

January 2024

THE PIKES PEAK PINT



A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

A Letter from the 2023 Program Committee Chairperson

Our 2023 Alcothon was AAmazing! We had the largest gathering of sober folks for new years in the state of Colorado! Overwhelming support from our fellowship as Volunteers in the many months leading up to our big event as well as during, making sure we had everything covered from 25 individual AA meetings around the clock, 10 Al-anon meetings, Fun gaming event, an AAmazing holiday meal feeding more than 350! and Big yummy breakfast next morning for another 100. Incredible Speakers and meetings both days and we danced the night away to a live sober band! Our attendance throughout was the largest we have ever seen! The decorations were out of this world, everything hand made with so much Love and effort by so many sober souls working together. All we can say is WoW! Deep Gratitude for our hard working programs committee, hundreds of volunteers, and hundreds and hundreds of our fellowship who came together to celebrate a sober new year's together! Until next year, please support our 2024 programs committee and all the wonderful events we have planned for the new year! In service, Kimberly H and Heidi S., 2023 Programs Chairs

By the way, new program chairs are needed for 2024, with the challenge to keep building on the success of this past year's events! Contact the Area Service Office for details!

Kimberly H.



Notes from Intergroup meeting, 1-9-24

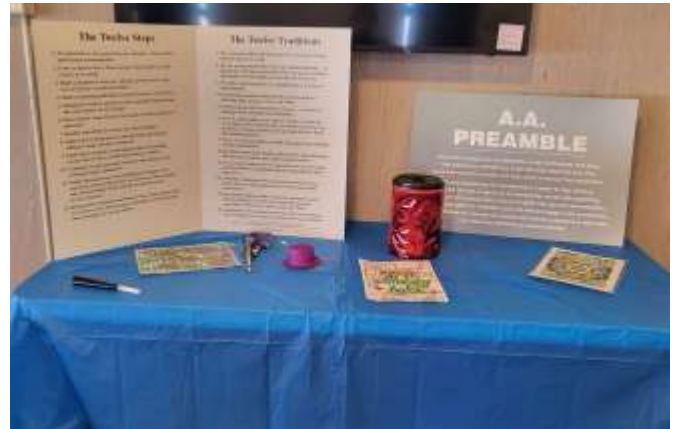
All board positions for up for new terms, nominations to be made at the February meeting (2-13-24).

The Alcothon made a profit of over \$4,000 from the very well-attended event.

Nightwatch handled 45 calls in December. One shift is available, midnight to 6am on Fridays.

The ASO is conducting a workshop focusing on ASO services and meeting group needs. The first such meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 17, noon to 1pm, and the Area Service Office, 1353 South 8th street, unit 209.

The office worked with 54 walk in visits and fielded 42 phone calls in December.



AA Meeting Guide



ASO Donations



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Please Announce! At Your Meetings

AA Group Announcements!

Please announce that big book action now meets on Monday 7:00, 317 E Kiowa, First Baptist Church.

We are currently finishing up on our tradition study and will be starting at the front of the book on December 18th.

- The Downtown Group @ 210 North Corona Street has space if a meeting or a group is looking to gather somewhere. Contact John O. 719-291-3240 for further information.
- Apex Group @ 2021 W. Pikes Peak Avenue needs support! Apex Group meets Fridays at 6pm, at the Sacred Heart Church in room 10.
- Calvary United Methodist Church We have a meeting space available for any 12 step group that needs it or is starting up. Contact Derf Bergman, Pastor
719.599.7250
4210 Austin Bluffs Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Does your group have important announcements?

- Send announcements, flyers, and information to: pint@coloradospringsaa.org
- To subscribe, visit <https://www.coloradospringsaa.org/news-event/s/news/>
- The Pint is published monthly, with release dates approximately the first of each month.. Send your information within four days of the end of each month, to ensure inclusion in the following Pint edition.

Notes from the Archivist

The January '24 Archives article will be short so I can enjoy the Christmas season. I thought I'd look ahead to the work the Archives Committee hopes to finish in 2024. The first time-consuming task will be to clean out miscellaneous folders of mostly newsletters from around the state and the US. The committee started this activity in 2023, sending newsletters to Nevada, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, and Florida. I email newsletter publishers throughout the country is telling them that ASO has copies of their newsletters. If they want them, I mail them. If not, I shred 'em. As of late December, only one intergroup hasn't wanted their newsletters.

There are many more newsletters to work on.

The second task in 2024 will be to digitize our many cassettes of Colorado speakers or out-of-staters who have spoken in Colorado. Cassette tape, like more ancient reel-to-reel tape, won't survive indefinitely. The faster these cassettes are digitized, the better chance we won't lose these speakers through the ravages of time.

I hope the Area Archives folks can help with this task. Dave P. of Woodland Park has been invaluable on the Archives Committee, working with the Area Archivist.

A third task will be to complete the Excel documentation of our Archives inventory. The committee now spends much time going back and forth through the inventory spreadsheet.

In 2024, a new spreadsheet will be documenting where all Archives, artifacts and documents reside. May your 2024 be sober, healthy, serene, and peaceful.

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This is a Christmas message sent out by Bill Wilson in 1944 its still very relevant today.

Thank you for all your support I wish you a blessed new year.

To all AA members

Greetings on our 10th Christmas, 1944. Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world. Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least, are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before. But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted. Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World. How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth. Knowing its full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty; peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos. Great indeed our blessings! And so Merry Christmas to you all – from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Happy A.A. Birthday!

One Day at a Time

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

New Woman Group

Walk the Talk

Lauri R 1-1-88
Steve 1-1-12
Tina N 1-11-80
Dori 1-2-04
Mike C 1-12-07
Chase 1-20-23
Steve P 1-5-11
Buzz 1-23-07
Rick J 1-7-87
Dean 1-25-07
Mike (T-Dub) 1-11-23
Kat 1-15-15
Mike K 1-1-87
Rich C 1-28-19
Michael 1-31-23

Sharon W -24 years
Cathy P - 33 years
Laura D - 3 years
Malle L - 18 years

Friday Womens

Molly W - 18 years
Marti B - 39 years
Dolores N - 35 years
Beth L - 43 years
Mica E - 18 years
Aja D - 3 years
Kathleen P - 11 years
Marcee - 1 year

Big Book in Action Taking Steps

Karen "Blondie" C - 5 years
Kevin H - 6 years
Chris W - 15 years

High Noon Group

Mike K - 37 years
Verna V - 4 years
Judi K - 34 years

AREA SERVICE OFFICE Jeanette

Open: Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closed: Saturday - Monday
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905
719.573.5020

Email:
serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
www.coloradospringsaa.org

What is the Area Service Office (ASO)?

There are approximately 300 individual AA meeting groups in the El Paso County, Teller County area, also known as District 7.

The ASO makes AA books, literature, medallions, and other materials available for purchase by local groups.

The ASO also operates Night Watch, which fields phone calls around the clock during non ASO operating hours.

The ASO maintains the online website, meeting schedule, as well as facilitating Zoom meetings.

The "Programs" subcommittee of ASO puts on several area events each year, including the Long-timers Luncheon, Founders' Day picnic, the annual Gratitude Dinner, and every New Year's Eve the "Alcathon," to provide an alcohol-free New Year's Eve and New Year's Day celebration involving meetings each hour of the event, as well as food and speaker sessions.



WHAT IS A CENTRAL OR INTERGROUP OFFICE?

A central or intergroup office is an A.A. service office that involves partnership among groups in a community — just as A.A. groups themselves are partnerships of individuals. A central/intergroup office is established to carry out certain functions common to all the groups — functions which are best handled by a centralized office — and it is usually maintained, supervised, and supported by these groups in their general interest. It exists to aid the groups in their common purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

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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

Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol- that our lives had become unmanageable.

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Tradition 1

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Tradition 1 Checklist:

- ● Am I, in my group, a healing, mending, integrating person or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
- ● Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion" plunge into argument?
- ● Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
- ● Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
- ● Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
- ● Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
- ● Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
- ● Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
- ● Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep me in touch?
- ● Do I share with AA all of me, the good and the bad, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

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Stories Needed!!

We are looking for stories from people who have been helped by Professionals in their AA journey as well as stories from those who have done CPC work!

Want to share?

How to share with us

- email your story to cpc@coloradoaa.org
- fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/talesofcpc> or scan the QR code
- Write your story and give it to us at the CPC table at any Area Assembly





NEW MEETINGS!

Untitled Young Peoples Meeting

Friday Night 7:00 p.m.

4360 Montebello Dr
Suite 700

Started by some folks who are devoted to
after-meeting fellowship and fun!



Interested in Being of Service with Intergroup or District Committees?

- Archives
 - o Chair: Doug L.
 - o For info on Archives workdays at ASO, please email: archives@coloradospringsaa.org
- Nightwatch
 - o Chair: Stephanie
 - o Contact Area Service Office for more info 719-573-5020 or nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org
- Pint
 - o Mike H.
 - o Collect local AA stories and announcements and send to pint@coloradospringsaa.org
- Programs
 - o Chair: Kimberly H.
 - o Contact Area Service Office for more info 719-573-5020 District
- CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)
 - o Chair: Derek G. Meets
 - o 4th Sunday of the month, 3:30pm, at Walk the Talk (2334 Vickers Drive)
- Corrections
 - o Chair: David P.
 - o Meets 4th Saturday of every month at 10am, @ Area Service Office (1353 S 8th St)
- PI (Public Information)
 - o Chair: Jacque I.
 - o Meets 3rd Saturday of the month, 2:30pm, @ Area Service Office (1353 S 8th St)
- Treatment & Bridging the Gap
 - o Chair: Clint
 - o Meets monthly, 2nd Wednesday @ 5:30 PM online. Contact treatment@coloradospringsaa.org for questions or [Zoom meeting details](#).

Contribute Here
coloradospringsaa.org

Supporting A.A.'s services

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential to all areas of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. The General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the group's expenses have been taken care of the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following A.A. service entities:

- The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies, and serving as a link between the area delegates and the G.S.R.s.
 - The area committee, which coordinates vital A.A. activities over a broad geographic area; sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference; holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship; and provides information at all levels of service.
 - The local intergroup or central office, which may provide phone service for Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries; coordinates group activities; and facilitates A.A. literature sales, institutions work, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities.
- A.A.'s General Service Office, which functions as a storehouse of A.A. information, communicating with members and groups around the world; publishes A.A.'s literature; and supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested.