



~The Pikes Peak Pint~

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A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

EDITOR'S NOTE

I love the book "The Language of the Heart". It is full of who Bill is as a person and as a writer. I am so touched by his love of the program and his hope for its future. His words call me to a deeper love of the program. They call me to be a better AA member, a better person. It is kind of hard for me to get into the way Bill writes. It's like trying to live in a time or place other than the one I grew up in and exist in now. It is even harder because Bill's writing is dense. He is a good writer of his time or of anytime. He is intelligent and he writes like it. But it is dense. He says a bunch in a few words. And at least for me I have to read and then re-read even as I sometimes struggle to stay awake.

The book tells me tales I never heard before. Beginning on page 209, dated January 1955, talks of the need for anonymity in AA. Then it tells tales generally of how much and how often anonymity was being broken. So many people gave good reasons for using their name and the name of Alcoholics Anonymous to raise money for AA, or for AA hospitals, or simply earning money or prestige for themselves. One man broke anonymity in a major way in press and other manners to run for an elected office. He wanted to become a judge and proof of AA membership meant that he was as sober as a judge.

WRITE FOR THE PINT!

SUBMISSIONS for The Pikes Peak Pint including all articles, stories, announcements and flyers along with questions, comments and constructive criticism are always welcomed at pint@coloradospringsaa.org.

You will receive a prompt reply and appropriate consideration for publication. Please note that submissions for publication must be made by the 20th of the month prior to the month desired for publication in order to be considered.

Page 108 begins with a plea of "Why can't we join AA, too?" I thought it was going to be a section on how people, all very much non alcoholics, wanted to join AA because they realized what a good program for living AA has become. I am stunned to learn that it is a plaintiff cry to let Bill and Dr. Bob be regular people. They had done so much work to see to it that the AA program was planted and grown in as many places as they were called to. They gave of themselves, their time, their resources, and their relationships that often there was not much too personally live on or good relationships to live with. Dr. Bob and Bill simply wanted to be general, run of the mill AA members. They were founders, they were top speakers. They were greeted specially wherever they went. They were hardly ever, if ever, allowed to walk in a meeting, grab a cup of coffee, and even be ignored if they wanted to be so much like you and I like to be at times. They just wanted to be plain old members. I doubt they ever made it.

Portions of Bill's writing to the Grapevine is reprinted for us to read in pamphlets, other books, and even in the Grapevine. But I'll tell you I have never come across the breadth and depth of Bill's personal hurts and hopes like I found in "The Language of the Heart". I know Bill better. And because of his honesty, I know myself better.

Local Service Office

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SAT.-SUN.-MON: CLOSED

Location: 1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

Contact the Service Office for intergroup information

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

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Sober Book Report

I so very badly wanted to open with, "There I was, France 1865....," however that is a lie so I will stick to the truth. I'm Stormie, and I'm an alcoholic.

I find myself even more excited (if that's even possible) that service has pushed me to get to know our fellowship and co-founder better through the writings of Bill W in Language of the Heart-a book that I assure you was nowhere on my radar, but service consistently provides me a chance to expand my reading collection!

As a newcomer with NO exposure to AA at all, until I was in it, I came in believing in my core that our fellowship and our message were DIVINELY given to Bill to share with the world, buuuuu in my young mind I just kind of thought Bill was a hellacious (2 points for big words) drunk, and on a certain date and time, God had just had enough and poked Bill in his forehead and he became one of the Yoda's of AA. Here we are with Steps, Traditions, and all! (Don't worry, I will keep coming back)! There is high potential that my thought was inaccurate and this book proves it. Bill writes of the coming about of our traditions- especially with the public, his anguish and sorrow, his dreams of the future and of his own battle with depression, which reminds me that Bill was just a man, not a Yoda, and that our fellowship took work!

Now with a few more 24 hours under my belt, I see that our founders were truly mortal, and stumbled their way to a vital way of preserving abstinence despite organizational issues, egos, and the lot. These articles show me, a person involved in a path of spiritual growth that ultimately came to a humble approach that he used to give guidance to our fellowship so we could give the 12 steps to the world.

Bill was a man who was afflicted with alcoholism and by the Grace of God was able to achieve sobriety and learn that just "not drinking" was not enough. He had to continue having the spiritual awakenings this program has to offer in order to thrive and live life "out there in the world," and those we, his alcoholic family, MUST do the same if AA is to survive and spread. For many of our fellowship the struggle doesn't stop at arresting the alcoholism, there is more work to do. We must have a loving Higher Power in our lives because things like depression can take us to the cleaners. This struggle is real in our fellowship and thankfully this book addresses that and the Big Book provide tools and information on how a HP can help tackle it, so our members can continue to thrive.

After reading this book I feel I know Bill from a completely different angle, and I hope some of you as well.

In the end, Bill simply dropped the reins of AA and let it go where God would take it. That decision along with the example of his desire for growth are wonderful legacies given to our family of recovering alcoholics. It reminds me not to fossilize our vibrant and growing fellowship with my restrictions, close minded opinions, and (I know we don't like this word) rules. To keep enlarging my spiritual life to see and enjoy the beauty of our divinely inspired anarchy, which inevitably changes how I operate in my own life.

With every word, Bill's gift to simplify the seemingly complex brings to my attention that MY personal ambitions and desires get to take a back seat for US. His grace and wisdom here, remind me that the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous lives within each of us. I cannot be a keeper of AA; I have to give it away. WE have to give it away. We are the current guardians of our Traditions and way to a new life. Language of the Heart might have only intended to be a central location for all of Bill's Grapevine writings, but to me, it is a Divine example of how we MUST give it away. WE MUST stay in tune with a HP in the steps, in service, in meetings, and connected to each other in body, mind, and spirit in order to keep it alive. And that WE, "need to constantly scrutinize ourselves carefully in order to make everlastingly certain that we shall always be strong enough and single-purposed enough from within to relate ourselves RIGHTLY to the world. Hence when we AA's look to the future, we must be asking ourselves if the spirit which now binds us together in our common cause is stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. So long as the positive forces are greater, we cannot fail!"

Funny that a book I didn't even mean to read, has become essential reading to me. So to indirectly quote the Big Book, I close with a suggestion only, "read this book.....also!"

Stormie

In the month of January the Service Office
received 6 Grateful Giver contributions &
3 personal contributions!!



*Hence I cannot be silent, ~ ~
and indeed I ought not to be, ~ ~
about the many blessings ~ ~
and the great grace which the Lord
has deigned to bestow upon me. ~ ~*

SAINT PATRICK



"A Blessing"

Thirsty, I'm thirsty!

I used to cry out.

Until the cops caught me
in a black out.

It says that it's

jails, institutions or death,

I knew I was busted

when I blew them my breath.

A blessing this was,
that D.W.I.

It brought me to door steps
of others gone by.

They said it's a nudge,
a nudge from the judge

that signed piece of paper
that sooner or later

the judge would indeed see,
that I got AA and AA got to me.

The End

Leslie T. Colorado Springs, CO

20 Years Sobriety March, 2014

Concept 3: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. — the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives — with a traditional “Right of Decision.”



Step 3:

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition 3:

The only requirement for A. A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

Tradition Three

- 1) In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- 2) Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- 3) Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- 4) Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- 5) Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, and ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
- 6) When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

MEETINGS ADDITIONS – DELETIONS – CHANGES

Walk the Talk CANCELED (open, handicap access) Discussion on Tuesday at 11:00 p.m., 5635 N. Academy Blvd.

Walk the Talk CHANGE (open, handicap access, interpreter present for the deaf and hearing impaired) on Friday at 6:00 a.m at Sunrise Sobriety, 5635 N. Academy Blvd to (open, handicap access, no interpreter) on Friday at 6:00 a.m. at Sunrise Sobriety, 5635 N. Academy Blvd.

Grupo Amor y Servicio ADDED (Espanola) on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at 1715 Monterey Rd., Suite 215.

AA History Meeting CHANGE (open, handicap access) on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., 308 S. 8th Street, Suite I to (open, handicap access) on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., 309 S. Hancock Ave., West side of Memorial Park.

The First 164 Pages – Big Book Study CHANGE (open, handicap access) on Thursday at 7:00 p.m., 308 South 8th Street, Suite I to (open, handicap access) on Thursday at 7:00 p.m., 309 S. Hancock Ave., West side of Memorial Park.

~ MARCH BIRTHDAY MILESTONES ~

HAPPY HOUR		NEW WOMAN GROUP	
Brenda H.	18 yrs.	Barbara S	27 yrs.
Marc P.	1 yr.	Noell M.	22 yrs.
Mona C.	23 yrs.	Michelle C.	9 yrs.
SOLUTIONS AT NOON		Jennie C.	28 yr.
Beverly J.	38 yrs.	Kitti	3 yrs.
Ralph R.	23 yrs.	FRIDAY WOMEN'S	
Jeanne W.	6 yrs.	Diane G.	34 yrs.
Leslie M.	4 yrs.	Mona C.	23 yrs.
LaDanna A.	1 yr.	FEB = 292 YRS	
STEEL MAGNOLIAS			
Lisa F.	17 yrs.		
Mary	15 yrs.		



2014 Colorado AA Corrections Conference
 "Freedom is a State of Mind"
 April 11-13, 2014
 Antler's Hilton, Colorado Springs
 Speaker: Danny Brown from Texas
 Listen to how lives have changed as a result of AA volunteers bringing meetings into jails and prisons. Conference registration is \$15.00. Want to be a part of this change?

**Need something to do? Want to get involved with your group? Looking for a Service Opportunity?
 Then gather your group's milestone birthdays and speaker line-ups and send them in to the Pint!**



NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING



The Purpose of Nightwatch
TRADITION FIVE
Each Group Has But One Primary Purpose- To Carry Its Message To The Alcoholic Who Still Suffers

NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING
The 1st Tuesday Of Every Month At 7PM,
We Meet At Sacred Heart Parish
2021 West Pikes Peak Ave
Room 10 *upstairs*
(corner of 21st street and Pikes Peak)



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THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS ARE 6 MONTHS CONTINUOUS
SOBRIETY AND A 1 YEAR COMMITMENT OF SERVICE

• COMMITTEE INFORMATION •

Public Information:

Committee Meeting: 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m., 1st floor Penrose Main Hospital, 2222 N. Nevada in Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room.

Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m., 2nd Sunday of the month at the Downtown Group, 210 N. Corona St.

District 7:

Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month at 420 N. Nevada, First United Methodist Church Room 135 (Boulder St. Access)

Treatment:

Committee Meeting: 12-1 pm, 2nd Saturday of the month, at Penrose Hospital Volunteer Conference Room, 2222 N. Nevada.

Nightwatch:

Night Owls Committee Meetings: 7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of the month at Sacred Heart Parish, 21st and Pikes Peak Room 10 - Following the New Beginners meeting.

Archives:

Archive Committee Meetings: 6:00 p.m., 1st Monday of the month at Sacred Heart Parish, 21st and Pikes Peak Room 10.

Special Needs:

Committee Meetings: 1:00 p.m., last Saturday of the month at 309 S. Hancock Ave.

**For more committee information including
intergroup committees please go to
coloradospringsaa.org**

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

~ AREA SERVICE OFFICE ~

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1353 South 8th St., Suite 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

(Include group name and number on check)

~ GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE ~

P.O. Box 459 - Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

(Include group name and number on check)

~ AREA 10 ~

Area 10 Treasurer
12081 West Alameda Parkway #418
Lakewood, CO 80228

(Include group name, number and District 7 on check)

~ DISTRICT 7 ~

District 7
P.O. Box 26252

Colorado Springs, CO 80936

(Include group name, number and district 7 on check)

~ PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS ~

Pink Can Contributions
P.O. Box 40368
Denver, CO 80204

(Make checks payable to Area 10 Corrections Committee)
(Include group name and number on check)

• CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •

**And we have ceased fighting anything or
anyone--even alcohol. For by this time
sanity will have returned. We will seldom
be interested in liquor. If tempted, we
recoil
from it as from a hot flame.** (BB pg 84)

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GROUP NAME (2013-2014)	Fiscal Yr. to date	January	GROUP NAME (2013-2014)	Fiscal Yr. to date	January
Above the Bar Group	\$222.35	\$110.85	New Woman	\$679.25	\$148.72
Apex	\$235.13	\$55.00	Northwesters	\$450.00	\$150.00
Back to Basics	\$173.06		Oasis Group	\$150.00	
Beacon Light Group	\$150.00		Off The Wall	\$185.59	
Big Book Action	\$392.28	\$192.28	Old North End Study Group	\$105.50	\$42.35
Big Book Study UPH	\$301.00	\$250.00	Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$0.00	
Black Forest	\$390.03	\$50.00	Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$175.00	
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Progress Not Perfection	\$363.53	\$43.50
Brown Baggers	\$150.00		Recovery in Action	\$544.16	\$157.51
Central	\$69.46		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$224.40	
Clean Air Group	\$253.45		Security Eye Opener	\$84.72	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$577.42		Serenity Hour	\$347.00	\$75.00
Down By The Creek	\$0.00		Serenity Riders	\$436.89	\$234.79
Downtown Group	\$3,351.30	\$438.33	Serenity Sisters	\$263.85	
Drylander's Group	\$54.00		Solutions at Noon	\$376.50	\$51.50
Easy Does It	\$268.50	\$268.50	Sought Through Prayer & Meditation	\$74.00	
Ellicott Group	\$201.00		Steel Magnolias	\$277.96	
Eye Opener	\$0.00		Stepping Stones	\$310.65	
First Forty	\$35.00		Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,061.28	
Foxhall Group	\$113.25		Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Friday Night Live	\$350.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$518.50	
Friday Women's Group	\$540.16	\$100.00	Taking Steps	\$41.25	
Good Ole Boys	\$100.00		The Doctor's Opinion	\$100.00	
H.O.W.	\$221.44	\$121.48	The Garage Meeting	\$42.76	
Happy Destiny	\$353.01		The Sober Jokers	\$200.00	
Happy Heathens	\$454.50	\$157.50	Then and Now	\$246.06	
Happy Hour	\$120.00		Thursday Mens	\$800.00	\$300.00
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$298.00		Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
High Noon	\$257.00	\$25.00	Turning Point	\$120.00	
Into Action	\$480.00		Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$165.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$75.00		Veterans for AA	\$50.00	\$50.00
Lake George Group	\$215.00		Walk the Talk	\$4,953.71	\$340.00
Little Log Church Group	\$100.00		Walking on Water	\$100.00	
Living Free	\$138.85		We Are Not Saints	\$966.71	
Living Sober	\$0.00		Westside Eye Opener	\$0.00	
Living Sober South	\$215.68	\$17.00	Women of Grace	\$314.68	
M.A.G.	\$489.36	\$49.00	Woodland Park Beginners	\$56.59	
Meditation Group	\$50.00		Woodland Park Book Study	\$529.60	
Natural High	\$57.00	\$57.00	Woodland Park Women's Step Study	\$138.00	
New Beginners	\$687.50	\$175.00	Young People	\$1,230.56	\$277.36
New Woman	\$679.25	\$148.72	Totals:	\$28,923.43	\$3,937.67

2014 Corrections Conference – Colorado Springs

Our agenda at this conference includes a panel of directors from correctional facilities and correctional programs across the state of Colorado.

You will have the opportunity to listen to some amazing and inspirational stories from members of Alcoholics Anonymous who directly benefited from volunteers who carried the AA message to them behind the walls.

You will be invited to take part in round table discussions specific to service opportunities within corrections.

D.O.C. Training Available!

1. Download the DOC volunteer application at www.doc.state.co.us/becoming-cdoc-volunteer
2. Mail the completed volunteer application form to:
Colorado Dept. of Corrections
c/o Darlene Kinsel
2862 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
3. Register for training by calling Darlene Kinsel at 719-226-4482

*When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.*

Location Information:

Antlers Hilton
4 S. Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO
719-955-5600 ext: 409

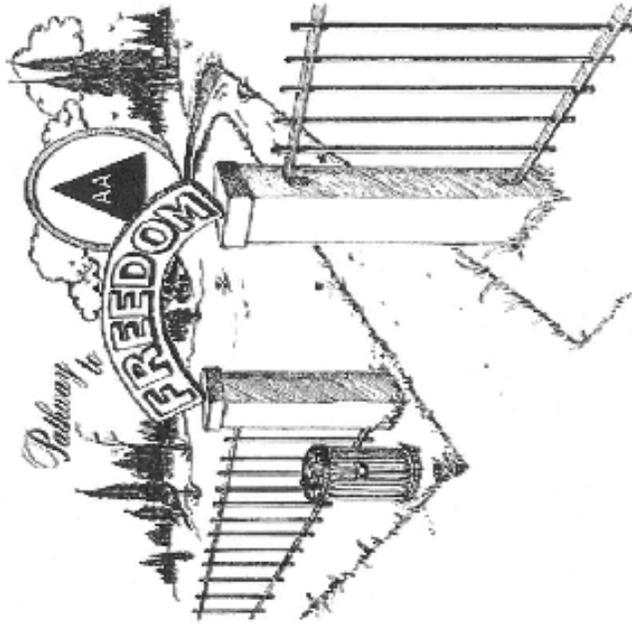
Lodging:

Rooms are available at a discounted group rate of:
\$99.00 per night

Mention Corrections Conference to get this group rate

Located in the heart of downtown Colorado Springs, the Antlers Hilton features a full service restaurant, a health club, and an indoor pool & whirlpool with beautiful views of Pikes Peak.

Questions? Please email: corrections@coloradoaa.org



Freedom is a State of Mind...

Your 2014 Area 10 Corrections Conference

April 11-13, 2014

The Antlers Hilton - Colorado Springs

Register Today!

Checks can be made payable to: Area 10 Corrections Conference

Registration fee: \$15.00

To register, please fill out this form and return it along with a check to:
2014 Area 10 Corrections Conference, PO Box 40368 Denver, CO 80204

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name you would like on your badge: _____

I am attending the Dessert Social: Yes/No

Donation: _____ Total enclosed: _____

CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE HOSPITALITY SITE SIGNUP SHEET - APRIL 11-13, 2014

Group	Contact Name	Contact Phone #	Time Slot
			Friday, 4-11-2014 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
			Friday, 4-11-2014 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
			Friday, 4-11-2014 8PM-10PM
			Saturday, 4-12-2014 8AM-9AM
			Saturday, 4-12-2014 9AM-12PM
			Saturday, 4-12-2014 12PM-1PM
			Saturday, 4-12-2014 1PM-4PM
			Saturday, 4-12-2014 8PM-10PM
			Sunday, 4-13-2014 8AM-10AM

Members of your group can hang out in the Hospitality Suite and provide, snacks, cookies, candy, donuts, juice, sodas, food, drinks, etc.

*****For more information contact: Justin H.**

corrections@coloradospringsaa.org

MARCH PUZZLER

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suffer	may refuse
alcoholism	none
WORDS	
third step	wish to recover
made	depend
decision	money
turn our will	conformity
our lives	gathered
the care	together
god	sobriety
understood	aa group
third tradition	provided
requirement	no other
aa membership	affiliation
desire	primary
stop drinking	purpose
language	stay sober
heart	help
long form	others
include	achieve





CCYPAA

MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2014

COMPLETE THIS FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT TO
 CCYPAA PO BOX 61013 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80960

NAME: _____ NAME ON BADGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SOBRIETY DATE: / / GENDER _____

MEMBER OF: AA ALANON ALATEEN

SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

PRE-REGISTRATION- MAIL \$25 CHECK PAYABLE TO CCYPAA
 OR PAYPAL: CCYPAA2014@GMAIL.COM

- FEAR FACTOR**

- POOL PARTY**

- WATER BALLOON FIGHT**

- SPEAKER MEETINGS**

- PANELS**

HOTEL ELEGANTE
 2886 S CIRCLE DR
 COLORADO SPRINGS
 719-576-5900

\$99 per night

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