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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Central Service Office Monthly Business Meeting**
1st Wednesday of each month 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
- **Alcathon**
December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 at the Alano Club, 320 Clark St., Pueblo. Contact Alano Club @ 719-542-6347 to sign up for your group to sponsor a meeting time slot and for more information.
- **Longtimer's Meeting**
January 28th at the Alano Club. Fellowship 11:00 ~ 12:00, Lunch 11:00 ~ 1:30

Long Timers Random Selection To Share Experience, Strength & Hope @ 1:30 ~ 3:00

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A Letter From Bill Wilson About The Use Of The Lord's Prayer At A.A. Meetings

April 14, 1959

Dear Russ,

Am right sorry for my delay in answering. Lois and I were a long time out of the country and this was followed by an attack of the marathon type of flu that has been around here in New York. We are okay now, however, but I did want to explain my delay.

Now about the business of adding the Lord's Prayer to each A.A. meeting.

This practice probably came from the Oxford Groups who were influential in the early days of A.A. You have probably noted in AA. Comes of Age what the connection of these people in A.A. really was. I think saying the Lord's Prayer was a custom of theirs following the close of each meeting. Therefore it quite easily got shifted into a general custom among us.

Of course there will always be those who seem to be offended by the introduction of any prayer whatever into an ordinary A.A. gathering. Also, it is sometimes complained that the Lord's Prayer is a Christian document. Nevertheless this Prayer is of such widespread use and recognition that the arguments of its Christian origin seems to be a little farfetched. It is also true that most A.A.s believe in some kind of God and that communication and strength is obtainable through His grace. Since this is the general consensus it seems only right that at least the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer be used in connection with our meetings. It does not seem necessary to defer to the feelings of our agnostic and atheist newcomers to the extent of completely hiding our light under a bushel.

However, around here, the leader of the meeting usually asks those to join him in the Lord's Prayer who feel that they would care to do so. The worst that happens to the objectors is that they have to listen to it. This is doubtless a salutary exercise in tolerance at their stage of progress.

So that's the sum of the Lord's Prayer business as I recall it. Your letter made me wonder in just what connection you raise the question.

Meanwhile, please know just how much Lois and I treasure the friendship of you both. May Providence let our paths presently cross one of these days.

Devotedly yours,

Bill Wilson

WGW/ni Mr. Russ

From the A.A. Archives in New York

Central Service Office News

Its been a busy month for your CSO. Volunteers manned the CSO book sales table at the OcSoberfest and sales were brisk. The CSO Workshop provided our members with a better understanding of workings of the CSO. Jo N., the Denver CSO Office Manager, gave a well informed, interesting and sometimes humorous presentation. The food spread was also a hit. It was good to see members at the first annual CSO Open House. Thank you for your support.

We have reached our operating fund goals due in part by providing reduced book prices. Having reached this goal, book prices have returned to those prior to the surplus funds.

We have said good bye to two of our Steering Committee Members; Indiana Jim and Chrissy G. Thank you for your service work. In Jim's place we welcome Kevin W.

The 12 Step call list, for both men and women, is short. A well filled and dedicated call list, representing our three districts, goes a long way in reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic.

The Steering Committee still has four positions to fill. It is the with the full complement of Steering Committee members that gives our community the benefit of the best decisions for the community. Stop by and see us!

Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are arriving on eBooks in early December. The books will be available for purchase from the A.A.W.S. Online Store in English, French and Spanish. The A.A. eReader for Apple devices only will be available as part of the early December event. An Android version of the A.A. eReader will be available approximately one month later. Check www.aa.org for additional information.

Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

October—Dennis M. is going to speak to the Alano Club board about the CSO providing assistance on the upcoming Alcathon. Chrissy G. and Indiana Jim resigned as Steering Committee members and Gina S. was voted in as the interim Secretary and Kevin W. was voted in as interim Office Manager. The Newsletter with fliers were completed. Kevin shared that most of the District Meeting was discussing the bid for the Area Assembly. The CSO book sale table for OcSoberfest has been arranged and book prices will include sales tax. If the operating funds are sufficient, returning book prices to normal prices will be discussed at the next meeting. The CSO workshop has been arranged and a \$40 reimbursement was approved for the speaker. The CSO Open House has been arranged.

November—The OcSoberfest book sales when well. The CSO Workshop was not attended as well as expected. Jo N., the Denver CSO Office Manager, was a dynamic speaker. Excess food left over from the workshop will be used for the Open House. Kevin W. shared that the District will not be bidding for the 2012 Area Assembly and that a computer for District Archives was not approved. Dennis M. attended the Alano Club board meeting and offered assistance for the upcoming Alcathon. The CSO Open House went well however, there was not a large turn out. Kevin W. is updating and consolidating paperwork and computer files and working on the 2012 budget. The CSO operating funds goal was achieved and the committee unanimously voted to return book prices to normal. The frequency of publication of the Newsletter was discussed. It was our opinion that publication of the newsletter every three months was not effectively getting information out to the community in a timely manner. The committee unanimously voted to return the publication of the Newsletter to bi-monthly.

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Treasurers Report

Oct 1st balance	\$ 2453.15
Income	\$ 1809.18
Expenses	\$ 1233.48
Nov 1st Balance	\$ 3102.47
Income	\$ 880.71
Expenses	\$ 2463.26
Dec 1st Balance	\$ 969.25

THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS STILL IN NEED OF A VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, MEMBER AT LARGE AND AN ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON. ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CSO @ 546-1173.