



## Sponsorship - One Way to Carry the Message

Being a sponsor is one of the most rewarding things I have ever gotten to do. Being able to see someone else experience a psychic change of mind and being able to take them through the steps. It is always exciting to see someone starting to understand Alcoholics Anonymous. Being a part of that journey makes it so much more special.

- Cody H.

I think the most important thing about being a sponsor is knowing that you are still powerless over people, places, and things. I think the most important thing about being a sponsee is to acknowledge that your sponsor has done this before. But, the very most important thing for both is that when difficulties arise, your higher power is the best one to consult with.

- Terri M.

Sponsorship is one of the most invaluable tools of The Program. For today, I get to sponsor and I try to remain grateful for that opportunity.

- Zach B.



Sponsorship, for me, is like continuing education. Each time I'm sponsoring someone new I'm going through the big book and the steps all over again, which keeps me grounded and staying grounded keeps me sober.

- Clint C.

I think it is important to walk through this process with my sponsees the same way my sponsor walked through it with me; shoulder to shoulder, step by step. The reward of watching the light come on in another human being's eyes is priceless, the transformation from hopeless to hopeful. I am blessed to be a part of this.

- Eric O.

The thing that makes a good sponsor is having or being a good sponsee. The most important factor in the sponsor and sponsee relationship is a commitment to meet at a specific time and specific place every week to go through the steps out of ALL the AA literature. Lastly, I trust my sponsor with my life because I gained my relationship with God through him and I hope that the guys I work with have the same experience.

- Chris B.

When I started working with sponsees, sponsorship required that I live the steps not just "go through them." I had a choice to make...either walk the talk or be a hypocrite. And in doing so, I have stayed on a path of continuous growth, which led to a better understanding and connection to my Higher Power: the end game.

- Kelley L.



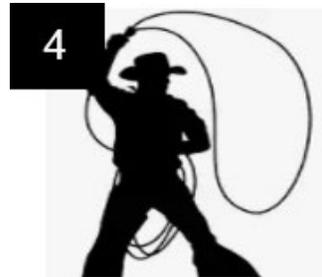
## March Events



**4**  
**West Central Regional AA Service Conference**  
3.4 - 3.6

Service Assembly Workshops

St Louis Park, MN



**4**  
**Great River Roundup**  
3.4 - 3.5

Meetings and Speakers

Grafton, IL



**6**  
**Area 21 Assembly**  
3.6 | 9:00-12:30PM

DCMs/GSRs discuss items related to our area

Decatur, IL or Zoom



**13**  
**District 14 Business Meeting**  
3.13 | 1:00-3:00PM

GSRs & Committee Business Discussion

623 Club  
Belleville, IL



**19**  
**D14 Corrections Workshop**  
3.19 | 12:00-3:00PM

Panels, Speakers, & More

623 Club & Zoom  
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## In Memoriam

**Barbara H.**

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



**Mark K.**

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