



# Groupline

THE SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

August 2017

**The Next  
Siouxland Intergroup  
Meeting will be 7:00PM  
Thursday, Aug 17, 2017  
at the Central Office,  
614 Cook St. in Sioux City  
Come early and grab a good Seat!**

**If you would  
like your  
EVENT to be  
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GROUPLINE  
or if you have artwork,  
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**[AAcentralofficesc@gmail.com](mailto:AAcentralofficesc@gmail.com)**

**or drop it by the  
Central Office or  
call us at 712-252-1333**

**Our website is  
[www.aasiouxcity.org](http://www.aasiouxcity.org)**

**The next DISTRICT 1  
Meeting will be 7:00PM  
Tuesday Aug 8, 2017  
at the Hawkeye Club,**

## CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

**Sat, Sun, Mon: CLOSURE  
Tues--Thurs: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Fri: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**

## Pass It Down

**An AA shares how he learned about district  
service from good service sponsors.**

"I'm sooooo confused," I exclaimed to my fellow home group member, Alan W., as we drove back from our area assembly in Mantua, Ohio. Mantua may have been chosen for our area's gathering because it was mutually inconvenient to the several larger cities around it, but I digress.



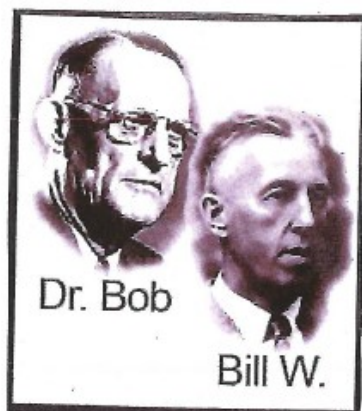
"Together we can make this better than I alone

Alan called himself a DCM, which I came to learn stood for District Committee Member. It was part of the "alphabet soup" thrown at me at that gathering: GSR, DCM, PI, CPC and a variety of new terms like delegate and trustee. I was so completely lost! Alan referred me to that new book I'd received called *The AA Service Manual*. He answered my questions but reiterated his request that I read, and re-read that book. I did read it but with great difficulty, even though I was a former technical editor, because it had been modified here and there dozens of times (a process writers call "bleeding" a document). It had morphed into something that lacked true organization and consistency of style. Fortunately in 1999 it got a complete rewrite and is now much easier to understand. While reading the *Concepts* section any doubt that Bill W. attended law school quickly dissipated. I found that section tough reading but worth the effort.

-- Bob M.

# **MEN'S STOCKYARDS ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

## **1967 – 2017**



**Thursday August 24, 2017**

**Fellowship 6:00**

**Dinner 6:30**

**History & Speaker 7:30**



**Speaker John G. from Des Moines, IA**



**Abu Bekr Shrine Temple**

**820 Nebraska St.**

**Sioux City, IA.**

**Tickets \$15 in advance**



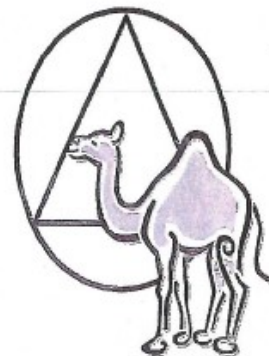
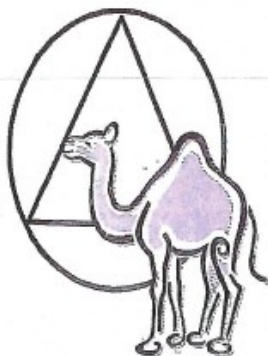
**This is an open event all are welcome**

**Central Catering**

**Chicken Breast & Roast Beef**

**Contact Will M. 712-898-7768**

**Or Jeff D. 712-898-3473**



# Sioux City Tri-State Roundup and the Area 24 2017 Fall Conference

Are joining forces to have a  
**Dessert Potluck Event**

For

**Volunteer and Registration Signup**

**When: August 27, 2017**

**Where: Hawkeye Club**

**Time: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

Contact: Tonya M. at 712-898-7761 for Tri-State Roundup

Sandy M. at 712-253-6647 for Area 24 Fall Conference

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## **SERGEANT BLUFF AA ANNIVERSARY MEETING**

**\* 40 YEARS \***

**MONDAY AUG. 21, 2017**

**AA, AL-ANON, PRESENTATIONS**

United Methodist Church 1<sup>st</sup>

& Baker Sergeant Bluff IA

Registration begins 6:00 P.M.

Meetings begin at 7:00PM

Finger foods at 8:00

Please bring finger foods

AA Speaker

Burt B.

Al-Anon Speaker

Janelle B.





## Siouxland Intergroup Meeting Minutes from Ju7 20<sup>th</sup> , 2017

The May meeting was opened at 7:00 P. M. with The Serenity Prayer, by Rose A. The Intergroup Statement of Purpose, and Central Office Statement of Purpose were read with 12 members present.

**Secretaries Report:** The Secretaries report was read by Michelle M. A motion to accept the March Minutes as read was made by Mike H., Seconded by Tim CL and the motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurers report was given by Bill H. A motion was made by Michelle M. to accept the Treasures report as read, seconded by Joanne D., the motion passed.

**District One Report:** No report given this month.

**Functions and Committees:** The next Unity Dinner will be held on July 29th at First Lutheran Church, 3939 Cheyenne Blvd in Sioux City. Bring a side dish Please contact the Central Office (712) 252-1333 if you have any questions.

**Old Business:** No Old Business.

**New Business:** Can we sell Hazelden books to Jackson Recovery was discussed. Mike will check with Jackson Recovery to see if they are interested in purchasing meeting schedules.

**Announcements:** A Dessert Potluck Event will be put on by the 2017 Sioux City Tri-State Roundup and Area 24 Fall Conference committees on Aug 27 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Hawkeye Club. This event will be to sign up volunteers and for pre-registrations.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Rose A., seconded by Bill H. and we closed with The Lord's Prayer at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Secretary, Michelle M.

## Old Ideas

### Around the Tables

AROUND THE TABLES, I heard a man say, "There are always going to be people I dislike, and people who dislike me." Silently, I agreed. And then it hit me: Why had I agreed? I had agreed because it was an old idea. If I have learned anything in AA, it is not to accept every old idea as being the truth.

So I thought about likes and dislikes. If I believe in what we learn in AA, then one of two things will happen with each person who has a trait I don't like: Either the person will lose that trait, or I'll stop disliking it after a while. In other words, practicing AA principles always results in change. As long as I am practicing the Steps, change will come about. Disliking people is, therefore, a defect or shortcoming in me, and as I practice Steps Six and Seven, these dislikes will disappear.

As I try to practice these principles, I don't seem to get too negative a reaction from too many people. So after some consideration, I must say that I'm learning to like everybody--slowly but positively. And as I grow to like more people, it seems my life gets better and better. One day at a time, it's an adventure living in AA and learning to let go of yet another old idea. I'll keep trying.



*Faithful Fivers, in gratitude for their sobriety, contribute \$5 each month to the Central Office to keep it operating and to keep the phone service going. Our Faithful Fivers program has been working for the past seven years, and has helped carry AA's message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. Please make checks payable to SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP.*

Mail to: Siouxland Intergroup  
P.O. Box 3684  
Sioux City, IA 51102

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\$5.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who graciously contribute five dollars or more\* each month to support Siouxland Intergroup

**As a Faithful Fiver, you support efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope to still-suffering alcoholics in the Greater Sioux City Area.**

**"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."**

**Bill W., *Language of the Heart***

\* Contributions are limited to \$3,000 per member per year† and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3).

†Page 9—Self Support Pamphlet

## Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

Complete the form on the opposite side:

Payment Options Are:

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Sioux City, IA 51103

If choosing direct payment, mail or drop off the payment and keep the form for your records.

*Bill W. wrote of Intergroup Offices, "Though not costly, these agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion—to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength—and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill."*

*"Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix" pamphlet  
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