

**News from the Central Service Office
of Southern Colorado**

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Upcoming Events

District 8 Meeting

3rd Saturday of the Month
July 19, 2014
Cañon City Alano Club
715 Elm St. Cañon City
August 16, 2014
1:30 @ Alano Club
320 Clark St. Pueblo

CSO Monthly Business Meeting

August 6, 2014 @ 5:30
September 3, 2014 @ 5:30
4035-A Club Dr. Pueblo

ROUND ROBIN

August 10th, 2014
Senior Citizen Center
2nd & Raton, LaJunta
12:00 to 3:00
Mary Ann 254-7363
Paul.T 384-0401

Unity Day

September 6, 2014
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Wesley United Methodist
85 Stanford Ave.
Pueblo Colorado
For more information
Vic F. 719-289-1387
Tom S. 856-889-0531

Area 10 Delegate Report

September 20, 2014
1:30 PM
Cañon City Alano Club
715 Elm St. Cañon City

Possible

3rd Legacy Meeting

Interested call Kevin
CSO 546-1173

Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Promise: Self-seeking will slip away.

Principle: Humility - The quality or condition of being humble; Humble - neither pretentious nor haughty. Modest, reserved, unobtrusive.

Reward: The respect of others instead of their pity or contempt.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Promise: Our whole outlook and attitude on life will change.

Principle: Forgiveness - To excuse for a fault or offense; pardon; to renounce anger or resentment against. To grant absolution, amnesty, or pardon. Forgive - To give up a resentment of or claim to requital. To grant relief from payment, compensation or retaliation.

Reward: A clean conscience instead of a sense of guilt.

“AA even in China”

by Ching Ming-Johnson

No I do not live in China but my ancestors came from China. I came into the program in 2002 and have been sober ever since. Last year I had an opportunity to go to China on a business trip and thought I would look up some of my relatives living in Beijing. I also wanted to find an AA meeting, if they existed. Sure enough there are recovering drunks in China too. I got to talking with an old timer after one of the meetings and I sponsor use to tell me that the Chinese symbol for Crisis and Opportunity were the same symbol. This dual meaning and my Chinese heritage became a major lifeline in my early recovery. The old timer, who by the way was a native of Shanghai, informed me the concept was right in a general way but there was a small distinction I should know about. The symbol for *Crisis* in Chinese is made up of the symbol for *Danger* plus the symbol for *Opportunity*. Learning this small nuance, plus my running across one of “us” in a distance land made my day, to say the least. You know I still cling to the premiss that behind every Crisis there is a golden Opportunity. If I hadn’t found my way into AA, had a great sponsor that stressed this lesson, learned how to use the steps in my life I never would have had a chance to go to a meeting in China, meet some fellow AA’s and add one more piece to my story of recovery.



CSO Steering Committee

- ◆First meeting with all the new service folk went well. ◆ At present CSO is running in the red (-\$332.62) this takes a bite out of the prudent reserve. ◆Public Service ads will be pursued by Bull (New Office Manager). ◆Lisa, DCM for District 8, said the District expressed an interest in having CSO and District 8 put on a joint work shop. ◆Still no word on 501c3, bureaucracy at it finest. ◆CSO is looking at the charter and making possible modifications. ◆CSO will increase the price of book by 50¢ effective 6/6/14. ◆Bull will contact Cañon City Police Dept with AA contact numbers for this area ◆Discussed possible donation of old office printer to the Alano Club. ◆Service office still needs volunteers to help man the office and phones. To volunteer at the Central Service Office call Bull @ 546-1173

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

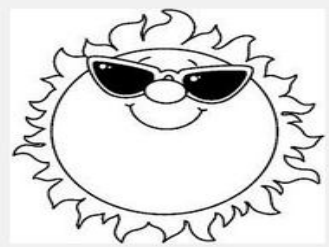
Moments in A.A. History

“The Washingtonians”

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On Thursday evening, April 2, 1840, six drinking buddies gathered, as was their daily customs at Chase's Tavern in Baltimore. A well-known temperance speaker was lecturing that night, and four of them thought it would be a good joke to go and hear him. As they discussed the lecture later that evening, one of them proposed (still not quite seriously that they form a total abstinence society, and on Sunday, April 5, while strolling and drinking, the six men did make a decision "to drink no more of the poisonous draft, forever." The name Washington Temperance Society was chosen in honor of George Washington.

What happened next is another story for the September-October issue.



Mr. Sunshine's

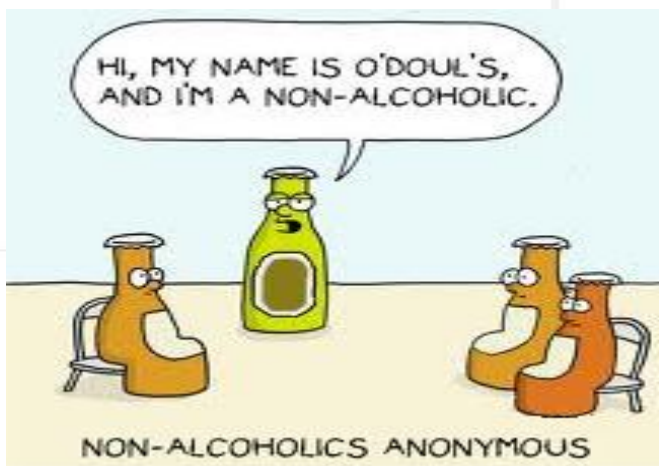
I drank so long that I killed all but two of my brain cells ... and sometimes they get into an argument.

“Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.”

God, as I understand God, has always been a stumbling block for me. Who am I to define God? It has always sounded like heresy to me. Webster's defines heresy as 'adherence to a religious opinion contrary to church dogma.' After all the first commandment states, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me.' The only God was the one taught in church. I quit believing.



Sometimes, not often enough, I stop to listen to the still small voice inside. It occurred to me that when I make your conception of God my God, when I make the church's God my God, when I make the God I inherited from my parents my God, I may actually be breaking the first commandment. I understood for maybe the first time that my conception of God is the only true God, no matter the source from where I learn of God. What others tell me can be helpful or hurtful guides but if they define my conception of God I am in trouble. As I look over my life I can see God's protection, the words 'my grace is sufficient for you,' have never meant more to me as they do now. How I conceive of God is really the only true God, and I am to have none other besides. – Dwayne C.



I've always wondered if anyone has come up with a proof positive test to determine if I'm a alcoholic or not?

Well the way I see it, if you have ever been to an AA meeting there's a dang good chance you're an Alcoholic.



“Over the Fence”
by Victor S.