



THE PIKES PEAK PINT

SEPTEMBER 2022

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region A.A. Members

WE HAVE NEW SERVICE OFFICE HOURS:

Sun, Mon, Sat	Closed
Tuesday	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**OPEN POSITION! Vice-Treasurer for Intergroup
Contact Area Service Office**

serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

Cultivation

“Cultivate an attitude of gratitude.”

I first read this statement on a little card that was on the literature table at the back of my first meetings. I liked the sentiment then and, although I have not seen the cards for a long time, I like the sentiment now.

When I came into the rooms, I had an “old idea” that people either had gratitude or they didn’t. They either had faith or they didn’t. They had a relationship with a Power greater than themselves or they didn’t. Those old ideas availed me nothing. The short statement on a folded little card about the size of an ace of spades changed my thinking.

It comes down to the word “cultivate.” As I was nearing the end of my drinking and drugging days, I was also completing my degree as an English major. I have a fascination with words. I think it’s important to study their precise meanings.

“Cultivate” comes from the Latin word *cultivat*, which

means, basically, “prepare for crops.” It’s a farming term. The original meaning broadened and now includes to “try to acquire a skill, quality, or sentiment.”

So “to cultivate” is an action to be taken. My sponsor has suggested that I write a gratitude list when my perception is off in the weeds, telling me that things are so great. Developing the skill of being thankful for my life, of appreciating the things in my current situation, has had to become a conscious action. I don’t go to the place of gratitude naturally on my own. I need to work at it.

A few years into my sobriety, I got depressed a short time after some very beautiful things happened in my life. I shared how I was feeling at a meeting. After the Lord’s Prayer, a man came up to me and handed me a piece of paper. He had written down: “EGO – Edging God Out.” He suggested that I write a gratitude list when things are going well, too, in my sober life.

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Writing a gratitude list when things are going well moves me out of the center and reminds me that the blessings of a rich and full sober life are the results of working the Steps, of having a Spiritual Awakening, and of having a relationship with God, as I understand God. It shines a light on the promises of the Program.

Making a gratitude list is like taking a shovel or hoe to a garden. Not only am I cultivating a sentiment – my attitude of gratitude – I am also developing my skill of making the gratitude list. It takes deliberate and repeated practice.

Maybe it is like “preparing for crops” after all. When we cultivate gratitude we are preparing to plant the seeds of sobriety with each list and in each day.

-Vince P.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

DAY WATCH: Volunteer phone coverage needed for Tuesdays 2pm to 5pm

Contact the Service Office for details and questions 719-570-5020

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Please take survey to assist AAWS to plan the 2025 International Convention

<https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/UhCs6p>

Visit aa.org ([click](#)) for the latest information regarding the 2022 International Convention.



Latest News!

THANK YOU CONNIE L.!!

The current Office Manager, Connie L., is retiring and moving to Indiana.

WELCOME STEVE!!

Please welcome our new Office Administrator “Steve”. Feel free to stop by the office to meet him or attend the next Intergroup Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7pm at the Downtown Meeting location: 210 N. Corona Street.

ICOAA SEMINAR UPDATE:

During the annual ICOAA Seminar held in Denver, it was announced that a new hardcover edition of the Big Book will be available for purchase toward the end of this year. Due to supply chain issues, getting paper to make the jacket of the Big Book was becoming problematic. Therefore, a run of Big Books without jackets was ordered and will be available soon for purchase.

ICOAA = **I**ntergroup, **C**entral **O**ffice, **A.A.** World Service and

General Manager Bob W., of the General Service Offices in New York announced they have plans on re-opening GSO (General Service Office) to visitors on or before October 5, 2022. It is highly recommended, though, to call ahead to get visitation schedules and to determine mask mandates and/or policies.

SEPTEMBER Celebrations

New Beginners Group

Apex Group

We Are Not Saints

Mireille D. 39 years
Bill B. 1 year
Tom H. 19 years
Scott A. 2 years
Jeff S. 11 years

Friday Womens

Sanay M. 8 years
Elizabeth W. 1 year

Serenity Riders Group

Dan M. 35 years
Aaron D. 15 years
Greg S. 34 years
Amy M. 17 years
Katie S. 13 years

News For You

District 7 reports an Area 10 **Service Workshop** to be held in Colorado Springs! Saturday, October 1 @ First United Methodist Church (420 N. Nevada Ave.) 10am-1pm. Come learn about committee service: CPC, PI, Corrections, Treatment/ Accessibilities. Lunch to be provided!

Bridging the Gap Zoom Conference. October 22 10am to Noon.

2022 Winter Assembly Greenwood Village, CO November 4-6 Election assembly!

Meeting Updates New Meetings!

Rush, CO Fridays 7PM
Rush Christian Church

Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Clean Slate 7PM

The Pint

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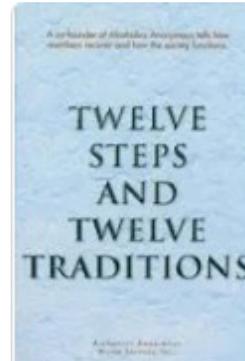


Meeting Guide

Do

you have a Smart Phone?

Download the free Meeting Guide to locate A.A. meetings and resources that are synced with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international GSO websites.



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

"Do we lay the matter before our sponsor or spiritual adviser, earnestly asking God's help and guidance—meanwhile resolving to do the right thing when it becomes clear, cost what it may?"

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pp. 86-87

Support the Area Service Office (ASO) - How?

- Distribute a portion of your group's 7th Tradition
- Individual contributions welcome
- Anniversary / Birthday contributions
- Buy all pamphlets, books, and literature at the office
- Gifts, swag, merchandise available for purchase!
- Volunteer with the Area Service Office

STEP 9

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

TRADITION 9

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

CONCEPT 9

“Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders of A.A., must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.



TRADITION 9 CHECKLIST

- Do I still try to boss things in AA?
- Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
- 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?
- Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
- Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
- Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
- Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully– and profit thereby– when time comes?
- What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?



LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

Closed: Saturday - Monday

1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

719.573.5020

Email: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

Web: www.coloradospringsaa.org

JOIN A COMMITTEE MEETING!

PIKES PEAK PINT

Chair: Amy M.

Please send your and/or your group's sobriety birthdays and any other news to pint@coloradospringsaa.org

CORRECTIONS

Chair: Nik W.

Meets monthly on the 4th Saturday, 10am

Area Service Office

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Chair: Nate G.

Meets monthly on the 2nd Saturday, 2:30pm

Pikes Peak Library 21C, 1175 Chapel Hills Dr.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Chair: Krista

Meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday, 3:30pm

Area Service Office

TREATMENT & BRIDGING THE GAP

Chair: Julie L.

Meets monthly on the 2nd Saturday, 9am

Pikes Perk, 5965 N. Academy Blvd.

PROGRAMS

Chair: Christy W.

Watch for more information and needs

NIGHTWATCH

Chair: Christy W.

Contact the Area Service Office for more information
serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org or 719-573-5020

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

**"We support our central office, our
area committee, and our General
Service Office.**

**If it were not for those entities,
many new people would never
discover the miracles of A.A."**

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**Contribute at
coloradospringsaa.org**

WANTED

YOUR BEST CHILI

Wear Your Best Boots and Bling

ALCOTHON 2022

CHILI COOK-OFF AND TASTING

Bring your best pot of chili.
Prizes awarded!

Also bring your favorite
cornbread, cold side dish or
dessert to share with all!

December 31, 2022

Noon - Midnight - Meetings
Noon - 7:00 pm Silent Auction
5 - 6:30 pm Chili Tasting
6:40 pm Chili Contest
Winners Announced and
Awarded
7:15 pm Auction Winners
8:15 pm A.A. Speaker
9:30 pm NEW YEAR'S EVE
DANCE PARTY - Line, Contra,
Circle and square dancing with an
authentic Caller

January 1, 2023

12:01 a.m. - noon - Meetings
9:00 a.m. - Continental
Breakfast
10:00 a.m. A.A. Speaker
11:30 a.m. Close and Clean
Up

Suggested registration
contribution of
\$12

for 24 hours of fellowship,
food and dancing!
No one will be turned away.

Questions? Call the Service Office at
719-573-5020 or email:
serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
NO Childcare provided.

December 31, 2022 to January 1, 2023.
Noon to Noon
Sacred Heart Church Gym
2021 W. Pikes Peak , Colorado Springs

2022-2023 Group Contributions

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	2022-23 Groups	FYE	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2	A Common Solution	\$295		\$133			\$162							
3	APEX	\$278			\$278									
4	Back to Basics	\$969	\$563	\$231		\$175								
5	Beacon Light	\$200			\$200									
6	Big Book Action	\$698	\$250		\$198		\$250							
7	Black Forest Group	\$222			\$222									
8	Central	\$0												
9	Clean Air	\$0												
10	Clean Slate Noon	\$200			\$200									
11	Don't Worry Be Happy	\$647	\$213	\$216		\$79	\$139							
12	Downtown	\$0												
13	Easy Does It	\$480		\$480										
14	Ellicot Group	\$0												
15	Florissant Brown Bagge	\$0												
16	Florissant Step Study	\$100					\$100							
17	Fountain 2.0	\$0												
18	Foxhall	\$200				\$200								
19	Friday Night Live	\$100				\$100								
20	Friday Night Living Free	\$0												
21	Friday Women's	\$886	\$395				\$491							
22	Girl's Night Out	\$0												
23	Good Ole Boys	\$150		\$150										
24	Grace PPG	\$449	\$449											
25	Happy Destiny	\$192				\$112	\$80							
26	Happy Heathens	\$300				\$300								
27	High Noon	\$450	\$300				\$150							
28	H.O.W.	\$0												
29	Keystone to Recovery	\$100	\$100											
30	Into Action	\$492	\$211		\$281									
31	Little Log Cabin	\$700	\$266	\$46	\$176	\$212								
32	Living Sober South	\$56					\$56							
33	One Six Four	\$275		\$275										
34	MAG	\$414	\$250				\$164							
35	Men's Anonymous	\$1,262	\$270		\$375		\$617							
36	Morning Trudge	\$0												
37	Natural High	\$0												
38	New Beginners	\$414	\$216			\$198								
39	New Woman	\$377	\$156			\$221								
40	Northwester's	\$0												
41	Old North End	\$93			\$93									
42	Palmer Lake Group	\$0												
43	Pathfinders	\$25				\$25								
44	Pinnacle	\$0												
45	Pre-Dawn	\$0												
46	Primary Purose Alano	\$100		\$100										
47	Recovery in Action	\$0												
48	Red Cloud Meeting	\$150		\$150										
49	Saturday Early Morning	\$370		\$240	\$130									
50	Saturday Morning WP	\$10	\$10											
51	Security Eye Opener	\$200	\$200											
52	Serenity Hour	\$75		\$25	\$25		\$25							
53	Serenity Riders	\$450	\$450											
54	Sober Sisters	\$50	\$29				\$21							
55	Sought Thru Prayer	\$217	\$217											
56	Steel Magnolias	\$361	\$72				\$289							
57	Sunday Morning Speak	\$100			\$100									
58	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$767	\$250				\$517							
59	Sunset Sobriety	\$0												
60	Taking Steps	\$0												
61	Thursday Recovery in Acti	\$344		\$134		\$210								
62	Thursday Mens Group	\$155					\$155							
63	Tues 5:30 Meditation	\$0												
64	Twelve Steps from the Morgue	\$155	\$155											
65	Walk the Talk	\$689	\$137	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138							
66	We are Here	\$151	\$57				\$94							
67	We are not Saints	\$1,240	\$762				\$478							
68	Women of Grace	\$0												
69	Woodland Park Study	\$125		\$125										
70	Woodland Park Tues	\$0												
71	WP Women's Step Study	\$100				\$100								
72	W.O.W.	\$220			\$120	\$100								
73	Young People's	\$335		\$335										
74	Monthly Totals		\$5,978	\$2,778	\$2,536	\$2,170	\$3,926	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
75	FYTD Total	\$17,388												

AUGUST 2022 GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS