

The Messenger



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BIG SERVICE BREAKFAST

Intergroup and General-Service District 10 BENEFIT

(Volunteers needed!)

Saturday October 16th



8:00am – Fellowship

8:30am – Breakfast

9:30am – Guest Speakers



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Zoom ID: 229 117 9816

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For Information call the Intergroup Office:

(305) 461.2425

Even though meetings, 12-step services and operations have now some virtual environment, expenses continue to accumulate during these times which underscores the importance of practicing the Seventh Tradition. Miami-Dade Intergroup still stocks literature, handles 12-step calls around the clock, and assists those with a desire to stop drinking. Your generous support is critical and greatly appreciated. Please keep your Intergroup Office in mind when you send your contributions, the office has a direct link for contributions on our website:

www.aamiamidade.org

Thank you! We can accept contributions through PayPal or Zelle under our e-mail: aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

Step Ten: Continued to Take Personal Inventory. Examine My Motives for All That I Do.

If someone were to ask me what brought me to the doors of the Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) my answer would be: "Alcohol had got the best of me, I was desperately circling the drain, and I didn't want to die young". Not everyone that comes to A.A. has that degree of desperation. I got sober on October 15th, 1969 and that was just before Alcoholics were being offered Rehabilitation clinics. Up to that point most of our members came here were looking for answers. The success rate at that time, according to the foreword to the second addition of the (Big Book), Alcoholics Anonymous, it says that 50% of those who came here looking for answers got sober and never drank again 25% got sober after a few relapses and stayed that way and the other 25% showed improvement. To me, 75% sounds like a surprisingly good ratio of success. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking. (Tradition Three) Not everyone who comes to A.A. from the Court System or from a Rehab environment has the same amount of desperation as those original members had. This does not mean that they are not invited, for we treat them with respect but a large percentage of them do relapse and we welcome them back with open arms so as not to be considered an A.A. failure and eventually many of them do stay sober. The depth of the desperation is often consistent with the depth of thoroughness a person is willing to go through as he takes the steps and when I was faced with this suggestion that I do a Fearless and Thorough Moral Inventory in the fourth step, I began to resist and did what I would call a shallow facade just to get my ticket punched. Being in the Navy at the time I was abruptly flown out to the western Pacific during the Vietnam War and assigned to a tanker replenishing the fuel on ships in the Tonkin gulf Fleet and I had four months to think about what I was going to do on my returned home. My conscience told me to discard my original inventory and do it right the second time around. That I think, is what made the rest of this program easy for me. Being willing to take responsibility for all those disgusting behaviors of yesterday and to make restitution has been the answer to all those alcoholic behaviors in the past. If we have completed a good 4th and 5th step and again on the 8th and 9th step, how do we approach the tenth step which suggest that we continue to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Early in my sobriety my wife came home from an Al-Anon meeting excited about the topic they shared. She said that "We should examine our motives for all the things we do" and that made perfect sense to me. I have been living a life based on Unselfish Principles and I am never finished examining my motives. All my out-side behaviors (short-comings) are the result of my thinking (motives) and so long as I am willing to continue this path it has taken all the fight out of me. Selfishness--self-Centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity we step on the toes of our fellows, and they retaliate. (BB pg. 62) What a Profound statement! Living a life based upon Unselfish Motives has restored my self-esteem and the final and most important result is peace of mind. Never thought that would happen!!! This is my understanding of Step Ten.

By Rick R.

SOBER WAY OUT

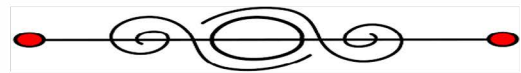
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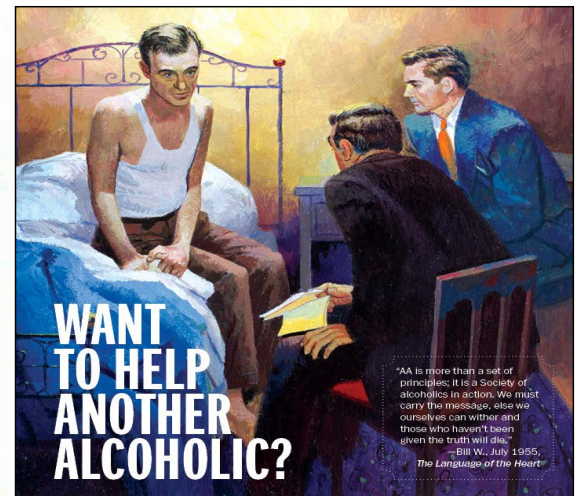
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DECEMBER 10
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Desperation is a Great Motivator Sincerity is a Great Healer

Recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) affects people in many ways. The first and most obvious is their ability to abstain from the use of alcohol for without that there can be no recovery. Next is the willingness to abandon the idea that they can do this on their own and to seek the help of something outside of their own failed way of thinking. Third is the act of surrendering and "buying in" completely (so to speak). At this point, the recovery process may differ depending on your age, your gender, your economic situation, your marital status, your legal woes, and other side issues. It is not our role to judge anyone who comes to A. A. seeking help nor is it our job to bail them out of their current situation out of sympathy. That does not mean that we cannot buy a meal for a hungry soul or give them a few bucks for gas. We are recovering alcoholics and our role is to listen and to try to understand what they need from us consistent with the principles we have learned and relate our experiences with them. Younger arrivals usually are dual addicted and the average long-term alcoholic that has not experienced the drug culture lifestyle may have a difficult time identifying with them. Recovered addicts usually share about their Rip Off mentality as a user, while the average common variety alcoholic talks about the guilt and shame and the need to pay bar-tab. A high percentage of our membership arrive in their forties in the middle of, or on the cusp of the threat of a divorce, and without experienced feed-back, make bad decisions where, in some cases, they could have salvaged their marriage and saved the children the damage caused by divorce. My main question when greeting a newcomer at a meeting is usually "What brings you to A.A.?" Usually, their response comes in the form of a complaint about the situation they are in, (divorce papers, DUI, Fired from job) etc. My next question is, (If that hadn't happened, would you be here today?) Their response is usually, "Probably not." I then explain that my first wife could have filed for divorce ten times before she became Desperate enough to do it and, had she not, I would, still be out there circling the drain or worse. For two years I tried to convince her to take me back, but it did not happen. Desperation brought me to the door of A.A. where I began the life I live today. This type of perspective usually gets his attention, and they often turn out to be more accepting of the need to change. Next, I share the experience that worked or me. It may come in a sincere statement such as, "I know that I have been wrong about what a husband/father's responsibilities are and that I am an alcoholic and I believe that I've found the solution to my drinking problem. You have suffered from all of this, and I have learned a much from the mistakes I have made, and I intend to do my best to make it right. Whatever the outcome is, I want to minimize the trauma to the children as we move forward." This type of sincerity sometimes takes the pressure off and gives her some breathing room and in some cases, opens the door to salvaging the marriage. My question is: Can you live up to these proposed actions?

Another area where sincerity and ownership of past mistakes has an unexpected outcome is in the courtroom. Judges have heard every flimsy excuse in the world and can see right through all the BS of a con artists, and they are not fooled by them. Believe me when I say that I have witnessed more than my share of these two approaches to resolving the damages of alcoholic behavior, and the sincere approach far outweighs the con job, most of the time, and you cannot fake sincerity.

By Rick R.

ALCOHOLICOS ANONIMOS GRUPO CUENTO CONTIGO



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"Alcohólicos Anónimos no tiene opinión acerca de asuntos ajenos a sus actividades; por consiguiente su nombre nunca debe mezclarse en polémicas públicas"

DECIMO CONCEPTO

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DECIMO PASO

"Continuamos haciendo nuestro inventario personal y cuando nos equivocábamos lo admitíamos inmediatamente."

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



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I am a new Member: _____ Current Member: _____ Returning Member: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Tel: (_____) _____

_____ Yes, I would like my name to be added in "The Messenger." _____ No, I would like to remain anonymous

For Credit Card recurring contribution information please call the office at: 305.461.2425

"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.
8 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
Lambda Gamma Fraternity Club
3101 NW 4th 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.

**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
1000 Ponce de Leon Blvd.

**GS DISTRICT 10
PI/CPC**
4th Saturday of the month
@ 3:00pm

Treatment Committee
3rd Saturday of the Month
@ 3:00pm

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

**For more information go to
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SUNSET GROUP 58TH ANNUAL PICNIC
AD (DOUG) BARNES PARK
3401 SW 72ND AVE, MIAMI, FL 33155
— Pavilion 4 —

Saturday Nov 6, 2021 | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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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 TEN

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws."

SEPTEMBER

SOBER WAY OUT

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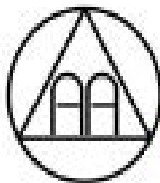


**OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES
TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF**
SEAN PAUL
WHO SADLY RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
HE WILL BE MISSED GREATLY
HE WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS



MEETINGS IN RUSSIAN

Do you know any Russian-speaking friend, who has drinking problems?
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Sunday Russian-speaking
Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.



12 STEP HOUSE
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**But for
the
Grace
of God.**



**TAKE
ME
TO
YOUR
SPONSOR**

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
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 Young People/Last Saturday @ 8:30pm
Mixed Nuts Group/Last Monday @ 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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Here is the icon to look for.....



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