

News from the Central Service Office of Southern Colorado

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Upcoming Events

District 8 Meeting

3rd Saturday of the Month
September 20, 2014
Cañon City Alano Club
715 Elm St. Cañon City
October 18, 2014
1:30 @ Alano Club
320 Clark St. Pueblo

CSO Monthly Business Meeting

October 1, 2014 @ 5:30
November 5, 2014 @ 5:30
4035-A Club Manor Dr. Pueblo

OcSoberfest

October 10, 11, 12
Pueblo Convention Center
More Information Call:
Kevin W. 719-242-5235
Cyndi M. 719-250-5286

AA Breakfast

September 27, 2014
Breakfast
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wesley United Methodist
85 Stanford Ave.
Pueblo Colorado

Area 10 Delegate Report

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

Primary Purpose

New Location
Christ the King Church
1708 Horseshoe Drive
9:00 AM

Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Promise: Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us.

Principle: Justice - The principle of moral rightness; equity.

Reward: Real friendships instead of loneliness.

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Promise: We will intuitively know how to handle situations, which use to baffle us.

Principle: Perseverance - Adherence to a course of action, belief, or purpose without giving way. Endurance, to stay the course.

Reward: A clean pattern of life instead of a purposeless existence.

CONTRARY

If you were anything like me you always felt different, out of place, not quite fitting in, dismembered from the human race, etc. Have you ever had someone say, "Why don't you just stop drinking?" OR "You are such a nice person until you've had a few." OR "What the hell's wrong with you?" This list could go on adinfinitum.

Contrary means, opposite in or meaning. A Contrary was a member of American tribal group who adopted was deliberately the opposite of other

A member of my home group, an alcoholic should be a CONTRARY. An to act contrary to their normal way of problems and face life sober. Don't quit drinking for the rest of your life be a contrary and just don't drink today. If you don't want to go to a meeting be a contrary and go anyway. If you feel uncomfortable calling another alcoholic on the phone, be contrary and call. If you don't want to write down a fourth step do it anyway. If you don't have a sponsor be contrary and get one. Who cares if you feel uncomfortable chairing a meeting, do it anyway. If you're not ready to be a sponsor, so what, when someone asks, be a sponsor. If you don't want to make a list of ALL the people you have harmed, do it anyway. If you don't want to ask God for help, be a contrary and pray for help. Who cares if you don't want to do service work, be *A CONTRARY* and do some service work.



nature, direction a Native North behavior that tribal members. Robin, believes alcoholic needs dealing with

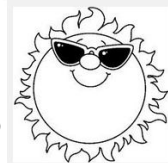
CSO Steering Committee

◆The big issue for the CSO is removing the term limit for the office manager (Amendment #10). This would allow an office manager to circumvent the 3 year term rule as outlined in the Charter page 2. The office manager would still answer directly to the Steering Committee. Reevaluation of this position on a yearly basis by the steering committee will still be in place. Some of the positive reasons for this system would be: Keeping an experienced person in place. Two years is barely enough time for a person to become proficient. An experienced manager would be more proficient at training volunteers and knowing and handling daily functions of the CSO. ◆After discussion and review of the amendment the steering committee chairperson, Jim Z. entertained a motion to accept the Amendment #10 as outlined. The motion was made and seconded and voted on by all present at the steering committee meeting. The amendment pass with a unanimous vote. If you have questions or concerns call the Service Office @ 546-1173

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

Moments in the History

Mr. Sunshine



If you don't change the direction you're going, there's a good chance you will end up where you're headed!

Booze has been around for 10,000 years.

Used for: Calming Feuds; Courage in Battle; Sealing Pacts; Celebrating Festivals; Seducing Lovers and more recently getting DUI's.

1600: England passed "The Act to Repress the Odious and Loathsome Sin of Drunkenness"

1775: Alcoholism was a major problem for the American Army

1872: Dr. James Cricton Brown superintendent of lunatic asylums, "Habitual Drunkenness leads to insanity."

CSO Financial \$\$\$ Situation??

We keep hearing how the Central Service Office is in financial trouble, exactly what does this mean. Some of our AA community members feel they have more than enough money while other AA members believe the CSO is in trouble and going under. So what's the real scoop? I wanted to get to the bottom of this rumor and find out for myself the true nature of the financial status of the CSO.

According to GSO (General Service Office) in New York a recommended Prudent Reserve (PR) for a local service office should be 6 time their average monthly expenses. For our CSO that would be approximately \$7200.00. The CSO Steering Committee voted to allocate \$2500.00 for the Prudent Reserve fund and \$1000.00 for a Miscellaneous Expense Fund.

Below is a four month break down of expenses and revenues. This will give you a general idea of what is going on at the CSO. You will notice the revenue for the month of July was \$2147.03 that's due to two different groups contributions of \$600.00+ each. Keep in mind these two groups don't contribute this amount every month. In August the CSO will have a big expense in ordering books, coins, etc. They will also be looking at a \$540.00 expense to the IRS. Expenses vary by the month as do the revenues so CSO has to be prepared to handle these fluctuations as they affect our service office.

April Start	\$3564.50	May Start	\$3218.49	June Start	\$2991.71	July Start	\$2859.54
Revenue	+\$1036.90	Revenue	+\$1143.76	Revenue	+\$1207.18	Revenue	+\$2147.03
Expenses	-\$1382.91	Expenses	-\$1370.54	Expenses	-\$1339.35	Expenses	-\$1146.57
April End	\$3218.49	May End	\$2991.71	June End	\$2859.54	July End	\$3860.00
PR	-\$2500.00	PR	-\$2500.00	PR	-\$2500.00	PR	-\$2500.00
Misc.Exp	-\$1000.00	Misc. Funds	-\$1000.00	Misc. Funds	-\$1000.00	Misc. Funds	-\$1000.00
To date	-\$281.51	To date	-\$508.29	To date	-\$640.46	To date	+\$360.00

Before



I'm only going to have a few drinks with the fellows!

After



What do you mean I'm drunk, I only had a couple of beers!

I've been thinkin' about my amends. Do you think I owe the liquor store people an amend? They might go broke without my business.

Say what! You need to run this one by your sponsor. You do have a sponsor don't you?



"Over the Fence" by Victor S.