



# THE PIKES PEAK PINT

May 2019

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

## A Love Letter to My Friend

How do I love thee...

Sometimes I find myself wondering how our relationship went so terribly wrong. Was there some way I could have prolonged our affair? I tried my hardest to keep it going but you just kept on taking and taking. Is this what best friends do?

When I met you, it was instant attraction. You were cool to be around. You made me feel that I was cool also! It didn't matter that I felt insecure, overweight, depressed and broken. With you by my side all of that disappeared. Everything I had to deal with for the next 36 years was softened by your care of

me. Whenever I felt alone or afraid you were there to put me at ease. I could just relax and get through it. I fell in love with you.

And I loved you like no other. I was there for you...always!! I put you before my family, my friends, my career, my future and my life. You were always my number one. And I never wavered from my love and commitment to you. I protected you until I couldn't anymore.

When you were gone from my life, it started to become quite clear what kind of friend you had really been...

*See Love Letter, page 3*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

## \*Serenity Riders

Christina R.	5/05/13
Karli W.	5/20/04
Leah R.	5/14/76
Trisha A.	5/01/09
Andrea N.	5/02/10
Dan J.	5/10/10
Jeff B.	5/17/07
Laura I.	5/30/14
Michael H.	5/22/10

## \*New Woman

Kathy B.	12 years
Michelle G.	6 years
Peggy C.	5 years
Laurie G.	5 years
Mary D.	25 years
Teddi B.	4 years
MaryKatherine	37 years
Amy V.	23 years
Valerie C.	6 years
Teresa H.	11 years
Sharon H.	2 years

## \*Walk the Talk

Christa R.	5/01/17
Robyn H.	5/11/83
Pam G.	5/08/09
Scott A.	5/25/14
Linda G.	5/25/17
John John F.	5/25/13
James R.	5/26/82
Karen L.	5/30/06

## \*Serenity Hour

Trisha Ann	10 years
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## \*Steel Magnolias

Rhonda J.	3 years
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## \*Easy Does It

Christopher S.	5/25/79
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# ...let me count the ways.

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*Love Letter, from page 1*

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You were a thief! You stole 36 years of my life which I can never replace. You stole my chance at being a great mom. You stole my ability to be there for all those I loved. You also took away my integrity, dignity, and compassion for others. And then you were almost able to take away my life.

Also, you were a liar. You had me convinced my small gray world was just fine. Only you and I were truly welcome there. You made me believe our relationship was quite glamorous. A few drinks by the pool, a bottle of wine in a nice restaurant, vacations

filled with just you and I. You said that you would be there for me always. Now I can see how truly alone I was.

Then there's the stark fact that you are a murderer. You took my Dad's life very slowly. I watched it and vowed you would never do that to me. There were other family members too numerous to name. Now there are friends gone as well, thanks to you. This year was especially eye-opening; watching a meeting-maker friend slip away. Somehow you convinced him that he could not live without you.

But I still miss you once in a while. My brain tells me maybe it wasn't so bad,

maybe you could wrap your arms around me and be there again.

But then, by the grace of God, my heart awakens me. My heart is now filled with love, with life, and with God. It tells me, "Hey! That was not real. That was just one big lie."

My disease will make me forget all the devastation that it brought unless I have a daily reminder. So, I start my day with others just like me. We tell how our affair with alcohol ended badly. We remind each other of how lucky we are to finally be seeing the truth and having a choice of saying goodbye.

—Karen O.



# STEP 5:

Admitted to God, ourselves, and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs.



## TRADITION 5:

*Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*

## CONCEPT 5:

*Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.*

- Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal”, to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
- What does our group accept as “substantial unanimity”?
- Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?
- Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

## TRADITION 5 CHECKLIST:

- ♦ Do I ever cop out by saying, “I’m not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn’t apply to me”?
- ♦ Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
- ♦ Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
- ♦ Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- ♦ Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
- ♦ Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?



## *Meeting changes*



### Meeting guide goes with you

The app that helps people attempting to get and stay sober is available free to anyone. Just go to the app store and search for “meeting guide,” and

click to download it. It is free and awesome. When the app is opened, it defaults to the nearest next AA meeting to wherever the phone is anywhere in the world. Tap on the name of the meeting and it will say what type of meeting it is, along with the directions of how to get there and more.

### **Saturday AA Speakers-May**

Speakers for the 7 p.m. Saturday Night Live meeting at Walk the Talk will be: May 4, Stephen; May 11, Linda Marie; May 18 Anniki; and May 25, Ann S.

### **We're in Falcon too!**

A new, open meeting called We Are Here is now meeting at the High Prairie Library Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. The library is at 7035 Old Meridian Rd., across from the fire department.

Another new meeting in Falcon is located at: 6475 E. Blanez (Cornerstone Community Church) on Mondays at 9:30 am

## *... and other stuff*

Silver Linings is a new meeting located at 2365 Patriot Heights (Brookdale at Skyline) on Saturdays at 4:30 pm.

TAKE NOTE! There is NO LONGER an open women's meeting at Comcor on Tuesdays at 7:30.

### **Inclement Weather**

Is that a tsunami on the horizon? Perhaps you feel the start of an earthquake. After last month's “bomb cyclone”, we just never know what the weather will be doing around here.

For all future weather events, know that your Service Office follows the District 11 schedule for delays and closures.

**\*\*\*PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE\*\*\***

If you have a meeting change, even if it is one single, solitary, lonesome word, (like from discussion to study) please include **all** the other particulars; especially name and time of the meeting and location.

Perhaps someone's reading this and they think, “Hm, I'd love to go to that meeting, but where do they meet and what time?” But, because that information isn't part of the announcement, they may decide to not attend.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS, APRIL 2019

GROUP NAME (2018-2019)	Fiscal Yr. to date	April	May	June	July	August	Sep-tember	October	Novem-ber	Decem-ber	January	February	March
A Common Solution	\$290.80							\$97.00		\$81.00	\$112.80		
12 Steps From The Morgue	\$390.00			\$250.00							\$140.00		
Apex	\$459.44				\$170.91			\$83.28		\$73.10		\$132.15	
Back to Basics	\$1,742.28	\$167.31		\$277.80	\$158.93	\$112.60	\$127.63	\$125.43	\$89.00	\$171.90	\$114.56	\$220.73	\$176.39
Beacon Light Group													
Big Book Action	\$300.00				\$300.00								
Big Book Study UPH	\$400.00		\$200.00					\$200.0					
Black Forest	\$642.00								\$642.00				
Broadmoor	\$200.00			\$100.00					\$100.00				
Brown Baggers													
Central													
Clean Air Group	\$238.47		\$238.47										
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$1,340.40	\$329.87	\$74.57		\$198.97		\$149.89	\$106.06		\$140.47			\$340.57
Down By The Creek	\$49.59										\$49.59		
Downtown Group	\$306.00			\$306.00									
Drylander's Group	\$15.00	\$15.00											
Early Saturday AM	\$127.00								\$127.00				
Easy Does It	\$1,219.46		\$556.00			\$284.96				\$22.42		\$356.08	
Ellicott Group	\$427.00							\$350.0	\$77.00				
Foxhall Group	\$550.00		\$200.00				\$150.00			\$200.00			
Friday Night Live	\$100.00					\$50.00				\$50.00			
Friday Women's Group	\$1,297.50		\$245.00			\$165.00			\$350.00	\$260.00		\$277.50	
Good Ole Boys	\$307.00	\$100.00					\$100.00		\$107.00				
Grace PPG Book Study Group	\$233.29							\$218.05		\$15.24			
Happy Destiny	\$466.70						\$179.02		\$147.20			\$140.48	
Happy Heathens	\$300.25										\$226.00	\$74.25	
Happy Hour	\$359.00	\$359.00											
Happy, Joyous & Free													
High Noon	\$175.00		\$87.50						\$87.50				
H.O.W.	\$64.00	\$30.00								\$34.00			
Into Action	\$853.60		\$225.60				\$125.00		\$228.00				\$275.0
Keystone to Recovery	\$125.00				\$125.00								
Lake George Group	\$239.00						\$239.00						
Limon AA													
Little Log Church Group	\$149.10				\$79.10								\$70.00
Living Free	\$182.60		\$50.00		\$80.00		\$52.60						
Living Sober South	\$377.24	\$68.62		\$103.00		\$43.50			\$62.00				\$100.1
M.A.G.	\$1,211.00	\$494.00			\$285.50			\$205.5			\$226.00		
Meditation Group - Tues. 5:30	\$200.00								\$200.00				
Natural High													
New Beginners	\$569.04		\$83.98				\$140.82			\$90.69	\$253.55		
New Woman	\$805.18	\$148.00			\$175.00			\$148.0	\$159.55			\$174.56	
Northwesters	\$355.74							\$355.7					
Off The Wall	\$51.08		\$30.97			\$20.11							
One Day at a Time	\$63.00							\$63.00					
Old North End Study Group	\$423.62				\$141.26					\$139.00	\$143.36		
One Six Four Group	\$231.00			\$128.00					\$103.00				



## LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

Closed: Saturday - Monday  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209  
Colorado Springs, CO 80905  
719.573.5020

Email: [serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org](mailto:serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org)

Web: [www.coloradospringsaa.org](http://www.coloradospringsaa.org)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### CORRECTIONS:

9 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month Sacred Heart Parish  
Room 10, southeast corner of 21<sup>st</sup> & Colorado Ave.

### PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION):

1 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
Sand Creek Library, 1821 S. Academy Blvd.  
large study room This group meets with CPC.

### CPC (PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY):

1 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
Sand Creek Library, 1821 S. Academy Blvd.  
large study room. This group meets with PI.

### PROGRAMS:

6 p.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, Colorado Springs  
Area Service Office, 1353 S. 8th St., Suite 209.

### TREATMENT:

5:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, Penrose Main  
Hospital, 2222 N. Nevada Ave., board room

### NIGHTWATCH:

7 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  
Sacred Heart Parish, 21<sup>st</sup> and Pikes Peak Ave.  
Room 10, following the New Beginners' meeting

### DISTRICT 7:

7 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
First United Methodist Church,  
420 N. Nevada, Room 135 (Boulder Street access)

## WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS

For all, 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

• CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •

## How much did *YOU* spend on a drink?

*Please help others*

Consider throwing \$2 into the basket when it comes around. Also, once a year, donate \$1 for each year of sobriety to the General Service Office, the Area Service Office, or both. It costs money to spread the hope of a new life worth living through AA.

Please see [coloradospringsaa.org](http://coloradospringsaa.org)