

## News from the Central Service Office of Southern Colorado

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CSO Office Manager  
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CSO Secretary

### Upcoming Events

#### District 8 Meeting

3rd Saturday of the  
month

May 17, 2014

Cañon City Alano Club  
715 Elm St. Cañon City

June 21, 2014

1:30 @ Alano Club  
320 Clark St. Pueblo  
Call CSO 546-1173

#### CSO Monthly Business Meeting

May 7, 2014 @ 5:30

June 4, 2014 @ 5:30

4035-A Club Dr. Pueblo  
Call CSO 546-1173

#### Founders Day Picnic

June 7th, 2014

Pioneer Park

Florence CO

11:00 to 3:00

Speaker

George D.

62 Years Sober

Look for flyers for  
more information

#### Fourth of July Picnic

Bessemer Park

E. Orman Ave. &

W. Northern Ave.

Pueblo CO

Call CSO 546-1173

for more information.

#### CSO Treasurer Report

3/1/14 Balance ... \$3286.33

Revenue ..... 1028.85

Expenses ..... -1150.68

4/1/14 Balance ... \$3564.50

Revenue ..... 1036.90

Expenses ..... -1382.91

5/1/14 Balance ..... 3218.49

Prudent Res. .... 2500.00

Misc. Funds ..... 750.00

Operating Funds .. -\$31.51

**Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.**

**Promise:** That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

**Principle: Integrity** - Rigid adherence to a code or standard of values; character, decency, goodness.

**Reward:** Self-respect instead of self-contempt.

**Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

**Promise:** We lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellow.

**Principle: Willingness** - Of or resulting from the process of choosing; volitional, willingness to accept when wrong and to change. Willing - Inclined or favorably disposed in mind, prompt to act or respond.

**Reward:** Self-confidence instead of helplessness.

### CSO Steering Committee



Chrisey, when she found out  
CSO wasn't going to close.

Well, folks we had some interest in the CSO dilemma. This week, Wednesday May 7, 2014 at the monthly CSO Steering Committee meeting Indiana Jim called the Steering Meeting to order at 5:30 PM. There was a good turnout (Bill T. really enjoyed the donuts.) These AA faithfuls showed up to lend their support and share their ideas to help corral the pending closing of the Central Service Office: Indiana Jim- Kevin W.- Brad W.- David M.- Michael Wayne- Victor S.- Dennis B.- Anita I.- Bill T.- Bull M.- Dave S. AND Lisa H. & Jerry T. (CO-DCM's District 8).

The Steering Committee voted to fill the following vacant positions: Office Manager (Bull M.), Secretary (Dave S.), Member at Large (Michael Wayne), and Treasurer (Kevin W.) The position of Treasurer will be a 1 year position only and required a Steering Committee vote to accommodate Kevin holding that position therefore providing available help to Bull with his acclamation in serving as the new CSO Office Manager.

Needless to say the ideas and comments were lively and focused. One suggestion, to review the CSO Charter, was received with enthusiasm. Maybe, just maybe the CSO will look at a Mission Statement, to help everyone understand what we are about. Another possible idea was discussed, removing the Office Manager from the Steering Committee and making him or her accountable to the Steering Committee. There was also talk concerning possible future compensation for the office manager. The next CSO meeting (June 4th at 5:30) will start tackling some of these sticky issues that concern us all. Come by and help us find some positive and productive solutions for these tricky situations. Always remember any Central Service Office exists to be of service. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help the hand of AA should be there. Members of this AA community provide those hands.

## Moments in A.A. History

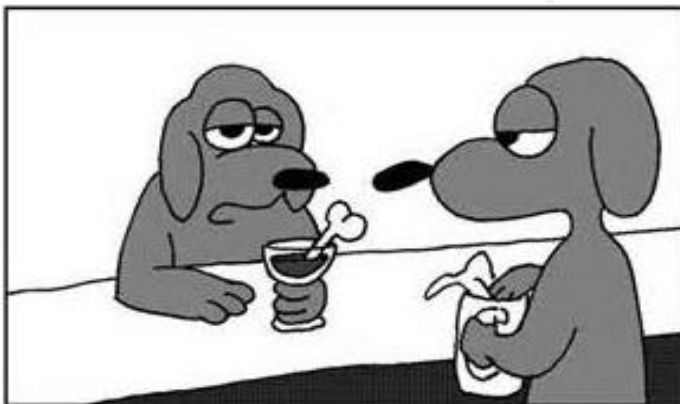
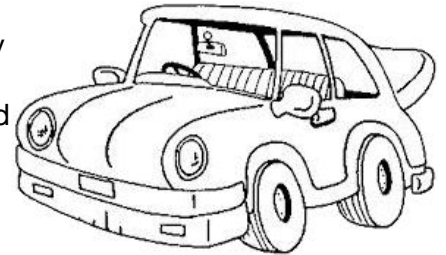
Edwin Throckmorton Thacher aka Ebby got sober in the Oxford Group in 1933. Ebby carried the message to Bill Wilson on December 14, 1934. Lois said, "Beyond that crucial visit with Bill, Ebby seemed to do very little about helping others. He never appeared really a member of AA." Ebby never stayed sober for any length of time between 1934 and 1964. More revealingly, Ebby referred to his periods of sobriety as, "being on the wagon." For an alcoholic to regularly use this sort of language is an indication that the commitment to sobriety is temporary in nature. If there is an "on the wagon" then there is an "off the wagon". In 1961, Ebby's girlfriend died and the next day Ebby got drunk. He apparently still believed that his sobriety was conditional on having the right woman in his life. Ebby eventually came to Margaret and Micky McPike's farm outside Ballston Spa, New York, in May, 1964 and it was under their loving care that he finished the final two years of his life, dying sober on March 21, 1966.



**Mr. Sunshine's moments of perpetual wisdom... Summer is a great reminder to live, enjoy, walk and bask in the "Sun Light of the Spirit"**

### A Little Coup Wisdom

Jerry (one of the newer members of my home group) was unloading on me about how much trouble he was having dealing with all the wreckage of the past he'd dug up as a result of doing a 4th Step. "Man" said Jerry "I had no idea it was going to be this difficult to live with all that crap. It's all I can think about. It's driving me crazy." "Well" I intoned "Have you done the 5th Step yet?" "No" he blurted "I can't get my focus off the past. Got any suggestions?" After a few moments of thought I said "You know that little coup you drive, you know the one thing you didn't lose during your drinking fiasco?" "Yawww" he said with just a hint of sarcasm. "Well" I said "Have you ever noticed that the front windshield is very big compared to the rear view mirror?" "Yes. So what's your point?" He said. "Well, Jerry, my fine young friend. The difference in size is there to remind us we need to spend more time looking at where we're going and less time looking at where we've been. If you spend most of your time concentrating on the rear view mirror you will surely will end up in a wreck. But the real task is to stay focused on where you are going, keep an eye on the gas gauge, oil gauge, speedometer and both hands on the steering wheel and very little time staring at the rear view mirror, if you get my drift." "Oh" he countered "You're saying I should be aware of the past just don't spend too much time staring at it?" "You got it Buck-o. Now quit buggin' me and quit getting bogged down staring at where you been and get busy with doin' the next right thing! Call your sponsor and dump that 5th step and oh by the way get me a cup of coffee on your way out"



"Everyday it's 'Fetch the ball, Fido', or 'Fetch the paper, Fido'. Sometimes I just wanna say 'Fetch it yourself, Fatsol!'"

Well Mike it's been 3 months now since I've quit drinking and my mind is starting to come out of the fog

Well I remember drinking warped my brain so much that the damn thing turned on me.



"Over the Fence" by Victor S.