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# Groupline

THE SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

February 2022

The Next  
Siouxland Intergroup  
Meeting will be 7PM  
Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022  
at the Central Office,  
614 Cook St. in Sioux City  
Come early and grab a good Seat!

# AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

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](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 6:30PM  
Tuesday Feb. 8, 2022  
at Club 215  
2432 Jay Ave, in Sioux City

CURRENT ISSUE FEBRUARY 2022

## SPECIAL SECTION

This month's featured section is for "Getting Through Tough Times." Members share hopeful stories about how they use the fellowship and the tools of the program to get through adversity.



### CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS

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

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## **A Short Memo** *From Siouxland Intergroup Central Office*

**Hello!** This past month the phone continues to ring on average of 5-10 calls per week for available meetings within our District as well outside of our District, including one 12-step call that had an excellent turnout.

The website gets (+30) daily visits. Donations from our local AA groups have decreased this month, no change in Individual contributions as well as our continuous sales of our AA literature.

Central Office is now providing "New Comer Packets" that are selling at \$0.40 each and are available for purchase. *Please* call the central office and place your order and I will have it ready, especially if placing an order of 20+.

I've attended Siouxland Intergroup meeting. I would like to welcome Intergroup *new* officers: Josh M. as Chairperson, Jesse V. as Vice-chairperson, Bill H. as treasurer, and Tom C. as Secretary.

There are many activities that are coming up and they are all available on the website, [www.aasiouxcity.org](http://www.aasiouxcity.org), in the *local events* tab.

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

Thank you to our January 2022 monthly "Faithful Fivers", "Birthday" & "Groups" contributions that make it possible for Siouxland to have a Central Office.

### Groups

Friday 5:30 PM Group  
Hawkeye MWF 10am Grp  
Siouxland Intergroup Mtg  
No Name Group  
One A Day Group  
Spiritual Steps 3 & 11 Grp  
Stockyards Grp Men's Mtg  
Sunrise Attitude Adj Group  
Unity Dinner Fundraiser

### Individuals

faithful fiver's  
Bill H.  
Diane B  
Mike H  
Rod C  
Jim S.  
Tom C.  
Veronica K.  
Pat G.  
Tim L.

### Birthdays

Sandra M.

## Siouxland Intergroup meeting minutes from 20 Jan 2022

The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M. with the serenity prayer and introductions by chairman Jerry K; followed by the Intergroup statement of purpose and the Central Office statement of purpose which was read with 10 members present.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was read by Josh C. A motion to accept the secretary's report as read was made by Tim L. and seconded by Jesse V., with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report was read by Jerry K. We reviewed expenses and profit from 2018 to 2021. We have taken a substantial loss in the years we compared. Overall, we are slowly gaining in profits. Discussed seeking donations with Venmo but concerns of being taxed. Veronica K. will investigate tax regulations with Venmo. A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Jesse V. and seconded by Tim L., with a unanimous vote.

District One Report: Sandra M. read the district report. District voted to give the dances more money. District will hold a Valentine's Day dance. The Tri-State Roundup needs more people register. The Tri-State Roundup will have a hospitality room sponsored by the Monday, Glenn Avenue group and the Friday, Faith united Presbyterian group.

Functions and committees: Discussion of a founders' day event. The 2022 Winter 12 step workshop began Monday, Jan 3rd; for 10 weeks. The back-to-basics step class begins Saturday, Jan 22nd; for 4 weeks. The District 1 Corrections Workshop is Saturday, Feb 5th 2022. The 28th annual Cedar River roundup is Feb 18th – 20th 2022. Club 215 is holding a valentines day dance Saturday, Feb 19th. Additional flyer details are posted on the website.

Old Business: Veronica K. updated meetings on the website.

New Business: The website has 25 – 39 visitors daily. We filed for taxes and paid \$501. The Jan. Unity Dinner brought in \$400, and had 80 people sign in. More people were estimated to be present.

Elections were held. Josh M. was elected as Chairperson, Jesse V. was elected as Vice-chairperson, Bill H. was elected as treasurer, and Tom C. was elected as Secretary. A motion to accept the elections were made by Tim L. and seconded by Jesse V. with a unanimous vote.

Announcements: 14th St. may get a telephone for 12 step calls.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Jesse V. and seconded by Veronica K. The meeting closed at 7:40 PM with I am responsible.

Respectfully submitted.

Josh C., Intergroup Secretary.

## Step Two *“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us sanity”*

...No one ever came into AA on a winning streak, We all come into AA battered and bruised. We have been humbled by life and our drinking. After admitting defeat, we then turn our attention to a power greater than ourselves. This can be a challenge for many of us. I have found that the more I do things that are uncomfortable to me the more I grow...

...This is my experience. At 32 years in recovery, I have spent more times crying on my knees in the past year than any other time. Tears are the purest form of prayer. Life can be harsh and brutal but a reliance on my higher power can help me get through these tough times. Despite this I am blessed. I have wonderful kids that have never seen me take a drink. I have made all my amends. I can look anyone in the eye and not feel ashamed. I understand that serenity is being ok with where I am at. Now I respond to things rather than react to things. I have been blessed with this wonderful program and these beautiful people I have met along the way.

It's a simple program but that doesn't necessarily mean it's an easy program. In all it is a beautiful sober life today.



Toby L.  
Orono, MN

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## **Tradition Two**

*“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”*

....Then who's in charge here? A.A. is a spiritual movement, and so the "ultimate authority" is the spiritual concept of the "Group Conscience." It's voice is heard when a well-informed group gathers to arrive at a decision. The result rests on more than arithmetic, a "YES" and "No" count.. Minority ideas get thoughtful attention. What about that annoying character who's always sure they are right? If they're wrong, then they will—if they remember the First Tradition as well as the Second—go along with the decision of the group conscience..

Does this sound to cloudy? Let's think back to our first meetings. The presence we newcomers felt in those rooms was the same as the group conscience. And it was real-welcoming us in, setting up no barriers of rules...

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# Updates on AA meetings in our District

Please contact Siouxland Intergroup Central Office with any group updates or meeting changes. Help us keep an accurate updated meeting list of both in person and online meetings so the newcomer can find us.

712-252-1333



Fellowship Club

"Native Talking Circle"

has NEW Meeting time:

Tuesday, 7pm

1403 Summit St Sioux City, IA 51103

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP

**BREAKFAST**



POTLUCK

Saturday  
February 5, 2022

8:00am  
Potluck Breakfast

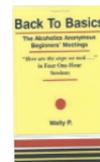
8:30am  
Corrections

Presented by  
Area Corrections chair  
Nate W

Leeds Alano club  
4034 Floyd Blvd  
Sioux City, IA 51108

New AA Steps Class

## BACK TO BASICS



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

EVERYONE!

- |           |               |                          |
|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| SESSION 1 | Jan 22, 2022  | Overview & Step 1        |
| SESSION 2 | Jan 29, 2022  | Steps 2, 3, & Prep for 4 |
| SESSION 3 | Feb. 5, 2022  | Steps 4-9                |
| SESSION 4 | Feb. 12, 2022 | Steps 10-12              |

Saturdays 6:30pm

Mayflower Church  
1407 W. 18th St.

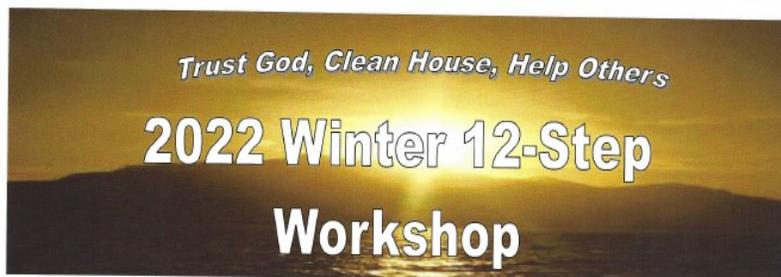
Sioux City, IA 51103

Any Questions feel free to email us:  
[backtobasicssiouxcity@gmail.com](mailto:backtobasicssiouxcity@gmail.com)

# Upcoming Events

## RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE

I am responsible...  
When anyone, anywhere,  
Reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA  
Always to be there.  
For that: I am responsible.



Ring in the New Year and join us in working the 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous;

January 3, 2022 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

The 10-week workshop will meet each Monday at 5:30 PM at the Jay Ave Club House, 2432 Jay Ave., Sioux City, IA.

There will be a 50 person limit and we anticipate a capacity workshop.

Please join us on Facebook at [Step Workshop Vince & Will](#) for updates and to print Step Class Workbook.

ZOOM is available: Meeting ID 826 1997 9549 Passcode 656212.

To register for the class and details for the pre-workshop homework please contact:

Vince M. at 712-259-5134

Or

Will M. at 712-266-6017

Yours in the Fellowship,  
Vince and Will



## Let's Dance!

Saturday February 19

6:30- Pot Luck

Pizza provided

Feel free to bring a side or dessert to share

7:30- Meeting

8:30- Dance

\$5 donation at the door

(No one will be turned away for inability to pay)

Club 215

2432 Jay Ave Sioux City, IA



# 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Sioux City Tri-State Roundup

*"We Are Not A Glum Lot"*

March 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

Meals will be  
on your own



Fellowship  
Saturday Night  
following meeting

Website:  
[www.siouxcitytristateroundup.com](http://www.siouxcitytristateroundup.com)

Email questions to:  
[info@sctristateroundup@gmail.com](mailto:info@sctristateroundup@gmail.com)

Hilton Garden Inn, 1132 Larsen Park, Sioux City, IA 51103

\*\*\*\* No one under 11 yrs will be allowed to attend meetings \*\*\*\*

### SPEAKERS & EVENTS

<b>Fri, March 4:</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Registration and Hospitality</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Deb H. Akron OH- AA</b>
	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Ice Cream Social—Followed by the "Young at Heart AA Meeting"</b>
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	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Sought through Prayer and MEDITATION</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Cynde T. Fort Dodge IA- AA</b>
	<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>Larry J, and Wyman B.-Old Timers Ticketed Call-Up Meeting</b>
	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Nancy S. Topeka KS AL- AFG</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Paul McQ. Rockaway Beach NYC AA</b>
	<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>Followed by Redeye AA Hosted by a local AA meeting</b>
<b>Sun, March 6:</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Hospitality Open</b>
	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Spiritual Meeting – Hosted by local AA Spiritual groups</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mike P. Bellevue NE- AA</b>

Pre-Registrations must be received by February 1, 2022  
Hilton Garden Inn, 1132 Larsen Park, Sioux City, 51103  
Ask for Tri-State Roundup Rate  
Front Desk 1-712-255-4200  
(OVER)

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### ----- SIOUX CITY TRI-STATE ROUNDUP REGISTRATION

Pre-Registration: \$20 ea AA/Al-Anon

At the Door Registration: \$25 AA / Al-Anon

Mail this form and payment to:  
 Sioux City Tri-State Roundup  
 PO Box 1823  
 Sioux City, IA 51102

#### Pre-registrations must be received by Feb 28, 2022

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STREETADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Check One Box

- AA  
 Al-Anon  
 Alateen

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 (STREETADDRESS) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

Check One Box

- AA  
 Al-Anon  
 Alateen

# Registrations at \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ (optional) Help another alcoholic attend by adding \$20 to your payment \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



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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, Dec

**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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