but brought about a confirmed awareness of my defects for God to remove in Step Seven. I Also learned the necessity of facing up to selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear if I were to live in the spirit of Step Ten.

It was pointed out that these four defects are mentioned in Step Ten (p. 84) and Step Eleven (p. 86). These four demons were indeed enemies of my sobriety.

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I'm Just not Ready Yet. Refrain from Denial on This Matter

Who can, positively, describe the dynamics of alcoholic thinking? No one can, as it is as diverse as the number of alcoholics in the world. So how can anyone have the definite answers to any of the multitude of difficulties that we face? We do find different ideas of how to address, so called, problems that gives us a start towards reducing the effects that those problems have on us, until they are no longer interfering with our mental calmness. If we are diligent about it, we will eventually find a place of acceptance which is hard to describe. I hear stories all the time about people with long term sobriety, who have relapses, and that seems to contradict the first sentence in chapter five in the big book that says, "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path", and I have heard it said that the cofounders wanted to change the word "Rarely, to Never."

One of the reasons that may answer the question about the old timers that just decide to drink again after long term sobriety, may be the half measures approach to steps five. This is not to criticize them for being unable to take that risk, at the time, for we know how difficult it is to overcome the shame and embarrassment of our past behaviors. These fears are also symptoms of the disease of alcoholism and no one can judge another for not being able to bring them to disclose these things too soon. *(Cont. on pg 5)*

Step Five: a Confirmed awareness *(Cont. from pg. 2)*

This new awareness has brought me to realize why going on the wagon or quitting drinking forever, year after year, never lasted. My personality problems (bondage of self) remained active throughout those periods of abstinence. Although Step Five has not completely removed these dangerous barriers, I have been able to maintain a "personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism" (p. 567) for many years. Thank God for progress, not perfection.

Bob S, Richmond, IN

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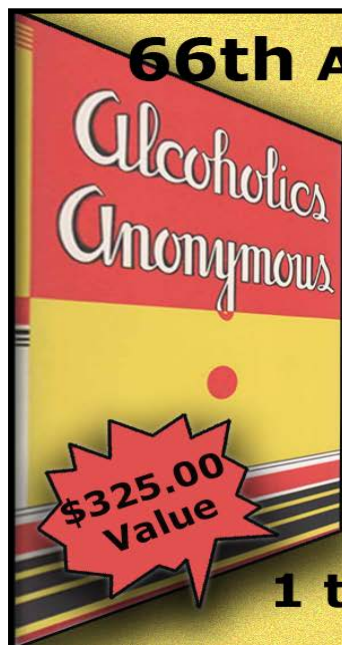
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Opina que no podemos manipular nuestra estructura pensando en las personalidades.

En este momento me encuentro en un lugar muy especial, es un día soleado y, mientras se escuchan los cantos de los pajarillos, escribo estas líneas.

En esta ocasión quiero decirles que en mi distrito se organizó un subdistrito, y yo creo que no era necesario. Esta es un área muy pequeña, me parece que la creación de este subdistrito fue motivado por el capricho de no más de cinco grupos.

Lo más preocupante es que, una vez creado este nuevo subdistrito, ya no se respetaron los acuerdos del distrito. El subdistrito decidió trabajar como distrito. Los miembros del nuevo subdistrito dejaron de asistir a las reuniones de negocio del distrito. Además, nombraron un MCD (Miembro Coordinador del Distrito), sin tomar en cuenta al distrito y los acuerdos de éste. Ahora el distrito se encuentra dividido, asunto que ya se había hablado al discutirse la moción. Como miembro de esta comunidad siento que, en esta circunstancia, no hemos trabajado los Tres Legados.

Al parecer, nos gusta seguir las personalidades y no los principios. Desafortunadamente en esta área, hablar en los grupos acerca de los servicios generales es como poner la cruz en frente de Satanás. Nadie quiere saber del servicio. Esto sucede porque los veteranos no nos inculcan, desde un principio, lo que es AA y cuál es su objetivo primordial.

En mi opinión, cuando damos información de manera inadecuada, estamos haciéndole un daño a AA como un todo y dañando al miembro individual.

Si en tu área existe la necesidad de hacer un subdistrito, que esa decisión obedezca a la necesidad de seguir pasando el mensaje. Preguntémonos para qué queremos un subdistrito y, si se corre el riesgo de quedar raquíticos, sin miembros para la rotación del próximo panel.

Tenemos que trabajar con los nuevos miembros para que AA "no muera". Pero ya sabemos que AA nunca morirá. El que muere es el miembro. Como decía Bill W.: "Tenemos que hacer esto con amor y gratitud". Felices 24 horas.

Reynaldo M., San Francisco, CA
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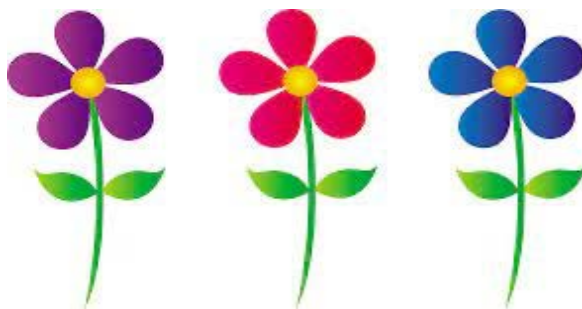
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**Feliz día
de las
madres**



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"Cada grupo tiene un solo objetivo primordial llevar el mensaje al alcohólico que aún está sufriendo."



QUINTO CONCEPTO

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QUINTO PASO

"Admitimos ante Dios, ante nosotros mismos, y ante otro ser humano, la naturaleza exacta de nuestros defectos."

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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.
3 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 Club
28 NE 54th St.
Miami, FL 33137

Wives 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

3rd Tuesday of the month
@ 7:15pm Upper Room
811 NE 125th St. # 111 - NM

GS DISTRICT 10 Grapevine Committee

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

GS DISTRICT 10 Literary Committee

2nd Tuesday of the month
@ 8:00pm
Iglesia Metodista Unida
1100 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 Committee

3rd Saturday of the Month
@ 3:00pm

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I'm Just not Ready Yet.

Refrain from Denial on This Matter (Cont. from pg 3)

My first attempt at the inventory challenge happened right before my one-year anniversary, and I was doing the best I could, at the time, based on my shallow understanding of this process we are encouraged to be fearless and thorough about. Those tormenting ghosts of yesterday stood between me and the thoroughness clause. In desperation, I revisited step five and took that leap of faith and disclosed them to a dear and trusted friend, and I believe that doing it that way is the corner stone that governed all the remaining steps. In time I have addresses them all with as much courage and thoroughness as I could muster, and the results are an unshakable framework for life. If, however, I wasn't strong enough to revisit that step and had gone ahead with the original fourth and fifth steps I may have convinced myself that I had done it, and went on with a halfhearted effort, which would have amounted to a facade that could have lead me to be satisfied with the "Just not picking up today" approach and the only way, that I can see, to bridge the difference between the half measures approach, and the fearless and thorough approach, is to be honest with myself about being in fear concerning the things I'm not willing to disclose in steps 4 and 5. Denying them slams the door on the rest of the program. Admitting that they exist would be leaving the door open to getting back to it when you have a little more A.A. under your belt and allows you to go on with steps six and seven and so on in an honest way. If, on the other hand, you attempt to slip by with the half measures approach, you may never want to admit to it later and that would be tragic and could end in a relapse after some serious years of sobriety. Some of these things take time and we should not be made to rush into them at the expense of self-honesty. The simple term: "I KNOW I MUST, BUT I'M JUST NOT READY YET" allows you to move on to the rest of the steps and gives you time and one day you will run across someone that you feel you could trust with your life and be willing to take the risk. This is an approach that no one, who counts, will ever fault you for. It is important to keep it clean.

By Rick R.

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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.



TAKE ME TO YOUR SPONSOR
From AA & Caravan from AA Grapevine

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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

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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
Mixed Nuts Group/Last Monday @ 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
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