THE MESSENGER

MIAMI-DADE INTERGROUP

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Your Service Makes Our Fellowship Strong!

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Unity • Service • Recovery
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

HOMESTEAD GROUP
OLD TIMERS

A journey with Old Timers with over 4 decades of sobriety

Come celebrate the gift of recovery and hear inspiring stories from members who have walked the AA path for many years.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS
- Braulio H. 49 years
- Ron H. 49 years
- Herbert B. 46 years
- Doug P. 44 years
- Noreen 40 years
- Elisa B. 40 years
- Tommy C. 40 years

Experience, Strength and Hope

DATE: Sept. 20th, 2026
TIME: 12pm Archives 12:30pm Meeting
LOCATION: 622 N. Krome Ave, Homestead

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Open Meeting
Newcomers · Friends · AA Members
Spread the Word, Bring a Friend, Desserts Welcome!

SOUTH DADE GROUP
62nd ANNIVERSARY

Rocketing into the FOURTH DIMENSION!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

11:00 A.M.
Speaker Meeting

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
12:00 – 2:00 P.M.

OLD-TIMERS MEETING
Following

Come out and enjoy the celebration with us!

10965 SW 186th St. • 33157

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

A.A. Archives



1940

THE FIRST NEW YORK CLUB HOUSE

With the house at 182 Clinton Street no longer available for meetings, New York members meet wherever they can. Two of them, Bert T. and Horace C., find and guarantee the rent on a small building at 334 1/2 West 24th Street in Manhattan. The clubhouse (below) soon bustles with activity, and Bill and Lois, still homeless, move into one of the two upstairs bedrooms later in the year.

A.A.'S FIRST HEADQUARTERS

In March 1940, Works Publishing moves from Newark to a small office at 30 Vesey Street (below) in lower Manhattan. Though something of a financial gamble, the move means that for the first time the Fellowship has a headquarters of its own.

A CHALLENGE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF ANONYMITY

A star catcher for the Cleveland Indians, described by the press as "rollicking" because of his heavy drinking, announces that he has achieved sobriety through his year-long membership in Alcoholics Anonymous. His name and face are splashed over sports pages nationwide. Such violation of the Fellowship's principle of anonymity leads Bill and members everywhere to consider anonymity's pros and cons.

ENTER FATHER DOWLING



On a rainy winter night in late 1940, a kindly clergyman from St. Louis appears at the 24th Street Clubhouse. Leaning on his cane, Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ, (below) introduces himself to Bill, states that he has been reading Alcoholics Anonymous, and then points out the parallels between the Twelve Steps and his own Jesuit order. Thus begins a spiritual sponsorship between Fr. Dowling and Bill that will last for the next 20 years.

1941

THE SERENITY PRAYER

Ruth Hock receives a newspaper clipping of the Serenity Prayer that had been printed in the New York Herald Tribune in June 1941. Ruth and many A.A. members in New York and elsewhere all immediately feel this prayer's relevancy to A.A.'s principles. Soon, the prayer is printed on cards and is being passed out to A.A. members everywhere. The prayer has since become a central part of A.A. heard in meetings around the world. The prayer's authorship is generally attributed to well-known Protestant theologian Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr.

A.A. MARCHES WEST

A.A. spreads beyond Ohio, with groups beginning to meet in cities as large as Chicago and New Orleans and Houston. Alcoholics in Topeka, Fort Worth, Tucson, Omaha, and Honolulu also "join the club," as do those in smaller towns in the Midwest and West.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST MAKES HISTORY

The interest of Judge Curtis Bok, owner and publisher of The Saturday Evening Post, is piqued when he learns of A.A. from two Philadelphia friends. Bok then calls on hard-nosed reporter Jack Alexander to tell the organization's story. The resulting 7,500-word article is published in the magazine on March 1, 1941, putting Alcoholics Anonymous on the map of public consciousness and spurring a dramatic increase in Big Book sales and membership.

THE FIRST SPECIALIZED INTEREST GROUP

The first known all-women group is founded in Cleveland in 1941, making it A.A.'s inaugural specialized interest group. Women in New York, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City, and San Diego soon follow suit, and by the mid-1940s the ratio of women to men in the A.A. population is roughly one in six. Women's groups light the way for other specialized groups, which will eventually include those for young people, the elderly, gays and lesbians, and doctors, lawyers, and other professionals.

BILL AND LOIS MOVE TO BEDFORD HILLS



Friends in Westchester County, a half-hour north of New York City, help Bill and Lois work out a financial plan that enables them finally to acquire a house in Bedford Hills. On April 11, 1941, the couple spends their first night there. The comfortable shingled, hip roofed house (below), which they will name Stepping Stones, affords them a measure of privacy for the first time since Alcoholics Anonymous was founded.

BILL HITS THE ROAD

Membership reaches some 2,000 by Spring 1941, and by the end of the year jumps to approximately 8,000 members in 200 groups across the country. Bill begins what will be three years of traveling to visit groups, getting to know many members individually.

1942

A.A.'S PRISON GROUPS

A campaign for prison reform by Clinton T. Duffy, warden of San Quentin Prison in San Francisco, calls for addressing the special needs of inmates who had been drinking when committing a crime. Duffy seeks aid and advice from California A.A. members, leading to the formation of a prison group at San Quentin. The inmates hold their first meeting in 1942.

Cafeteria at San Quentin Prison





A LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

After reading an article on Alcoholics Anonymous in the American Journal of Psychiatry, Dr. Sylvester Minogue (below), the medical superintendent of Rydalmere Hospital in Sydney, writes a letter to the AJP with a request that his letter be forwarded to the Alcoholic Foundation. His request for information leads to his getting a copy of the Big Book and continuing correspondence with secretary Bobbie B. of the New York office, setting the stage for the startup of A.A. groups in Australia.

1943

BILL KEEPS TRAVELING

As group after group sprouts up, Bill continues traveling around the country, often accompanied by Lois. His arrival in towns large and small is cause for great excitement as A.A. members flock to hear his talks and speak with him one-on-one. The announcement shown below invites people to hear Bill speak at an open meeting in Connecticut.

CANADA'S SECOND GROUP FORMS IN WINDSOR

In October 1943, a second Canadian group gets off the ground when alcoholics begin to meet in Windsor,
Ontario.

A.A. IN WARTIME

As World War II is fought overseas, the Fellowship does its part. An April 1943 article (below) in the Fort Worth (Texas), Star-Telegram reports that A.A. has reduced warindustries worker absenteeism due to alcoholism. The article states that the A.A. program has helped as many as 5,000 workers return to their jobs.



*Materials with illustrations are from the "Timeline of AA History" available at GSO Archives, with minor editing by District 43 Archives for this display.

¿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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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.





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 $7,500 per year)

I am a new Member: _____ Current Member: _____ Returning Member: _____

Check Enclosed: _____ Name:_____ Address: _____

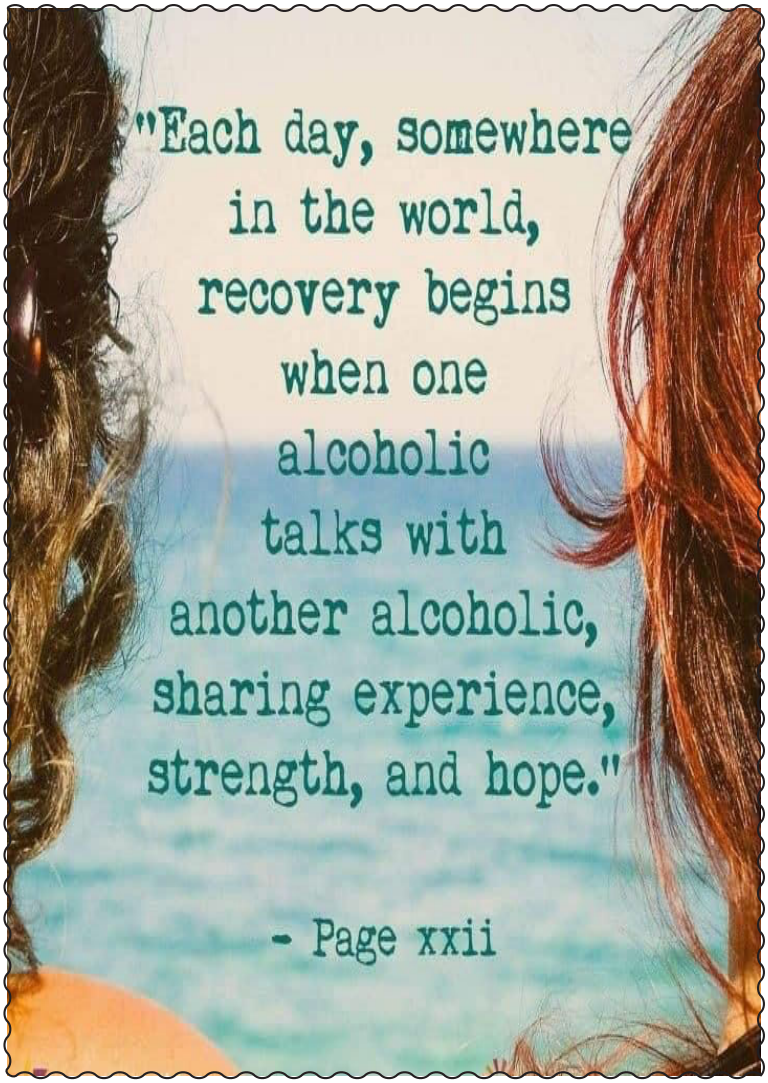
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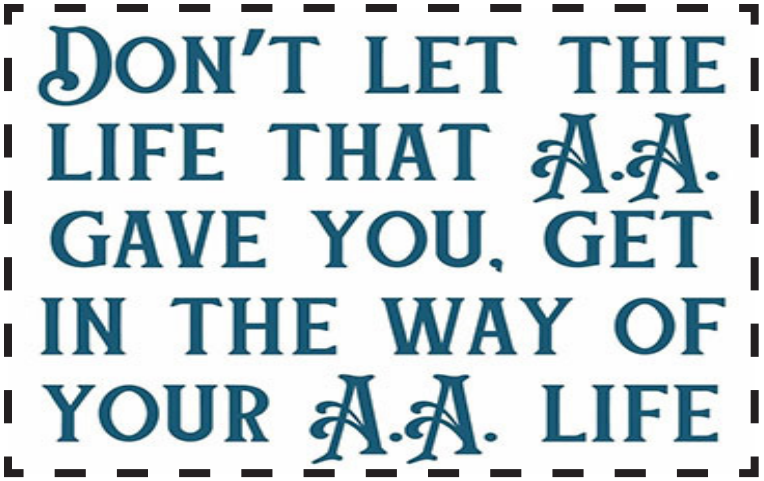
_____Yes, I would like my name to be added in "The Messenger." _____No, I would like to remain anonymous

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"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.







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TRADITION NINE

"A.A. AS SUCH, OUGHT NEVER BE ORGANIZED; BUT WE MAY CREATE SERVICE BOARDS OR COMMITTEES DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THOSE THEY SERVE."

AUGUST

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Alicea R. 1
Beth M. 6

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Lori M. 7
Bill C. 10
Jennie R. 11
Justin 14
Linda B. 17
Arlyn A. 22
Elena F. 24
Pat D. 27
Dillon G. 29
Wayne 32
Lyla R. 33

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Sonny Gl 12
Jackie R. 17
Mario P. 19
Wesley K. 21
Michael J. 21
Ed K. 40

SEPTEMBER

SOUTH DADE

Jake B. 1
Jordan 1
Noel C. 3
Morgan D. 9
Jon 12
Brian W. 33
Manny 34
Tommy 41

GOOD MORNING

Rennee J. 31
Ronnie B. 36

OCTOBER

GOOD MORNING

Alex 2
Fernando W. 12
Johnnie S. 20



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so the Intergroup Office does not incurr any extra charges.



"An alcoholic that loves Alcoholics Anonymous is God's messenger."

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
South Dade Group/Last Friday @ 7:30pm
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

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 - October 8, 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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