

# *The Last Drop!*

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## **The Price of a Drink An essay on Tradition Seven**

Whenever I go out to dinner in a restaurant with my husband or friends, I find myself drawn to the drinks section of the menu. I also find myself paying a lot of attention to the advertisements in the window of my local liquor store. Thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous and the hope and strength I found in its rooms, I have not had to take a drink since April 1988, and I am convinced that if I keep on following the suggestions, I will continue not to drink, one day at a time. So why my fascination with the price of alcohol? It has to do with the worth of my gratitude.

When I came into this fabulous Fellowship, I was lucky enough to get sober in a place where almost every time the Seventh Tradition basket was passed, someone explained about taking part in meeting the expenses of the group and helping to carry the message to other alcoholics whenever possible.

Early on, what I could do didn't amount to very much, I was single, barely able to meet my personal living expenses, and had a lot of financial amends to make. Even so, a small glimmer of awareness in my slowly clearing brain realized that, because AA helped me not to pick up that first drink, I was saving myself a lot of money on a daily basis. I didn't begrudge that dollar in the basket.

Several years later, I was doing better financially, not going to as many meetings every week, had gotten very involved in general service, and had watched area committees struggle to do service with the small amounts of money that most groups were able to send. It dawned on me then that there was nothing particularly sacred about "a buck in the basket". After consultation with other wiser women in the Fellowship, I decided to at least put in the price of a cup of coffee for myself and the newcomer with only some lint in his or her pocket.

Now I have trudged a few more years down that "Road of Happy Destiny" and connected a few more dots. I couldn't count the number of times that I have said in meetings, "I am grateful to AA and my Higher Power for not having to pick up that first drink today."

Connect... connect... connect. Why not put the price of that first drink that I didn't have to take today into the basket? It makes perfect sense to this alcoholic, since I know that not taking that first drink today has saved me not only the price of dozens more that I would have to chase it with, but saved my life, my self-respect, and a long list of other priceless personal assets that I owe to my sobriety.

So, now you know why I pay so much attention today to the drink list on the menu. Today, its just another spiritual tool.

-Gayle S. R.  
Hackensack, New Jersey  
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## Year One in AA

It has been one year ago that I walked into my very first AA meeting. I have heard it said in meetings over these last 12 months that the only meeting that you are ever truly late for is your first. Boy is that the truth. I started drinking when I was 14. Not too often at first but it didn't take long and I became an alcoholic before I was even officially an adult. I drank away my 20's and 30's. I went from getting excessively drunk a couple of times a week in my 20's to binge drinking every night of the week in my 30's. Sometimes in meetings I want to share a story from my drinking years but so often I have little to share because every night was a blackout.

A couple of years before I came into these rooms, I found myself on one of my more brutally painful hangover mornings, looking at local AA meetings. I looked online and saw several which were close to my house. For two years I knew of these meetings. I knew I could go at anytime, but continued with my insanity. I wasn't leaving the house much in my last year of drinking. I had been diagnosed with severe panic disorder with agoraphobia. I had my groceries and alcohol delivered and rarely left the house. If I did leave I had to already be tipsy. My anxiety prevented me from being able to handle being in a car as a passenger or a driver and in time I realized I would have a panic attack even on foot if I was out walking on a busy street. My world had become so small. I was no longer living my life. Alcohol was all that there was and I was completely powerless against it. I knew I was an alcoholic for many years but I just couldn't stop. I honestly thought that I was only hurting myself.

I have never known anyone who has been in AA before. I didn't know what to expect. I had been praying for quite awhile for God to help me off of this road to an early death that I was on. Hangovers in my 20's consisted of a bad headache and nausea, only to be cured by a greasy cheeseburger and fries. Hangovers in my mid to late 30's though were more debilitating and resulted in me being in bed all day shaking, having chest pains and hearing voices. My 40<sup>th</sup> year and last year of drinking were almost entirely made up of drinking all day and night in bed and binge watching the Gilmore Girls on Netflix. I rarely showered or brushed my teeth. That is a pretty sad thought looking back. When I was finally given the strength by God to walk into these rooms one year ago, I was so welcomed and accepted right away. **So this is AA.** All this love and wisdom and hope given freely by those who completely understand me. I was encouraged to go to 90 meetings in 90 days. I went to over a hundred in those first 90 days and that created a healthy habit. AA had become part of my daily living.

I found a sponsor pretty early on and I must say that God is awesome for pairing me up with her. She is so passionate and knowledgeable about the program. She seems to have the big book memorized. I am sure that the big book sinks in more and more as we start to live by its principals and incorporate the program of action into our daily lives. As I recall, my own spiritual awakening was both immediate and gradual. I gradually learned from each and every one of you in this room, and from going through the steps with my sponsor. But there was an immediate spiritual awakening for me as well. When I first arrived and read through the steps on the wall and started to look through the big book, there was something inside of me that experienced an absolute innate recognition of the truth. I *knew* this was going to work for me. My higher power is part of this truth and I have never truly been alone in any of this. God became everything once again when I opened up and showed willingness in all that he offers. There were these tiny but frequent aha light bulb moments. The answers were there all along but I buried them so deeply inside of myself. But I saw the words before me and when I continued going to meetings every day and being open and willing to hear this experience being shared I deeply recognized the truth and was able to start living again.

I was a drinker of all occasions. I drank when I was happy, depressed, angry, stressed and bored. This last year of sobriety has had its ups and downs. My father, husband, son and sister have all told me that they are proud of me. I had my first sober holidays and my first sober vacation. I found music again! No, actually music found me again in a mixed nuts meeting! I have not had a single panic attack since getting sober and my anxiety in general is about 85% better overall. I no longer have chest pains, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or acid reflux. I do not wake up in the morning with a sense of guilt that I have done something wrong the night before but cannot remember what it is. It is great to be making positive memories that I will actually remember. My marriage has been rocky from time to time but it is now healthier than it has been in many years. My heart broke when I had to say goodbye to my best friend who died in a drunk driving accident last November. Most of these things are really good and a couple are obviously not. But, good or bad nothing prompted me to drink. No situation is good enough or too horrible enough to drink over. So, this is *my* truth. I am going to keep coming back. And even though I have learned to love myself again, I hope the fellowship of AA will continue to love me as I love them. With my new program for living, I am forever grateful.

Tracy C.  
Denver, CO

### Step Seven

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

### Concept Seven

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

### Tradition Seven

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

### Tradition Seven Checklist

- Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
- Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
- If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
- Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
  - Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
- How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

...My Perception of Meetings

by Tresalyn R, Ravenna, Ohio

Taken with permission from Akron Intergroup News

When I walk into these rooms, I know I am not alone! I feel at ease. Almost everyone is just like me. I do not have to lie about who I am, I can be myself, and I feel that nobody judges me! I can say what is on my mind to relieve stress of the day from my shoulders; Someone is there to listen and hear me!

Before I even walk through the door, I am greeted with handshakes and hugs, instantly making me feel that I belong and am loved. The Fellowship is inviting and welcoming. I am very relaxed and uplifted. If I have a rough day, I cannot wait to get to a meeting to release the negative energy and fill myself with positive affirmations from others. My once disastrous mood is greatly changed and I feel humbled.

This is what these glorious meetings mean to me.

### May 2017 Group Contributions

GROUP	MAY	YTD	GROUP	MAY	YTD	GROUP	MAY	YTD
12X12@144 <sup>h</sup>		322.25	Extended Hand		400.00	Operating Committee	19.00	75.00
24hr Reprieve		100.00	Fireside	20.00	20.00	P.P.Workshop	396.03	1,106.58
637 Group	104.00	274.00	First Things First	168.40	343.11	Parachute Group		250.00
A New Day	4.00	64.00	Fitzsimmons	137.40	411.90	Park Hill Sobriety		458.55
A Step Beyond		100.00	F.O.W.	150.74	343.69	Parker Men	690.49	690.49
Acceptance Too		166.28	Fourth Dimension		238.00	Parker Sat. 12X12		55.50
Adventures in Sobriety		200.00	Franktown Friends		150.18	Parker Women		80.00
Always Hope		109.62	Fri Nite Women	11.00	17.00	Pass It On	675.00	675.00
Anonymous Group		126.50	Fri 11 Step Study		73.60	Pathfinders		150.00
Any Lengths		300.00	Friends n Recovery	30.00	30.00	Pathway		450.00
Area PI Committee		38.00	From40oz2freedom		111.00	Pomona		260.00
Arid Group		112.05	Gilpin Cty HALT		125.00	Puttin' Sober		75.00
Artists n Recovery		260.00	God Power		217.12	RATS Group		35.00
Arvada #1	250.00	411.32	Golden #1	43.60	87.20	Recovery at the Ranch		528.78
Attitude Adjustment	298.26	1,323.71	Golden Sober Sisters		321.02	Recovery Hour		300.00
AWOL		850.00	Grateful 2b Here		200.00	Round Tuit		180.00
Beginners		33.50	Grateful in Genesee	222.00	222.00	S.O.T.S.		13.39
Being Convinced	228.70	935.70	Green Light Tuesday	198.13	428.80	Sat Nite Seekers		53.35
Beyond Alcohol		77.09	Green Mountain		50.00	Sat Night Jive	20.00	20.00
Big Book Buddies	25.00	75.00	Group 1		230.34	Saturday Step		330.80
Bill & Bobs Xlnt Adventure		273.03	Grupo El Principio		10.00	Serene in Evergreen	290.00	290.00
Bills Brownbaggers		543.66	Guardian		320.00	Serenity		100.00
Bonanza at AWOL		126.05	Happy Hour Saturday		165.00	Sho-Gro	92.29	192.29
Bottoms Up		639.25	Happy Hour Sunday		160.00	Sisters of Sobriety		125.00
Bridges End		123.00	Happy Landings		175.00	Six Sixteen		349.59
Brmfld Any Lengths		300.00	Happy Trudgers		2,279.63	Sober Sisters	75.00	150.00
Brmfld Nootimers		100.00	Happy Way	200.00	200.00	Sobriety at Seven	60.00	135.00
Brmfld Sun Morning		1,000.00	Here's HOW		86.03	Sobriety in the Topics		277.50
B.E.D.I.		296.89	High Life for Women		256.41	SOS Men's		190.00
Burlington A.A. (OD)	33.21	33.21	Hour of Hope		200.00	Speakeasy		106.89
Burning Desire		10.00	Intervals Hilarious		69.00	Spearhead	100.00	100.00
Castle Rock Speaker	71.50	177.50	It's Come to This		278.35	Spirit of Recovery		74.52
Chapter Five	10.00	10.00	It's In The Book		110.85	Sufficient Sub.		25.00
Cherry Creek Promises		1,050.00	Just Got PAID	216.30	424.31	Sun Nite Ticket	103.50	150.50
C.C. Roadrunners		100.00	Keep It Simple- Eliz.	242.85	442.85	Sunday Morning		75.00
Columbine Women		114.36	Kiowa Creek AA		42.41	Sunday Night Live		268.00
Conifer Seekers	55.00	55.00	Ladies Choice		161.08	Sunday Nighters	307.80	307.80
Daily Reprieve		500.00	Lady Jaywalkers		25.00	Sun Nite Table Mtg		59.11
Dawn Patrol	73.00	237.50	Lakewood Open		50.00	Sunday Sobriety	238.07	372.90
Daytimers		350.00	Lilley Gulch		76.74	Sunday Solution		60.00
Degenerates		83.50	Little Red House		50.00	Sunrise Serenity	165.33	685.27
Delegates Meeting	73.05	393.70	Liv in the Answer		625.00	Sweet Sobriety		145.07
Denver Serenity		240.00	Livin Life		92.00	Ten Or So		20.00
Denver Thursday Night	25.39	75.25	LoDo Sobriety		139.00	The Parker Group		89.00
Depth & Weight		116.00	Love and Unity		175.00	There is a Solution		86.04
Design for Living		100.00	Men's Acceptance		997.00	Three For All		131.81
Detox Beginners		209.50	Men's BB Study		192.32	Thurs. Night Women		100.00
District 11		1,085.26	Mens Big Book		150.00	Tuesday 12X12	20.90	45.90
District 30		180.28	Midtowne on the Park		12.53	Upon Awakening		298.70
District 31		200.00	Midweek Men's		522.00	Upon Awakening		2,015.09
District 32		500.00	Miracles Happen	40.00	40.00	V.A. Early Birds	50.00	150.00
Do Or Die	10.00	10.00	Mon Happy Hour		255.94	Vie-Tality		751.90
Do The Deal		40.00	Morning After	117.00	117.00	We Care		112.00
DTC Sobriety	301.00	301.00	Mountain View		150.00	Wednesday Men's		100.00
E. Hampden Women		207.50	Mountain Women	300.00	300.00	Women's BB Study	24.17	24.17
Early Bird		1,319.56	N.W.Arvida AM		20.00	Women's Steppers		13.00
Early Risers		150.00	New Beginnings	60.12	167.36	Wonderful Gift	30.00	30.00
Eatin' Meetin'	44.00	44.00	New Direction		95.00	YaYa Sisterhood		75.00
Edit Nooners		684.55	Newner	396.48	396.48	York #1		50.00
Eleventh Steppers		156.00	Nine to Five	103.27	255.11			
Emotional Sobriety		218.40	No Half Measures		300.00			
Eureka		20.00	No-Name		23.87	<b>Total for May</b>	<b>8,271.30</b>	
Evergreen Thursday		75.00	Old Town		300.00	<b>YTD Total</b>		<b>48,036.31</b>

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

**Contribution statistics for MAY 2017 !**

There was 1 Individual contribution = \$800.00	188 Contributing Groups
There were 11 Faith Fivers Contributing = \$239.00	<b>351 Groups NOT Contributing!</b>
There were 4 Last Drop renewals = \$40.00	Average per Contributing Group = \$255.51
There were 2 birthday contributions = \$140.00	Percentage of Groups Contributing = 34.88%

# !!! Coming Events . . . . Mark Your Calendar !!!

**JULY 1**      **UNITY DAY PICNIC** from 11-3 at Citizens Park in Edgewater. Food, Fun & Fellowship! \$5 a plate for food & \$1 Drinks. Bring your chairs and sunscreen and have a great time. Flyer is available for download at [www.daccaa.org](http://www.daccaa.org)

**JULY 14-16**    **AREA10 SUMMER ASSEMBLY**, Sobriety & Service in the San Juans, Hosted by District 20 at the Montrose Pavillion, 1800 E. Pavilion Pl., Montrose 81401. Contacts: Marlene W. 970-209-8368 & Pete K. 970-596-0607. For more information go to [www.coloradoaa.org](http://www.coloradoaa.org)

**JULY 27-30**    **25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOTS Conference**, YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. Go to [www.fots.com](http://www.fots.com) for info & to register

*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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at St. Paul's Church, 9200 West 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Ch) Lakewood** meets Tuesday @ 7:15pm AA & AlAnon meeting.

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

### NEW MEETINGS NOT LISTED IN THE CURRENT DIRECTORY

MO/TU/WE	*	10 AM BB STUDY, 5455 W. 38 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Unit M, Wheat Ridge, District 12.....	10:00 am
WE	ST	n* 12X12 STUDY, 5455 W. 38 <sup>th</sup> Unit M, Wheat Ridge, District 12 .....	2:00 pm
TH	C	n* ARVADA THURS NIGHT, 5927 Miller St. (Ch) Arvada, District 31 .....	6:00 pm
TH/SU		n* RECOVERY ON THE ROX, 6220 N. Roxborough Park Rd. (Fire Sta.) Littleton, District 33 .....	6:30 pm
SA	ST	n* STEP 11, 8081 E. Orchard Rd. (Ent 5 S door) Greenwood Village, District 16 .....	8:00 am
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 <sup>th</sup> St., Denver, District 9.....	3:30 pm
SU		n SUNDAY SERENITY, 7501 Parker Hills Ct. (Ch back door) Parker, District 10 .....	6:00 pm

### CHANGES TO MEETING INFORMATION

TH	B	n DENVER THURSDAY NIGHT, 1660 Sherman St. (Ch) Denver, District 9 .....	<b>Now 6:15 pm</b>
TH	CSP	n DENVER THURSDAY NIGHT, 1660 Sherman St. (Ch) Denver, District 9 .....	<b>Now 7:30 pm</b>
SU	B	n EXTENDED HAND, <b>100 Colorado Bl. (Ch 2<sup>nd</sup> fl)</b> Denver, District 16 .....	<b>Now 9:00 am</b>

### DISCONTINUED MEETING INFORMATION


TU,TH,FR		CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, 4881 Cherokee Dr. (Ch) Castle Rock, District 10.....	Noon
SA/SU		n DAY BY DAY, 1008 Hampden Ave., Englewood, District 11 .....	Noon
FR	W	n FRI NITE WOMEN, 400 S. Williams St. (Ch) Denver, District 13.....	6:30 pm

### 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

\* July 2017 \*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>UNITY DAY PICNIC</b>  <b>Saturday, July 1st 2017</b>  <b>11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p. Citizens' Park:</b>  <b>22nd &amp; Chase, Edgewater</b>  <b>(Between 22nd &amp; 24th on Chase, West of Sheridan &amp; Sloan's Lake)</b></p> </div>						<p><u>1</u> Daily Reprieve 9AM-1PM 40oz2freedom 1 PM – 5 PM Sunrise Serenity 5PM-11PM Rudy G. 11PM-9AM</p>
<p><u>2</u> Caring/Sharing 9AM-1PM High Life for Women 1PM-5PM D.Y.P 5PM-11PM Gerri M. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>3</u> Elizabeth K.I.S. 5PM-11PM  Scott S. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>4</u> Monday Night 5 PM-11PM  10pm Last Call 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>5</u> One Step at a Time 5 PM-11PM  Guardian 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>6</u> Upon Awakening 5PM-11PM  Rex F. 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>7</u> S.O.T.S 5 PM-11PM  Stephanie B. 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>8</u> Oasis Group 9AM-5PM The Parker Group 5PM-11PM Karl H. 11PM-9AM</p>
<p><u>9</u> Margie J. 9AM-1PM Steve H. 1PM-5PM Spirit of Rec. 5PM-11PM Joan B. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>10</u> Denver Thurs Night 5 PM- 11PM  Terry S. 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>11</u> Vie-Tality 5 PM-11PM  Frank P. 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>12</u> Noon Beginners 5PM-11PM  Jo N. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>13</u> Men's Home Group 5PM-11PM  Mark W. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>14</u> It's in the Book 5 PM-11PM  Zach 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>15</u> Depth &amp; Weight 9AM-5PM BEDI 5PM-11PM Arturo 11PM-9AM</p>
<p><u>16</u> Ken E 9AM-1PM Kristi R. 1PM-5PM MtnWomen 5 PM-11PM Dennis S. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>17</u> Happy Way 5 PM-11PM  Happy Hour Monday 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>18</u> Happy Trudgers  5 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>19</u> Recovery at the Ranch 5 PM-11PM  John Z. 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>20</u> Wonderful Gift 5 PM-11PM  Stephanie N. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>21</u> Sweet Sobriety 5PM-11PM  Sunlight 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>22</u> Always Hope 9AM-1PM Carol M. 1PM – 5PM Lilley Gulch 5PM-11PM Greg C. 11PM-9AM</p>
<p><u>23</u> Four Horsemen 9AM-5PM First Things First 5PM-11PM Sandy F. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>24</u> P.P.Workshop 5 PM-11PM  Nine to Five 11 PM-9 AM</p>	<p><u>25</u> Kim D. 5 PM-11PM  Nanette T. 11 PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>26</u> It's Come to This 5 PM-11 PM  Mark C. 11 PM-9 AM</p>	<p><u>27</u> Working With Others 5PM-11PM  Tom O. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>28</u> Foundation of Willingness 5PM-11PM  Guardian 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>29</u> SPAWK 9AM-5PM Early Birds 5PM-11PM Dan L. 11PM-9AM</p>
<p><u>30</u> A New Day 9AM-5PM Three for All 5PM-11PM Jennifer F. 11PM-9AM</p>	<p><u>31</u> Happy Trudgers  5PM-9 AM</p>	<p><b>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 &amp; 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.</b></p> <p><b>If you need help you can contact Greg C 303-887-9447 or Jill @ 720-276-4156</b>  <i>The Office is CLOSED on Mondays.</i></p>				

Denver Central Committee Monthly Delegates Meeting  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Chairperson opened the meeting at 6:31 pm. with the Serenity Prayer.

**Tradition 6:** An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

**Concept 6:** The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board

**New Delegates:** Kevin K (Arvada Thursday Night); Cassidy M (10oz to Freedom); Andrew M. (KIS Elizabeth); Joel H. (Primary Purpose Club); Chad H. (Friends of Bill W.); Kendra C. (Happy Way); Travis J (AWOL)

**Total Voting Delegates:** 60 voting delegates in attendance

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as written

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved as written

	Actual Apr-17	Budget Apr-17	Variance Apr-17	2017 Budget	4 Month's Budget	4 Month's Actual	YTD Variance
Net Lit Income	2567	2567	0	30800	10267	9641	(626)
Total Income	15147	11333	3814	136000	45333	42984	8984
Total Expense	10186	11333	(1147)	136000	45333	45333	(1797)
Surplus/Deficit	4961	0	4961	0	0	9109	9109

**Central Office Report:** Jo Nickell Office Manager (excused). Annual taxes for central office were filed. The meeting lists are consistently being updated, please review the website to make sure your group meeting times are correct. As a reminder, any changes must be submitted in writing using the form on the central office website [www.daccaa.org](http://www.daccaa.org).

**Service Committee Reports:**

**Last Drop:** Shannon W.: Submissions are always welcomed, specifically looking for personal stories or items to share around Step 8, Tradition 8 and/or Concept 8 for the next last drop. Guidelines for submission are on our website [www.daccaa.org](http://www.daccaa.org)

**Night Watch:** Greg C.: Night watch received 239 calls last month (20) 12 step calls and 10 AI-anon calls. There are no open shifts, however if you are interested in being added to the night watch list please contact Greg. 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. Thank you to all the Night Watch volunteers!

**Bridging the Gap:** Rob O.: will attend the National Bridge the Gap conference in Minneapolis in September. The National BTG Conference will be in Denver in 2018, mark your calendars! 47 Bridge requests w/13 contacts. West Pines 13 requests w/no contacts, Parker Valley Hope 1 requests w/4 contacts, Harmony 16 requests w/6 contacts & 3 discharged early, Arapahoe House 4 requests w/2 contacts & 1 discharge early. [Explanation of terms: **Request:** when the treatment center reaches out to BTG for a bridge, bridge is assigned **Contacts:** AA Bridge makes contact the person requesting the Bridge AND Person responds. **Discharge Early:** Request was made but the client was discharged from treatment before the Bridge could make contact.] If interested in becoming a Bridge, please feel out the volunteer form on the central office website. Everyone is Welcome!

**Archives:** Jill W: (Excused)

**Volunteers:** John Z.: The NEW Central Office Volunteer Committee Introduction Workshop will be held June 10, 2017 from 9am-11am at Central Office. Join John for an overview of what volunteers do at central office and how you can help. Fellowship, snacks and coffee provided!

**Old Business:** Unity Day Picnic is Back!!! Saturday July 1, 2017 11:00am-3:00pm Citizens Park 22nd and Chase, Edgewater. (Between 22nd and 24th on Chase, West of Sheridan & Sloan's Lake). Live Music and Entertainment!!! Unity picnic - two grills have been rented and the City of Edgewater has been provided with insurance liability rider; 350 attendees are estimated; Traditions Troupe has rehearsed; and Kickball ball and bases are available. We will need volunteers to help with set up, clean up and serving. For Questions or Info call Central Office at 303-322-4440.

**New Business:** none

**Seventh Tradition:** \$62.00

**Group Announcements:** none

**Group/Committee Reps in Attendance-** Chair, Vice Chair, Recording Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Bridging the Gap, Archives (excused), Last Drop Editor, Night Watch Coordinator, (1) Delegates at large Groups in Attendance: 5:45 Happy Hour, A Vision 4 Today, Arid Group, Attitude Adjustment, AWOL, Beginners, Beyond Alcohol, Brighton #1, Crack of Dawn, Denver Thursday Night, Denver Young People, Early Bird, Four Horsemen, Friends of Bill W., God Power, Green Light Tuesday, It's Come to This, It's In The Book, Love and Unity, Men's Big Book, Mon Happy Hour, Morning Gift, New Direction, Nine to Five, P.P. Workshop, Parker Men's, Puttin' Sober, Recovery at the Ranch, Recovery Hour, Round Tuit, Sobriety at Seven, Spirit of Recovery, Sunday Nite Ticket, Sunday Night Live, Sunrise Serenity, Sweet Sobriety, Upon Awakening, Wednesday Men's, Wonderful Gift, Arvada Thursday Night, Men's Stag, Saturday AM Pluggers, Sunday Solution

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**Meeting adjourned at 6:59p.m. with the Lord's Prayer**

**In love and service, Jen F. (Secretary)**

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