



March & April 2012
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CSO 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
- **Area 10 Spring Assembly.**
. . .March 23- 25 in Aurora, Colorado. Go to www.Coloradoaa.org for more information.
- **4th of July Picnic.** . . .At Besemer Park 10 am to 4 pm. Free food, drinks, and fellowship.
- **2012 Colorado State Convention.** . . .August 31 to September 2 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Go to www.Coloradoaa.org for more information
- **OcSoberfest**...Oct 10th-12th. . . .Save the dates

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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Office hours Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm Closed some holidays. Call to verify.

CSO Steering Committee Election Results

Chairperson.Vacant

Co Chairperson.....Vacant

Office Manager.....Kevin W.

Treasurer.....Brad W.

Secretary.....Anita I.

*Members at Large.....Virginia S.
Dave S.*

We do have vacant positions. If anyone is interested please contact the Central Service Office or be at the next meeting April 4th at 5:30 at the CSO. 2 years of continued sobriety is required.

OTHER CSO NEWS

What a great time was had at the Long Timer's Reunion! Over 90 people attended bringing over 1500 years of continuous sobriety. Plenty of food was available and the speakers gave us a strong message of experience, strength, and hope. Our next CSO sponsored event will be the 4th of July Picnic at Bessemer Park. The pavilion has been reserved and confirmed. Hope to see you there.

Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

Feb 2012. . Elections will be held at next month's meeting with 2 years continuous sobriety required. People need not be present to be elected. Dennis will be out of town and will miss next month's meeting.. New and updated information was received for our newsletter distribution via the Longtimers Roundup. Kevin has priced new printers and it is more cost efficient to buy rather than send present one to be tuned up for \$100+. Dennis is working on changes for the Charter. A review Committee was formed consisting of Anita, Jim, Dennis and Kevin, as the chair. Charter will be reviewed and revised after the election. Kevin will add an online subscription to the Grapevine to make it easier to search past articles for the newsletter.

March 2012. . Kevin explained a problem with the phones and internet last month and most was solved but there is still one phone jack in the office that is not working. Grapevine subscription was added. Charter Committee did meet and made necessary changes to the Charter it will be ready to approve at the next steering committee meeting. Elections (new officers listed on the front page)

| Treasurer's Report | |
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| Jan 1st balance | \$ 5168.94 |
| Income | \$ 1572.25 |
| Expenses | \$ 1522.86 |
| Feb 1st Balance | \$ 5421.93 |
| Income | \$ 1222.68 |
| Expenses | \$ 659.42 |
| Mar 1st Balance | \$ 5963.71 |
| Differences in balances are due to timing of deposits. | |

A Suggestion

If I were asked to outline a tradition for anonymity it might run as follows:

1. It should be the privilege of each individual A.A. to cloak himself with as much personal anonymity as he desires. His fellow A.A.s should respect his wishes and help guard whatever status he wants to assume.
2. Conversely, the individual A.A. ought to respect the feeling of his local group as to their anonymity. If his group wishes to be more anonymous than he does, he ought to go along with them until they change their views.
3. With very rare exceptions it ought to be a national tradition that no member of Alcoholics Anonymous shall ever feel free to publish his name or picture (in connection with his Alcoholics Anonymous activities) in any medium of public circulation, or by radio. Of course, this should not restrict the free use of his name in other public activities, provided he does not disclose his A.A. connection.
4. If for some extraordinary reason, for the good of A.A. as a whole, a member thinks it desirable to completely drop his anonymity he should only do so after consulting the older members of his local group. If he is to make a nationwide public appearance as an A.A. the matter ought to be referred to our Central Office.

Of course, I am not for a moment thinking of these statements as rules or regulations; they merely suggest what would seem to be sound tradition for the future. In the last analysis every A.A. will have to search his own conscience.

If we are going to evolve a clear-cut tradition about anonymity we shall do it only through our usual process, viz:--trial and error, much discussion, collective judgment and common consent.

To stimulate further discussion I would like, in an early issue of *The Grapevine*, to review our experience with anonymity. That we shall eventually come up with the right answers I can have no doubt.

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