



NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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May & June 2012

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 at the Alano Club, 320 Clark St.
- **Seekers Group Campout...** May 11th-12th at Caddoa Shelter south of Hasty Co. For info contact Chuck 719-336-3500 or Eric 719-691-0916
- **Great Escape Campout at Lake Deweese...** May 25th – May 28th
- **Great Escape June Jam...** June 23rd...info on back
- **4th of July Picnic.** . . At Bessemer Park, Pueblo. 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 12th-14th . . Save the dates. Can visit www.ocsoberfest.org

The Weaving

She and her Higher Power agreed it was time to let it go

I am an eighty-three year old woman and have been sober twenty-six years. At this point in my life, I am trying to share my life's treasures with others. This is a story of how I was led to share one of those treasures. In this wonderful program of Alcoholics Anonymous, one of the first things I tried to learn to practice was the saying, "Let Go and Let God." I don't always remember it when I should, but when I do, small miracles sometimes happen.

The annual Taos, New Mexico AA Festival (in its eighteenth year) has been a meaningful part of my sobriety for many years. It is a place for me to receive guidance, love, closeness to my other family, lots of fun, and some good food physically, mentally, and spiritually.

There are a lot of wonderful artists in Taos and many donate art of one kind or another to the raffle that is held in conjunction with the Festival. About seven or eight years ago, I walked into an artists' hospitality and art display room and saw, hanging in a corner, one of the most beautiful woven rugs I have ever seen. Needless to say, all my tickets went in that can. At the time of the drawing, the weaving was held up for all to see and then the name was drawn. It was my name! However, when I got up to the front to claim my beautiful weaving, another woman had it in her arms. But after the ticket was checked I was the winner.

The weaving had been given anonymously, but there was a monogram on it. I tried, through the library and by sending pictures to various weavers, to find out who had made this beautiful rug. I wanted to tell her how much I appreciated and loved it. But my search was fruitless.

This year I was back in Taos (a four-hour drive from my home) for another wonderful festival. Saturday night, after an inspiring speaker meeting, we were playing games in one of the hotel rooms. Jeanne came in from the hall and said, "I just found someone in the hall and asked her to come to our party." The woman who came in to join us wore a badge that read "Jane S."--just like mine. That night, after I went to bed, I thought, "Could that be the same Jane S. who thought that it had been her name that was called for the weaving?"

The next morning we went to breakfast and the other Jane S. came in and sat with us. I started to tell the story of the weaving and she said, "That was me." I told her how much I had loved and appreciated the weaving and how I had tried to find the artist who had created it so I could properly thank her. She said, "She is here with me--I'll introduce you." Then she told me what a breakthrough not winning had made in her life of sobriety. She was elated when she thought she had won because of her closeness to the weaver. Then her elation turned to tears and sorrow when she realized she

had lost. She delved into her innermost self as to why these emotions were so powerful. Finally she said, "Please, God, don't ever let me want anything you don't want me to have." She said the incident was a real turning point in her sobriety.

Neither my family nor friends have admired and loved this weaving as I have. I have had several wonderful years with it in my home. Now I was ready to let go. I said a few little silent prayers to my Higher Power and we agreed the beautiful weaving should go to my new friend, the other Jane S. Of all the people I know, she will love it as I have.

I finally got to meet and say thanks to Sally, the wonderful artist who made the weaving, and to tell her how much it had meant to me and the joy it had brought into my life. That was a real thrill for me. There were tears and heartfelt love among the three of us.

This year, the Taos Festival was an especially moving and significant one for me. I shall never forget it.

Jane S.

Pueblo, Colorado

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Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

April 2012. . . Charter was revised with one additional change. Dennis M. was elected in as Chairperson. Discussion about website being \$25 a month thru Qwest and we could get a new one elsewhere for \$90 a year. However, we are under a contract with Qwest and can not change at this time. July 4th Picnic was brought up and Mike A. has volunteered to be the grill master again this year but, needs help and someone to purchase the supplies. Steering Committee still in need of Vice Chairperson, Newsletter Editor and Activities Chairperson.

May 2012. . . District 8 meeting was reported by Cathy H. as Alternate DCM. Eddie M. is moving so Vic will be the new DCM. They attended two Health Fairs, one in Westcliff and one in Trinidad. Tony S. interested in the Public Information chair position. Jones-Healy wants to review our insurance coverage. Waiting to hear back on that. Cathy H. gave presentation on Bridging the Gap (BTG) and answered questions about it. 4th of July Picnic ready to go and flyers are ready to be sent out.

Treasurer's Report	
Mar 1st balance	\$2463.71
Income	\$1291.25
Expenses	\$1648.73
Apr 1st Balance	\$2106.23
Income	\$1159.94
Expenses	\$1002.85
May 1st Balance	\$2263.32
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

Annual 4th of July Picnic

Come join us at Bessemer Park for our annual
4th of July Picnic
11:00am to 3:00pm

CSO will provide coffee, pop, water, hotdogs,
hamburgers and all the fixin's
Please bring a side dish
Open AA meeting 1 to 2 pm

GREAT ESCAPE INVITES YOU TO THE 23rd ANNUAL JUNE JAM

Featuring "THE SOFA KINGS"
June 23, 2012

AA Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm / Dance 8pm - 11pm
Family and Friends Welcome
Contacts: Tony S. 7119-994-8742 or Mike A.
719-542-3975
Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship

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