

# ~The Pikes Peak Pint~



**JUNE**  
Twenty Thirteen

***A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous***

## • EDITORS NOTE •

It has been a year and my time in the sun has faded. I don't know that there has been a more gratifying opportunity for me to serve the fine people of our quality fellowship than with this little rag we fondly refer to as The Pint.

However, I really didn't do anything but assemble all of that which you have written to fill the pages with your stories, thoughts and feelings, cartoons, quotes and quips. After all, this publication is by you, for you, about you and without you there would be none of us, right? (=

So, with that being said I'd like to introduce Marykatherine and Charlie S. your new Pint committee chair and vice chair. They will no doubt put their own flair and spin into the pages of the Pint and they will continue to beat the drum and pester people to 'Write For The Pint' and yes, I will do the same.

So please continue to read and enjoy then pass on a copy of the Pint to all your sober friends. Remember to always respect the digital anonymity of the fellowship and forward as blind copies (bcc).

Thank you for allowing me to serve at this level, the rewards have been far greater than the meager effort I put forth.

Respectfully yours...  
Be well,  
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# The Dreaded 13th Step

The 13th step is a term generally described as: someone in the program, who usually has some time, in a relationship, usually of a sexual nature, with a newcomer. Or maybe it's the other way around. The newcomer makes advances at a person with time, who is not in a great place in sobriety. Or a newcomer and a newcomer... the permutations go on and on. The usual scenario that concludes is that one of the two, usually the newcomer goes back out and the other puts it on his or her next fourth step.

I decided to write on this as it is rarely a topic in meetings.

There is a member who jokingly says after we say the twelfth step (practice these principles in all our affairs), "You mean we get to have affairs?" Apparently, yes. We have freedom of choice. It is suggested that we stay out of relationships in the first year. Everyone's program is different. But this is what my sponsor told me.

My direct experience with this is limited. Personally, I delved into this once with ill fated results. I justified my actions in some bizarre way in my mind.

She is over thirty. I hadn't known she relapsed until it was too late. Oh, she had serious time before. This has nothing to do with meetings. It's not like I am her sponsor. And the list went on and on.

I felt crappy while in it. I felt sorry after and ended it abruptly with an apology in a pretty bad way. I vowed never to do it again and to learn from my mistake. I had judged others who had done it and here I was. But I learned. And I no longer beat myself up about it.

In sharp contrast to this, two of my friends got married and have a lovely family, which started with him as a newcomer. She had a solid program and time. They abstained. I am sure at the time someone was judging them both. They are very happy and have a solid relationship. I love their life.

There are people who frown on this and those who prefer the straight pepper diet. A lot of folks cite Bill Wilson as someone who was a frequent 13th stepper. I didn't meet him.

I have two friends that were deemed, "the sisters of death" because of the candid way they told guys in a group to leave newcomer females alone.

Of course, I couldn't find any tangible evidence of 13th stepping in the big book. In research on this topic, I found a lot of trash talk about Bill Wilson and his 13<sup>th</sup> stepping. I also found the original idea of the 13th step: when you die sober it was called taking the 13th step.

I found a lot of material on 13<sup>th</sup> stepping in the 12 x 12, specifically page 119:

It is only where 'boy meets girl on A.A. campus,' and love follows at first sight, that difficulties may develop. The prospective partners need to be solid A.A.'s and long enough acquainted to know that their compatibility at spiritual, mental, and emotional levels is a fact and not wishful thinking. They need to be as sure as possible that no deep-lying emotional handicap in either will be likely to rise up under later pressures to cripple them.

It does use the words "difficulties may develop." I am always the exception to the rule. In order to take the suggestion, my idea that I am the exception needs to be thrown out.

It also suggests that both need to be, "solid AA's." I don't know a lot of newcomers that fit that mold.

And, "...long enough acquainted to know their compatibility ..." means time. Maybe a year is a good start. I didn't even know myself that well after a year, let alone, my compatibility with someone else. Heck! I had a marriage to a girl in the program and we both had over three years and that went sour in seven months.

And I continue to learn.

There is not any talk of fitting on a sexual level. It's these other levels that seem to be more important.

Taking time to know myself and my underlying handicaps is a sure way to clean house for a great relationship. Taking time to know the other person and how the two of you match up makes sense. Doing an

annual set of steps helps me dig up the underlying stuff that may be toxic to a relationship later.

I hope this provokes some thought.

Rory S. Colorado Springs

**I have two friends that were deemed "the sisters of death" because of the candid way they told guys in a group to leave newcomer females alone.**

**Concept 6:** The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

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## Step 6:

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

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## Tradition 6:

An A. A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A. A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

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### TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

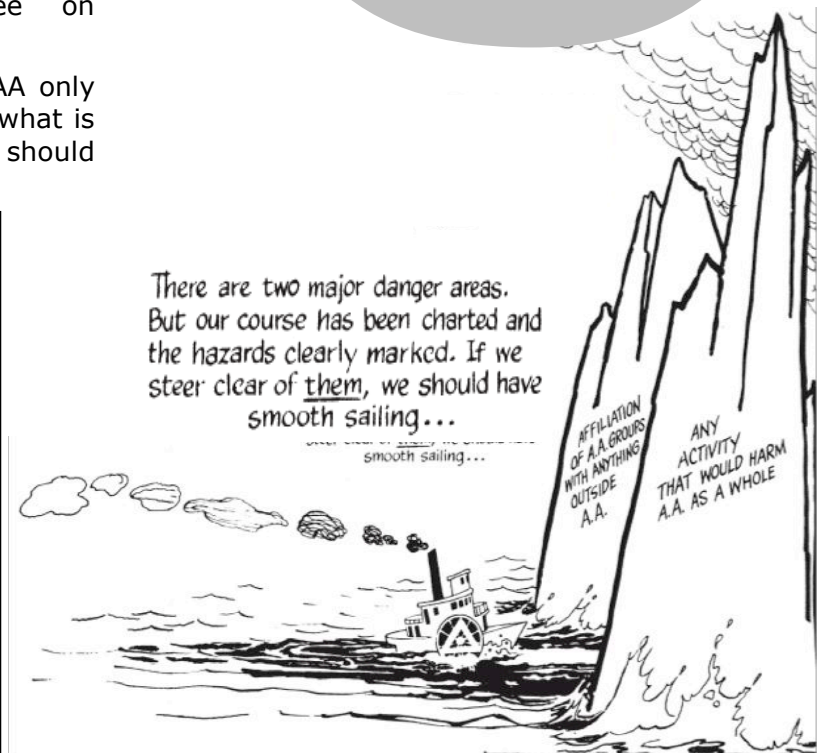
#### Tradition Six

- 1) Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
- 2) Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- 3) Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
- 4) Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
- 5) Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?



AA members employed by outside agencies "wear two hats"—but Tradition Six cautions any such members against wearing both at once! On the job, they may be alcoholism counselors; they are *not* "AA counselors." At meetings they're just A.A.'s, not alcoholism experts.

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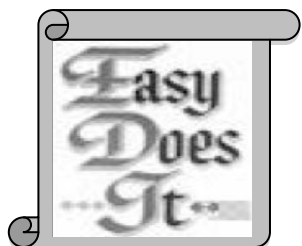
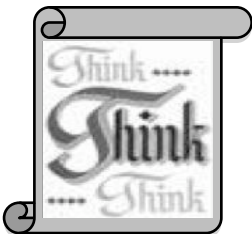


**MEETING ADDITIONS - DELETIONS - CHANGES**

Wednesday Westside Women's: **CHANGED** to - Women Of Grace - Open - Wednesday 6:00 pm  
 Grace and St. Stephens Episcopal Church - 601 N. Tejon, enter through west facing door.  
 Friday Women Beginners Meeting: **NEW** - Open Discussion - Friday at Noon meets until 12:45pm  
 Central SDA Church - 1305 N. Union, Enter South Side of Church.  
 The Meeting: **NEW** - Open - Topic /Big Book - Tuesday at 5:30 pm - Clayhouse Church  
 5620 Dublin Blvd. - Intersection of Dublin and Powers - meets for an hour and a half.  
 Central Dirty Nine-Thirty: **CHANGED** - All meetings and now 'Discussion' meetings daily at 9:30 pm.

**TURNING POINT GROUP  
 SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 June. 1: Keith G. SOB 5/27/99  
 June. 8: Stephen P. SOB 5/1/1988  
 June. 15: AA/Alanon  
 June. 22: Kayla C. SOB 7/14/1986  
 June 29: Tim W. SOB 6/23/2012

**WALK THE TALK GROUP  
 SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 June. 4:  
 June. 11:  
 June. 18:  
 June. 25:



**CENTRAL GROUP  
 TUESDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 June. 4:  
 June. 11:  
 June. 18:  
 June. 25:

**DOWNTOWN GROUP  
 SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 June. 4:  
 June. 11:  
 June. 18:  
 June. 25:

**~ JUNE BIRTHDAY MILESTONES ~**

TURNING POINT		TUESDAY NEW WOMEN'S		WALK THE TALK	
Scott V.	2 yrs.	Connie A.	30 yrs.		yrs.
Tim W.	3 yrs.	Harriet O.	6 yrs.		yrs.
Stephen W.	25 yrs.	Terrie L.	3 yr.		yrs.
Sandi S.	10 yrs.				yrs.
Monty B.	5 yrs.				yrs.
Keith G.	14 yrs.	FRIDAY WOMEN'S			yrs.
Karen R.	7 yrs.	Kathy A.	12 yrs.		yrs.
Holly	1 yr.	Tricia A.	17 yrs.		yrs.
Ida Mc.	7 yrs.	Alysa S.	6 yrs.		yrs.
Colleen	17 yrs.	Patty H.	19 yrs.		yrs.
Bruce W.	2 yrs.	Julie D.	2 yrs.		yrs.
Bonni S.	3 yrs.	Kathie S.	25 Yrs.		yrs.
		STEEL MAGNOLIAS			yrs.
		Robyn S.	31 yrs.	ELLCOTT GROUP	
		Sharron B.	3 yrs.		yrs.



**...don't  
 stumble over  
 another  
 service  
 opportunity...  
 Be a  
 Nightwatch  
 Night Owl  
 and help us  
 answer the  
 phones!**

\* Equals total years reported from our local groups.  
 To have your group years added please submit your  
 milestones to [pint@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:pint@coloradospringsaa.org)

**JUNE  
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**Need something to do? Want to get involved with your group? Looking for a Service Opportunity? Then gather your group's milestone birthdays and speaker line-ups and send them in to the Pint!**

## ~ Shout Out ~

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### Young Peoples Group *Open Meeting*

First United Methodist Church rm 135  
420 N. Nevada (use Boulder St. entrance)

**Monday at 8:00 pm**  
**Wednesday at 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday at 4:00 pm**

Help support this and all the groups or meetings in our fellowship. Be adventuresome and attend a meeting other than your home group and take a friend or two. It's a great way to serve, meet new people and add some depth to your sobriety.

Once more: The alcoholic at certain times has no effective mental defense against the first drink. Except in a few rare cases, neither he nor any other human being can provide such a defense. His defense must come from a Higher Power.

Feel like a fish out of water??



**Easy Does It AA Group with AA meetings  
at 9am, 12noon, 4pm, 7pm and 10pm Daily**

3760 Astrozon Blvd, behind Firestone, next to Thai Massage in the  
Astrozon Plaza (Parking on Islands or in Back Only)

"Some people think God made life just for happiness, but I find myself unable to share that view. I think he made life for growth and that he permits pain as the touchstone of it all. Happiness -- at the very least, satisfaction -- is a byproduct of really trying to grow. And seasons of real joy are but the occasional byproducts of the process. Which, in eternity, will be the eventual fulfillment. Meantime, we seem to be pilgrims on a road -- one which you and I are completely confident leads into the arms of God."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., reprinted July 1993  
"Seasons of Real Joy" AA Grapevine

### • 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 Coordinator Conference Room.

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Downtown Group, 210 N. Corona St.

#### Corrections:

Committee Meeting: 9:00 am-10:00 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Sacred Heart Catholic Church 2021 West Pikes Peak Ave, Room #6, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

#### 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.

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

### • CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

#### ~ AREA SERVICE OFFICE ~

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Colorado Springs, CO 80905  
(Include group name and number on check)

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New York, NY 10163  
(Include group name and number on check)

#### ~ AREA 10 ~

Area 10 Treasurer  
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 Committee)  
(Include group name and number on check)

#### • CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •

**And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone--even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame.** (BB pg 84)

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# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	April	GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	April
Above the Bar Group	\$230.38		Northwesters	\$600.00	
Apex	\$570.69	\$82.40	Oasis Group	\$100.00	\$50.00
Back to Basics	\$820.57	\$100.00	Off The Wall	\$266.67	\$60.23
Big Book Action	\$522.01	\$200.00	Old North End Study Group	\$343.50	
Big Book Study UPH	\$534.35		Penrose Discussion	\$89.80	
Black Forest	\$311.65		Plug in the Jug	\$206.85	
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$277.00	
Brown Baggers	\$345.00		Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$133.00	
Meditation Group	\$25.00	\$25.00	Progress Not Perfection	\$499.67	\$25.50
Clean Air Group	\$374.63		Recovery in Action	\$436.40	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$591.35		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$578.80	\$224.40
Down By The Creek	\$36.68		Security Eye Opener	\$273.60	
Downtown Group	\$2,001.83		Serenity Hour	\$375.00	\$25.00
Drylander's Group	\$122.53		Serenity Riders	\$349.46	
Easy Does It	\$225.00		Serenity Sisters	\$583.78	
Ellicott Group	\$191.50		Sobriety of Fountain	\$64.00	
Eye Opener	\$88.00		Solutions at Noon	\$602.33	\$38.24
1515 Meditation Group	\$50.00		Steel Magnolias	\$467.38	\$100.00
Foxhall Group	\$291.81	\$113.25	Stepping Stones	\$178.32	
Friday Night Live	\$450.00		Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,238.91	
Friday Women's Group	\$448.81		Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Garage Meeting	\$425.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$156.94	
Good Ole Boys	\$500.00		Taking Steps	\$708.62	
Half Pint Group	\$120.00		The Doctor's Opinion	\$300.00	
Happy Destiny	\$319.51		The Sober Jokers	\$200.00	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$148.00		Then and Now	\$266.00	\$75.00
Happy Heathens	\$364.00		Thursday Mens	\$1,500.00	
Happy Hour	\$859.05		Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
High Noon	\$313.50	\$49.00	Turning Point	\$158.50	\$120.00
H.O.W.	\$153.18	\$74.46	Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$90.00	
Into Action	\$456.00		Woodland Park Women's Step Study	\$60.00	\$60.00
Keystone to Recovery	\$100.00		Walk the Talk	\$4,690.00	\$340.00
Lake George Group	\$332.59		Walking on Water	\$200.00	
Living Free	\$168.92		We Are Not Saints	\$2,145.01	
Living Sober	\$208.00		Wed. Westside Womens	\$334.56	\$100.00
Living Sober South	\$270.44	\$21.00	Westside Eye Opener	\$424.23	
M.A.G.	\$881.02		Woodland Park Beginners	\$170.00	
Natural High	\$122.00		Woodland Park Book Study	\$198.20	
New Beginners	\$875.56		Young People	\$1,340.62	\$253.64
New Woman	\$1,140.32	\$171.37	Totals:	\$36,695.87	\$2208.49



# Nightwatch Night Owls News



Hello friends from Tom S,

Crystal made an announcement during an AA meeting concerning Nightwatch and the need for additional volunteers mid 2012. I attended the next Nighwatch meeting and found a group that was fulfilling the AA Steps and Traditions by reaching out for and being available to those are looking for information or meetings and those whose lives have taken them to the point of recognizing their desperate condition and truly seek help. As a result, I've also found a fellowship within the AA Fellowship that understands our service to others is also a service to our sobriety and ourselves.

I came to AA on April 28th, 2007, having offended many if not all of my friends, damaged my marriage and found shortening my workday to make time for drinking to be a path I no longer desired to follow. That's being polite! In reality, I was picking up speed quickly to an end I could only visualize after beginning my recovery with the support of the AA Fellowship and new friends.

As vice chair for Crystal, we want to express our appreciation to Gina for a great job the pasts years for this committee and know she'll continue to support Nightwatch and volunteer for a schedule spot. Crystal has a vision for Nightwatch, committee members to continue their great work and meet on occasion to share information, concerns and discuss improvements that will make Nightwatch even more effective for those calling.

We are planning an afternoon BBQ [on Sunday, June 9th, 4 pm](#) for Nightwatch committee members, past and present. [Invitations will be given during the next two Nightwatch meetings on May 7 and June 4.](#)As an added incentive for Nightwatch members, we'll have a prize drawing to those present in our monthly meetings.

Nightwatch makes a difference, Nightwatch members make that difference to those in need and make their lives better. It's an honor being a part of the committee and hope I can live up to its traditions and image

Hello everyone, I am excited to be your Nightwatch Chair. I am here to do my best for the next suffering alcoholic. I have Elected Tom S as Vice Chair.

Tom and I are very dedicated to making this a smooth process for all, volunteers and callers alike.

Gina has worked very hard and I have big shoes to fill.

A little about me, I got sober in Washington state July 22, 2006. I have been doing service work since I was 40 days sober. I have been on many committees, and my commitment is important to me. I moved to the Springs September 2010. I started with Nightwatch here in the Springs, March 2012.

I am open for all input from anyone. I hope that you will give Tom and I any ideas you may have, to make Nightwatch successful.

We would really love to see more of our volunteers getting involved with our committee meeting each month. We would love to have new ideas from all.

I committed myself to Nightwatch for a good reason, I believe that we are the first impression, of AA, that a person may get. I was really scared coming into AA and didn't know what AA was about.

Our committee meeting is the "how to". Learning together to answer questions and give information to the caller that will help that person or family member get the help they need.

I take my commitment very seriously, I want Nightwatch to be a good experience for all that encounter it. I know in the past, when we had the answering service, that alcoholics were slipping through the cracks some may have even died from this disease. I know that we can't save everyone, BUT if a person calls and talks with a fellow Alcoholic they have a better chance of finding AA, and the possibilities of them surviving are greater.

So PLEASE if you are any part of Nightwatch come attend our monthly committee meeting and share your experience, strength, and hope with us so that TOGETHER we can help the next suffering Alcoholic.

Thank you for your service,  
Crystal S. and Tom S.  
Colorado Springs, CO

I would like to introduce myself. Most of you know me as Bree and I have been given the opportunity to take on the Secretary (Night Owl) for NightWatch. I got involved in NightWatch in Oct 2012 and was given a shift in November 2012 after reaching my 6 months of Sober Living. NightWatch has been an incredible experience for me and when I was asked to be Secretary I jumped at the opportunity to be even more involved with this amazing part of AA here in Colorado Springs. I hope to step in to the Co-Chair Service Committee position next year, one day at a time.

Sabrina  
Colorado Springs, CO



# FOUNDERS DAY

UMP-TEENTH ANNUAL

# PICNIC – Potluck



11:00 am TO 6:00 pm  
Saturday  
June 8, 2013  
Bear Creek Park  
East Side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street

*FEATURING:*

*Two pavilions*

*Al-Anon Speaker at 1:00 pm*

*AA Speaker at 2:00 pm*

*Piñata for the kids at 3:30 pm*

*Door prizes and give-a-ways*

*Horseshoe pit-Volleyball net*

*and a Gigantic Playground!*

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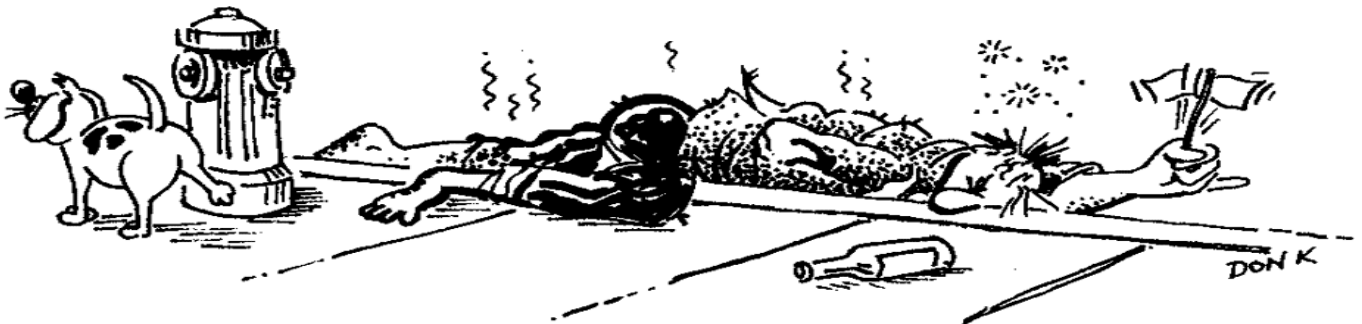
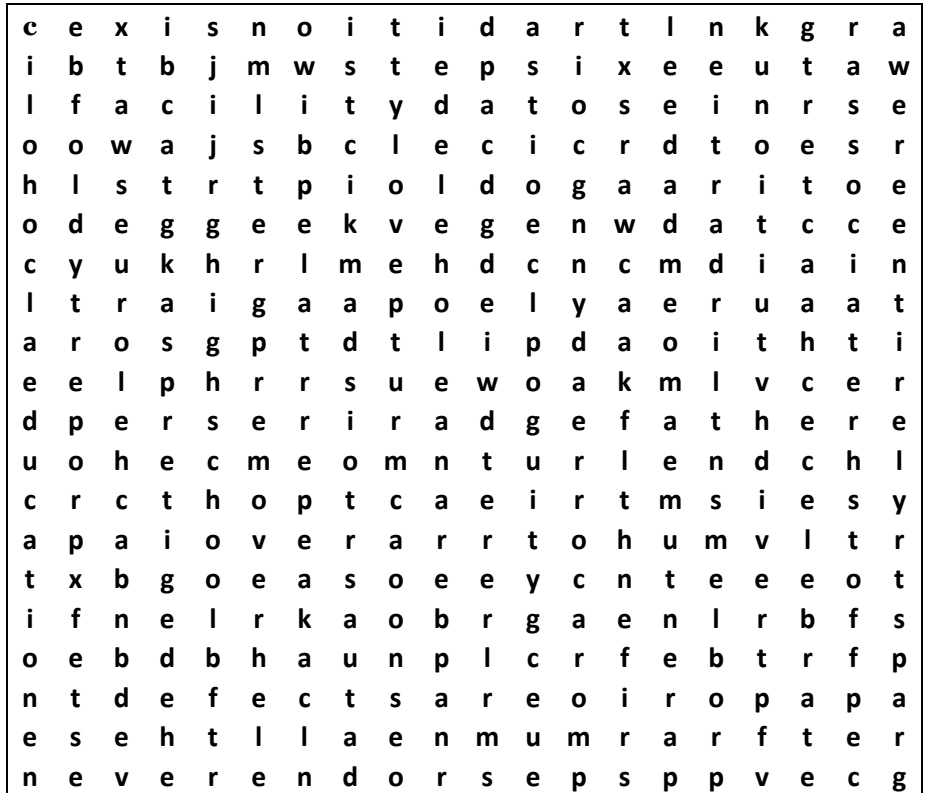
There are 38 words in this months puzzle.

(The RTL for this month is ?? mins.)

How long will it take you?

dad	tradition six
papa	never endorse
father	lend
conceive	aa name
procreate	related
parent	facility
guidance	money
love	property
graduation	prestige
celebrate	divert
tuition	primary
bachelor	purpose
master	step six
doctorate	were entirely
associate	ready
high school	remove
degree	all these
education	defects
work	character

## • dads and grads word search •



Some have lower bottoms than others ...

In the month of April the Service Office received 8 Grateful Giver contributions & 1 Personal contributions!!



### Last Months Caption



I don't know about you but I really like this "Long Island" iced tea. It's got quite a kick to it for a mere tea.

Submitted: Vicki C.