

### February 2018

#### **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 CSO
- Hit and Run February 16, meet at 3 Point Club at 5:15 pm, going to Walsenburg
- Area Assembly March 2-4
   Double Tree Colorado Springs
- CSO Potluck and Election Meeting, at the CSO at 5:00 pm
- Potluck and CSO Elections
   March 7, 5:30 pm at the CSO
- Longtimers' Event April 14, First Presbyterian Church

#### Treasurer's Report

| Dec 1st Balance | \$1537.09 |
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| Revenue         | \$ 904.39 |
| Expenses        | \$ 982.47 |
| Jan 1st Balance | \$1459.01 |
| Revenue         | \$1750.64 |
| Expenses        | \$1257.85 |
| Feb 1st Balance | \$1951.80 |
| Misc Fund       | \$1000.00 |
| Prudent Reserve | \$2500.00 |

# 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.

#### SAFETY AND A.A.: OUR COMMON WELFARE

Safety is an important issue within A.A. - one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our meetings safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship

#### **Suggested Statement on Safety**

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against and A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

#### Service Material from the General Service Office

#### **Our Common welfare**

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

Tradition One (Long Form)

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an A.A. meeting. Nevertheless, Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society we exist in. As such, problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety – to raise awareness in the Fellowship and to seek through sponsorship, workshops, and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible to carry A.A.'s message of hope and recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.

The safety card is available at the Central Service Office.

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.

Need a meeting? There are many meetings in Southeastern Colorado area every week and you can find them all at www.Puebloaa.org. See you there!!!

#### **New Feature!!**

We will be featuring some interesting tidbits about the different meetings around Pueblo. If you can shine some light on a meeting you know about please email us at the CSO <a href="mailto:csopueblo@gmail.com">csopueblo@gmail.com</a> and make sure you put Meeting Spotlight in the subject line. We are looking for the history of when, why, and where the meeting started. We are also interested in any other interesting items pertaining to the meeting. We will highlight a different meeting in each Newsletter.

#### IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Twelve O'clock High MONDAY thru FRIDAY 12:00 NOON MEETS AT: ST JOESEPHS CHURCH Roselawn Road IN BLENDE

#### MEETS SATURDAY AT 3 POINT CLUB ON LAKE AVENUE AT NOON

Meeting was established in 1980 by Chuck M. At the time, all the meetings allowed smoking and progressive language (cussing). Chuck and some others thought that it would be nice to go to a non-smoking non-cussing meeting. Thus **Twelve O'clock High** was born. For 37 years, meetings were held in the basement of St. Leander's in the grove and in 2017 they moved to St. Joseph's Church on Roselawn Road. The group averages 20 people per meeting and has had as many as 40 people in attendance. All ages are represented and an even mix of males and females are in attendance. The group includes members from newcomers to elder statesmen with decades of sobriety. This is an **Open AA meeting** and the only requirement for attending is the desire to stop drinking. Hope you will make it your nooner!

## GET OUT OF TOWN & HAVE SOME FUN! FUN! FUN!

We need you to help as District 8 (that is Pueblo's district) has volunteered to head up the HOSPITALITY SUITE at the Area 10 Spring Assembly. Come to the assembly and give us a couple of hours from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> and help in the Hospitality Suite. This is a great way to meet new people from all over the state! It sure is going to be some real fun. We are also looking for donations of food, mainly snacks and breakfast type items that don't need refrigeration. All this fun will be at the Double Tree Hotel in Colorado Springs from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>.

More Information contact the CSO or Carlton and <a href="mailto:croftcarton@gmail.com">croftcarton@gmail.com</a> We look forward to seeing you and Thanks for your considerations

In Service Carlton C

#### **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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