

Intergroup Bulletin

*The monthly online bulletin of the Sioux Falls
Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous*

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Please print and distribute for your AA group!

Intergroup Participation Needed

Intergroup is looking for representatives from groups in the Sioux Falls area. Does your group currently have a representative that attends and participates at the monthly meetings and activities of the Sioux Falls Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous? If not, we ask that your group discuss this issue at your next group conscious meeting and appoint a member to participate.

What is Intergroup?

The Sioux Falls Area Intergroup exists to serve groups in the greater Sioux Falls area. Please attend our next Intergroup meeting, and help "the hand of A.A." to be available for the still suffering alcoholic!

Next Meeting:
Sunday, September 7, 5:00PM
Westside Alano Club
1509 W. 1st St.
Sioux Falls, SD

A.A.'s Legacy of Service

by **BILL W.**

Our Twelfth Step—carrying the message—is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service. Services include meeting places, hospital cooperation, and intergroup offices; they mean pamphlets, books, and good publicity of almost every description. They call for committees, delegates, trustees, and conferences. And, not to be forgotten, they need voluntary money contributions from within the Fellowship.

Vital to A.A.'s Growth

These services, whether performed by individuals, groups, areas, or A.A. as a whole, are utterly vital to our existence and growth. Nor can we make A.A. more simple by abolishing such services. We would only be asking for complication and confusion. Concerning any given service, we therefore pose but one question: "Is this service really needed?" If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who need and seek A.A.

The most vital, yet least understood, group of services that A.A. has are those that enable us to function as a whole; namely, the General Service Office, A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and our Board of Trustees, known legally as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our worldwide unity and much of our growth since early times are directly traceable to this cluster of life-giving activities. Until 1950, these overall services were the sole function of a few old-time A.A.'s, several nonalcoholic friends, Doctor Bob, and me. For all the years of A.A.'s infancy, we oldtimers had been the self appointed trustees for Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Upcoming Events:

September 7:

- Intergroup By-Laws Committee Meeting (4:00 pm)
- Intergroup meetings (5:00 pm)
- District 5 Meetings (6:00 pm)

To submit an article for the blog, please email your article to blog@siouxfallsaa.org.

We welcome all submissions and anonymity requests will be respected!