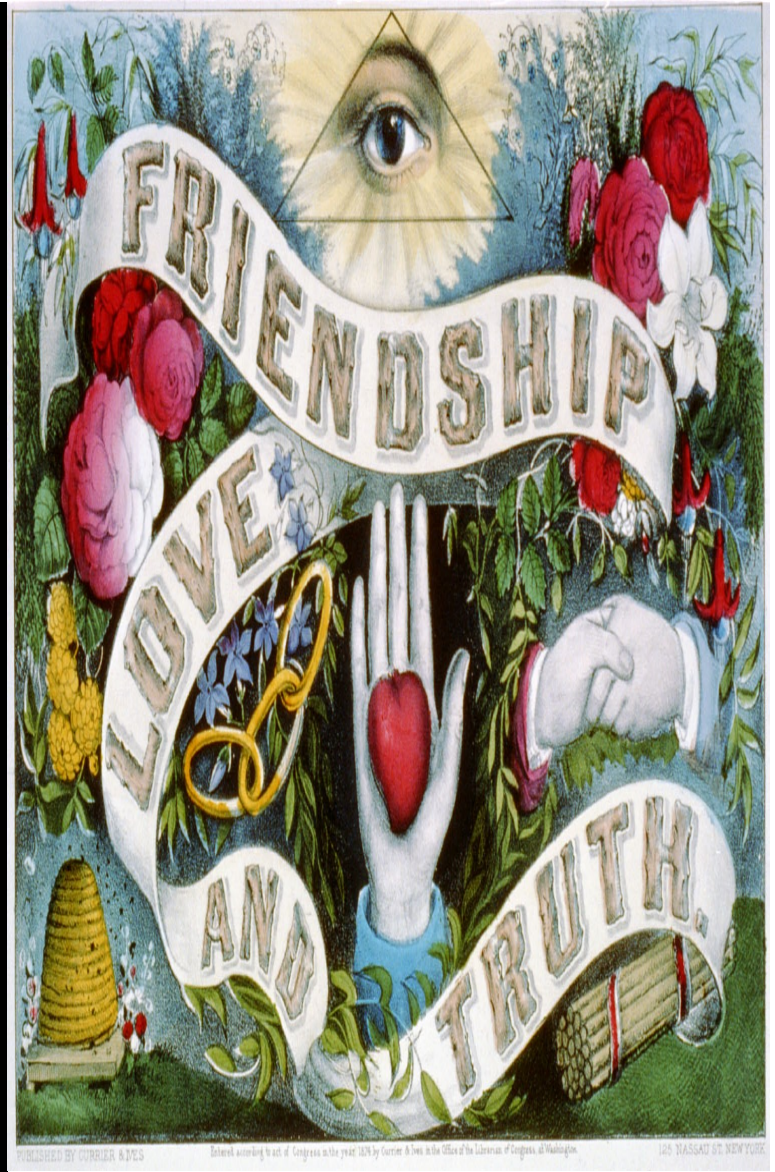


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January - February 2025



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Happy New Year Western Colorado AA,

Here's hoping you all enjoyed a safe and loving Holiday Season! We are now ready to embark on a new year. Feels like we just embarked on 2024 and here we are in 2025. Whew!!!

The first item of news I want to inform you of is that Intergroup has decided to drop the Steering Committee title and begin calling that part of Intergroup the Board of Directors. We feel that the term Board of Directors is a more widely understood term. For some time the term Steering Committee has been described as a "Board of Directors". Hence....

With that said this is the last News Letter [letter](#) I will be writing as your Board Chair. My rotation ends December 31st 2024.

It has been such an honor and a pleasure to serve Western Colorado Intergroup and Central Office. Truly a high point of my Sobriety and Service work in Alcoholics Anonymous. It has been a very rich part of my life and hopefully I have been an effective leader. We accomplished a number of tasks in two years. So many gifts. The Spiritual Inventory we did as Intergroup and the corresponding Action Items that came together as a result of that Inventory will definitely improve the understanding and effectiveness of the purpose of Intergroup, the Board of Directors, Central Office and how they interact with each other. This process has truly made me so appreciative of the fellowship I serve. What an honor and I am confident that this level of service work will continue under the new rotation.

I would now like to introduce the incoming Chairperson of the Intergroup Board of Directors. Gene F. from District 2, will serve in that position for the next 2 years. Some of you may know Gene as he has been very active in serving Intergroup and District 2 for a number of years. I worked with him in District 14 many years ago. His love for Alcoholics Anonymous has served him well.

Our incoming Vice Chair is Cindy D from District 20. Cindy came up thru the ranks as an Intergroup Rep for her home group. She has been and will continue to be a huge asset to Intergroup.

I will continue to serve. My head will pop where ever you allow me to participate.

Again, thank you so very, very much for the privilege and Honor of serving you and keeping our mission of serving the person who still suffers the life blood of Western Colorado Intergroup and Central Office.

In Love and Service,

Sue Brookman

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Group Contributions

Individual Contributions

	<u>Oct 29 - Dec 23, 24</u>
As Bill Sees It-Fruita	156.50
Aspen Triangle Group	175.00
Attraction Group	100.00
Cortez Fellowship Group	25.00
Design for Living-Edwards	80.00
District 01	100.00
Durango Cornerstone Group	350.00
Eagle Fairgrounds	250.00
Grand Mesa Group	50.00
Insanely Early Birds	700.00
Lunch Bunch-GJ	187.42
Odd Balls	119.59
Saturday Morning Women's Meeting	100.00
Saturday Nite Live-Carbondale	400.00
Sisters In Sobriety	464.00
Steamboat Seagulls	276.26
Stepping Out	226.00
Summit Serenity Sisters	50.00
There is a Solution/PS	116.00
Top of the Hill Women's Meeting	68.00
TOTAL	<u><u>3,993.77</u></u>

	<u>Oct 29 - Dec 23, 24</u>
Individual Contributions	7,638.05
TOTAL	<u><u>7,638.05</u></u>

Contribution & Sales Stats as of 11-26-2024

225 separate groups
465 Meetings a week

Only 73 groups have donated (34%)

Only 83 have purchased items (39%)

106 No Donations or sales (50%)

We literally couldn't do this without you!!!

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He saw a person on the ground and yelled down to him, "Can you help me? I don't know where I am." The man replied, "Sure, I'll help you. You are in a hot air balloon hovering 30 feet above the ground...between 40 and 41 degrees North latitude and between 59 & 60 degrees West longitude."

"Wow, you must be an AA sponsor", said the man in the balloon. "I am", said the man, "but what gave me away?"

"Well", answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically right but I am still lost. Frankly you're not much help at all and you might even have delayed my trip."

"You must be an AA sponsee", replied the man. The man in the balloon was amazed and said, "I am, but how did you know?"

The man on the ground said, "Well, you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a lot of hot air. You are expecting other people to solve your problems and the fact is that you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but, somehow now IT'S MY FAULT" !



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January Sobriety Celebration



Mona	B	Women's Outreach	1	1	48
Penny	N	Craig #1	1	1	42
James	L	Odd Balls	1	1	40
Steve	A	Lunch Bunch	1	1	37
Lynn	C	Aspen / Basalt	1	1	36
Pete	F	Silt Wild Bunch	1	1	28
Elisa	W		1	1	26
Jack	L	Back To Basics	1	1	25
Jack	W	Over the Hump	1	1	21
Kathy	A		1	1	20
Christie	S	Durango Central	1	1	17
Boe	N		1	1	8
Brad	O	Aspen Men's Group	1	2	34
Stacy	F	Aspen	1	2	30
Jude	M	Oddballs	1	3	49
Cathy	C	Ridgway / Ouray	1	4	20
Janet	V	Lunch Bunch	1	6	16
Tom	E	Just for Today	1	7	24
Tricia	M		1	7	21
Micheal	J		1	8	14
Becky	A	Delta Area Group	1	9	41
Zelinda	B	As Bill Sees It	1	10	42
Loren	C	Lunch Bunch	1	10	35
Jackie	S	Original Clifton	1	10	31
Don	D	Odd Balls	1	10	22
Len	S	Lunch Bunch	1	10	22
Mark	M		1	10	18
Paula	G	Hotchkiss	1	11	33
Reid	B	Norwood	1	12	22
Bob	M	The Other Group	1	12	19
Dee	B		1	13	16
Jeff	L	Steamboat Seagulls	1	14	45
David	B	Down Valley Derelicts	1	14	30
Rob	S	Craig #1	1	14	19
Ed	M	OddBalls	1	14	15
Mickee	M	Craig #1	1	15	46
Shawn	R	Palisade Happy Open	1	15	36
Jeff	C	Redstone	1	15	35
Suzann	R	Living Sober	1	15	28
Kirby	N	Grand Mesa	1	15	25
Josh	H	Open Parachute	1	16	23
Jeff	W	New Beginnings	1	16	20
Christy	W	Steamboat Seagulls	1	18	31
Jack	M	Hotchkiss	1	18	30

Jay	G		1	19	19
David	S	Serenity Seekers	1	20	9
Susan	S	Craig Fellowship	1	22	29
Jay	W	Aspen	1	23	43
Annette	P	Women's Outreach	1	23	34
Chris	K	Odd Balls	1	23	24
Martha	R	Attraction	1	24	38
Nancy	F	Fellowship of the Spirit	1	24	34
Marilyn	G		1	24	31
Jeff	B	Rangely #1	1	25	17
Clay	W	Mon Nite Men's	1	26	25
Jennifer	W		1	26	16
Jan	R	Serenity Seekers	1	27	46
Mark	M	Meeting @ V.A.	1	27	19
Alice	F	H.O.W.--GJ	1	30	30

Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.



Tradition 1

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

We make every effort to ensure that birthday information is correct, but we are human! If you see mistakes or know of someone that has left the program, please let us know!!!

Email us at

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give us a call at 970-245-9649.

Thank you!



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February Sobriety Celebration

Josh	H	Early Birds I	2	1	47
Judith	I		2	2	41
Darlene	B		2	2	40
Carol	L	Women's Outreach	2	2	36
Belinda	K	Go For It	2	2	34
Bob	M	Living Sober-Aspen	2	2	33
Debbie	Q	Carbondale	2	4	41
Don	D	Beaver Creek	2	5	29
Ron	G	Brown Baggers--GJ	2	7	44
Pat	D		2	8	38
Charlotte	W		2	8	21
Shane	O	Brown Baggers--GWS	2	9	25
Cheryl	H	Lunch Bunch ???	2	9	22
Jeanine	D		2	10	38
Matt	D		2	10	38
Mark	V		2	11	27
Jo	K		2	11	17
Lynn	T	H.O.W.--GJ	2	12	31
Dolores	P	Early Birds I	2	12	29
Tom	E		2	12	14
Daphna	R	Grand Mesa	2	14	41
Kriss	R	Early Birds I	2	14	37
Charlie	L	Grand Mesa	2	14	34
Mike	A	Attraction	2	15	34
Merilee	S	Early Birds I	2	15	20
Carol	R	Original Clifton	2	15	19
Tony	O	OddBalls	2	15	16
Loretta	G	Open Parachute	2	15	15
Chris	K	Grand Mesa	2	17	23
Marylee	L	Early Birds I	2	17	18
Chuck	H		2	18	42
Melodie	B	Into Action	2	18	41
Roy	C	Lunch Bunch	2	18	22
Kathy	Z	Rangely Roundup	2	18	17
Rick	R	Meeker #1	2	19	35
Sue		Open Parachute	2	19	16
Marcy	M	Promises	2	21	36
Rick	E	Steamboat Seagulls	2	21	29
Jeannie	T		2	21	13
Martin	B	Just For Today	2	22	39
Nancy	K		2	23	31
Christine	K	Lunch Bunch	2	24	8
Carriann	A		2	25	34
Patty	M		2	26	34
Frank	S	Bantron	2	27	46
John	A	Meeting @ VA	2	27	27
Mike	P	Open Parachute	2	28	20
Kelly Stone	B		2	29	61

Step 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.



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.

Surrender



Who are You & Your Group Supporting

You and your group can support many different entities (GSO, Area, District & Central Office)

It is a balancing act for sure.

New members may not realize that their groups must pay rent for their meetings. Many groups give out Big Books to the newcomer. They give out AA Coins for lengths of sobriety, as well as 24 hour coins. Some group have GSRs, (General Service Representatives) that travel to Assemblies which the groups pay for most of their travel, but GSRs often pay for expenses above what their group has given them. GSRs also give a lot of their time as well as their own money. Most groups buy coffee, coffee filters, coffee cups, sugar, cream, napkins, paper towels, some may even buy cleaning supplies for their meeting. It costs to run a meeting, much more than some would think! And the cost of everything seems to have doubled or triple in the last few years..

A lot of this starts with group members not putting enough in the basket to support the group that they attend, let alone support anything else. One Dollar is not what it used to be. Truly what is 1 dollar!!! We should be putting in 3 - 5 dollars into the basket, unless you are attending several meeting a week, than that is a different story. The Older Timers use to say, put in the amount of money you paid for your last drink into the basket. What was the cost of your last drink?

Do you know that Western Colorado has 465 A.A. meetings a week. If each one of these meetings could donate \$2.00 per meeting to Central Office we would net \$3,720.00 per month in group contributions, which is our projected budget for 2025 which is \$3,800.00.

In the past three years we have seen a decrease in group contributions to Central Office.

In 2022 monthly group contributions were \$3,828.81.

In 2023 monthly group contributions were \$3,622.46.

In 2024 monthly group contributions were \$3,422.42.

In 2024 out of 225 Groups only 34% give to Central Office and only 39% bought literature or coins from Central Office.

We have heard of groups buying books from Amazon. Amazon sell the hard cover Big Book for \$24.55. Central Office sells them for \$12.00. We also offer a discount for 5 or more Big Book and the same for 12x12's. We can ship your order right to your door as well.

Central Office carries sobriety coins from 24 Hours to Sixty Years. Central Office and can order Special coins for you as well.

A.A. World Service suggest that 50% of the group's excess funds go to Central Office. This information is per Where Money & Spirituality Mix (Pamphlet F-3 page 13)

Think about what A.A. has Given you!!!

What do the Steps, Traditions & Concepts say about how your funds should be distributed.

We all know that each AA Group is autonomous and can do what they want with their money...

Who is the giver? Who is the receiver?



What's Happening



District 1- Area 10 Annual Corrections Conference. Steamboat Springs Community Center- 1605 Lincoln Ave. Steamboat Springs.

April 12-2025 8:00 am to 4:00pm. Tickets are \$12.00 this includes breakfast. Lunch is a potluck. More info: Lynsey B 970-846-7519

District 18- Cortez Fellowship Group -Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM Saturday 9-25-2025. Doors open at 6:00pm coffee and cookies RAFFLE Trinity Lutheran Church- 208 N. Delores Rd. Cortez For more information 970-560-4413 or 970-749-8619

Area 10 Spring Assembly 2025 March 21-23,2025 Fort Collins Hilton Hotel 425 W. Prospect Rd Fort Collins, CO 80526 Hotel rooms with a Friday arrival are available at the block rate of \$129 per night.

Open Meetings: Friday 9pm, Saturday 7am, Sunday 7am

Saturday Speakers Al-Anon Speaker at 7:00pm. AA Speaker at 8:00pm



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