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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.

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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 all General Service Representatives: GSR's, should attend these meetings.

Fall has Arrived!!

If you haven't heard it before, you will hear it now. The Central service office is running out of money. Many of us have been very conscientious about buying books from the CSO. We are very grateful for the business but in order to remain competitive with internet sellers and Alcoholics Anonymous Publishing our margin is only 2-3 percent. That means that we make twenty or thirty dollars from a thousand dollars in sales. That only pays about five percent of our typical monthly expenses. **The vast majority of our revenue is group donations.** We are most grateful for those donations.

It is possible to make a personal donation to The CSO, this most commonly comes in the form of an individual donating a dollar a year lump sum in the month of their sobriety anniversary. Please consider making such a donation a part of acknowledging your sobriety anniversary.

Please continue to purchase your AA conference approved and grapevine literature from the CSO. We also have a great selection of pamphlets available and they do make a little more money than the books.

Halloween!

There will be the annual Halloween dance and costume contest at the Three point club at 2506 Lake avenue on October 21st. There will be pumpkin carving for the kids in the afternoon from 1pm to 3pm. Dinner, meeting, costume contest and dance all starting with the meeting at 5pm.

One publication we have available at the CSO is the AA Service Manual and twelve concepts for world service. This book from AA World Services has replaced the 3 ring binder that used to be sent out when a group registered with the General Service Office in New York. It is the best reference on how AA is organized and how the traditions work in everyday business.

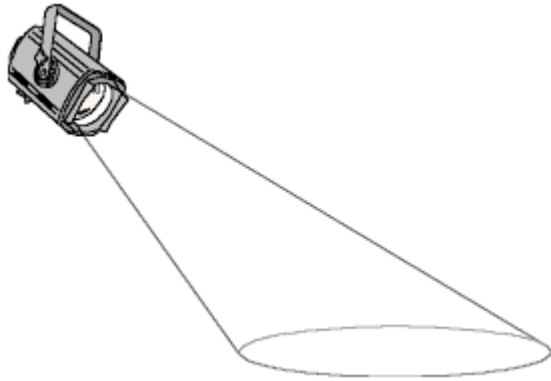
Yours in service, Matt W.

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Treasurer's Report

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| Aug 1st Balance | \$ 321.15 |
| Revenue | \$1140.24 |
| Expenses | \$2025.92 |
| Sept 1st Balance | \$-564.53 |
| Revenue | \$2333.06 |
| Expenses | \$ 711.70 |
| Oct 1st Balance | \$1056.83 |
| 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

Why do we need a CSO? What does the CSO do?

For those of us who are new or have isolated themselves to a single meeting, The Central Service Office is located on Club Manor Drive on the north side of Pueblo north of Hwy 50 West in a strip mall that is anchored by Parker Pools and Spas. The address is 4035-A Club Manor Drive.

The office provides services for Districts 8, 6 and 3, in Area 10. This means we list meetings for **District 8** which includes Pueblo, Canon City, Colorado City, Florence, Gardner, Laveta, Rye, Trinidad, Walsenburg and Westcliffe. **District 6** is

the Arkansas valley and highway 50 corridor from Rocky Ford to Springfield including laJunta, las Animas, Fort Lyon, Lamar, Ordway and Walsh. **District 3** is the entire San Luis valley from the town of San Luis to Creede in the northwest corner of the valley. From Antonito to La Jara, Monte Vista, Del Norte, and Alamosa.

Basically we serve the entire south eastern quarter of the state from our little office in Pueblo.

What do you mean by "serve"?

First we maintain a 24 hour answering service for the public to contact AA by phone. The office hours are 10 AM to 4 PM weekdays. When the office is open a caller will speak to a volunteer, AA member. After hours we have an answering service that contacts volunteers that have provided their phone number. The answering service then gives the phone number of the caller to the volunteer to call back and answer questions and help. **Second**, we maintain a website that includes a meeting schedule and general information about AA in Southern Colorado. **Third**, we keep an inventory of conference approved literature and Grapevine publications, sobriety milestone coins and a library of old grapevine magazines that can be checked out and read. **Fourth**, the CSO puts on events. We put on the Annual Fourth of July picnic, when we get enough interest and funds we put on a Long Timers event to celebrate and hear from our members with 20 yrs or more of sobriety. The CSO works in conjunction with the District, to put on the OcSoberfest when we get to do that again.

If you would like an email copy of our newsletter send an email request 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 Area Corrections committee.

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