



The Pikes Peak Pint is a monthly AA-oriented newsletter proudly serving Colorado Springs and its surrounding communities.

# Pikes Peak Pint



## May 2012

### AREA MEETING CHANGES, DELETIONS, ADDITIONS

- **A VISION FOR US** that meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 1921 e. Platte Avenue is **CANCELLED**.
- **DO IT SOBER** (open, handicap access) that meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at 308-I south 8th St. **CHANGED ITS NAME to AA HISTORY MEETING**.
- **THE FIRST 164 PAGES** (open, handicap access) Big Book Study, 308 S. 8th St. Suite I. The Peer. that meets Mondays at 7 p.m **CHANGED ITS MEETING DAY TO THURSDAYS AT 7 P.M.**
- **DRYLANDERS GROUP** (open, handicap access) Discussion that meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Paulson Senior Center, North side of Hwy 24 between Cheyenne & Pueblo Streets - access from Pueblo Street, Calhan is **CHANGING ITS TIME TO 2 P.M.**
- **LIVING FREE - Gay Friendly Group** (open) Speaker - Last Friday of the month. that meets Fridays at 7 p.m. has **MOVED TO 1515 N. CASCADE, FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**
- **SPRINGS RANCH GROUP** (open, childcare available) Big Book Study that meets Mondays at 7 p.m. at 3850 Pony Tracks Dr., Springs Ranch Baptist Church. Corner of Peterson Rd & N. Carefree **NOW OFFERS CHILDCARE**.
- **OFF THE WALL MEETING** (open, handicap access) Discussion that meets Sundays at 7 p.m. at 709 S. Sierra Madre is **CHANGING ITS TIME TO 7:30 P.M.**



*The Grapevine online, [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org), started a new feature asking readers to suggest the caption for cartoons. What Caption would you suggest?*

### Many New Beginnings

*An AA discusses getting sober and getting remarried in sobriety*

**I**n June 1986, I put down the drink. To me it was divine intervention. Someone at work reached out to me, when I was drunk, and mirrored to me how bad my drinking had gotten from his point of view. There is no reason I listened that day except the intervention of a Higher Power in my life. My willingness to quit was paralleled with an equal unwillingness to ask for any help. I began "Patrick's Recovery Program," remaining abstinent from alcohol but not living a sober and spiritual life. The quality of my life continued to deteriorate. The discord between my wife and I deepened considerably.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Longtimers Dinner**

**Saturday, April 21**

**5:00 pm**

**Chapel Hills Church**

**2025 Parliament Drive**

# Letter from the Intergroup Board

Dear Fellow Colorado Springs AAs,

The Alcothon was a huge success and came in above budget. This was attributed to good weather, fun people, the generosity of our fellowship, and the concern of local AAs for adequately supporting the Colorado Springs Area Service Office.

Traditionally, intergroup program events, such as the Alcothon, have the financial objective to break even or come in a little above our budget projection.

It was brought to the intergroup board's attention that there were some irregularities in the way monies were collected and nametags were handed out. While the expressed purpose of the program committee was to respect all AA members and party-goers, some unfortunate stumbles occurred in the actual execution of the occasion.

The intergroup board regrets any discomfort experienced by AAs at the Alcothon and was at fault for these things occurring during the Alcothon. The board was not as engaged as it should have been with regard to the planning and execution of this event.

With these concerns in mind, the following actions will be taken:

- 1) The intergroup board will be more actively involved with program event planning and conduct.
- 2) We will address the problems from last year's Alcothon to ensure AA's traditions are followed and the proper respect is shown to all participants for the next Alcothon.

Very Respectfully,

The Intergroup Board

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Area Service Office  
Include Group Name and Number on check.

Send to:  
Colorado Springs Area Service Office (CSASO)  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209  
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GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
Make check or money order payable to: General Fund  
Include Group Name and Number on check.

Send to:  
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AREA 10  
Make check or money order payable to: Area 10  
Include Group Name, Number, and District #7 on check.

Send to:  
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12081 West Alameda Parkway #418  
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Make check or money order payable to: District #7  
Include Group Name, Number, and District # on check.

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Make check or money order payable to:  
Area 10 Corrections Committee  
Include Group Name and Number on check.

Send to:  
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Please e-mail sobriety anniversaries,  
announcements, letters to the editor, and e-mail  
subscription requests to the Pikes Peak Pint before the  
20th of each month!  
pint@coloradospringsaa.org

*Your Area Service Office and  
Intergroup would like you to know  
how very much we appreciate your  
personal contributions!*

**Thank You!**



In the month of March  
we received  
**5 Grateful Giver contributions**  
&  
**1 Personal contribution!**



# **DATE CHANGE!!**

## **2012 FOUNDERS DAY PICNIC**

**SATURDAY - JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 11AM-5PM**

**AT  
BEAR CREEK PARK**

Join us for lots of...

FOOD FUN & SOCIALIZING  
BBQ GAMES & LOTS OF PRIZES

**SUPER HERO COSTUME CONTEST  
FOR AGES 3-10**

For Volunteer Opportunities or more information please contact

Trisha D. @ 719-646-6382

**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS - THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

GROUP NAME (2011-2012)	Yr. to date	March
Apex	\$564.05	\$125.00
Back to Basics	\$582.21	\$85.89
Big Book Action	\$465.08	\$150.00
Big Book Study UPH	\$693.51	
Black Forest	\$362.59	
Broadmoor	\$50.00	
Brown Baggers	\$150.00	
Central	\$10.00	
Clean Air Group	\$97.00	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$424.20	
Down By The Creek	\$45.00	
Downtown Group	\$719.48	
Drylander's Group	\$111.11	
Easy Does It	\$225.00	
Ellicott Group	\$235.00	
1515 Meditation Group	\$89.42	
Foxhall Group	\$252.67	
Friday Night Live	\$300.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$673.11	
Garage Meeting	\$260.00	
Good Ole Boys	\$450.00	
Half Pint Group	\$117.00	
Happy Destiny	\$516.80	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$160.00	
Happy Heathens	\$290.00	\$100.00
Happy Hour	\$207.75	
High Noon	\$307.00	\$30.00
H.O.W.	\$147.47	
Into Action	\$555.60	
Keystone to Recovery	\$200.00	
Lake George Group	\$173.25	
Living Free	\$360.05	
Living Sober	\$125.00	
Living Sober South	\$261.92	\$25.13
M.A.G.	\$685.90	
Natural High	\$125.00	
New Beginners	\$494.76	
New Woman	\$914.36	
Noon Meetings @ Clean Slate	\$137.01	

Northwesters	\$660.00	
Not A Glum Lot	\$150.00	
Oasis Group	\$331.09	\$45.39
Off The Wall	\$189.90	
Old North End Study Group	\$359.25	
Penrose Discussion	\$14.54	
Plug in the Jug	\$200.00	
Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$614.00	\$100.00
Progress Not Perfection	\$569.68	\$47.00
Recovery in Action	\$271.88	
Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$826.64	
Security Eye Opener	\$73.49	
Serenity Hour	\$375.00	\$50.00
Serenity Riders	\$666.36	
Serenity Sisters	\$571.30	
Silver Key Seniors	\$95.00	
Solutions at Noon	\$489.38	\$43.32
Steel Magnolias	\$290.10	
Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,056.00	
Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$190.00	
Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$251.35	
Taking Steps	\$679.50	
Then and Now	\$338.00	\$100.00
Thursday Mens	\$1,300.00	\$250.00
Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
12@12 Group	\$32.67	
Veterans for AA	\$200.00	
Walk the Talk	\$3,347.00	\$340.00
Walking on Water	\$300.00	
We Are Not Saints	\$1,112.14	
Wed. Westside Womens	\$251.91	
Westside Eye Opener	\$401.37	
Woodland Park Beginners	\$120.00	
Woodland Park Book Study	\$190.00	
Young People	\$1,450.82	
Totals:	\$30,606.67	\$1,491.73

*Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.*



*Tradition 5:* Each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

*Concept 5:* Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

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After three years of abstinence, I left “Patrick’s Recovery Program” and walked through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. It was a place I had avoided like it was a death sentence, but when I surrendered, I knew I was home. A gentleman name Jim G. stuck his hand out to me that evening and told me to “keep coming back, it is the best game in town, a \$1 an hour.” I felt the truth in what he said that day and I still do.

Fifteen months later, my marriage ended. I was unable to live a sober life and remain in that relationship. My wife who had pushed and insisted I go to AA hated it when I finally went

and began working the program. My children were ages 9 to 14 at the time and during the first six months I was in the program, the police were called to the house three times. During my active days, the police were called once. I learned just as drinking has a detrimental affect on all those close to the alcoholic, so does sobriety on those close to the recovering person. It was a very challenging time to say the least. The separation agreement was one of the few things we agreed on. We would have shared custody of our children.

I did not follow suggestions and I entered another relationship two months later. When we started dating, I had about 16 months in the program and she had 26 months. We were on top of things. We were sober and mature

and raring to go forward with our sober lives. After about a year or so, some heavy duty issues came up that required both individual and couple counseling.

One of my main challenges was dealing with my ex-wife and trying to co-parent with her. She did not like it when I began a new relationship. That really fueled the fire between us. My sponsor would tell me, “She does not want you and does not want anyone else to have you either.” So, I was a nurturing a new relationship, being a single parent (half time), dealing with my ex, and then at 10 months sober, I had gone out on disability from my job. I had a lot of balls in the air.

Five years after we met, Karen and I

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got married and moved to Florida. She and I worked hard and hung in there through many tough times of our sober lives together. We had to create separateness in our programs. It was hard for me at times to deal with the jealousy that came up. I would be at a meeting with her, and instead of paying attention, I would be looking at the other guys looking at her. After enough discomfort and the guidance of a sponsor, I began going to different meetings. Some time later we started attending meetings together again and it just happened, it was not an issue anymore. I have experienced similar reactions to many other things in recovery. I have found my personal growth happens when the obsession is lifted.

We were a case of boy meets girl on AA campus. There were times when we thought we would not make it, but with counseling, good sponsorship, and the use of 12 Steps in AA and other programs, we were able to grow in relationship with each other.

Karen was diagnosed with

throat cancer on March 7, 2006. It was when we were presented with this challenge that all the work and growth we had done together and separately in recovery had its greatest meaning. The foundation of our lives was being rattled and shaken. Karen decided to explore alternative medicine and care. I supported her totally in that choice and we moved forward as a team.

About 8 months into treatment, she got tested and the results were mixed. We knew a more aggressive approach was needed and we were directed overseas. We had no idea how we were going to afford the trip, but we trusted it would work out. We traveled to Germany in December 2006 and did a total of 6 trips in one year. We embraced each other as we moved forward through the highs and lows, the hopes and disappointments that the course of Karen's illness brought. Our family stood by us, as well as, close friends.

One of the hardest prayers for me to say when Karen was ill was "thy will be done." My prayers were for her return to health. Karen passed on our wedding anniversary during the spring

equinox. We had chosen that time to get married because we felt an affinity to Native American tradition and this date represents new beginnings. Karen's passing at the same time of year was very symbolic. She has gone on to new beginnings once again. It was some time after her passing that I realized I am also moving on to new beginnings.

I had not attended an AA meeting before Karen's passing for about 8 months. I relied on my support network and the foundation I had in AA. The day after

Karen passed, I returned to my home group, raised my hand and shared about Karen and said that I needed support. I have been attending at least 1 meeting a day since then and have found the support in AA that has carried me forward through my necessary healing and nurturing. AA is the center of my recovery. Many other doors have been opened to me, but AA is the center. One of the greatest things I experience in AA now is when I go to a meeting and people are there who knew Karen.

**Patrick M.,**

### Last month's winning caption from global fellowship



*"Now where did I put that bottle!"*

—Ken L., Beaver Falls, Penn.



## STEP UP INTO SERVICE!

### CPC/PI COMMITTEES WANT YOU!



Both committees are very busy and always have opportunities for service! Please go to either of their monthly meetings to get involved!

Cooperation with the Professional Community meets the first Saturday of every month at 1:30 p.m. at 7 E. Bijou. Public Information meets the 1st Saturday - 2 p.m. - Penrose Main, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room

The following Service Positions are currently OPEN and NEED to be filled! Please contact the Service Office or come to the next Intergroup Meeting Tuesday November 9th to learn how you can become involved!

Co - DCM (District Committee Member)  
Public Information Committee - Vice Chairperson

NIGHTWATCH has OPEN POSITIONS!!!

Contact John B. at [nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org)

The TREATMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS volunteers!

Contact Michael at [treatment@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:treatment@coloradospringsaa.org)

To submit your group's sober birthdays to The Pint, please e-mail a list of names and the amount of years each person has to: [PINT@COLORADO-SPRINGSAA.ORG](mailto:PINT@COLORADO-SPRINGSAA.ORG).

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Walk the Talk	
Karen L.	6 years
Marlon F.	6 years
Chris S.	33 years
Ron M.	28 years
James Ras	30 years
Fernando R.	24 years
Pam G.	3 years
Annikki	23 years
Ann S.	1 yr.
Amber W.	7 years
John O.	23 years
Sherri S.	11 years
Ellicott	
Mark W.	2 years

Happy Hour	
Carol J.	13 years
Dana E.	4 years
Kathy I.	4 years
Friday Womens	
Marykatherine M.	30 years
Annikki H.	23 years
Mary W.	5 years
Nichole R.	4 years
Dianne B.	20 years
Tuesday New Woman	
Polly W.	29 years
Kathy B.	5 years
Steel Magnolias	
Leah R.	36 years

## AA AT A GLANCE ~ MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 PI (Penrose) 2 p.m.
6	7	8 Intergroup Meeting 7pm First United Methodist	9	10	11	12 Treatment 1 pm Penrose CPC(Downtown) 2 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Corrections 9 a.m. Sacred Heart
20	21 Submit Milestones & Letters to the Editor to The Pint	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Saturday Night Turning Point Group  
@ Red Cloud Speakers**

May 5th – Karen W.  
May 12th – Joey M.  
May 19th – Phil & Nancy  
May 26th – Birthday Night

### Monthly Committee Meetings

#### The Board

1353 S. 8th St. - Suite 209

1st Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Service Office

#### Corrections

2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave. - Room 6

3rd Saturday - 9 a.m. - Sacred Heart

#### CPC

7 East Bijou St. - Room 205

2nd Saturday - 2 p.m. - Downtown Group

#### Nightwatch

The Peer, 308-I S. 8th St., NW Corner of Hwy 24 @ 8th St., behind La Casita.

7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of the month

### District 7

3rd Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. - First United Methodist Church,  
420 N. Nevada - Room 135 (access Boulder St.)

#### Intergroup

2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m. - First United Methodist Church,  
420 N. Nevada - Room 135 (access Boulder St.)

#### Public Information

1st Saturday - 2 p.m. - Penrose Main, 2222 N. Nevada  
Ave., Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room

#### Treatment

2nd Saturday - 12 to 1 p.m. - Penrose Main, 2222 N.  
Nevada

Ave., Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room