



May-June 2013
Virginia S. – Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Founder's Day Picnic**, June 8th.
- **District 8 GSR Meeting**
3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm, generally at the Alano Club, 320 Clark St., Pueblo.
- **CSO Monthly Business Meeting** 1st Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm at the CSO. All groups are encouraged to send a representative.
- **2013 4th of July Picnic**
At Bessemer Park 10am to 3pm . Food and drinks provided. Come for fellowship. Watch for further details and flyers.
- **2013 State Convention**
August 30th-September 1st, Denver Marriott Tech Center...flyers available at the CSO.
- **June-Jam June 15, 2013**
The Great Escape, 1332 E. Hwy 50 By-Pass. Meeting 6:30 to 7:30 and Dance from 8:00 to 11:00 PM. Raffles & prizes. Family and friends welcome. Featuring RED EYE Blindfly. Tickets \$5, singles and \$7 couple.

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NEW CSO OFFICERS

Chairperson.....Jim R.

Vice Chairperson.....Don H.

Treasurer.....Brad W.

Secretary.....Anita I.

Office Manager.....Kevin W.

Activities Chairperson....Dave M.

Newsletter EditorVirginia S.

Member at Large.....Dave S.

Member at Large.....Vacant

Anonymity is the Spiritual Foundation of All Our Traditions

When I sobered up in Alcoholics Anonymous, my anonymity was important. I did not want business associates, co-workers, friends, or even family members to know I was in AA. Entering those hallowed walls was not the high point of my plan. For many, many years drinking was my solution. Others realized that I was a troubled soul, but drinking was not the problem. I was shocked, as time passed, to find out how many of those folks realized I had a drinking problem.

I was blessed with a group of people within AA that took my anonymity seriously. Our anonymity may not be important to us today, but we must always protect the anonymity of the new person and our friends. Those outside our Grace-filled halls many times misunderstand. Va

May Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2013

After much discussion we voted to get a new computer and all the programs that are required for CSO.

We discussed the 501.3c application form and we are awaiting instructions from a CPA/tax person.

We also talked about Dave M.'s (Activities Chairperson) starting a once a month Saturday morning speaker meeting. It was decided that he would try it for a few months and CSO in time may help support it.

We made final arrangements for the Fourth of July Picnic at Bessemer Park.

Common Courtesy

Please call the CSO ahead of time if you plan on buying a large quantity of books or coins (ten or more). This is to ensure that the CSO has sufficient quantities for all customers. Jim R, CSO Chairman

Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

Feb 2013...Discussed the \$260 outlay for New Year's Dinner. Discussed meetings on meeting list need to be reviewed; consensus was we cannot police meetings. Kevin suggested we retain an accountant to review our books for our own protection. Suggested we printed group contributions in newsletter. Longtimers was a huge success.

Mar 2013...Outgoing Chairperson, Dennis McB thanked the Committee and they thanked him for his service. Kevin said groups are wiping us out of books and we would appreciate advance notice. Comcast is becoming available to our building and will guarantee us a \$96.90 monthly for three years for phone and internet, but we will have to change web address and website. Motion made to move to Comcast; seconded and passed. Grapevine prices went up to cover shipping costs. Grapevine Magazine was renewed. Discussed 501.C3. Dennis to research before next meeting. Discussed getting duties for Newsletter Editor into Charter and term limitation for Activities Chair to 2 terms. These items need to be voted on next meeting. Election of new officers on front page.

Treasurer's Report	
Feb 1st balance	\$2221.75
Income	\$1240.26
Expenses	\$1643.68
Mar 1st Balance	\$1798.33
Income	\$1562.83
Expenses	\$1518.55
Apr 1st Balance	\$1842.61
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

CSO News

Once again, we heard great speakers and enjoyed fantastic food at the 2013 Longtimers' Reunion. I wish to thank Terry M., Celeste H., Dick K. and our six randomly chosen speakers for sharing their experience, strength and hope. Over 110 people attended and brought nearly 2000 years of sobriety with them. If you were unable to attend, don't miss next year's reunion in January.

The annual CSO elections were held last Wednesday. Thank you to those doing service work by putting their time in the CSO. If you wish to do AA service work, there is still an opening for Member-at-Large.

The financial future of CSO was discussed at the business meeting. It was noted that the increase of daily operating expenses and a decrease in contributions has incurred a steady decline in our operating funds. While the sales of books and coins provide a very small income for the office, it is the group contributions that allow the CSO to provide AA related services to the AA community. Your support is needed and appreciated.

My term as CSO Chairperson has come to an end. My thanks to those members on the steering committee that helped to make every business meeting interesting and productive. I believe the CSO is in good hands and will continue to provide and expand services for the AA community. Dennis M.

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So, what can my group do? The best start for any group is to connect with AA. They can elect a GSR and send them to the district and area. They can send a representative to their Central Service Office or intergroup. There are many activities that occur outside the group that the group can get involved in. There are workshops; committees that help carry the message, and seasonal activities and events. Also, my group can financially help support AA on the local, state and national level. The list of opportunities can go on *ad infinitum*.

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