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THE PIKES PEAK PINT

A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

Please remember the Area Service Office is open only
because of your continued financial support.

Our Primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Group contributions to the ASO are down significantly due to the COVID restrictions.

Contributions can be made on the homepage of our CSASO website: www.coloradospringsaa.org or mailed or dropped off at the Area Service Office located at 1353 S 8th Street Suite 209, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Or feel free to call the office and we can take your contributions over the telephone and charge manually whatever amount you wish to your debit or credit card. This option is available Tuesday—Fridays 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Autonomy means "self-governing", which implies no interference from others. Each A.A. group can make their own decisions as to meeting times, places, and formats. Some groups may meet once a week, others may have multiple meetings each day. Some groups choose to only use Conference-approved literature, while others might use any number of other sources for their meetings. Some groups may place an emphasis on group sharing, while others might spend more time on reading or listening to A.A. speakers - either live or recorded. The group conscience is the determining factor in each case. As long as these decisions do not affect other groups or A.A. as a whole, the choice is up to them. Of course, all groups should do their best to observe and uphold the all twelve Traditions, and carry the message of A.A.'s program of the Twelve Steps to recovery from alcoholism. But each group is entitled to decide for themselves the way they think best to do that. And that gives rise to the wonderful variety of A.A. meetings we have today. I sincerely hope that everyone can find a group that fits their personal needs and desires - where they can find the love and support that A.A. has to offer.

A Nony Mouse

Step Four

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves”

My first two attempts at sobriety were halted abruptly by the first step in the recovery of self. Step Four was a “checkmark” I would need to glaze over to protect my pride and the image I had created for myself. The words “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves” were easy to read, but the work to complete that task would likely have to be exclusionary at best. How fearless of me, indeed. I tried to placate my sponsor and sooth my ego until I realized my lies would never get e to the coveted Step Four “checkmark”.

It wasn't until I found the bottom of my existence, realizing I was completely broken and fake that I decided to give completely to doing what God was requiring of me. Step Four didn't take long to complete, but it was like enduring a gauntlet of ghosts bent on humiliating me. The things I had excused away as just part of life and the damage done to coworkers and loved ones became clear. Depression came in again nearly snuffing out my hope for sobriety. Without the constant support of my sponsor and trusted friends. I was surely going to quit. Support of my fellow alcoholics kept the ship righted and on course with only a few deviations created by my own doubt. I finally found my North Star and focused on the promise of God-given peace and new life in fellowship with Him as my guide. With Step Four complete, I had come too far and faced too many insecurities to back down from the program. I had been revitalized in my journey and began to enjoy the challenges of Steps Five through Nine. I knew I could be a renewed and truly recovered being with Him. Fearless and moral are not usually the best character traits of an alcoholic, except in their own minds. Today my mind has been changed. I have my fellows, a seemingly endless stream of newcomers, and the ability to progress in this sober journey.

Les T.



Concept IV for World Service

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

There are no second class members of AA, from the newest members making coffee for the meeting to the Chairperson of a large group, we all have the right to speak and be heard. Bill W. wrote that “It is vital, to preserve the traditional ‘Right of Participation,’ in the face of every tendency to whittle it down.”

In practice it seems that this is much harder than it would seem. It is human nature to listen to the people we see every day, the ones who week after week show up and participate month after month at the same meeting we attend. We see others who we do not know, maybe from other meetings, or other towns and we must remember that they are part of our tribe as well. This Concept insures that every

participant in the World Service Conference has a voice. It respects and empowers delegates, trustees, directors and staff members of A.A. World Services and the Grapevine.

New trustees on the General Service Board and New Directors of the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine boards are sometimes surprised to see paid executives, staff members, and outside accountants attending the board meetings. They are invited because of A.A.s “Right of Participation.” Thus, the trustees and directors “are put into direct communication with these workers, who... feel wanted and needed. Although they do not vote

Springs Time Awakening

As our pioneering brothers and sisters of AA must have experienced the pain of new growth, I too understand pain as a necessary ingredient to new growth. The authors of the big book tell us entering into this new dimension of peace and serenity comes with a price yet the reward is priceless. The big book illuminates this truth: "Almost none of us liked the self-searching, the leveling of our pride, the confession of shortcomings which the process requires for its successful consummation. But we saw that it really worked in others, and we had come to believe in the hopelessness and futility of life as we had been living it. When, therefore we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed."

A springtime day felt like heaven when God revealed he is changing my new heart in him to the beauty of his hope and his promise within his nature growing all around me. "I am the promise that is coming true within you as your new heart listens and watches for me in the sound of my springtime runoff. We feel my cool wind touch your face that feels my light warm you and you no longer need to look away from my light in shame or pain for where your disease has taken you. I live and breathe in the newness of your heart I am changing in the present moment. I ask you to stay with your heavenly Father where I live. For the change I give you in hope and promise is being reflected to you with the sound of my springtime water flowing as a gift to renew and refresh your spirit that chooses life. It is truth I give my spirit of newness in all the colors of my springtime growth that is here as my gift to eat and drink of as true life for all my children. Please let your senses in your feelings truly feel the beauty and joy through feeling how love can range from joy to pain as "We," with me and your brothers and sisters. There is no need to drink away your feelings of new life. As dulled emotions from your heart will not let me work to change where you long to live and be rocketed into a heaven on earth existence with me you had only dreamed of."

What do we do about resentments? This is what the book says.

This is our course: realize at once that the people who wrong you are spiritually sick. Though you don't like their symptoms and the way these disturb you, they, like yourself, are sick, too. Ask God to help you show them the same tolerance, pity, and patience that you would cheerfully grant a friend who has cancer. When a person next offends, say to yourself "This is a sick man. How can I be helpful to him? God save me from being angry. Thy will be done."

Happy A.A. Birthday!

New Woman Group

MaryAnne S.	9 years
Jules	29 years

Steel Magnolias:

Cindy F.	4 years
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Friday Womens:

June W.	39 years
Amber S.	3 years

Walk The Talk

Bob O.	2015
Rick B.	2020
Allan S.	2003
Philip S.	2016
Ryan M.	2014
Patty T.	2017
Rachel	2020
Annette G.	2016

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Serenity Riders

Jenn R.	2007
Buzz B.	1984
Dan D.	2003
Dave B.	2006
Lonnie P.	2018

New Beginners

Cameron M.	2006
Mike H.	2018

LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

Closed: Saturday - Monday
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

Consider JOINING A COMMITTEE MEETING!

These are suspended until further notice.

BRIDGING THE GAP

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CORRECTIONS

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

PROGRAMS

NIGHTWATCH

DISTRICT 7

WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

How much did YOU spend on a drink?

Please help others.....

Consider putting \$2 in a jar/cup/basket each time you log onto a Zoom Meeting.

Then consider splitting the money accumulated and give 1/2 to your group when they begin meeting again, and 1/2 to your Service Office.

Contribute Here
coloradospringsaa.org

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	Group 2020-2021	Fiscal YTD	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2	12 Steps from the Morg	\$401	\$116				214				\$71			
3	164 Group	\$483			\$103			160		\$150				70
4	A Common Solution	\$150		\$150										
5	APEX	\$344			\$91				\$185				\$68	
6	Back to Basics	\$1,341	\$116			\$199	56	155	\$158	\$115	\$164	\$97	\$117	164
7	Beacon Light	\$300								\$200				\$100
8	Big Book Action	\$200							\$200					
9	Black Forest Group	\$601	\$205			\$131			\$130			135		
10	Broadmoor Step	\$67					\$67							
11	But For the Grace of Go	\$120						\$75					\$45	
12	Clean Air	\$125						\$125						
13	District 7	\$4,662							\$4,662					
14	Don't Worry Be Happy	\$1,106	\$60			\$96	\$151	\$195	\$146	\$114	\$105	\$89		\$150
15	Down by the Creek	\$29										\$29		
16	Downtown Group	\$1,000							\$1,000					
17	Easy Does It	\$1,534	\$117				\$422			\$493			\$502	
18	Ellicott	\$436									\$101			335
19	Florissant Step Study	\$100									\$100			
20	Foxhall	\$195									\$195			
21	Friday Night Live	\$300	\$50			\$250								
22	Friday Women's	\$943		\$80		\$20	\$479	\$20		\$227	\$117			
23	Happy Destiny	\$150							\$150					
24	Happy Heathens	\$186				\$86.00						100		
25	High Nooners	\$100			\$100									
26	H.O.W.	\$300	\$100										\$100	\$100
27	Into Action	\$712	\$100			\$149	\$208					180		\$75
28	Keytone to Recovery	\$440			\$130			\$160			\$150			
29	Language of the Heart	\$61					\$14	31	\$16					
30	Let Go Let God	\$150			\$75				\$75					
31	Little Log Cabin	\$1,324	\$320								\$1,004			
32	Living Sober South	\$74		\$32.00									\$42	
33	M.A.G.	\$550				\$300			\$250					
34	Men's Anonymous	\$930					\$400		\$200		\$130	\$200		
35	Monday Path Finders	\$199						199						
36	Morning Trudge	\$250												\$250
37	New Beginner's	\$704		\$185.00				355				164		
38	New Woman	\$824		\$144			\$120			\$215	\$116	\$229		
39	Northwester's	\$192		\$43			\$120		\$29					
40	Off the Wall	\$34			\$5			29						
41	Old North End	\$180				\$83							\$97	
42	One Day At A Time	\$130				\$130								
43	Pathfinders	\$71										71		
44	Pre-Dawn	\$1,000							\$1,000					
45	Recovery In Action	\$232	\$168					37				27		
46	Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100											
47	Red Cloud	\$216										100		\$116
48	Saturday Early Morning	\$697					\$253				\$115			329
49	Serenity Hour	\$16		\$16										
50	Serenity Riders	\$1,800				\$646		20		\$476				658
51	Sober Sisters	\$30											\$30	
52	Steel Magnolias	\$228		\$106					\$122					
53	Sought Thru Prayer	\$16					16							
54	Sunday Speakers	\$100											\$100	
55	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$478			\$114					\$237	\$100	27		
56	Talking Circles	\$25				\$25								
57	Thursday Night Men's	\$2,822	\$1,834	\$40				204		\$500		\$50		194
58	Unnamed Group	\$150												150
59	Walk the Talk	\$8,282	\$1,607	\$425	\$425	\$2,850	\$425	\$425		\$850	425		425	425
60	We Are Here	\$155	\$45						\$68			\$42		
61	We Are Not Saints	\$2,034	\$748			\$573			\$570				\$143	
62	WOW	\$100								\$100				
63	WP Book Study	\$725		\$176			397			\$65				87
64	WP Women's Step Stud	\$20					20							
65	WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19											
66	WP Tuesday Women's	\$522		\$108			\$154			\$140		\$120		
67	Monthly Totals	\$41,765	\$5,705	1505	1043	5538	3516	2190	8961	3882	2893	1660	1756	3116

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS