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June 2022

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SUNDAY - JUNE 12, 2022

**Bill Baggs State Park in Key Biscayne
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From 10am till 4:00pm

GREAT GUEST SPEAKER @ 2:00pm



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MUSIC!

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NOTHING IS FOREVER

The most valuable lesson I learned from my sponsor, Bob, was to do every Step the same way we do the First Step—especially Steps Six and Seven: We stay away from alcohol, one day at a time. The next morning, we reevaluate: Is life better without drinking? Are we better without drinking? Do I choose to avoid alcohol today, just as I did yesterday? Quite simply, I can't give up anything forever. When I gave up drinking for the rest of my life—which I did a thousand times—I had a zero percent success rate. But, since I found out that I have to give up drinking only for today, my success rate has been 100 percent, and I expect that to continue indefinitely—as long as I focus definitely on one day and not on an indefinite future.

I can't commit to anything "forever." Please do not reveal this to my wife of thirty-five years. I recommit to our relationship every morning. And please don't tell my pastor that I decide every day whether belief is worth it or not.

So, how do these principles and my psychology apply to Steps Six and Seven?

I find it quite hard—impossible in practical terms—to become entirely ready to have God remove all my defects of character—especially if it's for all time. Maybe three years from now I'll miss one of them, my sick little mind tells me.

But I can become entirely ready for today to say farewell to all my defects, even the ones I'm especially fond of. I can always reevaluate in the morning—or three years from now.

Likewise, I don't care to think about never losing my temper again. I get quite mad contemplating that one, but I can ask God to help me not lose it today. And I'll reevaluate in the A.M.; maybe tomorrow going into a rage will make my life more manageable.

We alcoholics are fragile people, and I find that tentative steps are better than giant strides. If I am constantly a "beginner" at Steps Six and Seven, I can make some progress today and worry about perfection tomorrow.

Paul L. Detroit, MI

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Cliff S. of Newark, N.Y. says that while nobody graduates in AA, we all can earn a degree. . . DD. . . Dormant Drunk. It requires no great intelligence; the only IQ you need is. . . I Quit.

"Aren't people funny?" "Yes. If you tell a person that there are 270,678,934,341 stars in the universe, he'll believe you. But if you tell an alcoholic to stay away from "that first drink," he has to make a personal investigation."



FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION AUGUST 3 - 7TH, 2022



HOTEL INFORMATION

HARBOR BEACH MARRIOTT - FORT LAUDERDALE

If we were unable to reserve your room at the Harbor Beach Marriott, you can register on our waitlist for rooms as they come available. Please know that we fully expect rooms in the Harbor Beach Marriott to become available as we get closer to our event. However, you can also choose one of the two overflow hotels listed below.

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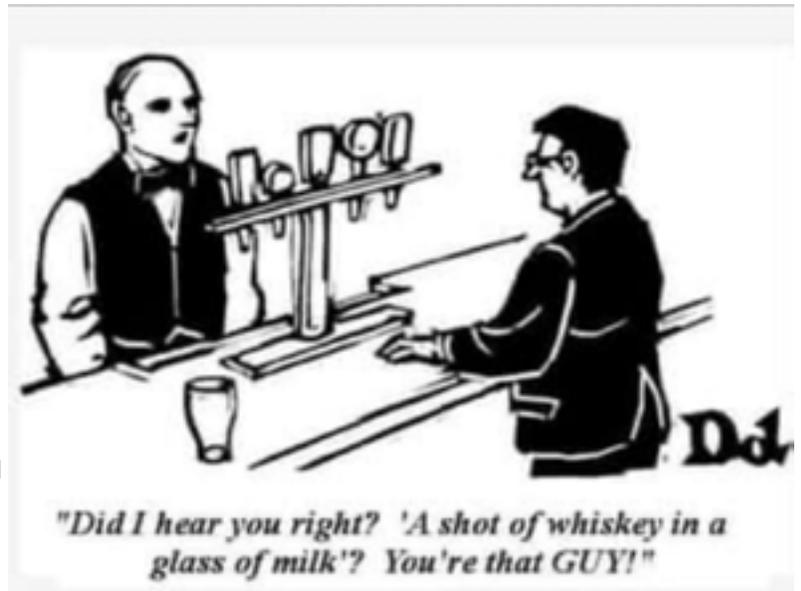
The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Step Study Meetings

I consider myself to be one of the fortunate ones that came to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) in 1969, at the age of 28, desperately looking for answers. The Rehabilitation programs had not gotten off the ground yet, and Drug Addicts did not begin to show up until the mid-1970s. A considerable number of the members of A.A. came there of their own free will, wanting to get sober. The elders of my first group suggest that, if you plan to attend so many meetings a week, one of them should be a Step Study Meeting, and I have been doing that ever since. As we do that, we go through the steps 4 times a year as we split step 12 into two parts due to the number of pages it entails. As new members come into the group they bring with them, their own variety of alcoholic symptoms and it takes time to abandon the things that they feel threatens their own identity. It was not uncommon to see them in the parking lot after the meeting gossiping and bad-mouthing other members that they disagree with, and I was no different than them in my early days of recovery. About 20 years ago a local group in our community was uprooted from their location and ended up in a new Alano Club at the time and they settled into the Monday through Friday 7 AM slots. The Thursday meeting became a Big Book Study, and the Friday meeting was a Step Study. I was happy to have them so convenient for me. I was much happier when, after we completed Step Twelve, we did not go back to Step One. We went straight into Tradition One and over a period of time I noticed how the traditions shined a new light on what Alcoholics Anonymous was all about. On the first page in Tradition One it states "We believe there isn't a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members; surely there is none which more jealously guards the individual's right to think, talk, and act as he wishes. No A.A. can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled. Our 12 steps to recovery are suggestions; the 12 traditions which guarantee A.A.'s unity contain not a single Don't. They repeatedly say, "We ought..." but never "You must." WE don't normally hear these things in the everyday meetings.

Each of the Traditions have their own variety of suggestions that, in the interest of unity, add a mature understanding to those that study them and share them with those that have not studied the Traditions.

When I share at a meeting I try to explain, in a way that does not reflect being in judgement about any individual. I may discuss Character Defects or Shortcomings and explain the idea that we all have them and for me to point out the faults of others is a shortcoming, itself. The person that gets off the beaten path is the person I care about the most. These are all symptoms of Alcoholism, and I am no better than anyone in the program. I may be farther down the path, but No Better. We may hear the term "Love and Tolerance" and try to explain how I include it in my approach to these two words. In Scott Peck's book "The Road Less Traveled" he defines Love, as "Caring for and nurturing another person's soul, and not the version we see up on the movie screen." It is an action word, and I can Love everyone even if they do not love me back. As for the word "Tolerance," I would change that word to "Acceptance," as they suffer from the same disease that I once suffered from, and I am not superior to anyone in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

By Rick R.



Armed Forces Interview Project

The Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities is seeking A.A. members in the U.S. and Canadian Armed Forces to discuss their experience, strength and hope as sober members of A.A. in the military in recorded anonymity-protected interviews. The goal of this effort is to improve A.A. outreach to members in the U.S. and Canadian military. Interested military members can volunteer or get more information about this project by writing to militaryoutreach@aa.org

¿Sabías qué..?

La Oficina de Servicios Generales (OSG) tiene actualmente una extensa lista de hombres encarcelados que están a la espera de intercambiar correspondencia con un miembro de A.A. de afuera. La gran mayoría de estos hombres son alcohólicos hispanos que desean trabajar el programa de A.A.

Tu puedes enviar el mensaje de A.A. manteniendo esta correspondencia y usando La Viña como herramienta de Paso Doce.

Para obtener más información, envía un correo electrónico a: corrections@aa.org. O puedes escribir a:

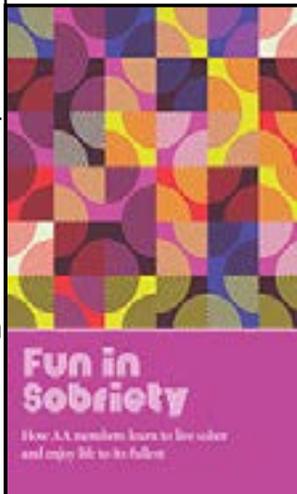
**Correccionales,
Oficina de Servicios Generales
Box 459, Grand Central Station
Nueva York, N.Y. 10163.**

Diversión en Sobriedad

...Cómo los miembros de AA aprenden a vivir sobrios y a disfrutar la vida al máximo

Presenta más de 50 historias inspiradoras relatadas por miembros de Alcohólicos Anónimos acerca de las diversas formas en que han aprendido a pasarla bien luego de dejar la bebida.

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por favor
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o llamar al

305.461.2425
con su informacion.

**NOTICIAS DEL GRAPEVINE**

Invitación a presentar historias para la Cuarta Edición del Libro Grande Conforme con la recomendación de la Conferencia de Servicios Generales de 2021 que "Se desarrolle una cuarta edición del Libro Grande en español, Alcohólicos Anónimos, incluyendo historias actualizadas que reflejen mejor la membresía actual, y que se presente un informe de avance a la Conferencia de Servicios Generales de 2022", el Comité de Literatura de los custodios está buscando una amplia variedad de experiencias de recuperación de los miembros de la comunidad hispana en la estructura de A.A. de Estados Unidos y Canadá.



FAITHFUL FIVER MEMBERS

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



Contribution information: Date: _____

Amount: _____ Monthly: _____ Quarterly: _____ Annually: _____

(Note: No A.A. member can contribute more than \$3,000 per year)

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

Check Enclosed: _____ Name: _____ Address: _____

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.

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**
4th Thursday of the month
@ 8:00pm at
Sabal Palm Room
10102 SW 107th Av., 331

Miami FC Host
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month
@ 10:00pm
Lafayette Community Club
8 N. 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 Committe**
1st Wednesday of the month
@ 7:15pm
Upper Room
822 NE 125th St. # 11
North Miami, FL 331

**GS DISTRICT 10
Literature Committee**
1st Wednesday of the month
@ 7:00pm
Iglesia Metodista Unida
Once de Leon Blvd.

**GS DISTRICT 10
PI/CPC**
4th Saturday of the month
@ 10:00am
ID: 897 0307 8285
Password: 672322

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

Accessibilities
3rd Tuesday of the month
@ 7:15pm Upper Room
**For more information go to
www.district10miami.org**

A.A. Accountability By Rick R.

If, when born, we understood, and had the power to choose, How many of us would have picked, a life destroyed by booze?
The cards we're dealt in youthful years, affect how we progress, And when we added alcohol, it ended in distress.
Did we have power to change our ways, relying on self- will?
The ones that harbor that idea are, out there drinking still. I thought that I was guilty for, the way that I was living, And of that life I thought my friends, could never be forgiving.
But I was wrong and in AA, God changed my way of thinking, To a life of peace and quiet, and absent of the drinking.
A person's not responsible for, contracting a disease That rendered them a hopeless soul and brought them to them knees. There was no choice when they were born, conditions paved their road.
The guilt and shame they carried was an overwhelming load. Accountability is how; they learned to right those wrongs. They find themselves in AA and, that's right where they belongs.
Who could fault a person who, accounts for all their flaws? Then turns them into assets and doesn't seek applause. Keep this in mind when judging them, we're not all referees.
Those failings were the symptoms of, a horrible disease.



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If your group discontinues a meeting or changes its 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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- Shelby F. 1
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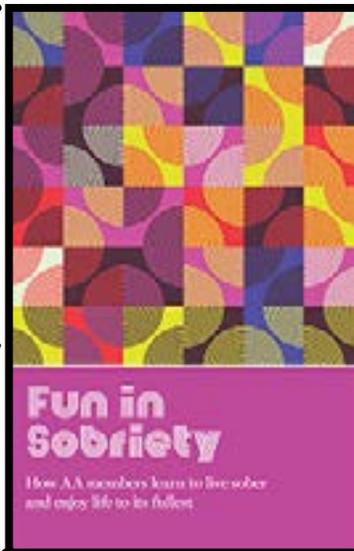
New Book!

Fun in Sobriety

...How AA members learn to live sober and enjoy life to its fullest.

Features 50-plus

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- Anonymous about the many ways they've learned to have a good time after putting down the drink.
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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.



12 STEP HOUSE
205 SW 23rd St.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33315

www.russianaa.com
russianaa.florida@gmail.com

As faith grows, so does inner security. The vast underlying fear of nothingness commences to subside.

We of A.A. find that our basic antidote for fear is a spiritual awakening.

As Bill Sees It, pg. 196

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
- 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

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/Last Monday @ 7:30pm
- 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
- Sober Way Out/Last Friday @ 8:30pm
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- South Dixie Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm
- Sunset Group/Last Friday @ 7:30pm
- West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm

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