



June 2026

TOP SHELF

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN
COLORADO 4035 A CLUB MANOR DRIVE, PUEBLO, CO
81008 (719)546-1173 24/7 OFFICE HOURS MONDAY-
FRIDAY 10AM - 4PM. CLOSED SOME HOLIDAYS.
CALL TO VERIFY



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NEWSLETTER MUST BE SUBMITTED TO E-MAIL BELOW BY THE 21ST OF EACH MONTH

Notable Dates

- Jun 13 District 8 Meeting, 10:30 am at Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave. and on Zoom.
- Jun 28 District 8 Hit and Run at the Gardner Group, La Clinica 24850, Colorado 69, Gardner, CO. Potluck at 4 pm, meeting at 5.
- Jul 1 CSO Steering Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm at CSO, 4035 A Club Manor Dr. and on Zoom.
- Jul 2-5 SWACYPAA XII, Marriott 5580 Tech Center Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
- Jul 4 CSO 4th of July Picnic, Pueblo City Park, Pavilion next to Zoo.
- Jul 11 District 8 Meeting, 10:30 am at Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave. and on Zoom.
- Jul 18 Second Annual Walsh Acceptance Group Round Robin, Walsh Senior Center, 317 N. Colorado St., Walsh, CO.
- Jul 24-26 Area 10 Assembly, Sky Ute Casino Resort, 14324 CO 172, Ignacio, CO 81137
- 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 21-23 Colorado State Convention, Antlers Hotel, 4 S. Cascade Ave, Colorado Springs CO, 80903
- Oct 3 OcSoberfest at PCC

Sober Relationships

Due, in part, to my alcoholism, my marriage to my first wife ended about 9 months before I got sober. Looking back, I had a great deal to do with that divorce, and I made amends to my first wife early in my sobriety.

I was 29 years old when I got sober, so I was fairly young. When I was 6 months sober, I was transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. There was a large population of young people in Hawaii A.A., and the social scene was very active.

Because of the pain of divorce and the preaching of the Old Timers in the program, I actively avoided relationships. This is a good thing, because I had nothing to offer. So, I went to a lot of meetings and participated in abundant activities.

When I was a few years sober, I started desiring a relationship. But being somewhat of an introvert, things did not go well. I had a friend named Mark P., who was friend who got me into service. He and I would walk over to the Navy Brig to host a weekly meeting. I talked to him about my desire to meet someone.

He gave me a suggestion.

I should write down everything that I was looking for in a romantic partner. He told me to include all the attributes I could think of (physical features, beliefs, intelligence, background), anything I thought was important. When I made my list, he told me to leave it in my Big Book and forget it.

So, I continued doing what I had been doing; going to lots of meetings and helping out wherever I could. I dated a little and went on with my life. I used to do some competitive dancing and did this in bars. I found out that not everyone who went to bars went to get drunk, and some did not even drink. One night I met a lady who intrigued me. We started dating. She was in the middle of a divorce with a guy who abused her. When the divorce was finalized, she moved to Akron.

Over the next 6 months I took leave a few times and spent the weekend with her and her 2 daughters. The last time I went, we got married, all 4 of us. A couple of months later Lisa and the girls moved back to Hawaii, and we made a home together. The following year, her ex-husband gave up rights to the kids and I adopted them.

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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.

During this period, I remembered the list. I pulled it out one day and read it. The list described Lisa to a T. I realized she was a gift from God. In February, Lisa and I celebrated 31 years of marriage! It has not always been easy. We have had very good times, very bad times, and everything in between. My family loved her and it was because of her that I made my full amends with my older sister. We became friends and visited each other a couple of times a year until she died.

Lisa is my best friend, and I spend more time with her than anyone in this world. I am close to my daughters; we are pretty much in contact daily. Also, my grandchildren adore me. I even have a date with my granddaughter tonight.

Lisa has always supported whatever I did in Alcoholics Anonymous. She has been a barometer of my sobriety. She is not shy, telling me I need to go to a meeting and always allowing me to spend as much time as I need in the program.

Finally, she has shown me that I am and alcoholic! She is a normal drinker, sometimes she does not even finish her drink. We have partially fill bottles of alcohol in our house and a six pack of beer can last for months. When I watch her drink and look around I realize that I could never live that way!

Anonymous





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FINANCIAL

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June 1, 2026, FINANCIAL SUMMARY

April 1, 2026, Balance \$ 127.01

Revenue \$1134.15

Expenses (\$1393.57)

April 30, 2026, Balance (\$132.41)

Revenue \$ 876.56

Expenses (\$ 968.62)

Operating Funds 6/1/2026 (\$ 224.47)

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).

For the second month in a row, we ended the month dipping into our prudent reserve.
Until we have a more stable balance, we cannot afford to buy more books or coins.
Our order of priority in which services will be removed 1. Items to be sold. 2. Activities. 3.
Office Supplies. 4. Internet. 5. Answering Service. 6. Office. 7. Phone.

We provide a detailed accounting of the 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

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