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## THE 70th ANNUAL INTERGROUP BANQUET

*An experience you must not miss*

**Saturday**

**March 22nd, 2025**

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## EDGAR R.




Newly sober, Dr. Bob S. was eager that he and Bill W. work with other alcoholics. A local Akron Minister, J. C. Wright, provided them with a prospect, Eddie R. Bill and Dr. Bob learned a great deal about the “dos and don’ts” of Twelfth Step work in trying to sober up Eddie, who Bill described at the time as being “able to produce a major crisis of some sort about every other day.” Anne Smith loved to tell the story of how Eddie chased her with a butcher knife. They tried in vain, throughout the summer of 1935, to sober up Eddie.

Eddie missed the chance to be A.A. #3, but he showed up at Dr. Bob’s funeral in 1950. He was sober a year and attending the Youngstown, OH group. When Eddie had seven years’ sobriety he visited Nell Wing at the A.A. General Service Office. She wondered “how this serene, mild-mannered man could possibly have caused all that trouble.”

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## INTERGROUP BANQUET

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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:  
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## STEP 3

After twenty-eight years of mind-obliterating alcoholism, I finally attended my first AA meeting. Within a few weeks, I became capable of memorizing the Third Step Prayer that I had positioned on my refrigerator door. I would repeat it quite often throughout the day. My idea was that in so doing, I was turning my will, and my life, over to God . . . then, He would remove my problem—and that would be that!

This erroneous notion was justified by an overwhelming new happiness—please spell that (A. A. h-o-n-e-y-m-o-o-n). After all, my phone was ringing off the hook and I had new AA friends galore! Of course, I was surviving on the fellowship by keeping my telephone real hot and attending meetings every chance I had (I believe that was necessary because, otherwise, I would have headed right back to the bar room).

I thought this groovy-groovy (that was an expression back then) feeling was going to provide permanent protection from king alcohol, so I had sort of short-shrimped the rest of the steps and waited for that persistent nagging mental obsession to disappear. Well, it didn't! I was six-months sober and just after a parade on Hollywood Blvd, I marched into a bar and almost ordered a drink! I didn't, but I was so terrified that I found a new sponsor to take me through the rest of the steps, el pronto.

The Big Book speaks of the Great Reality (God) deep within (p. 55). I believe this means I need to delve deep into my subconscious self by working the rest of the Twelve Steps with a sponsor. I believe that Step Three was only a beginning. This was only carried out by learning to do steps Four through Nine with my heart (not just my head), then continuing to put these directions into action by living in the spirit of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve. By the bye, the last three steps include the essential elements of the first nine.

At some point during the first year or so of my new-found sobriety, I experienced a release from all obsession to drink; inexplicably it no longer exists in my emotional vocabulary! However, I am convinced that if I lose contact with the "Great Reality deep within," I will be back where I started—or worse!

By Bob S., Richmond, IN



### What Brought Us Into AA?

It was the realization that we had no power to help ourselves. We had relied entirely upon ourselves because we liked the rules we made for ourselves better than those rules that generations upon generations of mankind had found necessary for living without personal disaster. We had considered ourselves above those who lived by the universal rules.

When trouble came, we sought to help self-imposed discipline, we usually succeeded, for a while. But again, we made our own rules, and as we got the upper hand over our troubles we compromised with evil. A little evil would be all right: it was too much evil that got us into trouble. The particular evil that we compromised with was luring because we wished to recognize no responsibilities and because that evil destroyed all reminders of responsibility.

Simple first grade arithmetic ought to have been enough to teach us. But we wouldn't believe the simple addition because we wouldn't believe that what was meat for moderate, disciplined men was poison for the undisciplined.

Many of us still have trouble in believing it, and in accepting the simplest facts of our experience. We still want to make our own rules. We still want to avoid responsibility. We still are unwilling to accept our lots in life.

Let us look back at our efforts to help ourselves. How did we reach the position in which we found ourselves when we grabbed desperately at the help that AA offered? Very few of us were on an unbroken downward descent. We stopped the slide "many times and tried to walk up hill. Then we compromised with evil and tried to ride up hill, with no power other than our own feeble wills. It wasn't long before we found ourselves sliding backwards at breakneck speed.

Let us keep on looking back at our efforts to help ourselves. Each successive time that we tried to help ourselves, we were on a lower level than we had been before. Each effort to rise was less successful. Sometimes we thought we had gained a pinnacle, but we never looked back to see the towering mountain from which we had slid.

When we landed in a heap at the bottom of the slide, or banged up near the bottom, we realized at last that we had no power to help ourselves. We could not get up, we couldn't walk, and we surely couldn't climb. We seized the hand that was offered us. We took the nourishment that restored our ability to stand and then helped us to climb. We were restored outwardly and we found an inward strength.

The hand that was offered us was the hand of AA, the hand of another alcoholic. The strength that that hand found to pull us to our feet was not the hand's own but it was the strength that the hand had found after it had learned that it had no power to help itself.

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**¿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.

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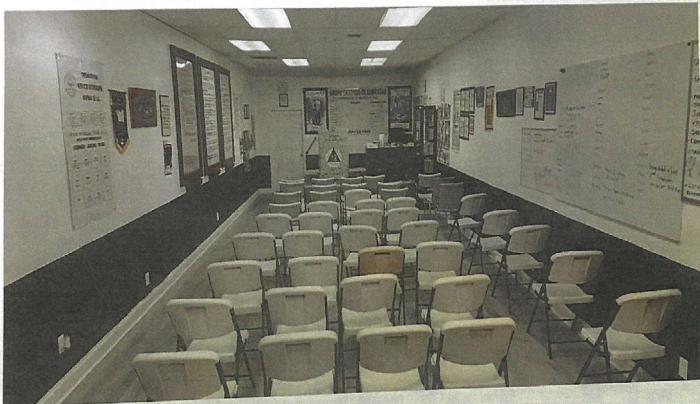
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**3 Anonymous.**

### **What brought us into A.A.** (Cont. from page 3)

It had found a power greater than its own. It had found it in the realization that if the body is to be saved the Spirit must also be saved. It had found that since it is not able to defend itself it must seek the help of a higher power than itself.

This power is not a crutch that can be used for a while and then thrown away. Our whole experience should teach us that. And so should the experience of those who thought that the power was a mere crutch.

Our experience should teach us that when we try to make our own rules the temptation comes to embrace evil because a little evil seems pleasant; or we eagerly seize upon evil because we cannot stand to face a new adversity or we are not willing to accept the realization that our stature is less than we wish it to be.

No, the power is not a crutch: it is a backbone. It is a backbone whose living fluid is the Spirit, and that living fluid must be defended against assaults of evil and against the temptation to believe that we have the power to walk alone in any direction that we choose.

Those of us who are wise have learned that we have no power to help ourselves. Our help is in a power outside ourselves, a help that first comes to us through the hand of AA.

By Central Bulletin, March 1946

### HAPPINESS VS JOY

The Big Book tells us that God wants us to be happy, joyous, and free (p. 133). At first reading I thought this statement was a bit redundant for, after all, were not happiness and joy synonymous emotions? I was later to take a different view.

Some years ago, I attended an AA gathering in a large campground in Marie, Canada. While preparing to sleep in my tent, I was taken over by a tremendous sadness. It came in vivid memory the happy night where my lovely then-bride and I spent in the same tent above the Grand Canyon following our Las Vegas marriage. At once, a heavy depression crashed down with tremendous despondency. The happy times that we shared during our California years were gone—now we were divorced—she is gone from me forever. It was far past midnight, and the black doom pressed down without pity...and went on and on. But then, all at once, my surroundings seemed to brighten! It was as though a beautiful light was shining in some mysterious manner. Although I was overcome with sadness, certainly not happiness, I was at once filled with JOY! I was experiencing both sadness and joy at the same time! This bright joy sparkled deep into the morning.

That experience convinced me that happiness and joy are not at all the same. Happiness is a biological phenomenon that comes and goes with life happenings. If my boss says, "you're fired," I will become sad, but if he gives me a raise, I am happy.

This is not so with spiritual joy because true Joy comes from God and is not under the domain of this world. God has told us: "I am not of this world!" True joy has come to me spasmodically since that episode. It comes and goes before I seem to be able to capture it, yet it is proof to me that God is with me. The Big Book speaks of the "Great Reality" deep within (p. 55). So, I believe if I live the life that AA has offered, I will continue to be mostly happy, but also experience surges of great joy from time to time.

The Big Book promise of being happy and joyous is not redundant; this duo has helped me from taking that first drink for many years.

Thank you, God!

By Bob S.

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- Ariel R. 1
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- Edwin S. 11
- Patrick C. 16
- Stewart M. 19
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- Richard S. 32

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- Juan P. 7
- Don S. 13
- Lorraine D. 25
- Donny 23
- Nick B. 27
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- Shannon S. 9

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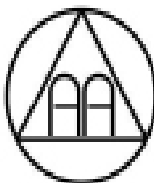
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- Coral Gables Group/3rd Thursday @ 7:00pm
- Good Morning Group/3rd Friday @ 11:00am
- Happy 1060 Group/3rd Sunday @ 11:45am
- Happy Hour Group/ 3rd Thursday @ 6:35pm
- Homestead Group/3rd Tuesday @ 7:00pm
- Lincoln Road YP/3rd Sunday @ 7:00pm
- Little 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
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- South Dade Group/Last Friday @ 7:30pm
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- Sunset Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm
- West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm

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