



THE MESSENGER

MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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Your Intergroup Office would like to thank you for your support throughout this past year. Because of your contributions, our Intergroup office has been able to help alcoholics in distress by:

Maintaining phone lines so the still-suffering alcoholic can always reach someone, supplying literature and meeting lists to groups and newcomers, keeping our website and meeting guide app information up to date, and supporting Twelfth Step work throughout our area.

At this time, however, contributions are down and the Intergroup office is facing financial hardship. Our ability to continue these vital services is at risk, and we need your help.

In the spirit of our Seventh Tradition, we are reaching out to the groups and members who benefit from Intergroup's services to ask that you consider: Making a one-time or increased group contribution, encouraging your home group to send regular monthly contributions and sharing this need at your business meetings and with your group conscience.

Your continued support helps ensure that when the next alcoholic reaches out for help, someone will be there to answer the phone, provide meeting information, and offer a path to recovery.

Thank you for your continued support of your Intergroup Office of Alcoholics Anonymous and for helping us carry the message.

MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

We can accept contributions through Venmo to @MiamiDadeIntergroup or 305.461.2239 or Zelle to aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

6 pm - Potluck Dinner

8 pm - Great Guest Speaker

9 pm - Raffle



66th Anniversary
KEY BISCAIYNE GROUP

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**Join Us On
December 12**

INTERGROUP BENEFIT

St. Christopher by the Sea - 95 Harbor Dr - Key Biscayne

THE BIG THREE

On October 14, 1987, I fell to my knees in my pignen and said, "God help me." I had never said it before with such desperation. Around 4:00 a.m., I called AA's hotline. Two women came to my home and told me about alcoholism and let me know that God does love me. Oh, how I needed to hear that.

After I had cleaned myself up and slept a bit, the women took me to my first meeting at 10:00 a.m. at a treatment/mental ward facility. It was a small meeting with just them and about nine patients. The patients were dressed in cotton pajamas and wore robes without belts. When I heard "How It Works" read for the first time, I immediately knew it was the truth. The patients began to talk and again I heard more truth. They told me I was sick, but that I was going to get well. They told me I was in the right place, doing the right thing. But I was saying to myself, What's wrong with this picture? They're locked up in here, and they are telling me that I'm going to be OK! It was the truth that was getting to me. I was no different than they were.

I started going to two or three meetings a day after that. I knew that wherever this journey took me, it was going to be a better place than where I had been. I found hope that there really was a better way to live. I took my 24-hour chip the next day. I had no idea how long 24 hours was. It's a long time for a drunk to go without a drink.

At the end of my drinking, I would drink, black out, and then continue to drink until I passed out. I'd wake up with a full drink on my night table and then take it to the kitchen and pour it down the sink. Next, I would look for the bottle to see how much I had drunk. Later, I'd look for the bottle to see how much I had left to start the next day. This was just in case I needed to stop and replenish on my way home from work. Just when had I become a daily drinker? I finally realized I was a "maintenance" drinker.

Soon I was getting my 30-day chip and it was already November. Suddenly, I became overwhelmed when I realized that the three biggest holidays that always tore me up emotionally were heading my way: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve! Members around me began to talk about getting involved in service work. They began planning marathon meetings. So I could go to meetings for 24 solid hours that day? I finally had a place to go on the holidays where I would not feel alone and I could feel safe.

Thanksgiving was now upon me. So I cooked a turkey and headed to my local clubhouse for the entire day and night.

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The Big Three (Cont. from pg.2)

Most meetings were on the topic of gratitude. I was still uncomfortable with that topic, to say the least, but I listened to those old-timers no matter what. By the end of the marathon meetings, I was grateful to be still sober and headed toward my 60-day chip through a vale of tears. One holiday down and two to go.

Christmas was now coming like a freight train. My anxiety lessened as I again heard about marathon meetings for all day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Oh boy, was I happy. I would go to the clubhouse again. This time I stepped in to chair meetings, to clean up after the potluck, and to make one pot of coffee after another. Giving of myself was new for me. I had been such a taker for so long. One big change I made about Christmas was that I quit spending money I didn't have on people I didn't like anyway. Even though many hearts in those meetings were crying inside, it was so great to hear all the laughter. I began to enjoy it. However, I only laughed at the crazy stories of other people and was not quite ready to laugh at myself yet. All I knew was that there was no turning back for me. Now there was only one more holiday to go.

Unhealthy relationships were all I knew. Any single person has the painful longing to have a date on New Year's Eve, right? Now they were talking about a sober dance with the marathon meetings. I told myself I could go, but I was not going to dance. I couldn't imagine letting anyone touch me. After 90 days, I had just worked up to some hugs at the meetings, but not from just anyone. So I chaired many meetings and cleaned up after the potluck. Finally, I was smiling more than I was crying in the meetings.

After each holiday, reality would set in as news came in the next week about our fallen comrades. I would scream inside saying, Oh, no! How could this happen? I learned right away that length of sobriety is no guarantee, that all I have is a daily reprieve contingent upon my spiritual maintenance.

I learned so much that first holiday season. From Thanksgiving, I learned about gratitude and that every day can be Thanksgiving. From Christmas, I learned about giving and that the holiday did not come wrapped up with a bow. And from New Year's Eve, I learned about "one day at a time." So I say this season, with love in my heart, stay close to AA, be grateful and give of yourselves. It worked for me.

Patt S., Yuma, AZ

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CORAL ROOM HOLIDAY HOURS!



CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN

Wednesday - December 24th, 2025 from 11:00am
"MIDNIGHT Meeting"

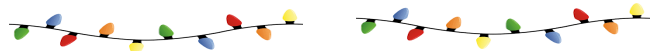
Till Thursday - December 25th, 2025 - 3:00pm



NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN

Wednesday - December 31st, 2025 from 11:00am
"MIDNIGHT Meeting"

Till Thursday - January 1st, 2026 - 3:00pm



CORAL ROOM

2916B Ponce De Leon Blvd. - 2nd Floor - Miami - 33134



MY GIFT

TO THE WORLD

THIS HOLIDAY

SEASON IS MY

SOBRIETY!



RECOVERY IS NOT ONE AND DONE.
IT IS A LIFELONG JOURNEY
THAT TAKES PLACE ONE DAY,
ONE STEP AT A TIME.

¿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**

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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 informacion.

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1990-2025

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semana de unidad

18 al 25 de enero



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informacion al publico

sabado 24 local del grupo 10 pm

domingo 25 10 am

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LES INVITAMOS A CELEBRAR

CENA Y BAILE

7 DE DICIEMBRE 2025
7:00 PM A 12:00AM

250 SW 114 AVE
33174

ADULTOS \$25 NINOS \$10

INFORMACION 754 366 2962

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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 \$7,500 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.

REDLANDS GROUP OF A.A. "4th Anniversary"



Tuesday January 13th, 2026

**Campfire Open Meeting @ 7pm
Followed by Coffee and Pastries!**



**REDLANDS COMMUNITY CHURCH
14601 SW 248th Street, Homestead, FL 33032**

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

SANE AND HAPPY USEFULNESS

We have come to believe
He would like us to keep our heads in the clouds with Him,
but that our feet ought to be firmly planted on earth.

That is where our fellow travelers are,
and that is where our work must be done.

These are the realities for us.

We have found nothing incompatible between
a powerful spiritual experience and a life of sane
and happy usefulness.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 130

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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

Articles and opinions expressed herein not to be attributed to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Further endorsements, opposing views and rebuttals to articles published are also welcomed. Also, please tell us how we can improve.

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**"HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS THE RESULT OF
THESE STEPS, WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE
TO ALCOHOLICS, TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES
IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS."**



NOVEMBER

SOUTH DADE

- Jimmy C. 2
- Hailey 2
- Scotty 2
- Alva 3
- Steve C. 3
- JB 7
- Shane 9
- Randy G. 9
- Casey B. 16
- Luis G. 16
- Pat C. 40

DECEMBER

CORAL GABLES

- Alex S. 2
- Dave N. 4
- Edson B. 22
- Jenny C. 5
- Mary Jo G. 6
- Alfredo A. 18
- Arcy R. 23
- Larry G. 25
- Laura M. 39
- Arcy R. 23
- Larry G. 25
- Laura M. 39

SOUTH DADE

- Jaime 2
- Sebastian 8
- Sarah 16
- Aldrick 19
- Meredith 27
- Jaime G. 31
- Gayle K. 33
- Wes 37
- Josh 41

PALMETTO BAY

- Xenia 3
- Juliana W. 20



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We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

How to contribute to your Intergroup Office

Via ZELLE through your bank at:
aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

PAYPAL NEWS

Please if you send your contributions through PayPal, send it through their "PayPal Giving Fund"

so the Intergroup Office does not incur any extra charges.

Recovery didn't give you your old life back. It gave you the chance to build a new one.

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
- The Triangle AA Group/3rd Wednesday @ 6:35pm
- 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
- Something Happens/Last Saturday @ 9:00am
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- South Dixie Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm
- Sunset Group/Last Saturday @ 7:30pm
- The Triangle AA Group/Last Saturday @ 5:30pm
- West Miami Group/Last Friday @ 8:30pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MEETING GUIDE APP



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 - January 8th, 2026 @ 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 or aamiamidade@bellsouth.net

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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.)

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