

The Last Drop!

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Is Attraction Spelled With Four Letters?

I was recently in an open speaker meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. The speaker had the whole room engaged— total unity!

Then the profanity started. At first, there were a couple of small words and then the big one. In a matter of seconds, two thirds of the room was silent while the other third was full of applause and laughter. I was offended, as were many at my table. I sat wondering if those who had laughed were sitting there before the profanity started, thinking: “I can’t wait to hear some profanity!”

Was the profanity necessary or did it divide the group, destroy the unity?

This meeting was in a church and I know some of the church members. I hate to think how they would feel about us if they heard us using this kind of language in their home. Would they want us using their facility?

My home group is a large open speaker meeting. This meeting is thriving with newcomers and long-timers, young and old. Our speakers tell their stories in a general way. We ask them to refrain from using profanity, as this meeting is also in a church. The old pastor of this church was very impressed by what we are doing and how we speak. He loved the stories! He would often come to the meeting and sit in the front row and say: "This is where I get to see God in action!"

Now, the first person that suggested AA to me was not an alcoholic. She was someone's grandmother. I often wonder what her first exposure to AA was like. Whatever it was, it was a good one. She lit up when she started talking to me about Alcoholics Anonymous. She even convinced me to go to a meeting...not because I thought I was an alcoholic, but because she thought something there might help me. Although I wasn't as convinced, I did believe that *she* believed. So I went and it saved my life. Better yet, it gave me a life worth living. What if her exposure to AA had been one of disgust because of four-letter words?

When I was a newcomer and first saw these well-dressed people in AA, I thought I was so different. I had spent 20 years on the waterfront and had a mouth to prove it. After a short time listening to them tell their stories, I realized they had actually been where I had been. But they looked and spoke so differently than me. They didn't need to tell me they had had a spiritual experience. The evidence was overwhelming.

In the famous Jack Alexander *Saturday Evening Post* story about AA (reprinted in the GSO pamphlet “The Jack Alexander Article About AA,” the opening paragraph talks about the very same thing. Alexander writes of watching two alcoholics approach a man in a hospital bed. He says: "The only thing that was noteworthy about the callers, except for the obvious contrast between their well-groomed appearances and that of the patient, was the fact that each had been through the defogging process many times himself."

What would the story have been if Bill and Bob were not well-groomed and had used profanity at that critical meeting? Our 11th Tradition talks of how our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. Today, I don't use profanity, in or out of AA. I want to be the best example of Alcoholics Anonymous that I can be. I found I can engage alcoholics and still be respectful of others. No one yet has ever seemed offended that I do *not* use any profanity at meetings. And, after all, I never know when someone's grandmother, pastor or doctor is listening.

Jim A., Redwood City, Calif.

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IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER!

The Last Drop publishes current news, articles, and information about Alcoholics Anonymous. Send us your articles and letters sharing your experience, strength and hope. We need your help to reduce our reliance on borrowed material from the AA Grapevine, AAWS Inc. literature and other AA newsletters. Please help us to make your newsletter truly a reflection of AA in Colorado. Send your articles and letters of 250 words or less to: Newsletter Editor, 2926 Zuni St. #202, Denver, CO 80211 or email: LastDrop@daccaa.org Please include your name and the name of your home group. (Name can be withheld upon request for sensitive topics.) We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, content and length. Submissions appear on a space available basis.

Meditation

AT A RECENT AA meeting, we discussed the Eleventh Step, and one of the questions raised was "How do I meditate? What do I do?" I would like to propose one answer to the question. It is a simple, easy plan of meditation. Here it is:

Preparation for Meditation

For about ten or fifteen minutes, read some material that deals with the habit, virtue, or principle that you want to meditate on. This proposal rests on the assumption that you want something to "chew" on during the time of deliberation. Food is as necessary for the mind as for the body. Or, as they sometimes say, "You always have a better chance of getting something out of your head if you first put something in."

Meditation

1. Turn your mind to God by: a. Expressing belief in His presence.

God is keeping the booze away from you today, so He must be nearby. The Big Book was written to help you find a God who will solve your alcoholism. In fact, the first four chapters of that book clearly demonstrate that God can be found if He is sought. And the Eleventh Step suggests that an excellent place to find Him is in meditation.

- b. Thanking God for blessings received.

An old-timer used to say, "Think and thank. If you're really grateful, you'll never get drunk." Abraham Lincoln claimed, "Most people can be just about as happy as they want to be." You can get a start in happiness by counting your blessings--not just the big ones, like a new house or a narrow escape from death, but the so-called little ones that you take for granted, like good health. You can be sure you're grateful when you want to express your gratitude by helping other alcoholics.

- c. Asking God to help you to meditate.

An AA saying suggests that you "Let go and let God." It means that God can and will do something for you. All he needs is your permission. Your permission is God's commission. There is nothing more natural than for a child to ask its parent for help. So be yourself and act childlike.

2. Apply your mind to the consideration of the desired habit, principle, or virtue by: a. Dwelling for a few minutes on some passages of the preparatory reading that are pertinent to its necessity, advantages, importance, desirability, and effect on your life.

- b. Calling to mind some instances when you practiced the subject of your meditation.

- c. Looking back on some examples of the desired trait as practiced by a person you highly esteem.

This individual may be either a real person or a character in a novel, play, movie, or TV show. Many claim that good example is highly contagious and that imitation is the first offspring of admiration.

3. Make a decision to practice the desired habit, principle, or virtue by: a. Marshaling the reasons that drive home the necessity for making the habit, principle, or virtue part and parcel of your spiritual life.

- b. Asking God to help you practice the subject of meditation.

- c. Making a resolution to practice the habit, principle, or virtue.

The resolution should be present, particular, and efficacious. The resolution is present when there is a determination to enforce it on the same day that it is made. The resolution is particular when it is concentrated or focused on a single habit, virtue, or principle, like self-restraint, and not spread thin, like a general decision to be good. Finally, the resolution or decision should be efficacious or have clout. That is, there should be a strong determination to practice the habit, principle, or virtue at specific times during the day. A meditation without a resolution is good, but a meditation with a resolution is better.

4. Follow up.

Successful men and women in any walk of life have the knack of closely watching themselves and their business. And the business of meditation is no exception. The Big Book notes that a "business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke." Hence the need for a regular or daily check on the products of meditation. AA even suggests that "when we retire at night, we constructively review our day." Did you practice the habit, virtue, or principle on every occasion visualized in meditation? In what instances did you fail to carry out your resolution? Did you backslide into the contrary of your good resolution? What conditions, persons, or circumstances helped or hindered the practice of your resolution? Determine to take corrective measures for tomorrow.

After making your survey, thank God for progress--any progress. Even if you practiced the habit only once, that's progress.

-- Anonymous California

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Step Eleven

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition Eleven

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film.

Tradition Eleven Checklist

- 1) Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
- 2) Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
- 3) Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
 - 4) Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
- 5) What would AA be like if were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
- 6) Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

Concept Eleven

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

You Have Been Tagged

When I got sober, my sponsor had me studying the “Twelve and Twelve” before he got into the Big Book. As such, I began studying the Traditions at a very early age in sobriety, for he had me study the whole book, not just the Steps. I knew about Rule 62, and where it was found, before I even had six months.

It has been a while since I took a really hard look at the Traditions, and recent controversies regarding anonymity and the internet gave me a reason to look again at my old friends. After I did so, I found that I respectfully disagree with those who attribute this subject to the Eleventh Tradition. It belongs with the Twelfth, and this isn't really a new issue.

The Eleventh Tradition is about someone becoming a spokesperson for AA, a symbol. The situation concerning the internet is about people putting on their personal social network page that they are in AA or photos showing them at AA events. It is the equivalent of the members telling their friends and neighbors that they're in AA.

The problem is when they accidentally break the anonymity of someone else. I am responsible, not only for my own anonymity, but also for protecting the anonymity of other members as well.

Because I am unashamed of being an alcoholic and a member of AA, those who are in my inner circle know this about me. I do not shy away from pictures of myself at AA events, although, out of respect for others, I don't post pictures from these events. I'm not presenting myself as a leader, it's just a fact of my life. I'm not going to get 30,000 hits on my social network page—I'm not that important. If I were drinking, everyone would know I was an alcoholic.

-- Mark J.

Island Lake, Illinois

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!!! Coming Events Mark Your Calendar !!!

Oct 27-29 **OC SOBERFEST**, Sangre De Cristo Arts & Conference Center in Pueblo. Register online at www.PuebloOcSoberfest.com Cost is \$25 per person before Oct 12. \$30 at the door. T-shirts and bottomless cups are available for purchase at the Conference. Speakers, workshops & continuous meetings – something for everybody!

Nov 11 **HISTORY OF AA WORKSHOP**, Hosted by District 12 with Gary K. from the Parker Group. Jefferson Ave Methodist Church, 4425 Kipling St., Wheat Ridge 80033 from 10am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Potluck lunch – bring a dish to share. History, Q & A and fellowship. Call Sarah L. for more info 646-372-5809

Nov 10-12 **NATIONAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE**, Doubletree Hotel, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146 Rooms are \$109 per night and reservations call 314-434-0100. Conference registration is \$35 at the door. This is the 1st National Corrections Conference and will include workshop & speakers. www.nationalcorrectionsconference.org Chair: John S. 314-413-5939

Nov 17-19 **AREA 10 WINTER ASSEMBLY**, Hosted by District 15 at the Burlington Community Center, 340 South 14th St. Burlington 80807. Various hotels are available and all information can be found on the Area website: www.coloradoaa.org

Events listed here are provided as a courtesy to the fellowship and are not an endorsement by A. A., the Denver Area Central Committee, or the Last Drop.

Monthly Meetings

Lakewood Open Group: 2nd Friday of the month at St. Paul’s Church, 9200 West 10th Avenue, Lakewood, CO. Potluck starts at 6:00 pm. Speakers start at 7:00 pm. A.A. and Al-Anon speakers.

Castle Rock Speakers Meeting: 1st Saturday of the month at the Village Inn Restaurant, 207 Wolfensberger Road, Castle Rock, CO at 7:00 pm.

There is a Solution: LAST Saturday of the month breakfast/potluck @ **7:00 AM** 8081 E. Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village.

Fifth Tradition Group: Every 3rd Saturday from 7:30 – 9:00 pm, 700 S. Franklin St. @ Lutheran Church. Circuit Speakers.

Of Special Interest

MIXED NUTS, 6750 Carr St. (Ch) Arvada meets every Thursday @ 6:30 pm. AA & AlAnon meeting.

IN THE MIX, 9200 W. 10th Ave. (Ch) Lakewood meets Tuesday @ 7:15pm AA & AlAnon meeting.

Major changes/corrections since current Meeting Book (August 15, 2017) was published

MEETINGS NOT LISTED IN THE CURRENT DIRECTORY

TU,FR	n*	BIG BOOK SERENITY, 4595 Miller St. (Ch) Wheat Ridge, District 12.....	10:00 am
WE	BB	12 AT 12, 7964 S. Depew St. (Chatfield & Platte Canyon) Littleton, District 30.....	12:00 pm
WE	BB	n SHARIN’ THE BOOK, 3600 S. Clarkson St., Englewood, District 11	3:30 pm
TH	n*	S.E. SOBRIETY, 3060 S. Monaco Pkwy (Ch office E door) Denver, District 16	8:00 pm
SA	SP	n THE AWAKENING GRP, 1955 E. Arizona Ave. (Ch) Denver, District 13	7:00 pm
SU	ST	n* THE NEXT STEP, 1901 29 th St., Denver, District 9	5:30 pm
SU	n	SUNDAY SERENITY, 7501 Parker Hills Ct. (Ch back door) Parker, District 10	6:00 pm

CHANGES TO MEETING INFORMATION

WE	CW	n* COLUMBINE WOMENS, 6375 S. Platte Canyon Rd. (Ch) Littleton, District 30	12:30 pm
TH	W	n GOLDEN SOBER SISTERS, 2035 Ellis St. (Ch) Golden, District 33	6:30 pm
FR	SP	n* OLD KENT, 3690 Cherry Creek S. Dr. (Ch) Denver, District 13	8:00 pm
FR	SPCAn*	BRIGHTON #1, 147 S. 2 nd Pl., Brighton, District 9	9:00 pm
SA	W	n GOLDEN SOBER SISTERS, 2035 Ellis St. (Ch) Golden, District 33	9:00 am

DISCONTINUED MEETING INFORMATION

W	BB	n* THE WAY IN, 7964 S. Depew St. Littleton, District 30	7:30 pm
TH		BROOMFIELD ANY LENGTHS, 825 Kohl St. (Ch) Broomfield, District 32	7:30 pm
FR	n	AMATEUR HOUR, 9203 S. University (Ch) Highlands Ranch, District 11.....	6:30 pm
FR	B	n* RATS Group of AA, 23 Lincoln St. (Ch) Denver, District 13	6:30 pm
FR	BB	n* FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, 2180 Airport Rd. (ARC) Boulder, District 24.....	8:30 pm

Contribution statistics for August 2017 !

There were 5 groups contributing for the first time this year in September!	211 Contributing Groups
There were 6 Faith Fivers Contributing = \$157.00	326 Groups NOT Contributing!
There were 4 Last Drop renewals = \$40.00	Average per Contributing Group = \$338.75
There were 4 Birthday contributions = \$124.00	Percentage of Groups Contributing = 39.29 %

Central Office Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Central Office is to receive, distribute, and follow up on 12step calls, to answer inquiries about A.A. and to cooperate with local public information committees. Central Office also maintains information about local hospitals and recovery facilities for alcoholics. We provide local A.A. meetings lists, a newsletter, and we order, sell and distribute A.A. literature.

Night Watch Calendar

* November 2017 *

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u> One Step at a Time 5 PM-11PM Guardian 11 PM-9AM	<u>2</u> Upon Awakening 5PM-11PM Rex F. 11 PM-9AM	<u>3</u> S.O.T.S 5 PM-11PM Stephanie B. 11 PM-9AM	<u>4</u> Daily Reprieve 9AM-1PM 40oz2freedom 1 PM – 5 PM Sunrise Serenity 5PM-11PM Rudy G. 11PM-9AM
<u>5</u> Caring/Sharing 9AM-1PM High Life for Women 1PM-5PM D.Y.P 5PM-11PM Gerri M. 11PM-9AM	<u>6</u> Elizabeth K.I.S. 5PM-11PM Scott S. 11PM-9AM	<u>7</u> Monday Night 5 PM-11PM 10pm Last Call 11 PM-9AM	<u>8</u> Noon Beginners 5PM-11PM Jo N. 11PM-9AM	<u>9</u> Men's Home Group 5PM-11PM Mark W. 11PM-9AM	<u>10</u> It's in the Book 5 PM-11PM Nick 11 PM-9AM	<u>11</u> Oasis Group 9AM-5PM The Parker Group 5PM-11PM Karl H. 11PM-9AM
<u>12</u> Linda K. 9AM-1PM CC Promises 1PM-5PM Spirit of Rec. 5PM-11PM Joan B. 11PM-9AM	<u>13</u> Denver Thurs Night 5 PM- 11PM Terry S. 11 PM-9AM	<u>14</u> Vie-Tality 5 PM-11PM Frank P. 11 PM-9AM	<u>15</u> Recovery at the Ranch 5 PM-11PM John Z. 11 PM-9AM	<u>16</u> Wonderful Gift 5 PM-11PM Vallie 11PM-9AM	<u>17</u> Sweet Sobriety 5PM-11PM Sunlight 11PM-9AM	<u>18</u> Arvada Thursday 9AM-1PM Intervals Hilarious 1PM – 5PM BEDI 5PM-11PM Arturo 11PM-9AM
<u>19</u> Ken E 9AM-1PM Kristi R. 1PM-5PM MtnWomen 5 PM-11PM Dennis S. 11PM-9AM	<u>20</u> Happy Way 5 PM-11PM Happy Hour Monday 11PM-9AM	<u>21</u> Happy Trudgers 5 PM-9AM	<u>22</u> It's Come to This 5 PM-11 PM Mark C. 11 PM-9 AM	<u>23</u> Working With Others 5PM-11PM Tom O. 11PM-9AM	<u>24</u> Foundation of Willingness 5PM-11PM Guardian 11PM-9AM	<u>25</u> Always Hope 9AM-1PM Carol M. 1PM – 5PM Lilley Gulch 5PM-11PM Greg C. 11PM-9AM
<u>26</u> Four Horsemen 9AM-5PM First Things First 5PM-11PM Sandy F. 11PM-9AM	<u>27</u> P.P. Workshop 5 PM-11PM Nine to Five 11 PM-9 AM	<u>28</u> Kim D. 5 PM-11PM Nanette T. 11 PM-9AM	<u>29</u> High Noon 5 PM-11 PM Kristi R. 11 PM-9 AM	<u>30</u> DTC Sobriety 5PM-11PM Tom O. 11PM-9AM	<u>31</u> Babble On 5PM-11PM Beginners SEAC 11PM-9AM	

Please remember to check in with Central Office by no later than 3:00 PM on the day of your shift to confirm you will be available for the phones. For Sat., Sun & Mon. please check in with Central office on Thursday or no later than 3:00 PM on Friday to confirm your shift at 303-322-4440. Be considerate as we need time to schedule the call forwarding service.

If you need help you can contact Greg C 303-887-9447 or Jill @ 720-276-4156

The Office is CLOSED on Mondays.

August 2017 Group Contributions

GROUP	AUG	YTD	GROUP	AUG	YTD	GROUP	AUG	YTD
12X12@144 th		322.25	Fireside		20.00	P.P.Workshop		1,815.17
24hr Reprieve		100.00	First Things First	310.00	653.11	Parachute Group		250.00
637 Group cr early risers		274.00	Fitzsimmons		411.90	Park Hill Sobriety		697.30
A New Day		118.00	F.O.W.		343.69	Parker Men		690.49
A Step Beyond		100.00	Fourth Dimension		238.00	Parker Sat. 12X12		190.83
Acceptance Too		166.28	Franktown Friends		209.37	Parker Women		80.00
Adventures in Sobriety		300.00	Fri Nite Women		17.00	Pass It On		925.00
Always Hope		109.62	Fri 11 Step Study		103.80	Pathfinders		150.00
Anonymous Group		126.50	Friends n Recovery	30.00	60.00	Pathway		450.00
Any Lengths		524.00	From40oz2freedom		111.00	Pomona	85.84	345.84
Area PI Committee	13.00	79.00	Gilpin Cty HALT		125.00	Puttin' Sober		200.00
Arid Group		306.75	God Power		318.12	RATS Group	200.00	235.00
Artists n Recovery		260.00	Golden #1		87.20	Recovery at the Ranch		796.63
Arvada #1		411.32	Golden Gates		1,000.00	Recovery Hour		300.00
Attitude Adjustment	227.75	1,708.76	Golden Sober Sisters		538.22	Round Tuit	135.00	315.00
AWOL	161.00	1,011.00	Grateful 2b Here		200.00	S.O.T.S.		13.39
Babble On		108.00	Grateful in Genesee		296.00	Sat Nite Seekers		53.35
Back to Basics	50.00	50.00	Green Light Tuesday		675.22	Sat Night Jive		20.00
Balcony Group	20.00	20.00	Green Mountain		50.00	Saturday Step		525.80
Beginners		33.50	Group 1		313.99	Serene in Evergreen		390.00
Being Convinced	187.95	1,123.65	Group 13	200.00	400.00	Serenity		100.00
Beyond Alcohol		77.09	Grupo El Principio		10.00	Sho-Gro		192.29
Big Book Buddies		105.00	Guardian		620.00	Simple Solutions		40.00
Bill & Bobs Xlnt Adventure		273.03	Happy Hour Saturday		165.00	Sisters of Sobriety		125.00
Bills Angels		138.00	Happy Hour Sunday		160.00	Six Sixteen		434.09
Bills Brownbaggers		543.66	Happy Landings		175.00	Sober Sisters		225.00
Bonanza at AWOL		126.05	Happy Trudgers		3,271.19	Sobriety at Seven		135.00
Bottoms Up		868.58	Happy Way		536.78	Sobriety in the Topics		277.50
Bridges End		123.00	Here's HOW		133.28	SOS Men's	95.00	285.00
Brmfld Any Lengths		450.00	High Life for Women		353.34	Southland Serenity		264.00
Brmfld Noontimers		100.00	Hour of Hope		200.00	Southside Sobriety		187.50
Brmfld Sun Morning		1,000.00	Intervals Hilarious		69.00	Speakeasy		106.89
B.E.D.I.		488.45	It's Come to This		322.66	Spearhead		100.00
Burlington A.A. (OD)		33.21	It's In The Book		383.36	Spirit of Recovery		211.92
Burning Desire	10.00	20.00	Joyful Journey		136.50	Step Sisters		157.80
Castle Rock Speaker	22.00	262.50	Just Got PAID	54.26	478.57	Straight Up AA		58.00
Chapter Five		10.00	Keep It Simple- Eliz.		472.85	Sufficient Sub.		25.00
Cherry Creek Promises		1,890.00	Kiowa Creek AA		102.41	Sun Nite Ticket		150.50
C.C. Roadrunners		100.00	Ladies Choice		314.88	Sunday Morning		156.00
Columbine Women		114.36	Lady Jaywalkers		25.00	Sunday Night Live		268.00
Conifer Seekers		55.00	Lakewood Open		50.00	Sunday Nighters		307.80
Crack of Dawn		707.00	Language of the Heart	140.00	140.00	Sun Nite Table Mtg		59.11
Cracker Factory		31.20	Lilley Gulch		703.13	Sunday Men's		24.66
Daily Reprieve		741.00	Little Red House		50.00	Sunday Sobriety		372.90
Dawn Patrol		344.50	Liv in the Answer		990.56	Sunday Solution		60.00
Daytimers		350.00	Livin Life		92.00	Sunrise Serenity	219.75	1,200.08
Degenerates		186.50	LoDo Sobriety		139.00	Sweet Sobriety		189.08
Delegates Meeting	70.00	586.01	Love and Unity		175.00	Ten Or So		20.00
Denver Serenity		240.00	Men's Acceptance		1,497.00	That's Life	300.00	300.00
Denver Thursday Night		127.25	Men's BB Study		192.32	The Parker Group		164.00
Depth & Weight		116.00	Mens Big Book		150.00	There is a Solution	98.72	184.76
Design for Living		100.00	Midtowne on the Park		71.45	Three For All	49.75	196.00
Detox Beginners	100.00	309.50	Midweek Men's		522.00	Thurs. Night Women		126.00
District 11		1,085.26	Miracles Happen		40.00	Tuesday 12X12		75.90
District 30		180.28	Mon Happy Hour		382.56	Upon Awakening		3,751.11
District 31		359.32	Morning After	673.01	790.01	V.A. Early Birds		230.00
District 32		500.00	Mountain Nooners		400.00	V.S.E.		75.00
Do Or Die		10.00	Mountain View	50.00	250.00	Vie-Tality		1,592.23
Do The Deal		40.00	Mountain Women		300.00	We Care		112.00
DTC Sobriety		301.00	N.W.Arvida AM		40.00	Wed. Night Mens		253.15
E. Hampden Women		310.00	New Attitudes	210.20	210.20	Wednesday Men's		100.00
Early Bird		1,319.56	New Beginnings		167.36	Women's BB Study		24.17
Early Risers		300.00	New Direction		293.62	Womens Real Deal		131.00
Eatin' Meetin'		44.00	New Life		500.00	Women's Steppers		13.00
Edit Nooners		684.55	Newner		396.48	Wonderful Gift		30.00
Eleventh Steppers	25.00	181.00	Nine to Five		385.51	YaYa Sisterhood		75.00
Emotional Sobriety		218.40	No Half Measures		300.00	York #1	75.00	125.00
Eureka		20.00	No-Name		23.87			
Evergreen Thursday		150.00	Old Town		600.00	Total for August	3,997.96	
Extended Hand		800.00	Operating Committee	11.00	96.00	YTD Total		71,475.69

Only groups that have contributed since January 1, 2017 are listed here. Thank you to all the contributing groups!

Denver Central Committee Monthly Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:32 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

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

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

New Delegates: Chris W. (Intervals Hilarious); David B. (Beyond Alcohol); Donelle H. (Happy Landings); Zak M. (Lakewood Open); Toni G. (Any Lengths); Patricia R. (Miracles Happen)

Total Voting Delegates: 62 voting delegates in attendance

Secretary's Report: Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written

	Actual Aug-17	Budget Aug-17	Variance Aug-17	2017 Budget	8 Month's Budget	8 Month's Actual	YTD Variance
Net Lit Income	2603	2567	36	30800	20533	16467	(4066)
Total Income	6927	11333	(4406)	136000	90667	95474	4807
Total Expense	12435	11333	742	136000	90667	87886	(2781)
Surplus/Deficit	(5508)	0	(5148)	0	0	7588	7588

Central Office Report: Jo Nickell (Office Manager): Excused. We constantly update the list of meetings, Please check the website to make sure your group meeting times are correct and **send in** your group registration form to confirm. You can download the form from our website www.daccaa.org. Changes **must** be submitted in writing. Jo met with the Assistant Treasurer and the past 2 treasurers to prepare the 2018 budget and extends her gratitude to the dedicated volunteers for their extra time and thoughtfulness in preparing the budget. As a reminder, please add your group name to contributions sent into Central Office as Central Office does not assign or maintain group service numbers therefore your donations can not be credited to the proper group. Supplies have arrived to assemble newcomers packets and has been scheduled for Saturday October 7th at 10am. Jo will be out of the office attending the Annual Central Office Seminar Oct. 4-9 in Herndon, VA.

Service Committee Reports:

Last Drop: Shannon W.: Submissions are always welcomed, specifically looking for personal stories from our local community. In honor of the Longtimers Celebration we would love to hear stories from the Longtimers of what it "used to be like". Guidelines for submission are on our website www.daccaa.org

Night Watch: Greg C.: Night watch received 218 calls last month (21) 12-step calls and 4 AI-anon calls. There is 1 open shift. 3rd Saturday of the month 9am-1pm. Night Watch is accepting volunteers for the waitlist. As a reminder, please call in your shifts (DO NOT TEXT). For Weekend and Monday shifts, please call in by 3pm on Friday so the phones can be programmed. Weekend shifts: Please call in your numbers of Tuesday rather than Monday. New 12-Step list will be provided as needed. Thank you to all the Night Watch volunteers!

Bridging the Gap: Rob O.: As Bridge the Gap program continues to grow within the Denver Metro Area, we are looking for volunteers to be site coordinators, committee members or Bridgers. Please join us for the Bridge the Gap Workshop October, 14, 2017 9am-12pm to see how you can help. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 2290 S. Clayton St. Denver. Denver will be hosting the national BTG Conference in 2018.

Archives: Jill W: Shredding of inconsequential documents has ended and the sorting process has begun.

Volunteers: John Z.: The volunteer program at central office has been a success and we have a great group of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, we have openings and you can contact the volunteer coordinator directly to arrange a time to come down and learn about how we serve the fellowship in the Central Office. John Z can be reached directly at 303-204-0557. It's a great way to give back to your local AA fellowship and "the best service opportunity in AA".

Old Business: Tickets for the Longtimers Celebration are dwindling quickly. Tickets can be purchased from at Central Office cash or check only. The Celebration will be held Sunday November 19th at Sons of Italy Hall 5925 W. 32nd WheatRidge from 11am-1pm.

New Business: The proposed 2018 budget was distributed. Please see your delegates for details. Any additional questions can be directed to the committee members listed at the bottom of the notes.

Seventh Tradition: \$81.50

Announcements: District 11 Hosting 'I am Responsible: Service and responsibility in AA' Oct. 28th 11-2 Skyview Presbyterian Church, Centennial, CO. Mountain Club hosting Halloween meeting and Bonfire 6pm Oct. 28th. York Street & CCYPAA hosting haunted house Oct. 28th 6:30-11pm. Arid Group hosting Arid Fellowship Jam - 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, Game Night - 1st Saturday of each month & Brunch on 3rd Saturdays at 9:00am, email insobrietyforlife@gmail.com for more details.

Group/Committee Reps in Attendance: Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Bridging the Gap, Archives, Last Drop Editor, Night Watch Coordinator, (0) Delegates at large. Groups in Attendance: 10pm Last Call, AVision 4 Today, Arid Group, Arvada Thurs.Night, Attitude Adjustment, Beyond Alcohol, Cherry Creek Promises, Crack of Dawn, Daily Reprieve, Denver Serenity, Denver Thursday Night, Denver Young People, E. Hampden Womens, Early Bird, Edit Noon, Eleventh Steppers, First Things First, Four Horsemen, fourth Dimension, Green Light Tuesday, Group 1, Happy Way, High Life for Women, High Noon, Intervals Hilarious, It's Come to This, It's In The Book, Ladies Choice, Mens Big Book, Morning After, New Direction, Old Kent, P.P. Workshop, Parker Men's, Round Tuit, Sober Sisters, Sobriety at Seven, Southside Sobriety, Sun. Night Table Mtg, Sunday Night Live, Sunday Solution, Sunrise Serenity, Sweet Sobriety, There is a solution, Upon Awakening, Vie-Tality, Wednesday Men's, Wonderful Gift

**Meeting adjourned at 7:22p.m. with the Lord's Prayer
In love and service, Jen F. (Secretary)**

Next Meeting will be Tuesday November 6, 2017

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