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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
- **Hit and Run:** Thursday

April 25th In Rye.

Meet at the 3-Point Club at 2509 Lake Avenue in Pueblo at 5: 00 pm depart at 5:10 or so, potluck in Rye at 6:00 pm meeting at 7:00 pm. Greenhorn Valley Group, Baptist Church, 7965 Grand Vista

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!!

We have new committee chairs and officers at the CSO. Last months elections went off in a pleasant and bloodless manner. We are in an era of peace and cooperation in the Central Service Office of Southern Colorado.

This month's long timer event was fairly well attended,. I counted about sixty members present from my seat. There were prizes given out through a raffle of literature and various useful things. The food was tasty and plentiful, with many thanks to our out going activities chair Amy for chairing the festivities. Our new activities chair Tara is going to be great at the position but we need to be sure and all pitch in and help when we can. There were enough children present to remind us that a family malady needs family recovery. Next year bring the kids and help us make it a party.

The February Hit and Run in Canon City was a great success. It happened on a weekend so could be well attended. This month Rye has the opportunity to be a real hoot. It's on a Thursday So let's get out and support our mountain friends. The details are to the left in the upcoming events.

Joyful Journey has added a second speaker meeting to its schedule on the second Friday each month at noon. This is in addition to the usual speaker meeting and potluck on the last Friday of the month. If any other meetings would like to have any changes or events noted in the newsletter, please send an e-mail to me at the address below or contact the CSO.

The CSO is always looking for people to fill vacancies in the schedule and serve on the various committees at the monthly meeting.

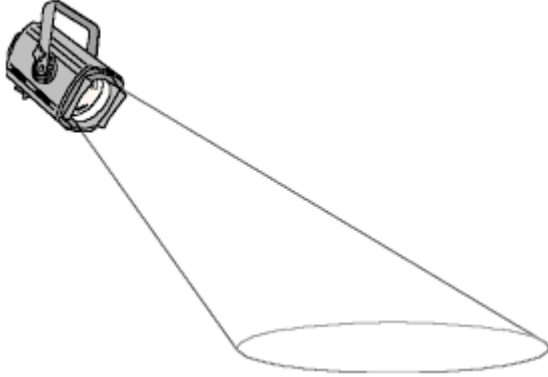
Yours in service, Matt W.

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Treasurer's Report

Feb 1st Balance	\$3686.86
Revenue	\$731.22
Expenses	\$1442.80
Mar 1st Balance	\$2975.28
Revenue	\$1669.47
Expenses	\$1795.43
Apr 1st Balance	\$2849.32
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.



IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Some time ago I picked up a yellow card at the CSO regarding the first tradition of our fellowship. "Our common welfare should come first. Personal recovery is dependent upon AA unity." As the steps help the individual to recovery from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body, the traditions form a set of guidelines that hold the fellowship together. From the card:

"It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in AA will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an AA 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 AA. 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 AA's message of hope and recovery to the still suffering alcoholic."

The adage that exists regarding if the newcomer is driven away from AA by some part of the program or behavior in meetings, that John Barleycorn will drive them back is no longer acceptable. I know that my own behavior in this regard has driven me to renew my introspection and write of my fear inventory and to speak to those I consider to be the closed mouth friend about my feelings as well as in my home group. Long term sobriety makes it even more important that we do our very best to act as examples of a positive effect from working steps.

There is a meeting every Monday at the Pueblo county jail for male inmates, you must be cleared by the sheriffs office to attend. Please have one year or more of continuous sobriety before volunteering. It would probably be best if you were all the way off of your paper, fully released from the justice system, before applying. If you are interested please contact me by email at the address on the other side of this Sheet.

GET YOUR OWN COPY

How would you like to be kept informed of what is going on in Southern Colorado? How would you like that information to come to your inbox? Your Central Service office is building an email list so we can send out information as soon as we get it. It will also allow us to email the newsletter to you as soon as it's ready. If you are interested in receiving these emails, please send us an email to:

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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