

-THE PIKES PEAK PINT-



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A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

• CONVENTION COMMENTS •

The following is a letter written by the sitting chair of this years convention followed by comments from attendees, volunteers and the various committee members.

What a weekend! You, your Committees, and the Volunteers hit this one out of the park. God was in charge all along, but you did the footwork

During the Convention literally dozens of people had very complimentary things to say. For example: after Father Tom spoke on Sunday morning, David H. (a former delegate) quipped that we had such a "machine" going here in Colorado Springs that we ought to do it every year (NO, I did not sign up for that!). Other comments were along these lines: The Speaker lineup was fantastic; We were well organized; The coffee mugs were a hit; The hotel provided excellent service and really good food.

Also, I think you'll be pleased when you read the attached emails - one from Tashi G. (AA Area 10 Delegate) and one from Ernie D. (Al-Anon Area 5 Chairperson).

Please take some time to write a report of your experience with the Convention, to pass along to the next Committee. What went well? Where is there room for improvement? What do you know now that you wish you knew a year ago? As seasoned veterans, one day you may very well start getting those calls - the ones that start out like "How did you...?".

I don't have email addresses for everyone who contributed to the success of the 2012 Convention, so please pass this along to your Committee members and the Volunteers - all of those people who worked so hard planning and hosting the Convention.

Thank You, Every One.
Tom.

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• **LOCAL FEATURE** •

In 2002 I became homeless, strung out on drugs and drinking to oblivion everyday. My life was a dismal existence. I came to each day angry that I was still alive. This went on for three more years.

I spent some time in jail in 2004; I was arrested for living in a storage unit. At that time I had given up on life and was full of despair. I was barely 130 pounds, a bag of bones and near-death. I was angry and difficult to be around. I had no family and no friends.

In 2005 my daughter gave me an ultimatum. "Never see me again or go to treatment" it was that moment I knew she meant what she said. She was tired of years of broken promises and was going to detach from me forever. A moment of clarity poured over me and I agreed to get help. I didn't care whether I lived or not, but she did and was not going to watch me slowly kill myself another day.

I entered treatment June 20, 2005, I was very glad to be there. At first I didn't want to listen to anything the counselors had to say. The truth was very hard to swallow. I learned all about my condition and I was told that I have an illness. I have an allergy to drugs and alcohol.

I was told it would take a lot of work on my part to restore my relationships and to become a productive member of society. "Through the 12 steps of AA this is possible" I was told. I had never accepted the truth and I can tell you that when I started telling the truth about myself and accepting it, truly accepting it, I was set free! I was relieved that I have an opportunity to change the way I had been living.

Today I have such a different life. I have set goals and I have my daughter, mother and good friends in my life. The relationships took a lot of work on my part, and still do. I am grateful to the women in my life that love me enough to tell me the truth! I believe I had to be told the truth, even if I got mad or didn't want to believe it. I came to accept the facts about me and my addiction, I can't argue facts!

I came to AA after graduating treatment and living in an aftercare facility. I was still a mess and crying uncontrollably. It didn't matter where I was or what I was doing. I would just start to cry for no reason. That went on for a year.

I learned all about my condition and I was told that I have an illness. I have an allergy to drugs and alcohol.

At first I would get embarrassed, after a while I could tell I was feeling better and better each day. It felt like I was freeing my hidden pain and I got relief. I hadn't felt relief like that before, so it was an exciting time for me. I was so excited to be alive!

Today I am over six years clean and sober. I will be starting school soon and I have great friends and a very supportive family. My life is not always great and I do still have a hard time facing life on life's terms. The difference is that I use the spiritual tools the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous has given me.

My favorite part of the Big Book is on pages 86, 87 and 88. On awakening... This gives me a way to direct my thinking that works. Alcoholics Anonymous has given me so many gifts and some of the promises have come true. Living a spiritual life is not always easy, but it is far better than the way I was living.

Crystal S.
Colorado Springs, Co

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CONVENTION COMMENTS

Subject: AMAZING
Date: Mon, 3 Sep 2012 13:16:46 -0600

Hi,

I just wanted to congratulate you and thank you for doing such an outstanding job this weekend.

You and your committee were beyond extraordinary and I just wanted to extend my appreciation.

With love,
Tashi G.

Hi,

First things first, I hope you are resting, as I am quite positive that you all are quite tired. I remember the Weekend in Al-Anon that I participated in, I was totally exhausted the week after. Please go slow this week and take it easy! And have a great Labor Day tomorrow.

Thank you! I had so much fun this weekend, the event was tremendous. I always enjoy hanging out with my AA friends at the State Convention, and this year was very special. Thank you for asking me to participate! What a great weekend of listening to AA recovery, the speakers were amazing! I'll be listening to Elaine, Ellen and Bob and Tom for some time to come!

Thank you again, for allowing me to be a part of...

Love in Service,
Ernie

Hey,

My experience with the state convention were outstanding...

I tremendously loved all 3 of the speakers that I was fortunate enough to hear...The speakers were so alive with recovery and I enjoyed each of their experience, strength and hope...In my 3.5 years + of recovery, I had yet to attend an AA Convention and was amazed at the quality of recovery and power presented on the stage. Steve, "the Voice" never missed a beat with his AA and Al-Anon jokes and was an awesome presenter with a nice, strong stage-presence. Most of all, I am grateful for the "scholarship" available to myself and others who wanted to attend the conference but due to financial hardship/circumstances would not have been able to attend had the assistance not been available. Thank you to all who made this experience possible- I will carry it with me one day at a time, God willing.

Kristen

Be Volentold
Age of Miracles – 2012 State Convention

Being "volentold", and grateful so, by my sponsor to attend my first AA convention was both nerve racking and exciting. Not knowing what to expect and willing to go to any length, I was welcomed with open arms by so many that have touched this life in a few short months. The nervousness left as hugs and hand shakes filled my soul with vital nutriment of AA and to finally be apart of a growing fellowship that my higher power placed before for me. To see so many people of every walk of life trudging the road of happy destiny warmed my heart and I felt a comfort that I had long lost in my many years of isolation and active abuse. I felt at home and comfortable in my own skin. I am truly grateful to my higher power for pulling us from the abyss each day, for his gift of AA, and for each any every one of you that have touched this soul. God willing, we will meet next year at Denver 2013...

May God bless you and keep you until then.

Forever Grateful,
Scott K.

Hi Everyone!

My name is Kristi C. I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I just wanted to share my experience at this years annual state convention. I am fairly new to the program and was interested in doing whatever kind of service work I could. I heard they were looking for help at the convention, and I signed up. I helped out as a greeter. It was so much fun! I really enjoyed all the people I met. Boy, were there a lot of people! I didn't get around to everything, but I heard everything was great! I really enjoyed the speakers. Deb, and Father Tom were my favorites. I just want to Thank everyone who had anything to do with the convention, especially Rod for showing me the ropes, and helping me make new friends. It was truly an amazing experience! I can't wait to do it all again next year. Thanks for letting me share my experience.

SUBJECT: 2012 Convention

I had a fun filled weekend hob knobbing with eleven hundred alcoholics at the Colorado State Convention. It was a hoot with a lot going on from start to finish. The committees really pulled this one together nicely orchestrating a well-choreographed string of ongoing activities, speakers, workshops, hospitality and committee displays. Food, fun and fellowship with serene social sobriety all rolled together making this year's convention top notch at many levels.

Oh and, did I say it was fun..!

I'm an Alcoholic, Anonymous

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MORE CONVENTION COMMENTS

Subject: Thoughts on 2012 Colorado State Convention

Bryan R., the Convention's chair for the committee to procure speakers, asked me to be on his team, along with my friends, Jim and Tina N. We also had the task of coming up with the Voice of the convention. I had suggested someone, and Bryan said, "why don't you do it, Steve?" I was taught in AA, early on, to accept responsibilities that were given to me, whether a speaking engagement, or service position, so I suppose I couldn't refuse. Also, I had spoken at a few conventions so I felt like I knew what was expected, and could handle the job.

Being a good, sensitive Alcoholic, who still doesn't like criticism, I set out to do my job as the Voice, to the best of my ability. I called on my own experience, and consulted others to recall what made a good Voice for a convention. I concluded the Voice should be a good host to our speakers, visitors and guests and to be the best example of the Big Book and our Program, as I was representing our Colorado AA Community. At every AA function, I was always reminded to keep the new members of AA in mind, so this thought was also in play. Those of us who have been around a while, should show the new ones that we can have fun in sobriety, and there is life after alcohol.

I also wanted to let the convention attendees know that the Colorado Springs AA Community was an upbeat, vibrant, healthy collection of sober alcoholics, and we lived in the solution, "having recovered from a hopeless state of mind and body". In other words, we were serious about AA and our sobriety, while not taking ourselves too seriously. Also, that we were not strangers to our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, and that if you hang around us, not only will you most likely get sober, but you will experience the joy of living and freedom from the bondage of self. I believe the quality of the speakers that Brian, Tina, Jim and I selected mirrored those characteristics.

I had a great time doing my job as The Voice and I am very grateful I had the opportunity to be of service. Many of the speakers told me how much they appreciated our warm hospitality and all of the hard work that went in to making the 2012 AA State Convention a big success.

Keep the faith,
Steve

I thought the convention was awesome. Coffee 24/7 meetings around the clock, tons of people I haven't seen in ages. This always brings me back to my primary purpose. That common peril and unity was displayed during the convention. Smoking cigarettes outside and conversing/joking with old friends was the highlight of my day. Glad I found the fellowship I craved.

Donovan B.

Wow, Colorado Springs, Woodland Park, Ellicott, etc.! You Rock! I am still in awe at the way in which our fellowship stepped up to be of service for the 2012 Colorado State Convention. We would like to thank *District 7, the committee and subcommittees and ALL the volunteers* who gave their time, energy and spirit to make the Convention a huge success. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

This was my first time co-chairing an Area 10 event. The experience was irreplaceable and one I will always treasure. I am truly blessed and humbled to have been a small part of something so magnificent!

In gratitude,
Robin M.

My experience with the Area Convention...

It was awesome! I had the best of times. I have only been in Colorado Springs for about 4 years. So I was expecting to know some people at the Convention. But I am happy to say I got to say hello to many more than I thought. I also realized how much more deeply I care for the people I know in AA. Great surprise!

I want to say great things about the running of the Convention. Everything ran smoothly as far as I could see. And I know that a great deal of credit goes to the volunteers. So many people gave a portion of their weekend to helping the rest of us have a wonderful time. Service work shows itself in so many ways.

Thank you to the many folks who chose to take leadership in the forming of the Convention. I saw some of the ways they gave their all for the weekend. For example I saw how the Chair of the Convention was responding to issues during the Saturday Banquet. I saw the Chair of volunteers working hard all over. And Robin, our own Service Office worker, saw to the running of the service office at the Convention, besides being the Vice Chair of the Convention. Again, thank you to all the people who made my experience at the Convention a memorable one. You done good, as grandpa used to say.

Marykatherine M., alcoholic

Greetings, I wanted to take the time to say thank you for all of the time and effort. I volunteered with Shelia and Monica for registration. What an awesome job those two women did for us. Rod Q you were so quick with your pre convention responses. The hospitality room was above and beyond. I was proud to be a little part of this event.

With kind regards,
Mary Z Woodland Park Study Group. Sat.

• **HAPPY ENDING** •

*Awareness is either natural or normal
Lacking understanding about life
Normal replaces my natural
A mixed up fool comes of age*

*Life is about differences
Characteristics soon betray
Natural is simply love
Normal is both love and injustice*

*Recovery from chaos a must
Perversion becomes defined
Wrongs to be admitted
Maturing love the solution*

*Being afraid is utterly appalling
Phobias overshadow life virtues
The source of folly confessed
A conscious traitor disappears*

*Fear is the dastardly culprit
Guilt and Shame ousted too
Peace of mind the desired outcome
Serenity to last a lifetime*

*Sharing love becomes my joy
Helping everyone my task
The lesson becomes apparent
To all who lend an ear*

*Unconscious love is natural
Subconscious love evolves into love actions
Knowing conscious love beholds genuine righteousness
Happiness blooms to reveal pure and absolute beatitude*

*Author
Serene Destiny
Colorado Springs*

• **EDITORS NOTE** •

Serene Destiny celebrated 21 years of serene spiritual sobriety as of September 21, 2012.

Since this is an anonymous program all I have left to say is congratulations!

~ **ALCOTHON 2013** ~

The Planning Begins!

Who: Anyone Interested in SERVICE

What: All committees including

- Registration •
- Entertainment •
- Continuous Meetings •
- Concessions •
- Pot Luck •
- Speakers •
- Decorations •
- Set Up / Clean Up •
- Greeters / Friendlies •

more will be revealed as things come together

When: Mon., Oct. 1 at 6:00pm

Where: Sacred Heart Parish

Why: Because we like to party sober!

What used to be the hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind.

(BB pg. 87)

If you want to change who you are,
change what you do.

The Big Book is like a cookbook - you can read it all day long and starve.
You have to take the action.

If you stay humble, you will not stumble.

Our neighbor's window looks much cleaner if we first wash our own.

Yesterday is a canceled check,
tomorrow is a promissory note,
today is cash in hand, spend it wisely.



Fighting a Pint Pot
From the Grapevine Volume 1, Issue 2 (1944)

Buy your individual or group supplies from our **Area Service Office** and we **ALL** benefit!

**BOOKS - COINS
Conversation!**

***Just a few great reasons
to stop by and say HI!***

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

**THANK
YOU**

In the month of August
we received
8 Grateful Giver
contributions &
2 Birthday contributions!

- To Report on Lost Causes -

By Julie A. - Colorado Springs

To report on lost causes

call _____

or email _____

Call God.

It can be your lost cause
or it can be that of another.

Stopping the

motion

Do not act hastily.

Lost causes are sometimes
only misplaced.

If all causes are lost
immediately contact your Higher Power.

Try sitting still, or call someone
not to speak, but to listen.

This restores your first cause -
To Witness.

MEETING ADDITIONS - DELETIONS - CHANGES

Westside Eye Opener: **CHANGED** from Open discussion to a 'As Bill Sees It' discussion.
 Sunday at 7:30am – Clean Slate Meeting Place!

This meeting has changed from a GROUP to a MEETING.

Early Bird Meeting: **CHANGED** time from 6:00am to 6:30am – Behind McDonalds on Wahsatch.

Nightwatch Committee Meeting: **CHANGED** location from The Peer to Sacred Heart Parish Room 10.
 The first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Reflections: **DELETED** daily at 7:00am - Behind McDonalds on Wahsatch.

Rocketed Into The Fourth Dimension: **ADDED** Meditation, open discussion - Thursday at Noon.

1st United Methodist Church, Rm 134 – Use Boulder St. entry.

Light Miners Group: **ADDED** Open Discussion – Monday at 7:00 am - Aspen Mine Center
 166 E. Bennett Ave, Cripple Creek

~ OCTOBER BIRTHDAY MILESTONES ~					
HAPPY HOUR		TUESDAY NEW WOMEN'S		SOLUTIONS	
Larry M.	1 yr.	Mariellyn M.	40 yrs.	Alan R.	3 yrs.
Amy M.	4 yrs.	Kathy F.	35 yrs.	Ernie M.	1 yr.
Dawn B.	20 yrs.	Catherine G.	5 yrs.	Greg W.	4 yr.
Christopher P.	4 yrs.	Carlie K.	4 yrs.	Hubert W.	4 yr.
Thea S.	5 yrs.	Jeri R.	2 yr.	Joanie S.	2 yrs.
WALK THE TALK		Becky C.	1 yr.	Steve C.	2 yrs.
Michelle A.	3 yrs.	STEEL MAGNOLIAS		Erica	1 yr.
John G.	4 yrs.	Becky J.	19 yrs.	J.K.	2 yrs.
Charlie S.	1 yr.	FRIDAY WOMEN'S		Traci M.	2 yrs.
Veronica C.	1 yr.	Amy C.	25 yrs.	ELLICOT GROUP	
Scott G.	14 yrs.	Sherry M.	14 yrs.	Ross H.	9 yrs.
Melissa S.	2 yrs.	Su S.	8 yrs.	Serene Destiny 21 yrs.	
Marc R.	8 yrs.	Bryana C.	6 yrs.	October	
Dan L.	9 yrs.	Jenna B.	3 yrs.	* Total Years 295 yrs.	
Susan M.	5 yrs.	Rhonda G.	1 yr.		

* Equals total years reported from our local groups.
 To have your group years added please submit your milestones to pint@coloradospringsaa.org

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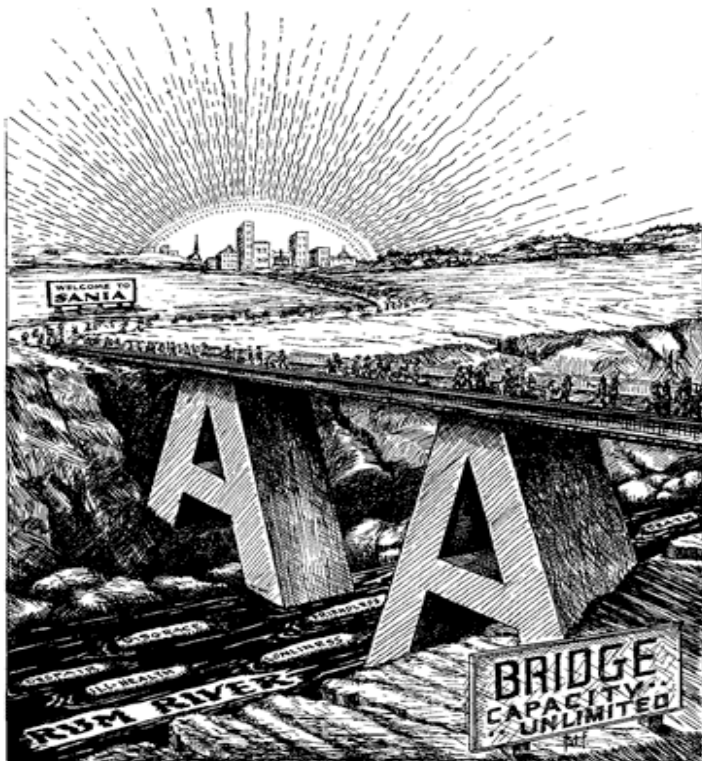
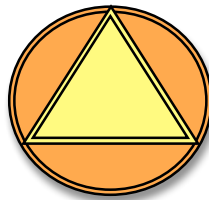
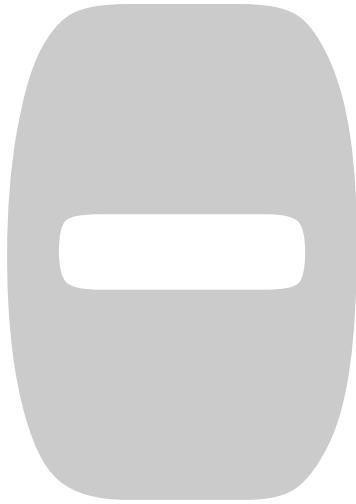
Recovery

THINK

Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous. There you will find release from care, boredom and worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean something at last. The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship, and so will you. (BB pg 151)



Concept 10: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.



Step 10:
Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10:
Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A. A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

**TRADITIONS CHECKLIST
Tradition Ten**

- 1) Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
- 2) Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
- 3) What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
- 4) Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
- 5) What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
- 6) Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
- 7) How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

This years Gratitude Dinner is at
SOLO'S RESTAURANT

• Saturday November 10 •

Terry H. will tell his story!

Fellowship, Food and maybe some Fun too!

All for one low price of \$25.00

• Only 100 seats available! •

~ Contact Trisha at 646-6382 ~

~ Roger at 306-6459 ~

for tickets or more information.

*This event will sell out
so get your tickets today!*

• CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

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Pink Can Contributions

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(Make checks payable to Area 10 Corrections Committee)

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• COMMITTEE INFORMATION •

Public Information:

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

Cooperation with the Professional Community:

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

Corrections:

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

Treatment:

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

Nightwatch:

Night Owls Meetings are held @7:00 p.m., 1st Tuesday of the month at Sacred Heart Parish, 21st and Pikes Peak Room 10 - Following the New Beginners meeting.

**For more committee information including
intergroup committees please go to
coloradospringsaa.org**



**"I'm very happy for you, but I'm afraid 90 days sobriety
just isn't enough collateral."**

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	August	GROUP NAME (2012-2013)	Fiscal Yr. to date	August
Apex	\$182.83	\$50.67	Noon Meetings @ Clean Slate	\$0.00	
Back to Basics	\$295.06		Northwesters	\$200.00	
Big Book Action	\$200.00	\$200.00	Not A Glum Lot	\$0.00	
Big Book Study UPH	\$250.00		Oasis Group	\$0.00	
Black Forest	\$158.55		Off The Wall	\$166.89	\$48.20
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Old North End Study Group	\$165.50	\$165.50
Brown Baggers	\$150.00		Penrose Discussion	\$19.80	
Central	\$0.00		Plug in the Jug	\$0.00	
Clean Air Group	\$0.00		Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$140.00	
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$121.60	\$121.60	Primary Purpose Men's Group	\$133.00	\$133.00
Down By The Creek	\$0.00		Progress Not Perfection	\$176.49	\$31.42
Downtown Group	\$1,377.56		Recovery in Action	\$94.40	
Drylander's Group	\$34.65		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$0.00	
Easy Does It	\$225.00		Security Eye Opener	\$0.00	
Ellicott Group	\$116.50	\$116.50	Serenity Hour	\$100.00	
1515 Meditation Group	\$0.00		Serenity Riders	\$0.00	
Foxhall Group	\$141.04		Serenity Sisters	\$126.00	\$126.00
Friday Night Live	\$200.00		Silver Key Seniors	\$0.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$300.00	\$300.00	Solutions at Noon	\$121.23	\$24.85
Garage Meeting	\$325.00		Steel Magnolias	\$109.53	
Good Ole Boys	\$250.00	\$250.00	Sunday Morning Speaker	\$308.24	
Half Pint Group	\$120.00	\$63.00	Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Happy Destiny	\$88.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$156.94	\$156.94
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$0.00		Taking Steps	\$200.00	
Happy Heathens	\$163.00		Then and Now	\$0.00	
Happy Hour	\$570.05		Thursday Mens	\$300.00	
High Noon	\$111.50	\$25.50	Thursday Noon--Woodland Park	\$100.00	
H.O.W.	\$35.10		Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$60.00	\$60.00
Into Action	\$156.00		12@12 Group	\$0.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$0.00		Veterans for AA	\$0.00	
Lake George Group	\$78.18		Walk the Talk	\$2,040.00	\$680.00
Living Free	\$81.00		Walking on Water	\$100.00	
Living Sober	\$138.00		We Are Not Saints	\$1,017.42	\$636.62
Living Sober South	\$105.04	\$16.50	Wed. Westside Womens	\$118.00	
M.A.G.	\$176.02		Westside Eye Opener	\$110.59	
Natural High	\$0.00		Woodland Park Beginners	\$50.00	
New Beginners	\$292.00		Woodland Park Book Study	\$150.00	
New Woman	\$339.44		Young People	\$188.00	
Totals:				\$13,233.15	\$3,206.30

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.



Nightwatch Night Owls News



Hello fellow Night Owls and members of our A.A. community. If you are reading this and don't know what the Nightwatch Program is, let me explain. We are a group of volunteers from Alcoholics Anonymous who are responsible for answering the phones when the Service Office is closed. I can assure you what we do is crucial to a lot of people still sick and suffering and quite important to some who are simply searching for answers to an array of questions.

I have exciting news regarding Project E.A.S.E. (Elimination of the Answering Service Experiment). The project was launched in September for two weeks and all things considered, we did very well. It seems we *are* able to handle the volume of calls that we are now receiving. After a few changes in the schedule, we are set to resume the experiment for another two weeks in October.

Our last meeting was productive in discussion of how to proceed with this endeavor to best meet the needs of our community and to better facilitate calls coming into our volunteers. I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Night Owls for their continued service and excellent feedback they are providing to help us get through this transitional period. You are all appreciated!

As previously mentioned, we have decided to move our monthly meeting location from The Peer to Sacred Heart School, Room 10, located on the corner of 21st Street and Pikes Peak Ave. The Nightwatch Service Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm where we discuss questions and concerns about the program and hand out the necessary packets to new volunteers.

Calling all Night Owls! Hoot! Hoot! If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Night Owl, call Gina S. at 719-502-1154 or you may contact the Service Office at 719- 573-5020. We do ask that you have six months of continuous sobriety and be prepared to commit to one year of service. If you can answer this call for help, then you will be blessed with more calls from people in need of assistance.

Night Owl Words of Wisdom: "Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward. In other words, if you carry the message to still others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given to you."

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No satisfaction has been deeper and no joy greater than in a Twelfth Step job well done. To watch the eyes of men and women open with wonder as they move from darkness into light, to see their lives quickly fill with new purpose and meaning, and above all to watch them awaken to the presence of a loving God in their lives - - these things are the substance of what we receive as we carry A.A.'s message.

1. Letter, 1959
2. Twelve and Twelve, P. 110

From: As Bill Sees It p. 29

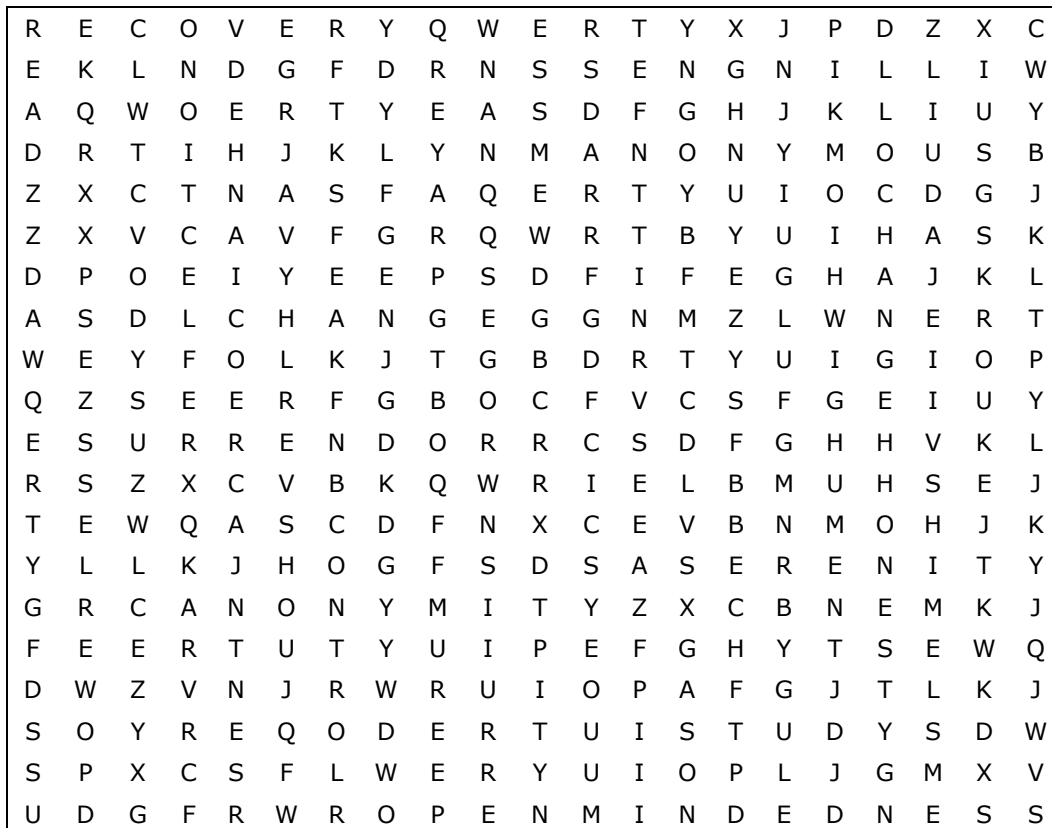
Happily in Service,
Gina S.

**Don't stumble over
service opportunities...
Write for The Pint!
or make coffee 'er something...**

There are 20 words in this puzzle and they are forward, backward, diagonal and some even intersect with others. How long will it take you?

• RECOVERY WORD SEARCH •

- RECOVERY
- STEPS
- BIGBOOK
- ANONYMOUS
- STUDY
- BELIEVE
- ANONYMITY
- HONEST
- HUMBLE
- OPENMINDEDNESS
- REFLECTION
- PRAYER
- POWERLESS
- CONTROL
- CHANGE
- SURRENDER
- INVENTORIES
- SERENITY
- READ
- WILLINGNESS



Heard from an old-timer:

"I probably only need one meeting a week, but I go every day because I don't know which one it's going to be."

Fast Thinking

"ON a trip from Ireland to Eire, Pat was stopped at the border line by the customs officer, who asked if he had anything to declare.

'Only a bottle of water," replied Pat.

'What kind?' asked the official.

'Holy water,' replied Pat.

Long experience had taught the official to take nothing for granted, so he asked to see the bottle. Pat protested but finally handed the bottle over.

'Whisky!' cried the official.

'Glory be!' exclaimed the quick thinking Pat fervently, 'a miracle!'

The Alconaire

Last Months Caption



"Yeah!! Bring a couple a bottles and we'll have a party!"

"Yeah boss, it's a nice room and I should hit my quota----tomorrow."

"I've got our company literature laid out, all over the room, boss."

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