



~THE PIKES PEAK PINT~

Seeking Full Membership?

When I started out in A.A., my sponsor suggested that, if I hoped to stay sober, I needed to join A.A. I said, “If the only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking then I’ve already done that.” He explained that being a full fledged member of A.A. and staying sober goes well beyond that bare minimum, “desire to stop drinking.” In fact, the three basic requirements for full membership are Recovery, Unity, and Service. Full membership boils down to investing my resources with humility.

To achieve Unity, he suggested that I join a real A.A. group. Every week, I showed up early to that group and stayed around for awhile after each meeting was over. Before I knew it, I got to know the members of the group and they got to know me; I became a part of the group instead of apart from the group. Today, my commitment is to never miss my group unless I have planned more than twenty-four hours in advance and my peers know that I’m going to miss.

Next, it was suggested that I get a Service position. My first service position was cleaning out ash trays (almost all A.A. meetings were full of smokers back then). Soon I graduated to making coffee. Today, my commitment is to always hold some sort of service position: Intergroup Representative, GSR, Treasurer, Events Planning, Grapevine Representative, Greeter, Reader, Cookie Supply, ad infinitum.

The most important way to achieve membership, my sponsor told me, is to put money in the basket. One night, my sponsor noticed that I put a dollar into the basket when it went by. After the meeting, he asked me if I hadn’t gotten a raise in wages since I got sober and why I thought only one dollar was still a reasonable contribution. Why not five dollars? Why not ten? Good question. Today, I am committed to supporting A.A. financially, without drawing attention to myself (anonymously).

Some members choose to make a donation, every year, on their birthday. Members customarily contribute \$1, \$2 or even \$5 a year for each year of sobriety—others may give a penny or a nickel a day for each day of their sobriety. The point is that I show gratitude for what A.A. has given to me by giving back, with humility. And like my sponsor says, “A grateful alcoholic is a sober alcoholic.”

Remember that A.A. does not accept contributions from non-members so you should state that you are a member when you mail a donation to GSO or the local Service Office. Also, donations are limited to \$3,000 per year, per member.

JR

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New York, NY 10163

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Colorado Springs, CO 80905

DOWNTOWN:

Roger F.	6-01-11
Kristina W.	6-05-12
Rick B.	6-06-11
Angela V.	6-06-12
Brent	6-07-12
Randy B.	6-14-12
Matt C.	6-15-08
Phillis D.	6-16-83
Michelle S.	6-18-12
Ida M.	6-18-06
Keith F.	6-19-89
Nicole C.	6-20-12
Michelle A.	6-21-12
Robert H.	6-21-11
Shannon R.	6-22-12
Nathaniel M.	6-23-14
Nannltte P.	6-26-12
Eran M.	6-26-12
Christine V.	6-26-12
Shane S.	6-27-11
Nickolas	6-27-12
Crig S.	6-16-12
Karen H.	6-04-14
April E.	6-15-14
Travis S.	6-08-05
Patrick M.	6-19-83
Darlene C.	6-11-14
Kim V.	6-21-14
Kristen P.	6-28-15
Sabrina G.	6-26-14

**WE ARE NOT SAINTS:**

Connie W.	15 Years
Dave VG	3 Years
Jacque	14 Years
Kathryn M.	8 Years
Leslie P.	22 Years
Myles	33 Years
Patty H.	22 Years
Sharon H.	6 Years
Steve L.	40 Years
Tracey H.	2 Years

FRIDAY WOMEN'S:

Patty H.	6/06/94
Connie W.	6/08/01
Julie D.	6/12/11
Charmaine	6/12/14
Tricia A.	6/14/96
Kelley C.	6/15/02
Alysa S.	6/19/07
Sonja	6/20/10
Mary M.	6/22/82
Georgia B.	6/24/79
Adrienne	6/24/12

NEW WOMAN:

Connie A.	33 Years
Harriet O.	9 Years
Terrie L.	6 Years
Ellen C.	4 Years
Sue H.	20 Years

EASY DOES IT:

Joe H.	06/02/1999
Andy E.	06/03/1995
Joe S.	06/04/2002
Danny G.	06/04/2011
Don H.	06/05/2009
Ed R.	06/11/2011
Charlie F.	06/11/2012
Chris B.	06/17/2001
LaJuana G.	06/19/2005
Mitch T.	06/20/2013
Stephaney S.	06/20/2013
Stacy M.	06/24/2012

Heard in a Meeting

A drunk is walking home, feeling sick and hurt. He is at that magic moment of surrender.

On his way he sees God and notices He has something in his hand.

The drunk asks, "What's that?"

God responds, "This is sobriety."

The drunk said, "Oh man, I need that! Geez, I need sobriety. How much does that cost?" as he only understands buying things.

God returns with, "How much do you have?"

The drunk says "I have about twenty-dollars."

God responds, "All right, for you, sobriety costs twenty-dollars."

The man, trying to back out of says, "If I give you all twenty dollars, I won't be able to buy any gas for my car."

God responds, "Oh! so you have a car? I'm sorry, but sobriety is going to cost you your car."

"Whoa, whoa!" Says the man. "If I give you my car, how am I going to get to my job?"

"You have a job?!" Exclaims God. "No, no, no. Sobriety is going to cost you your job."

The drunk responds, "But, if I give you my job, how am I to pay for my house?"

"House!! You have a house!?" God says with surprise. "I thought you lived in a cardboard box under the bridge! Your file is completely out of date! Sobriety is going to cost you your house."

The man responds, "If I give you my house what about my wife and kids?"

"A family! That's right, you have a family! Yes, yes. Sobriety is going to cost you your family.

The drunk responds, "But if I give you all that, what good is my life?"

God states, "That's right. Sobriety costs you your life."

The alcoholic, because he is at that magic moment of surrender is willing to give his God his money, and his car, and his job, and his house, and his wife and his kids, and his life and for that God gives him sobriety.

Then God looks him deep in the eyes and says:

"All right. I'm going to give you your money back but, it's not your money anymore, it's my money. I'm going to let you spend it for me."

"I'm going to give your car back but, it's not your car anymore, it's my car. You get to drive it for me."

"I'm going to give you your job back but, it's not your job anymore, it's my job. You get to work at it for me."

"I give your house back but, it's not your house anymore, it's my home. But, you get to live in it for me."

"I give your family back to you but, it's not your family anymore, it's my family. You get to take care of them for me."

"I give your life back but, it's not your life ever again. But, you get to live it for me."

That's the deal a loving God makes with us in the 3rd step.

CONCEPT 6:

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.

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STEP 6:

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

TRADITION 6:

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.

TRADITION 6 CHECKLIST:

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with “Guidelines on Clubs” (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

C.P.C. Committee Report

Powerlessness

It started with an invite by a close friend Larry for me to accompany him to speak with the troops on base at Ft. Carson. These troops, all attending this class for a multitude of reasons. Most of which have a common thread of disciplinary action for Drug or Alcohol abuse. Our goal: represent Alcoholics Anonymous as members to speak on our experience, strength and hope. Also to highlight important facts (AA approved literature) to these people regarding what AA is, and equally important what it isn't.

As you can imagine presenting this to a large room of people who don't want to be there was initially unnerving. As we spoke there became a noticeable interest in what we had to say. As we took turns presenting heads nodded in agreement understanding our pain and suffering. This connection is what has had me coming back now for the last three years. I look forward to the opportunity to speak to these men and women who serve our country.

There is a huge need for a solution to a problem that annually yields deaths, suicides, hundreds of DUIs and other problems related to Alcohol. This service is in collaboration with C.P.C. (Cooperation with the Professional Community) and has become a very important part of my sobriety. If interested in speaking at Ft. Carson please contact me at [719-229-6245](tel:719-229-6245).

FREDDIE P

It took me forty-four years to admit that I was powerless. When I was growing up, my father physically, emotionally and sexually abused me between ages eleven and fifteen.

In high school, I was the Student Council Treasurer and on the Dean's list. When I was a senior in high school, a friend turned me on to vodka and it relieved my pain—I was off and running.

I went to the University of Oklahoma and received a bachelors degree in English Literature and Journalism. However, I had no self confidence so I chose to become a dishwasher instead of pursuing a job in my field.

I practiced drinking for the next forty-four years and lived in Oklahoma, City, Chicago and Colorado Springs.

When I tried to quit, I could only stay sober for a week. I moved from my apartment, changed jobs, and even took a vacation. Nothing helped.

One day, a friend of mine came by and saw all of the beer cans. He was a member if AA. He asked me to come to a meeting. I went the next night, without him.

As a newcomer,, I met a man with one arm, a man with one leg, and a woman with one eye. I decided that I didn't want to be like that so I got a sponsor and took the steps. I have not had a drink for twenty-five years.

I have a nice place to live. I have a loving sister and brother. I get to work on activities that I enjoy, like writing and painting.

Today I have a great support system of people around me, through AA. I thank my HP daily for the greatest gift I have ever received: sobriety.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2016-2017)	YTD	APRIL	GROUP NAME (2016-2017)	YTD	APRIL
A Common Solution	\$62.73	\$62.73	Off The Wall		
Above the Bar Group			Old North End Study Group		
Apex			Pre-Dawn Meeting		
Back to Basics	\$105.98	\$105.98	Primary Purpose		
Beacon Light Group			Progress Not Perfection	\$16.75	\$16.75
Big Book Action	\$300.00	\$300.00	Recovery in Action	\$80.35	\$80.35
Big Book Study UPH			Recovery, Unity, Service Group		
Black Forest	\$153.42	\$153.42	Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$106.80	\$106.80
Broadmoor			Security Eye Opener		
Brown Baggers			Serenity Hour	\$75.00	\$75.00
Central			Serenity Riders		
Clean Air Group			Serenity Sisters		
Don't Worry Be Happy			Solutions at Noon		
Down By The Creek			Sought Through Prayer & Meditation	\$20.70	\$20.70
Downtown Group			Steel Magnolias	\$59.63	\$59.63
Drylander's Group			Stepping Stones		
Easy Does It			Sunday Morning Speaker		
Ellicott Group			Sunlight of the Spirit		
Foxhall Group	\$250.00	\$250.00	Taking Steps	\$231.00	\$231.00
Freedom From Bondage			The Doctor's Opinion		
Friday Night Live			The Garage Meeting		
Friday Women's Group			Then and Now		
Good Ole Boys			Thursday Men's Group	\$340.00	\$340.00
Happy Destiny	\$87.76	\$87.76	Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$72.00	\$72.00
Happy Heathens			Traditions Only		
Happy Hour			Treating The Illness		
Happy, Joyous & Free			Turning Point		
High Noon	\$20.00	\$20.00	Ute Pass Breakfast Group		
H.O.W.			Veterans for AA		
Into Action			Walk the Talk	\$25.00	\$25.00
Keystone to Recovery			Walking on Water		
Lake George Group			We Are Not Saints		
Little Log Church Group	\$81.00	\$81.00	Westside Eye Opener		
Living Free	\$57.00	\$57.00	Women of Grace		
Living Sober South	\$31.00	\$31.00	Woodland Park Beginners		
M.A.G.	\$367.97	\$367.97	Woodland Park Book Study		
Natural High			Woodland Park Women's Step Study		
New Beginners			Young People		
New Woman	\$167.34	\$167.34	Totals:	\$2,711.43	\$2,711.43
Northwesters					



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING CHANGES:

NOT A GLUM LOT (OPEN, HANDICAP ACCESS)

Big Book Study Group
Monday at 6pm
(West of Academy between Rebecca Lane
and Carefree Circle North)
3425 Van Teylingen Dr., Unit I, 80917

RENAMED TO: PRIMARY PURPOSE (OPEN, HANDICAP ACCESS)

FRIDAY WOMEN'S GROUP (CLOSED, HANDICAP ACCESS)

Friday from 1:00-2:30pm
Central SDA Church
(Enter South side of church)
1305 N Union Blvd., 80909

ADDED: (CHILDREN WELCOME)

In the month of **APRIL**

the Service Office received

5 Grateful Giver contributions,

5 Personal contributions,

and

3 Birthday contributions!

Thank You!

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TURNING POINT SPEAKERS (OPEN)

Speaker Meeting
Saturday at 7pm
10400 Ute Pass Ave, Green Mountain Falls, 80819

June Speakers:

6/04/16—Keith G. (Sober Riders, Pueblo, CO)

6/11/16—Kevin S. (Walk the Talk)

6/18/16—Al-Anon

6/25/16—Barbara M. (Sober Sisters)

July Speakers:

7/02/16—Keith J. (Walk the Talk)

7/09/16—Pablo (Miami, FL)

7/16/16—(Al-Anon)

7/23/16—Steven B. (College Park Group, MD)

7/30/16—Not Filled

DO YOU HAVE A SUBMISSION FOR THE PINT?

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Fliers
Announcements
Poems
Articles
Stories
Cartoons
even
Criticism

TO:

pint@coloradospringsaa.org

CELEBRATING THE Fun in Sobriety

Founder's Day Picnic: June 11th

Come Join Us For Food,
Games and More!

10am-2pm

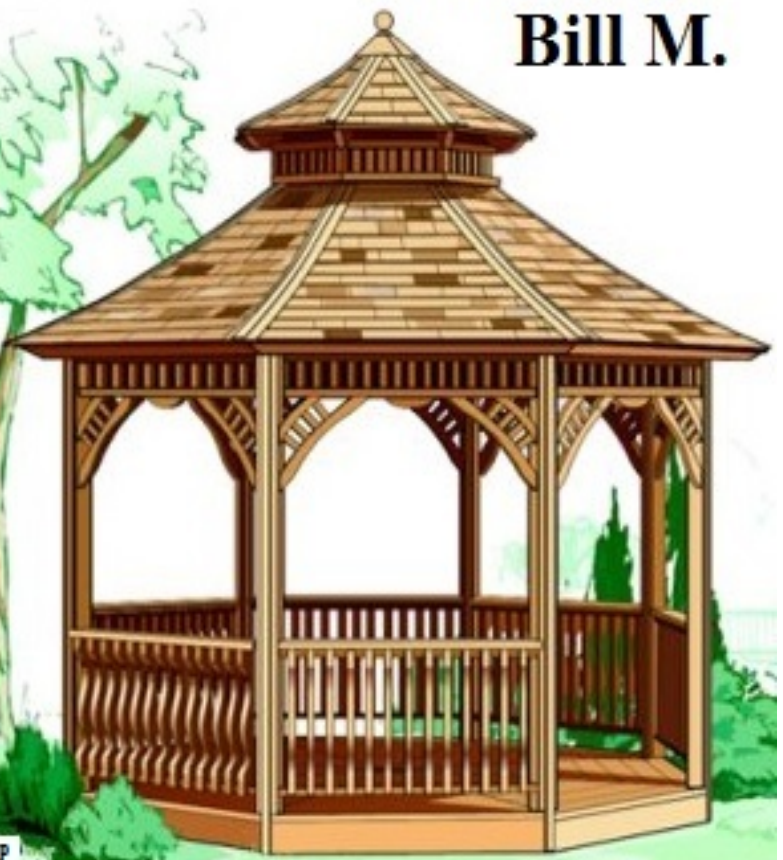
G -Water Ballon Toss
A -Volleyball
M -Horse Shoes
E
S -And More!

West side of
Bear Creek Park
Gazebos #3 & 2

With Speaker:
Bill M.



Presented By:
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HEY.!?!

ALL YOU'Z DRUNKS OUT THERE.!

I just wanted to remind you that *YOUR* Area Service Office sells books! **THAT'S RIGHT FOLKS, BOOKS!!**

Imagine that!! ...and, that's not all...

For *YOUR* convenience they also stock medallions, stickers, pamphlets and (...wait for it...) **BOOKMARKS! WOW!!**

Did you know that if you buy five or more Big Books you'd get a discount? Yup, it's true...

Not only that, if you buy five or more select books, you'll get the same break. (call or come by for details)

So, why support the big corporate machine? You can keep your money working for YOU right here in YOUR backyard. By purchasing your books 'n stuff locally you help keep Nightwatch answering phones, you help Programs organize events and most importantly, you help keep the Service Office doors open to help the alcoholic that still suffers. Now, isn't that what we're all about?

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If you or members of your Home Group are planning on attending this year's State Convention, September 2-4, 2016, at the Westin Hotel in Westminster, CO; please consider bringing your group's meeting format with you and Host/Chair one of the continuous meetings.

These meetings will be held throughout the weekend beginning at 5:00PM on Friday through 11:00AM on Sunday. The meetings end at Midnight on Friday and Saturday and begin at 6:00AM on Saturday and Sunday. There will be no meetings held during the Speaker Meetings so no one will have to miss those events.

These will all be open meetings allowing everyone to attend.

Additionally, for scheduling purposes, it would be great if groups would sign-up generally for this opportunity, however, if your group needs a specific date or time, I will try to accommodate everyone on a first come, first serve basis.

It would be wonderful to have Home Groups represented from all over the State to share their style of meeting with everyone at the convention. Please consider this important service opportunity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I'll see you all at the State Convention.

In order to sign your group up or get more information please CONTACT:

David G. at (720) 550-7384 Home or (503) 913-0343 Cell

E-Mail: DLOgee630@gmail.com

If you're directed to voicemail please leave your name and a contact phone number and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Additional information about the convention can be obtained by going to

convention.coloradoaa.org

SAVE THE DATE
2016 OcSoberfest

Oct. 7-9, 2016

Pueblo Convention Center - Pueblo, CO



★ Speakers

Friday night - Kathy H., Taos, NM

Saturday morning - Longtimers trio of speakers

Saturday lunch - Laurel L., Wichita (AIAnon)

Saturday night - John K., Dallas, TX

Sunday morning - Ericka M., Cedar Rapids, IA

Workshops & Continuous Meetings
Saturday Lunch, Dinner & Dance
Hospitality Room & Ticketed Drawings

If you attended last year's OcSoberfest, you will receive a registration form by mail or email. To request a registration form, email your name and address to boos_964@yahoo.com
Online registration at www.ocsobberfest.org after Aug. 1, 2016

LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
SAT.-SUN.: CLOSED

Location: 1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Contact the Service Office
719-573-5020

E-mail: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ARCHIVES:

12:00pm, 3rd Sunday of the month
Village Inn on Circle Drive & I-25

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

2:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month
1st floor Penrose Main Hospital
2222 N. Nevada

in Volunteer Coordinator Conference Room

C.P.C.:

6:00pm, 2nd Wednesday of the month
Vertec, 1123 Elkton Dr.

District 7:

7:30pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month
First United Methodist Church
420 N. Nevada, Room 135 (Boulder St. Access)

TREATMENT:

12pm, 2nd Saturday of the month
Penrose Hospital Volunteer Conference Room
2222 N. Nevada.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NIGHTWATCH:

7:00pm, 1st Tuesday of the month
Sacred Heart Parish
21st and Pikes Peak
Room 10 - Following the New Beginners meeting

WEB COMMITTEE:

1:00pm second Saturday of the month
5965 N. Academy Blvd. #203
Pikes Perk Coffee & Tea House

For more committee information,
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CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES

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Lakewood, CO 80228
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~ DISTRICT 7 ~

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Colorado Springs, CO 80936
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