



**November-December
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 at the Alano Club, 320 Clark St., Pueblo.
- **Canon City Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner** Nov. 22nd from 1 to 3:30 pm at Canon City Alano Club. For more info contact Mickey R. 719-431-3462.
- **Pueblo Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner**...Nov. 22nd from 1 to 7 pm at Three Point Alano Club, Pueblo.
- **Membership Drive & Pot Luck Dinner** Dec. 8th at 6 pm at the Three Point Alano Club, Pueblo.
- **Kid's Christmas Party** Dec. 15th from 2 to 4 pm at Three Point Alano Club, Pueblo. For more info contact Mr. or Mrs. Claus at 719-948-2715.
- **Christmas and New Year's Alcañon**...Dec 24, 25, 31 & Jan 1 at the Alano Club, 320 Clark St, Pueblo.
- **Long Timer's Reunion** Jan. 26th at the Three Point Alano Club, Pueblo.

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Why We Were Chosen

God in HIS wisdom has selected this group of men and women to be the purveyors of His Goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon, He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate - He went to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world.

Well might he have said to us - into your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which had been denied the most learned of your fellows. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing other alcoholics which I entrust to you.

It must be used unselfishly. It carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long, no demands upon your time can be too urgent, no case too pitiable, no task too hard, no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no race, no creed and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect, lack of appreciation will be common, ridicule will be your lot - your motives will be misjudged. Success will not always attend your efforts in your work with other alcoholics. You must be prepared for adversity, for what men call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection. And remember, in the exercise of this power I shall not exact of you beyond your capabilities.

You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe to personal superiority, that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of MY gift.

If I had wanted learned men to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and the scientist. If I had wanted eloquent men, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents with which I have endowed mankind. If I had wanted scholarly men, the world is filled with better qualified men than you who would have been available.

You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world, and your long experience as drunkards has made, or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep ever in mind the admission you have made on the day of your entrance into AA, namely, that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will into My keeping, that relief came to you...

This is an often seen piece of AA literature is a small pamphlet called "Why We Were Chosen." The source of this pamphlet is a speech given by Judge John T. on the 4th Anniversary of the Chicago Group in 1943.

Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

October 2012. . .

Kevin , CSO Office manager to attend Area 10 Treatment Committee Meeting at the CSO Oct. 7th. Newsletter due out in November. The Longtimer's Reunion is planned for January 26th, 2013 at the Alano Club with 3 speakers to be announced later. The insurance that needs to be added is for replacement value. A motion was made to add it at renewal in November, seconded and passed.

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Call waiting was removed from the phone service. No other changes were made to phone service. Susan T. from Florence, Terry M. from Pueblo West and Dick K. from Lamar have been asked to speak at the Longtimer's Reunion. Insurance renewal is November 21st and it increased from \$177 to \$230 for our liability policy. A new office chair was purchased for the CSO. Cathy H. was elected as District 8 DCM. Jan I. was elected as Activities Committee Chair. Jan will form a committee to plan the Longtimer's. Reunion. Kevin and Dennis are working on Alcathon planning and web page.

Treasurer's Report	
Sep 1st balance	\$5688.77
Income	\$ 933.33
Expenses	\$ 938.99
Oct 1st Balance	\$5683.11
Income	\$1593.79
Expenses	\$1501.05
Nov 1st Balance	\$5768.56
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

Holiday Alcathons

The CSO is sponsoring this year's Holiday Alcathons. This year it will be held at the Three Point Alano Club. Meetings will be every two hours (except during the dance) from noon December 24th to 4 pm Christmas Day and from noon January 31st to noon New Year's Day. We are asking groups to sponsor a time slot. Each meeting will last for one hour and groups are asked to bring refreshments. Groups may sign up by calling the CSO at 719-546-1173, Monday thru Friday, 10 am to 4 pm. To give every group the opportunity to sponsor a meeting, groups may sign up for one meeting until December 15th at which time groups may sponsor another meeting. There will be a Christmas dinner sponsored by CSO and a dance sponsored by the Alano Club. The CSO website contains updated information on available meeting times and more information on the dinner and dance will be provided on the site. Thank you for you support and have a great holiday season.

Unity Day in District 8

December 16, 2012

9 am to 9 pm

Workshops, Chili Cook off, Speakers, Dance

All Day Event

At The Abbey Event Complex, 2951 US 50, Canon City , CO

Call 719-240-5711 for more information

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