

March 2022

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.

Group contributions to the ASO are down significantly due to the COVID restrictions.

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.

INTERGROUP MEETING

7:00 PM

DOWNTOWN MEETING ROOM

210 N. CORONA

ZOOM

MEETING ID: 895 839 8739. PASSCODE: 040352

2ND TUESDAY

TREATMENT COMMITTEE

9:00 AM

SERVICE OFFICE

1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

2ND SATURDAY

DISTRICT 7 MEETING

7:00 PM

LEGACY WESLEYAN CHURCH

502 N. WALNUT STREET

ZOOM:

MEETING ID 849 9031 0914

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3RD TUESDAY

COOP W/ PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY

3:30 PM

AREA SERVICE OFFICE

1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

1ST&3RD SUNDAY

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

10:00 AM

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1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

4TH SATURDAY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

2:30 PM.

Pikes Peak Library 21C. 1175 Chapel Hills Drive

2ND SATURDAY

BRIDGING THE GAP

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM UNDER INTERGROUP COMMITTEES

NIGHTWATCH

PLEASE CALL THE SERVICE OFFICE

Step Three

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over the care of God as we understood him.

Reprinted from *The Grapevine* 1945

I was co-chairman of the Loop group a few months ago and the subject of religious experience was brought up. I answered this in my stumbling way by saying that each of us could have such an experience only when we 'got on center with ourselves'; if that were not clear we could express it thus: when we fully realized for the first time in our lives the essential dignity of ourselves as human beings. I also said that this realization could be achieved through return to the formal religion we once practiced but never knew, or by honest thought along our rough-hewn way.

I have lately come to think that the 3rd step on our guide post to the good life is the meat and drink of the twenty-four hour program. Without a complete, whole-hearted 'surrender' at the start of each day, much of the good that we think, or do, is lost to us. I must confess that in my own daily application of the program I had begun to slip on this point—if indeed I had ever really practiced it. But the tide of events swelled over me recently to wash this bad thinking away. Unsatisfactory events, however, do not seem to be without compensation. Out of this turmoil and confusion in my business affairs has come a deeper understanding, a peace and serenity, a clarity of outlook I never knew before.

I sometimes wonder how many of us, after early, diligent application to AA, coast along without getting wet solely because of a thoroughly house-broken habit as far as alcohol is concerned. I have always thought that the man who is thoroughly sickened of the stuff, when he learns of AA, has the best chance to pick up and go; but it seems to me that there is danger ahead for such a man sometime later, just because he won his 'strength' too easily at the start.

Walter L., Chicago, IL



Concept III for World Service

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

You essentially need two things in order to embrace Concept III in the way you live—trust and humility. You must be able to overcome your own pride and accept that it is not your right to control or manipulate others. You may not always agree with someone, but that does not give you the authority to violate their Right of Decision. And this doesn't just apply to other AA members. Most people in your life will at some point do something you'd rather not see them do, but everyone has their own Right of Decision. Do not treat your peers as if you were parenting a child. No one has the right to speak down to others in such fashion.

If you are to become a GSR or other service representative, then you must take Concept III to heart with even more gravity. Do not become the dictator of your group. Business meetings are a chance to give everyone a right to speak, and to vote on matters that affect the group as a whole. If one member attempts to run the group with an iron fist, they may soon find that their members will dwindle and they will be left alone. Control almost always results in isolation. No one wants to throw their lot in with someone who doesn't respect their rights.

LUCK O' THE SOBER

My Irish eyes will smile, and my heart will fill with love in deep gratitude this St. Patrick's Day for God who keeps me alive in truth. The truth being, I am an alcoholic, living with a fatal progressive disease that has no cure. One might ask, "How can a person feel gratitude living with a fatal disease?" I share with you I live with gratitude because of you and God. It was through hearing the truth about myself from my fellows in AA where I discovered I no longer walk alone anymore. I walk with God in His light feeling immense freedom living as "We."

Before this revelation, I would revel in celebrations I could drink excessively through. Being of half Irish decent, St. Patrick's Day would fire me up to get really bombed. Although, on the last St. Patrick's Day I drank nothing and felt the same. Everything felt excruciatingly painful. At the time, I was watching how alcohol was destroying my daughter, a close friend of mine and without full realization alcohol was killing my own soul too. I did not drink like St. Patrick's Day celebrations of the past that night but instead I tried to control my drinking.

I had no idea I suffered from a physical allergy and a phenomenon of craving and a

mental obsession with alcohol. It wasn't until December of 2018, after I walked into the rooms of AA and heard my story when I began to understand I suffer from the disease of alcoholism.

Sure, there were many times in my life I was on a mission to drink myself into oblivion. Yet other times I couldn't fathom why I tried so hard not to drink too much, and I nearly drank myself to death. It was my fellows in AA who taught me about gratitude. You taught me "We" are the "lucky" ones who survive this disease one day at a time. You taught me through the big book: "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." And this is where the mystery of God has entered my heart.

Now I count myself blessed and through my surrender to God He takes care of me and "We" fly in freedom together. May God bless you this St. Patrick's Day and every day with the gift of sobriety and the promises of the sober that truly do come true when "We" let them manifest in "Us."

Carol R.

An Excerpt from the original manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous

Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures before and after, have been designed to sell you three pertinent ideas:

- (a) That you are alcoholic and cannot manage your own life.
- (b) That probably no human power can relieve your alcoholism.
- (c) That God can and will.

If you are not convinced on these vital issues, you ought to re-read the book to this point or else throw it away!

If you are convinced, you are now at step three, which is that you make a decision to turn your will and your life over to God as you understand Him. Just what do we mean by that, and just what do we do? 1938

Tradition Three

Another Perspective

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Tradition Three is so important to AA members. When I look at tradition three in the short form, as it appears on the walls of almost every group in the world; it is easy to look at Tradition Three as simple, short and to the point. However, when I return to read the long form of this tradition, as well as some of Bill W's views as he expressed them through his grapevine writings, I am deeply grateful for this tradition and how it came about. I ask myself, "if the group that worked on these traditions had not created tradition three would I even be alive today? The answer came to me quickly and easily, "no I would not!". I would not have been allowed in AA prior to this tradition because I also struggled with other "outside issues ". The feeling in the first year or two of AA, was that the movement needed to be protected from anyone who could damage it. As such the rules for keeping the "undesirables" out, were created.

Once they recognized that these rules could send others to their deaths, they resolved to allow anyone with a desire to stop drinking to declare him or herself a

member. They came to this conclusion by trial and error. Learning from their mistakes in the self-righteousness of knowing what was best.

To create this tradition is the only way AA could follow it's pledge to help anyone who asked for help to stop drinking. Anyone, ANYONE is a member once they declare themselves so. No matter what! This makes sure that regardless of anyone's opinion, that if you want help, you'll get it. Any group can make rules for themselves and repeat the mistakes of our forefathers if they choose. If they do intend to exclude anyone based on their fears, and personal biases they have not followed Tradition Three. What a crucial tradition! Everyone is welcome in AA. I hope if you've forgotten that, you remember. If you are new and still questioning whether or not you belong with us, I hope and pray if you need help with your problems with alcohol, you believe me when I say; you belong!

Kristi

Happy A.A. Birthday!

New Woman Group

Barbara S	35	Years
Noell W.	30	Years
Michelle C.	17	Years
Jennie C.	36	Years
Priscilla T.	9	Years

We Are Not Saints

Jean E.	2002
Mary V.	1999
Jim R.	2017
Mark P.	2013
Steve E.	2007

Friday Womens

April A.	6yrs
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Walk The Talk

Jennifer C.	2011
Janet	2000
Anthony A.	1983
Tiffany	2018
Steve S.	2015
Gary K.	2003
Newell	1988
Nate H	2015
Glenn G.	2020
Diane G.	1980

Easy Does It (February)

Judie M.	31yrs
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Serenity Riders

MJ	2011
Ben S.	1991
Franco	2017
Patrick H.	2015

APEX Group

Jack D	2013
Steve E.	2007
Connie M.	2021

LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

Open: Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed: Saturday - Monday
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

Consider JOINING A COMMITTEE MEETING!

These are suspended until further notice.

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CORRECTIONS

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

PROGRAMS

NIGHTWATCH

DISTRICT 7

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

Area 10 Spring Assembly



March 18-20, 2022
DoubleTree Colorado Springs
1775 E Cheyenne Mountain Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80906



Saturday Lunch Buffet Price TDB
Saturday Speaker Meeting: 7 pm
Ice Cream Social: \$15.00

Accommodations: Doubletree by Hilton: \$122.00 per night Use Event Name "Spring 2022 Assembly" Reserve by February 16th, 2022 for discount reservations: 719-576-8900

Book online at
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/cosp-dt-saa-fb5f1316-4e19-45cc-9468-ff907d32e751/>

Contact: Jen S. 719.258.0489

Intergroup and D7 Service Group Meetings

POSITION	MEETS	LOCATION	CONTACT INFO
Corrections Committee	4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.	Area Service Office 1353 S. 8th Street	corrections@coloradospringsaa.org
CPC Committee (Cooperation with the Professional Community)	1st and 3rd Sunday at 3:30 p.m.	Area Service Office 1353 S. 8th Street	cpc@coloradospringsaa.org
District 7 Meetings	3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	Legacy Wesleyan Church Downstairs 502 N. Walnut And Online via Zoom: ID: 849 9031 0914 Passcode: X147BG	d7secretary@coloradospringsaa.org
Intergroup Board Meetings	1st Monday at 5:00 p.m.	Area Service Office 1353 S. 8th St.	719-573-5020 serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
Intergroup Meetings	2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.	210 N. Corona Street And Online via Zoom ID: 898 7282 2388 Password: 040352	serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org
PI (Public Information)	2nd Saturday at 2:30 p.m.	Pikes Peak Library 21C 1175 Chapel Hills Drive	pi@coloradospringsaa.org
Treatment Committee	2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m.	Area Service Office 1353 S. 8th Street #209	treatment@coloradospringsaa.org



We need volunteers to carry the message come find out how
Area 10 Corrections Conference
April 30th 2022

Location:

**First United Methodist Church
420 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs**

Speakers and Panels

DOC training

\$10.00 registration

Time:

8:00am- 4:00pm

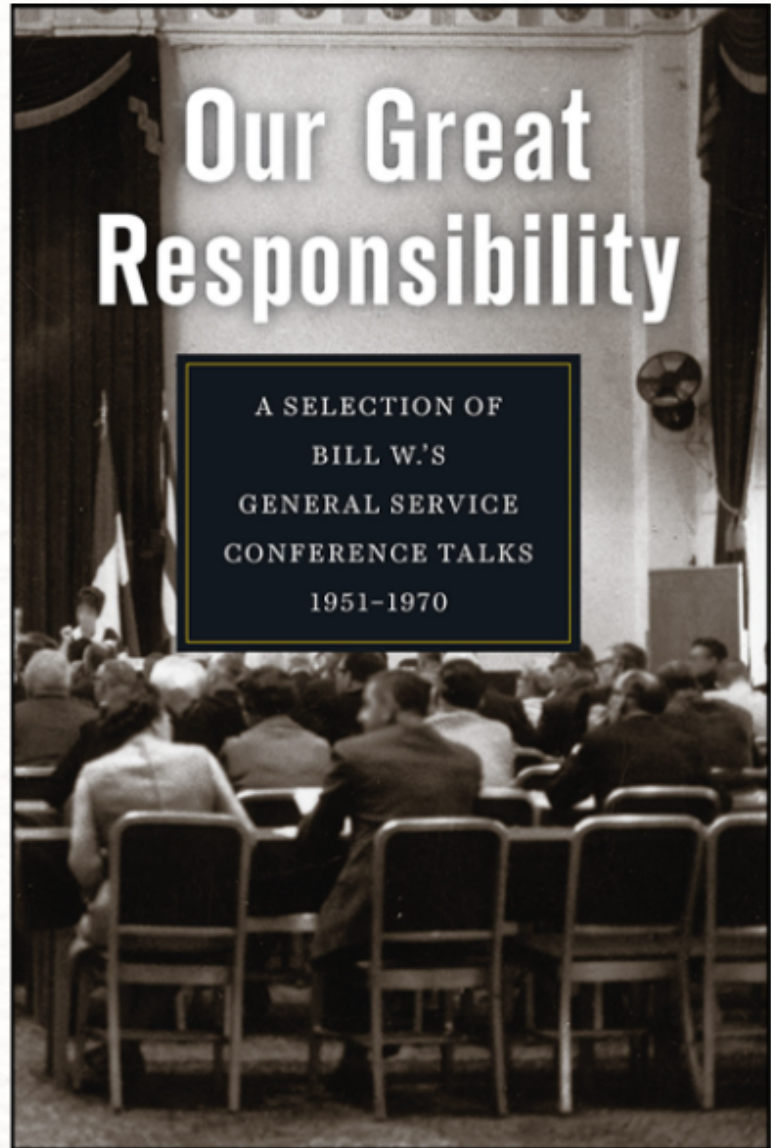
Continental breakfast

Lunch provided

Hosted by District 7

Questions call: Danette F

719/649-2227



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OF THE MONTH FROM 9AM-10AM

*Treatment, Accessibility, and Bridge the
Gap*