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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 CSO
- **Colorado State Convention** August 31—September 2, Denver Marriott Tech Center
- **SWRAASA** October 5—7, Branson, Missouri
- **Ocsoberfest** October 26—28, Sangre de Cristo Arts Center
- **Winter Assembly** November 2—4, Greenwood Village

Treasurer's Report

Jun 1st Balance	\$2363.42
Revenue	\$1227.75
Expenses	\$1562.88
Jul 1st Balance	\$2028.29
Revenue	\$1424.79
Expenses	\$1324.71
Aug 1st Balance	\$2128.37
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

FEEDBACK ON ARTICLE

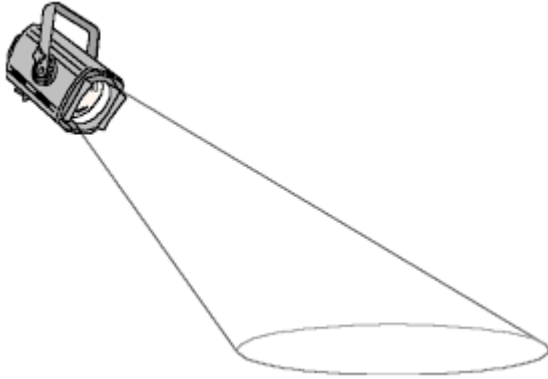
To Whom it may concern:

In re: Spotlight on a meeting, 12 O'Clock High.

So, I read this thing in a newsletter from back in February and I was given cause to submit a correction. The meeting that now takes place at noon Monday thru Friday at St. Josephs Catholic Church was started in 1981 or 1982 before the person mentioned in the article ever set foot in an AA meeting by several years. The old adage that all it takes to start a new meeting is a resentment and a coffee pot was true in this case as it is in most cases. The meeting began and was held for many years in the basement of Mt. Carmel church before moving to St. Joes in 2017. In 1980 when I started attending meetings, I don't claim to have been sober but I did attend meetings, all the meetings were smoking meetings. The only noon meeting was in a sub shop on Norwood on the east side of town and was the first meeting to have the name Great Escape. Some of our more elderly long-time members of AA were dying of emphysema or afraid of doing so and decided to start Pueblo's first non-smoking meeting. Phyllis B. Phil R. Joe R (opened and made coffee) and some others established the 12 o'clock high group. Over the first few months after the meeting was established Phyllis B. became concerned about the swearing in the meetings. Later Don B. and his wife Bev, very devout Catholics, also expressed dismay at the swearing in meetings. The meeting became officially non-cussing in 1983 when Don went through CDU as one of their first customers and became a regular attendee as his business was just down the street. There were many a good old timer that were at that meeting in the beginning, Cecil, Bozo, Box Car Ted, Frederic of Pueblo (Fred M.). It was a good place to go and meet people with real experience with sobriety. It still is. The fellow that was attributed with starting the meeting had a spectacular effect on the timing and formatting of every meeting started for the first ten years of his sobriety in Pueblo because he started them all. Probably half of the meetings in Pueblo bear his indelible stamp. 12 O'clock High is not one.

Yours in service, Matt W.

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IN THE SPOT LIGHT

The Cracker Factory Women's AA meeting

This long-standing Pueblo women's recovery group dates back at least to the 1960s, when meetings were held in private homes although no name is remembered.

By the mid-1970s, it was held at the Triangle Club on East Seventh Street, current longtimers Sherry W., Celeste H. and then Jeanne H. began to attend, joining the late Helen H., Phyllis B., Jackie M. from Beulah and Jane

S. Now, regulars like Carol R. have made it their home group for more than 30 years.

The group moved with the Triangle Club again to 809 Grand Ave. and was named "Cracker Factory," after a 1977 memoir by Joyce Roberta Burditt recounting "Cassie Barrett's" stay in a mental institution, "going crackers" before she discovered she was an alcoholic.

The book was made into a TV movie starring Natalie Wood. "Cracker Factory Two" was published in 2010. Meanwhile, it's namesake women's group went along as the club moved, to 10th & Main, Club Manor Dr., CDU, Clark Street and currently to 2506 Lake Ave.

"We always supported the club as members," Jeanne H. said. "Some of us served on the board and I remember early meetings when the air was blue with cigarette smoke. We all had personal coffee mugs that hung on the wall."

Cracker Factory continues to meet every Monday at 10 a.m., pausing only for Christmas and New Year's Day.

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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.

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

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