



Groupline

THE SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

March 2018

From the January 1985 magazine.

Words We Don't Want to Hear

Sponsor to newcomer: "There are only two kinds of meetings: those you like, and those you don't like. All you have to do is attend both."

Another newcomer was complaining about the way his life was going; he wasn't getting what he wanted. An old-timer counseled: "When I came in and was at my bottom, my sponsor told me, 'You don't always get what you want. You don't always get what you need. *You get what you get.* So stay sober and cope with it the best you can.' "

-- G. R.

Brooklyn, New York

From the June 1977 magazine.

No More Sad Tales

A collection of nuts taught him the joy of laughter

WHEN I FIRST discovered AA, it seemed to be a collection of nuts. I walked into the basement room of a church, damp and dark, somewhat like a catacomb, almost tomblike--and found a room full of laughing, happy people. Not only was laughter strange to me, but the things they laughed about made me sure I had wandered into a reunion of asylum graduates.

Someone stood up and told how a member of her family poured her booze down the drain. Everyone laughed. Another talked about losing a job. They laughed. Then another told of failure at trying to hang himself. Now, that was a riot! I was sure I was in the wrong place, for my life was not like that; nothing was funny about how I felt or how I lived.

-- W. O'D.

San Diego, California

The Next

Siouxland Intergroup Meeting will be 7:00PM Thursday, Mar 15, 2018 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 listed in the GROUPLINE



or if you have artwork, poetry or an article you would like to be considered for print, please email your submission to:

Acentralofficesc@gmail.com

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

Our website is www.aasiouxcity.org

The next DISTRICT 1 Meeting will be 6:30PM Tuesday Mar 13, 2018 at the Hawkeye Club 20 Jones St, in Sioux City

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday

March 17, 2018

5:00 P.M. Dinner

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

5200 Glenn Avenue, Sioux City



Bingo - Songs & Dance - Comedy
Corn Beef & Cabbage / Chili

GSR Fundraiser for District 1AA

\$5.00 suggested donation

at the door



TWELVE TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

**“Sharing our thoughts and experiences
on how to preserve unity”**



The workshop will be based on articles from the Grapevine Book:
“Our Twelve Traditions”

Saturday April 7, 2018, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Leed’s Alano Club, 4034 Floyd Blvd.

Tavern’s provided, please bring a side dish

A limited number of books and pamphlets will be for sale at the workshop.

Questions? Contact Charlene B or Sandra M.
712-490-2869 712-253-6647

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS THRU Feb 28, 2018

GROUP NAME	THIS MONTH	YEAR TOTAL	GROUP NAME	THIS MONTH	YEAR TOTAL
21 Club N-S Group			No Name Group	\$29.00	\$209.00
3 & 11 Groups Quarterly Breakfast			One A Day Group		
Afternoon Matinee Group			One Page At A Time Group		
Akron AA Group			Pause When Agitated Group		
Big Book Buddies Study Group			Room 106 Big Book Study Group at Holy Spirit		
Books & Beans Group			Saturday AM 12x12 Study Group	\$77.00	\$77.00
Books & Cookies Group			Saturday Longtimer Speaker Meeting		\$5.00
By the Book Group			Second Chance Group		
Check your Ego at the Door Group	\$25.00	\$25.00	Serenity Now Group		
Cheyenne Non-Smoking Group			Sergeant Bluff AA Group		
Club 21 Group			Sioux City Tri-State Roundup		
Come and Go Group			Solutions Group Women's BB Study Group		
Drunks Helping Drunks Group			Someone Cares Group		
Early Risers Group			South Sioux Friday Nite BB Study Group		
Elk Point AA Group			South Sioux Tuesday Niter's Group		
Faith Without Works Group		\$5.00	Spiritual 3-11 Meeting - Hawkeye Club	\$205.00	\$205.00
Faithful Fiver's	\$180.00	\$720.00	Steel Magnolias Group		
FOUNDER'S DAY			Stockyards Men's Group		\$200.00
Fox Hall Chapter 2	\$18.00	\$18.00	Sunday 1030AM Spiritual Meeting		\$5.00
Friday 530 PM Group			Sunday 3-11 St. Luke's Hospital Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
Friday Night Keep It Simple Group S.L.			Sunday Nite Big Book Study Grp		
Glenn Ave Group			Sunrise Attitude Adjustment Meeting	\$31.00	\$73.00
Grupo Nuevo Camino			Sunrise Retirement Home Group		
Hawkeye 10AM Group			Sweets and Treats Group		
Hawkeye Steps 3&11 Grp at Mercy Hospital			TGIS in Alton Group		
How and Why of It Group			The How & Why Of It 12x12 Group		
Jackson Nebraska Monday Night Group			Tuesday 12 X 12 Group		
Leed's Tuesday Open Group			Tuesday Early Bird Group		
Leed's Wednesday Brown Bag Group			(NEW) Tuesday Night Speaker Tape Meeting		
Leeds Sunday Nite Spiritual Group	\$100.00		QUARTERLY UNITY DINNER	\$814.00	\$814.00
Living in The Solution Group			We Can Group		
Living Sober Group		\$5.00	Wednesday BB Study Group		\$16.00
Many Hands Caring Grp			Westlawn Group	\$80.00	\$80.00
Marble Group			Where It All Begins Group		
Morningside Fellowship Group			Wise Words Fellowship Club Group		\$5.00
Moville Tuesday Nite Group			Women's Big Book Group		\$50.00
New Freedom Group			Women's Open Topic Group		
No Matter What Group			Young Persons In AA		
			Fund raiser selling water at Tri-State Roundup		
OTHER DONATIONS					
Birthday Donations		\$10.00	Individual Gifts		\$1000.00
Cash Donations	\$296.62	\$371.62	Memorial Donation		
Central Office Open House			** Monthly Intergroup Mtg**	\$10.00	\$22.25

Faithful Fiver Contributors as of Feb 28, 2018

Anonymous Bill H Bob B Bob L Carol C Charlie K Christy K Dave W Deb G Dianne B Don P Greg N.
 Jeff D Kathy B Kevin J Kevin M Matt C Michelle M Mick M Mike H Mike R Pat G Ray G Rick W
 Rodney C Teresa S. Theresa J Tim L Tom C Tony S

The January meeting was opened at 7:00 P. M. with The Serenity Prayer, by Intergroup Chairman Michelle M. The Intergroup Statement of Purpose, and Central Office Statement of Purpose were read with 10 members present.

Secretaries Report: The Secretaries report was read by Secretary Rose A. A motion to accept the December Minutes with corrections was made by Tim L., Seconded by Jerry K. and the motion passed.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers position is still unfilled. Treasurers report was given by Mike H. A motion was made by Jeff D. to accept the Treasures report as read, seconded by Tim L., the motion passed.

District One Report: The District 1 report was given by Jeff D. The District 1 fundraiser, St. Patrick's Day Celebration will start at 5pm on Mar 17th at St Mark's Lutheran Church

Functions and Committees: The next Unity Dinner will be held on May 5th and be hosted by the Morningside Fellowship Group (Fri 8pm) at the 1st United Presbyterian Church. The A.A. speaker is John J and the Al-Anon speaker is Patty J., both are from Omaha, NE The 2018 Founder's Day has a tentative date of Sept 15th, location TBD.

Old Business: The Feb 3, 2018 Unity Dinner hosted by The Steel Magnolias group and the Books and Cookies Group raised \$752.45 for the Central Office. Thank you to all who helped and participated!

New Business: The Aug 5th Unity Dinner will be hosted by the Saturday Morning Sunrise Attitude Adjustment Group. Make sure all future flyers have all the proper information before posting. Call the Central Office (712) 252-1333 for details.

Announcements: Due to policy changes at St Boniface, starting March 6th the 7:00 PM Tuesday Early Bird Meeting is moving from St. Boniface to Mayflower Congregational Church located at W 18th and Rebecca St's .

A motion to close was made by Rose A. and seconded by Tom C. The motion passed and the meeting closed at 7:40pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose A., Secretary

Siouxland Intergroup News

~ Siouxland Intergroup is searching for a new Treasurer. Anyone interested please contact the Central Office (712) 252-1333 or attend the next 7PM Siouxland Intergroup meeting at the Central Office, 614 Cook St which is on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

~ Meeting location change...On March 6th, the Tuesday Early Bird Group that has been meeting at St. Boniface Church will be moving to Mayflower Congregational Church, 1407 W 18th (corner of West 18th and Rebecca Streets)

~ To make sure your group is informed on what is happening in the Metro Area, send your IGR (Intergroup Representative) to the monthly meeting. If your group doesn't have an IGR....WHY?

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

FAITHFUL FIVER

\$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

Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

Complete the form on the opposite side:

Payment Options Are:

Electronic Check
Personal Check
Cash (DO NOT MAIL CASH)

Submit the form:

and

mail to:

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

Or drop off the form to:

Siouxland Intergroup
614 Cook Street
Sioux City, IA 51103

(DO NOT LEAVE CASH in MAILBOX)

If choosing direct payment, mail or drop off the

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