

HISROTY-COLORADO, WYOMING

It's hard to say exactly which meeting was first in our area or region, because our region has changed twice. I will try to tell you how I started in Narcotics Anonymous.

In September, 1977, I was an active drug user in Bolder, Colorado, and I hit my bottom. Fortunately, I was admitted into Harmony in Estes Park, which was run by a man who was my A.A. sponsor. I had been taken to Harmony by two men who, with me were later to become founding members of Narcotics Anonymous in Boulder, although, at the time, we were unaware of this.

During my stay at Harmony, I met and talked with a counselor who had been a member of N.A. in Chicago, in the late 1950's. During my last few days at Harmony, this man gently hammered into my mind, that if I planned on being on this planet for the remainder of 1977, I must be willing to go to any lengths to find Narcotics Anonymous.

Upon leaving Harmony, I returned to Boulder and slept on a fellow A.A. member's couch. I talked to this fellow about what the counselor had told me about Narcotics Anonymous. We began to call information all over the United States, in an attempt to locate Narcotics Anonymous. We called every day for a week, with no success. We called New York City, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, the A.A. Central Office, and even the Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, but no one that we talked to had heard of Narcotics Anonymous.

I went back to an A.A. meeting in Boulder. I told the group that I wanted to start a Narcotics Anonymous meeting in their meeting hall on a different night. The group conscientiously took a vote and unanimously voted (32-0), that Narcotics Anonymous could have its own self supporting group.

Our first meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday, October 4, 1977. We made up flyers, and posted them all over town. On the night of the first meeting, both myself and the other fellow who helped me plan the meeting ended up having to work overtime at our jobs, so we were unable to make it to the meeting. The first meeting consisted of a counselor from Harmony, a resident from a halfway house, and two members of A.A. from Boulder. The group became the "N.A. BOULDER GROUP ONE". The group still meets today at 6:30 P.M. in the same place. We currently have 50-60 active members, and 200 clean, sober periodic members.

I then received a call from a counselor at St. Lukes Hospital in Denver. She told me that a group called the ALPHA-OMEGA group started in August at the Downtown Center Club.

In April 1978, I attended the World Service Conference. I was elected the regional representative for Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma, Montana, and Nevada.

Because this is an anonymous program, I am unable to name those individuals who have been a major part of helping me find Narcotics Anonymous in Boulder. As God would have it, most of those individuals are still sober. Two of them have not been seen here since 1980. The counselor who first told me about Narcotics Anonymous, never became a member of our group. Two weeks after our conversation, this member went back to an active addiction and died in a car accident. He had been sober in A.A. for eleven years. We learned first hand from the man who gave us N.A., that "Addicts die without Narcotics Anonymous".

Our region now consists of the Colorado-Wyoming region. We have a 24 hour hotline, and approximately thirty meetings a week. We have regional service meetings regularly, and put out new meeting lists every four months.

Colorado Region

Jann S. gave report. Region includes Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming. 4 groups started in Boulder, Denver and Colorado Springs. Denver dance will be May 1. Whole group going to a concert May 2. They also have a softball team. A... have really helped to bring the... members in Boulder and... There are 7 meetings a week in clubhouse. Also have an answering service: (303)442-9203.

Have an area rep. and meetings. Everyone has a job from coffee maker to sect. Service is very much accented.

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In the state of Colorado there are 9 meetings. There are approx. 50 members, 4 H & I meetings-Mercy Hospital, St. Lukes, Boulder Justice Center, Arapaho House-Denver. The major accomplishments in NA for Colorado started NA meeting at Juvenile Drug treatment center in Denver. Started Wednesday night service meeting, which is how Jim and I got here. Mostly what we have been working on is PI and public awareness. We don't have any types of numbers of drug addicts can call but we're working on a hot-line for Denver and Boulder, hopefully a toll-free number. We're putting out literature to H & I. Basically a lot of public service about drug abuse in Colorado on TV. It's not affiliated with NA and we're trying to get in there and reach the addict who still suffers. That's basically what we're working towards.

COLORADO WYOMING REGION NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETING LIST

24 Hour Hotline: (303) 443-8078

COLORADO

Colorado Springs- Sunday noon, Colorado College
Rascal Center, Cascade & Cache Le Pourde Rm. 209
Contact: Jody at 473-8557

Denver- First Sunday 8pm (open) Speakers Meeting
St. Lukes Hospital, Aspen Room
Contact: Ann at 466-5556

Sunday-2PM (Womens Open Institution)
St. Lukes Hospital 4th Floor
Contact: Janice at 861-0911 or Maxine at 427 3347

Sunday-7PM (Open) Aurora
St. Theresa's Church 13th & Kingston (East Enterance)
Contact: Chris at 343-8174 or Janet at 399-7335

Monday-8PM (Open)
Arapahoe House, 3301 S. Grant
Contact: Janet at 399-7335 or David at 789-5335

Tuesday-7:30PM (Open)
St. Lukes Hospital 19th & Pearl, Rm 4-C
Contact: Pat R. at 399-7355

Wednesday- 8:PM (Open)
Episcopal Church 100 Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Alley Door, Basement
Contact: Karl at 757-1472

Thursday-6:30 PM (Open, Institution)
St. Lukes Hospital 17th & Pearl Rm 4-C
Contact: Maxine at 427-3347 or Mary at 698- 0788

Thursday-8:15PM (Open)
St. Mary's Church, Iliff & Clayton, Denver
Contact: Janet at 399-7335

Friday- 7:30 PM (Open, Institutions)
Mercy Hospital, 19th & Milwaukee 3rd floor
Contact: Maxine at 427-3347 or Janice at 861-0911

Saturday- 8:00PM (Open)
Arapahoe House 3301 S. Grant, Englewood
Contact: Janet at 399-7335

Boulder

Monday- 6:30 PM (Open)
2020 21st St. Boulder
Contact: Sue at 499-5266

Wednesday- 8:15 PM (Closed, Service)
812 Dewey, Voting Members G.S.R. & A.S.R., Addict
Participants Welcome Contact: Jann or Colette at 433-6557

Friday- 7:30 PM (Open) (Nonsmoking)
963 Alpine Avenue, Boulder
Contact: Bryan at 447-1698 or Steve at 443-8187

Sunday 7:00 (Open) PM
New Horizons Treatment Ctr.
837 East "C" ST.
Casper