



*Christine Carpenter*

For Christine, an attorney who served as a judge on the Boone County Adult Drug Court for over 15 years, joining the board is an opportunity to expand her knowledge base about recovery and to find new ways of helping those in need.

“At this point, my hopes for my service are to learn as much as possible about my role as quickly as I can so I can begin to make meaningful contributions. I believe my experience in the criminal justice system, and particularly in Drug Court, will help me to assist both A.A. and the Courts in a better understanding of how we can help those in need in a therapeutic rather than strictly punitive environment.”

Christine first became involved with A.A. nearly 20 years ago, when she started work as a Drug Court judge. “Although I had some idea of the

mission of A.A., I learned more about the Fellowship as I worked with addiction, alcoholism and treatment professionals. My interest in A.A. grew as I got more educated about the difference between treatment and support groups, including the concept of anonymity.”

Invited to attend the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio as a speaker, Christine’s connection with A.A. has continued to deepen.

“A.A. has affected my life by bringing me into contact with people I would probably never have known but for my interest in the role of A.A., first with drug court and then on a larger scale. Without knowing much about how and why it worked, it was very apparent to me that A.A. has been a crucial factor in the recovery process for a large part of our population. It also caused me to reflect on the role of religion, the concept of a higher power, and the loss of spirituality in our society at large.”

A longtime baseball fan, Christine attends major and minor league games as often as she can, is married to another lawyer, and together they have four adult sons. Impressed with how deliberate and thoughtful the process of change is within A.A., Christine looks forward to her new service as a Class A trustee. “I recently read an article about how to maintain health as one grows older,” she notes. “The advice was to continue to enrich your life by expanding your activities, interests and knowledge. With that in mind, I look forward to the next six years of activity and growth with the belief it will be beneficial both to the board and to me personally. ”