



Groupline

THE SIOUXLAND INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

The Next
Siouxland Intergroup
Meeting will be 7PM
Thursday, December 19, 2024
at the Central Office,
614 Cook St. in Sioux City
Come early and grab a good Seat!

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The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

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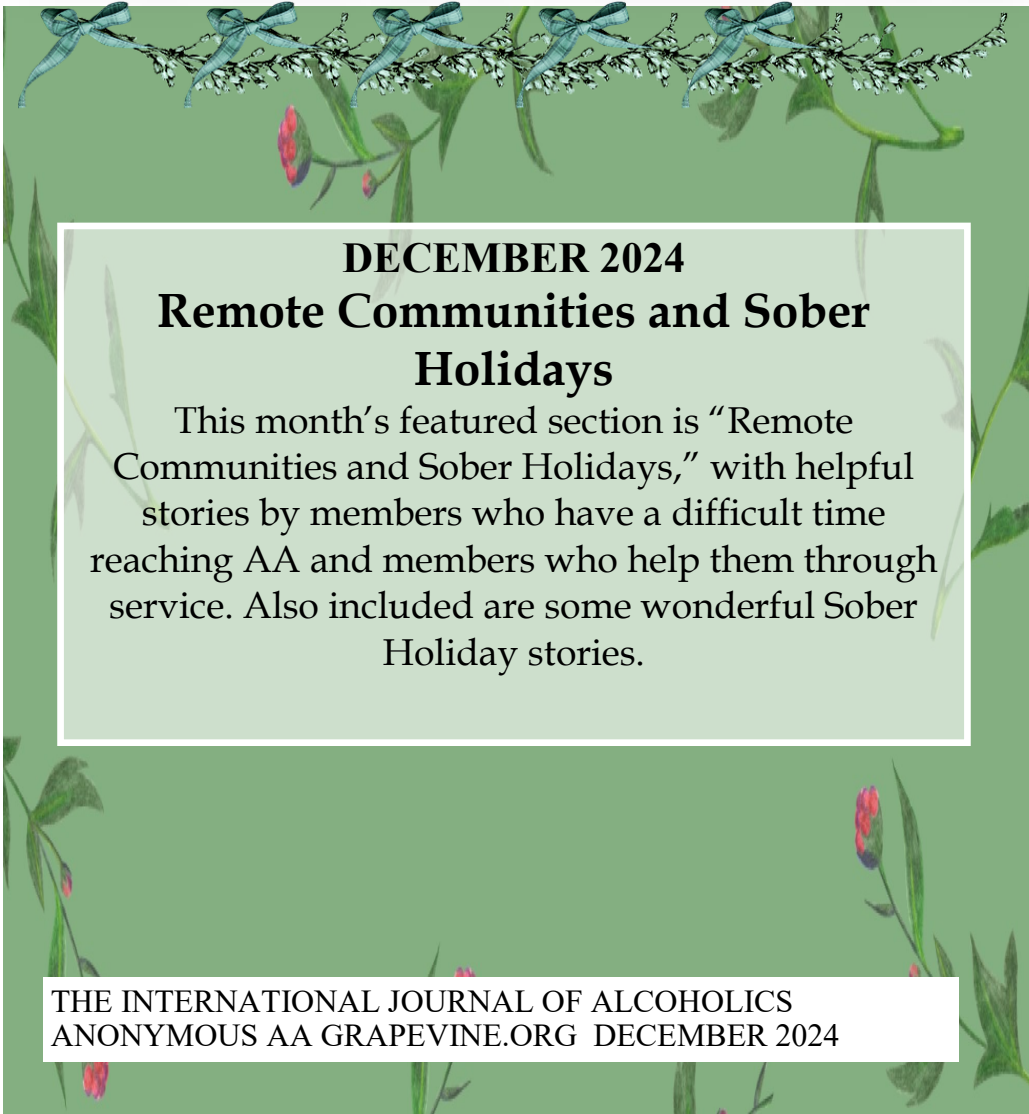


aacentralofficesc@gmail.com

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, December 10, 2024
at Club 215
2432 Jay Ave, in Sioux City



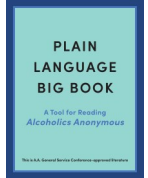
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Remote Communities and Sober Holidays
This month's featured section is "Remote Communities and Sober Holidays," with helpful stories by members who have a difficult time reaching AA and members who help them through service. Also included are some wonderful Sober Holiday stories.

CENTRAL OFFICE HOURS
Sat, Sun, Mon: CLOSED
Tues--Thurs: 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Fri: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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A Short Memo From Siouxland Intergroup Central Office

Hello! This past month the phone continues to ring on average of 10-12 calls per week for available meetings within our District as well outside of our District. Last month Central Office had **20 drop in visitors**: to buy literature, meeting schedules, pamphlets and offer group donations. The website got an average of 43 daily visits this past month (1284 total). Donations were received from 12 AA Groups, Unity Dinner, and 27 Faithful Fiver's. Thank you to those groups and individuals that continue supporting your Intergroup Central Office! Thank you to those who stop in every month, we do have continuous sales of our AA literature from our members including District 2 and Vermillion. We do have the **NEW** book in stock, *Plain Language Big Book*, \$12.



District 1 will be having their annual Christmas party 12/10/24, everyone is invited!

Intergroup's next meeting 12/19/24, and thank you to District 1 for hosting the Unity Dinner, it was a successful event and we had 85-90 attendees. **We are happy to inform the fellowship that we have a Pay Pal giving fund account, search us under charities if you are wanting to make personal donations or go to our website homepage.**



The flyers for activities that are coming up are available on the website, 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!

Siouxland Intergroup Central Office Manager, Veronica K.

Thank you to our November 2024 monthly "Faithful Fivers", "Birthdays" & "Groups" contributions that make it possible for Siouxland to have a Central Office!!!

Groups

Living in The Solution
Loones Near the Dunes
No Name Group
Monthly Siouxland Intergroup
One A Day Group (TH)
Pay Pal
Sunrise Attitude Adj. Zoom
Group
Sunrise Attitude Adj. Group
The How & Why of It
Tuesday 12x12
Unity Dinner
Vast Amount of Fun Group
Wed. Where It All Begins Group

Faithful Fivers

Bill H.
Bob L.
Bob O.
Carol C.
CJ
Dave W.
Dean R.
Diane B
Don C.
Jay M.
Jean P.
Jim M.
Jesse V.
Levi M.
Marianne B.
Mike H.
Paul T.
Ray G.
Rick W.
Rod C.
Ryan M.
Tim L.
Tom C.
Tom S.

Will M.
Veronica K.
Sunrise Attitude Adj Group

Birthdays/ Individual

Anonymous Donation





Siouxland Intergroup Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2024

The meeting was opened by Josh M. at 7 pm with the serenity prayer followed by intergroup statement of purpose and central office statement of purpose with 8 people attending.

Secretary's Report: Was given by Tim L. with no deletions of corrections. Motion to accept was made by Jesse V. and seconded by Jerry K., motion passed.

Treasurer Report. Was tabled until next month.

District Report: Jesse V. gave report of pizza party, was well attended, most positions are filled with a treasurer in mind also someone is interested in the PI/CPC position. Unity dinner went well with 90 people attending and raising 1125.00 dollars. Next meeting will be our District's Christmas Party, December 10th.

Functions and Committees: Loons near the Dunes is thinking about hosting the next unity dinner.

Old business: Still looking for a hotline chairperson, spread the word if interested contact Veronica at Central office.

New business: Plain Language Big Book is now available for purchase at the Central office for 12 dollars. Central printer is starting to act up so Veronica is pricing them out. Motion was made to purchase one for 200 dollars. It was brought up about mailing the newsletter to group's to try to raise attendance at intergroup and district meetings.

Announcements: District 1 is having a Christmas party December 10th; Campout in Boone is 22nd thru 24th; Sponsorship in AA is November 23rd; Back to basics will be starting in December; Le Mars Christmas party and birthday night at Alano club the last Saturday of the month. Fellowship club will be open for Thanksgiving Day. Attitude Adjustment meetings will have the 36th Annual Thanksgiving meeting.

Motion to close was made by Jesse V. and seconded by Levi H., meeting was closed with I am responsible at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tim L.



Step Twelve *“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”*

“The joy of living is the theme of Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.

Our Twelfth Step also says that as a result of practicing all the Steps, we have each found something called a spiritual awakening. He finds himself in possession of a degree of honesty, tolerance, unselfishness, peace of mind, and love of which he had thought himself quite incapable. What he has received is a free gift, and yet usually, at least in some small part, he has made himself ready to receive it.”

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Tradition Twelve *“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”*

“Then came our first few excursions into major publicity, which were breathtaking...Such tributes as these brought opportunities for still more recognition. Other newspapers and magazines wanted AA stories. Film companies wanted to photograph us. Radio, and finally television, besieged us with requests for appearances. What should we do? As this tide offering top public approval swept in, we realized that it could do us incalculable good or great harm. Everything would depend upon how it was channeled. We simply couldn't afford to take the chance of letting self-appointed members present themselves as messiahs representing AA before the whole public. The promoter instinct in us might be our undoing. If even one publicly got drunk, or was lured into using AA's name for his own purposes, the damage might be irreparable. At this altitude (press, radio, films, and television), anonymity-100 percent anonymity-was the only possible answer. Here, principles would have to come before personalities, without exception.

We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard the Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have.”

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2024 Intergroup Board

Board Officers

Chairperson	Josh M.
Co-Chairperson	Jesse V.
Secretary	Tim L.
Treasurer	Bill H.

Board Members / Intergroup Representatives

Jerry K. (Visitor)
 Jesse S. (Men's Stockyard Meeting)
 Levi H. (Sun 10:30am Spiritual Group)
 Brandi S. (Where It All Begins)
 Veronica K (Office Manager)

Your Intergroup board meets every third Thursday at 7pm at the Intergroup Central Office.

The Role of an Intergroup Representative

Serving as an Intergroup Representative offers you a rewarding opportunity to share in Alcoholics Anonymous' Third Legacy—Service.



Here's how it works. The Intergroup Representative is elected by his or her group. (Meetings, by definition, do not have group reps). They then attend the monthly Intergroup Representatives meeting. To this meeting they bring any suggestions, comments, or opinions their group may have. The Intergroup Representative or alternate casts their groups vote on all matters requiring a group conscience.

The purpose of the Intergroup Rep is to be a link in the chain connecting the individual member of an AA group to those who are elected to maintain the operation of Siouland Intergroup. This allows Siouland Intergroup to better serve its members—which is the reason for its existence as provided for in the 9th Tradition which says, "AA, as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."



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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 2017

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 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.**

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.

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



SUNRISE ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT MEETING

Monday—Saturday
6:30am

In the Library at
The Hawkeye Club
420 Jones St
Sioux City, IA
51101

Start you day with an
“Attitude of Gratitude!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

1403 SUMMIT

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

EVERY SUNDAY

\$5.00 SUGGESTED
DONATION

MEETING FOLLOWS @
10:30 AM

Fundraiser for the club

No one turned away – but service work may be asked for
1403 Summit Street
Sioux City, IA 51103

Food Fun and Fellowship



A \$3 donation is suggested.
Main dish is provided please bring a side.

Come celebrate your birthday at
Leeds Birthday Night!!!!



Monthly and yearly chips presented

The last Saturday of every month
5:30pm meeting followed by a Pot luck
Leeds Alano Club 4034 Floyd Blvd
Sioux City, IA 51108

Upcoming Events



DISTRICT 15 CHRISTMAS PARTY December 7, 2024

Rejoice Community Church, Le Mars
5pm: Appetizers, Raffle Entry & Fellowship

5:30pm: Meal

6:30pm: Guest Speaker, Julie S.

Meat & drinks will be provided and the rest of the meal is a potluck.

A-H: Appetizers
I-P: Salads/ Sides
R-Z: Desserts

Questions: Contact Jane (712) 578-9555



NEW OPEN AA MEETING!!!

MAYFLOWER GROUP
7PM ~ Tuesdays

Leeds Alano Club
4034 Floyd Blvd.
Sioux City, IA 51108

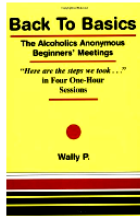
1st Tuesday ~ Step Discussion
Middle Tuesdays ~ Open Topic
Last Tuesday ~ Tradition Discussion
(Coincides with Currant Month)



NEXT SESSION STARTS 12/2/2024



Get "rocketed to the fourth dimension"!!!



END 2024
WITH A
SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING

- 12/2/2024 – Session 1: Overview and Step 1
- 12/9/2024 – Session 2: Steps 2, 3, 4
- 12/16/2024 – Session 3: Steps 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- 12/23/2024 – Session 4: Steps 10, 11, 12

Join us LIVE:

6:30 PM MONDAYS

Club 215

2432 Jay Ave

Sioux City

Bring your "Big Book" and/or your Back To Basics book
Limited copies of Back To Basics will be available for sale
Please review "The Doctor's Opinion" and pages 1-43 of the "Big Book"
before the first session.
Questions? Email us: backtobasicsiouxcity@gmail.com

NEW YEARS EVE NEW YEARS DAY

New Beginnings Bash

Club 215 @ 2432 Jay Ave

TUESDAY DEC 31st 8pm – 1am

Starts with 7:00 AA meeting

Chili, Soup, Pulled Pork Sandwiches provided
TVs(watch games), Board games, cards available

Bring any board games you'd like to play

Please bring snacks, sides, and desserts

WEDNESDAY JAN 1st 12Noon-5PM

(starts after 10:30 Joe & Charlie meeting)

Same menu, TV, games, cards

\$5 suggested donation

Open to all

Please do not walk on grass between parking lot and bldg.

It is private property that does not belong to Club 215

Club 215 - 2432 Jay Ave., Sioux City, IA. 51106

Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

July 3-6, 2025

Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Online registration opens on September 10, 2024.

Check the IC 2025 [webpage](#) for more information about online registration on or after that day.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.

**Let's celebrate sobriety together
in Vancouver in 2025!**



Gratitude of Service Form / Volunteer / Service work

Personal Information – all information is confidential

Today's Date: _____ New Volunteer _____ Information Update _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Email Address _____ Sobriety Date _____

Phone# _____ Birthdate _____

Home Group _____ Other Language _____

Do you have a sponsor? _____

Check All That Apply

- Intergroup Rep (IGR) (discuss with your home group)
- 12 – Step Call (at least one year sober & actively working with sponsor)
- Temporary Sponsor (at least one year sober & actively working with sponsor)
- Hotline Volunteer (at least one year sober & actively working with sponsor)
- Help with Unity Dinner Set-Up/ Clean -Up (Willingness to do service work)
- AA Speaker (at least one year sober & actively working with sponsor)

Weekday Hours Available

Monday _____

Tuesday _____

Wednesday _____

Thursday _____

Friday _____

Weekend Hours Available

Saturday _____

Sunday _____

Notes: _____

Please return this to your home group IGR (Intergroup Rep) or to your Central Office: 614 Cook St, Sioux City, IA 51103

12- Step Volunteer: Be sure to stop in at the Central Office to pick up packet & 12-Step Call Brochure.

Hotline Volunteer: Be sure to stop in at the Central Office to pick up packet that will assist you in your service work.

For every volunteer, Central Office will contact you and do your very best to say yes when you are called.

Siouxland Intergroup Central Office – PH (712) 252-1333 – 614 Cook St. Sioux City, IA 51103



Siouxland Intergroup Central Office

Your support of the Siouxland Intergroup Central Office helps keep the doors open and the phone connected to help save the lives of alcoholics who wish to recover.

Suggested Contribution Plan From GSO:

50-30-10-10

- Central Office *50%**
- District *30%**
- Area 24 *10%**
- GSO *10%**



Siouxland Intergroup Paypal
Giving Fund QR code



www.aasiouxcity.org

Please include your group's ID number with ALL Contributions.

Faithful Fiver's & the Birthday Plan are ways contributions help make our vital services possible.



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.

What is the Birthday Plan?
In grateful celebration of their sobriety birthdays, many A.A. members contribute one dollar or more for each year of sobriety to any or all of our four service entities; the local Intergroup, District, Area, and General Service Office.
Every A.A. service is designed to help carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Your Birthday Plan contributions* help make our vital services possible.

Intergroup Central Office
Mail to: Siouxland Intergroup
P.O. Box 3684
Sioux City, IA 51102
Payable to; Siouxland Intergroup

General Service Office (GSO)
Mail to: The General Service Office
P.O. Box 2407
James A Farley Station New
York, NY 10116-2407
Payable to; General Service Board

Area 24
Mail to: Area 24 T/N
P.O. Box 1291
Des Moines, IA 50301
Payable to; Area 24 Treasury

District 1
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P.O. Box 5246
Sioux City, IA 51102
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