

The Caterpillar

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I LIKE THE WAY WE THINK!!

Submitted by Marsha R.

We recently attended an AA-Al-Anon meeting in Colorado and one of the workshops was on Grief. Three different people spoke of the gift of taking care of a parent with cancer during their final months. Two were grateful that they had been laid-off from work, allowing them to move back home to nurse their mothers. Only in the program do I hear so many people finding good in so many losses.

One lady told us about nursing her mother with cancer and visiting her father who was in a nursing home because of Alzheimer's. She hated that he didn't know her or his granddaughter. When she went to visit, he saw her coming through the door and with a big smile waved her to a seat beside him. Her hopes were dashed when he began the conversation with a cheery, "So how are your mother and father?" With a heavy heart she told him that her mother was quite ill and that her father 'suffers from a terrible illness that keeps him from recognizing his loved ones or remembering their lives.' Her father looked troubled and fell silent for a moment. Suddenly he laughed and slapped her leg, and said, "Well the good thing is that he doesn't even realize what's happening to him."

We all laughed at this sweet story but I think that God spoke directly to her when her father couldn't. I think God lifted the disguise for just a moment to lovingly show us the blessing.

EVENTS

Conference of Loving Alateens
October 10, 11, 12
McComb, MS

AIS Fundraiser
November 21st
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Spaghetti Dinner \$5.00
6:30 pm
Speakers Susan R Al-Anon
Glenn S. AA
50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

New Day Time & Place
AIS Meetings
Second Wednesday
5:45 pm
AIS Office 9425 Lindale

Notes of Interest

The Monday 12 noon Steps to Serenity at Club 12 continues to study "From Survival to Recovery."

Stepping Stones, District 16 continues to meet Wednesday 8pm at Magnolia Methodist Church.

The Thursday 12 noon Conscious Contact would like more downtown workers to join them (First Methodist Church).

Just for Today Saturday 9:00 am continues at University Methodist Church. We are sorry for omission on one of the schedules.

Praireville AFG (St. John Catholic Church) Saturday 6:30 has reorganized. Can you join them?

Please support all of our Al-Anon Family Groups.

