



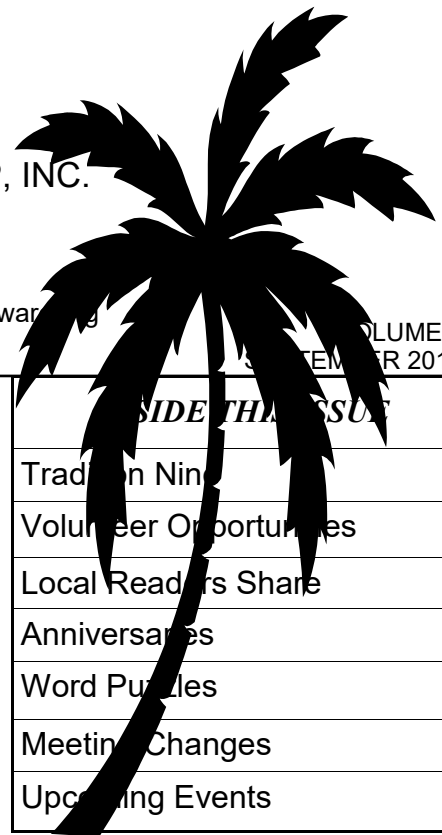
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Step Nine — *“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”*

The Key to Forgiveness

I've got two children, Ali and Erin, ages sixteen and seventeen, whom I love very much. When they were little, they gave me the unqualified love that children give to a parent, but as they grew older my drinking began to take its toll. I looked up one day from the fog I was in and I was alone. My wife had divorced me, taken the kids, and moved away. Everything I'd ever worked for was gone. I was as low as I'd ever been in my life, and I thought I was going to die but somehow, by the grace of God, I was able to stop drinking.

Erin, my youngest, seemed to forgive me as I went along. But Ali was different. She'd look at me with steely eyes. Anything I tried to do to make it better only drove her farther away. I tried to act like this cool, hip dad to her friends but I only ended up making a fool out of myself.

After I was sober for about a month I thought things would get better, but they didn't. Whenever I saw her, it was as if I was this ugly creature that had just walked in the room. I tried to change that but nothing worked. Finally I just gave up and prayed that time and my not-drinking would change her mind about me.

One day I was at her mother's house getting ready to leave and I heard a voice: "Dad?" It was Ali, calling from upstairs. I couldn't imagine why she wanted to talk to me. She said, "Come here." As I walked up the stairs my mind reeled. What had I done now? What could she possibly want with me? She was in her bedroom, her private place. As I neared the door I could see she was holding something in her hand. It was an old skeleton key. As we stood there it was as though the key was the center of the universe and we were swirling around it.

She looked down at it, back at me, and said, "You don't remember, do you?" Her look was one I hadn't seen since she was a little girl. Her eyes were warm and soft. She said, "Before we moved out, you gave me this key. You said it was the key to your heart and that if I could ever forgive you, I should give it back." She held her hand out and gave me the key.

With the help of Alcoholics Anonymous I haven't had a drink for five months now. There is still a lot of healing to be done but I will never forget that moment. It is a source of joy and promise that I will carry with me as long as I live.

- Raymond S., Mission, Kansas

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42ND ANNUAL INTERGROUP PICNIC TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Buy one for the newcomer at your group so they can see, "We are Not a Glum Lot!"

\$8 OR 2/\$15

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Includes one drink, Kids 12 and under are free

Concept IX

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Tradition Nine - “AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Why I Don't Vote An AA questions the use of Robert's Rules of Order in business meetings

Some are not aware that I refrain from casting a vote at business meetings. This is not an abstention, but is exercising my choice not to vote. This decision is generally not understood and often met with harsh judgment. That verdict does not bother me in the least. However, I feel it imperative that as part of my choice, it is important to explain the process and logic behind my resolution.

Firstly, I do not agree that Parliamentary Procedure leads to fair or representative voice for all concerned. I think that those pushing this as part of a democratic ideal are either misled or themselves part of a larger group using these procedures to manipulate and control group opinion, while maintaining the posture that the election process is open, free and fair. To conclude it is not, may seem radical and far afield. I pray you hold that verdict and consider my reasoning. I am not trying to convince you or get you to change your opinions, but I hope you are open-minded enough to consider a differing point of view.

In an open forum designed to produce fair and honest discussion, Parliamentary Procedure as carried out clearly favors those well-steeped and knowledgeable of Robert's Rules of Order. The only way to gain this knowledge is through experience--lots of it. This yields a hierarchy that gives advantage to those who have been seated the longest. It also favors those who are gifted as powerful charismatic speakers or bullies who can claim more than their share of the floor both in frequency and amplitude. Much contention in the air is filled with power-driven argument and frothy emotional appeal. It would be relatively simple to provide examples of how this system has led to corruption and influence peddling in large institutions that hold themselves democratic.

But in the halls of Alcoholics Anonymous, it is more dangerous and disturbing. Many of our brothers and sisters are quashed when they get here and find it difficult to find their voice. But in our halls they are given the message that we share a fellowship of equality where everyone who is sober today is an equal. But then they are faced with a decision making process that clearly favors old timers and those with assumed roles of authority. Here issues being considered are put to vote and majority opinions, and after taking into account minority opinion and a chance at putting the issue to revote, are deemed to be "Group Conscience." Many times, I have witnessed motions that are carried but clearly do not represent a group's conscience. This all strikes an inharmonious chord in AA unity.

It has been my observation that this trend has slowly come about primarily within the past 25 years. This causes me to strike out in a different direction to offer another solution and perhaps some balance. It was only around the beginning of the 1990s that I witnessed at Intergroup- and Area-levels adoption of Robert's Rules of Order as guidelines. These motions were often introduced by young turks who were landing in AA escaping the separation conflicts that occurred during the later 1980s as NA struggled to get on its feet and pull away from AA.

I fully admit I had part in this process and on at least two occasions, introduced the idea of using Parliamentary Procedure as a way to conduct business. Immediately, introductory motions to insert matters into meetings sprang up. Concurrently, agendas as to how AA meetings were to look began to be spread about. Looking back, I find, it was here that inroads were put down that paved the way for diminishing group autonomy.

Before then most decisions were garnered without even voting. Most voting at group levels was for the purpose of placing someone in a service position and that mostly seemed symbolic and came about as an answer to an individual being nominated for a "group job."

Very little other business needed voting as groups were settled in how they carried their message and small issues were discussed and held until they normally worked themselves out. This state of affairs really exemplified AA's Ninth Tradition-- that AA, as such, ought never be organized.

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A New Way of Thinking

A few months ago, while she was arranging my grandmother's funeral, my mother was told that the ashes of her second husband were still stored at the mortuary. Mother married Theron when I was twelve, and they were married for seven or eight years. She and Theron divorced and both remarried before his death from cancer in 1984. No one had ever claimed his remains.

I was twelve the first time I got drunk. That evening, I blacked out, and when I was delivered to my home, I got sick. Theron cleaned me up and put me to bed. He was very patient and kind to me. As my disease progressed and I became more difficult, he also became more difficult. I was arrested several times, fired from jobs, stole their car, partied, and brought drugs into the house and attempted burglary at the home of a friend of Theron's. Finally, after being arrested again for drugs, this time at school, I was expelled and asked to leave their home.

My relationship with Theron had become intolerable. I know that my years of active alcoholism in that home contributed to the demise of the relationship between Theron and me as well as between him and my mother.

In 1992, eight years after he had died, I sobered up and started working the Steps. I put Theron's name on my Eighth Step list. I asked my Higher Power for the willingness to make amends, and believed this would be one I'd only be able to make indirectly, possibly just trying to live my life as a sober member of AA.

When I heard of the situation with his ashes, I inquired what was supposed to have happened to him. Mother told me that when he was dying, he had requested that his ashes be scattered over a nearby wilderness area in the Wallowa mountains. I knew this could be an opportunity to try to right a wrong. My sponsor agreed and suggested I make contact with Theron's wife, son, and daughter for their approval. I would be traveling to that area on my vacation, so I hoped to complete this goal. I was unsuccessful in locating his family, but I made the necessary arrangements to pick up his ashes.

The time came for me to strap on my backpack and hike into the wilderness area. *(cont. on pg. 7)*

Volunteer opportunities

2017 INTERGROUP PICNIC — next planning meeting is

Tuesday, September 19 at 6:45 PM at The Twelve Step House, 205 SW 23rd St., Ft. Lauderdale

Planning for the 7th Annual AA'S GOT TALENT! (Show to be held February 3, 2018)

Performers and volunteers needed— please sign-up
September 23 at 1:30 PM ~ 441 Group in Margate

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER hosted by District 9 General Service

Is having their last planning meeting before the event.

Wednesday, September 6th, 7 PM at Lester's Diner in Pompano, 1924 E. Atlantic Blvd.

Planning for the 2017 Gratitude Dinner to be held in November

NEXT planning meeting — Sunday, September 24th at 1:00 PM
at the Pompano Beach Group, 215 S. Federal Hwy., Pompano

2018 Florida State Convention is at FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH AGAIN!!

Next Planning Meeting is Saturday, September 16th at
Harbor Beach Marriott in the Caribbean Ballroom 6 & 7, 1st floor, at 9 AM
Special \$5.00 Self pay parking rate.

SERVICE KEEPS YOU SOBER

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It worked really well and promoted a genial spiritual atmosphere that attracted newcomers. It may be interesting to note that NA has never been able to adopt that principle in deed. Now we have a state of affairs that appears deadly serious, veering quite far away from Dr. Bob's admonition to Bill to keep this thing simple and this statement spelled out in the Fourth Tradition from the Twelve & Twelve, "Don't take yourself too seriously."

What course of action do I favor? Forming consensus. This process is by far a much slower procedure where decision is permitted to evolve after letting all parties give voice to their ideas and opinions. This way seems to favor fairness as it gives all a chance to participate and no one is allowed to steer the group towards a hasty settlement.

Each new idea is given chance to be heard and settle as all participants are provided opportunity to respond to each change in direction. Since it is vital that all respond before proceeding to a new issue, the process slows and no small side wrangling occurs as vote gathering is eliminated. It is from these diminutive side exchanges that political alliances get set up which tend to overtake the group and introduce power that undermines egalitarianism while using parliamentary procedure to conduct meetings for business.

There are two main reasons I favor this approach. The first is quite subjective and honors the immense feeling obtained once group consensus crystallizes. It is here a sense of unity springs forth as a solution arrives without a formal vote but a powerful awareness of common ownership. When this comes about, I gather a real sense of community that seems to be propelled by movement of spirit. It is here too that the way ahead is clear and I get no sense of bitterness by people who feel left out of the decision making process.

The second reason is I believe a call to vote that must be answered stifles discussion and often leads to hasty conclusions that seem harder to remove once they are set into the cement of legislative approval. By inference, newcomers on the scene often regard existing statutes to be inviolable. For example, one of the elements that first attracted me to AA was its lack of written guidelines and instructions about how things should be. We seem to have come a great length from that simple time, to one in which many meetings now seem to be conducted from a boilerplate formula. It makes me wonder where and how a common template was introduced. I slightly remember standard readings and a rigid meeting format were a common feature introducing NA meetings. Slowly readings, one at a time, were injected into AA meetings. I just cannot believe how widespread that has become.

I am thoroughly invested in attending meetings. I work on questioning unclear proposals and trying to ensure that all present have a chance to give their voice. I fill in the time constructing communication maps to try and see where the conversation is being directed, by and to whom.

In this way I can get an idea of who is trying to direct the show. Even though I do not cast votes, I will accept their results and privately bemoan that AA may just be going the way the Bill W. feared it might if we followed the course of normal human organizational development. We may continue this path until it falls in on itself as over time most organized social groupings do. Over that I can hold no sway but choose to do my best to hold to membership and try and be available to other alcoholics. Like Bill, I find the way forward can only be traversed and sustained could we but hold to the unstructured form of Blessed Anarchy, and most importantly to the principle of Anonymity.

-- Anonymous

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A.A. Birthdays

September Celebrants

Serenity Altogether

Alex C. ~ 5 yrs.

Express Group

Shannon Mc. ~ 2 yrs.

Evangelina ~ 6 yrs.

Surrender is Freedom

Barbaree ~ 35 yrs.

Pride 5:45

Lois O. ~ 42 yrs.

Friends of Joe

Nadine H. ~ 8 yrs.

Attitude of Gratitude

Frannie C. ~ 17 yrs.

Broward Men's

Joe C. ~ 2 yrs.

Justin ~ 1 yr.

Matt ~ 43 yrs.

Let's Do Lunch Bunch

Darius ~ 3 yrs.

Other Notables

Betsy N. ~ 6 yrs.

Carmen R. ~ 28 yrs.

Katia L. ~ 10 yrs.

Peter H. ~ 20 yrs.

Scott W. ~ 24 yrs.

Don't Forget

Bob S. ~ 35 yrs.



WOMEN'S HONESTY = 45 YRS. OLD

August Celebrants- not previously mentioned

441 Group

Sandy S. ~ 20 yrs.

One Step at a Time

Adie M. ~ 30 yrs.

Freedom from Alcohol

Donna ~ 14 yrs.

Paulette ~ 6 yrs.

Express Group

Greg ~ 26 yrs.

Joanne ~ 29 yrs.

Vernon ~ 29 yrs.

Easier Softer Way

Taryn ~ 15 yrs.

Men's Independence

Dan C. ~ 40 yrs.

Women's Step by Step

Karo ~ 9 yrs.

Carol ~ 9 yrs.

Jeanne B. ~ 7 yrs.

Renee ~ 1 yr.

Melissa ~ 11 yrs.

Lisa S. ~ 16 yrs.

Lisa F. ~ 26 yrs.

Chickee Group

Sue Y. ~ 34 yrs.

Women's Honesty

Ruthie ~ 1 yr.

Charmaine ~ 2 yrs.

Riverside Group

Denise J. ~ 39 yrs.

EXPRESS GROUP = 41 YRS.OLD



JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB!

Celebrate your sobriety by sending \$1 per every year sober to your local Intergroup office to show your gratitude and give back once a year.

(Birthday listings are not contingent upon contributions... we just like to celebrate sobriety.)



**NEW UPDATED
WHERE & WHENS
ARE HERE!!**

***IS YOUR GROUP INFO
ACCURATE?***

Make sure we give our newcomers and visitors the correct information.

BCIC - Broward County Institutions Committee

Next Meeting:

September 9, 10:00 AM

Twelve Step House

205 SW 23rd Street

Ft. Lauderdale.

Next

Intergroup Meeting

Twelve Step House

205 S.W. 23rd, Ft. Lauderdale

September 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Recovery Word Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to make a word that is used somewhere else in this edition of Suite 404.

Answers to puzzle can be found on page 7.

**NEVERFIGSOS
DISCREXEE
FITNICGOUNN
BLISSEPO
TVSREELNOU
GPSTHATIE
TROOPSITUNEIP
SANIVANYRER
VINTNOONEC
MEBAYSLS
HOWROKPS
FREENOCCEN**

Suite 404 readers share their favorite passage....

Hmmm...favorite AA passage...? So much wonderful AA literature...makes it difficult to choose just one.

However, one of my all time favorites comes from "Acceptance is the Answer", page 417 in the Big Book. Every day I'm faced with situations that I can either "accept" or fight and claw my way through. If I choose to have faith and believe, because as the Big Book states, "Acceptance is the answer to *all* my problems today" and make an attempt to "live life on life's terms", I find I'm a nicer, happier human, and my day goes more smoothly as I "trudge the road to happy destiny".

Yes! I did just sneak in another AA favorite!! And to clarify, using the words of a very special AA friend and fellow member of Women's Hope in Recovery, Sheila C., "trudge" does not necessarily have to mean "walk slowly with heavy steps", but can also mean "walk steadily with purpose".

Today, I choose to walk steadily with purpose along the road to happy destiny, understanding that acceptance is the answer.

Still so much to learn, but I intend to fully enjoy this life-long learning process.

— Lynda Z., Margate

GOODBYE TO LOCAL LEGENDTommie D. Remembered

Longtime friend and volunteer of Intergroup, and a pioneer of General Service, Tommie D., passed away this month with 56 years sober. She was 95 years old and left behind quite the legacy of AA love and service.

Tommie moved to Fort Lauderdale in 1974, with 13 years sober, and joined the Intracoastal Group, along with one of Dr. Bob's sponsees—one of the first 100 members of AA. She was involved with local General Service, after having served as a Panel 15 Delegate to the General Service Conference for Connecticut in the 60's. She began working at the Broward County Intergroup office with Betty P. in 1987, and later returned to the Intergroup office to work for another 11 years as a volunteer. She loved working with suffering alcoholics and was always willing to serve, to carry the real, undiluted AA message. She was a stickler for the traditions and instilled in many others the need to protect and preserve this beautiful fellowship we were given, that saved our lives. She understood that preserving our fellowship was more important than winning a popularity contest, as she would often say.

Anyone that ever heard her speak, knows that she was at Ebby's funeral (the man who 12-stepped Bill W.) Tommie had the privilege of working at the GSO in NY alongside Bill W. She worked at BARC in Fort Lauderdale as a counselor, alongside Eve M.—one of the first women to get sober in AA, for many years. Prior to that, Tommie was on staff at High Watch Recovery Center in Connecticut. She loved to mention how our Founder, Bill W. would just light up when doing 12-step work.

Tommie started the Mountain Group, in the mid-to-late 90's in her home, and it grew into a large group which later held meetings at Holy Cross Hospital, and remained her home group until she left Ft. Lauderdale in 2015. There, she instilled in members what a privilege and an honor it is to be a trusted servant in AA. She exemplified those beliefs and the principles of AA throughout her sobriety.

She sponsored many women, spoke all over the country, and contributed many photos to the Intergroup Archives featuring Bill and Lois W. She was our speaker for the very first Unity Breakfast back in 2006, and was a contributor in the "Broward County Gets Sober" history book published in 2013.

Tommie was a very special woman and mother of 5, who got sober on Valentine's Day in 1961, and remained active into her 90th year. She will be remembered by so many in the South Florida Area and around the country. She had a step workshop at her home for many years and built very strong relationships with the women -- pigeons, as she affectionately referred to them, who participated. One of them shared an excerpt of a letter she received from Tommie's daughter with us: *"One of the things that always impressed me about my mother is the fact that each person she sponsored felt, I think, as if they were the most important or closest or best friend or something special in one way or another. And they were. I have a feeling each of the people she sponsored were looked on in much the same way as she felt about her own children. Kind of nice to feel that way, at least for me! Makes us all a rather large family it seems!"*

Definition of Broward County Intergroup, Inc.

Your Intergroup office services all groups in the Broward County area. It is not a governing body and does not attempt to, nor can it, rule any AA Group. Its sole purpose is to act as a clearinghouse for the convenience of members and groups desiring assistance, and to extend the Twelve Step Work "carrying the message" to the sick alcoholic. The Intergroup office is supported entirely by contributions from groups, usually a specified amount each month or at intervals throughout the year.

The office purchases and sells all conference-approved books and literature to groups throughout Broward County.

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who donate five dollars (\$5) a month to Intergroup as an act of gratitude. Their generosity helps us to carry the message of A.A. to the still sick and suffering alcoholic throughout the year.

Thank you to our *Faithful Fivers*. Your contributions are so appreciated!

Tom & Liz J., Gregory C., Sherri D., Suzanne J., Bob H., Anonymous I, Elizabeth B., Lillian M., Ron J., Tim S., Milinda B., Barbara S., Lois O., Richard H., Jennifer S., Ted K., June C., Pat R., Beth D., Trent A., Thomas T., Thomas Q., Craig G., Sandy P., Mel K., Leo H., Larry C., Jean G., Vickie T., Howie K., Kerry W., Lewis G., James B., James H., Joanne D., Jim R., Kevin B., Gerry B., Don W., Jamie B., Flemming A., Arthur R., Eric P., Tara D., Nancy S., Joey B., Denise J., Howard S., Bob D., Arielle V. and Bonnie T.

Please consider becoming a "*Faithful Fiver*." Your commitment of \$5.00 a month to your Intergroup Office will go a long way toward helping carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic who reaches out. Fill out this form and mail it in with your contribution today!

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Address: _____

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Sobriety Date and Home Group _____

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES from page 6: forgiveness, exercised, functioning, possible, volunteers, spaghetti, opportunities, anniversary, convention, assembly, workshop, conference.

Suite 404 welcomes your thoughts and experiences with A.A. We love to run articles written by local people in A.A. so, let us know about your experiences with Alcoholics Anonymous, or in your local home group. **Contact us at help@aabroward.org.**

Things we cannot change.....

Tommie D.

She will be missed. May she Rest in Peace.



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I climbed the mountains overlooking a spot I knew he was fond of. I said a prayer thanking my Higher Power for this man in my life and the opportunity to grant his last request. This was a wonderful experience for me, yet it also brought on an awareness that inspired another amends.

When I returned to my mother's home a couple of days later, I was washing my pickup when a thought crossed my mind that I should make a deal with my mother to wash her car if she would let me use it that evening to go to a nearby town. My next thought was, "Why don't you just wash her car?" I began thinking about all the times I had used and abused--even stolen--her car in the past. I also thought about how she was retired and living on a limited income while I was working. So I washed her car, feeling grateful for the opportunity to be of service, and drove to town that evening in my own pickup.

This experience proved to me, once again, that I can act myself into a new way of thinking.

-- David D., North Platte, NE

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MEETING CHANGES

Monday

Steps to Freedom which meets at Fourth Dimension Club in Hollywood, is no longer a step meeting. It is now an Open Big Book meeting.

The South Florida Group is meeting again at 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328. 8:30 PM, CST

Buscando Humilidad has moved to 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328. 8:30 PM, OSTsh

Tuesday

Big Book at Six which was held at St. Francis Community Center in Fort Lauderdale NO LONGER meets.

The South Florida Group is meeting again at 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328. 8:30 PM, CD

Wednesday

New Leaf Group in Davie has moved **AGAIN**. They are now meeting at St. David's Catholic Church in Room 203, 3900 S. University Drive. They also changed the starting time to 5:15.

Living Sober which met at Ocean Breeze in Pompano, has moved **AGAIN**. The new permanent location is St. Martin's in the Field, 140 SE 28th Avenue, Pompano.

Sisters in Sobriety which met at The Porch in Hollywood, NO LONGER MEETS.

The South Florida Group is meeting again at 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328. 8:30 PM, OBG

Sober & Out is a NEW MEETING held at 7 PM at 5625 S. University Drive, Davie. CLTgw

Buscando Humilidad has moved to 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328. 8:30 PM, OBBsh

Friday

Women's Hope in Recovery which meets in Pompano will NO LONGER have the Friday meeting.

Open Door which met in Davie has moved. They now meet at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1700 NW 98 Ave. in Pembroke Pines. (same zip code)

In the Solution is back at Lambda South on Friday nights at 8:30. 1231 E. Las Olas Blvd.

Buscando Humilidad has moved to 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328. 8:30 PM, OSPsh

Saturday

Plantation Happy Hour now meets on Saturday at 5:30 PM at St. Benedict's Church in Plantation.

Daily

The West Broward Club has reopened at 5625 S. University Drive, Davie 33328 and has the following meetings: Monday—Friday at 5:30 PM, Saturday at 10 AM (kid Friendly) and Sunday at 10 AM is a meditation meeting. They will also have a women's meeting on Mondays at 7 PM.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 4** **6th Anniversary Breakfast** of the Sober Today Club in Hollywood. 9 AM - AA speaker meeting, 10 AM - breakfast, 1633 S. 21st Avenue, Hollywood.
- Sept. 9** **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** hosted by District 9. Dinner and dancing with a Meatball contest. Dinner 6 PM, Speaker meeting at 8 PM. \$8 presale, \$10 at the door, NSU, Terry Bldg., 3200 S. University Drive, Davie.
- Sept. 14-17** **Seniors in Sobriety International Conference**, Van Nuys, CA. Early registration is \$35. for more info please email sisregistrar2017@gmail.com or call Intergroup. Workshops, speakers, Alanon participation.
- Sept. 18** **Women's Honesty 45 Year Anniversary Dessert Party**, women only celebration. St. James Episcopal Church, 3329 Wilson Street, Hollywood, 7 PM. Please bring a dessert to share.
- Oct. 1** **42nd Annual Intergroup Picnic** - Snyder Park, Caldwell Pavilion, 3299 SW 4th Ave., Ft. Laud 11 AM - 4 PM, Food, Live Band, 50/50 Raffle, Volleyball, Kids Games, Speakers at 3 PM. \$10 at gate - Advance sales 2/\$15 - Kids under 12 eat free.
- Oct. 6-8** **S. Fla. Area 15 Quarterly Assembly** hosted by District 9. Marriott North, Cypress Creek Rd. Fort Lauderdale. This is a free service event with workshop and speakers. Come see the 3rd Legacy in action. Business meeting on Sunday morning.
- Oct. 14** **30th Annual BCIC Workshop**, learn about taking meetings into institutions. Lunch Served. 11 AM, Twelve Step House, 205 SW 23 St., Ft. Lauderdale, 33315
- Nov. 10** **District 9 Gratitude Dinner** 6 PM at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, 5555 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale, 33308. Benefits the General Service Office in NY.