



August 2025

TOP SHELF

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO E-MAIL BELOW BY THE 21ST OF EACH MONTH

Upcoming Events

- August 6, CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at the office, 4035A Club Manor Dr, or online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4121720850>.
- August 9, District 8 meeting, 10:30 am at the Trinidad Alano Club, 120 W. Kansas Ave., Trinidad. Online at zoom.com, Meeting ID: 229 332 2976 Passcode: WSas3i.
- August 23, Celebration of Life for Christine R. 11:00 am at Our Lady of the Meadows Church, 23 Starling Dr. at Penwood Lane.
- August 29 - 31, Area 10 State Convention, Loveland, CO.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OCSOBERFEST IN PUEBLO

The first Ocsobberfest was in September of 1999. Some members of Pueblo AA went to a weekend gathering in Bullhead City, Arizona called "The Vigin River Roundup". The group included Frank W., Chris W. and John D. Chris was on City Council in Pueblo, and they were just finishing up Pueblo's new Convention and Visitors Center.

Upon returning to Pueblo the idea for a weekend gathering of Alcoholics in recovery was brought up at the area intergroup. There was no Central Service Office at the time. The District 8 committee was not involved because the organizing committee for the event wanted it to be a separate entity, and the funds were coming from an intergroup event.

The story of the seed money for the first Ocsobberfest is that someone paid back the intergroup a lump sum as part of a ninth step. The money was sitting in an account controlled by the intergroup. A group conscience was taken to give this surplus to the Committee to seed the Ocsobberfest .

The point being that Ocsobberfest would not be an AA event. People in other twelve step recovery groups could attend and participate.

The first Ocsobberfest would be the first event in the new Pueblo Convention center. John D. would be the first chairperson for the event, Frank W. would be the first treasurer, Chris W. would be the co-chair with the intent that he would chair the next event. The pattern of having chairperson and co-chair was intended to allow the co-chair to gain experience in how the process hap|

so the following year they would chair and so on...

and a new co-chair would get experience

The only problem was that on November

, Chris died. He would not be the chair

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September 3, CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at the office, 4035A Club Manor Dr, or online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4121720850>.

September 13, District 8 Meeting, 10:30 at the CSO and on Zoom (Meeting ID 229 332 2976 Passcode: WSas3i)

September 13, District 8 presents Unity Day, 11:00 am at Sonrise Church, 421 E. Spaulding Ave., Pueblo West. Potluck to follow!

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON UPCOMING AA EVENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRAL OFFICE AND PROVIDE US WITH A FLYER (IF AVAILABLE) AND WE WILL HELP GET THE WORD OUT. FOR FLYERS, PLEASE REMOVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO POST ANYTHING WITH PERSONAL INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE TO PROTECT PERSONAL ANONYMITY.

the following year. My recollection, which may be faulty, is that Frank W. was chair the next year.

All the original contracts with the Convention Center management group were negotiated by Chris. We were originally allowed to bring only homemade cookies to the event, and we were allowed to use their equipment but brew all our own coffee. Nothing was allowed that was pre-packaged and the pastries had to be clearly a cookie and not a roll or bread, no meat or cheese, no hot dishes. This part of the contract has always been an issue. Some later chairpersons suffered huge losses because of the Convention Center's management insistence on having all the food and beverages come off their menus at their premium prices for less than premium food.

The funds available at this time are not insubstantial, but considerably less than what we started with. There have been probably twenty different committees over the years, not counting the years we have had the State AA Convention. The bottom line is that the Ocoberfest is not a normal AA meeting, it is considered a special event and has addition expenses to pay. It is a celebration of sobriety. Every effort is made to follow the traditions in their actions, but do not have to be as tightly bound to them as an AA group. Ocoberfest is not free. There are groups in Pueblo that will provide scholarships for those who need help to cover the registration fees.

I don't remember all the people that have chaired and served on the committees over the years but I thank them all for their service.



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ADDENDUM

Because of the increased prices charged by the Convention Center, Ocsobberfest had to find a new venue. When trying new venues, none were up to the standards of the Convention Center and Ocsobberfest lost its glamor. Because of this and COVID 19, attendance dwindled and finally no one wanted to serve on the committee.

In accordance with the A.A. Guidelines for Intergroups and Central Offices (MG-2) which states, "An A.A. central/intergroup office is a logical body to manage the details of an annual dinner, picnic, or convention, if the participating groups wish it.", The Central Office took oversight over Ocsobberfest. The funds from Ocsobberfest are in a separate bank account managed by the Central Office. Tim W. agreed to Chair the new event and we are looking for a committee to help plan an annual event. We would like to create a nice event keeping in the spirit of Ocsobberfest.

Trivia Time

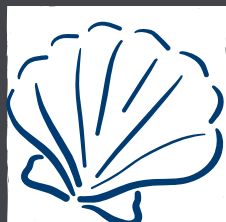
Last Month we started adding a trivia question to the Newsletter with the first person who correctly answers it receiving a piece of literature of their choice from the CSO. We had no interest shown in this contest last month. We will try this one more time and if there continues to be no interest, we will cease doing this. Please contact Kevin with your answer.

QUESTION

What did Bill W. say was the only purpose of an AA group?

ANNOUNCEMENT

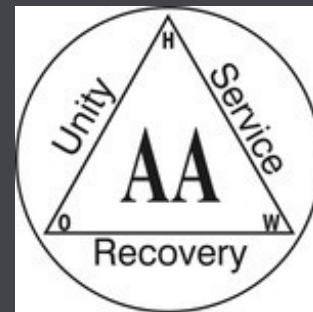
AA PRODUCES A SET OF GUIDELINES THAT COVER MANY TOPICS IN AA, INCLUDING THE INTERNET, INTERGROUPS AND CENTRAL OFFICES, RELATIONSHIPS WITH CLUBS AND AL-ANON, AND MANY OTHERS. THEY ARE NOT RULES, BUT THEY PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THESE TOPICS BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF AA. THE CENTRAL OFFICE WILL PROVIDE A SET OF GUIDELINES TO ANY GROUP WHO WANTS ONE, FREE OF CHARGE. CONTACT THE CSO FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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FINANCIAL

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July 2025 CSO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

May 1, 2025 Balance: \$904.25

Revenue: \$913.82

Expenses: (\$827.27)

May 31, Year Balance: \$990.80

Revenue: \$1240.88

Expenses: (\$1399.61)

Operating Funds: 7/1/2025 \$832.07

Prudent Reserve: \$2500.00

Miscellaneous Fund: \$1000.00



The financial information for June has been adjusted to corrected to fix errors on the June report

Note: The Prudent Reserve and Miscellaneous Fund are established by The CSO Charter. The Prudent Reserve is held to support office operations for 3 months (not including literature purchases) and the Miscellaneous fund is available for emergent purchases (for example, the office must relocate).

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