

A Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

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## Topics by the Month JANUARY: Step

One—Powerlessness FEBRUARY: AA Singleness of Purpose MARCH: What's your bottom look like? **APRIL:** Humility

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I AM RESPONSIBLE... When anyone, anywhere, Reaches out for help, I want The hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible. "A.A. Legacy of Service"



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## **EDITOR'S NOTES**

If you count yourself a mem- message? How can YOU be hand than by being the voice Twelfth Step work involves this month. sharing the A.A. message with you sober.

of Service pamphlet that we in comer by the strength of the vice. Become an Intergroup AA go beyond just a set of coffee and by the "excitement Representative or a General principles—we are a society for service" that they bring to Service Representative. And deed, service is the Third Leg- sizes the spiritual fitness com- help someone in recovery acy of AA, following behind ponent of service and the vari- who's in need-anytime and Recovery and Unity. As the ety of ways you can be of ser- anywhere. pamphlet states: "Service to vice. He shares what Dr. Bob others and to the Fellowship said about service; how it is So, just do it. Oh, and Write reminds us that we owe our "the greatest gift AA has to for the **P**int! sobriety to the work of earlier offer." Do you want the gift? members..our continued sobridreds of thousands who still committee. need to learn of A.A." But always looking for help and

other alcoholics—and that Bill (not that Bill!) writes that chairs, ensure the coffee is carrying the message will keep he found true empathy and brewed and hot, and that the caring from "alcoholic" thera- cups are all arranged. Perhaps pists at meetings. Bill W. said in A.A.'s Legacy shares that she can tell a new- There is always General Ser-

ety may depend on the hun- Ask your sponsor. Join a Nightwatch is how exactly do you carry the what better way to extend a

ber of the fellowship of Alco- of service? Perhaps you can on the other end of the phone holics Anonymous (AA) then gain some perspective and when someone desperately is you already know that the some answers from our shares reaching out for help? Getinvolved with your group by volunteering to set out the Stormie you have a political bent? of alcoholics in action. In- the AA rooms. Zack empha- always, always be ready to

DECEMBER, 2014

#### "What Was so Freely Given to Me"

When I showed up to Alcoholics Anonymous I was broken, des- I'm Stormie and I'm an Alcoholic! Nothing ensures immunity The manner in which the fellowship around me conducted them- that's what I have been taught! From the time that I became a the way that a group of people I had never met or done anything to sanity. I was promised certain trials and low spots in sobriety for was willing to give me the shirt off their back simply to see and each time I have had the privilege to step into one, it has me survive, or so I thought that was the reason they were so help- been the constant thought of another and how I may meet their ful. I asked another member and was told it was called "being of needs that has kept me out of my head, firmly planted in my 12<sup>th</sup> service," and that it was essential to our survival. Today, after step, and focused on the fact that a power greater than me com-1055 days of continuous sobriety, I discovered that what Dr. Bob pletely has my back. So much more than that I really LIKE being described as "the greatest gift A.A. has to offer," is absolutely of service, it's an honor. crucial to my sobriety.

"In the Beginning"

perate and willing to go to any length for victory over alcohol. from drinking like intensive work with other alcoholics, at least selves was simply amazing. However, what truly baffled me was member of AA until now, services has been the fastest way back

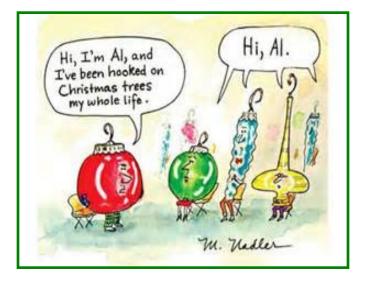
I remember getting my first official service position in my home

Contrary to popular belief, service is not vital to my sobriety because AA needs it to function, it's essential for me to stay spiritually fit and spread the message of our 12 step program. Service is vital to my sobriety because it is the most effective method I have found to spread the message to the new mem-

When I demonstrate accountability, honesty and reliability needs! through service, it shows the newcomer that there is a solution to an illness that is incurable. Finally, service provides me a friendly reminder that I suffer from a terminal illness and have to maintain spiritual fitness in my life or I will die from this malady. There is no better routine for me, the alcoholic, than being of service to the fellowship that saved my life.

Another misconception is that being of service only means having a service position such as Coffee Maker or GSR. Service consists of various acts we perform to help others and in return strengthen our sobriety including sponsorship, introducing yourself to the newcomer, giving somebody a ride to a meeting etc. Before coming to the rooms, I never felt I belonged anywhere, that there was nobody that understood the terrifying problems I had. As I entered the rooms, I was offered to join some of the other members after the meetings and I, the newcomer, could see I suffered from the same disease as others and at long last felt a sense of belonging. No matter the length of your sobriety, continue to be of service and a part of this great fellowship. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Zack M.



Heard at a Meeting... "The rooms are a haven for the sick, not a showcase for the well."

group and I got to make coffee. I will never forget putting 4 scoops of coffee in the 2 scoop filter and serving it to my group as if I had just made gold! I was so excited to be a part of and to be of service and to be filled with purpose. It

ber that walks through the door as broken as I was. Furthermore, was nice to pour everyone their coffee first and take mine last. It our fellowship is based off attraction rather than promotion. meant that I could think of others and how I could help meet their

> A man came to that meeting from out of town and grabbed a cup of coffee. He took half a sip and said," We must have a newcomer in the house today!" I honestly didn't realize he was talking about the coffee that day. My group later told me only 2 scoops were needed!

> Over the years' service continues to remind me to put my higher power first, especially when the promises have come true in my life and I'm busy, or tired, or just out of sorts. When I carry this message to another the magic of the steps gives off a divine spark that we need to survive the certain trials and low spots. I trust more in my God to handle my life and send exactly the people he/she knows I need to do his/her will. God works through us all to help save each other.

> Funny enough, a year ago I stopped into a meeting I hadn't been in in a long time. I was in a lot of pain and growing as we do, and I grabbed a cup of coffee. I took one sip and I'm sure all of my evelashes fell out on the table at the strength of the coffee, and in my head, I heard the man again. I laughed out loud because I understood how he knew there was a newcomer in the room. Sure enough a young lady had placed 4 scoops in the 2 scoop filter! That day I got to show this new member how the coffee actually only needs 2 scoops! More than that, God sent me an AA angel just trying to be of service. She didn't know it, she was just excited to make coffee and to be with us, but in talking to her my pain slipped from me as if I had never held onto it before and I divinely connected with a girl who has turned into a beautiful woman. This newer woman was able to offer me a key piece of information I simply was unable to hear anywhere else. This... she was...at that time, WE were God's will for each other! All of this around coffee!

> For all of the coffee, service, and love I say thank you to AA for my life and my sobriety!

#### "Empathy is Service"

I am "dual diagnosed", that is I am afflicted by both alcoholism and mental illness. I have often wondered if one caused the other. I believe my alcoholism came first but that was decades before I admitted it and years before the major mental breakdown in my mid-20s. Today, I am fairly content in not knowing the exact relationship between my alcoholism and mental illness. In fact, ue seeing my therapist. I realize the program is not a cure-all

after all, I don't think it really matters. The crucial realization is that I have many problems in many areas, alcoholism, depression, anxiety, relationships, over -eating, compulsions, obsessions, and other illnesses of the mind and soul.

Heard at a Meeting... "I used to say that I grew up in Colo-

rado Springs, now I say I grew up in AA."

I began drinking in my early teens and quickly took it very seriously. I used it, successfully at first, to treat my weak ego, fragile emotions, troubled home life, and stormy relationships. By college my illness was in full force and the campus scene melded well with my insatiable appetite for partying. Somehow I managed to keep my grades up but also managed to destroy several relationships. After college, I started my professional career and continued my drinking career. Within a couple years, I had a major mental breakdown with catastrophic depression. Drinking and my usual "home remedies" were completely ineffective and, although I didn't realize it at the time, my remedies were counterproductive, worsening the depression.

Depression and mental illness were taboo topics in those days (and still carry much stigma today). In utter desperation, I contacted a therapist/social worker and began "talk therapy". This was the beginning of two decades of expensive and minimally effective therapy to treat my mental illness. Over the years, the depression was joined by anxiety, panic attacks, and occasional psychosis. All the while, I continued to drink and also continued to lie to my therapists about how much and how often I drank. In the short term, alcohol was a suitable substance to calm my anxiety but in the long run it only aggravated my mental illness.

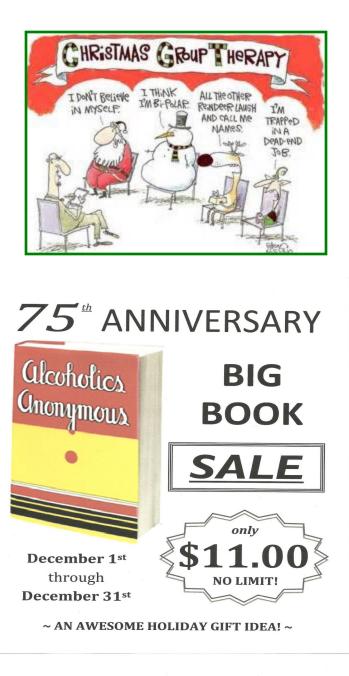
Dozens and dozens of therapists over 20+ years all had the same basic approach...let's talk about Bill and all the crap he's gone through in his life. Hours upon hours of talking about Bill and his problems made me really frickin' tired of hearing myself talk about myself, particularly since I wasn't being honest. Almost without exception, the therapists were well educated, sympathetic, and told me what I already knew. They managed to keep me relatively sane although not the slightest bit sober...I drank through all of it.

Real recovery from mental illness coincided with real recovery from drinking. My talk therapy sessions slowed after I started attending meetings. I also quickly noticed that I felt better after meetings than I usually did after therapy sessions. How could this be? These people weren't therapists and the discussions were not centered on me. And, rather than \$100/hour, it was \$1/hour. Of course, the chairs were not as comfortable but there was free coffee (even though it was Folgers).

After a few meetings, I began to realize that although the discussions were not about me, they were about us and I was just one fup'ed person in a group of similarly f-up'ed people. I also started to see the effectiveness of meetings in treating my mental illnesses...I wondered how. Soon I realized a key difference - the em-

pathetic eyes, reassuring nods, lingering glances, and compassionate hugs at meetings were absent in the therapist's office. These alcoholic "therapists" had been to the same corner of hell as me. They understood. Really understood. This what not textbook treatment based upon academic intelligence. This was true empathy, true caring, true support, true love, and true recovery. Today I gladly take medication for my mental illness and continmany times I have trouble distinguishing one from the other but; (Daily Reflections, April 23) but is most definitely the corner

stone of my recovery from alcoholism and mental illness Bill



**Concept 12:** The Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.



Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

## **SHOUT OUT**

2014 Alcothon Food Committee

#### **Donations** Flyer

For this year's NYE event we are asking that each individual group donate a sum of money they are comfortable with to the intergroup and central office, for us to put towards the cost of the meal. In addition we are requesting that each group donate a baked good to be added to the Desert Table. Each group will be responsible for bringing the baked good to the Alcothon.

Please send all contributions you have collected to Robin at the central office.

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

Robin at Central Office: 719-573-5020

Kasey W: 720-315-9330

## TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

## **Tradition 12:**

- 1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- 2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- 3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- 4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- 5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
- 6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition or belie it?
- 7. Do I do all I can to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine sub-scription?
- 8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
- 9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
- 10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
- 11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
- 12. What is the real importance of me among more than millions AAs?

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## **GROUP FORUM PAGE**

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND MEETING CHANGES**

# SHOUT OUT

MEETING CHANGES

#### A NEW GROUP

Open Discussion, Handicapped Access Tuesday at 12:00 West Side Cares 2808 W. Colorado Blvd CHANGE



#### WOMEN'S STEP STUDY

Open Discussion, Handicapped Access Tuesday at 5:30 P.M. Cultural Center, East door, Highway 24 & Fairview 210 E. Midland Ave Woodland Park

CHANGE



In the month of October the

Service Office received

7 Grateful Giver contributions and

6 Personal contributions!

You are AWE-SOME!



HAPPY HOUR			
Bruce F	5 yrs.		
Courtney B.	7 yrs.		
Jason S.	5 yrs.		
John N.	31 yrs.		
Nalene	4 yrs.		
Deb	15 yrs.		



SOLUTIONS AT NOON		
Becky C.	5 yrs.	
Jerry R.	1 yr.	
Ron G.	2 yrs.	

**CENTRAL GROUP TUESDAY SPEAK-ER LINE-UP** 8:00 p.m.

December 2: Greg S. 26 yrs December 9th Gary P. 8 yrs December 16: Jeff S. 12 yrs. December 23: Jeff S. 6 yrs. December 30: James N. 23 yrs.

TUESDAY NE			
Ashley C.	21 yrs.		
Carol H.	19 yrs.		
Joan B.	19 yrs.		
Lindsay A.	8yrs.		
Beth P.	2 yrs.		
Ginny M-K	20 yrs.		
Kim D.	1 yr.		
FRIDAY WOMENS			
Jeri H.	23 yrs.		
Jeri H. Linda F.	23 yrs. 6 yrs.		
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	6 yrs.		
Linda F. Mi Lu T.	6 yrs. 24 yrs.		
Linda F. Mi Lu T. Karol P.	6 yrs. 24 yrs. 4 yrs. 31 yrs.		



	Fiscal Yr. to date	October	GROUP NAME (2014-2015)	Fiscal Yr. to date	October
Above the Bar Group	\$150.00		Oasis Group	\$0.00	
Арех	\$130.17		Off The Wall	\$122.60	
Back to Basics	\$474.00	\$134.50	Old North End Study Group	\$32.75	
Beacon Light Group			Pre-Dawn Meeting	\$0.00	
Big Book Action	\$497.72	\$250.00	Primary Purpose		
Big Book Study UPH	\$300.00		Progress Not Perfection	\$253.79	\$30.12
Black Forest	\$100.00		Recovery in Action	\$359.33	\$176.51
Broadmoor	\$0.00		Saturday Early Morning Mtg.	\$226.80	
Brown Baggers	\$150.00		Saturday Morning Anonymous Group	\$104.67	
Central	\$0.00		Security Eye Opener	\$0.00	
Clean Air Group	\$41.00		Serenity Hour	\$300.00	\$50.00
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$160.00		Serenity Riders	\$151.16	
Down By The Creek	\$0.00		Serenity Sisters	\$109.00	
Downtown Group	\$1,105.36	\$721.20	Solutions at Noon	\$202.15	\$12.51
Drylander's Group	\$0.00		Sought Through Prayer & Medita- tion	\$168.55	\$36.60
Easy Does It	\$50.00		Steel Magnolias	\$80.00	\$42.50
Ellicott Group	\$256.00		Stepping Stones	\$0.00	
Eye Opener	\$0.00		Sunday Morning Speaker	\$1,003.00	
First Forty	\$0.00		Sunday Night Big Book Study (Clean Slate)	\$0.00	
Foxhall Group	\$0.00		Sunlight of the Spirit - Women's 12x12 (Monument)	\$225.00	
Friday Night Live	\$967.50		Taking Steps	\$0.00	
Friday Women's Group	\$100.00		The Doctor's Opinion	\$0.00	
Good Ole Boys	\$75.00		The Garage Meeting	\$106.00	
Happy Destiny	\$374.54	\$138.38	The Sober Jokers	\$200.00	
Happy Heathens	\$300.00		Then and Now	\$75.00	
Happy Hour	\$217.96		Thursday Mens	\$1,200.00	
Happy, Joyous & Free	\$270.00		Thursday NoonWoodland Park	\$80.00	
High Noon	\$103.00		Treating The Illness	\$152.50	\$81.00
H.O.W.	\$70.00		Turning Point	\$0.00	
Into Action	\$360.00	\$180.00	Ute Pass Breakfast Group	\$210.00	
Keystone to Recovery	\$0.00		Veterans for AA	\$0.00	
Lake George Group	\$0.00		Walk the Talk	\$2,550.00	
Little Log Church Group			Walking on Water	\$200.00	
Living Free	\$139.00		We Are Not Saints	\$342.30	
Living Sober South	\$185.14	\$34.00	Wed. Westside Womens	\$0.00	
Meditation Group			Westside Eye Opener	\$50.00	
M.A.G.	\$479.12	\$143.62	Women of Grace		
Natural High	\$0.00		Woodland Park Beginners	\$0.00	
New Beginners	\$492.50	\$170.50	Woodland Park Book Study	\$164.00	
New Woman	\$356.30		Woodland Park Women's Step Study		
Northwesters	\$360.00		Young People	\$422.44	
	φ300.00		Totals:	\$422.44 \$17,565.35	\$2,227.44

## ARCHIVES PRESENTS: AA in Colorado Springs A Brief Look at Some of the Events Along the TIMELINE: 1945

#### DATELINE... COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO...1945... Pueblo comes of Age and the Springs has 2 Groups

#### June 1945...

- *Mert R. Reports of Dave's Progress in Pueblo;* Mert R. reported that Dave C., who is responsible for the Colorado Springs Group, is working with the people from Pueblo who have been attending our meetings. He expects to soon have a self-supporting group organized there.
- *Dave's Wife, Louise, Speaks at a Meeting;* Dave C.'s wife apparently served as a chairperson at an open meeting in June of 1945, introducing herself in this fashion:
- "I am Louise Clark. My husband is an alcoholic, and I am tonight's chairperson. This is the regular Tuesday night meeting of the Colorado Springs and Canon City groups of Alcoholics Anonymous."
- "It is made a little irregular, perhaps, by the fact that the wives and sweethearts of the members have taken over the meeting, and while I think of it, I might mention for the benefit of those who have not been here for some time; that all the meetings are now open to the ladies."
- "The members, taking a cue from their eastern contemporaries and recognizing the fact that we are just as interested, and have just as much, maybe more at stake, voted unanimously for the open meeting. I believe I can speak for the other of my sex in thanking them for doing so. We women feel that we are members just as surely as our men are."
- "You men all know why you are here: Because you are alcoholic and are engaged in a mutual battle against America's number one health problem. And, we women are here because we consider it our number one job to help you win that fight. After all, it's our fight, too, because if you lose it, we lose everything that is near and dear to us. Tonight's meeting has been turned over to us so that we may advance our ideas about Alcoholics Anonymous; so we may offer any theories or suggestions we may have to help you become a stronger and more successful group."
- (It is not clear whether Mrs. C. was speaking at an open meeting of the original group (later to become the Central Group), or at a new group (the No. 2 Group) established by her husband Dave in which all meetings were open.)

#### September 1945—Colorado Springs Forms a Second Group...

Dave Clark Organized Group No 2 in Colorado Springs in September, 1945, which was set up to hold all open meetings.

Dave wrote again to New York:

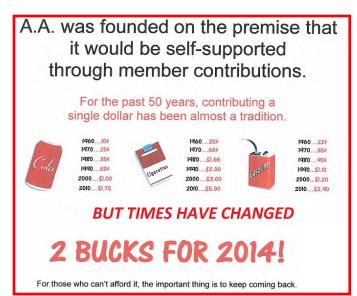
"We have been going great guns since last I wrote. We now have two groups in Colorado Springs. One, with 10 members, has all open meetings, and the other, about 20 members, has closed meetings. We have also managed to get a group started in Pueblo and have won the head of the state hospital there as a staunch friend. We also have an alcoholic doctor on the staff and he has started a second group in the hospital."

This Colo Spgs No. 2 Group apparently didn't thrive. We deactivated it on our records at New York.

#### December 16, 1945—Central Group Becomes Official.

Mert R. recorded in penciled notes the minutes of the steering committee meeting. Three members were present. It was agreed to adopt the name, The Colorado Springs Central Group and to have 5,000 pamphlets printed. It was also agreed that Christmas and New Years Eve parties ought to be held to assist members over the holidays. Mert often referred to this time as the "Silly Season" saying that even persons who drank socially had the tendency to consume too much alcohol then. He also thought it was a very difficult time for alcoholics.

There were three groups at this time, and it was suggested that all groups try to work through a central office sharing publicity, meeting times, and other important data. HAPPY SILLY SEASON!





## NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING



The Purpose of Nightwatch <u>TRADITION FIVE</u> Each Group Has But One Primary Purpose- To Carry Its Message To The Alcoholic Who Still Suffers

#### NIGHTWATCH COMMITTEE MEETING The1<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)



#### Contact Info:

Service Office 24hr Hotline (719)573-5020 www.coloradospringsaa.org 1353 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209 Colorado Springs, CO 80905

www.nightwatch@coloradospringsaa.org

#### THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS ARE: 1 YEAR OF CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY AND A 1 YEAR COMITTMENT OF SERVICE

CONTRIBUTION ADDRESSES •

#### ~ AREA SERVICE OFFICE ~

Colorado Springs Area Service Office 1353 South 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 209 Colorado Springs, CO 80905 (Include group name and number on check) ~ GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE ~ P.O. Box 459 - Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 (Include group name and number on check) ~ AREA 10 ~ Area 10 Treasurer 12081 West Alameda Parkway #418 Lakewood, CO 80228 (Include group name, number and District 7 on check) ~ DISTRICT 7 ~ District 7 P.O. Box 26252 Colorado Springs, CO 80936 (Include group name, number and district 7 on check) ~ PINK CAN CONTRIBUTIONS ~ Pink Can Contributions

P.O. Box 40368 Denver, CO 80204 (Make checks payable to Area 10 Corrections Committee) (Include group name and number on check)

• CASH ACCEPTED IN PERSON ONLY •

#### 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. **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.

#### 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.

#### Archives:

Archive Committee Meetings: 6:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Service Office, 1353 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209

#### Special Needs:

Committee Meetings: 1:00 p.m., last Saturday of every even month at 309 S. Hancock Ave.

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

#### Local Service Office

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. SAT.-SUN.: CLOSED Location: 1353 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 209, Colorado Springs, CO 80905 Contact the Service Office for Intergroup information 719-573-5020

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**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

#### **Alcothon Planning Committee**

Thursdays through December -- 6:00 pm

We are meeting every Thursday (except for Thanksgiving and Christmas) at the same time and place until late December. Show up to help us plan to make this year's Alcothon one of the greatest! Come join the fun and help out!

Sacred Heart Church School - upstairs in Room 6 2021 W Pikes Peak Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80904



It's our Annual New Year's Eve Bash! Noon, December 31, 2014, through Noon, January 1, 2015



### 2015 Area 10 Colorado State Convention

### "Sponsorship in Action"

#### September 4- 6, 2015

Please join us in Colorado Springs for a great time with speakers, meetings, workshops, a banquet, a dance, social times and other adventures in AA fellowship. It's time to book your hotel room, register for the event and get the car ready to go!

Visit \*<u>the Area 10 Convention website</u> for more info.



## 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

## "Happy, Joyous, Free"

#### July 2 - 5, 2015 - Atlanta, Georgia

The 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2 - 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia with the theme "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 80th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Georgia Dome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Georgia World Congress Center and local hotels.

Registration will be available at the \*2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous website at aa.org starting September 3, 2014.

Start planning now! We look forward to seeing you there.

# 2014 ALCOTHON

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WHEN: Noon, New Year's Eve to Noon, New Year's Day.
WHERE: Sacred Heart Church 2030 W. Colorado Ave.
WHAT: 4PM - 6PM, Pot Luck Dinner
\* 7PM, Alanon Speaker
Ø: 8:15PM, AA Speaker (Dan)
9:30PM to 1:00AM, Dance Party

Marathon AA Meetings Throughout