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*Dear Secretary: Please read at three consecutive meetings and make a copy for all members. Thank you.*

**Thank you for your dedication** to your own recovery, and those around you. Many of you have been healing for a decade or more. Tenacious adult survivors are truly changing this planet. Children are safer because of our concerted effort. We're talking about what was never spoken *even in private*. We are shouting from the rooftops – "Silence No More! Stop it! Stop it NOW! No child should be abused!"

**Why have I spent almost 31 years** working at Survivors of Incest Anonymous World Service Office? I think that the worse part of being abused, was being alone, *completely* alone. The only person in on the secret was my perpetrator.

**The following story** demonstrates the usefulness of SIA:

*A man swerved to avoid hitting a deer and drove his car into a ditch. His children in the back seat were visibly upset. About that time, a farmer with his horse, Old Dan, came by and saw his dilemma. He said, I'll just hook up Old Dan to your bumper and he'll pull you out."*

*The man was in disbelief but the farmer hooked Old Dan up to the bumper and yelled, "Come on Paul, Bill, Old Dan!" Much to the man's surprise, Old Dan pulled the car out of the ditch.*

*The man said, "Thanks! But why did you call the horse by 3 different names?"*

*The farmer replied, "He never would have done it if he thought he were alone."*

**We really can do together what we cannot do alone.** I believe healing is possible *but not without help*. One woman said that incest is like screaming but hearing no echo. SIA provides that echo, the healing and the support required to get through this recovery process.

**We still need and appreciate your financial support to continue the work we have been for nearly 31 years.** By attending meetings, sharing literature, sharing hope, sending in personal donations, group donations or Intergroup donations, you are contributing to the cause. You are accomplishing our shared mission: to heal and pass that healing on to others. Thank you for all of your efforts in 2011.

**Please send what you can** afford to help us continue to fight. You can send in your check or go to the SIA website: [www.siaenso.org](http://www.siaenso.org)

**Thank you! ALL CONTRIBUTION ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

Be gentle with yourself,

Linda D.  
“A grateful heart sits at a continuous feast.”  
Co-founder/Executive Director