



Sept - Oct 2013
Vicki L. - Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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 State Convention**
August 30th-September 1st, Denver Marriott Tech Center...flyers available at the CSO.
- **Taos Mountain Fiesta**...September 20-22, Sagebrush Inn, 1508 Paseo Del Sur, Taos NM... AA Speakers, Special Events, Entertainment, Food and more
- **Colordaze 2013**..."Happy, Joyous, and Free!"...September 27-29...Clarion Inn, 755 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction Contacts...Maggie O 970-497-0504 or Bill M 970-778-1483
- **OcSoberfest 2013**...October 11 - 13...Pueblo Convention Center
- **Southwest Regional Forum**...October 11 - 13...Biltmore Hotel...401 South Meridian Ave...Oklahoma City, OK 73108
- **Area 10 Fall Assembly**...Nov 1 - 3...Sheraton Steamboat Resort...Steamboat Springs, CO

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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Office hours Tuesday—Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. Closed some holidays. Call to verify.

CSO Needs Your Help

I have heard several complaints about the CSO office being closed during our established office hours. When a Staff member calls off at the last minute, gets sick or goes on vacation we do not have any substitutes to fill in for them. The office needs some substitute volunteers to be available to come in and help out. There are no paid positions at the CSO so we cannot get anyone to work an extra shift unless they want to. This is a good opportunity for some of you alcoholics to do some valuable service work. The spirit of AA tells me that I should do all I can to help the program continue to be available to the future alcoholics. Contact Kevin W. at the office and become part of the CSO volunteers.

Your trusted Chairperson,

Indiana Jim

BREAKING NEWS

- **NEW OFFICE HOURS-** TO BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE AA COMMUNITY, THE CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY!
- **WEBSITE-** CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT WWW.PUEBLOAA.ORG. YOU CAN NOW PRINT OUT MEETING LISTS FROM THE WEBSITE. YOU CAN ALSO READ CURRENT AND PAST NEWSLETTERS ONLINE!
- **LET US KNOW-** WE NEED TO KNOW HOW WE CAN BETTER SERVE THE GROUPS. PLEASE FILL OUT CSO SURVEY AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE!

Highlights of Monthly CSO Board Meetings

August 2013–

- The Central Service Office dipped into the prudent reserve to cover this month's expenses.
- Vicki L. was installed as the new Newsletter Editor.
- Jan I. was elected as the new Steering Committee Member at Large.
- Reviewed the 4th of July Picnic
- Will once again have a table at the Ocoberfest to sell literature and medals

September 2013-

- July revenue exceeded expenses and our operating funds are out of the red.
- Printable copies of the Meeting Lists and current and past Newsletters are available on the CSO website.
- The rest of the meeting was dedicated to an animated discussion of the CSO and how we can meet the needs of the Southern Colorado AA community. It was decided that we will send a survey out to the groups for their input. We also discussed the idea of perform a CSO spiritual inventory.

Treasurer's Report	
July 1st balance	\$ 46.69
Income	\$1866.82
Expenses	\$2341.22
Aug1st Balance	\$-427.71
Income	\$1442.87
Expenses	\$ 527.86
Sep1st Balance	\$ 487.30
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

ON CULTIVATING TOLERANCE

By Dr. Bob Smith

From the editorial column of the July 1944 AA Grapevine

During nine years in AA, I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in education advantages; and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own.

I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes. To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance, we might tend to become a bit smug or superior - which, of course, is not helpful to the person we are trying to help and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything that might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another - and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words, it often promotes an open-mindedness that is vastly important - is, in fact, a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

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