



## NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

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Office hours Monday-Friday 10 am to 4 pm. Closed some holidays. Call to verify.

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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.
- **Colorado State Convention** "Unity: The Heart of AA," Sept. 1, 2, 3rd, Loveland, CO
- **Hit and Run** September 8th, 6:30 pm, Come to Believe meeting at the Canon City Alano Club, 715 Elm
- **Unity Day** September 9th, 9:00 am, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 10 University Circle, Chili cook-off!

### **Treasurer's Report**

June 1st balance	\$1429.65
Revenue	\$1679.14
Expenses	\$1244.10
July 1st Balance	\$1864.69
Revenue	\$1155.10
Expenses	\$1311.43
august1st Balance	\$1708.36
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

### Newsletter #2... "Who Are These Guys??"

Each Newsletter we will be introducing People who are in Service to A.A. You, of course, may know many of them. If you don't it would serve you well to reach out and meet some these really unique people!. We also want to know about others involved in the AA community.

### **Madam Secretary**

This woman has a mile wide smile and an attitude we wish we all could have. Once you meet her you want to know more about her. Were talking about your steering committee Secretary Julie J. Yep she's the one taking notes at the meetings and making sure the minutes are in order and ensuring that the steering committee is informed and understands what has happened with all of the committees at the CSO. She a big part of the glue that binds those who are in service to you,

Julie was born in Des Moines Iowa, she is the proud mother of 2 grown daughters & 5 grandkids. Julie brings with her great smile and over 20 years of sobriety. Julie's home group is the GREAT ESCAPE. She has served AA in many capacities over the years, serving as the chair of the Bridging the Gap committee, edited the newsletter and stepped up this year to serve as our Secretary. Her demeanor is one of love and patience, if you get a chance you need to meet Julie J you won't be sorry, her energy is infectious. Julie truly is a special person. When asked to sum up what A.A. has done for her she was quick to say "IT SAVED MY LIFE." Thanks Julie for (12 stepping us all) & for all you do for us in the program. YOU are what makes AA work.

### **YOU'RE INVITED TO UNITY DAY!**

Your are invited to 'UNITY DAY" Septmeber 9th 2017 starting at 9:00 a.m. This year's Unity Day will feature a Potluck and of course the annual Chili Cook-off which will have 2 categories, red & green so bring you secret and best recipes and share it with the group. All this happens at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 10 University Circle. Again, it all gets under way at 9:00 a.m. This ceklebration is open to all, there will be some great fellowship and Open Meetings we need you to make it great!! Unity is the key to all of our sobriety. I Hope you will make this great day even better. If you need information ask your GSR or call the CSO. We will be asking for a \$5.00 donation if you have it, but you are welcome even if you don't. SEE YOU THERE for some great fun and fellowship!!

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.

## WHAT IS THE CSO?

There seems to be confusion about what the Central Service Office (CSO) is and what it does. The CSO of Southern Colorado was established to "primary purpose is to serve in support of Southern Colorado Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) in their common purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers." (CSO Charter) To accomplish this mission the CSO provides numerous services.

First and foremost, the CSO is the AA phone number in Southern Colorado. When someone calls AA, whether it is a request for information or a cry for help, the phone is answered in our office or by the answering service. In conjunction with this, we maintain a current 12th step list of people willing to help alcoholics calling for assistance.

Next, the office maintains an inventory of AA books, pamphlets, and sobriety coins to sell to the local AA community. We can also special order items for groups and individuals. There is also an archive of grapevines available for checkout.

Finally, we are responsible for keeping a list of all meetings in the southern Colorado region. The list is published and distributed throughout the area. It is also on our website ([www.puebloaa.org](http://www.puebloaa.org)). If you need more copies of the meeting list for yourself or your group, they are available at the office.

There is a misunderstanding about what a CSO is in relation to an intergroup. In AA service literature the 2 organizations are synonymous. They both have the same functions and both answer to the groups in their service areas. The CSO is run by a Steering Committee which is made up of elected members and representatives from the groups in the region. All groups are invited to send a representative to the monthly Steering Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the office. Both groups are also financed by contributions from groups and individuals in their areas. The only real difference is that some regions establish an intergroup and some a central office.

We hope that this helps you understand what we are here for and what we do. If you have any further questions, feel free to come by the office at 4035A club manor drive between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm or give us a call at 719-546-1173.

## 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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