

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.



MARCH EVENTS

20th Annual Sioux Empire Roundup

March 13, 14, 15, 2009
 Ramkota Inn
 I-29 at Exit 81
 Sioux Falls, SD

See siouxfallsaa.org for more details.

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

Intergroup meetings are non-smoking



The **AA Grapevine** is celebrating its 65th anniversary. They having a contest for people to add one or two words to the phrase --
Grapevine is. . .

For more information, go on-line to aagrapevine.org and find out more about the all-new AA Grapevine.

"I'm a problem drinker. Every time I have a problem, I take a drink."

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HOPE - Do not be discouraged.

© ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 60

Few experiences are of less value to me than fast sobriety. Too many times discouragement has been the bonus for unrealistic expectations, not to mention self-pity or fatigue from my wanting to change the world by the weekend. Discouragement is a warning signal that I may

have wandered across the God line. The secret of fulfilling my potential is in acknowledging my limitations and believing that time is a gift, not a threat.

Hope is the key that unlocks the door of discouragement. The program promises me that if I do not pick up the first drink today, I will always

have hope. Having come to believe that I keep what I share, every time I encourage, I receive courage. It is with others that, with the grace of God and the Fellowship of A.A., I trudge the road of happy destiny. May I always remember that the power within me is far greater than any fear before me? May I always have patience, for I am on the right road.

FINANCIALS

**Contributions
& Additions:**

Chester Intergroup
(half to district) - \$700.00
Southside 1-12-09 -
\$100.00
Southside - 2-8-09 -
\$100.00
Rainbow Wildbunch
2-20-09 - \$46.10
Savings
Bank Interest - \$2.68

Deductions:

2/10 #1012
payment to District –
\$350.00
2/27 Net
1-31-09 bill – Helpline –
\$190.80

**Checking Account
Balance**

as of March 1st, 2009
\$2234.79

**Savings Account
Balance**

as Of March 1st, 2009
\$5199.34

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

Intergroup would like your input
about the newsletter. What kind of
information would you like to see?
Please forward any ideas to
bradw.onedav@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**

**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

AA Third Step Prayer

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!

Thought to Ponder . . .

Fear somehow touched about every aspect of our lives. It was an evil and corroding thread; the fabric of our existence was shot through with it. It set in motion trains of circumstances which brought us misfortune we felt we didn't deserve. But did we not often set the ball rolling ourselves?

As Bill Sees It, Resolving Fear, p. 61

**AA-related 'Alconym' . . .
EGO = Edging God Out****Sayings and Slogans:**

God, save me from myself.

AA is a God-centered program for self-centered people.

Big Book...

...we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children....this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.

Big Book, page 62, line 27

Twelve and Twelve...

Step three is like opening of a locked door. How shall we let God into our lives? Willingness is the key. Dependency as a means of independence. Dangers of self-sufficiency. Turning our will over to Higher Power. Misuse of will-power. Sustained and personal exertion necessary to conform to God's will.

Twelve and Twelve, Contents - Step Three, pg. 5 & 6