



## Falling Into Place

*"Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they retaliate."*

- Alcoholics Anonymous, P. 62

*"A.A. put a "we" in my life... I no longer had to be alone. Fellowship and activity kept me coming back..."*

- Alcoholics Anonymous, P. 510

For so long, so many of us felt we could not fit in. We felt alone, different. We used alcohol to give us false confidence and bravado. For many of us, coming to Alcoholics Anonymous was a last resort after burning all our bridges. We thought, how could these people ever understand? But they did. Because their story was ours. They loved us until we could love ourselves. Finally, we found a community where we could feel a part of. Rather it is a butt in a seat, a group's GSR or designated greeter, each one of us has a place in AA. We can find it, but only if we try.

Fitting into place is a God topic for me. When I open myself up to his spirit, all kinds of great things come to pass. The right people arrive at the exact moment I need them, or they need me. When I stay open to that, I find myself able to be led and having experiences and true relationships in the program and the fellowship grows around me.

- Jerry J.

When I came to the rooms of AA, I felt like I had found my home. I finally found my "people". I felt an unspoken bond with my fellow AA's, much like the bond I had with my fellow Soldiers. AA is my home and my family.

- Olivia C.

When I think about "falling in(to) place", there are a few things that come to mind. First off is "Once the Spiritual Malady is overcome, we straighten out mentally and physically". How true that is with this alcoholic, who was spiritually bankrupt when I got here. Once I was able to have even a little bit of willingness, that relationship with my Higher Power was established, it has flourished since and gotten stronger and stronger each day. And following that, of course the mental and physical parts of my life fell in place.

Another thing I think is "The Spiritual Life is not a theory, we have to live it". This to me is practicing the Principles of AA on a daily basis. It could be very easy for me to "rest on my laurels" and not do the little things I do each day to maintain my sobriety, and I know from personal experience that this is a very dangerous thing.

Lastly, "All went well for a time but he failed to enlarge his Spiritual life". I have to work each day trying to help others, remember that I am not that important, and I am an Instrument of God to do his will daily. Life today has fallen into place, and it is more exciting and rewarding than I ever could have imagined!

- Pat C.





## September Events



**Area 21 Assembly**  
9.12 | 9:00-12:30PM

DCMs/GSRs discuss items related to our area

Check Area 21 website for Zoom Information



**Waterloo AA Picnic 2021**  
9.18 | 11:00AM

Food, Fellowship, Speakers - Bring your favorite side dish and lawn chairs!

Konarcik Park, Lakeside Pavilion 138 Sauthoof Dr, Waterloo

## District News

- If You Are Interested:
  - Grapevine App is now on Instagram
  - Deadline to buy tickets for the men's breakfast is 10/10
- Help Please!
  - District in need of co-chairs for Archive & Technology Committee
  - District in need of a Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) chair

## In Memoriam

**Armand W. of King's House**

**Left this world with 45 years of Sobriety**



**Lynette C. a former member of 623 Group**