



NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CSO Monthly Business Meeting** 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the CSO. All groups are encouraged to send a representative.
- **District 8 Meeting** 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm. at the Central Service Office
- **Hit and Run Meeting** February 17 at 5:45 pm at the new Alano Club Gentle Hour meeting, 2506 Lake Avenue
- **Spring Assembly** March 17 to 19, Colorado Springs.
- **Longtimers Banquet** April 22, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church.

Treasurer's Report

Nov 1st balance	\$ 798.22
Revenue	\$ 878.49
Expenses	\$ 1966.08
Dec 1st Balance	\$ -289.34
Revenue	\$ 750.63
Expenses	\$ 607.01
Jan 1st Balance	\$ -145.72
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

The following was taken from *The AA Group* pamphlet:

"WHAT IS AN A.A. GROUP

As the long form of Tradition Three clearly states, 'Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.'

Further clarification of an A.A. group may be found in the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, Concept Twelve, Warranty Six:

- No penalties to be inflicted for nonconformity to A.A. principles;
- No fees or dues to be levied-voluntary contributions only;
- No member to be expelled from A.A.-membership always to be the choice of the individual;
- Each A.A. group to conduct its internal affairs as it wishes-it being merely requested to abstain from acts that might injure A.A. as a whole; and finally
- That any group of alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group provided that, as a group, they have no other purpose or affiliation.

Some A.A.s come together as specialized A.A. groups-for men, women, young people, doctors, gays and others. If the members are all alcoholics, and if they open the door to all alcoholics who seek help, regardless of profession, gender or other distinction, and meet all the other aspects defining an A.A. group, they may call themselves an A.A. group.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MEETING AND A GROUP

Most A.A. members meet in A.A. groups as defined by the long form of our Third Tradition. However, some A.A. members hold A.A. meetings that differ from the common understanding of a group. These members simply gather at a set time and place for a meeting, perhaps for convenience or other special situations. The main difference between meetings and groups is that A.A. groups generally continue to exist outside prescribed meeting hours, ready to provide Twelfth Step help when needed.

A.A. groups are encouraged to register with G.S.O., as well as with their local offices: area, district, intergroup or central office. A.A. meetings can be listed in local meeting lists."

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If your group or the AA community have a special occasion or event that you would like in the newsletter, or a flyer that you would like distributed with the newsletter, please contact the CSO with the information. If your group is not getting the newsletter, contact the CSO to be placed on our distribution list.

KEEP UP TO DATE!

Do you want to receive a copy of the newsletter and up to date announcements in your inbox? If so, send us an email at csopueblo@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

CSO ELECTIONS

The Annual CSO Steering Committee Elections will be held at our March meeting on March 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm. The Steering Committee functions are to coordinate, assist, and oversee CSO daily operations and be responsible for the administrative operations and policies of the Central Service Office. The requirement to fill any position is 2 years of sobriety. The following are the positions that will be available:

Steering Committee Chairperson

Steering Committee Vice-Chairperson

Office Manager

Secretary

Treasurer

Members at Large (2)

CSO Representative to District 8

There are also positions available for Newsletter Editor, Activities Chair, and Bridging the Gap coordinator.

HELP NEEDED

BRIDGING THE GAP

The Bridging the gap program is designed to help those AA members coming out of treatment or correction centers integrate them into the local AA fellowship. AA members are more likely to stay sober if they get to a meeting soon after they get into the local area. Helping someone through Bridging the Gap is not making a 12th step call, you are just taking the member to a few meetings and introducing them to people so they can get comfortable in their new community. Your CSO is trying to create a strong Bridging the Gap program in cooperation with District 8. If you are interested in helping as a Bridging the Gap Volunteer, please call us at (719) 546-1173.

12TH STEP LIST

We need people to volunteer to be placed on our 12th Step List. If you are interested, please contact us at (719) 546-1173.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help take meetings into local correctional facilities. If interested, contact the office.

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