

# The Messenger



MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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From your Intergroup Office, we would like to thank all our members and their groups for their invaluable support to your office throughout this year.

Your continued support help us to keep our doors open, and our 24/7 help line open to serve all the alcoholics who are still suffering from alcoholism.

From the bottom of our hearts.  
Thank you!

## KEY BISCAYNE GROUP 64TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 15TH

6:30PM - POTLUCK DINNER

8:00PM - SPEAKER

9:00PM - RAFFLE

FOOD, DESERTS OR DONATIONS ARE WELCOME!

## INTERGROUP BENEFIT!

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BY THE SEA | 95 HARBOR DR. | KEY BISCAYNE

### Step 12

*"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."*

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## MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP



Office will be **CLOSED** on the  
following dates:



**December 25th, 2023  
& January 1st, 2024**

**Office will reopen on  
January 2nd, 2024**

Phones will be forwarded to the

**12 Step Relay**



*HAPPY HOLIDAYS FOR ALL OF YOU!*



**LIKE THE LAYERS OF AN ONION  
No One can be Turned Away**

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking. (Trad. Three 12&12) After many years of sobriety and practicing the AA principles to the best of my ability, I am amazed at what I see in the meetings that I attend. It was one of the most important developments in my later years of sobriety. Removing my judgmentalism of other people in Alcoholics Anonymous, that have a desire to stop drinking. I have come to understand that tradition, but it did not happen immediately. I was overwhelmed with personal problems that eventually culminated into my surrender and came to AA searching for answers. I am so grateful that they did not turn me away because I had problems. The AA Program is so much deeper than I ever could have imagined when I first entered it. Over time, I recognize the depth of each issue that we face when we come clean with ourselves and with the world around us. It is sometimes likened to the layers of an onion. The surface skin begins to fall away quickly as we address the drinking part of our disease. Each layer is preparatory to the next. As we recognize and begin to discard the negative side of our thoughts and behaviors, we begin to understand that our thinking is where the problems lie, and our behaviors are the symptoms of that faulty thinking when our natural instincts far exceed their intended purpose.

In my early days of sobriety my mentors suggested that if I plan to attend a certain number of meetings per week, one of them should be a step study meeting and I have followed that suggestion ever since. One of the benefits of that decision is that we study each step four times a year and each time I repeat a previous step I notice an improvement in my understanding of that step. In the presence of that group, I may hear 20 to 30 different perspectives on how to address my faulty thinking and all those viewpoints are stored in my mind as I peel away one more layer of the onion. I learned the value of living by unselfish principles and that simple understanding takes most of my decision-making out of my hands. Principles are not flexible, and I do not create my own principles. I do, however, have the ability to follow well-established ethics and even then, sometimes things may go wrong but my motives are of an unselfish nature, and I do my best. I learn to be prudent when it comes to my decisions. I learn to decide if it was my Ego or my Conscience making that choice and today my Conscience renders my Ego irrelevant for the most part. I have always known right from wrong but with my fears and insecurities I usually made the wrong, selfish decision and my conscience suffered. If I already know when I am doing the wrong thing, why am I praying to God when I already know the answer and still make the wrong choice? It is true that the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking but in AA I found so much more.

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*Like the layers of an onion.... (Cont. from page 2)*

Within the safety of my AA group, I get to test these qualities out and establish a new perspective, unselfish in nature, as I peel away layer after layer and my load gets lighter and lighter. I no longer look at this process to be ponderous. I now see it as exciting and I want to continue to look deeper into my spiritual condition, living by the dictates of my conscience, and I hope this process never ends as I trudge that road of happy destiny.

By Rick R.

## SUNSET GROUP Holiday Hours

### CHRISTMAS 24 HOURS OPEN

Room Open from

CHRISTMAS EVE @ 8:00pm - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**"MIDNIGHT Meeting"**

Till CHRISTMAS DAY @ 9:30am - December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### NEW YEAR'S 24 HOURS OPEN

Room Open from

NEW YEAR'S EVE @ 8:00pm - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Till NEW YEAR'S DAY @ 9:30am - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024



#### SUNSET ROOM

6999 N. Waterway Dr. - Miami - 305.261.3725

## CORAL ROOM HOLIDAY HOURS!



### CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN

Sunday - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 12:00pm

**"MIDNIGHT Meeting"**

Till Monday - December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 12:00pm



### NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN

Sunday - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 from 12:00pm

**"MEETING @ 2:00am"**

Till Monday - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 @ 12:00pm



#### CORAL ROOM

2916 Ponce De Leon Blvd. Ste B - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Miami - 33134

# 69TH ANNUAL BANQUET

## MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

# SATURDAY MARCH 16TH, 2024

# SAVE THE DATE

**¿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](mailto:corrections@aa.org).

O puedes escribir a Correccionales,

**Oficina de Servicios Generales**

**Box 459, Grand Central Station**

**Nueva York, N.Y. 10163**

REUNIONES VIRTUALES  
EN  
ESPAÑOL  
**[WWW.AAMIAMIDADE.ORG](http://WWW.AAMIAMIDADE.ORG)**

GRUPOS:  
**VIVIENDO SOBRIO  
CORAL GABLES  
LA GRAN MANZANA**

Si necesitan postear sus reuniones virtuales en el website de

Miami-Dade Intergroup  
por favor enviar e-mail a  
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o llamar al  
**305.461.2425**  
con su informacion.



**LA OFICINA DE INTERGRUPO**  
Les invitamos a celebrar  
**GRAN FIESTA NAVIDEÑA**  
9 de Diciembre 2023  
7.00pm a 12.00 am  
**CENA Y BAILE**  
1700 S.W. 62nd Avenue  
West Miami, FL 33155  
Adultos \$ 25.00 Niños 7 a 13 \$10.00  
786 499 1646 • 305 776 2839  
786 862 0346

**GRUPO SERENIDAD**

Reuniones en Español

**SABADOS A LAS 5:30PM**

Miami Shores Community Church

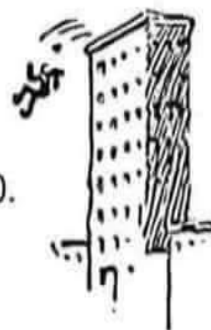
9823 NE 4th Ave

Miami Shores, FL 33138

**PARA UN  
ALCOHÓLICO,**

tomarse solo un trago  
y esperar NO emborracharse

sería como saltar del  
techo de un edificio y  
esperar caer solo un piso.





## 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.

**3 Anonymous.**



## A Life of Joy and Happiness I Reap More Than My Share

Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore, the joy of good living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step. (12&12 pg. 125) How appropriate it seems that there are Twelve Months in a year, and we have Twelve Steps in the Program. The joy of good living is the theme, and it blends right in with Thanksgiving in November, and all the Religious Holidays in December, and is topped off with the New Year's Eve celebration. The Holiday season does bring a lot of joy to most of us, but it also brings distress to some of the less fortunate ones who have not yet been blessed with the gift of sobriety and peace of mind, in and outside of Alcoholics Anonymous. (A.A.) I used to be uncomfortable about the holidays as I never knew how to act around normal people. I felt like a charity case and never got into the spirit of reaching out to others. My family always celebrated Christmas, and I always (due to My discomfort) would put a damper on it by complaining about the tacky gifts that people would buy for each other and the mad rush to go shopping and all the commercializing it had become. I explained this to a dear friend once, and he asked, "Does the rest of the family enjoy it?" I said yes. He then said, "why don't you just take a back seat and watch the joy in their eyes as they experience these things?" I did that exact thing and have been doing it ever since and it has changed my appreciation of this time of year.

This change of attitude has inspired me to apply the unselfish lessons that I have come to understand, and I spend the holiday season looking for the opportunity to brighten the lives of those less fortunate than myself. I often do these things anonymously and without fanfare. I also consider how I used to feel when I was the one on the receiving end of a charitable gesture and am very careful to do these things in a way that preserves their dignity. I do not have to wait for the holidays to do these things. Every day is Christmas at my home. More recently I started to contemplate the difference between Joy and Happiness as I always thought that they were synonymous, and they are in some respects, but they do have some different qualities. I am a happy person as the result of being very diligent when it comes to working the steps of the program and practicing the principles in all my affairs. I am not without the little inconveniences and irritations that come with my day-to-day living activities, but they are nowhere near the problems I encountered prior to becoming a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. They do not lower my level of happiness because I simply take them as they come. Over a period, as I mature in this journey, my mean level of happiness continues to rise, and I am generally very happy as the result. When I look at the word Joy, I do not feel that I am in a constant state of Joy, but I do have many little things that happen on a day-to-day basis that rise above my state of happiness, and they sometimes bring tears to my eyes. We all can identify with the term "tears of joy." Even unhappy people can have tears of joy occasionally. I was introduced to the principle that "happiness is a byproduct of right living and not an end in itself" I have been living by that principle ever since and you can believe me when I tell you that I reap more than my share of joy.

By Rick R.

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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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**TRADITION TWELVE**

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

## NOVEMBER

### SABAL PALM

Tania S. 1  
Kelly G. 1  
Juan A. 1  
Mike B. 1  
Louis P. 4  
Billy F. 5  
Amy S. 6  
Peter B. 7  
Maryann O. 7  
Walter 9  
Sara G. 10  
Marlon P. 12  
Regina F. 27  
Mario Q. 30  
Margie U. 44  
Merle G. 47

### PALMETTO BAY

Xenia P. 1  
Danielle Z. 20  
Pat J. 43

### SUNSET

Regina S. 1  
Niki M. 2  
Omar O. 2  
Marko H. 4  
Maggie S. 5  
Ma. Isabel 17  
Gary M. 22  
Stephanie G. 31  
Dan B. 34  
George P. 36

### SOBER WAY OUT

Mia 1  
Cameron 2  
Jessie 3  
Miriam 6  
Rachel 11  
Mehgan 12  
Conrad 17  
Sophia 32  
Jim 33  
Alfred 34  
Robert 42

Sobriety isn't  
always all  
rainbows and  
butterflies.  
But it is always  
less puke and  
regret.



## 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

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[russianaa.florida@gmail.com](mailto:russianaa.florida@gmail.com)



## PAYPAL NEWS



Fees charges have changed with PayPal while sending contributions through their site or app.

Please if you send your contributions through PayPal you need to send it through their

"PayPal Giving Fund"

## 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 @ 7:30pm  
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 Dade Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm  
South Dixie Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm  
Sunset Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm  
West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm

## LOOKING FOR A.A. MEETINGS?

Learn more at:

[www.meetingguide.org](http://www.meetingguide.org)

Here is the icon to look for.....



Do you want to know..... How can you help? How can you do service? Come to our next monthly meeting of Miami-Dade Intergroup which will be held on Thursday - December 14th, 2023 @ 8:00pm Via Zoom. This is a great opportunity to do service!

For more info call: (305) 461-2425 For comments / suggestions e-mail us - Editor: [jamc13@bellsouth.net](mailto:jamc13@bellsouth.net) or [aamiamidade@bellsouth.net](mailto:aamiamidade@bellsouth.net)

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Please note: When you mail in this form, feel free to add something you would like to share with the fellowship  
(a thought, a story, a joke or something you heard at a meeting.)

## HELP US CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!

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