

April 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](http://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

AREA SERVICE OFFICE

1353 S. 8TH STREET SUITE 209

4TH SATURDAY

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

2:30 PM

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2ND SATURDAY

## NIGHTWATCH

PLEASE CALL THE SERVICE OFFICE

**The Bridging the Gap and Accessibility Committees  
are now part of the Treatment Committee**

# Step Four

*“Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves”*

My first two attempts at sobriety were halted abruptly by the first step in the recovery of self. Step Four was a “checkmark” I would need to glaze over to protect my pride and the image I had created for myself. The words “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves” were easy to read, but the work to complete that task would likely have to be exclusionary at best. How fearless of me, indeed. I tried to placate my sponsor and sooth my ego until I realized my lies would never get e to the coveted Step Four “checkmark”.

It wasn't until I found the bottom of my existence, realizing I was completely broken and fake that I decided to give completely to doing what God was requiring of me. Step Four didn't take long to complete, but it was like enduring a gauntlet of ghosts bent on humiliating me. The things I had excused away as just part of life and the damage done to coworkers and loved ones became clear. Depression came in again nearly snuffing out my hope for sobriety. Without the constant support of my sponsor and trusted friends. I was surely going to quit. Support of my fellow alcoholics kept the ship righted and on course with only a few deviations created by my own doubt. I finally found my North Star and focused on the promise of God-given peace and new life in fellowship with Him as my guide. With Step Four complete, I had come too far and faced too many insecurities to back down from the program. I had been revitalized in my journey and began to enjoy the challenges of Steps Five through Nine. I knew I could be a renewed and truly recovered being with Him. Fearless and moral are not usually the best character traits of an alcoholic, except in their own minds. Today my mind has been changed. I have my fellows, a seemingly endless stream of newcomers, and the ability to progress in this sober journey.

Les T.



## Concept IV for World Service

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 allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

There are no second class members of AA, from the newest members making coffee for the meeting to the Chairperson of a large group, we all have the right to speak and be heard. Bill W. wrote that “It is vital, to preserve the traditional ‘Right of Participation,’ in the face of every tendency to whittle it down.”

In practice it seems that this is much harder than it would seem. It is human nature to listen to the people we see every day, the ones who week after week show up and participate month after month at the same meeting we attend. We see others who we do not know, maybe from other meetings, or other towns and we must remember that they are part of our tribe as well. This Concept insures that every

participant in the World Service Conference has a voice. It respects and empowers delegates, trustees, directors and staff members of A.A. World Services and the Grapevine.

New trustees on the General Service Board and New Directors of the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine boards are sometimes surprised to see paid executives, staff members, and outside accountants attending the board meetings. They are invited because of A.A.s “Right of Participation.” Thus, the trustees and directors “are put into direct communication with these workers, who... feel wanted and needed. Although they do not vote



# The Grapevine's Place in AA

## How the AA Grapevine Began

In the spring of 1944, six members of AA – four women and two men – got together in an apartment in New York City and considered the idea of publishing a local AA newsletter. A newsletter was exactly what was needed in those early days of AA, when the Fellowship was only nine years old and still finding its way. There was plenty of news to report. New groups were being formed, new meeting formats were being tried out, and new ways of twelfth, stepping were being debated. AA's were talking about how to practice the Steps (the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* hadn't yet been written), groups were struggling to stay in existence, and recovering drunks were struggling to stay sober. What was needed, the six decided, was a way to open up lines of communication between AA members in different places. They conceived a newsletter that would cover the activities of AA groups in the New York City area, as well as bring news of the Fellowship to AA men and women serving in the armed forces.

The editors wanted the go-ahead from AA co-founder Bill W., so one of them, a woman named Lois K., went to see Bill at his home in Bedford Hills, New York. Did he think the magazine was a good idea? He did. "Go to it," he told her, "and blessings on you!"

## The First Issue

The six editors (whom Bill affectionately dubbed the "six ink, stained wretches") worked hard for several months, and at the end of May 1944, they met to inspect Volume 1, Number 1, of their newsletter. It was called the Grapevine, and that first issue was an eight page, large, format bulletin, costing a total of \$187. 10 to design, print, and mail. Of the 1,200 copies printed, many were sent free of charge to AAs in the U.S. and Canadian armed forces, and to every group registered with the Central Office (now the General Service Office). The first issue claimed 165 subscribers. Sixteen months later, that number had climbed to 3,500.

At the heart of the early Grapevines, then as now, were first person stories. For several years, these took the form of informal letters and commissioned articles. There were also news and notes on current happenings at the Central Office, a page for news of AAs in the armed services (including letters from servicemen and women), and a feature called "Along the Metropolitan Circuit," which described meetings in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the suburbs in New Jersey and New York. The explosion of new meetings – from "Alaska to Arkansas, from Ireland to Australia" – was reported with particular excitement, and headlines read: "70 New Groups in Two Months!" or "33 New Groups Added in Less than a Month."

## Articles by AAs and Others

In addition to AA news, there was an eclectic mix of pieces written expressly for the Grapevine by non-AA writers. These included such literary lights as journalist Fulton Oursler, humorist S. J. Perlman, novelist Charles Jackson, and essayist Philip Wylie. For many years, the Grapevine continued to publish articles by non-AAs who were early friends and advocates of the Fellowship:



# Happy A.A. Birthday!

## New Woman Group

Barbara S	35yrs
Noell W.	30yrs
Michelle C.	17yrs
Jennie C.	36yrs
Priscilla T.	9yrs
Trinidad M,	4yrs
Veronica P.	3yrs
Stephanie C.	2yrs

## Steel Magnolias:

Camille	2yrs
Nicole T.	7yrs
Rochel Z.	5yrs

## Apex Group

Cameron M.	2006
Tess O.	2014
Michael H.	2018

## We Are Not Saints

Jason V	3yrs
Frank R	17yrs
Sean M	5yrs
Rob S	19yrs
Peg R	19yrs

## Easy Does It (March)

Bre	1 yrs
Nick	4yrs
Chris T	11yrs

## Friday Women's

June W.	40yrs
Amber S.	4yrs

## Serenity Riders

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

## New Beginners

Cameron M.	2006
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## LOCAL SERVICE OFFICE

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

Closed: Saturday - Monday  
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209

## 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 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

**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](http://coloradospringsaa.org)

### The Grapevine's Place in AA

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Jack Alexander, the Reverend Samuel Shoemaker, Sister Ignatia, Dr. Harry Tiebout, Bernard Smith, and Lois W., among others. There were also lengthy articles on alcoholism education and research, book reviews of everything from murder mysteries to Hindu psychology, excerpts from published books, reprints from magazines and newspapers, notices of radio programs covering alcoholism or AA, and articles by relatives of AA members saying what AA meant to them. Cartoons and drawings made their appearance in the third issue. A humor column – “Barleycom” – was added in the second year. No poetry was published (though plenty was received!); the editors confessed to “an incurable allergy” to it. In the sixth issue, a series of editorials on the Steps began, and ran for several years.

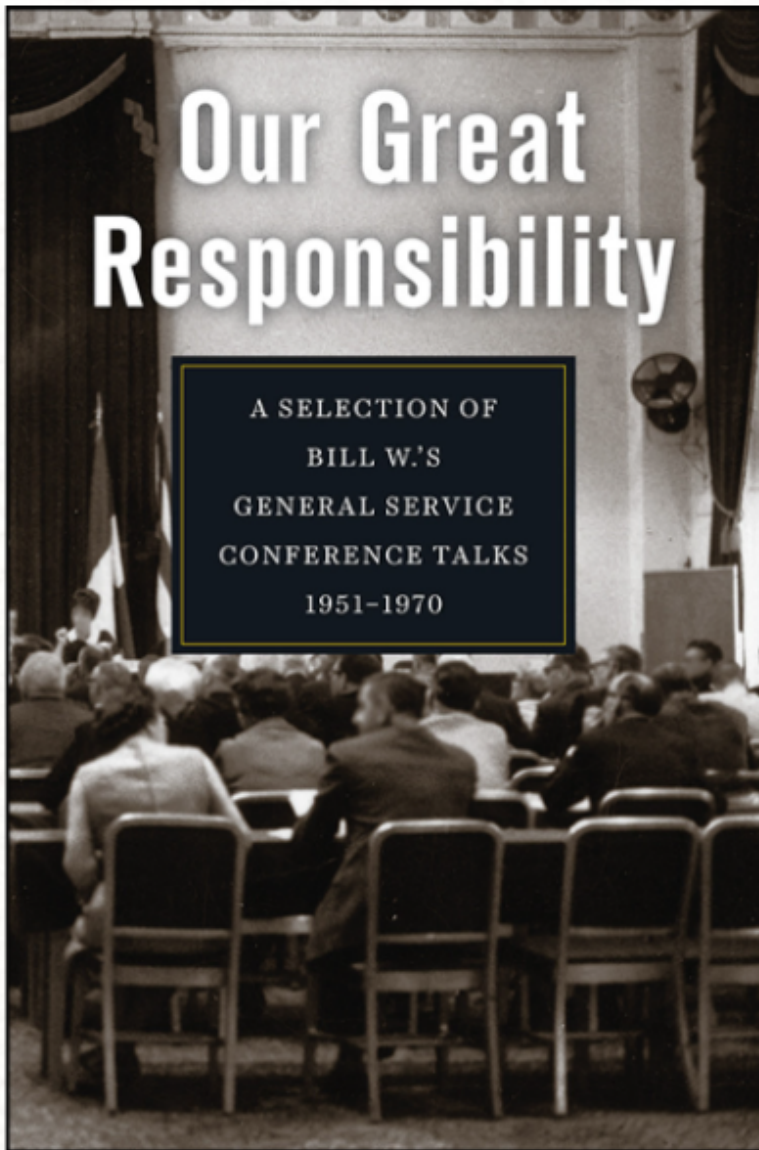
Burning Issues: Women, Old-timers, and Cross-Addiction

The early Grapevines also discussed such things as the place of women in AA, problems of oldtimers (those with a month or more!), returning veterans, and whether or not to applaud a speaker. Issues that still concern contemporary AA's were often addressed – for example, cross-addiction. The third issue carried a letter requesting a special “hophead's corner” for alcoholics also recovering from narcotics addiction. There were subsequent articles on the “sleeping pill menace” and what to do about pill problems when twelfth-stepping. Bill's article “Those GoofBalls” was published in the November 1945 issue.

## 2021-2022 Group Contributions

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	2021-2022 Group	Fiscal Y	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2	A Common Solution	\$276				\$108			\$168					
3	APEX	\$870			\$302				\$363		\$13		\$192	
4	Back to Basics	\$1,640	\$106	\$81		\$303	\$232		\$320		\$333		\$194	\$71
5	Beacon Light	\$100							\$100					
6	Big Book Action	\$750				\$500			\$250					
7	Black Forest Group	\$685			\$217				\$180			\$160		\$128
8	Central	\$100					\$100							
9	Clean Air	\$102				\$38	\$52				\$12			
10	District 7	\$1,278	\$1,278											
11	Don't Worry Be Happy	\$2,281	\$229		\$406	\$110	\$110		\$590	\$227	\$287	\$144	\$94	\$84
12	Downtown	\$3,000	\$1,000				\$2,000							
13	Easy Does It	\$2,507		\$1,427			\$480					\$600		
14	Ellicot Group	\$237									\$237			
15	Florissant Brown Bagge	\$120	\$120											
16	Florissant Step Study	\$125											\$125	
17	Fountain 2.0	\$226	\$226											
18	Foxhall	\$326	\$150								\$176			
19	Friday Night Live	\$50								\$50				
20	Friday Night Living Free	\$100		\$100										
21	Friday Women's	\$1,407		\$529			\$247			\$331			\$300	
22	Girl's Night Out	\$137					\$80		\$32	\$25				
23	Good Ole Boys	\$200						\$100				\$100		
24	Happy Destiny	\$42									\$42			
25	Happy Heathens	\$100			\$50	\$50								
26	High Noon	\$410			\$50	\$75	\$65	\$75		\$65				\$80
27	H.O.W.	\$100							\$100					
28	Keystone to Recovery	\$200					\$100				\$100			
29	Into Action	\$962		\$180		\$124			\$342			\$316		
30	Little Log Cabin	\$974	\$200				\$91		\$242		\$130	\$100	\$211	
31	Living Sober South	\$35							\$35					
32	One Six Four	\$334		\$81		\$94		\$159						
33	MAG	\$721			\$310						\$247	\$164		
34	Men's Anonymous	\$2,964			\$265	\$307	\$400	\$952		\$245	\$200	\$322		\$273
35	Morning Trudge	\$957			\$210				\$449					\$298
36	Natural High	\$80							\$80					
37	New Beginners	\$936	\$161			\$214			\$241		\$320			
38	New Woman	\$912	\$264				\$206			\$211	\$142	\$89		
39	Northwester's	\$455							\$205			\$250		
40	Old North End	\$488					\$223				\$145	\$120		
41	Palmer Lake Group	\$316							\$316					
42	Pinnacle	\$32												\$32
43	Pre-Dawn	\$500			\$500									
44	Primary Purose Alano	\$300									\$100	\$100		\$100
45	Recovery in Action	\$1,079			\$176				\$252	\$82	\$120	\$337	\$112	
46	Red Cloud Meeting	\$175			\$25		\$150							
47	Saturday Early Morning	\$859		\$156			\$222				\$304			\$177
48	Saturday Morning WP	\$250									\$64			\$186
49	Security Eye Opener	\$260									\$260			
50	Serenity Hour	\$200				\$25	\$25	\$50	\$25	\$25		\$25		\$25
51	Serenity Riders	\$685				\$360				\$300				\$25
52	Sober Sisters	\$145	\$24				\$43			\$58		\$20		
53	Steel Magnolias	\$217	\$71							\$146				
54	Sunday Morning Speake	\$350								\$250			\$100	
55	Sunlight of the Spirit	\$1,262	\$150				\$400		\$240			\$472		
56	Sunset Sobriety	\$572					\$159			\$200	\$133			\$80
57	Taking Steps	\$200							\$200					
58	Thursday Recovery in A	\$131												\$131
59	Thursday Mens Group	\$646					\$500				\$146			
60	Tues 5:30 Meditation	\$235				\$100			\$135					
61	Twelve Steps from the I	\$420	\$145			\$101			\$76			\$98		
62	Walking on Water	\$350			\$100				\$75	\$75		\$100		
63	Walk the Talk	\$2,970		\$425	\$425	\$425	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$483	\$137	\$137	\$138
64	We are Here	\$386	\$102			\$110			\$89			\$85		
65	We are not Saints	\$2,636				\$874			\$1,016		\$223	\$523		
66	Women of Grace	\$264									\$264			
67	Woodland Park Study	\$525								\$425		\$100		
68	Woodland Park Tues	\$240	\$120						\$120					
69	W.O.W.	\$100												\$100
70	Young People's	\$11										\$11		
71	Monthly Totals	\$43,502	\$4,345	\$2,979	\$3,036	\$3,918	\$6,085	\$1,536	\$6,441	\$2,915	\$4,481	\$4,373	\$1,465	\$1,928





# Our Great Responsibility

A SELECTION OF  
BILL W.'S  
GENERAL SERVICE  
CONFERENCE TALKS  
1951-1970



COME JOIN OUR TEAM EVERY 2ND SATURDAY

OF THE MONTH FROM 9AM-10AM

*Treatment, Accessibility, and Bridge the*

*Gap*



**We need volunteers to carry the message come find out how**  
**Area 10 Corrections Conference**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> 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**



# Color My World

With Recovery



# Longtimers Luncheon



Saturday, May 7th



11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Lunch served at Noon



Sacred Heart Gym  
2021 W. Pikes Peak Ave



18+ Years of Sobriety  
Lunch is Complimentary



Suggested  
\$11 Contribution

## Speaker

Curt N. with  
58 years of sobriety  
and  
Heidi S, with 36  
Years sobriety

## Lunch Menu

Lasagna  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Please bring a  
dessert to share

## RSVP

Longtimers  
**ONLY**  
Area Service  
Office  
719-573-5020

## Longtimer Need a Ride?

Call the Area  
Service Office by  
April 20 to make a  
reservation

**Volunteers needed to facilitate this event.  
Please Text with hours available to assist:  
Kimberly H. To volunteer (719) 492-1238**

