

A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

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~THE PIKES PEAK PINT~

Local Service Office

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. SAT.-SUN.: CLOSED Location: 1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Archives:

Committee Meeting: 12:00 pm, 3rd Sunday of the month at Village Inn on Circle Drive & I-25.

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. **Special Needs:**

Committee Meeting: No committee meetings scheduled at this time.

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

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FRIDAY WOMENS		
Jan H.	20	yrs.
Sharon A.	11	yrs.
Jan Z.	16	yrs.
Toni L.	21	yrs.
Heidi G.	15	yrs.
Iris S.	7	yrs.
Robin B.	7	yrs

EASY DOES IT		
Nikii C.	5	yrs.
Dave B.	10	yrs.
Julie G.	2	yrs.
Chris H.	1	yr.
Bridgett M.	2	yrs.
Jerry G.	2	yrs.
Collin G.	2	yrs.
David B.	2	yrs.

Downtow	owntown Group	
Rob	4	yrs.
Paige	6	yrs.
Kimber	6	yrs.
DJ	5	yrs.
Bob	4	yrs.
Rich	10	yrs.
Frank W.	10	yrs.
Lynnie G	3	yrs.
Amber T.	4	yrs.
Owen	5	yrs.
Josh S	2	yrs.
Kristi A.	2	yrs.
Whitney A.	2	yrs.
Daisy	3	yrs.
Kateel	4	yrs.
Ed M.	4	yrs.
Taylor G.	4	yrs.
Andera G	2	yrs.
Bill S.	9	yrs.
Dallas	4	yrs.
Jolene B.	4	yrs.
PJ S.	22	yrs.
John O.	4	yrs.

TUESDA WOM		W
Suzanne	17	yrs.
Theresa B.	2	yrs.
Priscilla T.	3	yrs.
Linda C.	6	yrs.
Mary Ann S.	4	yrs.
Rachelle M.	1	yr.
Rosie E.	32	yrs.

WE ARE NO	T SA	INTS
Jan Z.	16	yrs.
Mary Ann S.	4	yrs.
Nicole S.	31	yrs.
Rob S.	13	yrs.

A BIRTHDAY GIFT

On my belly button birthday, I received a card and inside this card was a homework assignment that my oldest son had done when he was in 8th grade. He wrote the following and I have his permission to pass it on:

"If I could give anything it would go to my mom. It would be a miracle because my mom is not very stable. She isn't very stable because she has a large drinking problem. She lives in a halfway house. She doesn't have a well paying job and she can't stay with a nice man very long."

"It would be a miracle to stop my mom from drinking. If and when she stops drinking she could go back to school. After she goes to school she can get a good job then she might meet a nice man and get married. That would make me very happy."

"She isn't very stable"

"Robby P. B-3"

"This was written in 8th grade school year 2000-

2001, shortly before you got sober, I found this when I was cleaning out my files, I read this and began to cry. Not because of what was written but the fact THE MIRACLE HAS HAPPENED! You have had... Have everything I could have ever wished and prayed for you!"

"What makes this even more special mom is that because of the miracle(s) that happened in your life, you got a chance to do what this program has taught you and pass the message and reached out the hand of AA when I needed it Most!" [He got sober on May 9, 2011]
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"I always swore that I was not going to be like you! Today because of my wish for you came true, without my realization I could only hope to be half the person you are." "Mom you are truly an amazing woman, mom, wife daughter and sister!!" "The only thing I can give you now is stuff that I've borrowed and maybe a laugh!!" "Happy Birthday mom! I Love you, Robby."

The crazy thing about this letter is that I got Sober Nov 3, 2000 on a one night stand. I was pregnant again for the 3rd time. I was on probation, peeing at TASC, and living in a half way house. My two boys had been separated (one lives with my mom and my other son lives with his dad in Colorado). I did not have much going on. I could not keep a job or a relationship (I did not want one of either); I was hopeless and was ready to die. But for whatever reason I went to one more AA meeting, I asked for help, got a sponsor, and thus started my journey. I took a service position at the Christmas Alcathon, I did what was suggested

and life got weirder or I was just more aware of what life had to offer. I got really involved in service in Hospitals and Institutions. I lived one moment at a

time, literally. because I could only do minutes and seconds at a time for the first year. I worked and breathed sobriety and prayed my ass off. I had no idea what life could be. I made a 90 day commitment at the half way house, got a home-group, worked all 12 steps in order, called my sponsor everyday, and prayed. I went to meetings, peed at TASC, and that is how it went for the first year.

I had no idea that my oldest son was the Alcoholic or Addict that he was. I will never be able to give back as much as has been given to me.

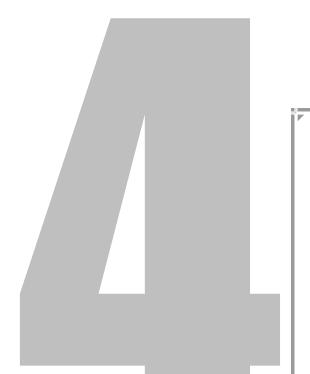
Thank GOD (HP) for AA and the NEW-COMERS.

Abigail

because she has a large

drinking problem."

CONCEPT 4: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.



TRADITION 4:

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

TRADITION 4 CHECKLIST:

- 1. Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in AA?
- 2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
- 3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
- 4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
- 5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
- 6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

STEP 4:

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Nightwatch Night Owls News

Around October of 2014, I decided it was time to find some service work

where I could be useful. I saw an ad in the Pikes Peak Pint for Nightwatch. I had no idea what the heck that was, so I contacted the Nightwatch Committee Chairperson and he asked if I could make it to the

next committee meeting. I could, and I did.

At that committee meeting I was told what Nightwatch was all about, given material to help me do the job, and also received some good advice. I was assigned the midnight to 9am shift on Mondays.

Nightwatch is a group of people who work from home. The Area Service Office phone number is good 24-7, so when the Office is closed, phone calls to the Office Phone Number are forwarded to whomever is slotted for that particular time. The majority of the calls coming in are from people wanting to know where they can find a meeting. We also get calls from people asking about Detox, Treatment Centers, Sober Houses, and places like that. Occasionally, someone calls who just needs someone to talk to. They may have had no experience with AA, or they may have had some, but need help. When these type of calls come in, we can either choose to talk to the caller ourselves or we can find someone off the 12 Step Lists to talk to them.

I pulled the shift assigned to me and when asked to serve as Vice-Chair, I accepted. Later, I became the Chairper-

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> I have always believed in what I was taught: That when anyone asks for help, I

want the hand of AA to be there! There are many forms of service work in AA, but I have found this to be one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. I still get a kick out of helping an individual who says, "I want to stop drinking. I just don't know how. Can you help me?"

In order to participate in Nightwatch, we ask that an AA Member have six months of continuous sobriety and simply have a phone. No previous experience is required. Look for the Nightwatch Signup Sheets at your local meeting hall,

or call 573-5020 or email

nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org.

Our committee meets at 7PM, the first Tuesday of every month at Sacred Heart Parish, the SE corner of Pikes Peak and 21st Street, Room 10.

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Nightwatch Committee Chair

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GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	February	GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to	Februar
A Common Solution	\$82.36	\$0.00	Northwesters	\$950.13	\$300.13
Above the Bar Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	Off The Wall	\$234.92	\$0.00
Apex	\$177.88	\$16.25	Old North End Study Group	\$323.31	\$0.00
Back to Basics	\$798.09	\$82.50	Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00
Beacon Light Group	\$0.00	\$0.00	Primary Purpose	\$0.00	\$0.00
Big Book Action	\$826.69	\$290.00	Progress Not Perfection	\$248.26	\$22.00
Big Book Study UPH	\$292.38	\$0.00	Recovery in Action	\$677.59	\$153.25
Black Forest	\$679.13	\$0.00	Recovery, Unity, Service Group	\$156.00	\$0.00
Broadmoor	\$0.00	\$0.00	Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$472.25	\$294.80
Brown Baggers	\$300.00	\$150.00	Security Eye Opener	\$226.48	\$0.00
Central	\$20.00	\$0.00	Serenity Hour	\$700.00	\$50.00
Clean Air Group	\$82.00	\$0.00	Serenity Riders	\$560.00	\$0.00
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$1,113.19	\$0.00	Serenity Sisters	\$655.23	\$0.00
Down By The Creek	\$0.00	\$0.00	Solutions at Noon	\$455.64	\$0.00
Downtown Group	\$3,060.23	\$0.00	Sought Through Prayer & Meditation	\$230.57	\$15.25
Drylander's Group	\$40.46	\$0.00	Steel Magnolias	\$233.72	\$0.00
Easy Does It	\$120.00	\$0.00	Stepping Stones	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ellicott Group	\$481.00	\$0.00	Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,109.00	\$0.00
Foxhall Group	\$249.87	\$0.00	Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$280.00	\$0.00
Freedom From Bondage	\$100.00	\$0.00	Taking Steps	\$100.00	\$100.00
Friday Night Live	\$339.50	\$52.00	The Doctor's Opinion	\$202.25	\$0.00
Friday Women's Group	\$344.00	\$0.00	The Garage Meeting	\$38.00	\$15.00
Good Ole Boys	\$0.00	\$0.00	Then and Now	\$147.00	\$0.00
Happy Destiny	\$152.00	\$0.00	Thursday Men's Group	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Happy Heathens	\$200.00	\$0.00	Thursday NoonWoodland Park	\$112.50	\$0.00
Happy Hour	\$214.27	\$180.00	Treating The Illness	\$196.75	\$113.00
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$19.00	\$0.00	Turning Point	\$0.00	\$0.00
High Noon	\$239.00	\$25.00	Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$50.00	\$0.00
H.O.W.	\$100.00	\$0.00	Veterans for AA	\$0.00	\$0.00
Into Action	\$450.00	\$0.00	Walk the Talk	\$2,600.00	\$50.00
Keystone to Recovery	\$100.00	\$0.00	Walking on Water	\$36.00	\$0.00
Lake George Group	\$85.00	\$0.00	We Are Not Saints	\$1,415.92	\$0.00
Little Log Church Group	\$454.00	\$44.00	Westside Eye Opener	\$0.00	\$0.00
Living Free	\$217.50	\$0.00	Women of Grace	\$215.50	\$0.00
Living Sober South	\$308.68	\$32.63	Woodland Park Beginners	\$0.00	\$0.00
M.A.G.	\$446.50	\$0.00	Woodland Park Book Study	\$310.00	\$0.00
Natural High	\$27.00	\$0.00	Woodland Park Women's Step Study	\$122.35	\$0.00
New Beginners	\$867.45	\$0.00	Young People	\$624.57	\$0.00
New Woman	\$821.68	\$0.00	Totals:	\$29,092.80	\$1,985.8
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NEW MEETINGS:

Women's ComCor (closed)

Open Discussion Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. 3615 Roberts Rd., 80907

Sober Sisters

Open Discussion Saturday at 10am 5075 Flintridge Dr., 80918

Babies & Boozers

Open Discussion Monday at 10:30 am 5210 Centennial Blvd., 80919 Front Range Alliance Church, (North from Garden of the Gods Road)

LOCATION CHANGES:

Big Book Action (closed)

Monday at 7:30pm Pleasant Valley Baptist Church 3010 W. Bijou St., 80904 (office entrance, upstairs, and to the left)

LOCATION & TIME CHANGES:

Archives Committee Meeting

12:00 pm,3rd Sunday of each month Village Inn at Circle Drive & I-25

MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

The Doctor's Opinion (Tuesday evening)

St. Francis Medical Center Conference Room #5 6001 E Woodmen Rd., 80923

THE FRIDAY MEETING IS STILL GOING

Special Needs Committee Meeting

1:00pm Last Saturday of every month 309 S. Hancock Ave., 80903

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

At **Central**, we now have a "kid friendly" room. *It does NOT come with childcare* and parents are still responsible for their kids but there are some toys and a TV with DVD and VCR.

INTERGROUP SERVICE POSITION OPEN

There is an opening on the Intergroup Board for a Secretary. There will be a special election at the Intergroup meeting on April 12th, 2016 to fill this position.

Duties of Secretary are as follows:

- A. Takes roll at monthly Intergroup meetings and records attendance. On the basis of the roll call, declares whether or not there is a quorum.
- B. Prepares written minutes of Intergroup meetings and makes a copy of the minutes available in a timely manner for publication in the monthly newsletter immediately following the meeting.
- C. Provides a copy of the minutes to the Service Office for distribution as appropriate and for the archives.
- D. Takes minutes of Intergroup Officers' meetings. Makes a written copy available for distribution prior to the next monthly meeting.
- E. Takes responsibility for the required notification of proposed amendments or recall actions as provided for in the Charter.



In the month of February,

the Service Office received

5 Grateful Giver contributions,

3 Personal contributions,

and

2 Birthday contributions!

Thank You!





Want to be part of the Colorado State Convention? Host one of the Meetings!

If you or members of your Home Group are planning on attending this year's State Convention, September 2-4, 2016, at the Westin Hotel in Westminster, CO; please consider bringing your group's meeting format with you and Host/Chair one of the continuous meetings.

These meetings will be held throughout the weekend beginning at 5:00PM on Friday through 11:00AM on Sunday. The meetings end at Midnight on Friday and Saturday and begin at 6:00AM on Saturday and Sunday. There will be no meetings held during the Speaker Meetings so no one will have to miss those events. These will all be open meetings allowing everyone to attend.

Additionally, for scheduling purposes, it would be great if groups would sign-up generally for this opportunity, however, if your group needs a specific date or time, I will try to accommodate everyone on a first come, first served basis.

It would be wonderful to have Home Groups represented from all over the State to share their style of meeting with everyone at the convention. Please consider this important service opportunity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I'll see you all at the State Convention.

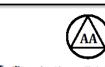
In order to sign your group up or get more information please CONTACT:

David G. at (720) 550-7384 Home or (503) 913-0343 Cell E-Mail: DLOgee630@gmail.com

If you're directed to voicemail please leave your name and a contact phone number and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Additional information about the convention can be obtained by going to: convention.coloradoaa.org





TRADITIONS

BREAKFAST MEETING

Tradition Ten ●

A. A. Traditions Discussion Meeting Sunday April 17, 2016 @ 10:00am / 12:00pm

At Village Inn on Circle and I-25

Subsequent meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month!

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

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

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