



INTERGROUP ELECTIONS!

Tuesday - March 8, 2016 - 7pm

ELECTIONS for INTERGROUP OFFICERS will be held at the INTERGROUP MEETING, March 8, 2016. All of the positions listed below will be voted on. CANDIDATES MUST BE PRESENT. It is recommended that those who stand have a minimum of two years continuous sobriety. Term of office is one year, April 1 through March 31. Position descriptions are listed in the [Intergroup Charter](#).

**please submit by March 8, 2016 or before!

See you at Intergroup:

*First United Methodist Church
420 N. Nevada Ave, RM 135
Colorado Springs, CO.
Boulder Street entrance, upstairs*

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~THE PIKES PEAK PINT~



UPCOMING TOPICS:

*Tradition 3 (Mar)
Tradition 4 (Apr)*

EDITOR'S NOTES

Happy February (said with tiny hearts in my eyes)!

I am thrilled to be a part of presenting some experience, strength, and hope to you all about Traditions, but this month specifically, Tradition Two. Who runs AA? Who's in charge? How does the group know which direction to go without guidance? Common questions asked of, on, about, and in the rooms of AA, right? Well yes, when you look at a group of drunks who maybe even months before were tearing down lives and either figuratively or literally, burning down homes and such, it does seem a bit daunting to think that THEY are running anything, especially anything healthy or spiritual. But that is the magic of how this all goes down with the aid of the group conscious that acts as the power greater than all of us.

If any of this is new information to you, this will be a great edition for you to read and to become more familiar with this tradition. I then highly suggest either working traditions with your sponsor or acquiring a tradition sponsor. In my perspective, the steps saved my life by making me faithful and strong and the traditions have

allowed me to be brave! They work hand in hand to keep me close to my higher power. (But I digress.)

We work as a group to make decisions and group decisions are just that, group decisions. After a discussion of all aspects of a given situation, including the minority opinion, the group votes on the issue and an agreement is reached with a majority vote. This vote is called a "group conscience." Each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, education, or professional expertise, no member has "authority" over the group. In this way, the fellowship reaches out to all who would seek its comfort and provides the atmosphere of a sense of "belonging" to all members.

Now one part that I have often heard misquoted or used misguidedly is the idea of leaders. This tradition makes clear that we DO indeed have leaders, we DO....they just have no power....at least no more power than the group conscious in which they participate. In fact, we see these leaders as chair people, group representatives to the area or district, secretary, treasurers, and

more who have been entrusted with the responsibility to SERVE the group, not hold authority over it.

In addition, in my experience, there is also the group "leaders", who by sharing their experience, hope, wisdom and strength in the meetings are quietly regarded by the group as "spiritual leaders." These leaders are those members of varying ages and lengths of sobriety, who are so well founded in the principles and traditions of the program, the group turns to them when questions arise involving possible violations of those principles and traditions. They too are leaders, but they also have no power to govern.

In the stories to follow you will read different perspectives on the second Tradition, but all illustrate how critical traditions are not only to AA as a whole, but also to each individual if they are to survive in AA and the world! enjoy, enjoy, enjoy and I will see you soon on the road of Happy Destiny!

Stormie

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“TRADITION TWO”

When I came back to the program, a day or two ago, I knew what I had to do. I knew I needed to get involved in service, period. So, after I got comfortable in my home group it started. I began attending the group's business meetings and got pulled into the middle of the herd. After a few months, elections came around and I was voluntold to consider alternate Intergroup representative. Next thing I knew, I was attending my first Intergroup meeting. Intergroup needed a vice chair for the Pint and guess what, I raised my hand but, this is another story.

In the meantime at my home group, I was thrust into helping put together our summer picnic. This was an interesting process to be sure, as no one seemed to agree on anything. What park to use, what weekend, what time and what to serve, etc., etc. As I watched this whole thing unfold, I suddenly understood why they started the process four months in advance. I'm pleased to announce the picnic was well attended and a success to spite ourselves.

My service as alternate Intergroup representative seemed short-lived because I became the Intergroup rep. before I was ready, or at least it felt that way. Getting pulled into this herd was a real eye opening experience. I began to see how the fellowship fits together and why nothing in A.A. happens quickly. I began to learn that it's okay to make mistakes. I began to see how the minority opinion is the most important opinion in a group and, I began to understand how the group conscience comes together on decisions that potentially affect us all.

What surprised me, is this same process works loosely in my home group business meetings as well. I use the term loosely, loosely. The best example of a major group decision is the first move I was involved in. Personalities kicking around principles with every emotion on display, making mountains out of mole-hills all made for a long, sometimes uncomfortable ride. Remarkably, decisions were made and some were popular but some were not. The group service body however, agreed to all of the decisions and, progress was made in the best interest of the group as a whole. This was an amazing process to watch and be a part of, for sure.

All the boards I've been on and all service-oriented meetings I've attended ultimately came to decisions based on the group conscience. It's fascinating to watch God work through individuals and to watch our leaders blossom with the trust given them. Not all of the decisions are good but they somehow seem to work. Not all the good decisions work but they were given a chance. When the minority opinion is heard and sways the vote, decisions are made based on these results. The outcome is almost always far beyond what anyone could have expected or even imagine.

My involvement in service continues to this day. My experience in the traditions continues to grow, as my exposure to the traditions is ongoing, at a divine level, on a need to know basis. When I run face first into any tradition I know there is a lesson in it and, I need to know. Tradition two gains more depth and meaning for me as my efforts in service continue.

Tradition two is practiced at all healthy group, committee, inter-

group, district, area and regional meetings all over the world. Tradition two insures that everyone has a voice in what their group or committee does provided the member makes the effort to attend the meetings where your voices are heard. Tradition two helps weave us all together allowing us to slowly move forward by entertaining all the voices that make up our fellowship, especially the minority voice.

So suit up, show up, listen up and speak up. Your voice is a large part of the group conscience, be heard!

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“TRADITION TWO.. SUBSTANCE”

These traditions are the basis for keeping our society united in the one goal of all that are here and all that are yet to come. I once heard in a traditions meeting, that you need them all in order just like the steps. Therefore, if our personal recovery depends upon AA unity, it is the substance of Tradition Two that reminds us all that we are just a small part of a great whole.

Nothing more clearly explains how small my role is in this, than reading the words *“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience”*. This has been an ever growing staple in my sobriety. The understanding of what it truly means to have love and tolerance for others is shown here. Each and every one of us may express our feelings about any subject presented in the program, but in the end the entire group is the final word. There will always be different ways of doing things, and I just have to know that the group will decide what that is.

The second half of Tradition Two makes it very clear that a rotating leadership is a good thing. *“Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”* Any alcoholic who is left with all of the chores of any group will always have a feeling one way or the other of which way to go. Hence, any left for very long might start to lean towards pushing their own agenda and not that of the group. I only sit back now after many years and offer any help, hope or experience if I am asked in my homegroup. I am here for them to just carry a message that has not changed, that was given to me by those who came before me.

There is a line on page 161 in the Big Book that reads... *“Being wrecked in the same vessel, being restored and united under one God, with hearts and minds attuned to the welfare of others, the things which matter so much to some people no longer signify much to them.”* How could they? -Anonymous



Group Conscience

CONCEPT 2: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

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TRADITION 2:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Step 2:

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

Tradition 2:

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas.
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it.
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?
7. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of the fellowship?



Step 2

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Ben Ben recovery cartoons

In the month of December
the Service Office received



4 Grateful Giver contributions

And 4 Personal contributions! **Thank you!!**

**MEETING CHANGES, SPEAKERS,
& HAPPY BIRTHDAYS!**



DELETE

Meeting @ Rescue Mission
Open
1:30 p.m. Thursday
25 W. Las Vegas St
Winter Shelter

WALK THE TALK (DEC)

Mi-Lou	25 yrs.
Doreen D.	37 yrs.
Paula R.	27 yrs.
Rick G.	24 yrs.
Chris B.	8 yrs.
Justin V.	1 yr.
Ron W.	1 yr.
Brian G.	29 yrs.
Lynn W.	10 yrs.
Mike H.	3 yrs.
Jeremy P.	11 yrs.
Leann F.	28 yrs.
Rod Q.	7 yrs.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

Dana R.	19 yrs.
Karen McG	26 yrs.
Karen A.	1 yr.

WE ARE NOT SAINTS

FEBRUARY

David R.	11 yrs.
Jan C.	1 Yr.
Gene T.	3 yrs.
Marcy	1 yr.
Melissa	17 yrs.
Patrick S.	7 yrs.
Scott H.	1 yr.

JANUARY

Carolyn D.	7 yrs.
Craig W.	6 yrs.
David B.	6 yrs.
Drew I.	17 yrs.
Ryan M.	2 yrs.
Scott K.	4 yrs.

DECEMBER CORRECTION

Nan P.	22 yrs.
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NEW WOMAN GROUP

Caren L.	10 yrs.
Toni L.	7 yrs.
Lisa J.	4 yrs.
Amy M	4 yrs.
Shawn B.	33 yrs.
Carrissa J.	1 yr.
Dorice G.	1 yr.

EASY DOES IT

Lyle H.	29 yrs.
Karl N.	18 yrs.
Bridget G.	2 yrs.
Derek S.	3 yrs.
Joie H.	28 yrs.
Adam K.	3 yrs.
Mike C.	19 yrs.
Carrie E.	6 yrs.
Tom G.	32 yrs.
Richard N.	7 yrs.
Amanda C.	2 yrs.
Ron R.	4 yrs.
Melody C.	3 yrs.
Cathy	3 yrs.
Toney H.	2 yrs.

FRIDAY WOMAN'S GROUP

Bridget G.	2 yrs.
Barb B.	6 yrs.
Lynn E.	6 yrs.

HAPPY DESTINY

Jeff C.	16 yrs.
Rachel W.	11 yrs.



You Are Awesome!!!!

As of January 12th, Gratitude Month
has had **27** Groups contributing
for a total of

\$2232.54!!

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	December	GROUP NAME (2015-2016)	Fiscal Yr. to date	December
A Common Solution	\$82.36	\$27.10	Off The Wall	\$198.48	
Above the Bar Group			Old North End Study Group	\$323.31	\$94.95
Apex	\$161.63	\$42.50	Pre-Dawn Meeting		
Back to Basics	\$715.59	\$168.59	Primary Purpose		
Beacon Light Group	#REF!		Primary Purpose Men's Group		
Big Book Action	\$536.69	\$131.69	Progress Not Perfection	\$209.83	\$47.90
Big Book Study UPH	\$292.38	\$292.38	Recovery in Action	\$524.34	\$28.07
Black Forest	\$464.10		Recovery, Unity, Service Group	\$156.00	\$51.00
Broadmoor			Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$287.45	\$110.00
Brown Baggers	\$150.00		Security Eye Opener	\$226.48	
Central	\$20.00		Serenity Hour	\$575.00	\$75.00
Clean Air Group	\$82.00		Serenity Riders	\$240.00	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$1,113.19	\$376.20	Serenity Sisters	\$525.00	\$250.00
Down By The Creek			Solutions at Noon	\$378.49	\$21.00
Downtown Group	\$3,060.23	\$222.23	Sought Through Prayer & Meditation	\$195.82	\$14.00
Drylander's Group	\$40.46		Steel Magnolias	\$174.98	\$59.00
Easy Does It	\$120.00		Stepping Stones		
Ellicott Group	\$181.00	\$81.00	Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,109.00	\$478.00
Foxhall Group	\$249.87		Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)		
Freedom From Bondage	\$100.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$280.00	\$100.00
Friday Night Live	\$287.50		Taking Steps		
Friday Women's Group	\$344.00	\$124.00	The Doctor's Opinion	\$202.25	
Good Ole Boys			The Garage Meeting		
Happy Destiny	\$152.00	\$52.00	Then and Now	\$147.00	\$72.00
Happy Heathens	\$200.00		Thursday Men's Group	\$1,600.00	
Happy Hour	\$34.27	\$34.27	Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$112.50	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$19.00	\$19.00	Treating The Illness	\$83.75	\$83.75
High Noon	\$184.00		Turning Point		
H.O.W.	\$100.00	\$50.00	Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$50.00	
Into Action	\$450.00		Veterans for AA		
Keystone to Recovery	\$100.00		Walk the Talk	\$2,550.00	
Lake George Group	\$85.00		Walking on Water	\$36.00	\$36.00
Little Log Church Group	#REF!	\$102.00	We Are Not Saints	\$1,415.92	\$397.59
Living Free	\$187.00		Westside Eye Opener		
Living Sober South	\$232.55	\$41.55	Women of Grace		\$52.00
M.A.G.	\$353.00		Woodland Park Beginners		
Natural High			Woodland Park Book Study	\$200.00	
New Beginners	\$511.95	\$93.31	Woodland Park Women's Step Study		\$22.35
New Woman	\$672.07	\$103.19	Young People	\$624.57	\$196.13
Northwesters	\$650.00		Totals:	\$25,105.86	\$4,149.75



TRADITIONS BREAKFAST MEETING

• Tradition Eight •

A. A. Traditions Discussion Meeting
Sunday February 21, 2016 @ 10:00a /
12:00p

At Village Inn on Circle and ID 25
Subsequent meetings on the 3rd Sunday of each month!

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

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

• COMMITTEE INFORMATION •

Public Information:

Committee Meeting: 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m., 1st floor
Penrose Main Hospital, 2222 N. Nevada in Volunteer Co-
ordinator 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.

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.

Special Needs:

Committee Meetings: 1:00 p.m., last Saturday of every
even month at 309 S. Hancock Ave.

Web Committee: **NEW**

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**

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

~ AREA SERVICE OFFICE ~

Colorado Springs Area Service Office
1353 South 8th St., Suite 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

(Include group name and number on check)

~ GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE ~

P.O. Box 459 - Grand Central Station
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 Commit-
tee)

(Include group name and number on check)

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

Contact the Service Office for Intergroup information
719-573-5020

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UPCOMING ELECTIONS in MARCH

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NOMINATION FOR INTERGROUP BOARD MEMBERS

(**please submit by March 8, 2016 or before!)

I hereby nominate _____ for the trusted servant position of:

(Circle one)

Chairperson One year term

Vice-Chairperson One year term *(two year commitment)*
First year as Vice-Chair, then preferably rotates into position of Chairperson.

Secretary One year term

Treasurer One year term

Vice-Treasurer One year term *(two year commitment)*
First year as Vice-Treasurer then preferably rotates into position of Treasurer.

Registrar One-year term

Member at Large One-year term

*****Please fill out this form and bring it to the Area Service Office before March 8, 2016.
Or you can scan your completed form and email to the ASO at serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
Or you can send your nomination to the ASO via email message.
Please be sure to include all the required information.
Remember all nominees must be present at the Intergroup Board meeting in March.***



Working with Others

Panel Discussion and Breakout Sessions

A Workshop presented by your Colorado Springs Area Intergroup and District 7

Come join us for a lively panel discussion with panelists from Intergroup and District 7 on service opportunities, working together, best practices for contact with the newcomer, and our primary purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.



Saturday, February 20, 2016, 10am—1pm

**First United Methodist Church
420 N Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Room 133/134; Enter through Boulder St doors**

Joining us will be Pam H., Denver Metro Bridging the Gap Chairperson, for a breakout training session. Bridging the Gap is a temporary contact program, designed to assist the alcoholic being released from treatment or correctional facilities making the transition into their local recovery community. Come learn the in and outs of Bridging the Gap in our area.

There will be tasty food and refreshing beverages provided. Bring a sponsee!

**WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP,
I WANT THE HAND OF A.A. ALWAYS TO BE THERE.
AND FOR THAT, I AM RESPONSIBLE.**