



August 2026

TOP SHELF

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN
COLORADO 4035 A CLUB MANOR DRIVE, PUEBLO, CO
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FRIDAY 10AM - 4PM. CLOSED SOME HOLIDAYS.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO E-MAIL BELOW BY THE 21ST OF EACH MONTH

Notable Dates

- Aug 5 CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at CSO, 4035 A
- Aug 8 District 8 Meeting, 10:30 am at Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave. and on Zoom.
- Aug 16 Pueblo Pride - D8 will have a PI table - Mineral Palace Park 11 - 4
- Aug 21-23 Colorado State Convention, Antlers Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs CO, 80903
- Sep 2 CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at CSO, 4035 A
- Sep 12 District 8 Meeting, 10:30 am at Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave. and on Zoom
- Sep 19 Unity Day at SonRise Church in Pueblo West - 421 E. Spaulding Ave., 10:00 am
- Oct 3 OcSoberfest at PCC
- Oct 7 CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at CSO, 4035 A
- Oct 10 District 8 Meeting, 10:30 am at Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave. and on Zoom
- Nov 4 CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at CSO, 4035 A
- Nov 6-8 Area 10 Winter Assembly at the Double Tree by Hilton - Greenwood Village, CO
- Nov 14 District 8 Meeting, 10:00 am at Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave.
our Area 10 delegate will be in attendance

Joyful Journey invites everyone to their speaker meetings on August 14th and 28th to hear Cheryl and Chuck Miller share their stories.

A Look at OcSoberfest

OcSoberfest was established around 1999 by five individuals who had attended a conference in another city. Inspired by the idea that they could create something similar in Pueblo, they decided to organize their own event. Thanks to a connection with the local convention center, the first conference was born, and it quickly gained support from the AA groups in the area, becoming an annual October gathering. This event grew to become Pueblo's largest AA conference, attracting attendees from across the United States to share their experiences, strength, and hope through local and circuit speakers.

Over the years, the cost of hosting the conventions steadily increased. When I began getting involved in 2012, I noticed that prices had risen significantly. For instance, in 2014, the cost of coffee reached \$45 per gallon, and as of now, it has skyrocketed to \$71 per gallon. This surge in prices is largely due to convention centers and hotels prioritizing their own sales over allowing outside vendors.

I started volunteering at OCSoberfest in 2012, primarily as the outreach coordinator, responsible for promoting the conferences. I have loved this role, as it has allowed me to connect with many individuals throughout Colorado and neighboring states. However, our attendance plummeted in 2020 due to the pandemic, and we faced financial difficulties. Fortunately, we discovered some leftover funds from a previous conference, prompting us to form a committee to regroup.

Looking ahead to 2026, this committee aims to organize a one-day event featuring panel speakers and fellowship opportunities for AA members. Our goal is to unite the community and reaffirm that the spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous remains strong, with a continued desire for annual conferences

Love in service,
Dario



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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.

2026 Ocooberfest

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Registration is now open! Please register through the link above. Tickets are:

- \$25 - General Admission
- \$50 - GA plus Lunch
- Donation amount of your choosing

You also have the option of purchasing a sponsored ticket for someone who wants to attend but cannot purchase a ticket. More information is on the website through the link. QR Code will take you as well:



CSO NEWS

The CSO thanks everyone who has contributed additional funds! We ask that you keep them coming to ensure we remain solvent! Our donations are down from last year, if you are able to donate, please do. We need our CSO as it provides many valuable services to fulfill our Primary Purpose!

The CSO now accepts Credit and Debit Card payments through PayPal for purchases and contributions!

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FINANCIAL

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AUGUST 1, 2026, FINANCIAL SUMMARY

June 1, 2026, Balance	\$(224.48)
Revenue	\$2325.13
Expenses	(\$1446.34)
June 30, 2026, Balance	\$654.31
Revenue	\$2802.37
Expenses	(\$1033.02)
Operating Funds 8/1/2026	\$2423.66
Prudent Reserve	\$2500.00
Miscellaneous Fund	\$1000.00

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 emergency purchases (for example, the office must relocate or office equipment fails).

Thank you to all individuals and groups who helped us stabilize our financial situation. We appreciate everyone who helped us.

We have been able to purchase books and coins and they are available at the CSO.

We provide a detailed accounting year to date at the CSO monthly business meeting. If you would like to review the details, send a representative to the meeting or come by the office when I am here.

Yours in Love and Service,

Kevin