

# 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 MEETINGS:

#### First Sunday of each month

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

Westside Alano Club  
1509 W. 1st St.  
Sioux Falls, SD

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

#### Web Committee Meeting

Last Saturday, every other 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)



**"It was driven only forty-five miles by an active alcoholic."**

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## The Ninth Step 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 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. 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.

## Treasurer's Report September 6th, 2009

Checking: \$942.64

Savings: \$2533.51

### Checking Deductions:

8-13 #1020 Rochester  
Intergroup \$25.00

### Checking Additions:

8-4 Saturday Peace  
Lutheran Group  
(from District) \$90.00

9-6 Rainbow Wild Bunch  
(8-13-09) \$56.41

9-6 Southside  
(8-11-09) \$100.00

**New Savings account  
balance as of 9-6-09  
\$2533.51**

### Meeting Changes?

If your group has any changes to the current meeting schedule such as time, day, location, a new meeting, closed, open, smoking, non-smoking, etc., please contact us at:  
sfsdmeetingschedule@yahoo.com

We'll get the changes made to the website schedule and the printed version found on-line as soon as possible. Changes to the printed version that is available for distribution will be made on the next printing.

**Have Web skills... Want to learn?** The Intergroup Web Committee is looking for responsible AA members to help with maintaining our website. Please contact us through our website <http://siouxfallsintergroup.org> or come to our next meeting

## 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](http://aa.org) for more information and updates.

## Steps and Traditions

### STEP NINE:

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

### TRADITION NINE:

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards directly responsible to those they serve.

## Simplicity

**Thought to Ponder . . .** Faith without good works means little.

### AA Big Book 9th Step Prayer

God give me the strength and direction to do the right thing no matter what the consequences may be. Help me to consider others and not harm them in any way. Help me to consult with others before I take any actions that would cause me to be sorry. Help me to not repeat such behaviors. Show me the way of Patience, Tolerance, Kindliness, and Love and help me live the spiritual life. Amen

### As Bill See It

#### **Easy Does it – but Do it.**

Procrastination is really sloth in five syllables.

My observation is that some people can get by with a certain amount of postponement, but few can live with outright rebellion.

We have succeeded in confronting many a problem drinker with that awful alternative, "This we A.A.'s do, or we die." Once this is firmly in his mind, more drinking only turns the coil tighter.

As many as alcoholic has said, "I came to the place where it was either into A.A. or out the window. So here I am."