

News from the Central Service Office of Southern Colorado

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Upcoming Events

District 8 Meeting

3rd Saturday of the month
1:30 @ Alano Club
320 Clark St. Pueblo
Cañon City Alano Club
715 Elm St. Cañon City

CSO Monthly Business Meeting

January 8, 2014 @ 5:30
February 5, 2014 @ 5:30
4035-A Club Dr. Pueblo

Long Timers Event

February 1st
1st Presbyterian Church
220 West 10th
Pueblo CO

Area 10 Corrections Conference

Freedom is a State of Mind
April 11-13, 2014
Antlers Hilton
Colorado Springs
D.O.C. Training
www.coloradoaa.org

New Group

In Cañon City & Pueblo there are 91 AA meetings and only 1 Spanish speaking meeting! Sunday Camino Feliz meet at 5:00 PM at the Alano Club, 320 Clark Street Pueblo CO.

Speaker Meeting Gentle Hour

1503 West Arroyo Ave.
Corner of Arroyo & Claremont
Friday 6:00 PM

Step 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

Promise: We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

Principle: Honesty - Truthfulness; sincerity marked by or displaying truthfulness and integrity. Fairness and straightforwardness of conduct: adherence to the facts.

Reward: Hope instead of desperation.

Step 2: Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Promise: We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

Principle: Hope - A desire accompanied by expectation of fulfillment; one that gives promise for the future. To wish for something with expectations of its fulfillment.

Reward: Faith instead of despair.

Melba's a Long Timer, how 'bout you?

by Gurty M.

The Long Timers Event is just around the bend, right after Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and a greatly diminished bank account. Pudgy, my spoiled feline, sat on my lap getting brushed, fed and pampered as usual when the phone rang. "Hello." I yelped as Pudgy clawed and squirted off my lap and down the hall. "Gurdy, is that you?", moaned Melba, "I'm feeling low down lonesome and low." "Oh my, what's the trouble dear?", I inquired. "Well, I'm now a Long Timer and that means I'm old and over hill and I don't like it one iota." "Melba, all that means is you now can be an honored guest at the Long Timers Event this year. Doesn't that sound like fun?", I stated. "No it doesn't.", she said, "I enjoyed helping with the event last year but now I just feel useless and old." "Just because you have 20 years of sobriety doesn't mean you can't still be of service.", I stated. "Like how?", said Melba. "Well", I said, "Just showing up, spreading the word at your home group, suggesting some of the new folks in AA learn about service and help with the event, being positive and" "Gobbledygook Gurty, you drive me crazy.", she interrupted, "I hate it when you're right. OK, I'll try to be happy. But do I have to like it?" "Nope", I said, "Just act as if Melba. Bye dear I got to go." I hung up and started looking for Pudgy, "Here Pudgy ... Pudgy. You fat fur ball come here."



Gurty M.

CSO Steering Committee

- ◆ IRS is reviewing the CSO 501-C3 tax exemption request. ◆ CSO will be closed Saturday mornings effective February 1st. They will be open Monday thru Friday 10am-4pm ◆ CSO have copies of the GrapeVine to loan out to groups or individuals, stop by CSO or call 719-546-1173 for information ◆ Final approval for the Long Timers Event discussed. If you would like more information for this event call Jan @ 719-330-8931 ◆ Kevin announced he will be rotating out as CSO Office Manager in March ◆ Tabled discussion on getting new 800 number for CSO. ◆ Call CSO to volunteer 719-546-1173

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

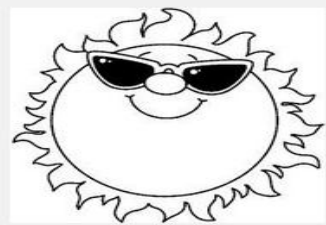
Moments in A.A. History

❑ The Oxford Group was a major inspirational model for Alcoholics Anonymous!

Frank N.D. Buchman was the founder of the Oxford Group.

Four point Oxford Group Doctrine: ✓ **Absolute Honesty**
 ✓ **Absolute Purity** ✓ **Absolute Unselfishness** ✓ **Absolute Love**

One dominate reason for the Oxford Groups waning membership and support was their insistence upon defining God for each member of the group. The main reason AA is still going strong, 79 years after conception, is because Alcoholics Anonymous encourages and allows every member in AA to surrender to a God as they understand God.



**Mr. Sunshine's
 "Question for Today"**
**What are the five
 classifications of
 alcoholics described by
 Doctor Silkworth?**
**Big Book
 Page XXVIII
 Lines 8 thru 23**



ODT

"Post Cards from the Edge" by ODT (Ole Dome Top)

Hidee Ho friends and neighbors. I woke up this morning with a pulse and no hangover, glory be to God it's a miracle. After considering my plans for the day, as outlined on page 86 in the "Big Book", I loaded up the body knowing the mind would tag along and made my way over to another A.A. weekend event. After going through the registration process I grabbed a cup of Java and while loafing around overhead two old duffers cogitating about the money they had to layout to attend the event. One old gobbler gabbled "Dang it, I remember when these things were free. What's AA coming too anyway." This notion got me to thinkin' about how the cost of drinking use to drained me dry. I spent big bucks

on pre-party booze trying to get a "Glow-On" in preparation to go out and appear to drink like a normal person. Then there was the price of Big Shot-ism, buying everyone in the bar a round or two, you know, to impress and make business contacts. I strongly believe we should be self supporting through our own contributions. The price to attend any AA event, which always brings me so much enjoyment, is pretty cheap compared to the cost of booze today and all the troubles drinking created, DUI's, loss of jobs, ruined relationships, debating with idiots, and most important the loss of self-respect. God show me how to be thankful so I can lovingly pay the price today to attend an AA event rather than spend ten times that amount on getting drunk as a skunk.

☯ Well it's time for me to constructively review my day and toss up a prayer or two, ODT out. ☯



Well Jocko it might be as simple as going to a meeting, praying and not drinking today.

Sometimes I wish I knew what's Gods' will for me was!



"Over the Fence"
 by Victor S.