

# -THE PIKES PEAK PINT-



MARCH  
TWENTY THIRTEEN

***A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous***

• **LOCAL FEATURE** •

~ Sponsorship ~

In my first few months of sobriety, I was into my 90 and 90 and joined a step study to begin my journey in sobriety. I was feeling the desolate darkness surround me. One cold evening, I went to a new meeting at a church near me. The meeting was in a corner of the church and dark. I was dark. I kept going to this meeting, and one night I saw an angel in the darkness. I was drawn to her and asked her if she would sponsor me. She began by explaining the rules. "How far are you willing to go to get sober?" she asked. I was petrified with fear. I did what she said. I was desperate.

Then she took me on the path guiding me through the 12 steps. We met faithfully. We met at meetings, in the car, in a corner of the church where there was now light. I look back and still feel God's presence with us every step of the way. He brought us together. Through her, he opened my heart to the sunlight of the spirit.

From the beginning, my sponsor told me her job was to teach me to be a sponsor. I scoffed. I could not imagine myself in her place. But, over time, working the program and living sober with my dearest friends who were there beside me, I realized I had to give what was so freely given me. For me the joy of sponsorship is God working through me. There is such joy in being honored to listen to someone's fifth step and to know that God answers when I don't know how.

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"Do I take a drink before breakfast? What's breakfast?"

~ Sponsorship ~ continued from page 1

A sponsor is someone that is there for you. They watch out for you and pray for you. They share their own honest experiences with you. They guide, encourage, discourage and show you the right thing to do. Sometimes they don't know the answers, but they will find them for you. Sponsors come from a long lineage and share what they have been given freely to all brothers and sisters in sobriety.

If you are new, look for a sponsor in every meeting. Listen and allow yourself to reach out. Ask someone to be your temporary sponsor to get started. For me, the sooner I found my sponsor, the sooner I was guided to the freedom of the promises through the 12 steps. The darkness is now gone.

TK  
Colorado Springs

### Step 3

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

I lived life in self-will for so many years and money and pretty women became my God. I always had a belief in God but never had a relationship with God. I remember making big money in the Fine Wine Industry, having pretty girlfriends and thinking I was a big shot. Meanwhile I was given the opportunity to raise my two daughters, ages 5 and 8 at the time and I totally ignored God's Gifts right in front of me! My selfishness caused so much wreckage. Through the help of sponsors and continuing to grow in recovery, I have come to the conclusion that I was truly living a *Spiritually Sick Life*.

I met all of the pretty girlfriends through going to bars in a lonely state of mind. Sick attracts sick, healthy attracts healthy. The end results of these relationships were girlfriends that lied cheated and stole from me and I was always the victim. I could never rely on these *spiritually sick* people; just as no one could rely on me in my *spiritually sick state of mind*. The crazy thing is that I was going to church every Sunday; I remember thinking: If these people only knew what I was doing last night, I hope they don't smell the Alcohol oozing out of my pores?

I finally hit my rock bottom on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2003, with my 2<sup>nd</sup> DUI on the 10<sup>th</sup> month of probation for my 1<sup>st</sup> DUI. I came too out of a blackout in a jail cell and said to myself: O Shit I did it again! Part of the my consequences to my actions was 2 months in county jail, I had never lived in jail before and it completely scared the hell out of me; I felt I was truly in living Hell! This

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was the first time that I prayed to God for help and he did help me, he got me through jail without being raped, murdered or committing suicide. I had time in there to reflect on my life and realize that I was an Alcoholic. My father had 20 years in the program of Alcoholics when he passed in 2003 and I knew where to go for help and direction.

When I got out of jail I felt like God was giving me a second chance at life! I found a home group, went to meetings every day and got a great sponsor who walked me through the steps. My understanding of step 3 has changed today with more clarity from living life on life's terms in recovery and Trusting in God. I have come to the conclusion that I have to make a decision to

turn my will over to God every day! I say the Serenity prayer every morning and ask God for direction each day to do his will.

Making a daily effort to communicate to God has changed my point of view on life and I believe

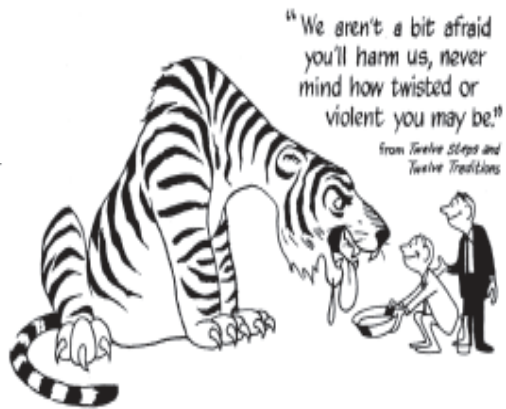
trying to apply all of the steps in my life every day has made me healthier every day! The big promises in my life that I have received through this program are the great relationship that I have with my two daughters who are now 19 and 22 and the amassment of having a best friend / wife in my life! Healthy attracts healthy, my wife Kelly and I are celebrating being together 4 years this month and 2 years of Marriage next month! Some days life gets' s overwhelming and I am driven by 100 forms of fear! I have found that the solution is always the same, stop pray to God for help and direction, go to a meeting and help another person.

Sincerely,

David R.  
Colorado Springs

**Concept 3:** 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.”

# 3



*The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.*

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**Tradition 3:**  
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## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST Tradition Three

- 1) In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
- 2) Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
- 3) Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- 4) Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- 5) Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, and ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
- 6) When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?



**“THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP  
IS A DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING”  
THIRD TRADITION  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

I was asked to share my experience, strength and hope on our Third Tradition in Alcoholics Anonymous. The Traditions, born from our mistakes, were formulated in 1946, a little over 10 years after Bill W. and Dr. Bob met and participated in the first AA Meeting. I was taught early in AA, and I still firmly believe, the Traditions are to the group, what the Steps are to the individual member. If groups disregard the Traditions, the group can get sick and die. I have seen many groups that disregarded this suggestion, and many are not in operation today.

In the early days of AA, most groups had membership rules. They were so afraid of their fragile existence, they wanted “pure alcoholics.” Many were turned away, and no doubt died as a result of the intolerance. In time and with more experience, AA groups became more confident that a Higher Power was in charge, and they became less afraid of newcomers who had a drinking problem, as well as perhaps a drug habit. As the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous states on page 161, “No one is too discredited or has sunk too low to be welcomed cordially-if he means business”. The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions page 141, “at last experience taught us that to take away any alcoholic’s full chance was sometimes to pronounce his death sentence, and often to condemn him to endless misery.”

Even though the Third Tradition opens a wide door to all problem drinkers, in my own experience, folks who come to AA and do not have a drinking problem, and “a desire to stop drinking” are doing a disservice to themselves, the AA group, and the other 12 Step Program where they would find a more compatible fellowship. Also, it is the super ego of the group and the individual members if they attempt to be all things to all people. In Dr. Bob’s later years he worried about the future of AA and gave us this advice, “shoemaker stick to your last.” I agree, and I want to see AA, and its solution for the problem drinker, to be preserved for future generations. I will not work with a newcomer who does not have a problem with alcohol, if for no other reason, I might be doing more harm. There are over 100 other 12 step programs with solutions for other problems.

In closing, our experience, strength and hope with alcoholism, before and after discovering AA, is everything to the new problem drinker who will

eventually hear his story, and identify as belonging to our fellowship. That, of course is our primary purpose, “to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.” Sobriety is defined as, “freedom from alcohol”. Our Co-Founder Bill W. stated in a talk I listened to recently, “A non alcoholic can not be a member of AA because he can not carry out our primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.” As the 12 and 12 states on page on page 139, “the new person is a member of AA, if they say so”.

That is good news for any hopeless alcoholic who has never fit in or found a solution to stop drinking. If you have a problem with alcohol and a desire to stop drinking, please rest assured you are most welcome in AA, no matter how far down the ladder you have traveled, and we have a way out upon which we can absolutely agree.

Respectfully yours,

Steve L.  
Colorado Springs  
Sobriety Date-June 21, 1976

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***More Work!??***

**C**oming into sobriety we think the hard part is over...yeah right!!! Admitting I was an Alcoholic was I thought one of the worst things life has given me. Now being newly into sobriety (70 days) I’ve come to find the regrets and shamefulness in my past is a lot worse. In these few days of clearer thinking I’ve realized what horrible things I have done in the past. “How could I have done that?” “What was I thinking?” This has risen in my mind so many times. But how fortunate am I to be an alcoholic and know that wasn’t who I truly am! Looking at this beautiful program I know I am not alone! There is more work to be done and it’s great to know I have wonderful steps to use to get me through this sadness and regrets. Just when we thought we were so powerless to admit we were alcoholics, we have been blessed with more work to help better our lives! Well I say bring it, I can’t handle anything worse than what I’ve already endured. If your new to this program also, please keep coming back, I promise it will get better. Keep your head up and you’ll soon see the little sparkle in you shows in other eyes and new comers and tell them and yourself that these steps really do work!

Alicia S.  
Colorado Springs

**MEETING ADDITIONS - DELETIONS - CHANGES**

AA Deaf and Hearing Impaired Meeting: **NEW** – Open – Open Discussion – Saturday 1:30 pm  
*Begins March 9<sup>th</sup>* at Walk The Talk – 5635 N. Academy across from Woodleys Fine Furniture.  
 Central Group: **NEW** – Open – Open Discussion – Tues. and Friday 12:00 Noon – 309 S. Hancock Ave.  
 Wednesday Westside Woman’s Group: **MOVED** – To First United Methodist Church Room 135  
 420 N. Nevada Ave. – *Use Boulder Street entrance.*  
 Plug In The Jug: **DELETED** – Wednesday 7:00 pm Fort Carson  
 Simple Not Easy Big Book Study: **CHANGED** – To *First Forty Group* – Saturday 7:00 pm  
 3425 Van Telingen Drive, Unit I – West of Academy between Rebecca Ln. and Carefree Cir. N.  
 Veterans for A.A.: **CHANGED** – *Closed* Monday 12:00 Noon – Veterans and Active Duty  
 25 Spruce St., Room 310, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor VA building. (*was Monday at 4:00 pm*)



There’s nothing so bad that a drink won’t make worse. There’s nothing so good that a drink won’t screw up.

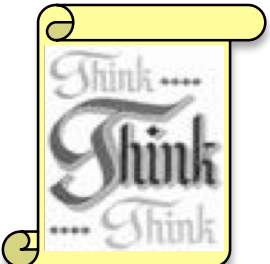
**CENTRAL GROUP  
 TUESDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 Mar. 5: Paul – 23 yrs.  
 Mar. 12: Chuck R. – 8 yrs.  
 Mar. 19: Gina S. – 3 yrs.  
 Mar. 26: Amy F. – 3 yrs.

**DOWNTOWN GROUP  
 SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 Mar. 2: Jason L.  
 Mar. 9: Rachel W.  
 Mar. 16: Joe Q.  
 Mar. 23: John  
 Mar. 30: TBA

**TURNING POINT GROUP  
 SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 Mar. 2: Alice D. – 25 yrs.  
 Mar. 9: Lisa F. – 15 yrs.  
 Mar. 16: AA/Al-Anon  
 Ernie D./Elaine H.  
 Mar. 23: Kevin H. – 1 yr.  
 Mar. 30: Chris F. – 1 yr.

**WALK THE TALK GROUP  
 SATURDAY SPEAKER LINE-UP**  
 Mar. 2: Rick R.  
 Mar. 9: Lee C.  
 Mar. 16: Brian P.  
 Mar. 23: Daniel G.  
 Mar. 30: TBA

~ MARCH BIRTHDAY MILESTONES ~					
SOLUTIONS		TUESDAY NEW WOMEN'S		WALK THE TALK	
Adam C.	8 yrs.	Barbara S.	26 yrs.	Jennifer C.	2 yrs.
Beverly J.	37 yrs.	Noell M.	21 yrs.	Anthony A.	30 yrs.
Chris M.	2 yrs.	Michelle C.	8 yr.	Joy	1 yr.
Craig	2 yrs.	Tasha R.	2 yr.	Diane G.	33 yrs.
Gina S.	3 yrs.	Kitti	2 yrs.	Sara	4 yrs.
Jeanne W.	5 yrs.	FRIDAY WOMEN'S		Jason	1 yr.
Kaye P.	2 yrs.	Diane G.	33 yrs.	MJ	2 yrs.
Kevin M.	5 yrs.	Mona C.	22 yrs.	HAPPY HOUR	
Leslie M.	3 yrs.	STEEL MAGNOLIAS			yrs.
Lori F.	6 yrs.	Jill R.	4 yrs.		yrs.
Shannon W.	2 yrs.	Lisa F.	16 yrs.	TURNING POINT GRP.	
Will OB	3 yrs.	SERENITY RIDERS		Kevin H.	1 yr.
ELLICOTT GROUP			yrs.	Chris F.	1 yr.
George S.	9 yrs.	DOWNTOWN GROUP		Steve I.	1 yr.
Brad B.	29 yrs.		yrs.	Kevin Mc.	5 yrs.
	yrs.			Jim W.	5 yrs.
				Jimmy W.	17 yrs.
* Equals total years reported from our local groups. To have your group years added please submit your milestones to <a href="mailto:pint@coloradospringsaa.org">pint@coloradospringsaa.org</a>					
<b>March</b>					
<b>* Total Years 357 yrs.</b>					



Unity through

Area 10 Spring Assembly  
March 22-24, 2013

Hosted by District 7



@ The Antlers Hilton



Service!

719-955-5600 for reservations

and mention "Area 10" to get the group rate. Deadline is 2/20/13.

For questions, email dcm7@coloradospringsaa.org

Or call 719-439-1015 or 719-337-9569

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## The Pint Committee Meeting

Will meet on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm  
Jives Coffee Lounge  
16 Colbrunn Ct.  
in Old Colorado City  
on the north side of Colorado Ave  
across from the park.

Have a voice in what goes into The Pint,  
how The Pint is formatted and get involved  
with some service in a fun way.

In the month of January  
the Service Office received  
6 Grateful Giver contributions,  
1 Birthday contribution &  
1 Bequeath contribution!!

Thank You!!  
We very much  
appreciate your  
support!

## Area Service Office

\* It's what's a Happinin' \*

Can't find us? Ask someone!

Or... Drive south down 8<sup>th</sup> street hill looking to the left before you get to Brookside. When you see the empty blue church sign your almost there. Turn left between the empty blue church sign and the white sign that says Area Service Office at the bottom. Go to the top of the parking lot and look for the building on the left. Above the doors you'll see the number 1353. This would be the correct building.

Now the hard part begins. Since we don't have curb service yet, you'll have to get out of your car and go in. Go through the two sets of double doors (You should smell fresh coffee by now.) and follow the smell of coffee to the left. When you peer through the door you should see a smiling face waiting to greet you, pour you a cup of coffee, answer your questions, sell you a Big Book and give you a tour of the ASO.

If the smiling face isn't there go on in anyway, pour yourself a cup of coffee and someone will eventually greet you. Either way you'll get a free cup of coffee and you'll get to see that, it's what's a happinin'...

*If you can't stop in, wave as you go by!*

## Interactive Workshop: Tips for Chairing AA Meetings

Nervous to chair a meeting? Sponsor says its time?  
Learn practical tips in planning a topic, understanding the meeting format, managing the clock, dealing with cross-talk, handling unexpected outbursts, and feeling good about it at the end!



### Same Workshop - Two Date Options

Saturday, March 16, 2013: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Monday, March 18, 2013: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

\*\* This is a great opportunity for the Colorado Springs AA Fellowship \*\*  
Everyone is welcome, admission is free!

~ Facilitated by Colleen S. ~

• First United Methodist Church - Rm. 133/134 •

420 N Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs

\*\* Boulder Entrance \*\*

# Local Tidbit

## Colorado Springs AA Pioneers

Researched and written by Cris S.

In 1942, Colorado Springs was a town of 40,000 souls. Founded as a dry town by General Palmer, you could only buy alcohol with a prescription here back then. That didn't stop two of Colorado Springs AA Pioneers from struggling with their alcoholism, though.

In May, 1942, Dave Clark, a local publicist for the Alexander Film Company and sports writer for the Gazette-Telegraph, wrote an appeal to the Alcoholic Foundation in New York (now known as the A.A. General Service Office). Dave asked about organizing a chapter of A.A. in Colorado Springs, that he'd "...qualified for a rating as an alcoholic, but had been on the wagon more than a year. Will this make me eligible for membership?"

Happily, our 3rd Tradition states that "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking," which Dave certainly had! Even though our traditions were not published until the '50s, there is ample evidence that this specific wording was read aloud in the original meetings during the 40s.

Margaret 'Bobbie' Burger responded back to Dave's letter. Bobbie had just taken over for the original secretary, Ruth Hock, and spent the 40s developing correspondence with new A.A groups across the country. She had a warm and personal touch to her letters, quite literally the hand of A.A.. In 1945, she closed one letter to all known groups with, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the secretaries with whom I correspond for their splendid cooperation in keeping us up-to-date on local activities and for the very fine letters it is my privilege to receive. I know many of you so well although we have never met and I'm grateful for the many friendships this correspondence brings."

Bobbie was also a member of A.A.! She was 12-stepped by her sponsor, Marty M., in a mental hospital in New York. Marty used to say that Bobbie taught her a great lesson: you cannot predict who will recover and who won't. She initially thought Bobbie so far gone that she'd be a waste of time to sponsor, yet Bobbie got sober and became a critical part of A.A history.

Bobbie and Dave corresponded every year until 1945, when Mert Robbins took over as secretary for the first A.A. group in Colorado Springs. Dave wrote to Bobbie of Mert, "This Merton is a particularly likely member who will do much for the organization." Indeed, Mert held meetings in his clothing store at Tejon and Colorado Avenue (now the Thirsty Parrot); these meetings became known as Central Group, which still exists to this day (now at 309 S. Hancock, near Prospect Lake).

Had it not been for the 3rd Tradition, we don't know what might have become of Bobbie (possibly excluded for being a woman or mentally ill) or of Dave (possibly excluded for being dry a year by the time he started a group). In the February 1948 issue of the Grapevine, Bill Wilson writes, "Let us of A.A. resolve that we shall always be inclusive and never exclusive.. May all barriers be leveled, may our unity thus be preserved."



The Purpose of Nightwatch

### TRADITION FIVE

Each Group Has But One Primary Purpose- To Carry Its Message To The Alcoholic Who Still Suffers

**NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING**  
The 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday Of Every Month At 7PM,  
We Meet At Sacred Heart Parish  
2021 West Pikes Peak Ave  
Room 10 \*upstairs\*  
(corner of 21<sup>st</sup> street and Pikes Peak)

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THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS ARE 6 MONTHS CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY AND A 1 YEAR COMMITMENT OF SERVICE

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

I was raised a Southern Baptist. So a God of my understanding was not encouraged. Instead my preacher taught of a strict God, an unforgiving God of sinners, and thus a hard God to love.

Then puberty hit and I left the church. I couldn't understand how the changes in my body suddenly made me a sinner. According to my pastor I was on a one-way road to Hell. Seemed kinda harsh.

Then I became an alcoholic. Years later I would work my way into the rooms of A.A. I discovered a new God. One of my understanding. For the first time in my long lived life I had a loving Lord. One who loved me unconditionally, who forgave my sins and alcoholic behavior. Who taught me through laughter the lessons I needed.

If not for the third step and the program of A.A. I would still be lost and godless.

Pete T. - Colorado Springs

• COMMITTEE INFORMATION •

Public Information:

Committee Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 2:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> floor Penrose Main Hospital, 2222 N. Nevada in Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room.

Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Downtown Group, 210 N. Corona St.

Corrections:

Committee Meeting: 9:00 am-10:00 am, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Sacred Heart Catholic Church 2021 West Pikes Peak Ave, Room #6, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

District 7:

Committee Meeting: 7:30 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 420 N. Nevada, First United Methodist Church Room 135 (Boulder St. Access)

Treatment:

Committee Meeting: 12-1 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, at Penrose Hospital Volunteer Conference Room, 2222 N. Nevada.

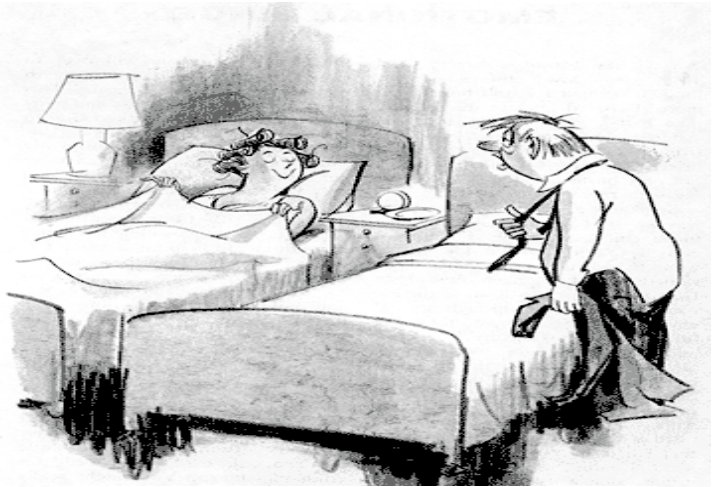
The Pikes Peak Pint:

Committee Meeting: 1:30 pm, March 16 at Jives Coffee Lounge in Old Colorado City.

Nightwatch:

Night Owls Committee Meetings: 7:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Sacred Heart Parish, 21<sup>st</sup> and Pikes Peak Room 10 - Following the New Beginners meeting.

**For more committee information including intergroup committees please go to [coloradospringsaa.org](http://coloradospringsaa.org)**



*"All right, so you joined Al-Anon! Do you have to be so damned sweet about everything?"*

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

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# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	January	GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	January
Above the Bar Group	\$230.38	\$230.38	Northwesters	\$400.00	
Apex	\$428.02	\$17.33	Oasis Group	\$50.00	
Back to Basics	\$599.84		Off The Wall	\$206.44	
Big Book Action	\$322.01		Old North End Study Group	\$343.50	\$62.00
Big Book Study UPH	\$284.35		Penrose Discussion	\$89.80	
Black Forest	\$311.65		Plug in the Jug	\$0.00	
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$277.00	
Brown Baggers	\$345.00		Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$133.00	
Central	\$0.00		Progress Not Perfection	\$420.17	\$41.95
Clean Air Group	\$374.63		Recovery in Action	\$94.40	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$300.95		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$354.40	
Down By The Creek	\$36.68		Security Eye Opener	\$273.60	\$200.00
Downtown Group	\$1,910.68	\$131.32	Serenity Hour	\$275.00	\$50.00
Drylander's Group	\$122.53		Serenity Riders	\$149.20	
Easy Does It	\$225.00		Serenity Sisters	\$445.92	
Ellicott Group	\$191.50		Sobriety of Fountain	\$64.00	
Eye Opener	\$88.00		Solutions at Noon	\$442.74	\$50.00
1515 Meditation Group	\$50.00		Steel Magnolias	\$367.38	\$57.65
Foxhall Group	\$178.56		Stepping Stones	\$178.32	\$96.00
Friday Night Live	\$450.00		Sunday Morning Speaker	\$805.95	
Friday Women's Group	\$448.81		Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Garage Meeting	\$325.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$156.94	
Good Ole Boys	\$500.00		Taking Steps	\$308.62	
Half Pint Group	\$120.00		The Doctor's Opinion	\$300.00	
Happy Destiny	\$159.51		The Sober Jokers	\$200.00	\$200.00
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$148.00	\$90.00	Then and Now	\$191.00	
Happy Heathens	\$275.00		Thursday Mens	\$1,500.00	\$650.00
Happy Hour	\$619.05		Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
High Noon	\$238.50	\$22.00	Turning Point	\$38.50	\$38.50
H.O.W.	\$78.72		Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$90.00	
Into Action	\$456.00	\$120.00	Veterans for AA	\$0.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$100.00		Walk the Talk	\$3,670.00	\$340.00
Lake George Group	\$188.39		Walking on Water	\$200.00	
Living Free	\$168.92	\$63.50	We Are Not Saints	\$1,802.57	
Living Sober	\$208.00		Wed. Westside Womens	\$234.56	
Living Sober South	\$219.44	\$15.50	Westside Eye Opener	\$424.23	
M.A.G.	\$746.02		Woodland Park Beginners	\$170.00	\$120.00
Natural High	\$122.00	\$122.00	Woodland Park Book Study	\$198.20	
New Beginners	\$660.56	\$190.50	Young People	\$1,086.98	\$208.09
New Woman	\$968.95	\$152.00	Totals:	\$29,243.07	\$3,268.72

*No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.*



## Nightwatch Night Owls News



**Hello A.A. Fellowshippers!** I would like to start out by saying how excited I was at the number of existing and prospective Night Owl volunteers that were able to show up to our last service committee meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen people! Wow! What an unbelievable amount of support and interest for Nightwatch!

This last year has been an amazing year for me. My recovery has grown and evolved around my service to the Nightwatch Program in a very similar way that the Nightwatch Program itself has changed this last year, most certainly for the better, in both cases. We've come a long way in a short time and could not have done it without the help of all of the volunteers involved. Thank you, to each and every one of you for answering the call for help; for me, for the program, and for the many hotline callers who are now able to speak to another alcoholic instead of a professional answering service.

As stated in our Intergroup Charter and in the spirit of rotation, my position as the Nightwatch Committee Chairperson will come to an end as of April 30, 2013. I will joyfully move on to whatever my higher power has in store for me and our current Vice-Chairperson, the fabulous and quite capable, Crystal S., will be rotating into the Chairperson position. I assure you because of the wonderful experience I have had with Nightwatch; I will always be a part of Nightwatch and Nightwatch will always be a part of me. I plan to maintain a weekly shift with Nightwatch following the end of my term as Chairperson because I believe in the service work that we do. I will always be just a phone call away! Thank you all for allowing me to be of service, it truly has been my pleasure.

My work is not done yet; I am on a mission to make sure that we are able to recruit enough volunteers to take over any upcoming open shifts due to a majority of our Night Owls having had completed their recommended one-year service commitment. Please, understand that is just a recommendation; you are under no obligation to discontinue your weekly time slot after just one year. If you choose to stay on for service longer, that would be awesome and much

appreciated. Although if you decide not to continue in service as a Night Owl, we understand and that is okay but we do hope that you can recommend someone to take your place; whether it is a sponsee, sponsor, a friend, an acquaintance, or whomever you choose. Just make sure they do have six months of continuous sobriety and are willing to commit to one year of service. If you are currently a Night Owl and you are reading this, please, feel free to call or text me at your earliest convenience to let me know what you decide so I might get somewhat of a head count of open shifts. I am a planner by nature, so this will give me an idea of how I can make sure to leave Crystal and the Nightwatch program in the best possible position to begin the new term as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Calling All Night Owls! Hoot! Hoot!** As I have said, we will need to line up more volunteers very soon. If you would like to join us in carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers by answering the phone for the hotline, please, contact the Service Office at 719-573-5020 or email us at [nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org). We are able to forward the calls to you via your cell or home phone. The next Nightwatch Service Committee meeting will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm; Sacred Heart School, room 10, located on the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Pikes Peak Avenue. Please, join us to get your Night Owl beginner packet and receive light training.

**Night Owl Words of Wisdom:** The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and toward God's universe. The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves.

From the "Big Book" page 25; Chapter 2: "There Is A Solution"

Gratefully in Service,

Gina S.

Nightwatch Committee Chairperson

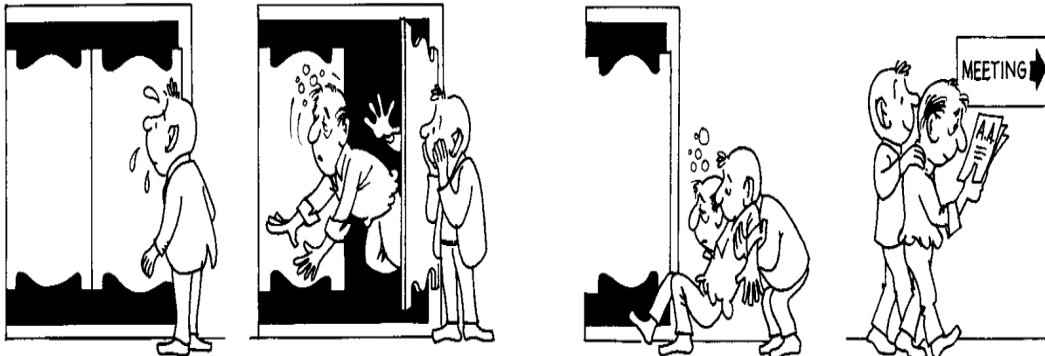
**Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well.** (BB pg. 63)

There are 20 words in this months puzzle.  
 The RTL for this month is 19 minutes.  
**How long will it take you?**

- CLOVER
- EASTER
- GOLF
- GREEN
- GROWTH
- HONESTY
- LEPRECHAUN
- LILIES
- MARCH
- PISCES
- RABBITS
- RENEWAL
- SERVICE
- SNOW MELT
- SPRING CLEANING
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- STEP THREE
- TRADITION THREE
- WARMER
- YOUTH

## • SPRING WORD SEARCH •

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I DIALED THE NUMBER OF A NEWCOMER and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

### • Valentine Word Search • February Solution

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### Last Months Caption



"ummm... Ya want a cup of coffee?  
 A cookie? A Big Book?!"

Submitted by: rQ - Colorado Springs

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS in MARCH

ELECTIONS for INTERGROUP OFFICERS will be held at the INTERGROUP MEETING, March 12, 2013. All of the positions listed below will be voted on. **CANDIDATES MUST BE PRESENT.** It is recommended that those who stand have a minimum of two years continuous sobriety. Term of office is one year, April 1 through March 31.

### NOMINATION FOR INTERGROUP BOARD MEMBERS

(\*\*please submit by March 12, 2013 or before!)

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the trusted servant position of:

*(Circle one)*

**Chairperson**                      One year term

**Vice-Chairperson**              One year term *(two year commitment)*  
First year as Vice-Chair, then preferably rotates into position of Chairperson.

**Secretary**                        One year term

**Treasurer**                        One year term

**Vice-Treasurer**                One year term *(two year commitment)*  
First year as Vice-Treasurer then preferably rotates into position of Treasurer.

**Registrar**                        One-year term

**Member at Large**                One-year term

***\*\*Please fill out this form and bring it to the Area Service Office before March 12, 2013.***

***Or you can scan your completed form and email to the ASO at [serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org)***

***Or you can send your nomination to the ASO via email message.***

***Please be sure to include all the required information.***

***Remember all nominees must be present at the Intergroup meeting in March.***

***Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the elections!***