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AAversaries!

3 years Carrie E. North Liberty Tuesday and Friday Night Groups

19 years Bret S. Midwest Group Iowa City

CONGRADULATIONS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you want your sobriety birthday features on our future newsletter, there are simple rules: Years only, 1st name, last initial, home group. To iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com by 15th of the month.

If you want to receive this newsletter, send an email to iadistrict13newsletter@gmail.com.

We are not a glum lot.

Why do so many alcoholics get run over?

They are trying to find a middle-of-the-road solution.

The future, the present and the past walked into a bar. Things got a little tense.

AREA 24 AA

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How Did We Get the Responsibility Statement?

The author of the pledge was the late Al S., a former trustee of the General Service Board, who told the story behind the saying at the sixth International Convention in Denver in 1975. "A statement (on Responsibility) was wanted that would be emotionally gripping to AAs without imposing any musts," he recalled. He tried and discarded several approaches before finally arriving at the thought that it should be (a) personal choice and responsibility - "I" instead of "we."

Ten thousand AAs joined hands at the 1965 30th AA Anniversary Toronto Convention where The Responsibility Declaration was formally introduced by Bill W. It states, "I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Since it has been distributed throughout the Fellowship and is reprinted in AA pamphlets and Grapevine.

A Slice of History: The Responsibility Declaration. Originally published in the in the General Service Office AA newsletter, Box 459, Winter 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **District 13 Meeting** will be held Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 2:30 PM at the Area Foundation Bldg. at 704 S Houser Muscatine. We meet the 4th Sunday of the month alternating between Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and 704 S. Houser, Muscatine. All are welcome.

The Iowa City Intergroup meets online on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am. Go to aaiowacity.org for Zoom information.

2023 West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference: March 3, 2023 - March 5, 2023, DoubleTree Omaha Downtown, 1616 Dodge St, Omaha, NE 68102

www.westcentralregion.org

2023 Area 24 Spring Conference: June 9, 2023 - June 11, 2023, Grinnell College, Joe Rosenfeld Center, 1115 8th Avenue, Grinnell, IA 50112. Go to www.aa-iowa.org for flyer.