



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** October 22, 5:30 pm, Gardner Sunday Happy Hour meeting at the Laclinica Building, 2485 HWY 69, Gardner, CO.
- **Ocsoberfest** October 27—29, Sangre De Cristo Arts & Conference Center, Pueblo, CO.
- **Area 10 Winter Assembly** November 17—19, Burlington Community Center, 340 South 14th Street, Burlington, CO.

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.

Chairman

Big Man with a Big Heart, we all heard that cliché and it is not often someone lives up to the saying, but it is time for you to meet JOSH S.

As soon as you come in contact with Josh you can feel a genuine spirit, a warmth and caring energy surrounded by a feeling of love. Josh is the kind of guy you really don't need to meet to know he is really a one of a kind guy.

Josh is a family man, to say the least, he has 6 girls aged 18, 17, 16(2) 5 & 4. When talking with Josh about his girls you can see that gleam in his eyes that just shouts at how proud he is to be a Dad.

Not without his struggles Josh had 8 years of sobriety and currently is celebrating 5 years. His story is an inspiration to all of us who sometimes struggle with everyday life and all that comes with being an Alcoholic. Josh is a man of perseverance and you can see that he is willing to go to any lengths to continue his sobriety.

Josh was the former chair of the 2017 District 8 Unity Day. This event was a great success thanks to Josh just taking care of business. The whole concept behind Unity Day is bringing the groups of District 8 together. Josh put it this way, "I love our traditions, all of them even anonymity. With that said I wanted to thank all those who helped; all those including The Spiritual Warrior, who helped get people involved, The Raging Viking, who helped with most of the food, the lovely ladies at the registration desk and even the guy who filled in for them... even though he gave many people unwanted body art. I can't forget the guys in the band and the people who brought much food to share with the fellowship. I really enjoyed the panels from Area 10 and it was great to see all the different groups show up and take part. Thank you all for letting me be of service and to all those who attended. If you have any comments I would really like to see you share those in the newsletter."

Josh summed up AA in this statement "GOD IS EVERYTHING OR GOD IS NOTHING."

Enough said Josh and from the AA Community THANK YOU!!

Treasurer's Report

August 1st Balance	\$1708.36
Revenue	\$1570.72
Expenses	\$ 768.50
Sep 1st Balance	\$2510.58
Revenue	\$ 816.62
Expenses	\$1387.51
October 1st Balance	\$1939.69
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

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.

STEP 10

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

TRADITION 10 (long form)

No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

CONCEPT 10

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

STEP 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

TRADITION 11 (long form)

Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never a need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

CONCEPT 11

While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

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. It 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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