

October 2021

# 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](http://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.

## Intergroup Committees

**INTERGROUP MEETING** **2ND TUESDAY**  
7:00 PM DOWNTOWN MEETING ROOM 210 N. CORONA

**TREATMENT COMMITTEE** **2ND SUNDAY**  
10:00 AM BLACK BEAR COFFEE SHOP 6550 S. ACADEMY BLVD.

**DISTRICT 7 MEETING** **3RD TUESDAY**  
7:00 PM LEGACY WESLEYAN CHURCH 502 N. WALNUT STREET  
ZOOM: MEETING ID 741 7625 8437 PASS 928 532

**COOPERATING W/ PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY** **3RD SATURDAY**  
3:30 PM AREA SERVICE OFFICE 1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE** **4TH SATURDAY**  
10:00 AM AREA SERVICE OFFICE 1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

**BRIDGING THE GAP** PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM UNDER INTERGROUP  
COMMITTEES

**NIGHTWATCH** PLEASE CALL THE SERVICE OFFICE

## Tradition Ten

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

### **Tradition Ten – An Essay by Bill W. September 1948**

To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well-known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, it is prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever? If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worth of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our AA Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our Tenth Tradition, for it deals with the subject of controversy – serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have died even recently in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society, and nation is saying to the other, “You must do as we say, or else.” Political controversy and reform by compulsion have reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that AA must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our fellow alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct, we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

Bill Wilson. 1988, New York AA Grapevine

# Happy A.A. Birthday!

## Walk The Talk

Bill B.	1991
Jon G.	2020
Kevin G.	2017
Ashlee A.	2020
Danny	2017
Nikki	2020
Kimberly	2020
Tim B.	2017
Jennifer C.	2019
Charlie S.	2002
Barak K.	2020

## Friday Women's

Sanay M.	7 yrs
Peggy C.	43 yrs
Cindi M.	8 yrs
Charlene B.	9 yrs

## New Woman's Group

Kathy F.	44 yrs
Mariellyn M.	49 yrs
Koda S.	1 yr
Morgan H.	1 yr
Jessica T.	12 yrs

Please send your groups birthdays to: [pint@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:pint@coloradospringsaa.org)

## Step Ten

Ten is a significant number in many different contexts and more particularly so for we AAs as we continue to claim spiritual progress through Step Ten. On the surface of it Step Ten is a scanning exercise of our moral thinking and behaviour that continues for our lifetime. It isn't that we are consigned to that 'stupid, boring and glum' life (A Vision for You) like some righteous people we know but on the contrary we adopt the constructive cultivation of a regimen that will stand us in good stead throughout our sober years. Our BB explains how we are an undisciplined lot. We need structure. The formation of good habits in turn forms us. Our inventory is not just an exercise in seeing what is not working for us but it also asks us to look at what is working well for us and to credit ourselves accordingly. The 'spot check inventory' developed in the 12&12 is like what a member friend of mine describes as that annoying beep in his car when he fails to put on his seat belt. It is something that simply cannot be ignored. When we are troubled in such a way we need to discuss it with another as soon as possible. This continuous maintenance Step is elaborated in

Bill's essay on this Step in the 12&12 as follows: *A continuous look at our assets and liabilities, and a real desire to learn and grow by this means, are necessities for us. We alcoholics have learned this the hard way. More experienced people, of course, in all times and places have practiced unsparing self survey and criticism. For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is able to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tries to correct what is wrong.*

The periodic overhaul or more intensive inventory is also referenced as a kind of retreat from the mountain that figuratively speaking can often become our lives. To gain a clear perspective of the mountain we need to retreat a distance from it. Similarly we need to pull back from life and assess where we are at in our spiritual development. We know from earlier steps that the reasoning behind all of them is that we be relieved of the bondage of ourselves. Unburdened thus, we can ascend to newer perspectives and without the anchor of our impediments we can be better poised to help another for we know we cannot transmit what we haven't got. All of our liabilities in behavior and personality are obstacles to our growing and becoming the kind of person that would allow us the freedom to be happy, joyous and free. Taking the medicine maybe somewhat routine; however there is nothing wrong with the enjoyment of good health in all its facets.

The Road Back GSC Ireland, issue 421 2019

## LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

Closed: Saturday - Monday  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

### Outside Issues Should Stay Outside

Once when I was a newcomer, I was chatting with another member before a meeting, and politics came up. Back then, I had strong feelings about political issues. (Actually, I was angry almost all the time about almost everything!) Only a minute into our conversation, a long timer took us aside and quietly said, "That's an outside issue. We don't talk about such things in an AA meeting. Imagine if a newcomer were here and that newcomer had completely different views, how welcome do you think they would feel?" At that time, I had no understanding of Tradition Ten.

Wow, that Tradition was really brought home to me a couple of years later when I worked the AA Hotline. I took a call from a young woman who had just moved to a Southern state, was newly sober and having a terrible time. I tried directing her to her local meetings, but she said, "I'm not going back there. All they talk about is how they're Christians and they got sober through Jesus Christ and the Bible and you can't get sober unless you get saved. I'm not a Christian, I'm Jewish! This is a small town. How am I going to stay sober here?"

Shortly after moving to Colorado Springs, I had the same experience as that young woman at a meeting here. Several members expressed political views very different from my own and politics dominated the entire meeting! Needless to say, I never went back to that meeting and am grateful most of the meetings here do follow the Traditions.

I realize the Tenth Tradition was designed to keep AA neutral as an organization, but I also believe it is critical to keeping AA a safe place for newcomers, regardless of their political persuasion, religious affiliation, or culture. A reminder to keep outside issues outside the rooms!

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://coloradospringsaa.org)

## 2021-2022 Group Contributions

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	<b>2021-2022 Groups</b>	<b>Fiscal YT</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>
2	A Common Solution	\$108				\$108			
3	APEX	\$302			\$302				
4	Back to Basics	\$722	\$106	\$81		\$303	\$232		
5	Big Book Action	\$500				\$500			
6	Black Forest Group	\$217			\$217				
7	Central	\$100					\$100		
8	Clean Air	\$90				\$38	\$52		
9	District 7	\$1,278	\$1,278						
10	DWBH	\$855	\$229		\$406	\$110	\$110		
11	Downtown	\$3,000	\$1,000				\$2,000		
12	Easy Does It	\$1,907		\$1,427			\$480		
13	Florissant Brown Baggers	\$120	\$120						
14	Fountain 2.0	\$226	\$226						
15	Foxhall	\$150	\$150						
16	Friday Night Living Free	\$100		\$100					
17	Friday Women's	\$776		\$529			\$247		
18	Girl's Night Out	\$80					\$80		
19	Good Ole Boys	\$100						\$100	
20	Happy Heathens	\$100			\$50	\$50			
21	High Noon	\$265			\$50	\$75	\$65	\$75	
22	Keystone to Recovery	\$100					\$100		
23	Into Action	\$304		\$180		\$124			
24	Little Log Cabin	\$291	\$200				\$91		
25	One Six Four	\$334		\$81		\$94		\$159	
26	MAG	\$310			\$310				
27	Men's Anonymous	\$1,924			\$265	\$307	\$400	\$952	
28	Morning Trudge	\$210			\$210				
29	New Beginners	\$375	\$161			\$214			
30	New Woman	\$470	\$264				\$206		
31	Old North End	\$223					\$223		
32	Pre-Dawn	\$500			\$500				
33	Recovery in Action	\$176			\$176				
34	Red Cloud Meeting	\$175			\$25		\$150		
35	Saturday Early Morning	\$378		\$156			\$222		
36	Serenity Hour	\$100				\$25	\$25	\$50	
37	Serenity Riders	\$360				\$360			
38	Sober Sisters	\$67	\$24				\$43		
39	Steel Magnolias	\$71	\$71						
40	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$550	\$150				\$400		
41	Sunset Sobriety	\$159					\$159		
42	Thursday Mens Group	\$500					\$500		
43	Tues 5:30 Meditation	\$100				\$100			
44	Twelve Steps from the Mo	\$246	\$145			\$101			
45	Walk on Water	\$100			\$100				
46	Walk the Talk	\$1,675		\$425	\$425	\$425	\$200	\$200	
47	We are Here	\$212	\$102			\$110			
48	We are not Saints	\$874				\$874			
49	Woodland Park Tues	\$120	\$120						
50									
51	Monthly Totals	\$21,899	\$4,345	\$2,979	\$3,036	\$3,918	\$6,085	\$1,536	
52									
53									

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

Where:  
OddFellows Hall  
575 S. Union  
Colo Spgs

Nov. 20  
5:30 pm

Speaker:  
Pete B.  
6:30 p.m.

\$10  
Suggested  
Contribution...  
NO one will be  
turned away.

# Gratitude Dinner

## Menu

Spaghetti Dinner  
Italian Salad  
Garlic Bread  
\* Bring a Dessert Pls

**Volunteers Needed**  
**Contact Kimberly H.**  
**719.492.1238 or**  
**Niels H. 719.217.8222**



# 2021 Gratitude Celebration Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

■ Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021

■ Location: OddFellows Hall, 575 S. Union Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO

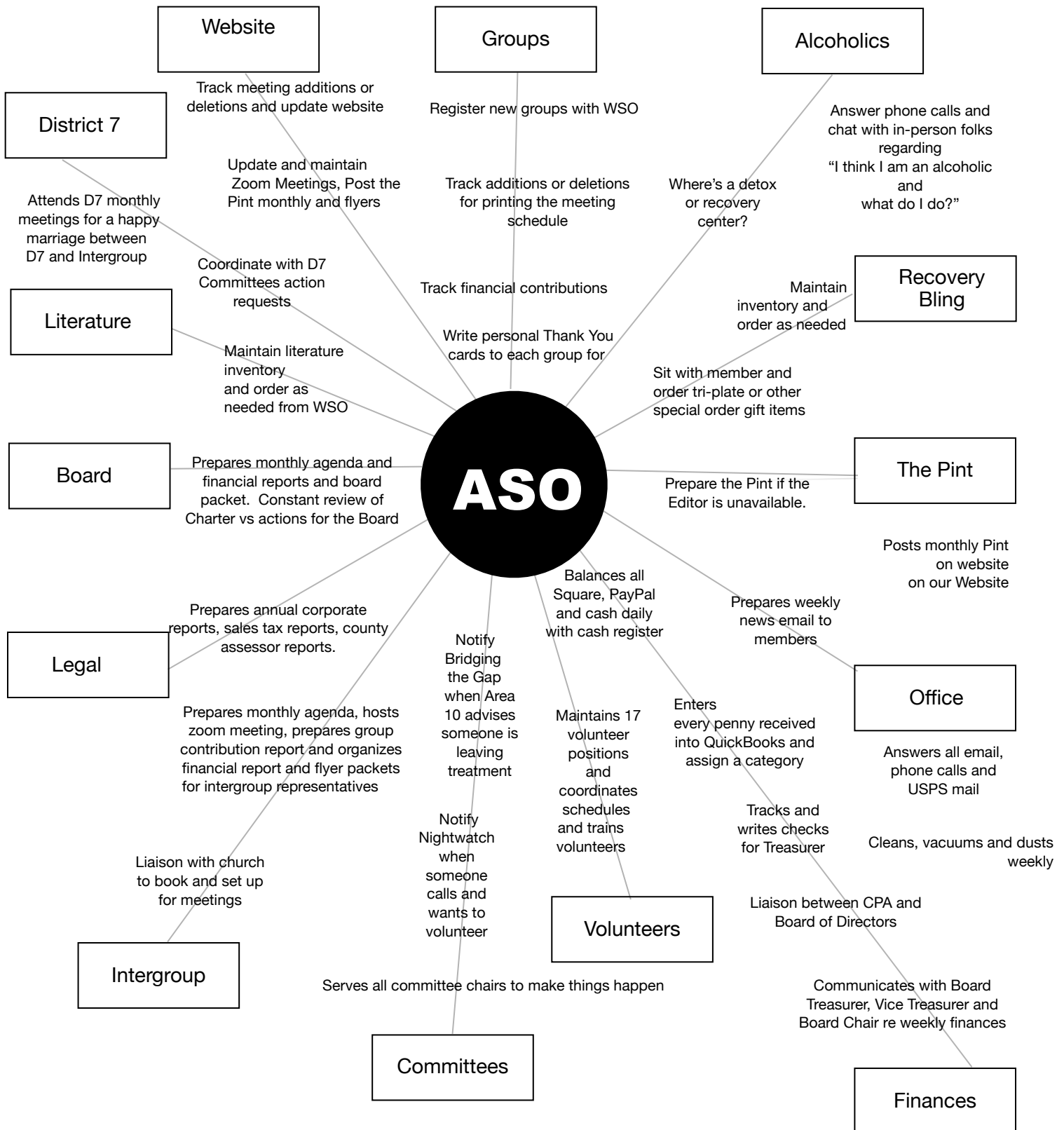
Please put your name and contact info in the first column, then a check mark in the column you are volunteering for. Thanks!

Name and Phone	Decorations	Food Prep	Server	Clean Up

Questions: Call Kimberly H. 719-492-1238 or Niels H. 719-217-8222



**Below is a String Diagram  
of some of the things your Service Office Does**





# ANNUAL ALCOTHON

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!*** This is a great opportunity to do service work! You can do anything from make coffee, set up or clean up, organize, help with music, do decorations, man the reception desk, etc. We ***need your help*** to make this happen. To volunteer, please text/call Kimberly H. at 719-492-1238 or Niels H. at 719-217-8222

*Suggested Contribution: \$10*

SACRED HEART  
CHURCH

*2030 W Colorado Ave,  
Colorado Springs, CO  
80904*

NOON ON DEC. 31 THROUGH NOON ON JAN. 1

SPEAKERS:

AL-ANON @7PM

NINA HILTON NEW YEARS EVE @8PM

DEAN HILTON NEW YEAR'S DAY @10AM

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**