



Intergroup Bulletin



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A Message from Your Area 63 Delegate

I would first of all like to thank the Web Committee and the Sioux Falls Intergroup for allowing me the the privilege of sharing my experience, strength and hope with all of you. I truly believe that it is privilege to serve at any capacity in Alcoholics Anonymous. You know, throughout the years, I have heard many people say what a privilege it is to serve the fellowship. I did not always believe this to be true. In fact for a great many days in sobriety I was pretty selfish and thought that this was "my program" and I just followed others on road trips, conferences etc just because they asked me to. It wasn't until I crossed that invisible line in AA known as becoming a giver versus a taker that I truly understood was service really meant.

I am saddened when I hear people in meetings talk about the wonderful life they have been given in Alcoholics Anonymous and they don't know how they could ever repay the gift. Then when announcements are made asking for someone to volunteer to make coffee or chair a meeting or pick up someone for a meeting or whatever, they just look the other way.

This is how we repay this gift...we give it back by doing for others what has been done for us. I have been taught very well in this program and have received the "gift of desperation" to pretty much do whatever has been asked of me. Not always willingly, but grateful for having had the experience.

I won't go into a laundry list of all my service positions, but they all have taught me much and have allowed me to meet some of the most fantastic people ever. What I will tell you is that service to my fellow man includes thinking of others more than I think of myself. Some of the best moments in service are taking a new gal to her first meeting or first conference or just talking to 3-4 people on the phone each day that are trying to live this way of life. Again, trying to get out of myself enough to care about others-service.

I will close with one of my favorite passages in our literature. On page 124 of the Twelve and Twelve..."service glad rendered, obligations squarely met...we are no longer alone in self constructed prisons." So, the next time someone in the program asks you to be of service....do what works, say "yes." Thank-you.

Estelle G.

Area 63 Delegate

Upcoming Events

April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 5:00pm-6:30pm
Intergroup Web Committee Meeting
Place: Caribou Coffee- S. Minnesota Ave & 28th St.
Get involved in helping build www.siouxfallsaa.org
Come with fresh ideas for YOUR Intergroup Website! Contact Brad S. 605-310-6459

April 15th 8:30-10:30am
Westside AA Pancake Feed
Place: Westside Alano 1509 W. 1st St. Sioux Falls, SD
April 27th-29th Heartland Roundup
At the Regency Lodge 909 S. 107th Ave Omaha, NE 68114 www.heartlandroundup.org

Sioux Falls Area Intergroup meets 5:00pm on Sunday, May 6th, 2007

At Westside Alano, 1509 W. 1st, Street, Sioux Falls, SD. Come and Serve.