

The Messenger



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**SATURDAY
MARCH 18TH, 2023**

68TH ANNUAL BANQUET MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

**GUEST SPEAKER
FROM THE MIAMI MEN'S GROUP**

**Tickets: \$55.00
Tables (8 people): \$440.00**

**6 PM - RECEPTION
7 PM - DINNER
8 PM - SPEAKER
FOLLOWED BY DANCE @ 10PM**

**Double Tree Hotel By Hilton
711 NW 72nd Ave. - Miami, FL 33126
(Near Int'l Airport) - Self Parking \$7.00
Semi-Formal Attire**



Groups we need your help!

We are looking for groups that would like to donate books for a basket with A.A. approved literature for the amount of **\$50.00** for our

INTERGROUP BANQUET

**March 18th, 2023
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL BY HILTON**



If your group would like to donate a basket, you can order the books by contacting the Office and we will give the books to the Basket committee.



Please contact:
the Intergroup Office at 305.461.2425



68th ANNUAL BANQUET MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP



**"BIG BOOK RAFFLE"
First Edition - 1954 | 15th Printing**

**Double Tree Hotel by Hilton
March 18th, 2023**

**(No need to be present at the banquet to
win this Big Book Valued at \$500.00)**

1 Ticket: \$5.00 | 3 Tickets: \$10.00



Please call the Intergroup Office for more information: 305.461.2425

We can accept contributions through **PayPal Giving Fund** or **Zelle** under our e-mail: aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

GRAPEVINE BOOKS! ON SALE NOW!

AA Grapevine

Announces A Price Increase On Books

As of January 1, 2023, book and other content related items prices will increase.



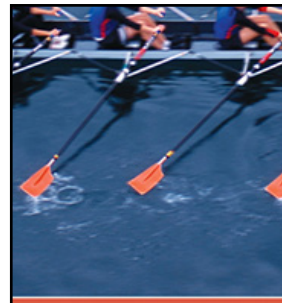
SOBER & OUT

Fashion, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender
AA Members Share Their Experience,
Strength and Hope



MAKING AMENDS

Finding a new freedom



INTO ACTION

How AA members practice the
program in their daily lives



PRAYER & MEDITATION

AA members share the many ways
they connect spiritually

A Deeper Look at Fear and Faith I Thought that Fear was a Bad Thing

I am amazed at how little I understood about life before I became an alcoholic desperate enough to inquire into the possibility that I just might have a drinking problem. I started to realize that I was going nowhere, in a hurry, expecting things to turn around and validate all my shallow ideas as I was circling the drain. Desperation drove me to the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) where I discovered a completely different language concerning life issues and a new appreciation for many of the words that I had been using all my life. I could go on forever with words that I have a new understanding of but for now I will stick to just two: "FEAR AND FAITH". Before I entered the A.A. program, I thought that fear was a bad thing but that was my egotistic alcoholic thinking at that time. I now find it to be a very good and necessary instinct for self-preservation and survival. If I had no fear, what would stop me from walking in front of a bus? When we in A.A. talk of fear, we are usually talking about irrational fear. In the Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 65) is the example of how to lay out our inventories and as the result of our defects and shortcomings is the word Fear in every case, indicating that fear, of some kind, was the motivation for all our character defects. I concluded that in every instance, there was some form of threat to my EGO and If I was to have any chance at resolving these problems, I was not going to achieve it by relying on the Blind Faith, as it was described to me as a child, that had worked so well for many of my childhood peers. It was more a matter of trying new ideas that ran contrary to my selfish behaviors of the past and practicing them long enough to see the evidence that they worked better than those old habits of mine.

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ATTENTION PLEASE

SOUTH MIAMI MEN'S



Effective Monday March 6th, 2023

The South Miami Men's Group regular
Monday & Thursday night meetings will be held at:



CHRIST
THE KING
MIAMI

Christ the King Lutheran Church
11295 SW 57th Ave
Pinecrest, FL 33156



3rd Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee-
to build with me and to do
with me as Thou wilt.
Relieve me of the bondage
of self, that I may better do
Thy will. Take away my
difficulties, that victory over
them may bear witness to
those I would help of Thy
power, Thy love, and Thy
Way of life. May I do Thy
will always!

Alcoholics Anonymous
pg. 63

So today I'm much more comfortable with life, as Alcoholics Anonymous has promised, and I know they're right when they say it keeps getting better.

My circumstances have steadily improved as my spiritual life grows and matures. Words cannot begin to describe the feelings in my heart as I sometimes ponder how much my life has changed, how far I've come, and how much there is yet to discover.

And though I'm not sure where my journey may take me next, I know I'll owe it to the grace of God and to three words of the Twelve Steps: continue, improve, and practice.

*Oh, and one more thing they told me:
Humility is the key.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition,
"Gutter Bravado," page 511

Motives are the Seeds of Action I Think Before I Do

In my early days of sobriety my wife came home from an Alanon meeting all excited about what they had talked about. Apparently, they were discussing their Fourth Step inventories and she explained that when taking step six, it was important that she examine her motives, before making decisions. How interesting and profound that statement was, at the time, and it has come up many, many times since that initial conversation. Since almost everything we do, begins with what we think, that statement has been a big part of what I believe our goals are supposed to be when we are in the process of cleaning up the wreckage of the past. It also implies that we should examine our motives, for what we do, from this day forward, and be sure that they conform to the spirit of the principles that are suggested in the A.A. program. This kind of thinking was foreign to me before John Barleycorn got his grip, but when the alcohol took its toll and I was circling the drain, I was forced to decide what I was going to do with the rest of my life. It became very important to learn and understand what the causes of my failures were, in the past, and what I could do to correct them. Like most of us, we have measured our successes and failures based on things we have accomplished, by the things we owned, and where we lived. It made little difference how we acquired those things. How different my thinking is today, compared to how it was back then. I no longer base my success on material possessions. As the old country song says, "one rich man in ten with a satisfied mind." This, to me, does not mean that we must take a vow of poverty. To me, this means that if I am honest with myself and that my motives are pure and unselfish, I can be content at any economic level. My motives make it so.

I was doing a little research to find the definition of the word happiness and discovered that it is often described as "a byproduct of right living and not an end in itself" Happiness is not a goal, but it is the result of living right. A friend once shared at a meeting that, satisfying his wants will never make a person happy. Another person shared that she had read something that described it like this: "happiness is like a butterfly, the more you chase it, the farther away it gets, but when you stand still, it will land on your shoulder". If my motive is to create happiness, it's probably not going to happen. These subtle little gems of wisdom are revealed to me daily and they slowly become a part of my mental make-up.

Examining my motives has made me look deeper at many of the subtle little differences in the words we use and their causes and effects and, for my purposes, I find that my defects of character, cause my shortcomings, and when I understand my defect, my shortcoming (faulty behavior) can be corrected. When I understand the problem, the troubles can be corrected. These ideas may be hard to grasp in the beginning but if I hadn't started looking deeper into my motives, I may never have resolved the deeper issues. These days, Unselfish Motives are the seeds that all my thoughts and actions stem from, and that is as simple as it gets.

By Rick R.

GRUPO DOCE PASOS
 FUNDADO EL 13 DE ABRIL DE 1978
 1183-C WEST 29 STREET HIALEAH FL 33012
BIENVENIDOS A NUESTRO 45 ANIVERSARIO

**CORDIAL INVITACION A NUESTRA
 SEMANA DE COMPORTAMIENTO**
 Sabado 22 al Viernes 28 de Abril del 2023

1978  **2023**

SESION PUBLICA EL SABADO 29 DE ABRIL
HORA: A PARTIR DE LAS 6:00 PM
LOGIA MASONICA
601 WEST 29 ST HIALEAH FL



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GRUPOS:
VIVIENDO SOBRIO
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Si necesitan postear sus
 reuniones virtuales en
 el website de

Miami-Dade Intergroup
 por favor
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aamiamidade@bellsouth.net
 o llamar al

305.461.2425
 con su informacion.



31 ANIVERSARIO GRATITUD EN SOBRIEDAD
 1992
 20 de Marzo
 2023



5110 S. SR7 (US 441)
Davie, FL 33314 (Broward)
Semana de Compartimiento
del 19 al 26 de Marzo 2023
8:00 a 10:00 p.m.
en el local de Nuestro Grupo

Ernesto P.
 Coordinador

Liliana V.
 Secretaria

Robert E.
 Tesorero

¿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.

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.

**STEP
3
FAITH**

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over
to the care of God as we understood Him.

A Deeper Look at Fear.... (Cont. from page 2)

Once I ran that sort of test on my initial challenges and found it to work exactly as promised, I became curious about testing it on my next problem concerning irrational fear and it worked, and so on, and so on... This was, and still is, my approach to anything that is described in the Big Book and 12&12 as fear. The program does not remove the healthy instinctive, God given fears, that protect us from harm, but it does work wonders on those irrational fears that have kept us in turmoil for years. It is often heard at A.A. meetings, that ninety percent of the things we were fearful of, never happen. In the beginning of my A.A. journey I thought that Faith was synonymous with Religion, and for some people, it may be, but for me, it is synonymous with trust. As I tackled my irrational fears, one by one, and as they were neutralized, I began to have absolute trust in the A.A. program and I believe that I have as much Faith as anyone I know, Religious or not. My prayers are addressed to a God of my own understanding, and I live by the inspiration I receive from various recourses consistent with unselfish principles of the A.A. program. Having worked the steps and continued to practice these (unselfish) principles in all my affairs to the best of my knowledge and understanding, irrational fear is in the distant past, held at bay due to the Faith and Trust that I have gained in Alcoholics Anonymous. That, being said, I still believe that I won't be walking in front of any buses today. By Rick R.



SOUTH DADE'S NEW MEETING

"We Agnostics"

An open *discussion* meeting focusing on topics concerning spiritual experiences.

Fridays 7:30 – 8:30 PM

(excluding the last Friday of the month which is reserved for birthday night)

10965 SW 186 ST, Miami FL 33157

(305) 238-6451

(conveniently located just east of turnpike exit13)



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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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Julie V. 1
Jose F. 1
Raul J. 1
Mike H. 1
Raul C. 1
Bill D. 1
Kevin J. 1
Juan P. 5
Don S. 11
Nick B. 24
Kelly W. 25
Robbie N. 48

PALMETTO BAY

Amy R. 2
Edwin L. 2
Sashi T. 3
Robert D. 4
Shannon S. 7
Neil T. 8
Ann B. 22
Lorraine D. 23
John B. 24
Xavier P. 33

SOBER WAY OUT

Zach 1
Ross S. 3
Tony B. 6
Karl O. 6
Angel 15
Marcy K. 18
Nate 21
Don P. 22
Judy 27
Andre S. 28
Xavier P. 30
Ernie 32
James S. 32
Ralph 33
Sandra C. 33
Melvin B. 34
Ron H. 39

MARCH

SUNSET

Yusilin W. 2
Tony V. 4
Ron K. 12
Craig R. 17
Carlos V. 26
Scott G. 29
Carlos B. 34



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

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
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www.meetingguide.org

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HAPPY
St. Patrick's
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