



~THE PIKES PEAK PINT~



UPCOMING TOPICS:
Tradition 4 (April)
Tradition 5 (May)
Tradition 6 (June)



EDITOR'S NOTES

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Happy, Happy March!

I simply cannot believe that it has been a year and a half since I started my Pint stint! Time flies when you're having fun and it's even faster when I'm outside of my own head! Before I share my experience with our Third Tradition, I would like to say THANK YOU so much for my life, my sobriety, and the opportunity to be of service to you in this capacity! Serving on the Pint was an experience that changed my understanding of just how WE as a fellowship adhere to our traditions so that we might pass the message of AA along to those still suffering. Your comments on how you have used the posts in the PINT in your own lives has shown me that there are ways of receiv-

ing this life giving message that I would never have considered before. So with this being the last issue I publish, I want to thank the PINT team who helped get this publication ready every month! I leave with a heart full of gratitude, and a warm welcome to your next PINT Chair! (Wipes happy tears)

Our Third Tradition saved my life! I didn't know if I was an alcoholic or not but I was told over and over again that if I had a desire to stop drinking, then I was home! That literally saved my life! It meant that no matter what my situation was, if I wanted to stop drinking, I could come back and stay. So simple, but so powerful. This one unified focus stance on membership has paved the

way for so many of us to survive alcoholism and thrive in the sun light of the spirit, carrying this promise from one alcoholic to another.

Pretty neat huh!!! Our Third Tradition points us back to the 1st which is Unity. United we stand or we fall alone! In the stories that follow, you will read more on the Third Tradition from some of our fellows who will shed their light on this, AA's clarity and availability!

With so much love, I wish you a March that you won't soon forget!!! Thank you!!!!

Stormie

“TRADITION 3: TRUST LEADS TO UNITY”

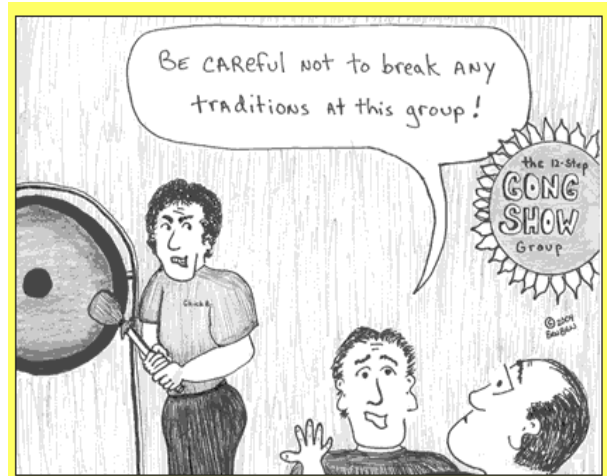
My traditions sponsor showed me two things early on about the traditions. First, that the Traditions help us to live in a common problem which we share, which is the problem of how to place the unity of the group first, above my petty needs. In order to recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind of body, I must put aside my ego, put aside my self-centeredness, put aside my personal ambitions and put the unity of the group first. My personal recovery depends on A.A. Unity. Second, that the Traditions are all stop signs on the road to maturity. The stop sign in Tradition 3 is that I don't get to tell you whether you belong or not. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. You get to make that decision and I get to trust you with that decision.

The 3s are about making decisions to trust. In Step 3, I make a decision to begin the process that gets me from the *Step 1* problem to the *Step 2* solution. We start to watch God in action and as we see God in action, we begin to trust God. In Tradition 3, I make a decision to **trust** that only you know whether to want to stop drinking for all and for good. I get to watch God in action in your life and to not exclude you or deny you from the program of recovery offered in A.A.. I begin the process that gets me from the Tradition 1 problem of how to be unified to the Tradition 2 solution of letting God be the final authority over us. I trust God, who I don't quite understand, to work through you to help you figure out if you're a member or not. I don't have to manage, manipulate or control your decision to be a member or not, I just accept it and offer you a seat in the rooms and a hand if you want it. Now I have another tool to help me deal with the problem that I must put the common welfare first if I am to recover: **I trust God and I let you make your own decisions.**

We are a society of defects in actions - we are damaged people who learn from one another. You make mistakes, I make mistakes -that is how we relate to one another and grow, individually and together. I don't get to kick you out for your lifestyle or choices or for who you are or how you show up. When you say you have a drinking problem and a desire to stop drinking, then I get to accept you as a member in all your glory -- mistakes and all. We don't qualify newcomers, they qualify themselves. Only *you* get to answer the question as to whether or not you are an alcoholic or have a desire to quit or wish to recover!

When I see you *doing* AA is the only way that I get to *know* you as a member or not; my trust deepens into a sure knowledge of you. Then, we work together to help the next new drunk. So, when you show up and say that you are one of us, I trust that on face value. But a chair in the rooms (membership) doesn't guarantee anyone sobriety! The program of action does. As you and I work the program of recovery as individuals, we can also unify in action to help others.

Cris S.



Tradition Gong

“Only One Requirement”

I was far from being able to trust people when I walked back into the rooms of AA. I had been around unsavory people for the last few years while living with active alcoholism. I found it all too easy to rebel against anyone, in any type of society.

When I came into the rooms no one asked me if I belonged there, no one asked me to give money I didn't have. I found nothing to rebel against.

I am grateful for Tradition 3. “The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.” It gave me the chance to be a part of something that would help me with my desperate desire to stop living the way I had been.

April

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.”

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TRADITION 3:

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

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



Step Three

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

Tradition 3:

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

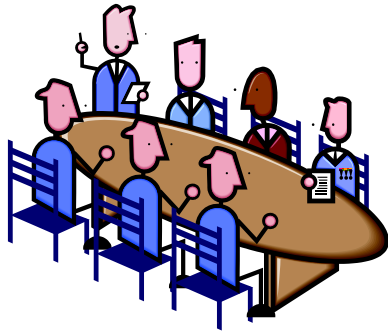
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**MEETING CHANGES, SPEAKERS,
& HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!**



**NO MEETING CHANGES FOR
THE MONTH OF MARCH**



HAPPY HOUR

Lenny L.	4 yrs.
Chris H.	21 yrs.
Mallory M.	1 yr.

WE ARE NOT SAINTS

BJ	27 Yrs.
Betty A.	29 yrs.
Laura H.	2 yrs.
Lynne	9 yrs.
Marc P.	3 yrs.
Stormie	6 yrs.
Terrie C.	7 yrs.

NEW WOMAN GROUP

Barbara S.	29 yrs.
Noell M.	24 yrs.
Michelle C.	11 yrs.
Jennie C.	30 yrs.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Lisa F.	19 yrs.
Mary	17 yrs.

FRIDAY WOMAN'S GROUP

Diane G.	36 yrs.
Mona C.	25 yrs.



**TRADITIONS
BREAKFAST MEETING**

• Tradition Nine •

A. A. Traditions Discussion Meeting
Sunday March 20, 2016 @ 10:00am / 12:00pm

At Village Inn on Circle and I-25

Subsequent meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month!

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Arrive at 9:00am to enjoy some
breakfast and fellowship
before the meeting begins!

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When arriving at Village Inn simply tell the Hostess you are here for
TRADITIONS. She will politely direct you to the "BUBBLE".

In the month of January

the Service Office received

4 Grateful Giver contributions

and 1 Birthday contribution!



GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	January	GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	January
A Common Solution	\$82.36		Off The Wall	\$234.92	\$36.44
Above the Bar Group	\$0.00		Old North End Study Group	\$323.31	
Apex	\$161.63		Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$0.00	
Back to Basics	\$715.59		Primary Purpose	\$0.00	
Beacon Light Group	\$0.00		Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$0.00	
Big Book Action	\$536.69		Progress Not Perfection	\$226.26	\$16.43
Big Book Study UPH	\$292.38		Recovery in Action	\$524.34	
Black Forest	\$679.13	\$215.03	Recovery, Unity, Service Group	\$156.00	
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$177.45	
Brown Baggers	\$150.00		Security Eye Opener	\$226.48	
Central	\$20.00		Serenity Hour	\$650.00	\$75.00
Clean Air Group	\$82.00		Serenity Riders	\$560.00	\$320.00
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$1,113.19		Serenity Sisters	\$655.23	\$130.23
Down By The Creek	\$0.00		Solutions at Noon	\$455.64	\$77.15
Downtown Group	\$3,060.23		Sought Through Prayer & Med-	\$215.32	\$19.50
Drylander's Group	\$40.46		Steel Magnolias	\$233.72	\$58.74
Easy Does It	\$120.00		Stepping Stones	\$0.00	
Ellicott Group	\$481.00	\$300.00	Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,109.00	
Foxhall Group	\$249.87		Sunday Night Big Book Study	\$0.00	
Freedom From Bondage	\$100.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Wom-	\$280.00	
Friday Night Live	\$287.50		Taking Steps	\$0.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$344.00		The Doctor's Opinion	\$202.25	
Good Ole Boys	\$0.00		The Garage Meeting	\$23.00	\$23.00
Happy Destiny	\$152.00		Then and Now	\$147.00	
Happy Heathens	\$200.00		Thursday Men's Group	\$1,600.00	
Happy Hour	\$34.27		Thursday Noon--Woodland	\$112.50	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$19.00		Treating The Illness	\$83.75	
High Noon	\$214.00	\$30.00	Turning Point	\$0.00	
H.O.W.	\$100.00		Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$50.00	
Into Action	\$450.00		Veterans for AA	\$0.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$100.00		Walk the Talk	\$2,550.00	
Lake George Group	\$85.00		Walking on Water	\$36.00	
Little Log Church Group	\$410.00		We Are Not Saints	\$1,415.92	
Living Free	\$217.50	\$30.50	Westside Eye Opener	\$0.00	
Living Sober South	\$276.05	\$43.50	Women of Grace	\$215.50	
M.A.G.	\$446.50	\$93.50	Woodland Park Beginners	\$0.00	
Natural High	\$27.00	\$27.00	Woodland Park Book Study	\$310.00	
New Beginners	\$867.45	\$355.50	Woodland Park Women's Step	\$122.35	
New Woman	\$821.68	\$149.61	Young People	\$624.57	
Northwesters	\$650.00		Totals:	\$27,106.99	\$2,001.13



“Heard at a Meeting”

Wants to hear from you! Do you have a favorite saying you heard in a meeting that helped you or another? Did you go to an AA “retreat or function that changed something in you for the better?

website: www.coloradospringsaa.org or email to the

Pint at

pint@coloradospringsaa.org.

• 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: 6:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of the month at Vertec, 1123 Elkton Dr.

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.

Web Committee:

Committee Meetings: 1:00 p.m., second Saturday of the month. 5965 N. Academy Blvd. #203 Pikes Perk Coffee & Tea House

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

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

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1353 South 8th St., Suite 209
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Long Timers & Friends

Presented By:
Colorado Springs
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Long Timers Dinner

Saturday, April 16th
3pm-7pm

Hosted At:

Odd Fellows Hall

575 South Union Blvd.
Colorado Springs, CO, 80910

Long timers with 18 years
or more get a free* ticket!
All others are welcome,
admission is \$10 at the door.

Itinerary:

- 3:00pm-Fellowship
- 4:00pm-Dinner
- 5:00pm-Sobriety Countdown
- 5:30pm-First Speaker
- 6:00pm-Second Speaker
- 6:30pm-Third Speaker

Dinner:

Homemade
Soup, Chili,
Salad,
& Bread



Speakers:

- *Patsy C.
- *Kevin M.
- *Annikki H.

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Colorado Springs has to offer! *Please R.S.V.P. by phone or email
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