

# -THE PIKES PEAK PINT-



FEBRUARY  
TWENTY THIRTEEN

***A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous***

*Happy Valentines Day*

• **LOCAL FEATURE** •

**2012-2013 Alcothon Successful  
Due to Volunteer Efforts**

Countless volunteers dedicated hundreds of hours over two months to make the 2012-2013 Alcothon a great success. Whether it was coordinating with Sacred Heart Church for use of its facility, decorating the room, setting up for the big event, greeting guests, assuring that coffee was always fresh and plentiful, scheduling speakers and great entertainment or cleaning (cleaning, cleaning) up, it all came together as it always does. The Chili Cook-off attracted eleven competitors and lots of grateful diners to enjoy the large variety of chilies. Generous and delicious contributions to the potluck dinner on New Year's Eve assured that everyone was well fed, and the concession stand provided more snacks for those late-night nibblers. If you didn't have enough to eat on New Year's Eve, there was also breakfast at 6:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.

It is amazing what a group of alcoholics can accomplish when they put their heads together and work towards a common goal. Did I ever wonder if it would come together? I had my moments. Did I sometimes think I had gotten in over my head when I volunteered as Volunteer Coordinator? You betcha! Would I do it again? Absolutely!!!! Again and again, I see how AA service work rewards me when all I'm trying to do is serve others and stay grounded in this fellowship. What a deal!

To all those people who volunteered their time and talents, thank you, thank you, thank you. To those who were unable to help this year, think about it. There is always next year. Believe me, it will be good for your heart and your sobriety.

Mary Ann S.  
Alcothon Volunteer Coordinator

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Last months cartoon on page 11*

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## My first Alcothon

Okay, I'll admit it. I was sick and tired hearing about the alcothon. The request for volunteers started in September for an event that wasn't going to happen until December. Talk about pre-planning! Didn't matter what meeting I'd attend someone would always remind everyone about the upcoming event.

"A great way to be of service."

"Lots of fun."

"Volunteers needed in the following departments..."

I couldn't wait until the New Year so I could stop hearing about the darn alcothon. Even at my sober house, the need for volunteers was mentioned often. The threat that volunteering would be mandatory was taken very seriously. Perhaps that is why I found my self-signing up to be of service. It wasn't just to shut out the alcothon but a desire to help. I agreed to chair the Two am meeting. The only answer I can give as to why I volunteered for that time is that is when my house drew to chair. In addition, I'm an insomniac so it all went hand in glove.

Therefore, at One-Thirty am I was back at the alcothon for the third time that evening. The band was just finishing up for an amazing large number of people still awake and sober. The first time I made an appearance was at the potluck dinner. The second was to catch the tail end of an inspirational speaker.

Walking in for dinner, I was greeted by Cathlyn and Darryl. A warm welcoming of friendship. Then I ran into Mike and Trish from the Alano House. Both had been there since early the morning before. Setting up, cooking, visiting, and planning to volunteer until breakfast that morning where Mike's famous sausage and gravy was going to be served. Just four of the many who gave back by happily serving.

The potluck was fit enough for the Royal Family. The choices were numerous and tasty. I'd like to save me only helped myself to a little but truth be told, there was enough on my plate to fill two plates to overflowing. I'm also ashamed to say I was a member of the clean plate club.

I had the pleasure of joining a small party for dinner. Gunners ion Greg, a lovely woman whose name I forget, and her two handsome young sons. Much laughter and joy passed between the five of us. We were joined by \_\_\_\_\_ who did a fantastic job on the decorations. Mary Ann, from my home group (West Side Eye Openers; Seven am at Clean Slate), who also was very involved in planning the alcothon, joined us. The festive mood only increased. Especially when I spied my housemate, Brandon, and friends, Krystal and Troy, were doing their bit in the kitchen. Watching their enjoyment only increased my own pleasure of being there.

At Two am I chaired the Pass It On meeting

(shameless plug here: Pass It On meets Thursday evenings from Seven to Eight at 616 N. Pine Street. Stop by and visit) and for being tired and giddy I think I pulled off the meeting rather well. Of the Fifteen people who attended, none walked out on me. I consider that a success. We talked about the 12<sup>th</sup> Step as well as other topics.

I have to admit that all I heard about the alcothon turned out to be true. It was a wonderful sober way to spend the New Year holiday. Spending time with friends, both old and newly made, was a delight of laughter and warmth. All in all a marvelous way to say good-bye to 2012 and hello to a fresh start.

So next September when the call for volunteers starts up do your self a favor and sign up. The sooner you get involved the sooner the good times start. The interaction with your fellow AA members will be delightful.

I am...

Pete T.  
Colorado Springs

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## Alcothon 2013 Unity, Service, Recovery

There isn't a better way that any alcoholic could spend the coming of the New Year. I was excited to see all of my friends as the morning of the 31<sup>st</sup> started. To be a part of this wonderful fellowship is an honor and a gift. I was looking forward to soaking up as much of the vibe and magic that happens when alcoholics work with and for each other. To participate in the Chili Cook off, to be of service and to sit down with so many people from all over the city was incredible. To see Ernie and Hall from the Wasatch house, Mike and the crew from the Pine house, my friends from We are Not Saints, and all of my family from my home group Walk the Talk was simple wonderful. As I sit and write, I am truly amazed at the number of people I have met in the first year of sobriety. To be able to sit with a total stranger and share our experience, strength and hope was truly amazing. The gift of spending time with my wife and kids sober as the clock hit midnight was icing on the AA Cake and to bring in New Years Day with my sponsor in service of other alcoholics was heaven. Thank God for AA.

Scott K.  
Colorado Springs

If you are satisfied that he is a real alcoholic, begin to dwell on the hopeless feature of the malady. Show him, from your own experience, how the queer mental condition surrounding that first drink prevents normal functioning of the will power. (BB pg. 92)

### ~ COPPERS ~

I managed to put together two years in the Fellowship by the time I promoted to patrol sergeant in a major city police department.

My first assignment was in a very high crime division; one that everyday had more shooting calls, murders and robberies than most medium sized police department in a month, if not a year.

The coppers that work this division were there because they wanted to be, all of us thought of ourselves as “gunfighters.”

Each sergeant was directly responsible for eight to ten officers in addition to supervising all the coppers during the watch.

My first meeting with these officers was a critical one. This is where they learn their new sergeant’s like and dislikes.

I began with a warning: “Don’t ever let me catch you letting an off-duty police officer you suspect of DUI go.” I added, “I’ll make your life a nightmare.”

The look on their faces registered their upset: they were pissed! After all, cops always take care of other cops or so goes the belief.

I told these men and women that I was let go too many time to recount when I stopped for driving drunk. All these officers did was allow me the opportunity to kill myself or Heaven forbid some innocent person. The worst that ever happen: state patrol officers threw my keys into the ivy growing on the side of the freeway. I supposed they thought I’d sober up by the time I found my keys; I didn’t.

Had the officers done their job, I may have made it to our Fellowship much earlier than I did.

When I explained there, was no difference between taking a bullet to protect your partner and recognizing an officer is abusing alcohol—drinking and driving (a big clue), that they taking action, tell a supervisor who will make the decision to arrest the driver.

There is no way to find out if my experience had an impact of these coppers, but what I can say is the incidence of coppers being arrested for driving under the influence has diminished since those days long ago.

Thank God.

Rod B.

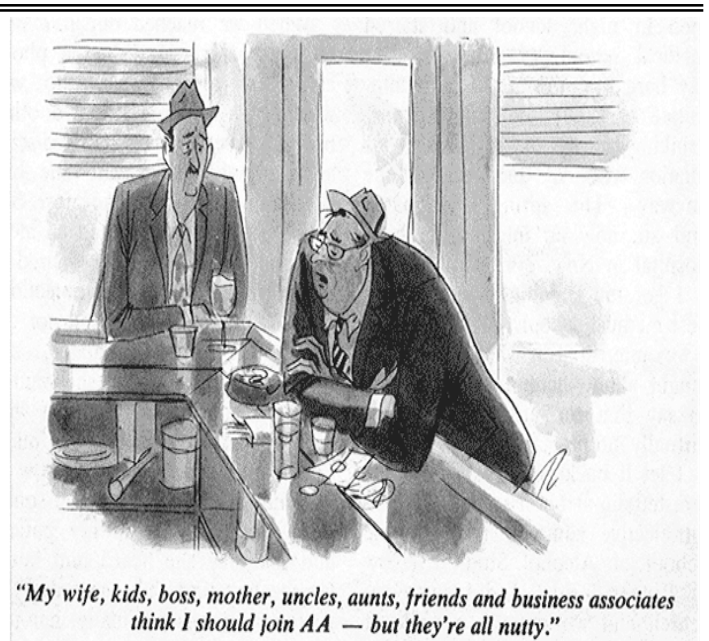
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### • Letting go •

Before joining AA I truly thought I ran the show and I had to keep control of myself and everyone else around me. I grew up not having any control over what happened in my house so anything I could attempt to control, I took to the extreme. When I got married and had a son, I tried to control everything and anything they did and if they would just listen to me and do what I say then everything would be great. I learned very quickly after coming into AA and living this way of life that the more I tried to control everyone and anything, the more I was getting away from God’s will and was mis-directing the show. Since I was no longer running to alcohol to solve my problems, I had to learn to run to God and allow him to restore me to sanity. The first time I came to believe, I saw God’s grace and what he could do for me. After that moment, I was in awe that God actually did a better job of the situation than I could have imagined. I try day by day to stop running the show and Let Go and Let God. My days always turn out better when I do but it’s something I have to practice everyday. Some days are better than others but on the days when I truly believe that God can restore me to sanity is when I amazing things happen.

Kolsie

Colorado Springs



**MEETING ADDITIONS - DELETIONS - CHANGES**

12x12 Central Group: **CHANGED** Thursday 5:30 pm – Literature Study Central Group - Open  
309 S. Hancock, West Side of Memorial Park

Central Group: **NEW** Wednesday 5:30 pm – Open – 12x12  
309 S. Hancock, West Side of Memorial Park

Central Group: **NEW** Wednesday 12:00 Noon – Open – Big Book Study (Begins February 6<sup>th</sup>)  
309 S. Hancock, West Side of Memorial Park

The Penrose Step Study: **DELETED** Monday 6:00 pm

The Sober Jokers: **NEW** Tuesday 7:00 pm – Open – 408 8<sup>th</sup> St., Limon, Colorado

Big Book Discussion Group: **MOVED** Tuesday 6:00 pm – Open –  
To: 301 E. Iowa, YMCA Building Community Room, Fountain

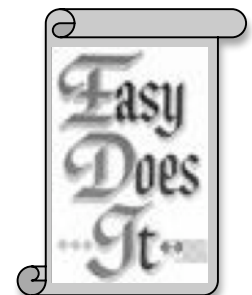
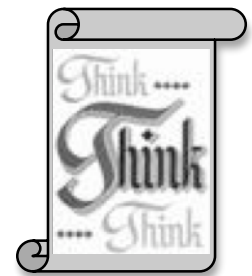
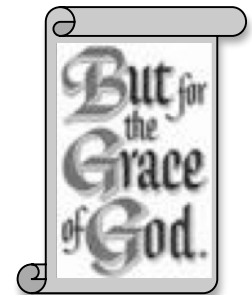
**TURNING POINT GROUP  
SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
Feb. 2: Bill M. Solutions – 20 yrs.  
Feb. 9: Pete B. Serenity Riders - 25yrs.  
Feb. 16: Alanon/AA Speaker  
Feb. 23: William J. DWBH – 16 yrs.

**WALK THE TALK GROUP  
SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
Feb 2: Lauri R.  
Feb 9: Ron C.  
Feb 16: Sean F'n P.  
Feb 23: Joe M.



**~ FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY MILESTONES ~**

WALK THE TALK		TUESDAY NEW WOMEN'S		SOLUTIONS	
Sean F'n P.	2 yrs.	Caren L.	7 yrs.	Lisa B.	16 yrs.
Ross S.	9 yrs.	Toni M.	4 yrs.	Anita L.	3 yrs.
Sandy A.	17 yrs.	Carma L.	1 yr.	Becca H.	6 yrs.
Emily L.	1 yr.	Lisa J.	1 yr.	Bill M.	21 yrs.
Dean C.	12 yrs.	Genie F.	2 yrs.	Charles B.	22 yrs.
Joe M.	10 yrs.	Sarah G.	11 yrs.	<b>HAPPY HOUR</b>	
Bev H.	4 yrs.	<b>FRIDAY WOMEN'S</b>		Carl N.	17 yrs.
Amy M.	1 yr.	Lynn E.	3 yrs.	Susan L.	25 yrs.
Pam	1 yr.	Barb B.	3 yrs.	Mark L.	25 yrs.
Deborah Jo	1 yr.	Karen S.	2 yrs.	Rick D.	9 yrs.
Jerry H.	29 yr.	Amy M.	1 yr.	<b>TURNING POINT GRP.</b>	
Greg M.	2 yrs.	<b>STEEL MAGNOLIAS</b>		Robert R.	4 yrs.
Ron	8 yrs.	Dana R.	16 yrs.	Sue F.	19 yrs.
Cary R.	1 yr.	Karen M.	23 yrs.	Charles B.	22 yrs.
Lindsey M.	4 yrs.	<b>SERENITY RIDERS</b>		Ann L.	32 yrs.
Elliot	2 yrs.	Jesse F.	26 yrs.	Ginger S.	26 yrs.
		<b>DOWNTOWN GROUP</b>			
		Bob McC.	34 yrs.		



\* Equals total years reported from our local groups.  
To have your group years added please submit your milestones to [pint@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:pint@coloradospringsaa.org)

**February**  
**\* Total Years 475 yrs.**

They took a drink a day or so prior to the date, and then the phenomenon of craving at once became paramount to all other interests so that the important appointment was not met. These men were not drinking to escape; they were drinking to overcome a craving beyond their mental control. (BB pg. 6)

### The Pint Committee

Will meet on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:30 pm  
5635 N. Academy – Walk The Talk

Have a voice in what goes into the pint, how the pint is formatted and get involved with some service in a fun way.

### FREE tours of the Area Service Office

:: stop in for more details ::

Check out audio disks & DVDs and get the latest in AA approved reading for yourself or your group.

*Every individual purchase benefits our entire local fellowship!*

*If you can't stop in, wave as you go by!*



*"I don't know about spiritual awakenings but he's about to have a rude awakening!"*

In the month of December the Service Office received **8 Grateful Giver** contributions!!

Thank You!!  
We very much appreciate your Support!

Unity through

Area 10 Spring Assembly

March 22-24, 2013

Hosted by District 7



@ The Antlers Hilton



Service!

719-955-5600 for reservations

and mention "Area 10" to get the group rate. Deadline is 2/20/13.

For questions, email [dcm7@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:dcm7@coloradospringsaa.org)

Or call 719-439-1015 or 719-337-9569

[Coloradoaa.org](http://Coloradoaa.org)

Click "Area 10 news"

**Concept 2:** The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.



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## Step 2:

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

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## Tradition 2:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

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### TRADITIONS CHECKLIST Tradition Two

- 1) Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- 2) Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- 3) Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas.
- 4) Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it.
- 5) Although I have been sober a few years, am I willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- 6) In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?



Members of A.A. may be chosen to serve in many ways...



Intergroup Representative



## UPCOMING ELECTIONS in MARCH

ELECTIONS for INTERGROUP OFFICERS will be held at the INTERGROUP MEETING, March 12, 2013. 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.

### NOMINATION FOR INTERGROUP BOARD MEMBERS

(\*\*please submit by March 12, 2013 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, 2013.***

***Or you can scan your completed form and email to the ASO at [serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto: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 meeting in March.***

***Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the elections!***

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

~ AREA SERVICE OFFICE ~

Colorado Springs Area Service Office  
1353 South 8<sup>th</sup> 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 ~

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 •

**Some day we hope that every alcoholic who journeys will find a Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous at his destination. To some extent this is already true. Some of us are salesmen and go about. Little clusters of twos and threes and fives of us have sprung up in other communities, through contact with our two larger centers. Those of us who travel drop in as often as we can. This practice enables us to lend a hand, at the same time avoiding certain alluring distractions of the road, about which any travelling man can inform you.\***

(BB pg. 162)

\*Written in 1939. In 1990, there are about 88,000 groups. There is A.A. activity in 134 countries, with an estimated membership of two million.

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• COMMITTEE INFORMATION •

Public Information:

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community:

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

Corrections:

Committee Meeting: 9:00 am-10:00 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Sacred Heart Catholic Church 2021 West Pikes Peak Ave, Room #6, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

District 7:

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

Treatment:

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

Nightwatch:

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

**For more committee information including intergroup committees please go to [coloradospringsaa.org](http://coloradospringsaa.org)**



YEA! I Wrote For The PINT!



# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	December	GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	December
Apex	\$410.69	\$128.70	Northwesters	\$400.00	
Back to Basics	\$599.84		Not A Glum Lot	\$0.00	
Big Book Action	\$322.01	\$122.01	Oasis Group	\$50.00	
Big Book Study UPH	\$284.35		Off The Wall	\$206.44	
Black Forest	\$311.65		Old North End Study Group	\$281.50	
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Penrose Discussion	\$89.80	
Brown Baggers	\$345.00	\$195.00	Plug in the Jug	\$0.00	
Central	\$0.00		Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$277.00	\$137.00
Clean Air Group	\$374.63	\$374.63	Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$133.00	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$300.95	\$179.35	Progress Not Perfection	\$378.22	\$24.15
Down By The Creek	\$36.68		Recovery in Action	\$94.40	
Downtown Group	\$1,779.36	\$377.29	Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$354.40	
Drylander's Group	\$122.53	\$48.00	Security Eye Opener	\$73.60	\$73.60
Easy Does It	\$225.00		Serenity Hour	\$225.00	
Ellicott Group	\$191.50	\$75.00	Serenity Riders	\$149.20	
Eye Opener	\$88.00		Serenity Sisters	\$445.92	\$140.92
1515 Meditation Group	\$50.00		Sobriety of Fountain	\$64.00	\$64.00
Foxhall Group	\$178.56		Solutions at Noon	\$392.74	\$104.36
Friday Night Live	\$450.00	\$250.00	Steel Magnolias	\$309.73	
Friday Women's Group	\$448.81	\$148.81	Stepping Stones	\$82.32	\$82.32
Garage Meeting	\$325.00		Sunday Morning Speaker	\$805.95	
Good Ole Boys	\$500.00	\$250.00	Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Half Pint Group	\$120.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$156.94	
Happy Destiny	\$159.51	\$71.51	Taking Steps	\$308.62	\$108.62
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$58.00	\$58.00	The Doctor's Opinion	\$300.00	
Happy Heathens	\$275.00		Then and Now	\$191.00	\$91.00
Happy Hour	\$619.05	\$49.00	Thursday Mens	\$850.00	
High Noon	\$216.50	\$24.00	Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
H.O.W.	\$78.72		Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$90.00	\$30.00
Into Action	\$336.00		12@12 Group	\$0.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$100.00	\$100.00	Veterans for AA	\$0.00	
Lake George Group	\$188.39		Walk the Talk	\$3,330.00	\$950.00
Living Free	\$105.42	\$24.42	Walking on Water	\$200.00	
Living Sober	\$208.00	\$70.00	We Are Not Saints	\$1,802.57	
Living Sober South	\$203.94	\$25.62	Wed. Westside Womens	\$234.56	\$67.06
M.A.G.	\$746.02	\$83.00	Westside Eye Opener	\$424.23	\$313.64
Natural High	\$0.00		Woodland Park Beginners	\$50.00	
New Beginners	\$470.06		Woodland Park Book Study	\$198.20	\$48.20
New Woman	\$816.95		Young People	\$878.89	\$340.89
Noon Meetings @ Clean Slate	\$0.00		Totals:	\$25,974.35	\$5,230.10

*We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.*



## Nightwatch Night Owls News



**Happy February!** I would like to share with you a call that I received on Nightwatch in January. Let me set the stage for you; I was at home watching television and my phone rang. Knowing that I was on shift for the hotline, I had my Nightwatch information packet handy and a meeting schedule just a click away on the home computer. I answered the phone and here is how the conversation went:

{Night Owl} Hello, this is Gina.

{Caller} Hi, my name is Kari, have I reached the right number? I am trying to reach someone about going to a meeting or something, I don't know. This is the fifth number I have called and I was ready to just give up trying to find the correct place. It took everything I had to start calling for help but then I couldn't find the right number. Another place I called gave me this number for Alcoholics Anonymous. I am just so glad someone answered, thank you, what was your name again?

{Night Owl} My name is Gina, and yes, you have reached the correct number. I am a volunteer for Alcoholics Anonymous and I can certainly give you meeting information. Can you tell me what part of town you are in?

{Caller} I am in the 80918 area of Colorado Springs. I am not sure if I am an alcoholic but my husband says that I am and need to get some help. Actually, he drinks more than I do but I can only help myself. I need to do this for my kids and for me... I want to do this for me. I work at night and could go to a meeting during the day.

{Night Owl} I know of a meeting place in that area, it should be pretty close to you... (I went on to give her the address and meeting times for the appropriate location.) You can also go to the website address, [coloradospringsaa.org](http://coloradospringsaa.org), and click on meeting schedules if you would like some different times and places for meetings.

{Caller} What do they do at the meetings?

{Night Owl} There are a lot of great women that go to the meetings. Make sure that you announce your name and that you are new to the meeting and ask for phone numbers of some of the women at the meeting so that you have a few contacts just in case you need to talk to someone between meetings. You can just listen or if you feel comfortable, you can share a little about yourself. If you decide that you are in fact an alcoholic, you should find a female sponsor; begin reading the Alcoholics Anonymous "Big Book" and start working the twelve steps. In my

opinion, only *you* can decide if you are an alcoholic and *you* are the one who has to want help.

{Caller} Thank you so much for talking to me and giving me some information. I will get to one of the meetings.

{Night Owl} You are so welcome. Have a great night.

This is a fairly typical caller situation in Nightwatch. Sometimes they are even more simple calls such as passing on the website so that they may see and choose the meetings for themselves. Other times the caller may not have a vehicle and might need a ride to a meeting, in which case the Night Owl would call a twelfth stepper on our list and give the caller information to the twelfth stepper to assist and carry out the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. If you have six months of continuous sobriety, are willing to commit to a weekly service position for one year, and have a phone, you can volunteer to be a Night Owl. We always need more volunteers for service.

In the month of December, our volunteer Night Owls received 189 calls on the hotline! It was a very busy month and I want to thank each and every volunteer for answering the calls for help. Way to go!

**Calling All Night Owls! Hoot! Hoot!** If you are interested in becoming a Night Owl, call Gina S. at 719-502-1154 or email me at [nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org). You can also just suit up and show up at our next Nightwatch Service Committee meeting. It will be on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart School, Room 10, located on the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Pikes Peak Avenue. Please, join us to get your Night Owl beginner packet and receive some light training as well.

**Night Owl Words of Wisdom:** *I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons:*

1. *Sense of duty.*
2. *It is a pleasure.*
3. *Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.*
4. *Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.*

This is from the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, pages 181-182

Dedicated to Service,

Gina S.

Nightwatch Chair

### **Area Service Office Hours**

***Tuesday / Friday***

***9:00am to 6:00pm***

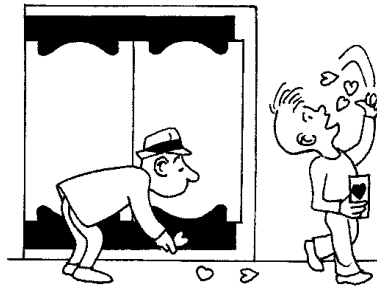
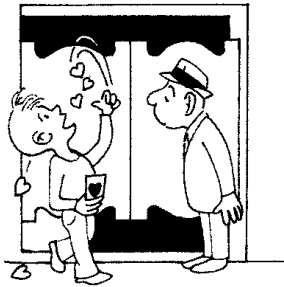
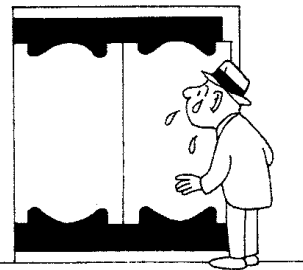
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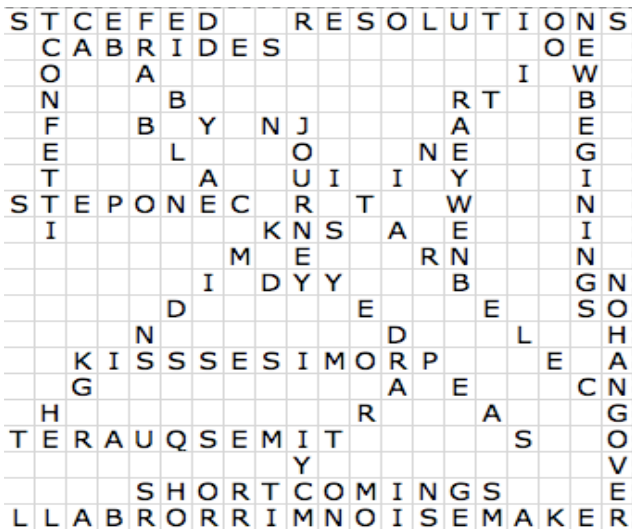
There are 20 words in this months puzzle.  
 (This months RTL is 19 mins.)  
 How long will it take you?

## • VALENTINE WORD SEARCH •

- VALENTINE
- HUGS
- HEARTS
- STEP TWO
- LOVE
- PASSION
- ROMEO
- FLOWERS
- CUPIDS ARROW
- CHOCOLATE
- POEMS
- ROMANCE
- COUPLES
- MARRIAGE
- PINK
- SWEETHEART
- FLIRT
- ADORE
- DATE
- RELATIONSHIP



## • New Year Word Search • January Solution



## Last Months Caption



"Well alright! You can take me to Detox,  
**BUT** I'm going to finish these drinks first!!"

Submitted by: Bob McC - Bode, Iowa