



The Pikes Peak Pint is a monthly AA-oriented newsletter proudly serving Colorado Springs and its surrounding communities.

# Pikes Peak Pint

## March 2012



### AREA MEETING CHANGES, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS

- **EYE OPENER GROUP** (open) that meets Saturdays at 7 a.m. is **NOW A LIVING SOBER LITERATURE STUDY** at 809 N. Circle, enter through back door downstairs.
- **BEYOND BELIEF** (open, handicap access) Discussion, is a new meeting that gathers Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 1769 S. 8th St. Bldg P, Clean Slate Meeting Place.
- **CENTRAL GROUP** (open, handicap access), that meets Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at 2011 E. La Salle (located in the Park Plaza bldg. at DePaul and LaSalle). **IS CANCELLED.**
- **EASY DOES IT GROUP** (open, handicap access) that meets Sundays at 2 p.m. **CHANGED ITS NAME** to **"HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE"**, 3047 Jet Wing Drive (behind Mission Trace at Hancock & Academy).
- **NEW THURSDAY NIGHT MEETING** at 6 p.m. (Open, Big Book study)) at First United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave. Room #135, (enter through doors off Boulder St., head upstairs, on left).
- **NEW RED CLOUD WOMEN'S MEETING** (open) meets Sundays at 4 p.m. at 10400 Ute Pass Ave. Green Mountain Falls CO.(across from pond), Red Cloud Serenity Club.
- **PENROSE STEP STUDY**(open,handicap access) is a **NEW MEETING** that gathers Mondays at 6 p.m. at Penrose Hospital, ground floor, main lobby conference room A. 2222 N. Nevada Ave.
- **STAGES GROUP** (closed) is a **NEW MEETING** that gathers Saturdays at 5 p.m. at Hearth Stone Inn B&B, Parking in rear.514 N. Cascade @ St. Vrain



## Help Wanted

The Teller County Jail is in need of male volunteers to take meetings to the jail. The meetings are on every Tuesday night from 7 to 8 p.m. Currently, we only have one full-time and two part-time male volunteers. As a result, there are Tuesday's during the months where there are no volunteers available and the inmates do not get a meeting. There are often 4-8 inmates who attend meetings. The requirements are as follows:

- No recent felonies/misdemeanors
- No active warrants
- "Off paper" for one year
- Prefer one year of sobriety
- An application and background check is required
- New volunteers will "shadow" a current volunteer until they are comfortable with taking meetings to the jail themselves

If you are interested, contact Garry J. at 719-687-4558 or [duke526@centurylink.net](mailto:duke526@centurylink.net)

*The Grapevine online, [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org), started a new feature asking readers to suggest the caption for cartoons. What Caption would you suggest?*

### LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

Hours: T-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
SAT 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Location: 1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905  
719-573-5020  
E-mail: [serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org)  
Web site: [www.coloradospringsaa.org](http://www.coloradospringsaa.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Longtimers Dinner**  
**Saturday, April 21**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Chapel Hills Church**  
**2025 Parliament Drive**

## DISTRICT COMMITTEES

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## CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES\*

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AREA SERVICE OFFICE  
Make check or money order payable to:  
Area Service Office  
Include Group Name and Number on check.

Send to:  
Colorado Springs Area Service Office (CSASO)  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
Make check or money order payable to: General Fund  
Include Group Name and Number on check.

Send to:  
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PO Box 459, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

AREA 10  
Make check or money order payable to: Area 10  
Include Group Name, Number, and District #7 on check.

Send to:  
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Lakewood, CO 80228

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Include Group Name, Number, and District # on check.

Send to:  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80936-6252

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Make check or money order payable to:  
Area 10 Corrections Committee  
Include Group Name and Number on check.

Send to:  
Pink Can Contribution  
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Carbondale, CO 81623

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Please e-mail sobriety anniversaries,  
announcements, letters to the editor, and e-mail  
subscription requests to the Pikes Peak Pint before the  
20th of each month!  
pint@coloradospringsaa.org

# Thank you!

*Your Area Service Office and  
Intergroup would like you to know how much  
we appreciate your personal contributions!*

In the month of January

we received

**4 Grateful Giver contributions,**

**4 Birthday contributions &**

**1 Personal contribution!**

**We Appreciate You!**

# AA Twelve Step Service Opportunity!

## Gathering of Nightwatch Volunteers

Bring a desert to share and a desire to stay sober!

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Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we sought to practice these principles in all our affairs and  
**CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE STILL SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC!**

- Date** • Tuesday, March 6th
- Location** • The Peer  
308 – I South 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- Time** • 7:00 p.m.
- Contact** • John B. for more info 719-233-6064

If you have 6 months or more of continuous sobriety and are wondering how and where you can do service work, then  
*THIS MEETING IS FOR YOU!*

You're invited to celebrate

**The Area Service Office's 30<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

Thursday, April 19, 2012  
1353 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Munchies and Drinks  
10% Discount on Literature this day only!

**"The Joy of Living"  
Annual Longtimers Dinner  
Saturday April 21st 2012  
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Chapel Hills Church**  
2025 Parliament Drive  
Colorado Springs CO 80920

I-26 Exit North Academy  
East on Jamboree at  
Chapel Hills Mall

**Dinner Buffet**  
2 Entrees, Salads, Vegetables, Rolls and Dessert

**Speaker Meeting**

**Sobriety Count-Down**

**\* \$10.00 per person**

For more information contact  
Jan 686-1244 or Betty 633-2534

\* Complimentary Dinner for Longtimers (18 Years or more)  
If you have eighteen years or more sobriety and have not registered  
please call the Service Office @ 573-5020

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS - THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!!

GROUP NAME (2011-2012)	Yr. to date	January
Above The Bar Group	\$0.00	
Apex	\$439.05	\$100.00
At The Inn	\$0.00	
Back to Basics	\$384.14	
Beacon Light	\$0.00	
Big Book Action	\$315.08	
Big Book Study UPH	\$443.51	
Black Forest	\$254.91	
Breath of Life	\$0.00	
Broadmoor	\$50.00	
Brown Baggers	\$150.00	
Celebrating Diversity	\$0.00	
Central	\$10.00	
Clean Air Group	\$97.00	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$291.00	
Down By The Creek	\$45.00	
Downtown Group	\$719.48	\$279.99
Drylander's Group	\$111.11	
Easy Does It	\$225.00	
Ellicott Group	\$235.00	
Eye Opener	\$0.00	
1515 Meditation Group	\$89.42	
1st 164 Pages	\$0.00	
4th Dimension	\$0.00	
Far North Group	\$0.00	
Fountain of Sobriety	\$0.00	
Foxhall Group	\$210.88	
Freedom From Bondage	\$0.00	
Friday Night Live	\$300.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$673.11	
Gals of Woodland Park	\$0.00	
Garage Meeting	\$260.00	
Gift of the Heart	\$0.00	
Good Ole Boys	\$450.00	\$300.00
Half Pint Group	\$117.00	
Happy Destiny	\$516.80	\$99.82
Happy Heathens	\$0.00	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$100.00	
Happy Hour	\$207.75	
Hilltop AA Meeting	\$0.00	
High Noon	\$236.00	\$38.00
H.O.W.	\$147.47	\$52.78
Hugo Group	\$0.00	
Into Action	\$450.00	\$60.00
Keep it Simple	\$0.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$200.00	
Lake George Group	\$90.00	
Last Chance	\$0.00	
Little Log Group	\$0.00	
Living Free	\$360.05	\$129.00
Living Sober	\$125.00	
Living Sober South	\$210.62	\$16.00

M.A.G.	\$685.90	\$243.20
Motherlode	\$0.00	
Natural High	\$125.00	\$125.00
New Beginners	\$396.63	
New Woman	\$914.36	\$133.32
Noon Meetings @ Clean Slate	\$137.01	
Northwesters	\$660.00	\$150.00
Not A Glum Lot	\$150.00	
Oasis Group	\$285.70	\$9.59
Off The Wall	\$161.83	
Old North End Study Group	\$359.25	\$227.75
Outright Mental Defectives	\$0.00	
Pass It On	\$0.00	
Passed The Bar	\$0.00	
Pathfinders	\$0.00	
Penrose Discussion	\$14.54	\$14.54
Plug in the Jug	\$200.00	
Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$514.00	\$214.00
Progress Not Perfection	\$482.18	\$43.85
Recovery in Action	\$197.27	
Rule #62	\$0.00	
Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$661.64	\$105.00
Security Eye Opener	\$73.49	
Serenity Hour	\$300.00	\$50.00
Serenity Riders	\$553.78	\$91.65
Serenity Sisters	\$571.30	\$211.74
Silver Key Seniors	\$95.00	
Solutions at Noon	\$392.62	
Steel Magnolias	\$242.32	
Stepping Stones	\$0.00	
Sunday Morning Speaker	\$900.00	
Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$190.00	
Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$251.35	\$145.00
Taking Steps	\$679.50	
The Doctor's Opinion	\$0.00	
Then and Now	\$238.00	
Thursday Mens	\$1,050.00	
Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
12@12 Group	\$32.67	
Ute Pass Breakfast	\$0.00	
Veterans for AA	\$200.00	
Walk the Talk	\$2,767.00	\$300.00
Walking on Water	\$300.00	\$100.00
We Are Not Saints	\$1,112.14	\$241.11
Wed. Westside Womens	\$251.91	\$55.00
Westside Eye Opener	\$401.37	
Womens Step Study-WP	\$0.00	
Woodland Park Beginners	\$120.00	
Woodland Park Book Study	\$190.00	
Young People	\$1,450.82	\$292.00
Totals:	\$26,922.96	\$3,828.34

*Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.*

# 3

*Tradition 3: The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

*Concept 2: 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."*

## **Last month's winning caption from global fellowship**



*"How long do you think it will be before he notices I've remarried?"*

**—Patty B., Lumberton, N.J.**

## **It Only Takes Two**

*When the meeting doesn't happen, two AAs are able to share their experience, strength and hope at a local diner*

**A**s a member of the Armed Forces I have had many opportunities during my career to face my fears out of necessity, deal with them and accomplish my duties with little regard for my own safety. However, dealing with the fact that I am an alcoholic and doing something about it shook me to my core. After nearly nine months of sobriety, and attending meetings of my home group, they have become just a part of my day—and maybe the best part. Due to my work, I am required to travel often, and until recently, I always chose to avoid attending meetings out of town for fear of seeing someone I know. That all ended in a way I least expected.

During my last trip, I planned in detail how and where I would attend a meeting. I worked with my sponsor, found a meeting that was less than four miles from my hotel and at a time that was perfect for my schedule.

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I left my hotel 30 minutes before the start of the meeting even though it took less than five minutes to drive there. I probably could have walked and still been early!

I arrived at the location and began looking for the signature signs that a meeting was about to begin: I looked for smokers hanging out in front of the entrance. While there were plenty of cars in the parking lot, no one was outside. I went into the building and heard voices in a back room, but the conversation did not sound like what you hear at the start of a meeting. I peeked into a room where a handful of folks were talking but it didn't look like a meeting.

I continued my search for another room hoping to find the right group and came up empty. I returned to first group and asked if an AA meeting was scheduled—something I would have never done months prior. I just told a stranger that I was an alcoholic! To my surprise, he kindly answered that the group had not met for over two months at this location and apologized to me. I thanked him and walked out the door quite proud of myself for having the courage to even ask the question.

As I walked to my car, I noticed another car pull up

and a young guy popped out and asked me if there was a meeting here. I told him no and continued to walk to my car. I don't really know what happened, or more importantly why it happened, but a force urged me to turn around and go back to talk to this guy. I yelled at the guy to hang on and quickly walked to his car. I asked him his name and if he was in the program. He introduced himself and said yes. Surprising even myself, I asked him if he would like to go to a nearby coffee shop

for a cup of coffee and to talk, one alcoholic to another. He said he had to be back home in an hour but would like to get some coffee anyway. I told him to just give me 30 minutes, I'd buy the coffee and we could part ways.

Once there, we got our coffee and began to talk in a corner booth out of earshot of the other customers. I shared my story and began to feel at ease with him, as alcoholics normally do when with "friends." He then told me that he was in the program because he had received a DUI and attended meetings because of a court order. He also said that he rarely went to the same meeting twice. As he contin-

ued to talk, I got the feeling he was sincere about his sobriety but was scared of fully committing himself to the program. It sounded awfully familiar.

I shared with him my similar fears and how I am overcoming them. This seemed to open another door. He began to tell me all of his story and why he wanted to be sober. He told me he was a father and worried about jeopardizing his kids' future. I felt like I was staring in a mirror. The 30 minutes ended quickly and I told him I'd get

the check. He replied that he was fine staying longer and so, on we talked.

He shared with me that he hadn't found a home group and never shared at meetings. He also told me that he didn't have a sponsor. Sharing my personal experience with my home group and the value of having one got his interest. I also told him that the only person who really judges what you say at a meeting is yourself. The fact that I actually shared at meetings made me feel more comfortable being a part of the group. He also mentioned that he hadn't chosen a sponsor for fear of getting the wrong one. Once I told him that he could actually change

sponsors he began asking how to select one. Before I knew it, the hour was up and we walked out of the coffee shop.

He thanked me for spending time with him and told me that he had never talked about any of this before. He then said that the hour we spent together was the best meeting he had ever been to. In my heart, I knew that this had been my best meeting as well.

My Higher Power showed me that night that my journey in sobriety is chock-full of tiny miracles along the way. At the time, I didn't understand what made me ask the questions I asked or take the actions I took. What made me turn around in a strange parking lot, in a strange town, to ask a stranger to have a cup of coffee? It wasn't until my drive back to the hotel that it hit me square in the forehead. God did that! I was willing to give myself completely to him and he showed me what lies ahead. Nine months ago I would have never imagined that I would have a meeting with a complete stranger and feel so at peace with myself. The power of one alcoholic talking with another alcoholic was never so obvious to me. That is the miracle.

—Scott K., San Antonio, Texas  
*Grapevine*

## STEP UP INTO SERVICE!

CPC/PI COMMITTEES WANT YOU!



Both committees are very busy and always have opportunities for service! Please go to either of their monthly meetings to get involved!

Cooperation with the Professional Community meets the first Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at 7 E. Bijou. Public Information meets the 1st Saturday - 2 p.m. - Penrose Main, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room

The following Service Positions are currently OPEN and NEED to be filled! Please contact the Service Office or come to the next Intergroup Meeting Tuesday November 9th to learn how you can become involved!

Co - DCM (District Committee Member)  
Public Information Committee - Vice Chairperson

NIGHTWATCH has OPEN POSITIONS!!!

Contact John B. at [nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org)

The TREATMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS volunteers!  
Contact Michael at [treatment@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:treatment@coloradospringsaa.org)

To submit your group's sober birthdays to The Pint, please e-mail a list of names and the amount of years each person has to: [PINT@COLORADO-SPRINGSAA.ORG](mailto:PINT@COLORADO-SPRINGSAA.ORG).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Steel Magnolias	
Jill R.	3 years
Lisa F.	15 years
Walk the Talk	
MJ	1 year
Diane	32 years
Willy G.	8 yrs.
Terry	1 year
Laura R.	5 years
Jennifer C.	1 year
Cheryl G.	6 years
John F.	31 years
Ellicott Group	
Bard B.	28 years
George S.	8 years

Happy Hour	
Mona C.	21 years
Willy C.	8 years
Friday Womens	
Diane G.	32 years
Mona C.	21 years
Tuesday New Woman	
Barbara S.	25 years
Noell M.	20 years
Michelle C.	7 years
Bea P.	24 years
Lucy L.	5 years
Tasha R.	1 year
Kitti	1 year



## AA AT A GLANCE ~ MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	1	2	3 PI (Penrose) 2 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Treatment 1 pm Penrose CPC(Downtown) 2 p.m.
11	12	13 Intergroup Meeting 7pm First United Methodist	14	15	16	17 Corrections 9 a.m. Sacred Heart
18	19	20	21 Submit Milestones & Letters to the Editor to The Pint	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Saturday Night Turning Point Group  
@ Red Cloud Speakers

March 3rd – Alice D.  
March 10th – Kevin Mc.  
March 17th – TBD (AA/Al-Anon Combined)

### Monthly Committee Meetings

#### The Board

1353 S. 8th St. - Suite 209  
1st Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Service Office

#### Corrections

2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave. - Room 6  
3rd Saturday - 9 a.m. - Sacred Heart

#### CPC

7 East Bijou St. - Room 205  
2nd Saturday - 2 p.m. - Downtown Group

#### District 7

3rd Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. - First United Methodist Church,  
420 N. Nevada - Room 135 (access Boulder St.)

#### Intergroup

2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m. - First United Methodist Church,  
420 N. Nevada - Room 135 (access Boulder St.)

#### Public Information

1st Saturday - 2 p.m. - Penrose Main, 2222 N. Nevada  
Ave., Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room

#### Treatment

2nd Saturday - 12 to 1 p.m. - Penrose Main, 2222 N.  
Nevada