

The Message

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Speaking of Service . . .

*It's a great month to
connect with,
learn more about,
and serve AA
in the Boulder area.*

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Step 12: The Joy of Living

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Each month this year, we've explored each of the steps in turn. Now, we're taking a look at the Twelfth Step in the twelfth month. The holidays can be full of excitement, promise, closeness, and . . . expectations. Not unlike sobriety itself.

In The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the very first line states that "The joy of living is the theme of AA's Twelfth Step, and action its key word." So let's set aside the twelfth month stuff for a moment: the anxiety of time spent with family, the pressures to be happy and jingly and spendy that can so easily lead to disappointment and resentment. Let's leave expectations behind and turn our attention to the Twelfth Step: the joys of sobriety, and the key word of action.

What kind of action are we talking about? The Big Book's tales of calling doctors and clergymen to track down new prospects seems a bit antiquated, but the idea behind it is still fresh. Carrying the message means showing up for each other to share our experience, strength, and hope. This issue is full of opportunities. From answering phones to balancing books to stacking chairs, when your actions support other alcoholics, you're giving, but you're also taking in the greatest gifts of sobriety. According to the 12 x 12:

"Service, gladly rendered, obligations squarely met, troubles well accepted or solved with God's help, the knowledge that at home or in the world outside we are partners in a common effort, the well-understood fact that in God's sight all human beings are important, the proof that love freely given surely brings a full return, the certainty that we are no longer isolated and alone in self-constructed prisons, the surety that we need no longer be square pegs in round holes but can fit and belong in God's scheme of things—these are the permanent and legitimate satisfactions of right living for which no amount of pomp and circumstance, no heap of material possessions, could possibly be substitutes."

As we look ahead to the New Year, let's turn our attention away from what we can gain from our sobriety and AA, and focus instead on the action that can yield "the new attitudes that finally brought many of us an inner strength and peace that could not be deeply shaken."



New
Years
EVE
P A R T Y

...pajamas
optional...

POTLUCK @6p
Speaker MEETING @7p
DJ + DANCE @8p
Absolutely Insist Meeting @10p

Where? Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1000 15th Ave, Longmont CO
suggested donation \$5



AA WORKSHOP

BRIDGE THE GAP

HAVE A YEAR OR MORE OF CONTINUOUS SOBRIETY? BEEN THROUGH ALL 12 STEPS? COME AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN GIVE BACK AND BE OF TREMENDOUS SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.



Saturday, January 19

10am - 1pm

Shepard of the Hills Church

7077 Harvest Rd, Boulder, CO 80301



Snacks & Refreshments Will Be Served

Intergroup Board Election Updates

Congratulations to Our Board Members

Thank you to the dedicated team of people who will serve on our Intergroup board:

President: Michael G.

Chairperson: Mikael

Secretary: Carly

Treasurer: Deb, STILL SEEKING FIRST-YEAR TREASURER

Central Office Manager: Karen

Member at Large: Robin

Now Appointing Intergroup Committee Chair Positions

Committee Chair positions are now being appointed by the Intergroup Chair. Each position is a two-year commitment. Two people serve during overlapping terms to ensure continuity, with the first-year position supporting and learning from the person in their second year of service. Because we have recently started this two-year rotation system and previous volunteers have rotated out, some positions need two people.

Bridge the Gap: Jacqueline, Itzik

Daytime Phone Coordinator: first-year and second-year positions open

Outreach: first-year and second-year positions open

The Message: Heather, first-year editor needed

Nightwatch Coordinator: Sam N., first-year coordinator needed

12 Step List: Marc W., first-year coordinator needed

Central Office Volunteer Coordinator: first-year and second-year positions open

Web Administrator: Kevin, first-year administrator needed

NEXT MEETING: New Year's Day*

7:00 pm

Shepherd of the Hills Church

Lookout & 71st, Gunbarrel

*Ordinarily, we meet the last Tuesday of each month

What does the Intergroup Committee support?

- Central Office management. Through the Central Office, we work to:
 - Facilitate 12-step calls
 - Help alcoholics find meetings
 - Sell AA literature and medallions
 - Provide opportunities for service
- The Bridge the Gap program, which connects people coming out of treatment with AA in Boulder County
- Our monthly newsletter, *The Message*
- Workshops and events, such as the upcoming New Year's Eve party and Bridge the Gap workshop

Send an Intergroup Representative (IGR) to our meetings to connect your group with service opportunities, local, District, and Area news, workshops and more. An IGR speaks for your AA home group at a local level and reports back to you.

Central Office Updates

5401 Western Ave. Suite D, Boulder, CO 80301
303-447-8201

centraloffice@bouldercountyaa.com

Regular office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11 am to 2 pm

24-Hour Literature Pickup

It's easier than ever with our new locking parcel box—whether Central Office is open or not!

1. Place your order by calling 303-447-8201 or email centraloffice@bouldercountyaa.com.
2. Pay by phone with a credit card (DO NOT email your card information; we'll call you).
3. Pick up your order at your convenience from the secure and locked parcel box.

Your purchases support your Central Office and Intergroup, so thank you for purchasing literature and chips from us!

Parking at Central Office

When you're visiting Central Office, you're welcome to use the one reserved parking space in front of the office. Please park in this assigned parking space and not the other space on the right as you face our front door, which is reserved for the tenant next door.

Change to Your Group's Schedule?

To have your meeting added or updated on the bouldercountyaa.com website and included in our next run of printed schedules, please [fill out the form online](#) and:

- Send it to centraloffice@bouldercountyaa.com using the instructions on the form
- CC: Denver's Central Office at denveraa@daccaa.org

Donations are Welcome!

We are currently in need of:

- Stamps
- Yellow post-it notes
- Legal size mailing envelopes
- Medium trash bags (8 or 13 gallon, in great need!)
- Coffee and tea, paper cups, sugar

New Meeting in Superior: Speakeasy Group

When: **Tuesdays at Noon**

Where: **Rocky Mountain Fire Station**

2701 S Indiana St, Superior

This meeting is closed; only those who have a desire to stop drinking may attend. For directions, visit bouldercountyAA.com/meetings.

Opportunities to Serve

Stand for a Committee Chair Position

Bring your skills to Intergroup. We're now appointing Committee Chair positions. Contact Central Office for details, or join our next Intergroup meeting. Details on page 4.

Answer Phones at Central Office

Central office is in need of volunteers to keep our doors and phone lines open during the following shifts:

- 11 am–1 pm Sunday
- 5–7 pm Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday

Training is provided. Please call Central Office at 303-447-8201 to volunteer.

Volunteer for Daytime Phone Service Positions

Daytime phone volunteers when an alcoholic in need calls Central Office, but no one is physically present in the office to take the call. You will receive a text on your personal phone from our answering service indicating the caller's name, phone number and reason for calling. You will be the front line of AA to reach out to the caller and share your experience, strength and hope around our program of recovery. Nine months of sobriety suggested.

If you have any questions, or to volunteer for shifts, please email the daytime phone coordinator at daywatch@bouldercountyaa.com.

Join the 12th-step Call List

If you're willing to respond to 12th-step calls and have a year or more of sobriety, we're updating our list and would love to have your help. Just ask your Intergroup Representative to add you to the list, or email Central Office at centraloffice@bouldercountyaa.com and ask to be added.

Please include your name, gender, sobriety date, city, phone number (and indicate whether it's OK to text you or leave an AA message there), email, and any helpful information (different languages spoken, preferred days and times for calls, etc.).

Contribute to the Newsletter

Our newsletter, *The Message*, serves Intergroup by providing a source of news and information about AA activities and service opportunities throughout Boulder County.

Submit information about group events, workshops, celebrations and anniversaries. We also welcome submissions from individuals! Share your experience, strength and hope by writing an article about a step or tradition. Submit artwork, poetry and other creative work. Contact us at themessage@bouldercountyaa.org.

*Beyond sponsoring,
we have so many ways
you can serve AA and
help other alcoholics.*

*Share this list of
volunteer opportunities
with your group.*

International Convention Coming October 2019 in Biarritz

Biarritz International AA Convention

October 10 – 13, 2019

Belambra Club

Chambre d'Amour Beach

Anglet-Biarritz, France

Theme: Back to Basics

Register and Learn More

Pre-register online for €35.00; cost is €42.00 after August 30.

<https://aaconventionbiarritz.com>

Accommodations and Venue Information

Ocean-facing rooms are available from €58.00/night (half-board). Extend your stay at convention-discounted tariffs and enjoy tourism in the region. Book early due to high demand in October!

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