

#### THE JOURNEY CONTINUES NEWSLETTER

#### Welcome

How do we attract the addict who still suffers to the fellowship of NA? We offer our experience, strength, and hope. Our message is powerful; "That an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live." Our Newsletter's purpose is to spread this message. Our local service committees share that same purpose. We invite you to read through these pages, get inspired, and get involved.



WRITTEN FOR ADDICTS BY ADDICTS



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#### Step of the Month: Step 10 Experience

"We continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

I am an addict in Recovery. My process began on October 13, 1991. I remember asking my sponsor, "How soon do I have to start working steps?" Her response was, "How soon do you want to get better?" The work began at 90 days clean. And it is still a process that I continue to work every day.

Step 10 is an inventory of self. We continue to take a personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it. I have found the courage to look at myself and to accept that I am not perfect. I practice being kind to others, however I still fall short at times. I am still learning to respond and not react to situations.

The Tenth Step tells me, "I have to keep my side of the street clean." It is not about what anyone says or does, what matters is my behavior. This step is about honest self-appraisal, integrity and not allowing myself to slip back to old behaviors. I have learned that when I hurt someone, I hurt myself, and that does not sit well with me.

We have an 'IP' (information pamphlet) on the Tenth Step called "Living the Program." Please get and use this piece of literature. It has helped me tremendously. This Tenth Step, my sponsor had me use "Living the Program" IP for 30 days. I really love that I am open minded and did it.

I continue to learn about myself and not causing harm is the goal. Today if I am wrong, I promptly admit it.

In Loving Service

By C. Addict 10/13/1991



#### **Tradition of the Month: Tradition 10**

"Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the NA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

This tradition has been so important to my recovery and has become even more important as the years have passed. I personally hold very strong opinions about a variety of topics and issues including politics, religion, addiction treatment and more. In my day-to-day life I am free to share my thoughts and opinions with others. Tradition 10 protects our fellowship, because if NA took sides or had opinions on those, or other, outside issues, that would likely begin to erode our primary purpose, which is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. If NA held an opinion about some issue that was different than mine, or that of a newcomer, my recovery, or, more importantly, the recovery of that newcomer, could be negatively impacted. It is vital that we do not drive newcomers away but make them feel comfortable and welcome.

Public positions might attract some people, but would almost certainly alienate others. Whichever side of an issue I believe is right, it is none of NA's business. Respecting this tradition is vital to the continued stability and growth of the fellowship. It is also important that recovering addicts not wear NA shirts at political or public events, as even that could be misconstrued by the press, or the public, as NA holding a position on an outside issue. Continues on Page 4



I apply this tradition in my life by never sharing any opinion I hold about an outside issue in an NA meeting. Particularly at this moment, with political divisions in US society, and during election season, it is vital that I keep my political opinions to myself, and/or limit my sharing of them to social media, or in personal conversations with others. I recently called someone out during an NA meeting who made a fairly ugly comment about a particular political candidate. I am a strong proponent of the right to free speech, and I will always fiercely defend it, but just as I can't yell "fire" in a crowded theater, I can't share my opinions about outside issues in an NA meeting. I have also seen this come up on many occasions when recovering addicts share in meetings about treatment or religion. NA does not have an opinion on treatment and I did not get to NA through treatment. NA does not have an opinion on any particular religion. I am not religious, although I practice spirituality. NA has given me the freedom to find a higher power of my own understanding. When recovering people share personal opinions about treatment or religion, that might not sit well with others. The same goes with a variety of other outside issues. My recovery speaks when I care and share with others the NA way. By P. Addict (06/06/1984)



#### **Concept of the Month: Concept 10**

"Any member of a service body can petition that body for the redress of a personal grievance, without fear of reprisal."

Although NA is a spiritual fellowship, its members are human. We have strong opinions and attitudes, and the free expression of those attitudes is our responsibility and right during the course of contributing to the decision-making process. We learned the value of considering all viewpoints in the Ninth concept. When we have been the minority voice ourselves, however, and have challenged the status-quo with our ideas and input, sometimes our freedom imprisons us.

Occasionally we might become stereotyped and judged rather than listened to and understood. If we suffer hurt during the process, the Tenth Concept allows us a vehicle by which we might address our grievance without fear of reprisal.

A process for considering a Tenth Concept petition is an essential item for each service committee. Hearing such a petition is often a painful time during a committee's life together. If a process has been developed and clearly defined in the committee's guidelines or procedures, the anguish of hearing a fellow member's grievance can be lessened, and mutual respect between all parties involved should be more easily attained.

As a guiding principle, the Tenth Concept is not designed to be used as a weapon against those who disagree with us. It is intended, rather, as a balance mechanism which can protect the integrity of our personal involvement in the delivery of Public Information services.

From: Twelve Concepts for Narcotics Anonymous Service - Overview

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#### A Grateful Addict will never use.

"As long as we maintain an attitude of thankfulness for being clean, we find it is easier to remain clean. The best way to express gratitude is by carrying the message of our experience, strength and hope to the still-suffering addict." Basic Text pg. 86

- · Having my daughter in my life.
- My sponsor Bonnie and her guidance. Also grateful for my workout sponsor Eric. My cardio sponsor Jason. My no sugar sponsor Jonny.
- South Dade narcotics anonymous recovery family! So grateful for total body recovery chat family!
- M. Addict 11-25-23
  - The brotherhood my sponsorship family has evolved into
  - The relationships I've been mending with my family, especially with my mom
  - Another day above ground
  - B. Addict 04/01/2024
  - Being clean and connected.
  - Health, to appreciate and take advantage of all the other good things in life
  - Driving and getting nothing but green lights
- J. Addict 6-19-17

- To being able to hear the message
- · To have love in all areas of my life
- For drafting the best fantasy team ever much better than Danny's and the Miami Dolphins
- J. Addict 2/15/21
  - Recovery. Without this nothing else on this list exists
  - My family
  - Fitness
  - My business
  - M. Addict 05/08/1995
- Being able to choose the food I eat and drinkable water.
- The traumas and hardest situations in my life that created my path to recovery and salvation
- How graceful my body has been to me in recovery, regardless of how I treated it during active addiction
- **B. Addict 7/26/24**

### **Upcoming Events**





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To be included in upcoming issues of this Newsletter:

Please send any subcommittee meeting dates, times, and meeting locations to <a href="mailto:newsletter@namiami.org">newsletter@namiami.org</a>



Boca Black Box Center for the Arts: 8221 Glades Rd Suite #10, Boca Raton, FL 33434

#### **Local Annoucements**

¿TINENES PROBLEMAS CON LAS DROGAS?



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# GRUPOS DEL ÁREA DE HABLA HISPANA DEL SUR DE LA FLORIDA

#### EL VIAJE CONTINUA

DOMINGO 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM 4425 HOLLYWOOD BLVD HOLLYWOOD FL 33022

#### SOMOS UN MILAGRO

DOMINGO 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
MARTES 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
MIÉRCOLES REUNIÓN
VIRTUAL 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
ZOOM ID:7317740756
VIERNES 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SABADO 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
38 CURTIS PARKWAY
MIAMI SPRINGS 33166

#### POCO A POCO

LUNES 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM JUEVES 7:45 PM - 8:45 PM 7190 SUNSET DRIVE MIAMI 33413

www.na.org

#### RENACIMIENTO

VIERNES 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM 7190 SUNSET DRIVE MIAMI 33413

#### SABADO GIGANTE

SÁBADOS 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM 7190 SUNSET DRIVE MIAMI 33143

#### CONECTADOS

MIERCOLES 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM 6600 SW 62ND AVE. SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143





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#### **Local Annoucements**

ATTENTION SOUTH DADE NA: END OF THE ROAD WILL BE CHANGING OUR TIME TO 9 PM ON SATURDAY'S ON OCTOBER 19TH (STILL AT THE UNITY ROOM)



\*THE UNITY ROOM IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH NA\*

# UNIDAS IN RECOVERY Women Bilingual Meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Wednesday at 7:00 PM 6600 S.W. 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Miami, Florida 33143

#### **NEW MEETING**

#### T.G.I.F

#### Thank God It's Friday

WHERE: ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TIKI HUT 10700 SW 56 ST. Miami, Fl. 33165

DAY: EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT FROM

TIME: 8:00PM-9:00PM

WE ARE IN NEED OF TRUSTED SERVANTS AND SUPPORT PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

THIS GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE CHURCH



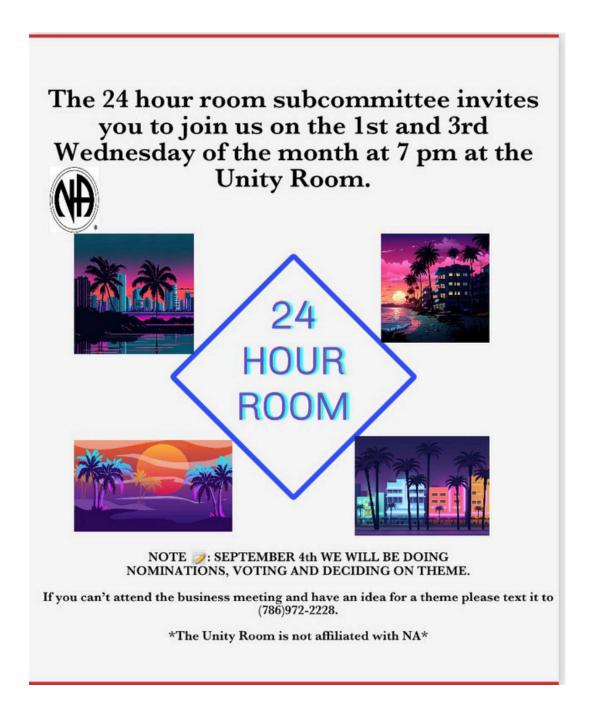


Every third Monday of the month we are having a potluck after our 8 p.m. meeting. Please join us as we fellowship and unite as woman in the program together and have yummy food!

Location: 7190 Sunset Dr Time: 9:00 p.m.

\*\*LOCATION NOT AFFILIATED W NA

#### **Get Involved**



Please send any subcommittee meeting flyers to newsletter@namiami.org to be included in upcoming newsletter issues

## Get Involved : Local Service Committee Meetings



**Needs Volunteers and Speakers** 

We Meet The Third
Wednesday of Every Month at
7:30pm in The Library.



South Miami Lutheran Church 7190 SW 72nd St Miami, FL 33143

For More Information, Contact: ANGEL C #954-817-6852 TONY L #786-879-3347

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# Get Involved : Local Service Committee Meetings

#### **Public Relations Subcommittee**

meets @ 7pm

The last Sunday of every Month in the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church 7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

#### **Activities Subcommittee**

meets @ 7:15pm

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month in the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church 7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

# How to Get Involved: Local Service Committees Meetings SouthDade Area Newsletter

# Join us in doing service! Committee Meets @ 7pm Every Last Sunday of the Month

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Contact us at Newsletter@namiami.org

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# **Happy Anniversary:**

Joseph G - 10/01/2019

Ryan S -10/01/2023

Marla 10/01/2018

Mike D - 10/10/1985

Carmen - 10/13/1991

Eric M - 10/18/2023

Diane - 10/23/1985

Ivette T - 10/30/2013



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