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Step One — “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.”

A Powerful Assignment

My tail was wagging away, just like a very happy puppy who has brought the stick back to its master and now awaits a pat on the head. I'd just completed my first AA homework assignment. Vince, my sponsor, had put me on the First Step and I set about doing the best delineation of that Step anyone had ever done. As I went to First Step meetings, my thesis grew and grew. Besides going to meetings, I read and reread the "Twelve and Twelve" and the Big Book. Finally I was ready to impart to Vince all the wisdom and understanding I'd amassed.

Nervous? Yes, I was. As the phone was ringing, I rehearsed what I was going to say. But I was already quite proud of what I knew that I knew about the First Step. Then Vince answered. Everything got jumbled up but he put me at ease and I began to explain the First Step to him. I told him about the unmanageability--that my life had become very small; everything reduced to shoebox size. There wasn't very much in my life and no room for people. Then I launched into a dissertation on powerlessness. I really couldn't wait to get to this. I mentioned how we were powerless over people, places, and things. On and on I went, giving various examples--this was a full-blown, definitely AA-grounded, exposition. I waited for Vince to tell me how wonderfully I'd mastered the Step. I was ready to swell with pride. Then, in a soft voice he said: "It says 'powerless over alcohol.'"

I was devastated. It was as if Vince had stuck a sharp pin in me and I'd suddenly deflated. I tried to counter what he'd said. "But what about this, that, or the other thing?" I was back to that old feeling: "But you don't understand."

But he had understood. And it took me a few years to understand fully that the First Step only has to do with being "powerless over alcohol." Many times I've come from a First Step meeting where people talked about being powerless over all kinds of things besides alcohol. And I've gone home and again read the discussion of the First Step in the "Twelve and Twelve" and again seen that the only focus is alcohol. Nothing else.

—Ben N., White Plains, New York

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JANUARY 10.**

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Concept I

**Final responsibility
and ultimate
authority for A.A.
world services
should always reside
in the collective
conscience of our
whole Fellowship.**



Happy New Year!!

Tradition One - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

A Perfectly Practical Program

I arrived at AA in a shattered condition. I'd lost everything I'd been taught was worth living for: wife, children, career. I already had no friends because of my incessant drive to shrink my world by sitting in a chair in my living room and drinking alone, night after lonely night.

Finding that there was nowhere left to hide after a blackout (which resulted in a fire in that chair), I was accompanied to my first meeting by Ray. Ray was then seventeen years sober and from the look of him certainly needed AA. After he'd spent several weeks shepherding me to meetings, I managed to drive him away with my less than friendly temperament and proceeded to do it my way--alone. I trudged desperately from one meeting to another, knowing I couldn't drink. In between I retreated to that fire-scarred chair and sat, alone, alone, alone until it was time for the next meeting. I kept going to AA because there was no place else, but I kept myself isolated from the people in AA. At every meeting I attended I sat by myself, away from the group, uninvolved, like a frightened animal. I felt superior to all those drunks.

Six months into this I was at another bottom. My life was a mess practically and emotionally, and though I'd not yet picked up a drink, I was still alone and desperate. I couldn't take it anymore.

That's when I found the courage to ask Al for help. He was sober ten years, active in AA, and had a positive attitude. Al brought me to different meetings, away from the clubhouse group where I'd hidden myself. He introduced me to a lot of people, which I wasn't thrilled about, but it was good for me. With his prodding and example, I joined a group and began attending business meetings and taking speaking commitments. Al shared with me his story, past and present. I learned how he became sober and how he stayed sober. Al was a devout Catholic and a great believer in the power of prayer, and he often shared with me the value he found in prayer and his belief in God. But whenever I was in a bind, he didn't just say, "Pray. Ask for God's help." He made other, very practical suggestions that came from his experience.

Once, when I expressed confusion about the meaning of spirituality and all this "God business," especially since I had no belief that God could help, Al said, "Look Eddie, there's a place in AA for everyone. AA is a very practical program. We come in here after a lifetime of learning bad habits--number one being drinking. We stay sober and go to meetings and try to listen and we begin to understand what those bad habits are. With the help of the program and the people, we get the strength to get rid of some of those bad habits. Then in time we begin to replace them with good habits. Our life gets better and we pass on what we've learned to someone else." I can't express how much that meant to me. It gave me a faith that there was a solution; that things could get better if I kept coming.

I learned to share my feelings with Al, I was always depressed, angry, sad, lonely, you name it. One day when I was down in the mouth again and thinking that this AA meeting stuff was going nowhere, I told Al how helpless I felt. He said, "Eddie, nobody ever died from a feeling. People die from what they do, not from what they feel. You're doing the right things. You're going to meetings, you're sharing with other people, you're helping them and yourself. You'll feel a lot of things as you get sober, but if you keep doing what you're doing you'll be okay."

As time passed I was going to a lot of meetings, but the thought began to creep into my head that maybe I wasn't really an alcoholic. Maybe I needed to go out and get some more drinking in. I even began to think that people were talking about me and saying things like, "Eddie has a lot of problems, but he's not an alcoholic." My story, I thought, wasn't as grand and dramatic as those of the people I'd heard at open meetings. I was afraid to share this with Al, but finally after many weeks when I was nearly convinced that I didn't belong in AA, I told Al what I was thinking. He didn't say, "Pray for acceptance" or "Shut up and sit down, you're an alcoholic." "Eddie," he said, "the only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking." I'd forgotten that and I thought to myself, "So what if they think I'm not an alcoholic? I have that desire. I don't want to drink. I have a right to be here."

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Local Readers Share.....

One of my favorite, most humble and trusted servants for District 9 is my friend Tom M., who happened to stop by our office this week. When asked if he had a favorite passage from AA literature, he had this to say:

"Oh, my favorite part of the Big Book is at the end of Doctor Bob's story where he lists the 4 things, because I can really relate to it, and I try to use it as a guide in my daily living."

from pages 180 -181 in the book Alcoholics Anonymous....

"It is a most wonderful blessing to be relieved of the terrible curse with which I was afflicted. My health is good and I have regained my self-respect and the respect of my colleagues. My home life is ideal and my business is as good as can be expected in these uncertain times.

I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons:

- 1. Sense of duty.*
- 2. It is a pleasure.*
- 3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.*
- 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."*

(Dr. Bob's Nightmare)

Volunteer opportunities

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

Volunteers still needed— please come and get signed-up

NEXT MEETING is January 6th at 1:30 PM ~ 441 Group in Margate



Planning meeting for the upcoming **Spring Fling** hosted by District 9

will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 7 PM

Lester's Diner, 1924 E Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach

The Next Planning meeting for the

55th Annual Intergroup Appreciation Banquet will be held at the

Intergroup office, Tuesday, **January 9th at 6:00 PM**, 3317 NW 10 Terrace, Ste 404, Ft. Laud.

2018 Florida State Convention at FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH

Next Planning Meeting is Saturday, January 21 at 9 AM

Broward County Water & WWTF, 2555 W Copans Rd., Bldg. #2, Pompano Beach

SERVICE KEEPS YOU SOBER *Pick up a commitment today!!*



Change I Must or Die I Will

It was December 28, 2013 and the sun was shining brightly but my soul was dark and black. I was sitting alone in the park, after walking through the sunrise for at least 15 blocks. I had spent my last \$20 getting myself to the hospital for the second time in a month, and now I could feel the throbbing pain in my hand. That, and my lack of sleep, I knew, were just my disease taunting me. But, the thought came to me that I did not want to drink anymore. The events of the night before lay evident as I looked down at my hand and I asked myself, "Why am I here again?" Well, I thought, I can just finish the bottle from last night and then I will call and ask for help. But who do I call?

I had some days put together and gave them away because I was not willing to make the changes necessary. I had been focusing all my energy on the job, the boyfriend, the lack of vehicle, etc. -- anything to take the spotlight off me was all right by me. In all honesty, that misdirected energy and failure to look at myself, was exactly what was killing me! So, as I sat in the hospital the previous night waiting for my hand to be repaired, I had made the decision to call and tell on myself! I had been living a secret life of drinking, while telling everyone in the local fellowship that I was sober and just attending meetings in other parts of the county – it was getting to be a lot to manage.

So, feeling useless and lost, alone in the park, I picked up the phone and asked for help. Without blinking an eye, two of my favorite Angels came to my rescue. Although I was suffering from lack of sleep and hangover, they got me into the car and took me to a women's meeting, where I knew many of the ladies. I picked up my umpteenth white chip and sat there overwhelmed. We went and got something to eat, and as my diet was less than stellar at the time, it did a lot to quiet my head.

Off again, I was on my journey! It was suggested that I change everything. Grudgingly, I said I would work on it. One of the first things I did was get a home group, and that group still is my home group today, four years later!! Thank you Ladies. Next, I needed to find a sponsor, and truth be told, I wasn't looking forward to this at all. But, my conscience was nagging at me that if I didn't get connected, I might not get another chance.

So, I watched the women in my home group and listened to what they shared. I started making my list of potential people I would ask, and God stepped in. I was volunteering at a Habitat for Humanity function, and saw a woman who was vaguely familiar to me, and realized she attended my home group. So, while we were both standing at the water coolers, I struck up a conversation with her, and we chatted briefly. On Tuesday, when I got to the meeting, we exchanged our hellos and phone numbers. That, my friends, has changed my life!

I began to develop a relationship with another sober woman. Her kindness and understanding drew me closer to the program, as Bill and Bob intended it to be. After a few weeks, of meeting her at different meetings and chatting, I got up the courage to ask her to be my Sponsor officially. I cannot tell you the joy that I have working with her. She has taught me so much and guided me ever so gently to becoming a woman of Integrity and Grace. Believe me, this time around I have had my fair share of struggles, tribulations, and blessings! In every one of these instances, we have worked together to get through them.

We set out on a course to thoroughly work my steps, which, in almost ten years, I had never accomplished. Then, I got involved in service; making coffee, picking up chairs, greeting at my home group, etc. Then, I went and got involved with Support your Services at the district level, which I immediately fell in love with. I can honestly say that is what has thoroughly made me stick and stay!

I had no idea of the changes that would start happening to me spiritually and emotionally, all because I put down my preconceived thoughts. Life was now a lot easier to deal with. Do not get me wrong, life has shown up and on more than one occasion. Nevertheless, being open minded and willing to change, has gotten me through all of life's situations.

Change is inevitable, so today I lean into change like a new garment and allow my God to build me and use me to his liking. It's the program of action that keeps me growing today, and the fellowship that allows me to be a power of example to the Newcomer. This year has been a year of reflection and growth, even though I can't always see the growth from day to day. I know that if I can continue to put one foot in front of the other, anything is possible. Celebrating my recovery at the end of December is a wonderful way to enter each new year. I am truly blessed, to be celebrating 4 years of Sobriety, and look forward to many more days to come!

---HLM, Pompano Beach, FL

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A.A. Birthdays

January Celebrants

Broward Men's

Manny C. ~ 26 yrs.
Domenic ~ 22 yrs.

Mountain Group

Tony F. ~ 19 yrs.
Kathy D. ~ 8 yrs.
Glenys H. ~ 32 yrs.
Bob S. ~ 15 yrs.

Friends of Pat C

Heather C. ~ 7 yrs.
Michelle M. ~ 17 yrs.

YANA Group

Ebony ~ 10 yrs.
Gerard ~ 25 yrs.
James ~ 17 yrs.
Sarai ~ 9 yrs.

Women's Honesty

Regina H. ~ 24 yrs.
Kelly T. ~ 15 yrs.

Riverside Group

Howie K. ~ 37 yrs.

NOW Group

Bobby V. ~ 30yrs.

Focus on Sobriety

Anne B. ~ 12 yrs.
Janet B. ~ 31 yrs.
Jean C. ~ 22 yrs.
Randi ~ 22 yrs.
Sherry C. ~ 21 yrs.

One Day at a Time

Paulette R. ~ 19 yrs.
Mena L. ~ 17 yrs.

Rule 62

Nancy F. ~ 17 yrs.
Heidi ~ 21 yrs.

Let's Study the Book

Jamie B. ~ 6 yrs.

Serenity Alltogether

Bill M. ~ 25 yrs.
Dennis M. ~ 29 yrs.
George M. ~ 23 yrs.
Glenn K. ~ 43 yrs.
Charlie C. ~ 26 yrs.

Oakland Park Group

Audra P. ~ 39 yrs.
Sterling J. ~ 41 yrs.

Living in the Solution

Betsy ~ 3 yrs.
Clay ~ 23 yrs.
Eileen ~ 13 yrs.
Erica ~ 4 yrs.
Greg ~ 3 yrs.
Judi ~ 16 yrs.
Keith ~ 5 yrs.
Kurt ~ 3 yrs.
Tony ~ 2 yrs.
Sonia ~ 28 yrs.

Sober Sisters

Tess ~ 15 yrs.

Relay Team for 25 yrs.

Ed T. ~ 31 yrs.

Easier Softer Way

Heather C. ~ 5 yrs.

Express Group

Patrick ~ 5 yrs.
Melissa ~ 1 yr.
DJ ~ 1 yr.
Jess ~ 3 yr.
Bill ~ 4 yrs.

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ARE IN! COME GET YOUR
UPDATED VERSION**

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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.)

BCIC - Broward County Institutions Committee

Next Meeting:
January 13th at 10:00 AM

Twelve Step House
205 SW 23rd Street
Ft. Lauderdale.

**Next
Intergroup Meeting
Twelve Step House
205 S.W. 23rd, Ft. Lauderdale
January 21st
at 1:00 p.m.**

December Celebrants - not previously mentioned

Chickee Group

Frank ~ 9 yrs.
Charlie B. ~ 3 yrs.
Lamar ~ 7 yrs.
Pat ~ 9 yrs.
Sarah M. ~ 10 yrs.
Tom ~ 35 yrs.

Practicing These Principles

Dennis B. ~ 32 yrs.

Coconut Creek Group

Robin C. ~ 29 yrs.

Why It Works

Michael W. ~ 29 yrs.

Downtown Dry Dock

Karl B. ~ 26 yrs.

Five-3- Zero Group

Dana ~ 22 yrs.

Women's Step by Step

Heather Mc. ~ 4 yrs.

One Step at a Time

Chris B. ~ 16 yrs.

Let's Do Lunch Bunch

Robert ~ 3 yrs.
Jeff ~ 1 yr.
Adam B. ~ 6 yrs.
Todd L. ~ 12 yrs.

Language of the Heart

Javier L. ~ 1 yr.

Back to Basics

John A. ~ 20 yrs.

St. Francis Men's

Jaime ~ 29 yrs.



Recovery Word Puzzle

Unscramble the letters. Answers to puzzle can be found on page 7.
Words for this puzzle have been used somewhere else in this edition of Suite 404.

D G T H O O S
Q T N U B A E
T A D M E I D T
M E L T T U A I
N I C S E E N C O C
M E S S T I N G A N



Unscramble the (red) underlined letters to fill in the blanks below, and discover our wish for you!

R E S P O U P
T R E D S T U
R A T Y O U H I T
L A P C A R T I C
T I N D F O E I N I
L A F H I T U E

----- !

Welcome? When a wet drunk shows up at a meeting

A drunk showed up at an AA meeting holding a can of beer, and he was told, unequivocally, that he could not come in. He left, but showed up outside a few days later, yelling that even AA wouldn't let him in. A member went out to talk to him and calm him down. The police arrived and our member assured them that the man was, indeed, going into the AA meeting.

A number of people at the meeting started whispering, visibly upset that a "wet" one had disrupted the meeting. Again, the drunk left. Outside the meeting, he had a seizure and collapsed. Paramedics were called.

Someone heard that the man tried to commit suicide. When he was released from the hospital, he showed up at our meeting the same day. This time, he was sullen and reclusive. Not one male member in the room went over to him. Instead, members talked about their troubled relationships, whether or not to buy a new house, and their job problems. Silently, I got up and went over to the man.

He told me about how sick he was and about the incomprehensible demoralization he felt. He wanted to stop drinking and couldn't. I got him some water and a cookie and then quietly asked a couple of male AAs to take over. I do not know if the man is sober today, or if he is even alive.

A few days later, I brought up the topic of having a wet drunk at our meeting. Most members felt that the common welfare of the group came before the wet drunk. During the discussion, members said various disparaging things: "He doesn't want it," and "Meetings need to be about recovery issues, not about some wet one that won't hear anything, anyway." I wondered if a recovery issue was divorce, a lost job, and a new house, or was it getting someone off booze long enough to find a Higher Power that can solve all those other issues? To me, the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is helping the still sick and suffering alcoholic, and not just the cleaned-up-detoxed-and-sober-twenty-eight-days new person that walks through the doors.

When I arrived in the rooms of AA, I was not sober, cleaned up, or detoxed. I had not brushed my teeth in weeks. However, not a single person told me to leave. On the contrary, they welcomed me. Not one person sat in judgment.

Have some AA meetings become social groups, with membership requiring that you already be sober so that you can have a free therapy session and discuss your issue of the day? My Big Book says I must work with the still sick and suffering alcoholic if I want to stay sober and live a happy, joyous, and free life.

Today, I may not be popular in my home group because I talk about the Traditions, the responsibilities of sobriety, and welcoming and reaching out to the wet drunk. But I do what was done for me--I share my spiritual experience in finding a Higher Power, whether the drunk I'm addressing is coming in for the first time or for the tenth time. For that, I am responsible. —C.G., Crystal Springs, FL

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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., Jay L. 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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Sobriety Date and Home Group _____

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLE from page 6: hotdogs, banquet, admitted, ultimate, conscience, assignment, purpose, trusted, authority, practical, definition, faithful. Good health and happy sober life!

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Then Al said, "Eddie, do you remember what it was like when you were drinking? The stuff that happened?"

I thought about the blackouts, the accidents, the terror, the shakes, the self-loathing, the nausea, the depletion of energy, the crushing isolation, the unending fear. "Yes," I said.

"Do you want to go back to that?" Al asked.

"No," I responded like a little boy being threatened with banishment to a chair in the corner.

Al said, "Well, you don't have to. You don't ever have to drink again if you don't want to."

I felt liberated after hearing those words. Many people had said to me, "You have to stop drinking." No one had ever said, "You don't have to drink."

Al made AA accessible to a person as sick as I was by showing me how practical it is. I needed to see how it could work for me. He harped on the simplicity of AA, on the wisdom contained in applying ideas like HALT to our lives: try not to get too hungry, angry, lonely, or tired. I abused myself in all of those areas, and still can if I don't stay conscious of that slogan.

First things first. Think. Easy does it. He wove all these phrases into his speech and explained how he applied them in his life and showed me how I could too. Al made me believe that AA is a very practical program and holds the solution to my problem. I'm no longer a doubting Thomas. I've seen AA work in my life.

—Eddie M., Brooklyn, NY

MEETING CHANGES

Tuesday

NEW MEETING Shoulder to Shoulder, The Sanctuary, 1400 N Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale at 1 PM. OLTD

Wednesday

Primary Purpose BB Study has moved BACK TO the Lutheran Church in Hollywood from the West Broward Club. Time and format remain the same.

Thursday

NEW MEETING Shoulder to Shoulder, The Sanctuary, 1400 N Federal Hwy., Ft. Lauderdale at 1 PM. OLTD

Living Young & Sober has moved again from Lambda to the old St. Francis Mission, now a medical detox facility, at 208 SE 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale. Still at 7:30 PM.

Friday

NEW MEETING B.S. Group meeting at the 101 Club, 700 SW 10 St. and Dixie in Pompano at 8:15 PM. OLT

Discussion Tables moved from Plantation to the West Broward Club, 5625 S University Dr., Davie. 7 PM. OD

NEW MEETING Spiritually Based Solution Blue Water Recovery, 521 SW 2 Place, Pompano at 7:30 PM. OSP

Saturday

The Harbor Group has added a day. Sober Today Club in Hollywood 8:30 PM. OBB

We Rise NO LONGER MEETS at Fellowship Recovery Center, 5400 Atlantic Blvd., Margate.

NEW MEETING Sober Mommy & Me meets at All Saints Catholic Church, 10900 W Oakland Park Blvd. in Sunrise, 10 AM, kids welcome OLT

NEW MEETING The Women's Group meets at the Stirling Room at 3:30 PM, 7331 Davie Road Ext., CDW

Daily

South Florida Group has found a new permanent home again. The new address is 5722 Washington St. (just east of 441) in Hollywood. They meet 7 days a week at Noon and 10 PM (CD) and M—F at 5:30 PM (CD). They also meet 7 days a week at 8 PM (RF). All meetings are Closed except Friday at 8 PM.

*Please have your group consider donating a gift basket for our Intergroup Appreciation Banquet to be held in April.
The basket raffle is a lot of fun
and a key element to the fundraising
success of the dinner. Thank you.*



Upcoming Events

- Jan. 5-7 S. Florida Area 15 Quarterly Assembly** Hyatt Regency Sarasota, Free Service Event
- Jan. 8 Coney Island Hot Dog Extravaganza** - free event hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group, Speaker 7:15, Hot dogs 6:30 PM, First Presbyterian, Newmann Ctr.
- Feb. 3 7th Annual AA's Got Talent Show** Adult only event begins at 6 PM. Coral Springs Charter School, 3205 N University Drive, Coral Springs. \$12 at door, limited seating. Entertainment, coffee and desserts. No kids or pets.
- Mar. 3 Spring Fling Festival** hosted by District 9. NSU, Terry Bldg., 3200 S. University, Davie. 6 PM, Disco dancing, hot dogs and root beer floats, Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at door, Meeting 8 PM.
- Mar. 14-18 Florida Roundup** - DoubleTree Miami Airport and Convention Center, 11 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami, for more info or to register go to www.floridaroundup.org
- Mar. 16-18 Soberstock** 3-day weekend of AA/Alanon/Alateen - speakers, bands, meetings, food and fellowship, Camp Brorein, 16901 Boy Scout Rd., Odessa, FL. Registration \$60 per person, by Mar. 10
- Apr. 28 55th Annual Intergroup Appreciation Dinner**, Tropical Acres, Griffin Rd., Davie, 6-10PM, Dinner, Raffles, 2 Speakers, 4-course meal \$40. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and do not include raffle tickets. Limited seating. Tables are reserved for 10 or more with payment.