

Newsletter

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

Please print and distribute for your AA group.



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!

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. Intergroup meetings are non-smoking

Web Committee

We welcome your fresh ideas for YOUR Intergroup Website!

Any questions? E-mail us: 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



"I know you don't want anything to upset your serenity dear, but the house is on fire!"

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Tradition Three Checklist

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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Sioux Empire Roundup

March 12, 13, & 14, 2010. Best Western Ramkota, Sioux Falls, SD

See the flyer at any AA meeting that you are attending for more information.

The Third Step Prayer

From page 63 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

God, I offer myself to Thee-
To build with me
and to do with me as Thou wilt.
Relieve me of the bondage
of self, that I may better do
Thy will.

Take away my difficulties,
that victory over them may bear
witness to those I would help
of Thy Power, Thy Love,
and Thy Way of life.
May I do Thy will always!

Concept 3

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives with a traditional Right of Decision.

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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
- 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**

2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You." Convention registration and housing reservations will be available September of 2009. See aa.org for more information and updates.

March Steps and Traditions

STEP THREE:

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.

TRADITION THREE:

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Simplicity

Rerversed 3rd Step

I made a decision to run my life and everyone else's life to suit only me - and I pity those who get in my way.

From A Rabbit Walks into a Bar

The speaker was going on and on. A man in the fifth row stood up and walked out. As the speaker was winding up, the man returned. After the meeting, the speaker asked the man where he went. "I went for a haircut," he said. "A haircut? Why didn't you get a haircut before the meeting started?" The man replied, "I didn't need a haircut before the meeting started."

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THE A.A. PROMISES

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 selfpity 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.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.