



**TOPICS**

*Open Mindedness*

**COMING SOON...**  
*Willingness (Oct)*  
*Service (Nov)*

# ~THE PIKES PEAK PINT~

Volunteers needed Friday and Saturday Sept 4 and 5th for the 2015 Area 10 Colorado State Convention.

*This is a great opportunity for service!*

Contact the Hospitality Suite Committee at email: 2015serve@gmail.com; phone: (719) 761-8566



## EDITOR'S NOTES

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This month our topic is Open mindedness and I kept looking for the perfect line(s) in the book to pop out and stun my heart on the importance of being open minded in our way of life. Well, it didn't happen, that is, until it did. They show up in the "Spiritual Experience" pages IN THE APPENDIX to further explain what *spiritual experience* means and in "We Agnostic"

*"Most emphatically we wish to say that any alcoholic capable of honestly facing his problems in the light of our experience can recover, provided he does not close his mind to all spiritual concepts. He can only be defeated by an attitude of intolerance or belligerent denial. We find that no one need have difficulty with the spirituality of the program.*

*Willingness, honesty and open mindedness are the essentials of recovery. But these are indispensable . "*  
 BB p.568 (570), Appendix II, Spiritual Experience

*"Faced with alcoholic destruction, we soon became as open minded on spiritual matters as we had tried to be on other questions."*  
 (BB We Agnostics, p.48)

My experience has shown me that until I am exhausted enough or humbled enough (whichever comes first) I am not able to allow different perspectives in, even if I'm dying. I arrived, by grace I believe, at a place where I no longer had any solutions to my life or alcoholism and AA said they did. I was faced with destruction. Worse than that I was faced with hovering right over destruction living life one miserable day at a time without the relief of destruction that would at least relieve me from myself. At that point my mind became open to the idea that with the help and support of the fellowship and through the working of the Steps, I could meet this Power Greater than myself and be freed from the bondage of alcoholism. Thank goodness that promise came true.

Now this open mindedness still remains key in my life today. When I believe I'm the only one with answers or knowledge, I slam the door shut for my Creator to show me how he/she works through other people as well. I miss the blessings of the day, and more importantly, when I slam the door of my mind shut I shut myself off from the Sunlight of the Spirit and OPEN an opportunity for my alcoholic mind to begin the process of walking me back to a drink and out of the grace I have received. However if I can honestly face my life, I get the chance at life and growth in spiritual concepts. For all of this I am grateful.

Our writers share their experience with journeys into open mindedness. Whether you are new or have been around for a minute or two, I pray that you read something here that speaks to your heart and offers a chance to expand and open your mind. Your very life depends on it!

Thank you for letting me be of service!

## “Open-mindedness”

There are three places in my sobriety that I found open-mindedness to be essential.

First, I had to open my mind to the idea that my willpower alone would never suffice to keep me from drinking. For me, that was a very difficult thing to keep my mind open about. I had been taught all my life that there was nothing I couldn't do if I set my mind to it. But after literally several thousand failed attempts to control and enjoy my drinking, I was finally beaten into a state of reasonableness – which in this case, meant opening my mind to the idea that there was something I really, truly had no power over.

Second, I had to open my mind to the idea that a Power greater than myself could alleviate my condition – not cure me of alcoholism, but let me live a day at a time without drinking. This was also difficult for me. I had no problem with the idea of God. In fact, I thought I had a pretty good relationship with God because I did the things my religion taught me I needed to do to be close to Him. The problem was that my relationship with God wasn't keeping me sober. So I had to be willing to open my mind to the idea that my relationship with Him had to change.

Third, I had to open my mind to the idea that the problem with my relationship with God had nothing to do with God; it was a problem with me, and specifically with my illusion that I could wrest satisfaction and happiness from this world if only I managed well. That illusion is very persistent, and I still wrestle with it today. Bit by bit, though, by working the steps of AA, I find this illusion start to fall to pieces, and I begin to see that the extent to which I trust God to manage my life is the extent to which I find peace and happiness in a turbulent world.

Anonymous

***Pg. 58 in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous***

## “I Stopped Fighting”

Hello, my name is Eric, and I'm an alcoholic.

What that means to me, is that I can never take a drink successfully. And, if I don't maintain a program of recovery... I can once again fall back into the defective thinking that says otherwise... that someday, somehow I will control and enjoy my drinking.

I didn't have that conviction coming in the rooms the first time. You hear this in the program all the time... “It takes what it takes.” I had to be put through the ringer over and over before open-mindedness could be achieved. And of course, open-mindedness on its own would not suffice.

**“We find that no one need have difficulty with spirituality of the program. *Willingness, honesty and open-mindedness are the essentials of recovery. But these are indispensable.*”**

***Pg. 568 in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous***

This time around getting sober, it was important for me to utilize ALL tools that were laid at my feet. There was a lot going through my head at the time and it was hard to differentiate the truth from the false... so it occurred to me that I couldn't trust my own intuition.

It seemed I could do nothing right. The more I fought, the more I got myself into trouble. *I stopped fighting.* I decided that I'd utilize anything that anyone said helped them. Never has anyone who's worked the Alcoholics Anonymous program suggested anything that has caused me harm. I couldn't deny that what I was up against was cunning, baffling, and powerful. I couldn't deny that the odds were against me. I couldn't deny the horrific turnover rate for people like me... I did what I was told. I listened and did my best to practice these principles in all of my affairs.

**“Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path.”**

If you truly give yourself to this simple program and put it first before ANYTHING else, you cannot fail. This has been my experience.

# WEBSITE COMMITTEE



**Come join the team and help with service!**

**Website committee will be holding a monthly meeting time starting September, 12th 2015 at 1pm and will be held every second Saturday of the month. We will be using Google Hangouts, so no need to even leave your house for meeting together!**

*Email Alicia for information to join Google Hangout or with any questions [webmaster@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:webmaster@coloradospringsaa.org)*

*Heard at a Meeting...*

*"The more I drank, the less it worked; the less it worked, the more I drank."*



Tired of riding *on* the fellowship and want to get inside?  
Sponsor pestering you to do some service work?

Want to get involved but just don't know what to do?  
Then jump right in and start answering the phone!

**That's right ladies and gentlemen,  
NIGHTWATCH needs YOU!**



Nightwatch is one of the most rewarding service positions available and there just happens to be five service slots opening.  
**THAT'S RIGHT, FIVE!**

Thanks to the spirit of rotation we all get a chance to do a little service that has a HUGE impact.

You might make a new friend or run into an old one. You could even save a life simply by answering the phone!



For more information please contact the Nightwatch chair at:  
[nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org)

Or contact the Area Service Office at 719-573-5020

In the month of July  
the Service Office received  
4 Grateful Giver contributions &  
3 personal contributions.

**CONCEPT 9:** Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

# 9

## Step 9:

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.



Step Nine

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## TRADITION 9:

AA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

### Tradition 9:

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program – even if no one makes me do so – with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully – and profit thereby – when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

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



**NEW**

**Drylanders Group-The Big Book Experience**

Closed, Big Book Study  
7:00 p.m. Monday  
Paulson Senior Center, North Side of Hwy 24 between  
Cheyenne & Pueblo Streets, Access from Pueblo St.  
Calhan, CO

**NEW**

**Last Minute Meeting**

Open, Daily Reflections  
11:59 p.m. Saturday  
5635 N. Academy Blvd



**DELETE**

**Drylanders Group-The Big Book Experience**

7:00 p.m. Thursday  
High Plains Reformed Church basement,  
corner of Colorado & 7th Street  
Calhan, CO



**DELETE**

**Down on the Prairie AA Group**

Open Discussion, Native American  
6:00 p.m. Thursday  
8662 Bohleen Rd., First Church of God Universal  
Falcon

**Central Group Speaker's Meeting (open)**

Tuesday 8:00 PM

309 S Hancock Ave

- Sep 1: Ron M. (31 yrs)
- Sep 8: Kevin M. (27 yrs)
- Sep 15: Scott N. (26 yrs)
- Sep 22: Bernie B. (lots)
- Sep 29: Sara H. (1 yr)

**WALK THE TALK**

Cathy B.	2 yrs.
Kevin S.	2 yrs.
David B.	2 yrs.
Bob O.	4 yrs.
Jody	26 yrs.
Emily L.	13 yrs.
Larry	17 yrs.
Margot	7 yrs.
Laura R.	27 yrs.
Jan C.	1 yr.
Hal B.	3 yrs.
Linda-Marie	25 yrs.
Barbara W.	30 yrs.
Phil A.	16 yrs.
Connie L.	4 yrs.
Tom H.	12 yrs.
Ann B.	1 yr.

**EASY DOES IT**

Fred S.	3 yrs.
Mike W.	2 yrs.
Jake B.	2 yrs.
Jessica M.	1 yr.
Fred L.	11 yrs.
Dave M.	2 yrs.
Bill S.	3 yrs.
Dale M.	2 yrs.
Bill S.	3 yrs.
Dale M.	5 yrs.
Renee B.	1 yr.
Vicki Rae S.	2 yrs.
Ray S.	24 yrs.
Joanne B.	3 yrs.
Leslie M.	1 yr.
Robert	1 yr.
Louise S.	7 yrs.
Bev C.	8 yrs.
Rick J.	1 yr.

**FRIDAY WOMENS**

Ruth H.	30 yrs.
Amy L	7 yrs.
Mary O	7 yrs.
Theresa	7 yrs.
Rhonda	6 yrs.
Bev C.	8 yrs.
Jan	1 yr.
Cathy B.	1 yr.
Calleen	7 yrs.
Elsa L	27 yrs.
Kelsey C.	7 yrs.
Sanay	1 yr.
Eileen S.	31 yrs.



**TUESDAY NEW WOMEN**

Leigh T.	10 yrs.
Cathy B.	4 Yrs.
Cindy S.	4 Yrs.
Laurel B.	25 Yrs.
Jeri R.	3 yrs.
Linda Marie	25 yrs.
Sanay	1 yr.
Valerie J.	1 yr.
Melissa S.	1 yr.

**WE ARE NOT SAINTS**

Jeff S.	7 yrs.
Joe S.	22 yrs.
Larry Y.	17 yrs.
Tom H.	8 yrs.

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Stormie

GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	July	GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	July
Above the Bar Group	\$0.00		Off The Wall	\$110.72	\$110.72
Apex	\$83.35		Old North End Study Group	\$100.01	\$100.01
Back to Basics	\$276.50	\$137.50	Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$0.00	
Beacon Light Group			Primary Purpose		
Big Book Action	\$405.00	\$280.00	Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$0.00	
Big Book Study UPH	\$0.00		Progress Not Perfection	\$94.05	\$22.00
Black Forest	\$308.76	\$176.50	Recovery in Action	\$284.74	\$217.34
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$114.45	
Brown Baggers	\$150.00		Security Eye Opener	\$150.00	\$150.00
Central	\$0.00		Serenity Hour	\$275.00	\$75.00
Clean Air Group	\$82.00		Serenity Riders	\$240.00	\$240.00
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$380.80		Serenity Sisters	\$275.00	
Down By The Creek	\$0.00		Solutions at Noon	\$243.42	
Downtown Group	\$1,399.47		Sought Through Prayer & Meditation	\$113.50	\$34.50
Drylander's Group	\$40.46		Steel Magnolias	\$33.50	
Easy Does It	\$90.00	\$90.00	Stepping Stones	\$0.00	
Ellicott Group	\$100.00		Sunday Morning Speaker	\$297.00	
Foxhall Group	\$0.00		Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Freedom From Bondage	\$100.00	\$100.00	Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$180.00	
Friday Night Live	\$163.50	\$70.00	Taking Steps	\$0.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$70.00		The Doctor's Opinion	\$202.25	\$202.25
Good Ole Boys	\$0.00		The Garage Meeting		
Happy Destiny	\$0.00		Then and Now	\$0.00	
Happy Heathens	\$0.00		Thursday Men's Group	\$500.00	
Happy Hour	\$0.00		Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$50.00	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$0.00		Treating The Illness	\$0.00	
High Noon	\$77.00		Turning Point	\$0.00	
H.O.W.	\$50.00	\$50.00	Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$50.00	
Into Action	\$0.00		Veterans for AA	\$0.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$0.00		Walk the Talk	\$1,700.00	\$425.00
Lake George Group	\$0.00		Walking on Water	\$0.00	
Little Log Church Group			We Are Not Saints	\$186.70	
Living Free	\$134.50	\$57.50	Westside Eye Opener	\$0.00	
Living Sober South	\$93.50	\$29.00	Women of Grace		\$163.50
M.A.G.	\$120.00		Woodland Park Beginners	\$0.00	
Natural High	\$0.00		Woodland Park Book Study	\$0.00	
New Beginners	\$418.64	\$184.32	Woodland Park Women's Step Study		
New Woman	\$317.88	\$144.00	Young People	\$159.46	
Northwesters	\$350.00	\$150.00	Totals:	\$11,142.66	\$3,209.14



# NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING



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The Purpose of Nightwatch  
**TRADITION FIVE**  
Each Group Has But One Primary Purpose- To Carry Its Message To The Alcoholic Who Still Suffers

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**NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Of Every Month At 7PM,  
We Meet At Sacred Heart Parish  
2021 West Pikes Peak Ave  
Room 10 \*upstairs\*  
(corner of 21<sup>st</sup> street and Pikes Peak)



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**Contact Info:**  
Service Office 24hr Hotline (719) 573-5020  
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1353 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209  
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NightWatch Committee Chair  
CRYSTAL S. (720) 425-1952  
NightWatch Committee Vice Chair  
[www.nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:www.nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org)

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**THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS ARE 1 YEAR OF  
CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY AND A 1 YEAR  
COMMITMENT OF SERVICE**

• 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 Co-  
ordinator Conference Room.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:**  
Committee Meeting: 6:00 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the  
month at Vertec, 1123 Elkton Dr.

**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.

**Archives:**  
Archive Committee Meetings: 7:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of  
the month at Service Office, 1353 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209

**Special Needs:**  
Committee Meetings: 1:00 p.m., last Saturday of every  
even month at 309 S. Hancock Ave.

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

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

~ **AREA SERVICE OFFICE** ~  
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1353 South 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 209  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905  
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P.O. Box 459 - Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
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~ **AREA 10** ~  
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12081 West Alameda Parkway #418  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
(Include group name, number and District 7 on  
check)

~ **DISTRICT 7** ~  
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 Com-  
mittee)  
(Include group name and number on check)

**• CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •**

**Local Service Office**  
Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
SAT.-SUN.: CLOSED  
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Contact the Service Office for Intergroup information  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



# TRADITIONS BREAKFAST MEETING

## ● Tradition Three ●

A. A. Traditions Discussion Meeting  
Sunday September 20, 2015 @ 10:00a / 12:00p

At Village Inn on Circle and I-25

*Subsequent meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month!*

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**Arrive at 9:00a and 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".