



July, Aug, Sept 2011  
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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Central Service Office Monthly Business Meeting** Aug 3, Sept 7, and Oct 5 at 5:30 pm at the CSO. All groups are encouraged to send a representative.
- **District 8 GSR Meeting** 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm generally @ Alano Club, 320 Clark Street, Pueblo
- **July 4th Picnic** at Bessemer Park, Orman and Northern, 11am-3 pm
- **District 8 Archives Workshop and Potluck**, July 17th 1:30-5:00 pm at Alano Club, 320 Clark. Contact Samantha 858-531-8036 or Michael Wayne 719-248-4030
- **District 8 Delegates Report**, July 16th At the Alano Club, 320 Clark, watch for flyers
- **Area 10 Summer Assembly** hosted by District 20, Montrose CO, Montrose Pavilion and Event Center, 1800 Pavilion Drive. Contacts David S 970-249-4747 dks@skybeam.com or Nikki S 970-249-3025 rpsinner@montrose.net
- **2011 Colorado State Convention**, September 9th-11th, Embassy Suites Loveland Hotel and Spa, 4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland CO Contacts Rhonda N 970-217-5273, Eileen S 970-223-5823 or Lew G 303-443-8105
- **OcSoberfest**, Pueblo Convention Center, Oct 7th-9th watch for flyers

## NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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### SELF SUPPORTING THROUGH OUR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS

The General Service Office (GSO) was originally established in the 1930s and was staffed by Bill W. and a secretary. Today it is professionally run office that takes care of the daily business of Alcoholics Anonymous. They are the people that take action on the decisions we make and carry out the group conscience of AA as a whole.

The GSO has to be funded to be able to function. That funding comes primarily through contributions from AA groups and individuals and the sale of literature. If you go to the AA website ([www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)) you will find that the cost of the services that AA provides per group per year is \$142.64. This means that if every registered group in AA sent that amount in annually, GSO would be funded to do their business. The actual contributions received are \$102.24 per group per year.

There are also other financial circumstances that affect the bottom line of the General Service Office. These include maintaining retirement plans for our paid employees in a weak financial market and support to the Grapevine/La Vina which lost \$200,000 last year.

Furthermore, the copyright on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> editions of the big book have lapsed, and that information is now in the public domain. Therefore, other companies can legally print copies of these items which reduce the income AA receives from its own literature.

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I am responsible for being informed. I am also responsible for talking about these issues in my home group so we can make an informed group conscience. We can determine whether to adjust our splits to send more to GSO. Finally, I can participate in the Birthday Plan, where I send a personal contribution to AA on my sobriety anniversary. Birthday envelopes are available at the Central Service Office.

Kevin W.

## Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

## Treasurers Report

April– Motion made to amend Charter to publish newsletter every 3 months ( Jan, April, July, Oct) , this was approved and Charter amended. Century Link ads were cancelled for LaJunta and Lamar as Dex add will cover these areas. Wireless router was purchased and installed on office computer. This will be password protected with said being changed on regular basis. Newsletter committee shall consist of Newsletter Editor and the two members at large. Need a volunteer for chairperson for 4th of July Picnic, No one volunteer. Kevin to work on “Wireless Router Guidelines”

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| April 1st balance | \$4134.70. |
| Income            | \$ 1701.94 |
| Expenses          | \$ 1302.88 |
| May 1st Balance   | \$ 4763.13 |
| Income            | \$ 920.56  |
| Expenses          | \$ 154.98  |
| June 1st Balance  | \$ 4092.88 |

May...Executice Service, our answering service, said some of the Hotline phone numbers are not working. Officed staff called each person’s number and some were removed and corrections made. Motion was made to contribute \$500 to GSO, seconded and passed. No one volunteered for Activities Chairperson. Motion made to lower all books by \$1 and rounding off to nearest dollar, excluding books under \$2, motion carried. Motion made to lower all books to \$5 including Grapevine books, motion approved. 4t6h of July Picnic discussed, Mike A. has agreed to help this year. Again no one volunteered to be Activities Chairperson.

June...Volunteers are needed for the CSO Office. Office manager, Jim R met with Chairperson, Dennis Mc B, on May 2nd to add his name to the bank account. Jim replaced the keyboard for the office computer.



## District 8 News

## DON'T FORGET 4TH OF JULY PICNIC

Delegate’s Report on July 16th @ The Alano Club.

And an Archives Workshop on July 17th @ The Alano Club, 320 Clark Street, Pueblo

These both will be a pot luck

Contact : DCM Samantha 858-531-8036

**Where: Bessemer Park**

**Orman and Northern**

**Time: 11am-3 pm**

**CSO will provide Coffee, pop and water,  
Hotdogs, Hamburgers and all the fixing's**

**Please bring a side dish**

**Open AA Meeting 1-2 pm**

## Correction

Omitted in last newsletter

Treasurer: Jane M

District 8 Rep: Kevin W

## What are Faithful Fivers?

They are AA members who pledge at least \$5.00 each month toward the support of their local Central Office to “carry the message”. This idea is catching on around the country. In “Just for Today,” a story noted that “the plan came about when we remembered that many of us had spent far more than \$5.00 on alcohol during our drinking days.”

I want to pledge.

Here is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_Months.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

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