



Pikes Peak Pint

The Pikes Peak Pint is a monthly AA-oriented newsletter that serves Colorado Springs and the surrounding communities.

April 2010

Area Meeting Additions, Deletions, and Changes (all meetings are non-smoking)

To include new meetings, changes or cancellations, deliver or email them to our service office.

All Meetings at DOWNTOWN GROUP, 7 E. Bijou, Room 25 PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THROUGH REAR OF BUILDING!

ADD: Step Sister's & Brothers/2nd & 4th Saturday/4:30-5:45 PM/Open, Handicap Access/12x12 Reading & Discussion/Fellowship Hall 2375 N. Academy Suite 100

ADD: After Hours Closed AA Meeting/Sunday/8:30 PM/Closed, Handicap Access/526 S Tejon St. "The Coffee Exchange"

ADD: Keep It Simple/Friday/7:30 PM/Open, Handicap Access/2508 E. Platte Avenue/Across from Colorado Springs Palace Event Center

DELETE: At the Peer/Saturday/9:30 PM/Open, Handicap Access/Discussion, 308-I South 8th St., Phone #633-7337

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Notes from the Editor

We welcome your submissions! Write to The Pint at pint@coloradospringsaa.org

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Please join me in THANKING our outgoing 2009-2010 Intergroup Board Members: Chuck R., Rob S., Karen W., Rick L., Neal H., Robin A., for their service!

Please also join me WELCOMING our 2010-2011 Intergroup Board Members:

- Chairperson: Rob S.
- Vice Chairperson: Mary Katherine
- Secretary: Deanna S.
- Registrar: Joe
- Member at Large: Mark
- Treasurer: Courtney B.
- Vice Treasurer: David

We are grateful to you for your service!

Email sobriety anniversaries, announcements, letters to editor and email subscription requests to the Pikes Peak Pint before the 20th of each month:

pint@coloradospringsaa.org

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serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

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MEETING CHANGES

CHANGE: Women's Progress Not Perfection/Saturday/10:00 AM/Open/Peakview Church of God, DOWNSTAIRS, 401 W. Bijou St. (Located @ Spruce & Bijou)

CHANGE: Serenity Sisters/Saturday/9:00 AM/Women's, Open/Meets until 10:15 AM/420 N. Nevada/First United Methodist Church, South Entrance, Room #135, Childcare available

CHANGE: Into Action Group/Wednesday/7:30 PM/Closed, Handicap Access/Step Study/Holy Apostles Church, Oro Blanco & N. Carefree (Meeting located downstairs in St. Bartholomew Room, meets until 8:45)

CHANGE: The Monday Penrose Discussion Group/Monday/7:00 PM/Open, Handicap Access/Penrose Hospital, Ground Floor, Main Lobby, 2222 N. Nevada Ave.

CHANGE: Easy Does It Group/Saturday/9:00 AM/Open/Saturday Morning Breakfast Meeting, 3047 Jet Wing Drive, (Behind Mission Trace on Hancock & Academy)

CHANGE: Easy Does It Group/Friday/7:00 PM/Open/Beginners Meeting, 3047 Jet Wing Drive, (Behind Mission Trace on Hancock & Academy)

CHANGE: Easy Does It Group/Wednesday/5:30 PM/Open/Woman's Meeting, 3047 Jet Wing Drive, (Behind Mission Trace on Hancock & Academy)

CHANGE: Not a Glum Lot/Monday/6:00 PM/Open, Handicap Access/Big Book Study Group, Fellowship Hall, 2375 N. Academy #100, Near Schlotsky's, Entrance on North end of bldg.

CHANGE: Falcon GROUP/Mon. 5:30 PM, Wed. Noon, Fri. 5:30 PM/Closed/Meridian Point Church, Corner of Garrett & Meridian, Falcon CO.

CHANGE: The Doctor's Opinion/Friday/6:00 PM/Closed/Big Book Topic Discussion/St. Francis Medical Center, Conference Room #5, 6001 E. Woodman Road (Woodman & Powers)

CHANGE: WTT Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Meeting/Wednesday/4:00 PM/Open, Handicap Access/Discussion, WTT 2375 N. Academy Blvd., Suite #210/Meets until 5:00 PM

CHANGE: Solutions @ 5:30/Tuesday/5:30 PM/Closed/10th and 11th Step, 1515 N. Cascade

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Board 6:30 pm 1st Monday, Svc. Office
Corrections 9:00 am 3rd Saturday, Sacred Heart, Room 6,
 2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

CPC 9:00 am, 1st Saturday - 7 E. Bijou Street

Treatment 4:00 pm 2nd Saturday, Pikes Perk, Tejon St, Downtown

Public Info. 6:00pm 3rd Wednesday, St. Francis Hospital, 5th Floor

Intergroup 7:00 pm 2nd Tuesday, Bethany Lutheran Church
 1401 S. 8th St. CS CO (downstairs)
 Located next door to the Service Office

DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETINGS

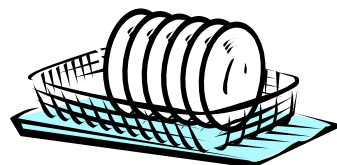
Red Cloud Serenity Club
 8020 W. Highway 24, Cascade

District 7
 7:30pm, 3rd Tuesday

The Service Office has DISHES leftover from the Alcothon
 and a CAMP CHAIR

Leftover from either the
 Founder's Day or 4th of July picnic.

Please call the office
 or come in to claim your belongings.



INTERGROUP INFORMATION AND CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES

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WHERE to SEND CONTRIBUTIONS:

Area Service Office:

Make checks payable to Area Service Office
(Cash OK, but do not mail). Include group name on check.
Send to:
Colorado Springs Area Service Office CSASO
1353 S. 8th Street, Suite 209,
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

GSO:

Make checks payable to General Fund.
Include Group name and number on check.
Send to:
General Service Office
Box 459 Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Area 10:

Make checks payable to Area 10.
Include group name, number, and District #7 on check.
Send to:
Area 10 Treasurer
12081 W. Alameda Pkwy. #418
Lakewood, CO 80228

Districts:

Make checks payable to **DISTRICT 7**
Include Group name, number and District number on check.

Send to Service Office.

Colorado Springs Area Service Office CSASO
1353 S. 8th Street, Suite 209,
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Pink Can Contributions:

Make check or Money orders to
Area 10 Corrections Committee.
Include Group Name and Number.

Send to:

Pink Can Contributions
P.O. Box 1307
Englewood, CO 80150

*Your Area Service Office and
Intergroup would like you know how
very much we appreciate your
personal contributions!*



In the month of February
we received
5 Grateful Giver contributions
And 1 Birthday contribution

AA~ANNIVERSARIES



April 2010



MAG Group

Bryan R.	22 yrs.
Craig C.	21 yrs.
Jeff W.	4 yrs.
Bernard M.	2 yrs.
Mike L.	1 yr.

Tuesday New Woman Group

Jeanne F.	18 yrs.
Veranda M.	1 yr.
Dana M.	1 yr.

Friday Women's

Toni L.	15 yrs.
Jan H.	14 yrs.
Jan Z.	10 yrs.
Heidi G.	9 yrs.
Sharon A.	5 yrs.
Isis S.	1 yr.

Steel Magnolias

Robin A.	24 yrs.
Kim G.	1 yr.

Big Book Action

Carrie P.	14 yrs.
David S.	9 yrs.
Rachel J.	6 yrs.
Cameron M.	4 yrs.
Mike	4 yrs.
Jason C.	1 yr.
Josie P.	1 yr.

Apex

Bob M.	24 yrs.
Marcia M.	20 yrs.
Jeanne L.	18 yrs.
Heidi G.	9 yrs.
Rob S.	7 yrs.
Kelly M.	5 yrs.
Cameron M.	4 yrs.

Solutions @ Noon

Dave B.	4 yrs.
Mischelle	2 yrs.
Dan D.	2 yrs.
Amiee F.	2 yrs.
Mike from Maine	2 yrs.
Johnny W.	1 yr.
Alan D.	1 yr.

Walk the Talk

June	28 yrs.
Tom H.	24 yrs.
Bob M.	21 yrs.
Craig C.	21 yrs.
Ken C.	19 yrs.
Jim J.	17 yrs.
Rachel N.	6 yrs.
Karen B.	5 yrs.
Terry C.	5 yrs.
Frank W.	4 yrs.
Alan L.	3 yrs.
Bill S.	3 yrs.
Joel Mc.	2 yrs.
Mike VK	1 yr.
Karl	1 yr.
Craig	1 yr.

Taking Steps

David S.	9 yrs.
Cameron M.	4 yrs.
Mischelle M.	2 yrs.



AA~AROUND TOWN



PROGRAMS COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

The Programs Committee is currently in need of a Chairperson. We urge you to step-up and fill this very important service position! This is probably the most fulfilling and FUN service position on the planet.

SPEAKER MEETING

April 6, 2010

Tom G. (Pawn Shop Tom) is celebrating 41 years of sobriety.

Salvation Army Building
901 N. Santa Fe (Hwy 85-87) Room 2

6:00 P.M.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

FRIDAYS @ 7:30 PM

LOCATED AT

2508 E. PLATTE AVENUE
ACROSS FROM THE
COLORADO SPRINGS PALACE EVENT
CENTER

This meeting could use
your support!

STEP UP INTO SERVICE

The Following Service Positions are currently **OPEN & NEED** to be filled

Alternate DCM

Archives Committee -Vice Chairperson

Volunteer Coordinator-Vice Chairperson

Corrections Committee - Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

Night Watch has FILLED all slots, but they're looking for a back-up!

If interested contact Dana @

Nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org

If interested in volunteer hours at the Service Office contact volunteers@coloradospringsaa.org

The Treatment Committee **NEEDS** volunteers
Contact Casey or Lisa @ treatment@coloradospringsaa.org

~ Participate Don't Isolate ~



IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL AA CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP!

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST 9:00AM-NOON

WHERE: SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 21ST AND PIKES PEAK (NORTH OF COLORADO SPRINGS IN OLD COLORADO CITY)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

ANYONE WHO...

...CURRENTLY TAKES AA MEETINGS INTO JAILS, PRISONS, DETOX OR TREATMENT FACILITIES

...IS INTERESTED IN DOING ANY OF THE ABOVE

...WANTS MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AA MEETINGS FOR THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES

...IS INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE OR WANTS TO DO SERVICE WORK IN ANY PART OF CORRECTIONS...CRIMINAL HISTORY OR NOT

WORKSHOP HI-LIGHTS

FEATURED SPEAKERS: GLENN G. AND MARK K

INMATE PANEL

INFORMATION ROUNDTABLES

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE WORKSHOP!

SET UP

TAKE DOWN

PREPARATION

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE ATTEND ANY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING (FOLLOWED BY A SHORT WORKSHOP MEETING) THE 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 9:00-10:00AM

AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

CALL GREG NICHOLS (719) 392-0377 OR

RENEE JOSEPH (719) 687-4558/(719) 660-5561

Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Be Honest!

AT one of the first meetings I attended, the speaker said that staying sober required two things: being honest with one's self, and being willing to keep an open mind.

I had always taken pride in being honest with myself. Oh, sure, my job made necessary some degree of intrigue and deception, some evasiveness, but never dishonesty. One had to be clever, shrewd and have acumen in dealing with others--but to deceive oneself? Impossible.

I had always been a firm believer in the scientific approach to evaluating everything. One of my favorite sayings was, "Get the facts! Have the courage to face the facts! And then take the action the facts dictate!"

Thank God someone said I had to work the Twelve Steps. And, thank God for Step Four! I followed the recommendations in Chapter Five (took pencil and paper) and for the first time in my life took a searching and fearless inventory of my whole self, in writing. It was one of the most difficult experiences of my life. I found it's much easier to deceive one's self than it is to deceive other people.

I discovered that my search for facts had been a diligent search for only those facts which would prove my already preconceived opinions. Intellectual pride and prejudiced beliefs had warped and stunted my spiritual growth until I was unable to see and understand even the most elementary truths.

I had not been the creature of logic I had imagined myself to be, but rather a creature of emotion, bristling with pride and prejudice, motivated primarily by vanity.

I am definitely convinced that if I had failed to make the inventory, complete and in writing as recommended by Chapter Five, I'd now be left with a very shaky and uncomfortable sobriety--if I were sober at all.

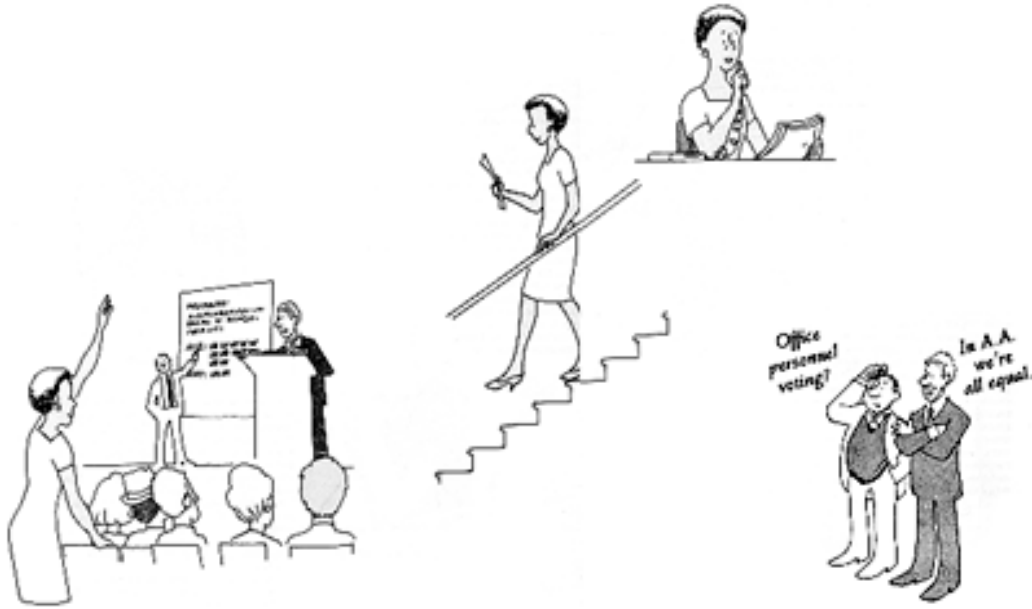
So, when I'm tempted to be positively certain about the wisdom of my own opinions, and positively certain the other fellow is wrong, I'm able to maintain a reasonable degree of "thoughtful uncertainty." when I remember to "Be honest, and keep an open mind."

Don McF.
California

Beverly Hills,

Concept 4

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.



Tradition 4

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths-his lengths, not mine-to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

AAAt A Glance

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			 April Fool's Day			Cooperation W/Professional Community Committee 7 E. Bijou 9:00 AM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 Easter	Board Meeting 6:30 PM Service Office					Treatment Committee 4:00 PM Pikes Perk 14 S. Tejon St.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Intergroup Mtg. 7:00 PM Bethany Lutheran Church 1401 8 th Street, CS (downstairs) Next door to S.O.		 Tax Day	Submit Milestones to the Pint	Corrections Committee 9:00 AM Sacred Heart Room 6
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Combined District Meeting Red Cloud 7:30PM	PI Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	 Earth Day		
25	26	27	28	29	30	

AA Thought for the Day

"The losers say, 'Quit taking my inventory.' The winners say, 'Thank you for sharing.'"

The Last Word Inventory

AROUND THE TABLES, a relative newcomer was leading, and he said, "I don't know how to take the Fourth Step. I'd like to discuss it."

A number of thoughts were expressed about what the Step means, and how each speaker had or had not taken it. A reference was made to the Big Book and the "Twelve and Twelve," and it was strange how few had done their eye exercises with these two marvelous tools of AA. On reflection, it wasn't so strange. Some were too busy fighting the early tremors to seek the cleansing power of these books. Others, with more time in the program, had read both long ago, had left them buried in the past--and had buried their own inventories back there, too.

This discussion was very profitable for me. After listening to it, I said that today the Fourth Step made sense to me only when coupled with the thought of the Tenth Step. Since I am living one day at a time, the only inventory I can take is today's. I regard my inventory as the summing-up of what I have on hand, as business enterprises do. Or you might say this daily checkup is an inventory control.

At first, the words of the Fourth Step were way beyond me. "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves." "Searching"? In the chaos of a life in transition, I certainly couldn't handle that. "Fearless"? Whoie, I was racked by fear! "Moral"? I was hardly aware of any standards. The inventory I took then is now meaningless--except as a historical record of how sick I was to think that I *had* taken the Fourth Step.

Only as the wonders of the Eleventh Step worked did divine love begin to drive the devil of fear out of my mind. Only as this alcoholic mind shuddered through one sober day after another did my soul start to spark. So I took my inventory again, and it was different. And it has gone on changing from day to day. Truly, I can take a fearless look at myself now. But in today's look, I am compelled to go back and examine all the prior looks. I think I am beginning to make some progress--only because of each of you.

I can't tell you how to take an inventory. But I do know that it's an excellent thing to look at it each day, as the Tenth Step says: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it." Thanks to you, I can admit today that I was wrong about a lot of items included in yesterday's inventory.