



THE PIKES PEAK PINT

March 2019

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

A discovery at the start of my journey

“You were meant to go on this trip,” quipped a stranger, someone only bound to me through our common ties of alcoholism. I immediately ceased my mind from wandering and listened to him like my life depended on his insight.

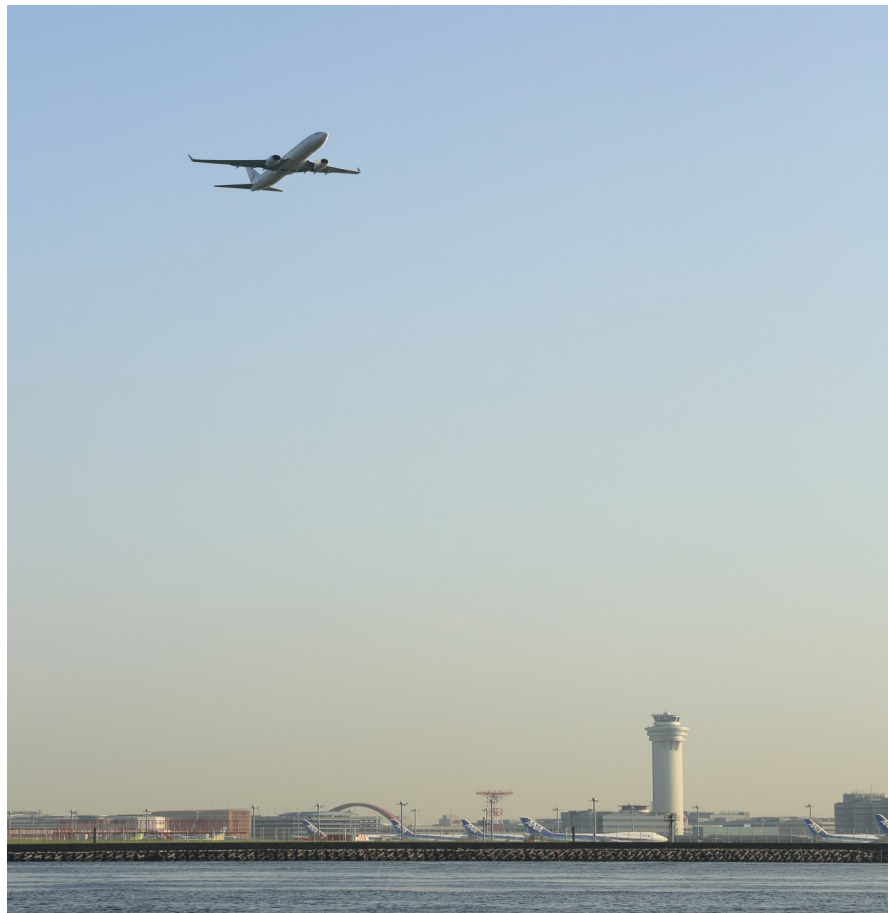
“There is something you need to see,” he said. Another woman whom I respect and admire in the program said, “Don’t worry about drinking. Just be present.”

Well, both of them will delight in knowing God was

with me on my journey to Austin, Texas.

As I slinked my way through the security line in the Denver International Airport, He dropped His first gift to me, in the form of a bright-eyed woman wearing a beige, fedora hat.

I’m a huge hat admirer, and I couldn’t help myself



... so I called out, “I love your hat!” She smiled a megawatt smile and told me her story.

“I actually bought it off a man in Paris at the market,” she said.

We exchanged laughter and walked a few more feet forward. I told her, “It’s just an awesome hat. You wear it well.” She answered, “Now that I’m sober, I kinda feel bad I bought it right off his head.”

Without a second’s hesitation I launched in, “That’s hilarious and just what I needed to hear.”

I forged forward revealing, “I’m newly sober myself and I’ve been so fearful of this trip until somebody told me that I’m taking this trip to see something

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Walk the Talk

Jennifer C.	3-25-11
Harlin	3-11-18!!
Erin B.	3-22-88
Tiffany R.	3-30-18!!
Steve S.	3-1-15
Gary K.	3-3-03
Mark H.	3-12-18!!
Mark F.	3-14-18!!
Anja	3-15-15
Debbie B.	3-12-89
Thom N.	3-22-16
Gerry	3-15-13
Diane G.	3-3-80
Newell	3-8-88
Anthony A.	3-21-83

New Woman

Barbara S.	32 years
Noell M.	27 years
Michelle C.	14 years
Jennie C.	33 years
Priscilla T.	7 years
Debbie C.	22 years

Steel Magnolias

Nicole T.	5 years
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Happy Heathens

BJ L.	30 years
Lee J.	14 years

Serenity Hour

February

Gene T.	6 years
Annie L.	4 years
Karen M.	29 years
Wanda M.	5 years

March

Bob R.	44 years
Bonnie O.	27 years

Serenity Riders

<i>March</i>		Natalie B.	3-1-88
Barry M.	3-2-17	Patrick H.	3-13-15
Ben S.	3-17-91	<i>February</i>	
Don B.	3-8-82	Alice D.	2-26-88
Franco I.	3-11-17	Dan J.	2-10-87
Isaac F.	3-11-17	Joe C.	2-21-03
Justin H.	3-1-15	Leslie A.	2-24-14
Karla P.	3-17-11	Lindsey M.	2-15-09
Kevin M.	3-3-08	Patsy P.	2-17-16
Marc P.	3-21-13	Pete B.	2-5-89
MJ C.	3-14-11	Sheila O.	2-1-2000
Marylou	3-21-04	William J.	2-14-97

Meeting God in line

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and hear something, and it just started with you, right here and now.”

“This will happen,” she said. “How long do you have?”

“Just shy of 60 days.”

I explained I was headed to Austin to see Fleetwood Mac, and another megawatt smile lit up her kind and beautiful face.

I lived in Austin,” she exclaimed.

And I was off to the discovery races with my new-found friend, who encouraged me like she’d known me our whole lives.

For I am certain it was God I saw, in her, in the Denver security Line. He was urging me on with my brand new set of bright, present eyes, to see Him in His children.

And meet my brothers and sisters exactly where I’m supposed to meet them, together in the center of our hearts.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS in MARCH

ELECTIONS for INTERGROUP OFFICERS will be held at the INTERGROUP MEETING, March 12, 2019. All of the positions listed below will be voted on. **CANDIDATES MUST BE PRESENT.** It is recommended that those who stand have a minimum of two years continuous sobriety. Term of office is one year, April 1 through March 31. Position descriptions are listed in the Intergroup Charter which is on our website.

NOMINATION FOR INTERGROUP BOARD MEMBERS

(**please submit by March 12, 2019 or before!)

I hereby nominate _____ for the trusted servant position of:

(Circle one)

Chairperson One year term

Vice-Chairperson One year term *(two year commitment)*
First year as Vice-Chair, then preferably rotates into position of Chairperson.

Secretary One year term

Treasurer One year term

Vice-Treasurer One year term *(two year commitment)*
First year as Vice-Treasurer then preferably rotates into position of Treasurer.

Registrar One-year term

Member at Large One-year term

*****Please fill out this form and bring it to the Area Service Office before March 12, 2019.
Or you can scan your completed form and email to the ASO at serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org***

Or you can send your nomination to the ASO via email message.

Please be sure to include all the required information.

Remember all nominees must be present at the Intergroup Board meeting in March.

STEP 3:

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



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.”

- Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?
- Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

TRADITION 3:

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking

TRADITION 3 CHECKLIST:

- In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- 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?
- 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?



Area 10 Spring Assembly

March 15–17, 2019

Colorado Springs, CO

Theme: Service Keeps Us Sober

Location Information:

Doubletree Hotel by Hilton

1775 E Cheyenne Mountain Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906



RESERVATIONS [Rooms are \$115 per night]:

- ✓ Call: 1-719-576-8900
- ✓ Or use this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2019-SpringAssy-Hotel>



Questions? Call Leslie 719-539-9650



Meeting changes

Gimme JUST 15 minutes!

The Westside Eye Opener meeting that had met at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday has delayed the start for 15 minutes. Makes sense if you're the kind of person (like me) who doesn't deliberately open their eyes 'till noon. This is a FABULOUS meeting! Say, while I'm here, hello to George and the bunch of early-rising alcoholics!!!

Saturday nights March delights

•Speakers for the 7 p.m. Saturday Night Live meeting at Walk the Talk will be: March 2, Curt N; March 9, Bruce A.; March 16, Margo; March 23, Robert H.; and March 30, Debbie B.

We're in Falcon too!

A new, open meeting called We Are Here is now meeting at the High Prairie Library Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. The library is at 7035 Old Meridian Rd., across from the fire department.

The Solution now closed

The Solution, an open meeting Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Veteran Coffee Roasters, 1003 S. Tejon St., is no longer gathering.

New alliterative meeting

A new, closed Big Book Back to Basics (BBBB) meeting has formed. It meets at the First Friends (FF) Church, 2748 E. Pikes Peak (PP) on Wednesdays at 7 a.m.

Off the Wall meets earlier

The Off the Wall group, an open discussion group that meets at 709 S. Sierra Madre, is now meeting at 7:30 p.m., a half hour earlier than its previous start time of 8.

Buttprints in the sand

... A spiritual poem.
(kind of)

One night I had a wondrous dream,
One set of footprints there were seen.
The footprints of my precious Lord,
But mine were not along the shore.

But then, some stranger prints appeared,
I asked the Lord, "What have we here?"
Those prints are large and round and neat
"But Lord, they are too big for feet."

"My child," He said in somber tones.
"For miles I carried you alone.
I challenged you to walk in faith,
But you refused and made me wait."

"You disobeyed, you would not grow.
The walk of faith, you would not know.
So I got tired, I got fed up,
And there I dropped you on your butt."

"Because in life, there comes a time,
When one must fight and one must climb.
When one must rise and take a stand,
Or leave their butt prints in the sand."

Author unknown

Group Contributions 2018-2019

GROUP NAME (2018-2019)	Fiscal Yr. to date	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
A Common Solution	\$290.50							\$97.00		\$81.00	\$112.50
12 Steps From The Morgue	\$390.00			\$250.00							\$140.00
Apex	\$459.44				\$170.91			\$83.38		\$73.10	
Back to Basics	\$1,345.16	\$187.31		\$277.80	\$158.93	\$112.80	\$127.63	\$125.43	\$89.00	\$171.90	\$114.56
Beacon Light Group											
Big Book Action	\$300.00				\$300.00						
Big Book Study UPH	\$400.00		\$200.00					\$200.00			
Black Forest	\$642.00								\$642.00		
Broadmoor	\$200.00			\$100.00					\$100.00		
Brown Baggers											
Central											
Clean Air Group	\$238.47		\$238.47								
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$999.83	\$329.87	\$74.57		\$198.97		\$149.89	\$108.08		\$140.47	
Down By The Creek	\$49.59										\$49.59
Downtown Group	\$306.00			\$306.00							
Drylander's Group	\$15.00	\$15.00									
Early Saturday AM	\$127.00								\$127.00		
Easy Does It	\$1,219.46		\$558.00			\$284.96				\$22.42	
Ellicott Group	\$427.00							\$350.00	\$77.00		
Foxhall Group	\$550.00		\$200.00				\$150.00			\$200.00	
Friday Night Live	\$100.00					\$50.00				\$50.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$1,297.50		\$245.00			\$165.00			\$350.00	\$280.00	
Good Ole Boys	\$307.00	\$100.00					\$100.00		\$107.00		
Grace PPG Book Study Group	\$233.29							\$218.05		\$15.24	
Happy Dealing	\$488.70						\$179.02		\$147.20		
Happy Heathens	\$288.50										\$228.00
Happy Hour	\$359.00	\$359.00									
Happy, Joyous & Free											
High Noon	\$175.00		\$87.50					\$87.50			
H.O.W.	\$64.00	\$30.00								\$34.00	
Into Action	\$578.60		\$225.80				\$125.00		\$228.00		
Keystone to Recovery	\$125.00				\$125.00						
Lake George Group	\$230.00						\$230.00				
Limon AA											
Little Log Church Group	\$79.10				\$79.10						
Living Free	\$182.60		\$50.00		\$80.00		\$52.60				
Living Sober South	\$277.12	\$88.62		\$103.00		\$43.50			\$62.00		
M.A.G.	\$1,211.00	\$494.00			\$285.50			\$205.50			\$226.00
Meditation Group - Tues. 5:30	\$200.00								\$200.00		
Natural High											
New Beginners	\$589.04		\$83.98				\$140.82			\$90.89	\$253.55
New Woman	\$805.18	\$148.00			\$175.00			\$148.07	\$159.55		
Northwesters	\$355.74							\$355.74			
Off The Wall	\$51.08		\$30.97			\$20.11					
One Day at a Time	\$63.00							\$63.00			
Old North End Study Group	\$423.62				\$141.26					\$139.00	\$143.36
One Six Four Group	\$231.00			\$128.00					\$103.00		
Pre-Dawn Group	\$808.00		\$60.00	\$220.00			\$80.00	\$160.00		\$108.00	\$180.00
Primary Purpose											
Progress Not Perfection											
Recovery in Action	\$667.00			\$229.00					\$210.00	\$228.00	
Recovery, Unity, Service Group	\$825.00								\$825.00		
Rule 62, Victor											
Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$548.00	\$145.00		\$118.00			\$131.00				\$154.00
Saturday Morning Anonymous	\$115.00								\$115.00		
Security Eye Opener											
Serenity Hour	\$803.20	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$126.80	\$101.80	\$50.00
Serenity Riders	\$540.21		\$100.00	\$295.74							\$144.47
Serenity Sisters	\$216.45	\$187.45				\$29.00					
Sober Sisters	\$142.39	\$89.83					\$25.78			\$48.98	
Solutions at Noon											
Sought Through Prayer & Meditation	\$318.78	\$27.50		\$50.05		\$29.50	\$44.98		\$55.00	\$111.73	
Steel Magnolias	\$352.71	\$81.93						\$140.18			
Stepping Stones											
Sunday Morning Speaker											
Sunlight of the Spirit	\$801.26			\$803.26					\$150.00	\$48.00	
Taking Steps	\$59.00								\$59.00		
The Doctor's Opinion	\$400.00				\$400.00						
The Living Room Group											\$338.31
The Garage Meeting	\$15.00	\$15.00									
Then and Now											
Thursday Men's Group											
Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$75.52	\$75.52									
Tuesday Night Book Study											\$25.30
Traditions Only											
Treating The Illness											
Turning Point	\$52.00							\$12.00		\$40.00	
Uth Pass Breakfast Group	\$248.00						\$190.00				\$58.00
Veterans for AA	\$75.00			\$25.00					\$50.00		
Walk the Talk	\$5,570.82	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$850.00		\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$1,320.82	\$425.00
Walking on Water	\$100.00		\$100.00								
We Are Not Saints	\$1,285.77	\$330.59			\$187.42			\$235.77		\$95.00	\$436.99
Weatide Eye Opener											
Women of Grace	\$28.50										\$28.50
Woodland Park Beginners											
Woodland Park Thursday Noon Group	\$115.92									\$115.92	
Woodland Park Book Study	\$259.51				\$75.51						\$184.00
WOV Group	\$275.00							\$125.00			
Woodland Park Women's Step Study	\$584.50		\$254.50					\$270.00		\$60.00	
Young People	\$335.00					\$335.00					
Total:	\$32,200.65	\$3,119.42	\$2,981.59	\$3,155.85	\$3,302.60	\$1,119.67	\$2,185.72	\$3,457.58	\$4,207.35	\$3,553.87	\$3,290.13
Total	\$32,200.65										

Grateful for closed-mouthed friend

About five winters ago I was in the beginning stages of my recovery. At that time I was fortunate enough to have a sober environment to live in.

The House Mom was pretty strict and was not willing to extend my curfew. I really wanted to have this Christmas Eve with my children, but without a curfew, I would see them only 20 minutes.

I called a trusted closed-mouthed recovering peer and ensued with the “Poor Me’s.”

My friend helped me talk out my options — was I willing to follow the rules so that on Christmas Eve and the cold winter days, I would retain my place at the sober home? With my friend’s motivational questions, I determined that following the rules and not trying

to press my luck with the curfew was my best options.

Experience gave me the knowledge and understanding that I can get through emotionally difficult situations without having to take a drink. I am capable of making good decisions for myself and going through challenging situations without alcohol.

— **Anonymous**

A grateful alcoholic

Seven years of continuous sobriety today. I know without a shadow of a doubt that I couldn’t have done it alone. I am beyond grateful to those who carried the message to me. Alcoholics Anonymous didn’t only save my life, but it gave me a life worth living!

I continue to be challenged daily, though my challenges look quite a bit different today.

In the beginning of my sobriety my challenges seemed overwhelming. How do I stay sober one day at a time? Can I even do this after 10 years of failed attempts? Where am I going to live?

Am I going to prison for getting my fourth D.U.I.?

Because I was willing, honest, open-minded and was taught this spiritual program of action, I am happy to say I was able to overcome those challenges with your help and God’s help. This has become a way of life for me.

Today, because I have been given purpose, my challenges look much different. I see needs throughout the service structure of A.A. and constantly ask myself if I can be doing more. There are phones to be answered, meetings taken to those who can’t get out on their own, articles to be written sharing experience,

strength, and hope.

Ultimately, there are suffering alcoholics who need to be approached by the loving arms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I heard many years ago that if you’re invited to someone’s house and you are thankful, you will say thank you. If you are grateful, you will get up and do the dishes. There are dishes to be done in Alcoholics Anonymous, and today I am challenged to be more of a grateful alcoholic.

— **Jeremiah T.**



LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

Open: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed: Saturday - Monday
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905
719.573.5020

Email: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
Web: www.coloradospringsaa.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CORRECTIONS:

9 a.m., 3rd Saturday of the month Sacred Heart Parish
Room 10, southeast corner of 21st & Colorado Ave.

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION):

1 p.m., 4th Saturday of the month
Sand Creek Library, 1821 S. Academy Blvd.
large study room This group meets with CPC.

CPC (PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY):

1 p.m., 4th Saturday of the month
Sand Creek Library, 1821 S. Academy Blvd.
large study room. This group meets with PI.

PROGRAMS:

6 p.m., 4th Thursday of the month, Colorado Springs
Area Service Office, 1353 S. 8th St., Suite 209.

TREATMENT:

5:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday of the month, Penrose Main
Hospital, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., board room

NIGHTWATCH:

7 p.m., 1st Tuesday of the month
Sacred Heart Parish, 21st and Pikes Peak Ave.
Room 10, following the New Beginners' meeting

DISTRICT 7:

7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of the month
First United Methodist Church,
420 N. Nevada, Room 135 (Boulder Street access)

WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

For all, please include your group name and group number on the check

~ AREA SERVICE OFFICE ~

Payable to: Colorado Springs
Area Service Office
1353 South 8th St., Suite 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

~ GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE ~

Payable to: GSO
P.O. Box 459/Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

~ AREA 10 ~

Payable to: Area 10 Treasurer
12081 W. Alameda Parkway, #418
Lakewood, CO 80228

~ DISTRICT 7 ~

Payable to: District 7,
P.O. Box 26252,
Colorado Springs, CO 80936

~ PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS ~

Payable to: Area 10 Corrections Committee
P.O. Box 40368,
Denver, CO 80204

• CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •

How much did *YOU* pay to drink?

Please help others

Consider throwing \$2 into the basket when it comes around. Also, once a year, donate \$1 for each year of sobriety to the General Service Office, the Area Service Office, or both. It costs money to spread the hope of a new life worth living through AA.

Please see coloradospringsaa.org

Area 10 Corrections Conference



Giving Hope

SAVE the Date

April 6th, 2019 8 AM

Hot Breakfast and Lunch Provided

\$10 Registration at the door

Speakers – Panel – DOC training Available

Questions: Josh S. (719) 582-3557

Location:

First Presbyterian Church

220 West 10th Street,

Pueblo, Co. 81003