

Pikes Peak: A Room With A View

We meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings on the fifth floor of St. Francis Hospital in downtown Colorado Springs. It's the Sunday Morning Speaker's Meeting.

As in other groups, you will find the regulars, the core members of the group you can count on seeing every Sunday. And, of course, you will also find the newcomer, the man in his first thirty days of sobriety, or the woman attending our meeting for the first time. The new faces mixing with the familiar keep the meeting fresh, a welcome change in the voices and stories that reflect our experience, strength, and hope.

However, there is one thing at this meeting that people do not see in many other groups: a view. Perched on the top floor of the hospital, the meeting room has two walls of floor-to-ceiling windows, looking out to the north over Colorado Springs and, in a picture-postcard panorama, west to the mountains. Looming behind the speaker each Sunday morning is Pikes Peak and the other mountains of the Rampart Range.

To get a full sense of the view, you definitely have to "keep comin' back." The view changes throughout the year. In the summer, the dark green of the pines on the foothills, the blue sky framing the mountains, and the simple skyline of Colorado Springs all provide a beautiful backdrop for our speaker. The summit of Pikes Peak is a radiant pink due to the granite that rises above the timberline.

But if you continue to attend the meeting, summer soon turns into fall. Slowly, the leaves on the trees around the city change to yellow and gold, while the groves of aspen trees along the foothills turn to gold among the green pines.

Then winter arrives. Sometimes its arrival is sudden, with a snowfall heralding the new season. Sometimes the change is gradual: temperatures drop; the skies over Pikes Peak turn grey; the snow just seems to evolve, until the summit is covered and the speaker sits before a winter scene.

Not too long after that, the weather starts to warm. The snow begins to fade from the summit, and the trees around town begin to bud.

As we progress through the year and through our sobriety, the view confirms one thing: change is inevitable. Early in sobriety, I heard someone say, "If you don't grow, you go"; our room with a view reminds me that to grow is to change. Change happens - sometimes quickly and sometimes slowly - all around us and to us. Change can be, and usually is, difficult, challenging, frightening, and exciting all at the same time, and it doesn't matter if the change is planned or sprung on us. But change is also natural, and the Sunday morning meeting gives us a clear view of that, too.

When those newcomers come in and stick around for a while, we get to watch them change as well. A life of despair changes to a life of faith and hope. And, although we don't talk about it as much, it is a pleasure to watch changes and growth in some of the old-timers. Their changes may not be as obvious as those that happen in early sobriety, but they happen. They are subtle, like the change from summer to fall.

And we get to be a part of it, every Sunday morning.

Vincent P., Colorado Springs, Colorado

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AA Meetings: To The Newcomer



The following is the final segment of a letter received at EVI from Jeff P. - Blythe California. A powerful message for anyone who may consider a drink before even that short drive home. This story is continued from March's newsletter.

New:

Emotional Sobriety: Sunday Noon - 1:30pm. JESCO Club. 340 Blair Blvd

Sunshine: Thursday Noon-1pm, 19th & Patterson, Emerald Baptist Church. This is a Big Book study.

Changed:

Old Time AA has changed it's name to **One Day At A Time**. They still meet at 4th & A at the First Christian Church of Springfield on Monday nights at 5:30-6:30. See you there!

Canceled:

The Bottom Line: Tuesday 7pm (Will start up again the 1st week in April, new location to be determined.)

Mill Street Group: Thurs. 8-9pm is not meeting any more.

Please remember to let us know if your group stops meeting. It's a lot easier to remember when you are starting a meeting, but if you stop meeting remembering to remove it from meeting lists may save someone frustration and more when they really need a meeting. To submit changes of any kind please fill out a form in the "Meeting Book Changes" book at the EVI office. Ask a volunteer at the front desk for it. Thanks!

There are no words available to me to clearly express my feelings on just how important it is for you to address this issue. Again, there may not be a problem with you at all. But, there must be some reason that compelled you to read this message. Whatever the reason is, be honest with yourself and take a real close look at the way your life is today, and the way it could be without alcohol or drugs in it. Or, look at someone close to you that could benefit from this knowledge and share it immediately. Surely, you can see the advantages that this could provide to you, and to those around you. No matter what you get from these words, I truly hope that you will make a conscience decision today to never get behind the wheel of a car again after you have had anything to drink that would impair your abilities to drive. If you know that you are going to drink, do yourself a favor and line up alternative transportation. Just as important, NEVER get in the vehicle with someone who is driving drunk. The laws are • unforgiving in regards to this matter. It does not make a difference how the accident occurred. If you have a measurable amount of alcohol in your system, and someone gets hurt, or killed, you are coming to prison. I know nothing of your background to tell you how you would adjust to prison life. Its not easy to say the least.

I never thought I would watch my children grow up without a father to help them. Never once, did I give thought to how hard it would be to watch my wife struggle to survive alone. How can you really give thought to such painful things? How can you see through the fog and identify a serious problem when, in fact, you may not even realize that a problem exists, or if you are just indifferent to all the signs? If you are reading this, then you are lucky enough to have a second chance. You need to grab a hold of it with all your might and never let go. I can't tell you what I would give for another shot at life, another shot at being where you are today. But I know this, it is a whole lot more than any of you would be willing to pay.

I could sit here and write all the buzz words that those who are familiar with AA would recognize. I could tell you to get involved in a twelve step program, attend ninety meetings in ninety days, read the big book, etc. I could tell you to take it a day at a time, everything will eventually get better. I could remind you of the twelve promise's of the program and on and on and on. However, none of this matters until you are ready to make changes in your life.

On the night of my accident, I was having the time of my life. I was not thinking that in just a few short hours I would be involved in a horrendous tragedy. I was not thinking of what this would do to so many people, my wife and children included. This was a failure that is absolutely incomprehensible to anyone who has not suffered in this magnitude. The opportunities that I destroyed for so many people are countless. I have watched through a prison fence, those that matter the most, suffer the worst. I have listened hundreds of times to problems that my family were having, that would not have happened, had I not been so selfish. I could share so many

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Business Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2003

Meeting opened at 6:30 by Harold B. with the Serenity Prayer. Twenty three EVI representatives on hand for a quorum.

Announcements:

Group representatives please pick-up announcements at EVI office and check the "BIG ASS CALENDER" in the office at the same time, as there are too many to list in the minutes.

Statement by Downtown AM Group. Instead of putting money in maintenance fund, donate it.

Committee Reports:

H&I: Larry W. - Weblink on EVI website, go to service page and click on H&I. Needs volunteers for several positions and service work. Discussed formalized rotation system.

Treasurer: Tom L. - Profit and Loss discussed.

Office: Bob E. - Office running smoothly, sees no problem in rotating out because we now have both a Coordinator and a Co-Coordinator.

Literature: Todd P. - Going to start ordering so there is a better inventory on hand. Order coming from New York. Doing monthly inventory.

Communications: John G. - Meeting Directories discussed, considering a change in layout. Need submissions earlier for the newsletter. Website is available to post announcements. Term "Meeting Directory" will replace "Meeting Book". Wish to change month reference on meeting directories to a seasonal reference (spring/summer, summer/fall, fall/winter winter/spring).

Answering Service: Carola K. - Diverter seems to be running smoothly.

Public Information: Tom S. - Things going good.

CPC: Frank K. - Good month. Trying to get EVI CPC and Alanon CPC to work together on some things.

Activities: Mindy - Picnic planning for July, if you would like to help out on this call Mindy at 954-2048.

Outreach: Annie B. - Good month.

Steering Committee: Harold B. - Reported on PRAASA trip about some neat stuff. Have some things to take to steering committee.

New Business:

Elections for Co-Chairs:

H&I Larry W. 513-5626

Speaker Meeting Angie E. 606-6433

Office Martha S. 687-9569

Answering Service Bob E. 747-2246

CPC Carola K. 736-8041

Public Information Bill D. 741-7709

Chairs rotating out thank all of you who have given and done so much for service work.

Old Business:

AIS - Good response will let us know by the next EVI meeting.

Submitted By Roger H., Secretary



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Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Drop by for a visit!

EVI Web Site

www.efn.org/~eviaa

Meeting schedules, business meeting minutes, and much more.

The little squiggle in the address is found right next to the exclamation point on the keyboard. Save a book mark or favorite and check back often!

E.V.I. News

Emerald Valley Intergroup's Newsletter for the A.A. Community in Lane County

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Submissions due last Monday of each month. To submit articles or event information, mail them or drop them off at the EVI office c/o EVI Newsletter. Submissions can also be e-mailed to: eviaa@efn.org

Communication Committee (Newsletter & Web Site, Meeting Book) meetings are held at 6pm the first Friday of each month at the EVI office. Call John G (686-5602) with any questions.

Contributions: Travel the AA Way



Some Suggestions on seeing the world through sober eyes.

(March/year to date)

Anonymous/Unknown 0/10.00
Attitude Adjustment 232.36/570.83
Autumn Group 0/0
Brown Bag Group 0/0
Caduceus 0/113.00
Cottage Grove Noon 0/2.00
Courage to Change 0/0
Downtown AM Group 113.12/299.53
Freedom of Choice 296.00/296.00
Friday Night BB Study 119.22/119.22
Friday Night Stag 0/0
From The Heart 100.00/100.00
Get Well Group 10.00/20.00
Gratitude Group 0/0
The Great Fact Group 5.00/5.00
How It Works 60.00/125.00
Last Chance Study Group 60.00/60.00
McKenzie Bridge Group 0/0
Men's Daily Reflections 0/0
Monday Mens Stag 0/131.50
Monday Night Beginners 0/0
New Freedom 0/90.00
New Freedom II 0/0
Primary Purpose 0/0
Recovery By the Big Book 0/0
Recovery By The Steps 35.00/65.00
Rush Hour Group 20.00/20.00
Saturday Morning Steps 0/220.00
Search For Serenity 86.36/222.36
Serenity Seekers West 0/0
Sober Awakenings 300.00/300.00
Sobriety for Life 0/90.00
Springfield Monday Night 0/6.00
Sponsorship 0/0
Stairway to Sobriety 0/50.00
Sunday Morning B.B. 172.92/399.94
Sunday Sunshine 0/0
Sunlight of the Spirit 0/0
Sunday Night 12x12 0/0
SW Sunset 0/0
Thursday Men's Book Study 0/0
Thurs. Men's Spons. Group 0/0
Try God Group 0/291.70
Tuesday Men's Sponsorship 0/0
Tuesday Beginners 0/0
Veneta Gratitude Group 0/0
We Need Each Other 0/0
Wednesday Mens Noon 0/0
Wednesday Men's Stag 0/0
Women's How It Works 10.66/10.66
Women's Monday Night 0/0
Womans Rd. to Recovery 0/205.25
Total Contributions (month/year to date)
Group month/ytd 1620.64/3822.99
Contributions/Individual
Anonymous/Unknown 0/152.00
Faithful Fivers 124.40/234.40
Ind. Contributions/Other 9.55/26.29
Total Contributions/Ind. 133.95/412.69

I've just returned from the first transatlantic trip I ever took where the plane wasn't kept aloft by my firm grip on a double vodka on the rocks.

For the past several years, I've made an annual trip to Europe, part business, mostly pleasure. Recently, five months sober (well, all right- dry), I was planning to take off for a four-week stay in Scotland and England. But since I'd thrown away my copy of *Europe on Five Pints a Day*, I had to have a new style for traveling. I knew how to book a room, but had no idea how to "reserve" a sober day. Was there an AA way of traveling? I set out to see.

My planning began with questions to AA friends and at meetings. How had others traveled sober? What had they learned and what advice could they give me? (Invariably, they pointed out that not everyone who flew drank. Another of my aerodynamic theories was shot.) I also asked questions to test my reasons for going. Were they valid and sensible? I talked to my sponsor about my feelings about the trip, figuring he was con-proof, even if I wasn't.

Their plentiful advice resolved into a simple, safe Alcoholic's Baedeker. Here is the checklist that grew from the advice:

Get from the AA World Directory the addresses of AA intergroups or central offices in cities to be visited, and write in advance to ask for a meeting list and up-to-date information. Plan a meeting as soon after arrival as possible.

Stay in hotels, not with friends. In that way, one is spared explanations for evenings one may not wish to explain. Also, one can control one's own time - time to be alone, time for meetings - with no hosts to answer to, accommodate, or please. (I had invitations to stay with friends, but friends often feel obliged to entertain guests, and I feared being entertained into oblivion.)

Set a departure date, but be ready to cancel up to the latest moment. . . or upon first sight of the airline's cocktail menu.

Once arrived, stay ready to return if any day dawns with a hint of vodka in the air.

Get lots of addresses of friends in one's AA home group, and plan a few cards or letters a day to those loving people, who are truly concerned with the success of the trip.

Pick out and pack AA literature that has proved supportive, and keep it at hand during the flight.

While away, phone friends at home if needed, and damn the expense. (I'd heard one woman speak of such a long-distance call to her sponsor that cost about \$100 - and dirt cheap at that.)

Enjoy the trip - one day at a time.

The planning resulted in one of the happiest trips I've ever made anywhere. Travel became different - better, happier, and safer. The AA people I met abroad were warm and welcoming; the meetings, startling in their similarity to those I was used to. (Our British fellows' qualifications included mentions of "pink gin," "shandys," and "brown and mild," but that was the main difference.) I had that most happy human experience - discovering, not how different people are, but how alike.

Perhaps the experience was best put by a speaker I once heard who said: "I still haven't met some of my best friends in the world, and they're all in AA."

Anonymous

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April Calendar

- 1st Mon Steering Committee 6:30PM
Tue District 20, 6:30PM 418 A St. Ken L. 747-8270
Tue District 33, 6:30PM Pam G. 895-5478
Wed District 19, 5:15PM Jennifer W. 937-1070
Thur Speaker Mtg Committee, 7:00PM Angel 431-4924
Fri Communication Meeting, 6:00PM John G. 686-5602
Sat Cooperation with Professional Community, Noon
Sun Activities, 5:00PM Mindy 954-2048
- 2nd Mon EVI Business Meeting 6:30PM
Wed District 6, 6:30PM Tim A. 726-8558
Sat Answering/Diverter, 9:00AM
Sat EVI Speaker's Meeting 7:30PM Country Club Rd.
- 3rd Wed Public Information, 6:00PM Bob P. 434-1045
Last Wed H& I Committee, 6:00PM
Last Day Literature Committee, 6:30PM



Fellowship Events

April 26, 2003, Recovery Riders - Rails to Trails. Alton Baker Parking Lot. Meet at 10:00am in the parking lot for a ride along a turn of the century railroad - turned pedestrian / bike trail to Cottage Grove Lake. Contact Robert 342-2246 or see the website at www.geocities.com/recoveryriders

April 27, 2003, Eugene, OR, AA History Panel & Potluck. Join District 19 from 12:30-3:30pm at Agate Hall for AA & Al-Anon History, both local and world-wide. Contact John G. 686-5602.

May 2-4, 2003, Grants Pass, Oregon. 28th annual Rogue Roundup. Josephine County Fairgrounds. Contact info - Rogue Roundup PO Box 1741 Grants Pass, OR 97528 - or see the website - <http://www.rogueroundup.com>

May 4, 2003, Eugene, Oregon. 1:30pm - 3:00pm. 1st Sunday Speaker Meeting. 2580 Hilyard Street. Real time captioning for deaf and Hard of Hearing. Wheel chair accessible. Speaker - David G., Portland Oregon.

May 15-17, 2003, Portland, Oregon. Oregon Area Quarterly Assembly. Holiday Inn, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd. Contact info and reservations - (503) 256-5000.

Gratitude:



Currently Available Service Positions:

Other volunteer opportunities: H&I has a constant, and varied need for people willing to do a little to a lot of service work. There is also a special need for women volunteers for Lane County Jail, CCC, Willamette Valley Treatment, etc. The opportunity for this type of service has really expanded, and H&I has been doing a great job, but they need the AA community to step up and volunteer. This is real service work.

The Promises

If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through. We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

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Notes from PRAASA-Intergroups Roundtable

From San Diego, Jack talked about their "I am responsible club" blood bank donation program that AAs can contribute to and also draw from when necessary. Running an ad in the Intergroup newsletter caused quite the controversy.

Jack also spoke of their 12th step list and how those who were able transport wheelchairs or otherwise provide services for people with special needs were so designated on the 12 step list. Although the need here seems small at this time, starting a committee for special needs to provide services to those wheelchair bound, hearing or visually impaired would be prudent.

Butch from Santa Cruz said more than 200 groups are listed with their intergroup and they employ one part-time worker (25 hrs.). If there is a rift, it's usually about money and if intergroup supports the groups, the groups support central office. His advice was to find out what they want and provide the service. They average a 4-5% increase in contributions annually. And they made it clear that central office doesn't give rides.

George from the San Fernando Valley said they do sell literature other than AA approved literature but around corner. Their office is set up for 12 step work only, they staff six phone lines 24 hrs/ day. They don't provide rides but give ride info to alcoholics (taxi, shuttles, etc.).

In Boise, the intergroup supports Central Office.

In San Francisco, they have an annual budget of \$200,000 to work with and pay one office manager between \$35,000 and \$45,000/ year.

Because funding is such a big issue for most intergroups, there were lots of fund raising ideas tossed about. Discussed was: what literature to sell, the amount of markup and whether or not to sell coins. For a few intergroups, November is gratitude month and a couple groups pass the basket twice, others put an ad in the newsletter and make announcements at meetings. The San Fernando Valley IG rents a theater and shows AA archive films. In Maui they hold an Alcathon each year which is mostly fun and games and an auction of donated items with all income going to Central Office.

Notes from the newsletters roundtable discussions

Newsletters seemed as varied as us drunks. They ranged from monthly, two page internet editions to 8 page newspapers, 16 page single color tabloid style newsletters. Some were area newsletters, others were intergroup / central office. In some cases one person did all the work, others have a several person committee with all local content. Content included news, updates, stories, and birthdays.

Panels attended by Intergroup reps

Keeping our literature relevant

LaVina: Review AA group pamphlet, put 4th edition on GSO website, should we have "AA, religion and spirituality" pamphlet?

AA in a changing world

New committee to review internet usage?

How to keep AA growing in US and Canada? Has it kept pace with the population? Can Grapevine be self supporting? Internet home groups? Are AA directories relevant?

The remainder of the Assembly consisted of: Area Service highlights, the trustee report, PRAASA business meeting, past trustees experience, strength and hope and of course, some awesome speakers and AA meetings. In loving service, Kurt, EVI co-chair.

Echoes in the Valley

(Echoes in the Valley is a collection of wit and wisdom heard in and around the valley. While not always original, they are shared by local folk at local events. If you hear anything at a meeting that you think others would enjoy or benefit from, please drop it off in the Newsletter Box at EVI. Quotes are credited to the speaker with permission, otherwise they are anonymous.)

"I've heard that this program's not for people who need it, but for people who want it. Well, it's not for people who want it, it's for people who work it."

Anonymous - The Great Fact Group

"If I do nothing, that's what I get."

George V - Monday Men's Nooners

"I'm an alcoholic, and my problem is Roy."

Roy L - Primary Purpose Group

"Life keeps lifing at us."

Gus P - EVI Speaker Meeting

"I got sober when I was 13 ... in a 38 year old body."

Tim A - EVI Office

"Resentment is anger in a crock pot."

John H - Friday Night Stag

"I'd run the show alright ... into the ground!"

John M - Stairway to Sobriety

"Didn't it give you a resentment when your Mom told you to get out of town ... state!?"

Fred D - Friday Night Stag

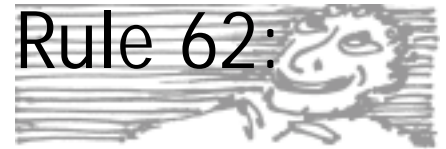


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heart breaking stories with you that have resulted from this terrible tragedy, but I won't. It was not my intention to concentrate on me, but to concentrate on a message that would be powerful enough to force you to change your habits. Christmas just passed a couple of weeks ago. What a terrible day to have to watch your children leave a visiting room to go home and open presents without you. What actually hurt the most, was knowing that they would not have that many to open because of me. That didn't affect their hugs and kisses though. And it didn't change their one question that they continue to ask, and I continue to be unable to answer. "When are you coming home Daddy?", "Don't they know it was only an accident?"

If this message helps just one—person, then all of the suffering, all of the loss and all of the pain endured by the innocent victims will not have been all the way in vain. Especially, the family and friends of Mr. Jilly Rizzo. I hope you can defy the statistics. I hope that you never have to experience this madness. Take a good look at the ones that matter in your life. Cherish them, they are such a joyful gift. I pray for you all.

Jeff Perotte, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, California



A termite walks into a bar and says "Is the bar tender here?"



The bartender asks the baby seal what he'd like. "Anything but a Canadian Club" replied the seal.



Two drunks arguing about whether it's the sun or the moon asks another drunk. His reply ... "I have no idea, I'm not from this neighborhood".



Three racehorses were sitting in a bar bragging to each other about the races they've won. A greyhound at the end of the bar says "I've got you all beat." To which one of the racehorses say "How about that! A talking dog."



Faithful Fiver Pledge:

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GET THE NEWS!

- I pledge \$5 per month to support EVI and service work in my community
- I'm feeling grateful, I can send _____ per month
- I will mail or drop off my contribution: Monthly
- Four times a year (\$15 each)
- Once a year (\$60)

Name:

Address:

when you acknowledge my contribution, please list me as (first name, Initial, or nickname):

"Faithful Fivers" are individuals who donate \$5 or more per month to help support Intergroup. We will post your nick name on a board in the office, with a little red dot placed for each months contribution, so you can track of your contribution. (We don't remind you, or otherwise keep track of it for you, and we will send you a newsletter whether or not you have remembered to send in your pledge.) You can contribute monthly, quarterly or yearly, and if you check the receipt box, and are on the News mailing list, we will send you a receipt at the end of the year. (If you want a receipt, but would like to save EVI postage by picking up the News at the Office, or the EVI Business Meeting, fill out your nickname and address, but write "no news" next to your address.)



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