



Groupline

THE SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

SEPTMEBER 2021

GRAPEVINE Daily Quote

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

The Next
Siouxland Intergroup
Meeting will be 7:00PM
Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021
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:



aacentralofficesc@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 Sept 14, 2021
at Club 215
2432 Jay Ave, in Sioux City



CURRENT ISSUE

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SPECIAL SECTION

This month's special section is "Young & Sober!" featuring stories of experience, strength and hope by AA members who came into AA and got sober at an early age. Also featuring stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

Sun, Mon: CLOSD
Tues--Thurs: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Fri: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Sat: 10:00am to 1:00pm

A Short Memo *From Siouxland Intergroup Central Office*

Hello! This past month the phone continues to ring on average of 7-10 calls per week for available meetings, meeting changes, INCLUDING two 12 Step Calls. Both young men, one was directed to Hawkeye Club and the other to Young Peoples in AA Friday night Group. Donations from AA groups and individuals are coming in as well as our continuous sales of our AA literature!

I've attended both of August District 1 mtg and Intergroup mtg. September is bringing our AA community several activities which are uploaded on our Local Events Page on our AA website.

Decision was voted on and this month non-registered AA meetings will be noted on meeting schedule for one month and if not registered will be removed. Central Office goal is to have same registered meetings available to all those using Meeting App. to match our meeting schedule and online meeting schedule. This leads me to a list of meetings that are no longer running but still on Area 24 meeting schedule. I will have a report with the list available at next District 1 mtg and Intergroup mtg. Hoping that by this fall our meetings will be more accurate and available to our fellow AA's seeking a meeting this coming season!

As always, I am very grateful to be here keeping the AA energy flowing and keeping AA available and assessable for new and seasoned members!

Thank you to our monthly "Faithful Fivers", "Birthday" & "Groups" contributions that make it possible for Siouxland to have a Central Office.

Groups

By the Book

Friday 5:30 PM Group

living In the Solution Grp

Siouxland Intergroup Mtg

No Name Group

One A Day Group

Saturday Night live

Spiritual Steps 3 & 11@

Hawkeye

Sunrise Attitude Adj Grp

Thursday Noon ladies

Group

Wednesday BB Study

Group Westlawn Group

leeds Sunday Nite

Spiritual Mtg

Moville Tuesday Nite

Group

Sunday Morning 1030am

Spiritual Group

Wed Where it all Begins

Individuals

faithful fiver's

Diane B

Mike H

Tim I

Tom C

Rod C

Bill H.

Jim S.

Siouxland Intergroup meeting minutes – 19 August 2021

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with the serenity prayer invoked by Intergroup Chairman Jerry K, followed by the Intergroup and Central Office statements of purpose. There were eight members present, namely, Jerry K, Bill H, Tom C, Josh M, Tim L, Veronica K, Jesse V and Joe D.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was read by Jerry K. No corrections were needed. A motion to accept the secretaries report was made Josh M and seconded by Tim L.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read by Bill H. The report compared 2021 year-to-date with the same period last year. The treasurer reiterated that the large cash gift received last year in July was treated as an extraordinary item to make a fair year over year comparison of the financial operations of Central Office. Expenses are expected higher year over year because in comparison to last year the office manager's hours have increased from 8 hours to 20.5 hours per week. Net ordinary income was (\$350) which was \$75 less than the same period last year. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tim L. and seconded by Josh M.

District One Report: The District One Report was presented by Joe D. He mentioned the upcoming Labor Day picnic to be held at Riverside Park September 6th. The Unity Dinner will be held on September 25th with Sterling H. listed as the AA speaker. Joe discussed how Intergroup could be of service to the Hispanic group. He attended the meeting that meets at the corner of 10th and Douglas. He will invite them to the Labor Day picnic at Riverside Park. They have paid for a book order which will be delivered to them as soon as it arrives.

Functions and committees: Josh M. gave a report with respect to various functions. There will be a sober float at Niobrara which is organized by Randy R. The Serenity Open Golf will be September 12th at Old Dane Golf Club, 466 NE Hwy 35, Dakota City beginning with a tee time at 9:30am. The Tri-State Serenity Round-Up Ride is to raise Scholarship money for the Tri-State Roundup will be September 18th 2021 beginning at 9:30 AM at Club 215. Area 24 Fall Conference will be October 8-10 2021 at the Embassy Suites in Des Moines. The District 1 Quarterly Workshop will be October 2, 2021 at the Leeds Alano Club. The YPAA campfire meeting will meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday in Stone Park on Black Bear Drive. The YPAA 10th year Anniversary dinner will be tentatively held October 15th once location is decided on.

Old Business: Veronica K. continues to update the meeting schedule. Hospital meetings have been cancelled and Intergroup voted and approved removing these from our meeting list.

New Business: Veronica K. will determine which meetings on the Siouxland meeting list are officially registered with Area 24 and GSO. The group will decide at next meeting whether Siouxland Intergroup should continue to list meetings that aren't officially registered.

Announcements: Every meeting is mask optional except Mayflower. Central Office business hours will change after the month of August. The exact times will be announced when they are put into effect.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Jesse V. and seconded by Tim L. The meeting closed at 7:50 PM with a reading of "I am responsible".

Trudging Along

Sometimes, I skip over a line or two in the Big Book, partly because I already know what it says, but mostly because *I don't want to hear it!*

Like "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny." Who's trudging? Not me. Man, I'm flying! At least, I was at one time.

During the first few years of my sobriety, I refused to let go of the honeymoon phase. I flew over the Road of Happy Destiny, free as a butterfly, and I fluttered by those trudgers who tried to bring me down to earth with their talks about working with sick alcoholics. No drunks for me, I thought, not now that I was finally flying. "I've already paid my dues" was my rationalization.

Then came the big slump— spiritual, mental, and emotional. Boy, was it rough! Surely (I thought), nobody ever had things as bad. But I didn't drink over it. I had scores of meetings I could attend, where I could tell everybody how tough it was—over and over again, meeting in and meeting out.

I lost my wings. In fact, I turned back into the crawling caterpillar I had been in the first few days and weeks of sobriety. Was I low! But I still crawled past those trudgers who tried to bring me up short with their talk about working with sick alcoholics. "I can't give away what I haven't got" was my rationalization.

Then, reluctantly, out of sheer desperation, I worked Steps Four through Nine. And a strange thing happened. I turned into a trudger!

Now, I feel better than I ever have in this program – not too high and not too low. Now, as I trudge along with the other trudgers, working with sick alcoholics, I sometimes pause to bring down a butterfly or to lift up a caterpillar.

Tomorrow, when I soar like a butterfly again, a trudger will deflate my ego.

Tomorrow, when I again crawl like a caterpillar, a trudger will lift my spirit.

I'm in the right place.

T.L., Torrance, Calif.

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District 1 Labor Day Picnic @ RIVERSIDE PARK

Shelter #3 (weather permitting)

Monday September 6, 2021

District 1 will provide HotDogs /Hamburgers

& water

COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

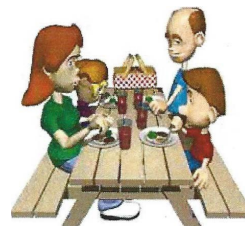
Please Bring Salads, Chips, Desserts,
hot dishes

Registration starts at 11:00am Lunch
at 11:30 AM

12:30pm Speaker Deb N. Norfolk, NE

Bring your own chair

Contact Jane S. For questions (712)259-3382



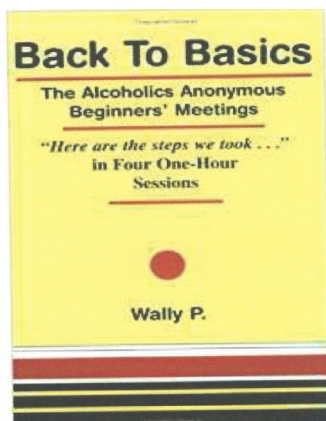
Riverside
Park 1301 Riverside Blvd



AA Meeting

Back To Basics

Work all 12 Steps in Four 1-hour (approx.) sessions



Saturday

10:30am

Hawkeye

Club

Newcomers,
Oldtimers,
EVERYONE!

First session:

Steps 1

Sept. 11, 2021

Second Session:

Steps 2-4

Sept. 18, 2021

Third Session:

Steps 5-9

Sept. 25, 2021

Fourth Session:

Steps 10-12

Oct. 2, 2021

Saturday

10:30am

Hawkeye

Club

Hawkeye Club

420 Jones St

Sioux City, IA 51101



2021 TRI-STATE ROUND-UP RIDE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

The ride will start with three groups; one from the Sioux City area and one from the Omaha area and one from the Sioux Falls area. The groups will ride through the beautiful Loess Hills before meeting at Preparation Park in Moorhead, IA. From Moorhead, IA the combined group will proceed to Lewis and Clark State Park in Onawa, Iowa for lunch, fellowship, and an AA meeting. A suggested donation of \$20 will provide scholarships for the Tri-State Round-Up happening March 4, 5, 6, 2022 in Sioux City, Iowa. All vehicles are welcome and one can join the events at anytime throughout the day. The ride through Loess Hills to Lewis and Clark Park is over 80 miles, so

For more information call Will Meier of Sioux City, IA
712-898-7768
Mark L. of Jefferson SD

STAY THE ENTIRE WEEKEND AT THE PARK AND ENJOY THE LEWIS AND CLARK RECOVERY CAMPOUT {See the Campout flyer on the Siouxland Central Office Website www.aasiouxcity.org}

Sioux City Area	Omaha Area
9:30 -Meet at Jay Ave Club 215	9:30 -Meet at Casey's in Crescent, IA

Sioux Falls Group will establish a meeting point
SCHEDULE FOR BOTH GROUPS
9:45 -Bike Blessing and Safety Meeting
10:00 -Depart through Loess Hills
11:00 -Both groups meet at Preparation State Park in Moorhead, IA.
Refreshments and Group Prayer
12:00 -Group rides to Onawa, IA and Lewis and Clark State Park (Shelter) 12:30 -Picnic lunch provided
2:00 -AA Meeting with Speaker Mark L from Sioux Falls SD
2:30 -Todd L. . Omaha NE
3:30 -Ride home on one's own
RAIN OR SHINE WE RIDE

"Dedicated to our Sioux City Old Timers"



Siouxland Intergroup Unity Dinner

Hosted by: Glenn Ave Group

Saturday, September 25th, 2021

Morningside Lutheran Church

700 S. Martha St.

Sioux City, IA 51106

5:00PM — Registration/Fellowship

5:30PM — Potluck Dinner (Menu: Chicken)

Please bring a hot/cold side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Announcements & literature readings before the speaker.



"Sobriety Count Down"

6:15PM — AA Speaker, Sterling H. (Bellevue, NE)

& Alanon Speaker, Karen G. (Sioux City, IA)

MASK are OPTIONAL

Contact the Intergroup Central Office with any questions (712)252-1333

Suggested \$5.00 free will contribution

All proceeds will support the Siouxland Intergroup Central Office

There will be a Pay-It-Forward basket at the Registration table to help those who cant contribute





YPAA CAMPFIRE MEETING

STARTING MAY
2021

DATE:
2nd & 4th FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH

TIME:
7:00 PM-8:30 PM

LOCATION/SHELTER

BLACK BEAR CIRCLE
STONE STATE PARK
HWY 12 entrance
Signs will be posted



****INCLEMENT WEATHER
LOCATION****

WILL BE AT USUAL MEETING
LOCATION-

Mayflower Church
1407 W. 18th Street
Sioux City, IA

REMEMBER:

- ▲ KIDS WELCOME
- ▲ BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS AND/OR BLANKETS

CONTACT:

MARCOS G. 712-253-8212

YPAA Meeting will be coming up on their 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY this OCTOBER 2021!

I have asked the group to fill out a history form of their group to kind of give us a brief history of what brought YPAA to our District, the who, where, when, how as we know why, RIGHT? Alcohol addiction does not discriminate age, race, gender an so on.



"My sponsor says I suffer in silence louder than she could complain."



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SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP CENTRAL OFFICE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- ⇒ to receive, distribute and follow-up on “12-Step Calls”
- ⇒ to answer inquiries about A.A.;
- ⇒ establish local public information about local hospitals and recovery facilities for alcoholics;
- ⇒ to provide “Locally Produced A.A. Related material”, “Conference Approved A.A. Material” and “Other Recovery Related Material. Form SI-1,

To become a better trusted servant of your group and of A.A. as a whole.

- ◆ **Visit the Central Office**
- ◆ **Attend Intergroup Regularly**
- ◆ **Keep your AA group Up-To-Date**
- ◆ **Ask Questions**

Intergroup Meetings: Intergroup meetings are held the *third Thursday of every month* at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office. Intergroup Representatives (IGR’s) meet with the board to discuss the needs of Intergroup and AA groups. Here, events such as the Hoe-down, Founder’s Day, New Year’s Celebration and Unity Dinners are planned with the groups participating in the execution of these events. **Intergroup’s main purpose is to serve the suffering alcoholic through the Central Office that serves as the link between Alcoholics Anonymous and the public.**

Meeting Schedules: The Central Office publishes A.A. meeting schedules that contain information about the time and location of meetings in the Siouxland area

Financial support: Intergroup is supported solely by contributions from the **groups** and from **individual members** through programs like the “**Birthday Plan**” and the “**Faithful Fivers plan**”. Ask us how you can help.

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 twenty-five 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 Siouxland Intergroup Faithful Fiver, you support efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope to still-suffering alcoholics in the Sioux City Metro 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 blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

Bill W., *Language of the Heart*

* Annual Contributions are limited to \$5,000 per member per year† and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3).

†Page 5—A.A. Guideline MG-15 (Rev. 11/18)

Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

Payment Options Are:

- * Electronic Check
- * Monthly Auto-Pay
- * Personal Check
- * Cash (**DO NOT MAIL CASH**)

Complete the form above and submit:

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,
USE THE MAIL SLOT IN THE DOOR**

If choosing direct payment, mail or drop off the payment to the Central Office.

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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