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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 Monday of the month, 6pm at the CSO this month, October the 19th, next month November the 21st. All General Service Representatives: GSR's, should attend these meetings.
- **Winter Assembly, November** 4th thru 6th, Doubletree by Hilton 7801 E. Orchard Rd. Greenwood Village, CO 80111 This should be attended by all District Committee Members: DCM's, and as many GSRs as can make the time.
- **ISR Black Cat Boogie.** The Sanctuary Church, 1930 West Colorado Avenue Colorado Springs Dinner @5pm Speakers @6:30 Dancing@7:30 Costume Contest, Raffle drawing @9:00 5.00\$ each for dinner 5.00\$ each for dance

Treasurer's Report

Aug1st Balance	\$2575.78
Revenue	\$1920.96
Expenses	\$1522.31
Sep 1st Balance	\$2974.43
Revenue	\$672.65
Expenses	\$1249.36
Oct1st Balance	\$2397.72
Misc Fund	\$1000.00
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00

We're Back

If this is October, COVID must be not so much of a threat and we can meet in person again. I'm sure the more technically literate of you managed to get to Zoom Meetings. I'm sorry but that doesn't do it for me. Through the more virulent periods I still attended what meetings were available, wearing masks, meeting outside, avoiding physical contact, disinfecting and keeping up with vaccines.

The last time I produced one of these newsletters was in August of 2020. In the mean time Julie J. did her very best for as long as she could and I'm grateful for her service. Both the District 8 committee and the Central Service Office of Pueblo are in need of volunteers. It is vital, truly vital, to the continuation of AA that these kind of organizations exist.

I saw a PSA on the TV on Wednesday this week for AA. The contact information was a toll-free number and a website. If those people working those phones and that web page don't have someone to redirect the inquiries to on a local basis, we are condemning people that could be helped to further misery and a potential alcoholic death.

If the business of AA is one on one assistance to the newcomer, there needs to be someone to direct the suffering drunk to their potential sponsor.

On a more local note, I was given access to the archive of old newsletters from the '90s and early turn of 2000's. These were known as "The Cork", "High Sobriety", "Sobering News" and "The Newsletter". They included photographs and articles similar to what you would find in the Grapevine on a local and area level. The articles in these papers were written by local AA members celebrating their experience with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and their joy and support from the fellowship in the various groups in the area.

If the spirit moves you to write such an article please send an electronic copy to the email below or a paper copy to the address above in the header.

If you have a regularly scheduled potluck or speaker meeting or any special events planned, let me hear about that too and I'll get it into the newsletter.

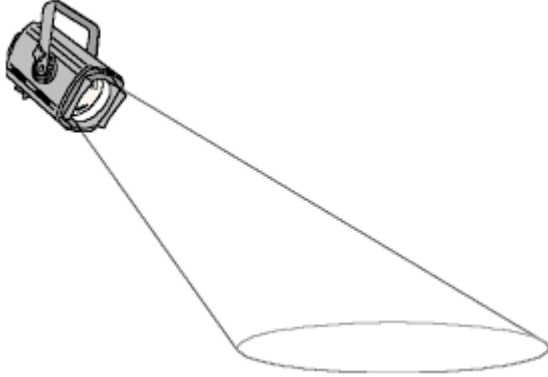
If you have questions or comments or additional information regarding meetings in other locations, contact me at the e-mail address below. Thank you for 12 stepping me today...

Yours in service, Matt W.

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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.

IN THE SPOT LIGHT



How's that work any way?

District 8 has service openings available. The openings are as follows:

Archives Committee Chair, helps with digitization of the district archive as held at the CSO and collects recollections of long-timers, old printed material from the area basically the local history of AA

Coordination with Professional Community Chair, distributes literature to psychology and medical professionals explaining what AA is and how we may benefit their patients negatively affected by alcohol. All the more important with the losses to the treatment community in the recent past.

Hit and Run Chair Person; coordinates AA members from larger population centers visiting meetings in less populated, smaller, outlying areas. We have gone to Rye, Walsenburg, Westcliff, Rocky Ford to name a few.

All the standing committees would welcome help and participation in their activities. It is a great way to meet new people. Remember it is frequent contact with the newcomer and each other that provides the greatest satisfaction with membership in AA.

Be on the lookout for flyers from The 3-point Club, the International Serenity Run in Colorado Springs, The Great Escape for holiday activities such as Halloween Dances, Thanksgiving Dinners and Christmas Activities through the upcoming holiday season.

One thing that was abundantly clear from looking at the newsletters from Twenty years ago, was the level of local participation in keeping AA active. The committees had actual members and not just a chair person. People were active regardless of the group they attended, sponsors encouraged participation instead of isolation. We work the program to be able share what we have found.

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: csopueblo@gmail.com

We will add you to our email list and start sending out emails!

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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