

The Pikes Peak Pint

July 2024

The Seventh Step Prayer

from page 76 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen Reprinted from the book Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book) with permission of A.A.

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The Seventh Tradition

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

"Passing the basket" at meetings is our way of meeting our responsibility for the work of A.A. Our own contributions support the group, the General Service Office, and all A.A. activities



As active alcoholics we were always looking for a handout — in one way or another. . .



Part of our personal recovery came in making ourselves into responsible human beings



Experience has shown us, also, that A.A. as a whole needs to be self-supporting and independent

We do have to be practical. A group can hardly hold its regular meetings on a street corner, and an empty basket won't fill a coffee urn. As soon as we become active in a group, we learn how many expenses are involved in making its meetings effective. Then our horizons broaden. What about that intergroup or central office so many of us called to ask for help? Phone companies don't give free service. Beyond our own locality, we learn about the A.A. General Service Office and the work it does for groups everywhere. A.A. activity is self-supporting at all levels, and in every case the responsibility comes right back to us, the individual members, for we *are* A.A.

Perhaps, especially when we are very new, our contributions clink, rather than rustle. The first members were in the same fix, and it seemed to them that A.A. would need more outside help than the modest gifts then coming in.



Their plans required grand-scale philanthropy. (Tradition Six hadn't evolved yet; Bill W. recalled a scheme for "a chain of hospitals.") But John D. Rockefeller Jr., an early friend said, "I am afraid that money will spoil this thing." A few A.A.'s had already reached the same conclusion; gradually, this minority became a majority as experience showed that members themselves *could* provide enough to finance A.A.'s proper aim.

In its simplest application, Tradition Seven is easily understood; when we hear about a new A.A. group being started with funds from a Federal antipoverty program, our quick reaction is "Somebody goofed!" But then we come to "borderline" cases: Groups put on a raffle for the benefit of their central office and invite the public to buy tickets; a hometown paper runs an ad for an A.A. dance and show. Both projects would be routine

for any other society. For us, both mean that we've got the hand out again, asking nonmembers for money.

Often, of course, we don't have to ask. A.A. is now high on the worthy-cause list; GSO and groups politely turn down many unsolicited gifts and bequests. In Tradition Seven, there's a note of realism: Handsome gifts may have strings attached. We even put a limit of \$10,000 on the amount *members* may leave to A.A. in their wills and a limit of \$5,000 that they may contribute annually while living, so that none of us can buy influence in A.A., no matter how rich we are.

Money may pose a different problem if a group treasury grows too fat, beyond a prudent reserve. Squabbling over uses for the spare cash, groups have lost their unity and strayed from their purpose. But there's one simple solution that strengthens our unity and advances our purpose: Give the excess to A.A. activities and services....

AA Birthdays, July

Friday Womens:

Debbie B. 7 years
 Maxine C. 32 years
 Michelle E. 5 years
 Kim P. 8 years
 Connie Sue 35 years
 Maxine 39 years

New Woman Group:

Deana R. 46 years
 Nila G. 2 years
 Liz R. 15 years
 Lanie S. 1 year

Walk the Talk:

Brett A 7-8-12
 Clayton 7-20-23
 Patrick P 7-20-23
 Dennis S. 7-20-23

Post your groups Sober Birthdays by sending the information to Pinterest@coloradospringsaa.org.

AA Group Announcements!

Freedom Hall, Thursday night Men's Meeting at 7:30 pm is closing down. (Note from Mark F., treasurer.)

- **The Downtown Group** @ 210 North Corona Street has space if a meeting or a group is looking to gather somewhere. Contact John O. 719-291-3240 for further information.
- **Apex Group** @ 2021 W. Pikes Peak Avenue needs support! Apex Group meets Fridays at 6pm, at the Sacred Heart Church in room 10.

Does your group have important announcements?

- Send announcements, flyers, and information to:
pint@coloradospringsaa.org
- To subscribe, visit <https://www.coloradospringsaa.org/news-events/news/>
- The Pint is published monthly, with release dates approximately the first of each month.. Send your information within four days of the end of each month, to ensure inclusion in the following Pint edition.

AREA SERVICE OFFICE

- Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm
- Area Service Office Manager: Jeanette
- Open service office volunteer positions:
 - If you are interested in one of these times please call.
A minimum of 6 months of sobriety is suggested.
 - For more information contact (719) 573-5020 or email:

serviceoffice@coloradospringsaa.org

What is the Area Service Office (ASO)?

There are approximately 300 individual AA meeting groups in the El Paso County, Teller County area, also known as District 7. The ASO strives to make AA books, literature, medallions, and other materials available for purchase by local groups.

The ASO also operates *Night Watch*, which fields phone calls around the clock during non ASO operating hours. The ASO maintains the online website, meeting schedule, as well as facilitating Zoom meetings. The "Programs" subcommittee of ASO puts on several area events each year, including the Long-timers Luncheon, Founders' Day picnic, the annual Gratitude Dinner, and every New Year's Eve the "Alcathon," to provide an alcohol-free New Year's Eve and New Year's Day celebration involving meetings each hour of the event, as well as food and speaker sessions.

Have a Smart phone?

Download the free Meeting Guide! Goggle Play or Apple App Store

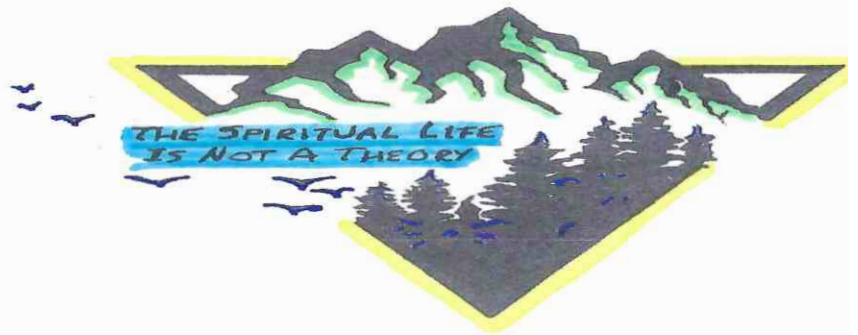
Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international General Service Office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 AA service offices directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.



<https://www.aa.org/meeting-guide-app>

Colorado State Convention 2024 In Pueblo, Co

Presented by Area 10
Alcoholics
Anonymous in
cooperation with
Area 5 Al-Anon Family
Groups
320 Central Main St, Pueblo,
CO 81003- August
16th - 18th, 2024
For updated Information



Go Online: https://www.coloradoaa.org/convention_info/
Or

Email Registration Chair at conventioneven@coloradoaa.org Speakers & Events:

Friday Evening AA Speaker: Ron B. Florida

Friday Evening: Ice Cream Social

Saturday Al-Anon Luncheon

Saturday Evening: Banquet Dinner

Saturday Evening AA Speaker: Danny B. Texas

Saturday Evening Dance

Sunday Morning AA Speaker: TBD

Workshops, Continuous Meetings, and Videos in

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The Convention runs from 3 p.m. Friday to 12 p.m. Sunday.

Lodging: Courtyard by Marriott Pueblo

Address: 110. W. 1st Street, W City Center Dr, Pueblo, CO 81003

Phone: (719) 542-3200

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1690831546618&key=GRP>

Register online at <https://www.convention.coloradoaa.org>.

For "Special Needs" consideration, please e-mail us at conventioneven@coloradoaa.org (every effort will be made to accommodate special requests). On-site registration will be open from 3 p.m.—9 p.m. Friday, August 16th, and at 8 a.m., Saturday, August 17th, 2024.

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Registration Chair phone number Keven W. 1 (719) 242-5235 AA Al-Anon/Alateen.

Registration \$35.00 After 7/12/24 \$40.00 Friday Evening Ice Cream Social \$12.00

Saturday Al-Anon Luncheon \$35.00 Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner \$42.00 Dance

\$5.00 Bottomless Coffee Mug \$20.00 Package Price \$149.00 Contributions

\$_____ Total Enclosed \$_____ Member Registration Information: Name

on Badge _____ Home Group

_____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____ I'd like to volunteer! For "Special

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Concept VII

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.



This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and “balance of powers” between the Conference and the General Service Board. “This . . . may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object.” On the one hand, “the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.’s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board.

“Thus, the practical power of the Conference is, in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. This superior power derives from the traditional influence of the Conference Charter itself; from the fact that the delegates chosen by the groups always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference members”; and finally from the ability of the delegates to cut off financial support by the groups. “Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only; but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need.”

The Conference “recommends” — though its recommendations have the force of directives to the board. The board executes these recommendations. The board does have the legal authority to veto a Conference recommendation — but in actual practice, it never has done so. As Bill tactfully puts it, the trustees “simply refrain from using their legal right to say ‘no’ when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say ‘yes.’”



WE ARE MOVING

As of July 1, 2024

HOW GROUP IS MOVING!

Mondays at 7PM

NEW Address
103 PAWNEE AVE,
MANITOU SPRINGS
80829
COMMUNITY
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

FREE PARKING IN EAST LOT

PLEASE ENTER VIA ALLEY
(HIGH ST. LOOK FOR SIGN)

Happy Heathens

Downtown Club 210 North Corona Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Monday 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Open, discussion, **secular** meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous

We welcome and respect everyone's beliefs. Our mutual experience has shown alcoholics can find sobriety in A.A. without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or deny their own. Happy Heathens reflects the inclusiveness of the "big tent" ideal GSO reminds us of is a goal of Alcoholics Anonymous. We believe we have found ways to meet the needs of our diverse community. We don't open or close our meetings with a prayer. Our discussions are focused on personal recovery. We are not a forum for argument over belief or non-belief.



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CONTRIBUTIONS

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential to all areas 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. The General Service Conference suggests that individual groups, through an informed group conscience, adopt a specific contribution plan tailored to meet the group's financial situation. Once the group's expenses have been taken care of the group may decide to further carry the message by sending money to the following A.A. service entities:

- The local district, which communicates directly with the groups, providing the district group conscience for the area assemblies, and serving as a link between the area delegates and the G.S.R.s.
- The area committee, which coordinates vital A.A. activities over a broad geographic area; sends a delegate to the annual General Service Conference; holds area assemblies to determine the needs of the Fellowship; and provides information at all levels of service.
- The local intergroup or central office, which may provide phone service for Twelfth Step calls and other inquiries; coordinates group activities; and facilitates A.A. literature sales, institutions work, public information, and cooperation with the professional community activities.
- A.A.'s General Service Office, which functions as a storehouse of A.A. information, communicating with members and groups around the world; publishes A.A.'s literature; and supplies information and experience to professionals and others interested. Where to Send Contributions: ** Please include Group Name and Group

Payable to: Colorado Springs Area Service Office
1353 S. 8th Street, STE 209 Colorado Springs, CO 80905

District 7 Payable to: District 7 PO Box 26252

Colorado Springs, CO 80936 Area 10

Payable to: Area 10 Treasurer 12081 W. Alameda Parkway, #418
Lakewood, CO 80228

General Service Office (UPDATE)

Payable to: GSO Post Office Box 2407

James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407



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Page 25, Alcoholics Anonymous

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Joie K. (Portland, OR)
Marilyn S. (Los Angeles, CA)
Julia S. (Portland, OR)
Angela R. (Portland, OR)
Lisa C. (Portland, OR)
Celia C. (Corvallis, OR)
Erin L. (Beaverton, OR)

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GAME NIGHT FREE TO ALL IN-PERSON
REGISTRANTS**

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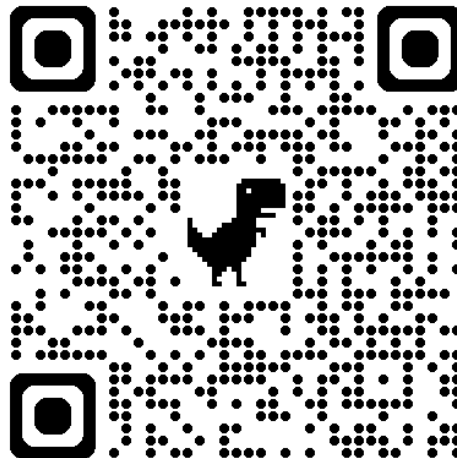
All prices above do not include processing fees

Registration Chair: Janet B.; **Co-Chair:** Carolyn A.

Email: rosecitygirlstock@gmail.com

RCGS Chair: MiQuelle D.: 512-751-6996

RCGS Co-Chair: Mary C.: 503-706-2122



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**Stormy is our Speaker this Year
& will Share her Story at 1pm**



Please Bring a Chair!



CONTACT PEGGY FOR MORE INFO AT 719.659.5879

Main Speakers

National - Christina S, Freedom, TX
National - Tom M, Austin, TX
State - Teresa J, Albuquerque, NM
State - Eloy M, Los Lunas, NM
Local - Beth Y, Taos, NM
Al-Anon - Chris C, Mesquite, TX
Young People's - Chance, J, Albuquerque, NM

What You Can Expect

Inspirational speakers and panels

Fri, Sat pm Entertainment

Sat pm Banquet, Alcañon, Art Raffle, Ice Cream Social, Young People's Events



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Sm, Med, Large, XL, XXL

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TMF Burgandy Long Sleeve T-shirt _____ x \$25 _____

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Fiesta Mug _____ x \$12 = _____ Banquet Ticket _____ x \$55 = _____

Scholarship Donation _____ x \$30 = _____

TMF Package _____ x \$ 90 = _____ *Package includes Registration,
T-shirt, Mug, Banquet Ticket and 5 Art Ra e Tickets T-shirt Size _____ Color _____

TOTAL for Order \$ _____

WALK THE TALK ANNUAL PICNIC

Speaker
TBA at
1:00



Bring a
side or a
dessert!

Come celebrate your group Walk the Talk! Burgers & dogs off the grill, speaker, fun, and friends!

27 | **12**
JULY | **PM**

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