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THE PIKES PEAK PINT

A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

Please remember the Area Service Office is open only
because of your continued financial support.

Our Primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

Contributions can be made on the homepage of our CSASO website: www.coloradospringsaa.org or mailed or dropped off at the Area Service Office located at 1353 S 8th Street Suite 209, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Or feel free to call the office and we can take your contributions over the telephone and charge manually whatever amount you wish to your debit or credit card. This option is available Tuesday—Fridays 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

The Intergroup Chairman of the Board, John Corlew, has resigned his position stating he needs to spend all his energy and focus on the health issues he is facing.

Thank you John for you incredible leadership and service during the last 13 1/2 months.

DISTRICT 7 COMMITTEES ARE MEETING AGAIN!

INTERGROUP MEETING

5:30 PM

DOWNTOWN MEETING ROOM

210 N. CORONA

ZOOM:

MEETING ID 895 839 8739

PASS 040 352

2ND TUESDAY

TREATMENT COMMITTEE

10:00 AM

BLACK BEAR COFFEE SHOP

6550 S. ACADEMY BLVD.

2ND SUNDAY

DISTRICT 7 MEETING

7:00 PM

LEGACY WESLEYAN CHURCH

502 N. WALNUT STREET

ZOOM:

MEETING ID 741 7625 8437

PASS 928 532

3RD TUESDAY

COOPERATING W/ PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

3:30 PM

AREA SERVICE OFFICE

1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

3RD SATURDAY

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

10:00 AM

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4TH SATURDAY

BRIDGING THE GAP

NO MEETING YET

NIGHTWATCH

NO MEETING YET

PUBLIC INFORMATION

NO MEETING YET

AREA SERVICE OFFICE

1353 S. 8th Street Suite 209 Colorado Springs, CO 80905-7008

June 1, 2021

TO: Colorado Springs Intergroup, Appointed Committee Members and Intergroup Board of Directors

RE: Intergroup Vice Chair Vacancy

On behalf of the Colorado Springs Intergroup Board of Directors, please be advised that our Chairman of the Board, John M. Corlew, has submitted his resignation.

In compliance with the Colorado Springs Area Intergroup Charter Article V, paragraph 1 "Interim Vacancies" the position will be filled automatically by the Vice-Chairperson, Mary V.

In compliance with Article V, paragraph 2 of the Colorado Springs Area Charter, a special election for the Vice-Chair position will be held on July 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. during the regular CS Intergroup monthly meeting at 210 N. Corona Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 to fill the Vice-Chair vacancy.

Suggested Requirements: At least 5 years sobriety; business experience with leadership and management skills; and good people skills.

Time Commitment: Board meetings the first Monday of each month (approximately 60 minutes in length) held at the Area Service Office and CS Intergroup meetings the second Tuesday of each month (approximately 90 minutes in length) held at 210 N. Corona Street.

Duties: Assists the Chairperson in the duties described in the Colorado Springs Area Intergroup Charter in Article III paragraph 1 "Officers" and performs such other duties as the Chairperson may direct.

Please feel free to contact the Colorado Springs Area Service Office at 719-573-5020 or email: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org with comments or questions.

Step Six

“Were entirely to have God remove these defects of Character.”

I was prompted to conduct this step once I completed my fifth step, which consisted of reviewing my fourth step inventory with my sponsor and God. The fifth step was a relieving experience which required me to review my resentments, fear and sex inventories as well as discuss my deepest, darkest secrets with my sponsor. These inventories and discussions brought to light my defects of character, which were hindering me and others. Some of these shortcomings included pride, selfishness, hate, dishonesty, jealousy, intolerance among many others. I did not realize that I was carrying around these defects of character, which stood in the way of me being happily and usefully whole. I thought I only needed to stop drinking to fix all my problems, but I was wrong.

I was then instructed by my sponsor to go home, find a quiet place and review the work I had done in the first five steps for an hour. This action was to ensure I had worked the first five steps to the best of my ability and was prepared to continue my venture in the program and move to step seven. My sponsor told me that willingness was key to my execution of the sixth step.

The fifth step highlighted my objectionable defects of character, but now I needed to take action for them to be removed. Therefore, the sixth step asked me to be willing to allow God to remove these shortcomings from my life. This at first seemed easy and I did not perceive it as much of a challenge. However, defects such as pride, selfishness, and dishonesty were extremely difficult for me to give up. I used these negative traits as survival tools when I was drinking and drugging, so I was hesitant to completely give them up. These character defects were comfortable to me and what I relied on for the entirety of my adult life. My sponsor pointed out that I needed to ask God for the willingness to be relieved of these character defects, because they would potentially lead me back to the drink.

Therefore, every morning I ask God to grant me the willingness to remove my shortcomings such as selfishness and pride which continue to plague me. I then ask God to remove my character defects, so I can be of maximum service to others. I am an alcoholic who cannot afford to rest on my laurels. Therefore, I must stay vigilant and be willing to do whatever it takes to prevent my shortcomings from leading me back to my old miserable lifestyle. Therefore, it is crucial that I ask God for willingness as described in the sixth step to walk away from my character defects. This action helps me stay in tune with my higher power, be of service to others, as well as live a happy, joyous, and free way of life.

Haley

AA GRAPEVINE
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

Bill makes the point that although “our objective is always a spiritual one,” nevertheless our world service is a “large business operation.” “Indeed,” he says, “our whole service structure resembles that of a large corporation. The AA groups are the stockholders, the delegates represent them, like proxy-holders, at the annual meeting; the General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a ‘holding company.’ And this

holding company (the General Service Board) actually owns and controls the two ‘subsidiaries’ (AA W.S and AA Grapevine) which carry on the . . . services.

“This very real analogy makes it . . . clear that, like any other board of directors, our trustees must be given large powers if they are to manage the . . . affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.

TRADITION SIX

Money Property and Prestige are the hidden perils of the good intention iceberg!

The Sixth Tradition, as written in the AA 12&12, is as follows: "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."

I have always seen all 12 Traditions as the Circle which surrounds the Triangle of the AA emblem. This Circle represents Unity, which is insured by this protective barrier, of the 12 Traditions which protect our singleness of purpose from outside influence and ourselves. In essence, The Traditions are "the constitution of our unorganized organization". Tradition 6 is a particularly important part of this protective barrier in that it protects the AA Groups and its members from exterior influence which could be followed by interior destruction. In short, history tells us that "outside money and influence would cause us to lose focus on the alcoholic who still suffers, and the destruction of the Group and organization would soon follow".

John G.

Here is a commentary of Tradition six from a 1948 Grapevine which, I feel illustrates this thinking.

Tradition Six

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The sixth of our Twelve Points of AA Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the AA movement to money and property.

This Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property, and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an AA group must ever be on guard.

Tradition Six also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the AA name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good.

Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the AA name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual AAs

who need or want clubs enough to financially support them.

We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the AA movement to its sole aim, and ensure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that AA itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us.

Thank God, we AAs have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property, and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well-meaning donor present an AA group with a sizable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bankroll. This experience is practically universal. "But," say our friends, "isn't this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money. Why not AA?"

Of course, we of AA would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts money is usually primary; it is their lifeblood. But money is not the lifeblood of AA. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so? We explain that easily enough; we don't need money. The core of AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all AA needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars apiece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses. Nowadays, the AA group answers its well-wishers saying: "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same! (Source: AA grapevine Inc., i.e., Silkworth.Net)

Happy A.A. Birthday!

New Woman Group

Mary M.	39 years
Adrienne	9 years
Tera	2 years

New Beginners

Randy J.	1977
Rick C.	1988
Al T.	1999
Krista C	2019

We Are Not Saints

Steave L.	1976
Patty H.	1994
Jacquie B.	2002
Ben B.	2016
Telly W.	2019

Walk The Talk

Krisina	2016
Dan D.	2020
Otis	2020
Krista H.	2012
Sue R.	2014
Kevin	2003
Bob C.	2000
Patty H.	2004
Glenda	2020
Daniel T.	2017
Moe K.	1980
Brandi R.	2018

Serenity Riders

Debra W.	2018
Sanna D.	2013
Adrian W.	2018
Duffy P.	1993
Mike L.	2006
Jim H.	1987

Please send your groups birthdays to: pint@coloradospringsaa.org

LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

Open: Tuesday - Friday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed: Saturday - Monday

1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

AREA NEWS:

Founders Day Picnic

Sunday June 12th

10:30 AM-4:00 PM

Bear Creak Park Pavilions 4&5

Nightwatch Needs Help! One Year sober.

Please call the Area Service Office at

719-573-5020 or email:

nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org.

GSO will no longer be printing a pie chart of suggested donations percentages as it can be found in the Self-Support, Where Money and Spirituality Mix Pamphlet.

AA Grapevine is looking for a new publisher.

For more information about the position contact the Service Office.

Deadline for Applications is June 16th

Longtimers Luncheon: Scheduled for Saturday, August 21 at Hillside Community Center.

More details to follow.

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

How much did YOU spend on a drink?

Please help others.....

Consider putting \$2 in a jar/cup/basket each time you log onto a Zoom Meeting.

Then consider splitting the money accumulated and give 1/2 to your group when they begin meeting again, and 1/2 to your Service Office.

Contribute Here
coloradospringsaa.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

Bear Creek Regional Park
Pavilions 4 and 5
1850 S 21st Street (East Side)

FOUNDERS' DAY 2021



Competitive Lawn Games

Registration at 10:00 a.m. \$5/person

Ladderball Corn Hole Toss Ring Toss

Prizes and trophies awarded to winning teams.

Organize your team of three today!

Non-Competitive Games

Include Corn Hole Toss
and Frisbee

Lunch

Served from Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your lawn chair, drinks and a dish to share.

Brats, Burgers and Hotdogs provided. If you bring your own meat(s) the chefs will prepare for you on the grill!

Speaker

Speaker at 2:00 p.m.

Come hear Speaker Bob W.
Share his experience, strength
and hope with the fellowship.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

You are needed to make this event a success! Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m. and throughout the day, volunteers are needed for a variety of positions.