



THE PIKES PEAK PINT

JUNE 2020

A newsletter for the Pikes Peak Region of Alcoholics Anonymous

7th Tradition Help Needed For June

From the pamphlet *Where Money and Spirituality Mix* (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., June 2019)
"The Seventh Tradition states: *Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.* The Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but **also** their **intergroup/central office**, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. **free** of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose—to help the alcoholic who still suffers. The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world."

As stated above, finances are not our primary purpose, however finances do enable our ability to fulfill our primary purpose in an efficient, comprehensive and timely manner. If you do not have the ability to give, that is completely understood and not a problem. If you do have the ability to give, please do so in support of the work being done for our A.A. community and the still suffering alcoholic.

Expenses wait for no virus. Contributions can be made:

1. Online using the "Contribute" link on our website home page: www.coloradospringsaa.org
 2. By Mail or stop by the office: 1353 S. 8th Street Suite 209 Colorado Springs, CO 80905 or
 3. By Telephone at the Area Service Office Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.—5 p.m. (719) 573-5020 via credit or debit card
- Your contributions, in any amount, are greatly appreciated.

An Alcoholic During COVID-19-Stay at Home

When I first heard that meetings were canceled until "further notice" I honestly didn't understand. My next thought was simply how will I survive? I've missed meetings before, but that was my choice, being told I cannot go from someone else, well that is a whole different thing. I called my sponsor to complain that this was not fair and how can they do this. She told me to stop complaining and start solving. What were my options, who could I call, and were could I pick up service work.

So like usual I spent 5 minutes mad at her then realized she was right. Being an alcoholic naturally I sat at home for awhile and felt bad for myself, selfishness, self-pity, and self-centered ran wild.

My defects of character followed shortly. I was miserable within a few days of talking to my sponsor. Then after a week or so of the "Why Me's" I remembered what my sponsor said and got busy.

I checked in with as many people as I could either calling or texting. I asked my parents if they needed any help. I talked to my older neighbor to see if they needed help shopping or running other errands.

Slowly, without realizing it I started to feel sane again. Someone told me about the zoom meetings and I started using those to stay in touch with the fellowship.

My alcoholism was always right there waiting to talk me out of the actions that were keeping me sober. It wasn't easy and it has been hard to stay motivated, to not sit in the problems and to not get caught up in everything around me that I had no control over.

One day at a time. The meetings are coming back slowly, along with everything else. I thank my Higher Power everyday for keeping me sober these past months, without her and A.A. I would not still be sober today.

With Love
Simpleob



A Little More About the Grapevine

The Grapevine was created by six AA members in the New York area — four women and two men. With the blessing of AA's co-founder Bill W., they published the first issue in June 1944, just nine years after the founding of AA. A copy of that first issue was sent to every AA group — about 300 at the time — and to all known AA members in the armed services overseas. An entire page with the heading, "Mail Call for All AAs in the Armed Forces," was devoted to letters from these members, who began calling the Grapevine their "meeting in print." The title stuck, and today the Grapevine and La Viña carry it on their covers.

At the heart of the early Grapevines, then as now, were first-person stories. There were also news and notes on current happenings at the Central Office, plus reports of the explosion of new groups in North America and around the world.

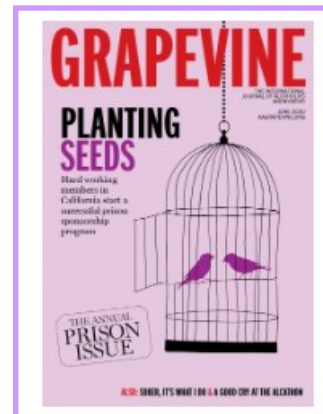
In addition to AA news, there were book reviews and magazine reprints and pieces written by non-AAs, including some well-known literary figures. Discussed were such burning topics of the day as the place of women in AA, returning veterans, and cross-addiction.

By the fourth issue, the magazine began printing this description of itself under the masthead:

"A monthly Journal devoted to those seeking further knowledge on the problem of alcoholism, in the hope that it may prove a unifying bond to all alcoholics everywhere. Individual opinions expressed here are not, necessarily, those of AA as a whole."

The Grapevine was in fact appealing to "alcoholics everywhere" and in 1945, at the request of the groups, it became the national journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Four years later, when the Grapevine's readership had expanded to include members in Canada and Europe, the designation was changed to the *International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Later issues of the Grapevine reported on important developments in the growth of the Fellowship, worldwide, such as the birth of the General Service Structure, World Service Meetings, and the publication of the Third and Fourth editions of the Big Book. The history of the Grapevine is the history of the growth of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 1986, the General Service Conference reaffirmed the magazine's place in AA with an advisory action that recognized it as The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.



June Celebrations

Easy Does It Group

Carolyn H. 10 Yrs

Donnie O 19 Yrs

Ed R. 7 Yrs

Steffy 29 Yrs

Patty H. 26 Yrs

Jacque B. 18 Yrs

Steve L. 44 Yrs

Telly W. 1 Yr

Ben B. 4 Yrs

New Beginners Group

Al T. 21 Yrs

Deanna S. 3 Yrs

Greg 4 Yrs

Kim B. 3 Yrs

Randy J. 43 Yrs

Rick C. 32 Yrs

Trish S. 4 Yrs

The Serenity Riders

Debra W. 2 Yrs

Sanna D. 7 Yrs

Adrian W. 2 Yrs

Duffy P. 27 Yrs

Jim H. 33 Yrs

Mike L. 14 Yrs

Happy Heathens Group

Cathie S. 32 Yrs

News For You

According to the Public Health Order 20-24, AA gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people. Due to this Order:

- 1) The Founder's Day Picnic for June 13th is cancelled.
- 2) The Area Service Office is open and masks must be worn while in the office. Please come visit us at 1353 S. 8th Street, Suite 209 Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 3) The Intergroup Meeting scheduled for June 9th is cancelled.

Meeting Changes

1)ADD-What's Up Meeting

Tues & Thur 10:30am

Central Group

309 S. Hancock Ave

2) DELETE- H.O.W.

Mon 7:00pm

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

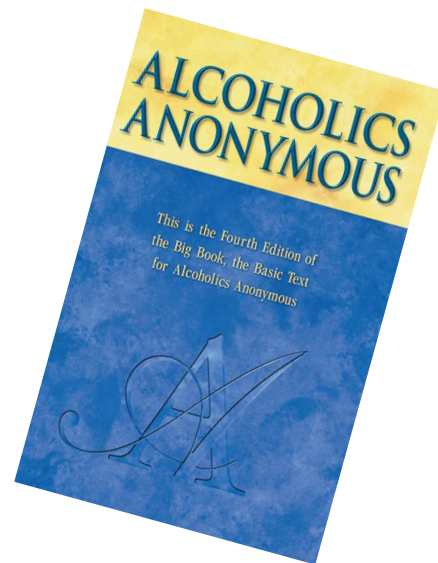
808 Manitou Ave

Manitou Springs

Please email your group's celebrations to pint@coloradospringsaa.org



This month's
"Pint Piece"
for your
personal reflection...



"If I was to recover the wholeness, the oneness of my personality, if I truly wanted a rebirth of my human spirit, a taste of the joy of living, then ... I had to surrender, not only to alcohol as an alcoholic, but to life as a person."

April 1970, "A Gift That Surpasses Understanding," Spiritual Awakenings

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.”



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.”

TRADITION 6 CHECKLIST

1. Why is it important that we not get involved in outside enterprises?
2. Is it ever wise for a group to lease a small building or endorse an outside event?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local clubhouse familiar with AA Guidelines on the relationship between AA and clubs, which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Our group’s landlord is raising money to pay for a new roof on the building. Should the group make a contribution? What if the landlord specifically asks the group to make a contribution?



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

Web: www.coloradospringsaa.org

JOIN A COMMITTEE MEETING!

These are suspended until further notice.

BRIDGING THE GAP

7:00 pm, 4th Tuesday of the month, Area Service Office
1353 South 8th Street, Suite 209, Colorado Springs

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CORRECTIONS

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

PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)

9:00 am; 2nd Saturday of each month
Area Service Office
1353 S. 8th St Suite 209

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets the 4th Saturday of the month from 1:00-2:30
Penrose Main Hospital—2222 N. Nevada Ave.
We meet in the Volunteers Conference Room.
You can also call in on our conference line at:
(515) 604-9925, access pin: 311273#

PROGRAMS

6 pm Wednesdays
Chadbourn Community Church
402 Conejos St. 80903

NIGHTWATCH

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

DISTRICT 7

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

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 8th 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 at
coloradospringsaa.org

Group 2020-2021	Fiscal YTD	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
12 Steps from the Morg	\$116	\$116					
A Common Solution	\$150		\$150				
Back to Basics	\$116	\$116					
Black Forest Group	\$205	\$205					
Don't Worry Be Happy	\$60	\$60					
Easy Does It	\$117	\$117					
Friday Night Live	\$50	\$50					
Friday Women's	\$80		\$80				
H.O.W.	\$100	\$100					
Into Action	\$100	\$100					
Little Log Cabin	\$320	\$320					
Living Sober South	\$32		\$32.00				
New Beginner's			\$185.35				
New Woman	\$144		\$144				
Northwester's			\$43				
Recovery In Action	\$168	\$168					
Recovery Systems	\$100	\$100					
Serenity Hour			\$16				
Steel Magnolias	\$106		\$106				
Thursday Night Men's	\$1,874	\$1,834	\$40				
Walk the Talk	\$2,032	\$1,607	\$425				
We Are Here	\$45	\$45					
We Are Not Saints	\$748	\$748					
WP Book Study			\$176				
WP Thursday Noon	\$19	\$19					
WP Tuesday Women's	\$108		\$108				
Monthly Totals	\$6,790	\$5,705	1505.35				

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



Volunteer Opportunities

Service Office Two-Hour
Volunteer Opportunities:
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1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays 3—5 p.m.

Thursdays 1—3 p.m.

Call the ASO at 719-573-5020 or

Email: serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

Must have 6 months of sobriety to volunteer

