



# THE PIKES PEAK PINT

May 2020

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

## **7th Tradition Help Needed For May**

The Intergroup's Colorado Springs Area Service Office (CSASO) has a minimum monthly operating budget of \$4,600.

THANK YOU for the personal contributions from so many and from several groups during the month of April! Because of YOU we made it though April during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We are asking for your financial support again for the month of May since most groups are having Zoom meetings and are unable to have live in-person meetings where the 7th Tradition basket is passed.

Contributions can be easily made on the homepage of our CSASO website: [www.coloradospringsaa.org](http://www.coloradospringsaa.org) or mailed to the office at 1353 S 8th Street Suite 209, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

## **Don't Forget Our Pamphlets**

I've been answering phones and helping out at the Denver Central Office now for just about a decade, and not only has it been a most consistent AA Service Opportunity, it has been the most educational. For most of the time my mentor was our Retired Office Manager, Jo N. One of the (many) things that Jo shared with me was that her knowledge base really grew when she was a volunteer because she got in the habit of reading a pamphlet each time she worked a shift.

During this coronavirus period, while I'm answering phones at home, I find myself talking to family members of alcoholics. When I do, I often find myself grabbing my newcomer packet and explaining to them under what AA Does Not Do, that we don't "furnish initial motivation for alcoholics

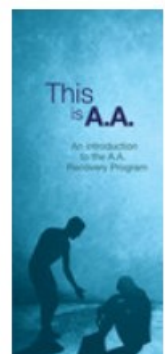
to recover."

Last week I took the opportunity, before I returned my packet to the shelf, to reach the pamphlet "This is AA" again. Wow! What a terrific explanation it is of what we do here in AA.

This week I got four calls in a row from family members and friends of alcoholics. It seems that during this period of isolation, we alxies are especially difficult to live with.

The best help I could give them was to go to our website, where they can point and click a downloadable version of this wonderful resource, which does a far better job of explaining and answering questions than I can.

In service,  
John Z.



# Can AA go on Changing for the Better?

AA's first quarter century is now history. Our next twenty-five years lie in prospect before us. How, then, can we make most of this new grant of time?

Perhaps our first realization should be that we can't stand still. Now that our basic principles seem established, now that our functioning is fairly effective and widespread, it would be temptingly easy to settle down as merely one more useful agency on the world scene. We could conclude that "AA is fine just the way it is."

Yet, how many of us, for example, would presume to declare, "Well, I'm sober and I'm happy. What more can I want, or do? I'm fine the way I am." We know that the price of such self-satisfaction is an inevitable backslide, punctuated at some point by a very rude awakening. We have to grow or else deteriorate. For us, the "status quo" can only be for today, never for tomorrow. Change we must, we cannot stand still.

Just how, then, can AA go on changing for the better? Does this mean that we are to tinker with our basic principles? Should we try to amend our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?

Here the answer would seem to be "no." Those twenty-four principles have first liberated us, have then held us in unity, and have enabled us to func-

tion and to grow as AA members and as a whole. Of course, perfect truth is surely something better understood by God than by any of us. Nevertheless, we have come to believe that AA's recovery Steps and Traditions do represent the approximate truths which we need for our particular purpose. The more we practice them, the more we like them. So there is little doubt that AA principles continue to be advocated in the form they stand now.

So then, if our basics are so firmly fixed as all this, what is there left to change or to improve? The answer will immediately occur to us. While we need not alter our truths, we can surely improve their application to ourselves, to AA as a whole, and to our relation with the world around us. We can constantly step up "the practice of these principles in all our affairs."

As we now enter upon the next great phase of AA's life, let us therefore rededicate ourselves to an ever greater responsibility for our general welfare. Let us continue to take our inventory as a Fellowship, searching out our flaws and confessing them freely. Let us devote ourselves to the repair of all faulty relations that may exist, whether within or without.

And above all, let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we have found—a new life of freedom under God.

-Bill Wilson, ©The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., February 1961

## May Celebrations

### We Are Not Saints

Fernando R 5/21/1988  
Dennis D 5/14/2010  
Lynne F 5/6/2016

Please email your group's celebrations to [pint@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:pint@coloradospringsaa.org)



## News For You

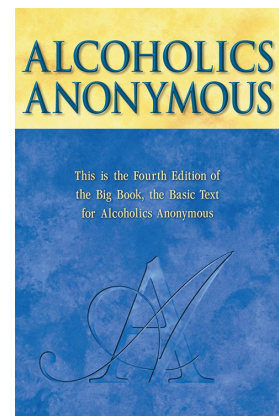
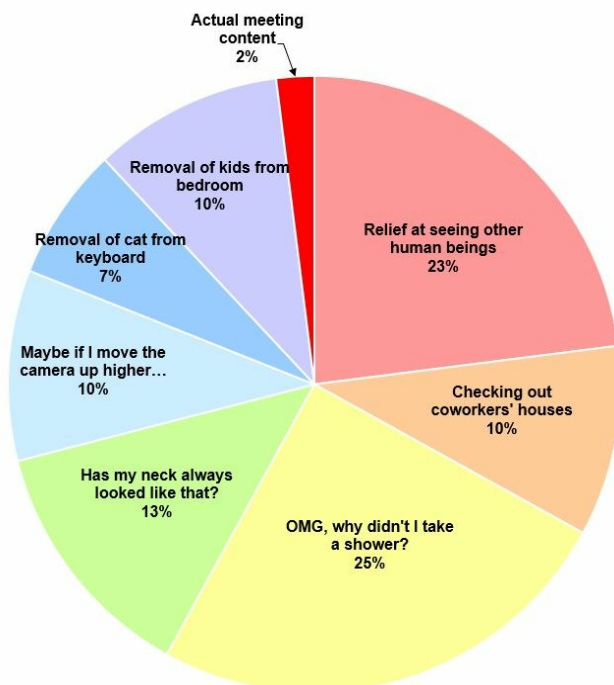
According to the Public Health Order 20-24, AA gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people. Due to this Order:

- 1) The May 12th Intergroup Meeting is Cancelled.
- 2) The Founder's Day Picnic for June 13th is cancelled.
- 3) The Area Service Office is open and masks must be worn while in the office. Please come visit us at 1353 S. 8th Street, Suite 209 Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



This month's  
"Pint Piece"  
for your  
personal reflection...

### Diagram of Zoom Meeting Attention Span



**“Faith has to work twenty-four hours a day in and through us, or we perish.”**

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous,  
Page 16, Chapter 1, “Bill’s Story”

# STEP 5

“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.”



## CONCEPT 5

“Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.”

## TRADITION 5

“Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

## TRADITION 5 CHECKLIST

1. Am I willing to firmly explain to newcomers the limitations of AA help, even though they may get mad at me for not giving them a loan? Dating Advice? Or help with a job?
2. Have I ever imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
3. Am I willing to Twelfth-Step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
4. Do I help my group in every way to fulfill our primary purpose?
5. Do I remember that AA long-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?
6. Does our group ever use money from the basket for dinners or events or for memorials for members who have passed on?

# YTD GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

4.1.2020 – 3.31.2021

<b>Group 2020-2021</b>	<b>Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
12 Steps from the			
Morgue	\$116	\$116	
Back to Basics	\$116	\$116	
Black Forest Group	\$205	\$205	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$60	\$60	
Easy Does It	\$117	\$117	
Friday Night Live	\$50	\$50	
Friday Women's	\$80		\$80
H.O.W.	\$100	\$100	
Into Action	\$100	\$100	
Little Log Cabin	\$320	\$320	
New Woman	\$144		\$144
Recovery In Action	\$168	\$168	
Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100	
Steel Magnolias	\$106		\$106
Thursday Night Men's	\$1,834	\$1,834	
Walk the Talk	\$2,032	\$1,607	\$425
We Are Here	\$45	\$45	
We Are Not Saints	\$748	\$748	
WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19	
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$6,460</b>	<b>\$5,705</b>	<b>755</b>



## 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](mailto:serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org)

Web: [www.coloradospringsaa.org](http://www.coloradospringsaa.org)

## JOIN A COMMITTEE MEETING!

These are suspended until further notice.

### BRIDGING THE GAP

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the month, Area Service Office  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209, Colorado Springs

### PIKES PEAK PINT

### CORRECTIONS

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

### PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)

9:00 am; 2nd Saturday of each month  
Area Service Office  
1353 S. 8th St Suite 209

### CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets the 4th Saturday of the month from 1:00-2:30  
Penrose Main Hospital—2222 N. Nevada Ave.  
We meet in the Volunteers Conference Room.  
You can also call in on our conference line at:  
(515) 604-9925, access pin: 311273#

### PROGRAMS

6 pm Wednesdays  
Chadbourn Community Church  
402 Conejos St. 80903

### 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

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 at  
[coloradospringsaa.org](http://coloradospringsaa.org)