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****** Presents ******

THE 70th ANNUAL INTERGROUP BANQUET

An experience you must not miss

Saturday

March 22nd, 2025

Renaissance

\$ 5 0

Ballrooms

PER PERSON

5910 SW 8th St

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Miami, FL 33144

P E R T A B L E

R E C E P T I O N

7 : 0 0 p m

D I N N E R

7 : 3 0 p m

S P E A K E R

8 : 3 0 p m

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For more Information

Contact the Intergroup Office (305) 461-2425

*** FREE PARKING ***

Semi-Formal Attire

THE SPEED OF LIFE

I'm seven years old and every adult in my immediate environment is drinking daily and it isn't hard for me to get a taste of beer, if I wanted, but I don't necessarily like the taste, so no problem. I'm ten years old and beer is beginning to taste better but still not my favorite, but a little sip of whiskey, now and then, tastes o.k. but it's harder to get the adults to give it up. I'm thirteen years old and my friend and I talk an old drunk into buying us a few quarts of beer, and we commence to get drunk for the first time in our lives, and now I know why all those adults drink this stuff every night. I was giddy, sloppy, stupid, sick and eventually unconscious. I woke up the next morning and went off to school with a nasty hangover. I was in the eighth grade at that time. Still it was no problem.

From that time on my mind was consumed with thoughts of how I was going to repeat that wonderful experience. As I started high school I worked in a bowling alley from six pm till ten thirty pm, setting up pins and when we got off, we would go straight to a sleazy bar where we could get someone to buy beer for us. From there, we would go to an abandoned school building and drink till all the beer was gone, get into fist fights with each other, wake up the next morning with black eyes, skinned up knuckles and elbows, go back to school and come up with some ridiculous story about what had happened.

I'm sixteen years old and I'm allowed to party with the adults and shortly after getting my driver's license, I am asked to drive someone home, and on the return trip, I missed a turn and smashed into a parked car. I continue to drink unabated, I quit school in May of my senior year with almost no resistance, Join the navy in August of that same year, locked up for gang fighting, have my second drunk driving accident when I drive into a gas station and hit a car at the pump.

I continue this kind of behavior for ten more years and am lucky to have survived after more trips to jail, failed marriage, broken bones, cuts and bruises and broken relations with almost everyone that means anything to me. I'm twenty eight years old surrender and show up at A.A. coming out of a blackout. I am greeted on the front lawn of a little yellow house in the suburbs that is being used to hold meetings, by three people who welcome this stranger with opened arms as though they are expecting me. They began to listen patiently to my tales of woe, nodding as they seem to understand.

Their eyes are soft and gentle and I feel their compassion. At the young age of twenty eight, I believed that my life was over but, one of them says "life isn't passing you by near as fast as you think it is" and they say, come inside and have a cup of coffee. They were right; I had a profound change of perception and all of those bad days are but a distant memory. The obsession was gone and it has never returned. In my first year of sobriety I met a young lady who was not an alcoholic but was curious about a fleet sailor who was divorced, had a young child, and was an alcoholic, and I suppose she sensed something in me that intrigued her. The more we talked about my aspirations and the type of principles I was learning to live by, the closer we became. We were married on October 31, 1970 and have been together ever since.

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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 22nd, 2025
RENAISSANCE BALLROOMS



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

MY SPIRITUAL MENTOR

Today I celebrate another birthday. A year ago today I decided to live. I decided I could make my way back from anything. Today I am accountable to someone other than myself. My job is to show up willing and wide eyed, and to be that glimmer of light I saw in someone else that gave me the hope I needed to come out on the other side. To that special someone, you know who you are, I couldn't have taken this spiritual journey without you or your guidance. Thank you for being my spiritual mentor. I love you unconditionally because I needed you to love me and believe in me before I could love myself- and you did. In the face of the impossible I was inspired. So today I am here to be that glimmer of light for those who are still in the mist of the struggle and to show others that there is another BEAUTIFUL way to live. That there is a way out of living in your own head and that you can be free from the bondage of self; so long you choose to be. I didn't know peace existed. I didn't know what peace felt like but today I know Peace isn't always a permanent state. It can exist in moments. Fleeting. Gone before we even knew it was there. Every day we all experience these moments of peace. The trick is to know when they are happening so we can embrace them, live in them. And today that is how I choose to live my life. It was as simple, yet complicated, as making a decision. Like my father told me my whole life- life is about making choices. And today I choose to live. I choose to be sober. I choose to smile and love myself first. I choose to trust god. I choose to ask for help. But most importantly. I choose to help others. May god bless all of those who have not yet found this way of life.

Adriana G., Miami, FL

BIG BOOK RAFFLE

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

No need to be present at the Banquet to win!

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1 Ticket - \$ 5.00

3 Tickets - \$10.00

Miami-Dade Intergroup
70th Annual Banquet

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did."

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

Concentrate on this sentence...

"The will of God will never take you



where the Grace of God will not protect you."

TRIANGLE A.A. GROUP POTLUCK DINNER

February 15, 2025, @ 5:30pm

Step Series Guest Speaker

Everyone is invited! Fun, Food, Fellowship!

THE TRIANGLE CLUB

10775 SW 190th St. - Unit 1 - Miami, FL 33157

EARL T.

After being taken through the 12 Steps by Dr. Bob S. in Akron in one afternoon, Earl T. went back to his home in Chicago to start A.A. there in 1937. After getting drunk when his wife criticized his coffee drinking and smoking, Earl realized that the alcoholic has to continue to take his own inventory every day if he expects to get well and stay well. On September 20, 1939, Chicago had what is known as the first group meeting. Held in Evanston in Earl's apartment, there were eight present: Earl, Dick R., Ken A., Sadie I., Sylvia K., George M., Earl's wife Katie, and a nonalcoholic, Grace Cultice.



Earl T. urged Bill W. to codify the A.A. experience, resulting in Bill writing the Twelve Traditions. "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future" was published in the April 1946 A.A. Grapevine. Earl later suggested that the Twelve Traditions would benefit shortening. Bill, with Earl's help, set out to develop the short form.

Old Time A.A.

Presents: A Day for Dr. Bob's Home



¿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,

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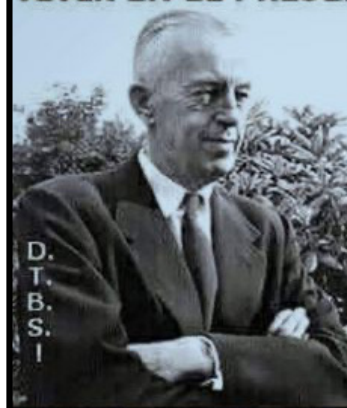
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GRUPOS:
**VIVIENDO SOBRIO
CORAL GABLES
LA GRAN MANZANA**

Si necesitan postear sus reuniones virtuales en el website de Miami-Dade Intergroup por favor enviar e-mail a aamiamidade@bellsouth.net o llamar al **305.461.2425** con su información.



La responsabilidad primordial de resolver los problemas de la vida y del desarrollo personal, recae directamente sobre el mismo individuo.

VIVIR EN EL PRESENTE

D.
T.
B.
S.
I.

Primero que todo, tratemos de vivir en el presente para permanecer sobrios. Esto funciona maravillosamente. Una vez que la idea se ha convertido en parte vital de nuestra manera de pensar, vemos que la vida en segmentos de 24 horas es también una forma efectiva y satisfactoria para manejar muchos otros asuntos.

VIVIENDO SOBRIOS, P. 23

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.

2 Anonymous.

Concept II

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference --excepting for any any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter -- the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole society.

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

IT WORKS
— IF YOU —
WORK IT
SO WORK IT
— YOU'RE —
WORTH IT

SPEED OF LIFE (Cont. from page 2)

She is the happiest wife I know and needless to say, I hit the Jackpot. Since embracing the program we have gained the love and respect of my first wife and we have been kind and understanding towards her as well and my son has been witness to all of this.

Since that very first day in the program I have been practicing the twelve steps to the best of my ability and understanding and it has been a wonderful experience. I wouldn't trade places with the richest man on this planet. I couldn't be more grateful for the way I was welcomed when I needed hope and understanding. I felt safe for the first time in my life. My hope is that all who arrive at the doors of A.A. can be accepted with the same love and kindness that I experienced. I'm seventy five years old and on my way to one hundred +and life is awesome.

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 TWO

**"For our group purpose there is one but ultimate authority
-- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.
Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."**

DECEMBER

CORAL GABLES

Alex S. 1
Jacki G. 24

SOUTH DIXIE

Patricia 33

JANUARY

CORAL GABLES

Manny E. 1
Zack G. 1
Brian B. 1
Gloria B. 2
Lillian M. 3
Ryan B. 3
Drew M. 7
Paul A. 7
Willy 8

Emily Z. 11
Ken T. 17

Mark B. 17
Chauncey 17
Dan W. 24

Jeanne F. 24
Peter C. 27
Nitza P. 28
Shawn S. 32
Victoria W. 41
Vickie M. 41

SABAL PALM

Vivian B. 1
Mary E. 1
Willy V. 1
Vickey F. 1
Roxanne A. 2
Miguel E. 3
Haylienne M. 3
Jeff S. 4
Matt G 4
Josh G. 7
Luz M. 10
Amos L. 13
Taj M. 13
Kathi T. 16
Haydee J. 18
Nancy B. 22
Rina J. 25
Richard V. 25
Rita C. 29
Luis M. 30
Connie G. 37
Mary L. 39



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Intergroup Office

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so the Intergroup Office does not
incurr any extra charges.

SOUTH DIXIE

Chris 2
Roxanne 2
Henry 3
Danielle 3
Matt 4
Lusa 15
Joel 23
Graham 30
Joe 32
Gerry 41



**OUR MOST SINCERE AND
HEART FELT CONDOLENCES
TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF
OUR DEAR FRIEND**

DARNELL T.

FROM THE LITTLE RIVER GROUP

**DARNELL SADLY PASSED AWAY
A WEEK AGO.**

**HE WILL BE REMEMBERED WITH
MUCH LOVE FOR ALL HE DID
FOR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.**

THANK YOU DARNELL

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 Sunday @ 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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(a thought, a story, a joke or something you heard at a meeting.)

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