



Love Through Service

"Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers, depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs."

- Alcoholics Anonymous, P. 20

There is much value when we think of others before ourselves. Serving those around us keeps us plugged into the program, helps us develop a solid support system, and gives a sense of purpose. Service can come in many different forms. One common misconception is if you are not involved in the service structure, then you are not being of service. Service includes talking to another alcoholic, reaching out to a newcomer, writing your number on the phone list, sharing in meetings, chairing meetings and much more. Service not only brings us love, gratitude, and fellowship, but allows us the honor to participate as productive members of our community.

Love and tolerance is our code.

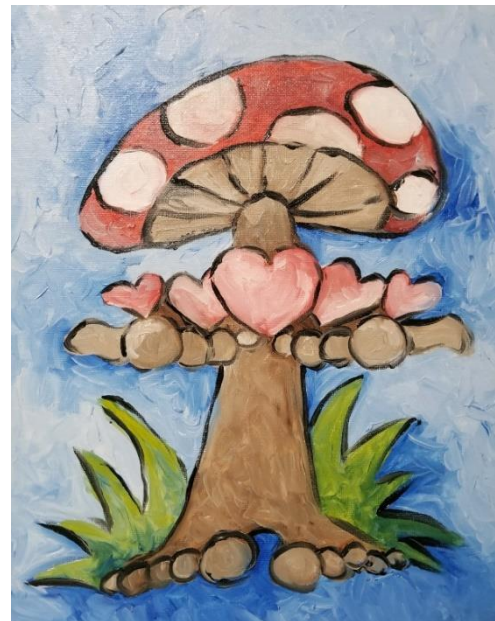
- Rian B.

Love through service means to me being the best person I can be and helping anyone my God puts in my path.

- Jenny R.

Early on I was told to trust God and help others. Sometimes it's sitting with someone new that's scared to share at a meeting. Other times it's just holding the door and smiling when someone walks in. I never know what impact it will have on them, but I know it relieves me, even for moment, of the stress and anxiety of me living in fear. Love conquers fear every time, but we forget. That's why I stick with others that do service work. I need the reminder that when it gets tough I do what they do, so I can have what they have.

- Ben G.



I had never made coffee until I came to A.A. In fact, when I was first asked to make coffee, I thought it was a joke! We all have a particular skill in service; whether it's making coffee in your home group, 12 step work or participating in the service structure.

For myself, it's being involved in the service structure. For right or wrong, I was elected to be the G.S.R. at 6 months sober. I was still in a fog and socially inept. Soon after, I had the opportunity to attend the Regional Forums. I didn't understand a whole lot, but I certainly understood more in that weekend than I had in the past 6 months. I knew that this was for me! I returned and enthusiastically told my home group what I had experienced and learned. I have been blessed to have many more experiences like I did at the Forums. Moreover, I have the opportunity to continue to share what I learn and experience. How amazing is that?!? During my drinking career, I was very selfish and self-seeking. I still can be! However, in doing any type of service work, I am allowed to get out of myself and help another alcoholic. That is just one of the many blessing I experience while participating in service.

- Cheryl M.



August Events



District 14 Business Meeting

8.8 | 1:00-3:00PM

GSRs & Committee Business Discussion

In-Person at 623 Club



2021 Virtual Edition Illinois State Conference

8.27 & 8.28 | TBD

AA Speakers, Special Guests, & Entertainment

Check Area 21 Website, District 14 Website and Facebook page for more details.

Hosted by: SIA 21

In Memoriam

Paul S. of 623 Group

Left this world with 9 years of
Sobriety



District News

- New Meetings:
 - To Any Lengths (formerly Thirsty Thursday Zoom), Thursdays 7PM - Zoom ONLY
- Meeting Updates:
 - W.O.H. 2.0 Sundays 6PM - Hybrid
 - Thirsty Thursday 7PM - In-Person ONLY
 - Trenton Meeting has resumed - Tuesday 6PM
 - OFTG (Drop the Rock) - Cancelled
 - OFTG 3rd Saturday of each month - Speaker, 7PM
 - Waterloo Group Monday & Wednesday has changed locations
- Service Opportunities:
 - District in search of a new CSO Liaison, contact dcm.d14.a21@gmail.com