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## What is Unity all about and why is it so important to us here in Alcoholics Anonymous?

As it states in Tradition one: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". If we can not recover together in unity our fellowship dies we all may die along with it. My Favorite article on Unity was written by a past trustee from an address on Unity at the Delegates' Luncheon, during the 35th anniversary convention, Saturday, July 4,1970. "UNITY seems to me to express very well that quality which sets our Fellowship apart. For society at large has so many problems which either spring from or are aggravated by lack of unity. Yet I think that this Unity concept is frequently misunderstood, both in and out of AA. One thing I'm sure it doesn't mean is that you must agree with me! I believe that we all have a moral obligation to speak our minds and stand up for our convictions. Any so-called unity which attempts to stifle dissent is no unity at all, in my opinion. I think we must not only listen to other views, we must actively solicit and encourage.



Once it has spoken, then all of us must go along on truly basic issues. Consider, for example, our Traditions of anonymity and self-support. Few subjects in AA have been discussed so thoroughly over the years. Many members have questioned or disagreed with these concepts - and have voiced their views vigorously. Yet when the overwhelming majority of us supported these Traditions, almost all of the dissenters went along. This is the meaning of Unity, as I understand it. May it always be so!" Bob H I think if we continue to be aware of how important Unity is to our fellowship we will continue to go on saving lives. So what do we do to foster Unity today and for the future? It's simple. Experience has shown me that if I work the steps of my program, if I support the spirit of the traditions and I practice the principles of our spiritual Concepts both within and outside my AA life I will be doing my part to foster unity and so help ensure the future of AA. Simple, But not easy. Yours in Love and Service Dale S Thursday Night Group Milton Ontario What is AA Unity? Why Do We Need It? How Do We Foster It? These articles deal with current topics of interest within Area 86. Opinions expressed are those of the authors. Copied with permission from the Author.

#### FELLOWSHIP

A Big shout out to everyone who helped make the AA State convention in Pueblo Convention a success.

Thanks for all your hard work and to everyone who attended.

Just a heads up, we are planning a Gratitude/Long Timers Luncheon in October (most likely the third Saturday). Right now firming up the location and times, so put in on your calendar!! All districts welcome to attend

CSO monthly business meeting
1st Wednesday of every month
6pm
CSO office
join on Zoom by entering this

Upcoming Events

address https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4121 720850

Keystone Group Once a Month
Speaker Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Dinner from 7-8 Grilled burgers
and hot dogs Side dishes are
welcome Recovery fellowship
and games from 9-10
3 Points Club in Pueblo

BOWLING EVERY
THURSDAY NIGHT AT
MIDTOWN SHOPPING
CENTER. 9PM-MIDNIGHT.
COST IS 12.00PP



New Meeting
"Unity in Traditions"

Traditions Study out of conference approved literature speakers, etc

Saturdays 5pm Alano Club

715 Elm Canon City



Great Escape Picnic September 28th Bradford Park, Pueblo 1:30 - ??

Free Sober event
Please bring a side or dessert
All areas are welcome



#### **September Birthdays**

Evelyn W 09/14/2018
Yvonne 09/18/1996
Jim D 09/19/1993
Gina J 09/19/2016
Cimberly M 09/20/2019
Beverly J 09/27/1980
Ken C 09/28/2012
Rudy A 09/28/1987
Robin C 09/30/1990

(If I have your sobriety date wrong, or if you would like your date to be listed, send me a quick e-mail at meridiancounseling@yahoo.com



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Ft. Lyons (in Las Animas)
needs speakers for a variety of
meetings. Let's help these
people in their sobriety!! Call
Kyle P at 7194209587



Do you have something to say? Do you have a sobriety story to tell?
Does your home group have activities you would like to see listed in the newsletter? Send all articles and announcements to meridiancounseling@yahoo.com. If you don't have an e-mail feel free to contact me at 719-766-1383. The newsletter will be published monthly. Submissions for the new month are due the 21st day of the previous month.



# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3		5 Bowling every Thursday at 9 Pueblo	6	7 Keystone Speaker Mtg
8	9	10	11		13	14
15	16	17	18 Yvonne B Day	Gina J B Day	mberly M B Day	Submissions due for October Newsletter
22	23	24	25		27 Beverly J B Day	28 Great Escape picnic Bradford Park Ken C B Day Rudy A B Day
29	30 Robin C B Day					