



THE PIKES PEAK PINT

February 2020

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

My Faith: The Road of Reconstruction

I am not the kind of girl that gets sober. I get DUI's, thrown in jail and various institutions. I am a girl who runs away from her problems and drowns her sorrows in the bottle. A girl who is always trying to figure out how to have my needs met by others. One by one, all my ideas ran out. But not before leaving a wide path of destruction. One day, alone in my empty apartment, it dawned on me - I was going to die like this - drunk and alone. It was at that moment I finally conceded to my innermost self I was an alcoholic and there my life began to take on a new direction.

I was lucky enough to be broken and desperate when I came to Alcoholics Anonymous this time. For years prior, I had come in and out - doing steps 1-3 only. For that reason, I didn't really believe the program would work for me but I knew I had no other hope. I found a sponsor, who thankfully took me through the steps quickly. When I came to Step 2 I made the decision that GOD IS; it was my desperation that made this possible. I did not give much thought to this at the time, but it has

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Serenity Riders

Pete B.	2/05/89
Bill M.	2/04/92
Gabrielle H.	2/09/18
Patsy P.	2/17/16

Happy Heathens

Carolyn	34 years
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New Beginners

Bob L.	2/27/17
Brendan M.	2/02/18
Charles B.	2/03/91
Dana R.	2/24/97
Khim H.	2/06/17
Liz	2/23/15
Krista G.	2/05/17
Patsy P.	2/17/16

Serenity Hour

Annie L.	5 years
Wanda M.	6 years
Gene T.	7 years
Karen M.	30 years

New Woman Group

Caren L	14 years
Toni M.	11 years
Amy M.	8 years

Friday Women's

Lynn E.	10 years
Lori W.	3 years

Steel Magnolias

Dana R.	23 years
Elizabeth D.	14 years

proven to be the cornerstone of my sobriety.

Placing my faith in a Power greater than myself as allowed me to face the tough times my family has encountered along the way. The road of reconstruction in my life has been long and there have been dark days. It was not easy to piece back together my broken home or to rebuild trust with my family. But God has been my constant companion.

Just to the extent that we do as we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity.

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This has been true in my life. I was able to be present for my family when my father died. I have walked through a seemingly never-

ending custody battle with my dignity intact. When the wreckage of my past comes barreling into my present, I try to remember the principles set forth in the steps and meet whatever challenge lay in my path. None of these things would have been possible without Alcoholics Anonymous. The steps reshaped the way I view and interact with the world. I can only hope that I continue to seek and rely upon God. I never want to forget where I came from or lose sight of the grace so freely given to me.

♦ Molly H.



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

***"Abandon yourself to
God as you understand
God."***

**-The Big Book of Alcoholics
Anonymous, page 164**

Gratitude

As I come up on my 3 year sober birthday, I have spent much time in reflection. Although my disease-centered mind comes up with many self-expectations, I choose to live in gratitude. At times, my mind will race. It is filled with expectations of where I “should” be and how I “should” feel. My time in the rooms and the gifts of the steps have taught me to recognize this as self-reliant fear.

One of the many ways to combat or overcome this fear is to realize that ME being sober for 3 years is a God given miracle. I change my thinking to being grateful for all I do have and how far I have come. I was a hopeless junkie-alcoholic who gave up everything I loved to chase oblivion because in the grips of my alcoholism I had no choice.

*By the grace of God, the 12 steps, and selfless women showing me how to live, I get to be a sober mom today. I have been loved in my most unlovable moments. I am surrounded by the love of friends and family. I get to be useful in service and as an employee. I have been given the road map to a life I could have never dreamed of- none of which involves material possessions.
FOR THIS I AM GRATEFUL.*

Lindsay F.

02/03/2017



STEP 2:

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



CONCEPT 2:

When, in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world service and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

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.

TRADITION 2 CHECKLIST:

- ◆ Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- ◆ Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- ◆ Do I look for credit in AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- ◆ 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?
- ◆ Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- ◆ In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

Announcements



New Meetings & Changes



Meeting Guide

Looking for a meeting fast?

The meeting guide goes with you! The app that helps people get and stay sober is available FREE to anyone! Just go to the app store and search for “meeting guide.” Download this app and find a meeting near you at various times of day!

Take Note on the following changes, cancellations, and NEW meetings!

“Sober Students”

Open Meeting/ Book Study at UCCS
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Columbine Hall 4th floor– look for the sign!

CANCELLATIONS:

Central Dirty Nine Thirty on Saturday nights at 9:30pm is cancelled.
Friday midnight **Candlelight meeting** at Central is cancelled.

No Rules, Just Suggestions Mon-Fri at 6 am at 1301 S. 8th Street in Suite 309 is cancelled.

NEW LOCATION!

Effective February 8 and every second Saturday of the month, **District PI** (Public Information Committee) will begin meeting at the **Area Service Office-**

1353 S. 8th Street, Suite 209 at 9:00 am.

It is no longer at the Rocky Mountain Recovery Foundation.

Fridays at noon, **Veterans for AA** is at the same location, however, now at the west end of the 3rd floor (VA Clinic, 3141 Centennial Blvd.)

Hey Pint Readers...

This is your newsletter! Tell us what you would like to see included each month. What encourages you? What motivates you to read The Pint? Let us know by emailing us at:

pint@coloradospringsaa.org

Have a question for the Intergroup Board?

Email: board@coloradospringsaa.org

We Need Stories!

Are YOU looking for service work?

Are you willing to share your experience, strength, and hope?

Someone who is struggling may need to hear EXACTLY what you have to say!

Email your story to
pint@coloradospringsaa.org

(No requirement for length of sobriety; approx. 400-600 words)

Reminder

If you have a meeting change, a new post to advertise, sobriety celebrations from your home group, or ANY other announcements you would like to see printed in the Pint, please send an email with all of the information to pint@coloradospringsaa.org
PRIOR TO THE 17th OF EACH MONTH!

LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

Open: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 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!

BRIDGING THE GAP:

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the month, Area Service Office
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209, Colorado Springs

PIKES PEAK PINT:

7:00 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month, contact Whitney at
414-828-7434 as location changes each month

CORRECTIONS:

9 a.m., 3rd Saturday of the month Sacred Heart Parish Room
10, southeast corner of 21st & Colorado Ave.

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION):

9:00 am; 2nd Saturday of each month
Rocky Mountain Recovery Foundation Inc.
4360 Montebello Drive, Suite 700

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community):

Meets the 4th Saturday of the month from 1:00-2:30
Penrose Main Hospital—2222 N. Nevada Ave.
We meet in the Volunteers Conference Room.
You can also call in on our conference line at:
(515) 604-9925, access pin: 311273#

PROGRAMS:

6 pm Wednesdays
Chadborn Community Church
402 Conejos St. 80903

NIGHTWATCH:

7 p.m., 1st Tuesday of the month
Sacred Heart Parish, 21st and Pikes Peak Ave.
Room 10, following the New Beginners' meeting

DISTRICT 7:

7 p.m., 3rd Tuesday of the month
First United Methodist Church,
420 N. Nevada, Room 135 (Boulder Street access)

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

• CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •

How much did *YOU* spend on a drink?

Please help others

Consider throwing \$2 into the basket when it comes around. Also, once a year, donate \$1 for each year of sobriety to the General Service Office, the Area Service Office, or both. It costs money to spread the hope of a new life worth living through AA.

Please see coloradospringsaa.org

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS
April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

YTD APR MAY JUNE JULY AUG SEPT OCT NOV DEC JAN

A Common Solution	\$217.58		\$79.88					\$24.70			\$113.00
12 Steps from The Morgue	\$246.00		\$100.00					\$146.00			
164 Group	\$413.00		\$205.00					\$208.00			
Apex	\$351.20			\$140.70				\$210.50			
Back to Basics	\$1,446.55	\$167.21	\$138.26	\$159.89	\$134.66	\$105.47	\$146.27	\$89.25	\$239.33	\$13.57	\$252.64
Beacon Light	\$100.00								\$100.00		
Big Book Action	\$600.00				\$350.00					\$250.00	
Big Book Study UPH	\$424.63				\$150.00				\$274.63		
Black Forest Group	\$350.00										\$350.00
Broadmoor Step Study	\$200.00						\$200.00				
Central	\$50.00			\$50.00							
Cripple Creek	\$50.00						\$50.00				
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$674.69				\$519.41			\$155.28			
Down by The Creek	\$30.60										\$30.60
Downtown Group	\$1,134.00		\$693.00		\$441.00						
Early Morning Saturday	\$241.00									\$241.00	
Easy Does It	\$1,223.32		\$145.56		\$331.92			\$254.23			\$491.61
Ellicott Group	\$390.00		\$390.00								
Florissant Brown Baggers	\$250.00						\$250.00				
Foxhall Group	\$400.00					\$150.00	\$125.00	\$125.00			
Friday Night Live	\$150.00		\$50.00			\$50.00			\$50.00		
Friday Women's Group	\$664.00		\$148.00			\$135.00			\$275.00	\$106.00	
Good Ole Boys	\$75.00	\$50.00							\$25.00		
Grace PPG Book	\$248.89										\$248.89
Happy Destiny	\$349.82		\$134.51			\$113.18			\$102.13		
Happy Heathens	\$548.50	\$116.50		\$56.25	\$57.00	\$48.75	\$55.50	\$86.25		\$60.75	\$67.50
High Nooners	\$130.00				\$75.00				\$55.00		
H.O.W.	\$44.00		\$44.00								
Into Action Group	\$644.00				\$399.00						\$245.00
Keystone to Recovery	\$325.00		\$150.00					\$175.00			
Little Log Church Group	\$205.00	\$70.00					\$135.00				
Living Free	\$165.00							\$100.00			\$65.00
Living Sober South	\$152.61			\$93.86	\$58.75						
M.A.G.	\$704.00	\$154.00			\$250.00				\$300.00		
New Beginners	\$695.76		\$250.76				\$236.00				\$209.00
New Woman	\$738.79	\$180.08			\$140.33			\$171.63		\$85.00	\$161.75
No Rules Only Suggestions Meeting	\$246.83				\$78.89	\$54.75	\$113.19				
Northwesters	\$300.00			\$300.00							
Off the Wall	\$115.60			\$40.65		\$40.50		\$34.45			
Old North End Study Group	\$403.79						\$141.50			\$112.50	\$149.79
One Day at a Time	\$25.20	\$25.20									
Pre-Dawn Group	\$500.00		\$300.00					\$200.00			
Recovery in Action	\$958.84	\$422.00				\$268.00		\$144.00		\$124.84	
Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$567.60				\$152.40		\$160.20	\$180.00		\$75.00	
Serenity Hour	\$454.40	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$79.40	\$25.00	\$50.00
Serenity Riders	\$717.79					\$316.08		\$166.62			\$235.09
Sober Sisters	\$86.66			\$42.92	\$43.74						

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April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

	YTD	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Sought Through Prayer & Med.	\$203.43			\$72.87		\$30.56					\$100.00
Steel Magnolias	\$288.38	\$118.90				\$77.98				\$91.50	
Sunday Morning Speaker Meeting	\$1,850.50						\$1,525.00			\$325.50	
Sunlight of the Spirit	\$758.50			\$135.00						\$623.50	
Taking Steps	\$200.00								\$200.00		
There is a Solution	\$40.00			\$15.00		\$15.00	\$10.00				
Thursday Noon Group	\$101.75				\$51.75						\$50.00
Thursday Men's Group	\$1,260.00	\$260.00			\$1,000.00						
Tuesday Women's	\$25.00								\$25.00		
Turning Point	\$80.00				\$40.00			\$40.00			
Under the Bridge	\$622.13									\$622.13	
Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$75.00	\$37.00			\$38.00						
Veterans for AA	\$225.00		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$100.00
Walk the Talk	\$4,250.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$425.00
We Are Here	\$60.38									\$60.38	
We Are Not Saints	\$1,252.12	\$191.35			\$553.21			\$457.56		\$50.00	
Women of Grace	\$160.00						\$160.00				
Woodland Park Thursday Noon	\$115.00	\$45.00						\$70.00			
Woodland Park Tuesday Women's	\$145.00							\$120.00	\$25.00		
Woodland Park Book Study	\$486.16	\$141.00			\$185.57			\$92.59			\$67.00
WOW Group	\$300.00					\$150.00			\$150.00		
Young People	\$393.32		\$199.19			\$194.13					
Monthly Totals:		\$2,478.24	\$3,528.16	\$1,582.14	\$5,550.63	\$2,224.40	\$3,757.66	\$3,726.06	\$2,350.49	\$3,291.67	\$3,411.87

Foxhall's 19th Anniversary

**Wed. February
26th**

Potluck & Speaker Night

@ Center for Spiritual Living
5075 Flintridge Dr.
Colorado Springs CO. 80918

6-7pm Potluck Dinner
7-8pm Speaker Meeting
Speaker John B

Come for Fellowship, Food and Fun!