

The Last Drop!

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Tradition Three: No Jail Terms Required

My drunkalog is one of the shortest and least dramatic I've ever heard. I began drinking at sixteen and stopped seven years later, never having been jailed or hospitalized or fired as a result of my alcoholism. My last drink did not produce disastrous consequences (although it did point out to me my growing obsession with alcohol), and I suffered no physical withdrawal symptoms. At the time of that last drink, I'd been attending open AA meetings with my alcoholic partner, but it was only after an emotional upheaval a couple of years later that I gave up the struggle to stay sober on my own, acknowledged my alcoholism, and joined AA.

That was twenty-five years ago, and in those days I often heard the term "high-bottom drunk." How I hated that term! I knew it applied to me, and it made me feel as if my welcome in AA were tenuous, that I was only tolerated, not being a "real" alcoholic. It took me years to get over the feeling that I was in AA under false pretenses. So strong was that feeling that I might have bolted if the Preamble to each meeting had not reminded me of the Third Tradition: the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. That desire I had, and it was enough to get me past the imaginary bouncer at the meeting door.

In reading about the Third Tradition, I saw that it arose as an answer to intolerance of people who had, in addition to alcoholism, traits or problems that were viewed as threats to AA's reputation and survival. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* quotes an early member as saying, not without irony, "We were resolved to admit nobody to AA but that hypothetical class of people we termed 'pure alcoholics'. . .beggars, tramps, asylum inmates, prisoners, queers, plain crackpots, and fallen women were definitely out!" As a member who qualifies for two or three of those labels, I'm grateful that AA's General Service Office eventually came down on the side of tolerance. Apparently, though, it did so to ensure that no alcoholic be branded as too far gone or too disreputable for membership in AA. The question of welcoming those who had suffered comparatively little might never have come up.

Still, it is clear that framers of the Third Tradition meant exactly what they said, that anyone who wants to be sober is qualified to join AA. The Third Tradition tells us that if we declare ourselves to be members of AA, then we are, even if our drinking led us to commit terrible crimes or left us destitute--and even if it didn't. We don't need to pass entrance exams or pay dues or provide character references to join the Fellowship, and we don't need drunkalogs that rival the television movie-of-the-week as drama.

I seldom hear the term "high bottom" today. I hope that is because the public is becoming educated about alcoholism, so that more alcoholics now get sober before their alcoholism has done all the damage it can do. None of us came to AA because we were having a great time drinking. If we got sober before we landed in jail or lost our homes or ruined our physical health, then we did so through the grace of a Higher Power, and we have reason to be grateful, not apologetic.

Cheryl M.; Manhattan, New York

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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.

The Chairman

The Chairman of the Mid-Week closed Group laid his pipe down and continued: "This Third Step is one of the basic Steps of the whole AA Program. Yet many, many newcomers--and Old-Timers, too, have trouble with it. I've known men to give up the Program in despair because they couldn't get it. And I've seen others who had no end of trouble because they tried to ignore it. . .Pete, as an ex-agnostic, how did you get around this phase of the AA Program?"

Pete stretched his six feet three inches from a lounging position to a sitting posture: "I'll tell you, Doc, what got me was that phrase, 'God as we understood him.' For my book that leaves the thing wide open, providing that the newcomer keeps an open mind. You know I had to make a hell of a spiritual adjustment when I came into AA, but from my observations I'd suggest keeping an open mind on the Third Step, while we work our way through the rest of the Steps. In fact, many of our personality faults will come to light if we honestly practice the rest of the Program. In getting over these hurdles we will soon discover that we are now ready to accept Step Three. And as I said, the phrase--'God as we understood him' was the thought that made it possible for me to latch onto the spiritual phase of the Program."

"Well, Pete, at least you eventually became willing to admit that there *was* a Power greater than yourself that helped keep you sober," added the Chairman. "You see the first three steps in our Program actually point up the three fold disease known as alcoholism. The First Step points out the ravages of liquor upon our physical being, the Second Step what occurred to our mental capacities and the Third Step shows how our spiritual happiness had been affected. Our recovery is dependent upon realizing the extent of the injury we have suffered because of our compulsion for alcohol. It is important that we understand the treatment of our physical and mental illness, but in my opinion complete and happy recovery is never attained until our spiritual sickness is cleared up. . .Yes, Mary, what's on your mind?"

"My experience with the Spiritual side of the Program proved to be one in which I developed slowly, over a long period of time. In fact many of my friends noticed a change in me long before I was aware that I had ever had a spiritual awakening. But when I realized the change, I knew that I could never, never have done it alone. Then I realized that I had tapped some other source, which I now identify as my Power greater than myself. Had I not been able to keep an open mind, as Pete suggested, I am certain that I would still be struggling futilely with my own stubborn will."

"I remember your approach to the Third Step, Mary. You really practiced 'Easy does it.' . . .on the other hand Snuffy over there," said the Chairman pointing to a bright-eyed little chap, "became hooked up almost immediately. How do you account for that, Snuffy?"

"I guess I'm what you guys calls a miracle. An' I guess I really had a spiritual awakening that punched it right home to me. It was this way, if you don't mind my tellin' it again"-the little fellow paused.

"Go right ahead, Snuffy. Some of us haven't heard it, and it won't hurt those of us who have to hear it again." said the Chairman.

"For over three years I'd been on the Bowery. On one of my many trips to Bellevue hospital, the Docs discovered that one half of my brain had been paralyzed from a fall I got when I was a youngster. The other half of my brain was affected by alcohol.

"I'd never learned to read or write. Had been an elevator operator most of my life. One night I even bummed a cop for four bits--some of 'em are pretty good that way--an' after I'd spent it for some kind of booze, something told me to go to Twelfth Step House an' get a flop. I'd heard about AA an' that the guys over there would help a guy who really wanted to quit drinkin'.

"Well, to make my story short, I stopped drinkin' that night. I worked around Twelfth Step House, doin' odd jobs. Then one night a couple of nicely dressed guys picked me up an' said we was goin' to Staten Island to talk to a group. I was scared stiff. Me talk? 'Bout what? I hadn't done anything for no one. But on the way over on the Staten Island Ferry we talked about things. Kind of exchanged experiences. They'd had some pretty tough times too. It was cloudy and dark goin' over, but when we came back the moon was out and I never seen so many stars in the sky. As we passed the Statue of Liberty, I shouted--'Lookit! Ain't that beautiful?' The two gents laughed. 'Haven't you ever seen Her before?'

"I shook my head. Nope. Lived here most of my life--anyway I never thought She was so beautiful. Looks like I imagined an angel might look.' Then do you know what one of my friends said?

'Snuffy, you gave your first AA talk tonight. It lasted about two and a half minutes. But you said a mouthful. Especially when you wound up saying, 'If I can do it, *you* can. . .When you sat down you were a different man from the scared little guy who stood up to talk. I don't know if you ever pray, but out there in the harbor, shining for all She's worth, is a symbol of your Greater Power. Think of Her, pray to Her. Believe that she can help you stay sober. It's your one chance for happiness."

"When he finished I wiped my eyes an' told them how much they had helped me. An' I said I sure wish I could help them some day. . .You know what they said? They both patted me on the back and said, 'Snuffy, you'll never know what you've given us tonight'. . .It took me some time to figure that out. But now, I guess I know. Anyway, folks my Greater Power is out in the middle of the New York harbor. And She shines every night for ole Snuffy, an' his sobriety."

The Chairman put his pipe on the table. "See what we mean by 'God as *w*e understand him' and how it simplifies our acceptance of the all-important Third Step?"

-Anonymous

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FOUR STAGES OF THE 12-STEPS

1-3	<i>Giving it up</i>
4-6	<i>Fessing it up</i>
7-9	<i>Cleaning it up</i>
10-12	<i>Living it up</i>

Steps One thru Three: *Giving it up:*

The cliché “*Meeting makers make it*” can be helpful—*sort of*. Group sharing, early on, helped me to solidify that I was really an alcoholic (Step One), and that a spiritual power, “greater than myself,” could restore my sanity, consequently, I would never again have to wake up in another drunk tank (Step Two); also, those many meetings made clear that I needed to ask God for help, *el pronto* (Step Three). Yet I was told that “*Survival on the fellowship was untreated alcoholism*,” I was also told that although meeting makers may make it to lots of meetings, and learn important and hopeful facts, it was not my solution. This process was only a *beginning*—many alxies who stopped at this point got drunk! Certain of the less sensitive refer to this as: “1-2-3 Cha-Cha-cha (not recommended).”

Steps Four Thru Six: *Fessing it up:*

My sponsor pointed out, just after we prayed the Third Step prayer together, that all my new-found spiritual gusto would soon fade away unless we begin Step Four *at once* (p. 64). After a short period of spontaneous God-inspired writing, followed by my own reflections, I then had enough honest information to allow my sponsor to take me through the Fourth Step Process. Step Five was done at *first opportunity* (p. 74), which started only a few minutes later. Now, being armed with those defects and shortcomings that constituted that bondage of self I confessed to myself that I had to become willing to have them removed (Step Six).

Steps Seven Thru Nine: *Cleaning it up:*

I then asked God to remove these suddenly revealed destructive facets in Step Seven, then reviewed and added to my mostly written Step Eight list. After a conference with my sponsor, and prayers to God, I began making my Step Nine amends as suggested in the Big Book.

Steps Ten thru Twelve: *Living it up:*

I have learned that the above nine steps were only a teaching-of-the-heart *event*. Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve, are a lifelong *process*. Living these last three steps is a continuous re-doing (living) of the first nine! Life is easier, and much happier now—I have begun the process of living *it up!*

Submitted by Bob S., Richmond, IN

Step Three

“*Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.”*

Step Three is like opening of a locked door. How shall we let God into our lives? Willingness is the key. Dependence as a means to independence. Dangers of self-sufficiency. Turning our will over to Higher Power. Misuse of will-power.

Sustained and personal exertion necessary to conform to God’s will.

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Tradition Three

“The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Early intolerance based on fear. To take away an alcoholic’s chance at A.A. was sometimes to pronounce his death sentence. Membership regulations abandoned. Two examples of experience. Any alcoholic is a member of A.A. when he says so.

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Concept Three

“*As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional ‘Right of Decision’.*”

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!!! Coming Events Mark Your Calendar !!!

March 2-4 AREA 10 SPRING ASSEMBLY “Our Common Welfare” at the Doubletree Hotel, 1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd. in Colorado Springs 80906 Info can be found at www.coloradoaa.org or Rob 719-499-4741/ Bill 720-220-7906

March 16-18 2018 SITKA ALASKA ROUNDUP meetings, speakers and workshops. Suggested registration in \$25.00. For more information email: sitkaaroundup@gmail.com For hotels go to sitka.com

April 14 PATHWAY to FREEDOM CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE at Central Christian Church, 3690 Cherry Creek Dr. Denver, CO 80209. Registration opens at 8am, Conference starts at 9am Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Dinner is a chili cook-off, so please bring chili too Please bring any and all old Grapevines to donate to inmates in the CDOC. CDOC Basic volunteer and update training available (please contact Ellie C 704-778-1811) Speakers, Panels, and Workshops
Questions: Ashlee M. 719-424-9591

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!

NEW MEETING BOOKS ARE AT THE PRINTER AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SOON!

NEW MEETINGS NOT LISTED IN THE CURRENT DIRECTORY

M-F	n*	A BETTER WAY, 9203 S. University Bl. (Ch) Highlands Ranch, District 11(effective 1/8/2018)	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
MO	CBBBn*	SOUTHSIDE SOLUTION, 6653 W. Chatfield Ave. (Ch) Littleton, District 30	7:00 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

THE ARID CLUB AND ALL IT’S MEETINGS HAVE MOVED TO:

1050 WADSWORTH BL., LAKEWOOD, DISTRICT 12

PHONE NUMBER 303-238-5693

BOULDER ONE AND ALL THE MEETINGS THERE HAVE MOVED TO:

5717 ARAPAHOE AVE #215, BOULDER 80303


IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CENTRAL OFFICE HAVE UP-TO-DATE GROUP INFORMATION AS WE USE THIS INFORMATION FOR REFERRING NEWCOMERS TO YOUR MEETINGS AND KEEPING THE MEETING DIRECTORIES AS CURRENT AS POSSIBLE. OFTEN IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTACT SOMEONE REGARDING MATTERS AFFECTING YOUR GROUP. Thank you.

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

* *March 2018* *

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

January 2018 Group Contributions

GROUP	JAN	GROUP	JAN	GROUP	JAN
12X12@144 th	100.00	Edit Nooners	500.00	Off Bdwy Women	65.00
231 Buckley	20.00	Evergreen Thurs	120.00	Old Farts	50.00
A Vision 4 today	231.25	Fitzsimmons	280.02	Operating Committee	20.00
Adventures in Sobriety	200.00	Fourth Dimension	237.86	P.P. Workshop	390.45
Area PI Committee	4.00	Franktown Friends	57.71	Park Hill Sobriety	272.50
Arid Group	120.13	Fri 11 step study	23.34	Parker Sat 12x12	168.00
Being Convinced	169.36	God Power	202.39	Parker Women	50.00
Big Book Serenity	108.52	Golden Sober Sisters	121.14	Pathway	300.00
Bill & Bobs Adventure	48.72	Group 1	106.92	Quincy 2	60.00
Bill's Brownbaggers	98.10	Guardian	300.00	Rec at the Ranch	273.38
Bottoms Up	343.33	Happy Landings	183.00	Saturday Step	106.83
Bright Side	735.16	Happy Trudgers	1,493.48	Sho-Gro	100.00
Brmfld Any Lengths	199.30	Happy Way	427.39	Sober Sisters	75.00
Brmfld Noontimers	150.00	It's in the Book	170.26	Sobriety at Seven	51.48
Brmfld Sun Morning	1,000.00	Ladies Choice	91.86	SOS Men's	95.00
Burning Desire	10.00	Lilley Gulch	274.37	Southland Serenity	396.00
Castle Rock Speaker	57.00	Men's Acceptance	550.00	Sun Nite Table Mtg	34.18
C C Promises	1,120.00	Midtowne on the Park	99.23	Sunday Sobriety	248.79
Day By Day	21.88	Miracles Happen	40.00	Sunrise Serenity	289.92
Degenerates	171.00	Morning After	315.13	Sweet Sobriety	61.65
Den Thurs Night	22.35	Morning Reflection	200.00	Upon Awakening	1,480.38
Depth and Weight	98.50	Mountain Nooners	180.00	Womens Steppers	10.00
Design for Living	140.00	N.W. Arvada AM	15.00		
DTC Sobriety	665.00	New Beginnings	51.15		
E Hampden Women	98.00	New Direction	121.60	Contributions in Jan	17,191.79
Early Bird	409.28	Newner	60.50	YTD Total	17,191.79

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

There was 1 individual contributions = \$100.00	75 Contributing Groups
There were 2 Birthday Contributions = \$47.00	467 Groups NOT Contributing
There were 10 Faith Fivers Contributing = \$363.00	Average per Contributing Group = \$229.22
There were 6 Last Drop renewals = \$60.00	Percentage of Groups Contributing = 13.84 %

OFFICE MANAGER Position Description

The office Manager of the Denver Area Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous is a full-time, salaried position reporting to the Denver Central Committee. Principle roles of the Manager are managing the day-to-day operations of the Central Office, coordinating with and supporting the Central and Operating Committees, hiring and supervising staff and providing leadership for sustaining the fellowship. He or she will perform all work related duties in accordance with the Denver Procedures Guidelines, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

10 years of continuous sobriety and an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Proven experience effectively supervising and working with a broad spectrum of people.

Demonstrated leadership skills working with committees to achieve goals.

Demonstrated experience with MS Office system, in particular Word, Outlook, Excel and Access. Also use of the Quickbooks accounting system

Basic working knowledge of the use of our website and content.

Some areas of responsibility will require evening and weekend work.

COMPENSATION

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Retirement, health benefits and vacation leave are provided.

TO APPLY

Applications will only be accepted in writing. Mail or drop off at the Central Office. The application can be downloaded from our website at www.dacaa.org/centraloffice.htm after February 9th, 2018

Denver Central Committee Monthly Delegates Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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

Tradition 2: “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

Concept 2: “The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

New Delegates: Russell D. (Soul Beginners Group); Vanessa S. (Cherry Creek Promises); Robert W. (New Day); Kyle O. (Language of the Heart); Toya D. (Park Hill Sobriety); Kevin B. (Crack of Dawn); Susan V. (How it Works); Sarah G. (Ladies Choice); Anna W (Sunday Night Ticket); Tom W. (Green Light)

Total Voting Delegates: 49 voting delegates in attendance

Secretary’s Report: Approved as written

Treasurer’s Report: Approved as written

	Actual Dec-17	Budget Dec-17	Variance Dec-17	2017 Budget	12 Month’s Budget	12 Month’s Actual	YTD Variance
Net Lit Income	3,561	2,567	994	30,800	30,800	27,844	(2,956)
Total Income	12,231	11,333	898	136,000	136,000	144,279	8,279
Total Expense	10,810	11,333	(523)	136,000	136,000	13,668	(5,332)
Surplus/Deficit	1,421	0	1,421	0	0	13,610	13,610

Central Office Report: Jo Nickell (Office Manager): Excused. (Mike B) New meeting book will be coming out this month. The policy for group inclusion in the directory was reiterated.

Service Committee Reports:

Last Drop: Shannon W.: Excused. (Mike B). Contact information for submitting articles was provided.

Night Watch: Greg C.: Night watch received 146 calls last month (13)12-step calls and 13 Al-anon calls. There are 5 open shifts, 1st Thursday 11pm-9am, 2nd Wednesday 11pm-9am, 3rd Thursday 11pm-9am, 3rd Saturday 11pm-9am and 4th Tuesday 11pm-9am. A Night Watch workshop is schedules for February 24th from 10-12 at Central Office. Those considering a shift are encouraged to attend.

Bridging the Gap: Rob O.: Excused. (Charlie). The BTG committee meeting has combined with the National Workshop Committee and meets the 2nd Saturday/month from 8:30-9:30am or contact Rob (303-887-6141). Help is needed for the National Workshop. A BTG workshop is in planning for April/May.

Archives: Jill W: Excused. (Mike B). Jo has donated her collection of Grapevines and displays are being created.

Volunteers: John Z.: Excused. (Mike B). If you are interested in volunteering at Central Office contact the volunteer coordinator directly to arrange a time to learn about how we serve the fellowship in the Central Office. John Z can be reached directly at 303-204-0557. Volunteer requirements is >6 months of sobriety and through the 5th Step.

Old Business: A summary of the decision to not include the Freethinkers group in the Central Office directory was presented.

New Business: Zone representatives were elected: Stephanie T - Zone 1, Brennan M and Teri P – Zone2 , Kendra C - Zone 3 and Zak M - Zone 4.

Seventh Tradition: \$81.00

Announcements:

Group/Committee Reps in Attendance- Chair, Vice Chair, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Night Watch Coordinator. Groups in Attendance: 545 Happy Hour, 10pm Last Call, A New Day, A Vision 4 You, Always Hope, Arid Group, Arvada Thurs Night, Attitude Adjustment, Beginner, Beyond Alcohol, Bill and Bob’s Adventure, Cherry Creek Promise, Crack of Dawn, Daily Reprieve, Degenerates, Denver Thursday Night, Denver Young People, E. Hampden Women’s, Early Bird, Eleventh Steppers, Four Horseman, Fourth Dimension, from 40oz2 freedom, God Power, Green Light Tuesday, Group 13, Happy Landings, Happy Trudger, Happy Way, High Life for Women, High Noon, Intervals Hilarious, How it Works, It’s Come to This, Keep It Simple, Ladies Choice, Lakewood Open, Men’s Big Book, Miracles Happen, Monday Happy Hour, Mountain Women, Musicians Recovery, New Direction, Old Kent, On the Rocks, Nine to Five, Noon Beginners, P.P. Workshop, Parkers Men, Recovery at the Ranch, Spearheads, Sunday Men’s, Sunrise Serenity, Sweet Sobriety, Upon Awakening, Vie-Tality.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 with the Thank you prayer.

In love and service, Laurie W. (Assistant Secretary)

Next Meeting will be Tuesday March 6th, 2018

DENVER AREA CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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