

# 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, February 1st, 5:00PM  
 Westside Alano Club  
 1509 W. 1st St.  
 Sioux Falls, SD

**Intergroup meetings are non-smoking**



"John went into orbit last night. Now he's having trouble with re-entry."

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## Why is He doing this for me?

*By Clarence S - 1963 -  
 One of the first 100 members*

"There have been millions and millions of alcoholics stagger across the face of this earth. They have lived and died in alcoholism. They have died, and they have carried down in disgrace, families, friends, and associates with them. They have caused carnage in this world, and they have

died hopelessly. It's been a tragedy.

Out of all these millions of people, therefore, why? You tell me why just a few thousand of us have this opportunity. Why are we chosen for this? Why am I chosen for this? Why do I get this chance? Why do you get this chance when thousands and thousands and millions and millions of other people never had

this chance and there are probably millions around who never will or never shall? Ask yourself this, sometime. It might put a new value on your membership here.

These are the things we ought to check ourselves with once and awhile. I think it's a miracle that any of us are here. 'Cause no one ever gets here until he's hopelessly lost."

## FINANCIALS

**Deposits:**

From Southside  
dated 11/11/08 \$100  
From Rainbow Wildbunch  
dated 11/10/08 \$86.94

**Checking** account  
balance as of 12/7/08  
\$2061.64

**Savings** account  
balance as of 12/7/08  
\$5187.97

MEETING  
SCHEDULE  
ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note the **Top Priority**, that met on Friday nights has disbanded and is no longer holding meetings.

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**  
January 31 (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**

January Steps  
and Traditions**STEP ONE:**

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

**TRADITION ONE:**

Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

## Promises

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If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see

how our experience can benefit others.

That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Self-seeking will slip away.

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

**Thought to Ponder . . .**

Happiness and peace of mind are always here, open and free to anyone.

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

**H O W** = Honesty,  
Open-mindedness, Willingness