



# THE PIKES PEAK PINT

November 2020

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics

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

**Without Group and Personal Contributions we are out of business and not available to carry on with our primary purpose .... To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers inside and outside the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.**

Contributions can be made on the homepage of our CSASO website: [www.coloradospringsaa.org](http://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.

## Did You Know?

Bill and Lois Wilson attended the NY Oxford Group shortly after Bill was released from Towns Hospital late December 1934. All went well until Oxford Group members criticized them for having private meetings for “drunks only” in their home at 182 Clinton Street in Brooklyn Hts. They were considered as “not maximum” (not fully complying with Oxford Group principles). Chaos developed!

Consequently, during August of 1937, Bill and Lois stopped attending the Oxford Group meetings.

The yet unwritten AA program of action was now on its own in NY! Happily the twenty-eight main principles (tenets) of the Oxford Group remained embedded in the mind of the author-to-be of our Big Book:

Moral inventory; confession of personality defects; restitution to those harmed; helpfulness to others; necessity of belief in and dependence upon God.

This later became a word-of-mouth six step program of action for the alcoholics—there were several versions of this, but here is the version found on page 263 of our current Big Book:

- Complete deflation
- Dependence and guidance from a Higher Power
- Moral Inventory
- Confession
- Restitution
- Continued work with other alcoholics

The six-step word-of-mouth program was expanded into twelve steps in December of 1938 (Pass it On, pages 197-198). How lucky for us that Bill was considered “not maximum”! Certainly, a God-send for us all! Further evidence that “God moves in mysterious ways”!

Bob S.

## Perspective:

Recently I have been thinking that this life is a journey up a mountain, an infinite mountain. My perspective and thoughts, which skip right along (or ping around like a mad bee in a jar), change depending on each day's 'walk'.

There are those days that the top of this mountain looks impossibly far away and I am so discouraged. The next day, moment (or nano-second) I am awed by the beauty and magnificence of the view. That shift and its speed depends on my spiritual fitness.

Of course this means others are also on this journey, some ahead of me, some beside me and some below me. There are those who found a very different path or have decided they want to climb the steep rock walls. Some are on the far side of this infinite 'mountain' and a journey that is completely their own-one I can't even imagine.

All of these other people have their own perspective. Their experience is a fact and the truth to them, as much as mine is to me. I generally get into lots of trouble when I'm not focused on my journey and am telling others how to walk.

Anyway, I digress, the thing I am getting at, is there is only one thing that doesn't change-the mountain. A Power greater than myself. I can question it, curse it, rejoice and cry. It is solid and sustained. To see and experience this greatness I have to keep going. I can sit and rest, I can share strength and help others but I can't carry them up or force them to walk on my path.

I can't walk up the mountain for anyone. I accept that they are on their journey, I will see them all again, at the top, that place where we shed this form and soar off into the endless 'sky' called eternity, because, I believe we are spiritual beings having a human experience.

This journey is one of a zillion 'journeys'. Maybe all the confusion and frustration in this journey is because, even though I don't consciously remember, I have experienced the infinite, vast timeless beauty of a Universal One. Deep down I realize the mountain is a tiny part of the whole. I

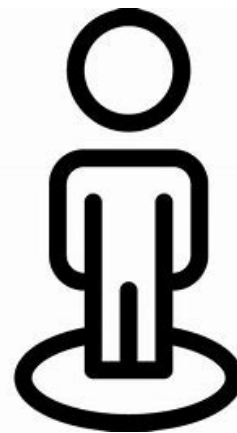
've known what that absolute freedom feels like, my spiritual DNA knows and vibrates with that truth.

Today is a linear and limited experience. Maybe my lesson is learning how to love what is linear, ordered, structured and then beyond it. This human experience is the toughest one I think. After the knowing, the being infinite. This tests one endurance and faith.

In exchange is the beauty and priceless gift of connection I have had with other spiritual beings in a way that can't be accomplished any other way, in any other space or time. It is just those of us that are having a human experience that get this wonderful gift because it's expanding love beyond the human limits, to connect with others, that defines spiritual growth.

Thank you for being part of my journey.  
Enjoy, laugh, love and remember Rule #62.

Ann S



## November

### Easy Does It Group

Rune 11/04/2012  
Pat K. 11/05/1998  
Lou C. 11/08/2006  
Rick C. 11/19/2007  
Red 11/27/2010

### New Beginners Group

Al T. 21 Yrs  
Deanna S. 3 Yrs  
Greg 4 Yrs  
Kim B. 3 Yrs  
Randy J. 43 Yrs  
Rick C. 32 Yrs  
Trish S. 4 Yrs

### The Serenity Riders

Heidi 11/01/1983  
Anthony B. 11/17/2011  
Chance Q. 11/15/2018  
Kyle B. 11/26/2018  
Rune F. 11/04/2012  
Bart B. 11/27/2005  
Dina S. 11/01/2009  
Todd C. 11/22/1985  
Tony B. 11/04/2008

### New Beginners

Andy S. 11/20/1991  
David E. 11/10/2010  
Karen U. 11/11/2004

## News For You

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.

The Service Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the Day after.

Gratitude Dinner and Alcothon are cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

The November Intergroup meeting scheduled for November 10th at 6:00 p.m. will now be held via Zoom. Meeting ID: 895 839 8739 Passcode: 040352

## IMPORTANT COURTESY REMINDER

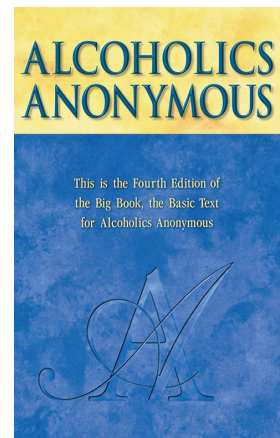
- 1) ALL MEETINGS REQUIRE MASKS
- 2) If you see someone not wearing a mask at a meeting, please ask them to put their mask on or go and get their mask and then return to the meeting.
- 3) We all need to help keep each other safe during this time.

Think about it this way. If someone came into a meeting smoking a cigarette people would not

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



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



*"At the beginning we sacrificed alcohol. We had to, or it would have killed us. But we couldn't get rid of alcohol unless we made other sacrifices. Big shot-ism and phony thinking had to go. We had to toss self-justification, self-pity, and anger right out the window. We had to quit the crazy contest for personal prestige and big bank balances. We had to take personal responsibility for our sorry state and quit blaming others for it."*

*AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1955, "Why Alcoholics Anonymous Is Anonymous", The Language of the Heart*

# STEP 11

Sought through prayers and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

## Tradition 11

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## Concept 11

The trustee should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staff, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and the rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

- Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
- How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional “Right of Participation”?
- Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

## Tradition 11 Checkoff List

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I might make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences shared with me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA members' names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Am I careful not to identify myself or others as members of AA when I post certain things on social media?
7. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?
8. If my group has its own website, have we considered this Tradition when we designed it, how accessible it is, and the type of content that it offers?

## LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

Closed: Saturday - Monday

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Colorado Springs, CO 80905

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Email: [serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org)

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

## Consider JOINING A COMMITTEE MEETING!

These are suspended until further notice.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Faith, Trust & Freedom

My experience during this time of maddening fear has led me to a new mantra for an outlook on life: Faith, Trust & Freedom. This combination of principles act as a protection for me from, in order, fear, suspicion & bondage. I will take each and explain what they mean to me and how Faith, Trust & Freedom work in my life.

Fear is a multi-layered tool of survival and evil. The need of fear in a survival role is not something I need to discuss for it is immutable. The fear engendered by evil is something I can take courage to change. A short list of the potential for evil: Evil uses fear as a tool for power, evil uses fear as a tool for resentment, evil resurrects the ghosts of the past, and evil uses fear as a tool for isolation.

Faith is a multi-faceted tool, a gift allowing me to go forward intuitively into baffling situations and know that the God of my understanding can do for me what I cannot do for myself.

Faith is the result of working from step 1 to step 3. It is the graduation from the hope AA gave freely when I walked through the door. Faith is the ability to tap into the spiritual energy available to me simply for the asking.

Faith chases away the ghosts of long-ago.

Faith is achieved by seeking a divine path, progress not perfection of course. I say divine because I know there is divine goodness in this universe and a divine spark in all of us, just as there is evil. I have experienced both, I felt both inside of me personally, and witnessed both outside of me. It is a simple option, choose a side: good or evil.

The ability to knock on the door of opportunity and have it opened is another gift of Faith. I am convinced the many wonderful occasions when I have had rewards bestowed on me are a result of following a spiritual path. I must add that I am a work in progress, far from flawless.

Goodness vastly outweighs evil if chosen as a direction in life, however evil never goes away, it lurks watchfully, always looking for weakness.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”, great advice from Peter 5:8. Faith is my weapon against this fiendish beast. And to paraphrase from a great book: “Where God is, there is Freedom.”

Suspicion is an insidious outgrowth of fear. The news throws this at us every day, the case is made by espousing current doom and gloom, an uncertain future, and unruly, but peaceful, protestors juxtaposed with rioters, looters, and anarchists attempting to undermine our safety and security. This results in skepticism of our leaders, cynicism of measures supposedly meant to protect us, and, closer to home, distrust of the fellowship to meet our most fundamental principle of total self-support.

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Trust is the solution to fear and suspicion when combined with Faith. I do not say trust blindly, but there are matters I must accept that I cannot change. In my world there are many phenomena I simply cannot do a damn thing about. To solve this our promises say, "You will intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle us **and** you will suddenly realize that God is doing for you what you could not do for yourself." This applies not just to me; it also applies to our fellowship.

It is my sincere belief that my God looks after AA and that our Big Book, 12 Steps, and 12 Traditions were divinely inspired.

Fear and suspicion inspire scarcity and greed.

Faith & Trust inspire abundance and generosity.

Fear and suspicion lead to the bondage of isolation, rationalization, hypocrisy, and distrust, to name a few. My personal demons are impatience and intolerance. I battle with these by thinking of my goal of peace of mind – my tangible form of serenity – and asking for relief from the bondage of self.

Faith & Trust lead to Freedom, Freedom of choice and Freedom from the enslavement of evil, in my case manifested by alcoholism and, well-known to all AAs, the host of maladies that come with it. The Freedom to choose leads to a daily reprieve and the rewards of the promises made to all AAs.

Steve E.

#### Meeting Updates:

- 1) APEX Group is meeting on Fridays from 6-7 p.m. at the Westside Community Center located at 1628 W. Bijou Street.
- 2) New Beginners is meeting on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. at the Westside Community Center located at 1628 W. Bijou Street.
- 3) Gift of the Heart Meetings on Saturday's at 2:30 p.m. have closed.
- 4) NEW MEETING: Fireside Meeting at 2424 Franklin Avenue on Sundays at 7:00 p.m.
- 5) Happy Hour Group on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church on 4373 Galley Road has closed.
- 6) Young People's Group on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. is meeting at Legacy Weselyn Church located at 502 N. Walnut Street.

Group 2020-2021	Fiscal YTD	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
12 Steps from the Mc	\$330	\$116				214		
164 Group	\$263			\$103			160	
A Common Solution	\$150		\$150					
APEX	\$276			\$91				\$185
Back to Basics	\$684	\$116			\$199	56	155	\$158
Big Book Action	\$200							\$200
Black Forest Group	\$466	\$205			\$131			\$130
Broadmoor Step	\$67					\$67		
But For the Grace of	\$75						\$75	
Clean Air	\$125						\$125	
District 7	\$4,662							\$4,662
Don't Worry Be Happ	\$648	\$60			\$96	\$151	\$195	\$146
Downtown Group	\$1,000							\$1,000
Easy Does It	\$539	\$117				\$422		
Friday Night Live	\$300	\$50			\$250			
Friday Women's	\$599		\$80		\$20	\$479	\$20	
Happy Destiny	\$150							\$150
Happy Heathens	\$86				\$86.00			
High Nooners	\$100			\$100				
H.O.W.	\$100	\$100						
Into Action	\$457	\$100			\$149	\$208		
Keytone to Recovery	\$290			\$130			\$160	
Language of the Hear	\$61					\$14	31	\$16
Let Go Let God	\$150			\$75				\$75
Little Log Cabin	\$320	\$320						
Living Sober South	\$32		\$32.00					
M.A.G.	\$550				\$300			\$250
Men's Anonymous	\$600					\$400		\$200
Monday Path Finders	\$199						199	
New Beginner's	\$540		#####				355	
New Woman	\$264		\$144			\$120		
Northwester's	\$192		\$43			\$120		\$29
Off the Wall	\$34			\$5			29	
Old North End	\$83				\$83			
One Day At A Time	\$130				\$130			
Pre-Dawn	\$1,000							\$1,000
Recovery In Action	\$205	\$168					37	
Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100						
Saturday Early Morni	\$253					\$253		
Serenity Hour	\$16		\$16					
Serenity Riders	\$666				\$646		20	
Steel Magnolias	\$228		\$106					\$122
Sought Thru Prayer	\$16					16		
Sunlight of the Spirit	\$114			\$114				
Talking Circles	\$25				\$25			
Thursday Night Men'	\$2,078	\$1,834	\$40				204	
Walk the Talk	\$6,157	\$1,607	\$425	\$425	\$2,850	\$425	\$425	
We Are Here	\$113	\$45						\$68
We Are Not Saints	\$1,891	\$748			\$573			\$570
WP Book Study	\$573		\$176			397		
WP Women's Step St	\$20					20		
WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19						
WP Tuesday Women	\$262		\$108			\$154		
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	\$28,458	\$5,705	1505	1043	5538	3516	2190	8961

Nov

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# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL - OCTOBER





# THANKS GIVING

Announcement

The Service Office Closed

## NOVEMBER 26 & 27

The Area Service Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after.

Thank you to our volunteers who will be answering the telephones 24 hours throughout the holiday.

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# GRATITUDE DINNER

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# Leadership: A very vital need

**Area 10 Winter Assembly (Election Assembly)**

**November 14-15, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 977 3027 9091**

**Password: 472510**

**Dial In Number: +1 346 248 7799**



**A leader in A.A. service is therefore a man or woman who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job.**

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**Saturday, November 14, Area Assembly Meeting, 8:30 am start**

Area Records will open for check in starting at 7:30 am. PLEASE log in early and allow plenty of time to register. The Area Assembly will start at 8:30 am with a combined GSR/DCM session from 8:30 - 9:15 am.

**Sunday, November 15, Area Committee Meeting, 8:30 am – noon**

Area Records will open for check in starting at 7:30 am. Please log in early and allow plenty of time to register.

Having technical trouble accessing the virtual winter assembly?

Call or text an Area 10 Technology Committee Member: Anne D. 303-257-6868 (general tech support), Bob N. 970-262-9092 (general tech support), Dave B. 719-424-8978 (Windows, Android), Mike S. 480-236-4676 (Apple devices)

**Hosted by District 26**

**Questions: 925-597-3119**

**Ramon G: Chair**

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