

Northwest Debtors Anonymous

What Keeps Members in Our Region Coming Back to DA?



In our member survey at the end of 2015, we asked members throughout our region, "What keeps you coming back to DA?" They responded:

Thanks to DA, money is no longer my Higher Power. I don't want to go back to the life I was living when money was god. A cold, merciless, unfair, self-righteous god. Plus I'm happier as an active DA member than I ever was before.

I have close friends in the fellowship.

Fear of returning to where I was when I got here AND I feel I owe it to newcomers to be there for them like people were there for me.

Poverty and wanting not to debt and not to use a credit card but to be solvent.

People and conversation and structure.

TO maintain my recovery and not debt, the community, support, and fun.

The DA calm and the magic.

Support and Sanity.

I need the support.

Recovery. People. Pain. Fear. Inspiration.

The support of the people in DA, my service commitments, my sponsor and sponsee.

Fellowship, tools, wanting to grow in solvency.

Fellowship.

The gift of recovery, clarity, and concept of HP. Service.

Egalitarianism, friendliness, place where I can get some clarity from listening to others.

Tired of suffering financially; want to feel hopeful about the future.

Staying on track.

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“What keeps you coming back to D.A.?” — continued:

I need and want what I get here. I don't want what I've seen this disease do unchecked.

The promise -- and the growing experience -- of clarity. Clarity about the numbers first, and then more and more about other things like making and keeping commitments, how much energy I can sanely expend, and what it means to care for others and to be cared for by others.

Relief, fellowship, hope for my future.

DA is the most thriving 12-step fellowship in my life today, despite membership in six total S-fellowships. It is the love, support, accountability (from PRG's), endless learning about how to grow up with money, and the examples set by those who are finding a spiritually enlivening way to be with money that keep me coming back. I love DA! I always seem to find room to grow in this program.

I keep messing up...it works when I work it.

DA saved my life and, one day at a time, saves my sanity. I don't ever want to go back to the drama and pain of living in my debting disease.

Balance, learning about myself and how money affects my spiritual life.

Results.

Results. peer support. wisdom. spiritual growth. peace around money. also painful experiences if I don't follow my programme!

Examples of people who inspire me and have what I want, incredible fellowship.

Fellowship and the fact that the 12 steps work.

I know that whenever I let my program slide my life starts to deteriorate pretty fast!

Recovery, fellowship, support.

Being in a group with other people struggling with the same issues around debting.

I need it! I've had miracles; changes in me that weren't occurring whilst working other fellowships.