

The Last Drop!

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Defects, What Defects?

Step Six doesn't make us into robots. It helps us get the willingness to change.

I remember walking into an AA meeting at the Tri-County center almost two years ago. I told myself, I'm not like these people. I don't have a problem. I was scared and mentally and physically drained after having just been released from a detox. I quietly made my way into the meeting room. What I now know to be the Twelve Steps were hanging near the chair where I sat. I read them and thought to myself that I had at least worked eight of the Steps already. I assumed that the others would not be that hard. I knew I could easily knock them out in a few days, if I tried hard. I thought there would be a few Steps I could avoid or disregard. I read Step Six: "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

What defects? I thought. I am perfect and could not possibly have any defects. Even if I did have flaws, to remove them all would make me boring and no fun to be around. I didn't realize that no one wanted to be around me anyway because my drinking had caused so much pain for others. My behavior caused my phone calls to go unanswered. Doors were never opened when I knocked. Life had become unbearable, not just for me, but for those I considered my friends. My defects had become my assets. Manipulation, lying and deception were just the top three picks on my long list of defects. After completing my Fifth Step with my sponsor, I was instructed to make a list of my defects. I was told to arrange them in order from most used to those less frequently used. Until then, I hadn't realized that I had been using these defects against myself as well. I manipulated my thoughts to fit any circumstance in order to deceive my own brain. I lied to myself about what I thought was right.

I came to many realizations through working the Steps. For example, Step Six is not about making me into a robot. I don't have to do everything right. I just have to change my thinking and allow myself to ask my Higher Power to guide me through the day. I want this Higher Power to allow me to make the right decisions. The smallest of tasks, I now found, those which used to puzzle me, could be done with ease if I just asked. Step Six is not about making a blood sacrifice or announcing my defects over the mall intercom, but quietly and in a most sincere way, asking for help. I must be submissive in asking for change, rather than being a dominant, overbearing narcissist trying to control every thought and action.

When faced with obstacles that seem to baffle me, I ask for help, and those defects of character will soon be diminished—if I'm willing. Here's a prayer that helps me: "God, thank you for removing my fear and for showing me the truth about myself. Father, I need your help to become willing to let go of the things in me which continue to block me off from you. Please grant me your grace, Lord, and make me willing to have these objectionable characteristics, defects and shortcomings removed."

-Anonymous

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IT'S YOUR NEWSLETTER!

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GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM

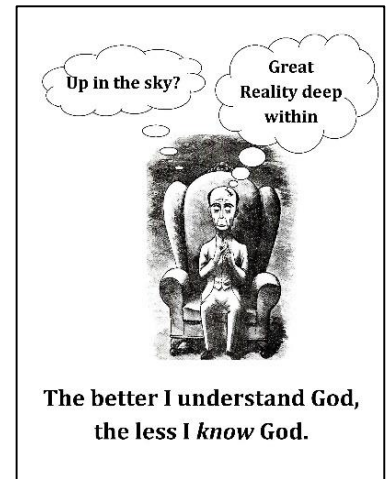
Very few of today's two-million-plus AA members claim to possess a satisfying scientific definition of God. However, there exists undeniable evidence that God's power has released countless of its members from alcoholic obsession.

Steps Three and Eleven contain the phrase, "*God, as we understood Him.*" When I was new, I found this insert both challenging and confusing; consequently, I soon found myself delving into books on theology, theosophy, Philosophy, and other mystical readings—but to no avail. I soon realized that I was no further along understanding God than when I started. Months of studying left me without any satisfying logical or scientific definition—what to do? After all, am I not supposed to "*understand God?*" If not, perhaps my sobriety would be in jeopardy! Confusing times!

But then, I came across a *watershed idea* from Bill W's Oxford mentor, Reverend Sam Shoemaker who wrote: "*Step Two is not theological; it is evidential!*" Of course, I could plainly see the evidence of God's work by simply observing numerous members around AA tables with many years sobriety; they all claimed that contact with God, or a "Higher Power," was keeping them sober. It was evidential! I had been barking up the wrong tree! I no longer need search for a logical definition of God, but I still needed to improve my conscious contact with God. Step Eleven convinced me that I could begin to **know** God through prayer and meditation—then there would be no need of a logical or scientific **understanding** of Him.

I have come to believe that I need to contact (**know**) God from my deep innermost self (heart) and not from my ever-inquiring alcoholic mind. I had been searching for God from the wrong place all along! After all, doesn't the Big Book speak of the "*Great Reality deep within?*" (p. 55). So, in conclusion, I restate the cartoon above: "*The better I understand God, the less I know God.*"

Bob S., Richmond, IN



"God does not make too hard of terms for those who seek Him."

When we left port on Friday I really needed a meeting. Poor phone service and internet. I asked the English speaking representative about AA meetings on the boat. She said Italian Cruise ships don't offer AA on board. I asked if they could make an announcement for Friends of Bill W. and give them my room number. They said absolutely NOT! Friday of course was the one year anniversary of the unexpected death of my mom. I was hurting. We went to dinner and we were given a free bottle of wine. We were also told not drinking wasn't really an option. I went into fight or flight mode. I headed into the restroom and hit my knees. Had God kept me sober for 9 years just to abandon me at my darkest hour? I returned to dinner. I was actually able to enjoy the meal and went back to my room for the night. I was dreading the next day, an excursion to Monte Carlo, again with more free booze. When I got on the bus there were only 2 Americans on it. I noticed a man wearing a University of Oklahoma hat and started to talk to him while our wives began to talk as well. I mentioned that if I had met him the previous night he could have had the bottle that I left behind. He replied he was a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous and has been sober for 16 years and his wife 15. I then told him I had prayed for help and was so grateful. He said that he had also done the same. The four of us have been very close the past couple of days having multiple meetings. Thank you my Heavenly Father. He always guides and protects me when I do my part!

Rick B.
Arvada, CO.

Pro And Con

Brief comments and excerpts from letters containing opinions pro and or con specific items(including the Grapevine itself) will appear in this corner from time to time.

IN an article about old-timers which appeared in a recent issue of the Grapevine, the author refers to a certain type of old-timer who becomes more and more inactive, until finally he graduates. It is my humble opinion that the use of the word *graduate*, in this instance, is an error--*disintegrate* is more accurate.

According to my conception of AA's educational program, the individual AA is both student and teacher, for it is just as important to learn as it is to teach. However, AA makes no provisions for the teacher to retire or for the student to graduate. The AA who acquires enough knowledge of the program to graduate--doesn't!

Most of us readily admit that we owe AA a debt we can never repay. With this in mind, it is difficult for me to understand how anyone who is still capable of being active in AA can justify his decision to retire. The mere fact that we cannot fully repay an honest debt does not excuse us in the least from paying all we can.

If I were to ask God for a very special favor I couldn't ask for anything finer than the privilege of paying off my debt up to my very last moment on this earth, for only then will I be able to say I have made the program.

-- D. S.

San Mateo, California

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Step Six

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Step six is necessary to spiritual growth. The beginning of a lifetime job. Recognition of difference between striving for objective-and perfection. Why we must keep trying. “Being ready” is all-important. Necessity of taking action. Delay is dangerous. Rebellion may be fatal. Point at which we abandon limited objectives and move toward God’s will for us.

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Tradition Six

“An A.A. group out 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.”

Experience proved that we could not endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We could not be all things to all men. We saw that we could not lend the A.A. name to any outside activity.

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Concept Six

“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.”

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April 2018 Group Contributions

| GROUP | APR | YTD | GROUP | APR | YTD | GROUP | APR | YTD |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------|----------|----------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 12X12@ 144 th | 100.00 | 200.00 | Fitzsimons | | 280.02 | Noon Workshop | 190.84 | 359.90 |
| 231 Buckley | 20.00 | 80.00 | Fourth Dimension | | 237.86 | Off Broadway Women | | 65.00 |
| 24 hr Reprieve | 17.00 | 17.00 | Franktown Friends | 61.23 | 118.94 | Old Farts | 350.00 | 400.00 |
| A New Day | | 50.00 | Fri 11 Step Study | 18.35 | 41.69 | Old Town Group | | 350.00 |
| A Step Beyond | 100.00 | 100.00 | Friends n Recovery | | 30.00 | Operating Committee | 17.00 | 66.00 |
| A Vision 4 Today | | 231.25 | From 40oz 2Freedom | | 54.74 | P.P. Workshop | | 723.13 |
| Acceptance Too | | 92.41 | God Power | 38.60 | 240.99 | Park Hill Sobriety | 164.80 | 437.30 |
| Adventures in Sobriety | | 200.00 | Golden #1 | | 96.00 | Parker Men's | 592.43 | 592.43 |
| Always Hope | | 150.00 | Golden Sober Sisters | 216.50 | 337.64 | Parker Monday | | 100.00 |
| Area PI Committee | 10.00 | 54.00 | Grateful 2b Here | | 200.00 | Parker Sat 12x12 | 246.00 | 414.00 |
| Arid Group | | 120.13 | Green Light Tuesday | | 294.22 | Parker Women | | 50.00 |
| Artists n Recovery | 250.00 | 250.00 | Group 1 | 76.72 | 183.64 | Pathway | | 300.00 |
| Attitude Adjustment | 539.84 | 1,102.46 | Group 13 | 100.00 | 100.00 | Pomona | | 50.00 |
| Babble On | 125.00 | 125.00 | Guardian | | 300.00 | Puttin' Sober | 125.00 | 125.00 |
| Beginners | 15.23 | 15.23 | Happy Hour Beginners | 75.00 | 75.00 | Quincy 2 | | 60.00 |
| Being Convinced | | 169.36 | Happy Landings | | 183.00 | Recovery at the Ranch | 177.45 | 450.83 |
| Big Book Serenity | 89.74 | 198.26 | Happy Trudgers | 1,005.03 | 2,498.51 | Recovery on the Rox | 103.76 | 103.76 |
| Bill & Bobs Adventure | | 577.46 | Happy Way | 150.00 | 577.39 | Rocking Chair | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Bill's Brownbaggers | 47.74 | 305.80 | High Life for Women | 117.65 | 117.65 | Round Tuit | 135.00 | 135.00 |
| Bottoms Up | 292.34 | 635.67 | Hour of Hope | 100.00 | 100.00 | Sat Nite Seekers | | 56.37 |
| Bright Side | | 735.16 | Intervals Hilarious | 30.00 | 30.00 | Saturday Step | 212.00 | 318.83 |
| Brmfld Any Lengths | 195.00 | 394.30 | It's Come To This | | 144.50 | Sho-Gro | | 100.00 |
| Brmfld Noontimers | | 150.00 | It's in the Book | 201.00 | 371.26 | Simple Solutions | 44.00 | 44.00 |
| Brmfld Sun Morning | | 1,000.00 | I've Had Enough | 55.00 | 55.00 | Sink or Swim | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| BTG Committee | 20.00 | 118.00 | Just Another 24 | | 15.00 | Smoky Hill Promises | | 50.94 |
| Buckeye Easy Does It | 779.13 | 779.13 | Just Got Paid | | 143.74 | Sober Sisters | | 75.00 |
| Burning Desire | 10.00 | 20.00 | Keep It Simple | | 200.00 | Sobriety at Seven | | 51.48 |
| Castle Rock Speaker | | 119.00 | Ladies Choice | | 91.86 | SOS Men's Meeting | 95.00 | 190.00 |
| Cherry Creek Promises | | 1,220.00 | Lady Jaywalkers | | 25.00 | Southland Serenity | | 396.00 |
| Crack of Dawn | | 250.00 | Lakewood Open | | 50.00 | Spirit of Recovery | 159.18 | 159.18 |
| Daily Reprieve | | 173.00 | Language of the Heart | | 140.00 | Sun Nite Table Mtg | | 34.18 |
| Dawn Patrol | 161.00 | 226.00 | Lilley Gulch | 197.63 | 472.00 | Sunday Morning | | 86.00 |
| Day By Day | | 21.88 | Liv in the Answer | 319.39 | 319.39 | Sunday Serenity | | 128.40 |
| Degenerates | 48.90 | 219.90 | Love and Unity | 160.00 | 160.00 | Sunday Sobriety | | 248.79 |
| Delegates Meeting | 64.00 | 225.00 | Men's Acceptance | 608.00 | 1,158.00 | Sunlight | | 100.00 |
| Den Thurs Night | 87.24 | 109.59 | Men's BB Study | | 100.00 | Sunrise Serenity | 210.11 | 605.69 |
| Denver Young People | | 516.86 | Midtowne on the Park | | 99.23 | Sweet Sobriety | | 61.65 |
| Depth and Weight | 137.46 | 235.96 | Midweek Men's Group | | 498.50 | The Parker Group | | 50.00 |
| Design for Living | | 140.00 | Miracles Happen | | 40.00 | There is a Solution | | 148.48 |
| Detox Beginners | | 200.00 | Monday Happy Hour | 132.12 | 132.12 | Three for All | | 125.00 |
| District 11 | | 30.79 | Morning After | 292.50 | 607.63 | Upon Awakening | 951.09 | 2,431.47 |
| District 31 | | 603.25 | Morning Reflection | | 200.00 | V.A. Early Birds | | 50.00 |
| DTC Sobriety | | 665.00 | Mountain Nooners | | 180.00 | V.S.E. | | 75.00 |
| E Hampden Women | 53.00 | 151.00 | Mountain Women | | 218.00 | Vie-Tality | 570.00 | 2,095.00 |
| Early Bird | | 409.28 | N.W. Arvada AM | | 15.00 | Women's BB Study | | 61.00 |
| Early Risers | | 150.00 | New Beginnings | | 51.15 | Women's Steppers | | 10.00 |
| Edit Nooners | | 500.00 | New Direction | 30.92 | 152.52 | Wonderful Gift | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| Eleventh Steppers | | 12.00 | Newner Meeting | | 60.50 | Yaya Sisterhood | | 150.00 |
| Evergreen Thurs | | 120.00 | No Half Measures | 500.00 | 500.00 | | | |
| Fireside | | 20.00 | No-Name Group | | 40.83 | Contributions in Apr. | 13,304.99 | |
| First Things First | 250.00 | 250.00 | Noon Beginners | 32.00 | 32.00 | YTD Total | | 40,625.53 |

Only groups that have contributed since Jan. 1, 2018 are listed here. Thank you to all the contributing groups!

Other Contribution Statistics

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| There were no individual contributions for the month of April. | 151 Contributing Groups |
| There were 5 Birthday Contributions = \$201.00 | 387 Groups NOT Contributing |
| There were 13 Faith Fivers Contributing = \$394.00 | Average per Contributing Group = \$269.04 |
| There were 4 Last Drop renewals = \$40.00 | Percentage of Groups Contributing = 28.07 % |

!!! Coming Events Mark Your Calendar !!!

June 30 **UNTIY DAY PICNIC & BON VOYAGE JO RETIREMENT PARTY**, Hosted by the Denver Central Committee from 11am-3pm at Citizens Park 22nd & Chase in Edgewater. Live music by “Cosgroove”! Food, Fun & Fellowship for the whole family. Food and beverages will be available. Help is always needed, especially for the take down/ clean up. If you would like to volunteer in any way please contact Jill 720-276-4156 or Abby 720-985-3393.

June 24 **UNITY CLUB 32ND ANNUAL PIG ROAST** from 10am-5pm at Centennial Park, 1st & Taft Ave. in Loveland. Games, music, raffle, volleyball and more! Pig arrives at 1pm – Bring a dish to share.

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.

EDIT Speakers: 1st Saturday of the month, 10576 W. Alameda Ave. #2, Lakewood at 7pm – Everyone is welcome!

Major changes/corrections since current Meeting Book (February 15, 2018) was published

MEETINGS NOT LISTED IN THE CURRENT DIRECTORY

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| MO | n | ARTISTS N RECOVERY, 1311 York St., Denver, District 13..... | 10:00 am |
| MO | CBBBn* | SOUTHSIDE SOLUTION, 6653 W. Chatfield Ave. (Ch) Littleton, District 30 | 7:00 pm |
| M-F | n* | A BETTER WAY, 9203 S. University Bl. (Ch) Highlands Ranch, District 11 | 12:00 pm |
| TU,FR | n* | BIG BOOK SERENITY, 4595 Miller St. (Ch) Wheat Ridge, District 12..... | 10:00 am |
| WE | BB n | SHARIN’ THE BOOK, 3600 S. Clarkson St., Englewood, District 11 | 3:30 pm |
| TH | M n* | AWOL, 1865 S. Pearl St., Denver, District 11 | 7:00 pm |
| TH | ST n* | SLIPPERS & SLIDERS, 3600 S. Clarkson St., Englewood, District 11..... | 7:30 pm |
| FR | W n* | WOMEN IN RECOVERY, 8081 E. Orchard Rd. (Ent 5 S door) Greenwood Village, District 16 | 12:00 pm |
| SU | B n* | THE BASICS, 3690 S. Cherry Creek Dr. South (Ch) Denver, District 13..... | 8:00 am |
| SU | n | SPEARHEADS, 8300 W. Pomona Dr. (Ch), Arvada, District 31..... | 6:00 pm |
| SU | n | SUNDAY SERENITY, 7501 Parker Hills Ct. (Ch back door) Parker, District 10 | 6:00 pm |

CHANGES TO MEETING INFORMATION

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|-------|-------|---|------------------|
| M-SA | n* | FIRST THINGS FIRST, 1050 Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood, District 12..... | 7:30 am |
| DAILY | n* | FIRST THINGS FIRST, 1050 Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood, District 12..... | 3:00 pm |
| TU/SU | ST n* | BOULDER 11 STEP, 2425 Colorado Ave. (Ch) Boulder, District 24..... | 7/7:30 am |
| WE | W n* | LADY JAYWALKERS, 13455 W. 58 th Ave. (Tx Cntr) Arvada, District 31..... | 7:45 pm |
| TH | n* | PARKER BEGINNERS, 9395 Crown Crest Bl (Hosp Rm Pine A) Parker, District 10 | 6:45 pm |
| TH | C n* | THE PARKER GROUP, 9395 Crown Crest Bl (Hosp Rm Pine A) Parker, District 10 | 8:00 pm |
| FR | n* | OASIS GROUP, 3355 S. Wadsworth Bl #H-127, Lakewood, District 30 | 8:30 pm |

DISCONTINUED MEETING INFORMATION


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| SA | C n | 12 O’CLOCK HIGH, 600 Gilpin St. (Ch) Denver, District 13 | 12:00 pm |
| WE | B n* | LAKWOOD OPEN, 9200 W. 10 th Ave. (Ch) Lakewood, District 12..... | 5:45 pm |
| TH | n* | CAMPUS GROUP, 3665 Madison Ave. (Ch) Boulder, District 24 | 7:00 pm |
| FR | B n* | SAFE HARBOR, 9032 W. Ken Caryl – A, Littleton, District 30 | 6:00 pm |
| FR | SPCAN* | BRIGHTON #1, 147 S. 2 nd Pl., Brighton, District 9..... | 9:00 pm |
| SU | n | EXTENDED HAND, 100 Colorado Bl. (Ch) Denver, District 16 | 9:00 am |

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 list, a newsletter, and we order, sell and distribute A.A. literature.

Night Watch Calendar

June

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
|  | | | | | <u>1</u> S.O.T.S 5 PM-11PM Stephanie B. 11 PM-9AM | <u>2</u> District 33 9AM-1PM 40oz2freedom 1 PM – 5 PM Sunrise Serenity 5PM-11PM Rudy G. 11PM-9AM |
| <u>3</u> Caring/Sharing 9AM-1PM High Life for Women 1PM-5PM D.Y.P 5PM-11PM Gerri M. 11PM-9AM | <u>4</u> Elizabeth K.I.S. 5PM-11PM Scott S. 11PM-9AM | <u>5</u> Monday Night 5 PM-11PM 10pm Last Call 11 PM-9AM | <u>6</u> One Step at a Time 5 PM-11PM Guardian 11 PM-9AM | <u>7</u> Upon Awakening 5PM-11PM Rebecca G. 11 PM-9AM | <u>8</u> It's in the Book 5 PM-11PM Nick 11 PM-9AM | <u>9</u> Mark C. 9AM-1PM God Power 1PM-5PM The Parker Group 5PM-11PM Karl H. 11PM-9AM |
| <u>10</u> Linda K. 9AM-1PM C.C Promises 1PM-5PM Ladies Choice 5PM-11PM Joan B. 11PM-9AM | <u>11</u> Denver Thurs Night 5 PM- 11PM Terry S. 11 PM-9AM | <u>12</u> Vie-Tality 5 PM-11PM Frank P. 11 PM-9AM | <u>13</u> Noon Beginners 5PM-11PM Ken W. 11PM-9AM | <u>14</u> Men's Home Group 5PM-11PM Mark W. 11PM-9AM | <u>15</u> Sweet Sobriety 5PM-11PM Sunlight 11PM-9AM | <u>16</u> Arvada Thurs. 9AM-1PM Int. Hilarious 1pm-5pm BEDI 5PM-11PM Todd L. 11PM-9AM |
| <u>17</u> Ken E 9AM-1PM Kristi R. 1PM-5PM 2Young2Die 5 PM-11PM Dennis S. 11PM-9AM | <u>18</u> Happy Way 5 PM-11PM Happy Hour Monday 11PM-9AM | <u>19</u> Happy Trudgers 5 PM-9AM | <u>20</u> Recovery at the Ranch 5 PM-11PM John Z. 11 PM-9AM | <u>21</u> Wonderful Gift 5 PM-11PM Cathrine W. 11PM-9AM | <u>22</u> Foundation of Willingness 5PM-11PM Guardian 11PM-9AM | <u>23</u> Always Hope 9AM-1PM Carol M. 1PM – 5PM Lilley Gulch 5PM-11PM Greg C. 11PM-9AM |
| <u>24</u> Four Horsemen 9AM-5PM First Things First 5PM-11PM Sandy F. 11PM-9AM | <u>25</u> P.P.Workshop 5 PM-11PM Nine to Five 11 PM-9 AM | <u>26</u> Kim D. 5 PM-11PM Donn B. 11 PM-9AM | <u>27</u> It's Come to This 5 PM-11 PM Mark C. 11 PM-9 AM | <u>28</u> Working With Others 5PM-11PM Tom O. 11PM-9AM | <u>29</u> Babble On 5PM-11PM Beginners SEAC 11PM-9AM | <u>30</u> Spiritual Awakening 9AM – 5PM Early Birds 5PM-11PM Dan L. 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.**

**Denver Central Committee Monthly Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Tradition 5: “Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Concept 5: “Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”

New Delegates: John R. (40 Oz. to Freedom), Jeremiah C. (Wednesday Night Men’s), Blaine G. (First Things First), Alan R. (York Street 10pm Newcomer).

Total Voting Delegates: 52 voting delegates in attendance

Secretary’s Report: Approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Approved as written.

| | Actual Mar -18 | Budget Mar -18 | Variance Mar -18 | 2018 Budget | 3 Month’s Budget | 3 Month’s Actual | YTD Variance |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Net Lit Income | (\$94) | \$2,500 | (\$2,594) | \$30,000 | \$7,500 | \$5,006 | (\$2,494) |
| Total Income | \$4,470 | \$11,800 | (\$7,330) | \$141,600 | \$35,400 | \$33,651 | (\$1,749) |
| Total Expense | \$11,535 | \$11,800 | (\$265) | \$141,600 | \$35,400 | \$33,457 | (\$1,943) |
| Surplus/Deficit | (\$7,065) | \$0 | (\$7,065) | \$0 | \$0 | \$194 | \$194 |

Central Office Report: Abby (Assistant Office Manager): New 30 day chips are available. Abby encouraged the fellowship to visit the Central Office.

Service Committee Reports:

Last Drop: Shannon W.: Excused. (Peter V.) Submissions are always welcomed and due the Friday after the delegates meeting.

Night Watch: Greg C.: Night Watch call numbers for April were not available, but remain similar to previous months.

Bridging the Gap: Rob O.: The next BTG Orientation will be held May 12th from 9-12 at 2290 S. Clayton Street and flyers are available on the Central Office website. The regular BTG Committee meeting follows the workshop on May 12. Denver is hosting the National BTG Conference in September 2018 and registration is now open. We are asking the fellowship to help volunteer.

Archives: Jill: Excused. Jill reported at the April Operating Committee Meeting that they are cataloging Grapevines.

Old Business: The decision by the Central Office Operating Committee to not electronically distribute The Last Drop was presented by Abby.

New Business: Departure gift ideas for Jo were discussed. Please bring money (cash) along with gift ideas to the June COD meeting. The Chairman provided an update on the hiring process for Jo’s replacement.

Seventh Tradition: \$81.00.

Announcements: Gold Ol’ Fashioned Whoopy Party at York Street. Saturday, May 5, 8:30 pm.

Group/Committee Reps in Attendance: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Bridging the Gap, Night Watch Coordinator. Groups in Attendance: 10pm Last Call, 5:45 Happy Hour, 40 Oz. to Freedom, A New Day, A Vision 4 Today, Always Hope, Any Lengths, Arid Group, Arvada Thursday Night, Attitude Adjustment, Beginners, Beyond Alcohol, Bottoms Up, Brighton #1, Cherry Creek Promises, Crack of Dawn, Daily Reprieve, Degenerates, Denver Thursday Night, E. Hampden Women, Early Birds, First Things First, Four Horsemen, Fourth Dimension, Green Light Tuesday, Group 13, Happy Landings, Happy Trudgers, Happy Way, Highlife for Women, Intervals Hilarious, It’s in The Book, Ladies Choice, Monday Happy Hour, Morning After, Mountain Women, New Direction, Noon Beginners, P.P. Workshop, Park Hill Sobriety, Recovery at the Ranch, Recovery Hour, Sobriety Topics, Spirit of Recovery, Sunday Men’s, Sunday Night Live, Sunrise Serenity, Sweet Sobriety, The Deep, There is a Solution, Vie-Tality, Wednesday Men’s, and York Street 10pm Newcomer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 with the Lord’s Prayer.

Teri P. (Recording Secretary)

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 5th, 2018

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