

# Newsletter

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

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## What is Intergroup?

The Sioux Falls Area Intergroup exists to serve groups in the greater Sioux Falls area and aid them in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Please attend our next Intergroup meeting, and help "the hand of A.A." to be available for the still suffering alcoholic!

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

**Intergroup meetings are non-smoking**



"I'm not a *newcomer*. This is my eighteenth first year."

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## Steps in Spiritual Growth

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A belief in the basic spirituality of life has grown and with it belief in a supreme and guiding power for good. In the process of this change I can recognize two immensely significant

steps for me. The first step I took when I admitted to myself for the first time that all my previous thinking might be wrong.

The second step came when I first consciously wished to believe. As a result of this experience

I am convinced that to seek is to find, to ask is to be given. The day never passes that I do not silently cry out in thankfulness, not merely for my release from alcohol, but even more for a change that has given life new meaning, dignity, and beauty.

## FINANCIALS

**Contributions:**

- Young Guns	\$144.03
- Thirsty Thursday Group	\$50.00
- Black Sheep Group	\$50.00
- Tuesday Night Group	\$50.00
- Southside	\$100.00
- Rainbow Wildbunch	\$115.52

**Decuctions:**

12-31 Bill – Helpline	\$190.66
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**Checking Account Balance**

As Of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
\$1829.49

**Savings Account Balance**

As Of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
\$5196.66

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**First Sunday of each month**

- Intergroup meetings (5:00 pm)
- District 5 Meetings (6:00 pm)

*Contact your intergroup or district representative for more information or come to a meeting and get involved.*

**Web Committee Meeting**

February 28 (Last Saturday of each month) @ 5:30 p.m.  
Caribou Coffee  
1924 South Minnesota Ave.  
*Please join us! We welcome your fresh ideas for YOUR Intergroup Website!*  
Any questions? E-mail us:  
[info@siouxfallsaa.org](mailto:info@siouxfallsaa.org)

Intergroup would like your input about the newsletter. What kind of information would you like to see. Please forward any ideas to [bradw.oneday@yahoo.com](mailto:bradw.oneday@yahoo.com)

## More about Sioux Falls Area Intergroup

The Sioux Falls Area Intergroup exists to aid the groups in the greater Sioux Falls area in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

We do this by:

- Providing regular meeting schedules for AA meetings that meet in Southeastern South Dakota.

- Financing a Help Line for anyone needing information about Alcoholics Anonymous, and contacting members to fulfill 12th step calls.
- Hosting dances and events throughout the year
- Communicating with all AA groups through this website.
- Publishing a monthly Intergroup bulletin.

You may reach us at:

Sioux Falls Area Intergroup  
PO Box 182  
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0182

**24 Hour Telephone Help Line:**

**605-334-5419**

## February Steps and Traditions

**STEP TWO:**

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

**TRADITION ONE:**

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

## Simplicity

The simple words "Thy Will Be Done" and the simple ideas of honesty and of helping others are taking on a new meaning for me.

I should not be surprised to find myself coming to the astounding conclusion that God, whoever or whatever He may be, is eminently more capable of running this universe than I am.

At last I believe I am on my way.

**Thought to Ponder . . .**

The will of God will never take me where the grace of God will not protect me.

**AA-related 'Alconym' . . .**

**P R O G R A M = People Relying On God Relaying A Message**

**Sayings and Slogans:**

Keep it Simple.

*Coincidence:* God performs a little miracle and wishes to remain anonymous.

**Big Book...**

"When the spiritual malady is overcome, we straighten out mentally and physically."

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, How It Works, pg. 64

**Twelve and Twelve...**

"True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every A.A. meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him"

Twelve and Twelve, Step two, pg. 33

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