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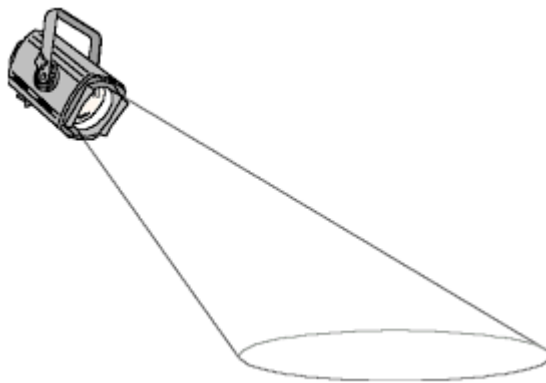
April 2018

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
- **Founders' Day** June 10, 10am Bessemer Park.
- **4th of July Picnic** July 4, 10am Bessemer Park
- **Area 10 Summer Assembly** July 13—15, Glenwood Springs, CO

Treasurer's Report

Feb 1st Balance	\$1951.80
Revenue	\$ 780.25
Expenses	\$ 695.25
Mar 1st Balance	\$2036.80
Revenue	\$1626.33
Expenses	\$1654.53
Apr 1st Balance	\$2008.60
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00



IN THE SPOT LIGHT

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP

Currently Meeting Saturdays @ 9AM – Christ the King Church, 1708 Horse-shoe Drive, Closed Discussion Meeting; Open Discussion Meeting on the last Saturday of the month.
 Wednesdays @ 6:30PM – 1st Congrega-tional Church, 228 W. Evans Closed Study Group

Founders of the **Primary Purpose Group** were all active corrections committee members, carrying the AA message to the state hospital and corrections facilities in the Pueblo area.

According to one of the original founders, Dave M., in an article in the April 2001 *Grape-vine*, entitled “Confessions of a Roving AA”, “An AA friend confided that he too felt burned out by these institutional meetings. We talked about it and began to see that for us it was a case of self-pity and resentment creeping back into our attitudes. We saw that we needed to back off a bit and take inventory. “We decided to start a new meeting.”

“We decided to name our new group “Primary Purpose” and to focus on carrying the AA message of recovery. To help do that, we chose to share at **closed** (for those who have a desire to stop drinking) meetings, to stick with Conference-approved literature, and to study and abide by the Traditions. There have been changes and challenges to the group’s unity through the years, but its founding values remain pretty much intact.”

The group originally met Saturday mornings at 9AM at the Alano Club on Clark Street, beginning in January of 1990. Shortly after the group moved to Saint Leander’s Catholic Church on the east side of Pueblo. The meeting was an hour and a half in length.

All meetings of the group continue to remain **closed**, with the exception of the last Saturday of the month, which was originally an open meeting set up to celebrate sobriety birthdays of members, at which their family and non-alcoholic friends could attend and participate.

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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.

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP (CONTINUED)

Early on, another one of the founders, Paul S., was instrumental in establishing a second meeting for the group on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM. This meeting started out as a Traditions Meeting, and that focus was maintained for at least the first two years. In later years this meeting has become a place to study the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book.

Since its beginning in 1990, there have been changes to the format and changes in location, however, keeping to its name "Primary Purpose"- to carry the AA message of recovery - has always remained as the focus.

The group currently averages attendance of about 30-40 people on Saturdays and 8-10 on Wednesdays. 17 Attendees call Primary Purpose their Home Group Meeting. Service Positions of GSR, Alternate GSR, Secretary, Treasurer, CSO Representative are all filled. The group supports all of AA by making quarterly contributions for Rent; District 8; Area 10; Central Service Office; Area 10 Corrections; and General Service Office.

BRIDGING THE GAP

Are you looking for that opportunity to "PAY IT FORWARD" and be of service? Do you have six (6) months or more of Sobriety? Bridging the Gap (BTG) could be just that opportunity!! BTG encompasses UNITY, RECOVERY, & SERVICE that is not only beneficial to the suffering Alcoholic, but also for your own personal recovery and maintenance.

BTG is a Committee designated to assist fellow Alcoholics coming from treatment centers & correctional facilities to help them become integrated in outside AA meetings. It is imperative, especially in the first 24 to 48 hours, to guide these people to outside AA meetings, introduce them to other AA members and help them acquire contact numbers that will help them.

This is not a 12 Step call, however, as a committee member you will be a temporary contact only. Your responsibility will be to get these people to meetings while helping them by providing the necessary support and guidance upon their release.

There are a few different ways to be active within this committee. One is to be on a "contact list", rotating with other members as a contact when the alcoholic is released. Second is to attend AA meetings in the treatment facilities, providing information and interaction with patients finishing their treatment. Finally volunteers are always needed to hold meetings within the Correctional facilities. Through training & workshops you will have the necessary tools to carry the message of AA to those incarcerated. (What a great OPPORTUNITY to insure your sobriety and serenity)

These types of service always pay back immense gratitude and appreciation to those involved GUARANTEED! YOU ARE INVITED to come and be a part of the Unity, Recovery and Service that BTG has to offer. For more information, or questions please contact the Central Service Office at 719-546-1173. Please leave your contact information and we will be in touch.

Yours in Service, Heather S

HELP NEEDED

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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