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THE CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

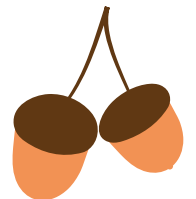
There seems to be a misunderstanding about the nature of the Central Office and whether it is a part of A.A. This article is written to clarify the functions of Central Offices and Intergroups.

Intergroups and Central Offices are fundamentally the same thing and provide similar services. In A.A. literature they are discussed as the same thing. The Central Office in Pueblo was established in 1998 and replaced the intergroup that existed at the time. “The Central Service Office of Southern Colorado (CSO) is a service branch of Alcoholics Anonymous including Districts 8, 6 & 3 and will be referred in this charter as “CSO”. Its primary purpose is to serve in support of Southern Colorado Groups of Alcoholics Anonymous in their common purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. The CSO operations are assisted by volunteer personnel whom are guided by the Steering Committee, the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the Twelve Concepts for World Service.” (CSO Charter, revision 27 dated 5/3/2023) The charter is available on the CSO website at: <https://www.puebloaa.org/cso-charter/>.

The Central Service Office lies outside of the service structure of A.A. which was established as a communication link between the groups and the trustees. The first General Service Conference was held in April 1951. The first Central Office was opened in Cleveland in 1939.



The A.A. Service Manual (BM-31) states: “Intergroup/central offices exist to serve the local groups in their general area. Each Intergroup/central office is autonomous and is part of a network of service outlets and A.A. contacts. While the offices are an important part of A.A., they are not part of the general service structure or a satellite of G.S.O. The vital services they provide include maintaining local meeting information, providing meeting lists and other literature, maintaining websites with local information, and responding to phone calls and other inquiries from those seeking help.” Reprinted from The A.A. Service Manual, pg. 6, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc. Appendix S of the service manual and A.A. Guideline MG-2 provide detailed information about the functions and operations of Intergroup/central offices. All these publications are available at the Central Office. The Central Service Office of Southern Colorado is a non-profit corporation that answers to the will of the groups in its service area (District 3, 6, and 8). The Steering Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the CSO. All groups are encouraged to send a representative to the meeting to voice the conscience of their group. If there is something the Office is doing that the group does not agree with or not doing something that the group desires and no representative is sent to the meeting, nothing is going to change. For those who are not able to attend the meeting in person, a Zoom link is available to attend the meeting remotely. Information about the Zoom meeting is available on the CSO website (www.puebloaa.org). The Central Office provides a number of services to the AA community in Southern Colorado.





Your service area covers a large area. Imagine a line that goes from Canon City east to the Kansas border and another line that goes southwest (including the San Luis Valley) to the New Mexico border; that is the service area of the CSO. Some of the services provided by the Office are:

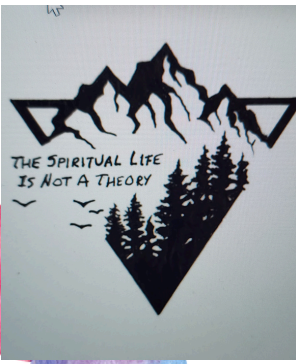
- Provides a 24/7 hotline for information and 12 Step Calls.
- Maintain a 12 step call list.
- Maintains a Bridging the Gap contact list.
- Provides the only phone number and mailing address in southeastern Colorado that is exclusively for Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Maintain a meeting directory for all groups in our service area.
- Maintain a website that provides information and meeting lists. This includes keeping the Meeting Guide App up to date for the meetings in our service area.
- Provides AA and Grapevine literature.
- Provides an archive of documents and information from the General Service Board and General Service Office to assist local groups in their efforts to carry the message of AA to the still suffering alcoholic.
- Hosts various activities and workshops in the local area.

If you have any questions or need any information, come by and visit us. We are open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are interested in getting into service, we always welcome volunteers and individuals who want to help on our service committees. For all groups, we ask that you send a representative to our Steering Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. We want to provide the best possible service to groups in the area.

Yours in Love and Service,

Kevin W - CSO Manager





FELLOWSHIP



Upcoming Events

Colorado State Convention

August 16th-18th

Marriott Pueblo

110 W 1st St

W City Center Dr.

Pueblo, CO 81003

www.coloradoaa.org/convention_info/

3rd Annual Greenhorn Meadows Campout August 2-4

Friday August 2nd campfire meeting at 8pm

**Saturday August 3rd Meeting at 12, Potluck BQ at 1
Campfire meeting at 8pm**

Greenhorn Meadows Campgrounds

**7184 State Hwy 165, Colorado City
reservations needed**

**Sites 20-22 have been reserved
greenhornmeadowscampground.com**



CSO monthly business meeting
1st Wednesday of every month
6pm
CSO office
join on Zoom by entering this
address
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4121720850>

Keystone Group Once a Month
Speaker Meeting
First Saturday of the month
Dinner from 7-8 Grilled burgers
and hot dogs Side dishes are
welcome Recovery fellowship
and games from 9-10
3 Points Club in Pueblo

**BOWLING EVERY
THURSDAY NIGHT AT
MIDTOWN SHOPPING
CENTER. 9PM-MIDNIGHT.
COST IS 12.00PP**



New Meeting
"Unity in Traditions"

**Traditions Study out of conference approved
literature speakers, etc
Saturdays 5pm Alano Club
715 Elm Canon City**



WHAT: MONTHLY SPEAKER AND POTLUCK

WHEN: SATURDAY July 27th, 2024

TIME: Potluck at 6:00, Speaker at 7:00pm

WHO: Speaker- Cheryl M. Pueblo, 40 yrs

WHERE: Alano clubhouse, 715 Elm, Canon City, CO

WHOM: Unity Group

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and
participated in the 4th of July picnic in
Pueblo

A good time was had by all





July Birthdays

Cecilia 08-14-2001

Scott V 08-24-2009

John O 08-02-2015

Jeannine C 08-15-2018

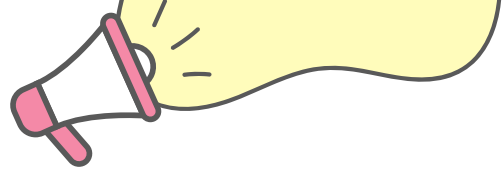
Sam B 08-08-2021

(If I have your sobriety date wrong, or if you would like your date to be listed, send me a quick e-mail at meridiancounseling@yahoo.com)



Use This QR code to donate money directly to the Southern Colorado CSO

Ft. Lyons (in Las Animas) needs speakers for a variety of meetings. Let's help these people in their sobriety!! Call Kyle P at 7194209587



Do you have something to say? Do you have a sobriety story to tell? Does your home group have activities you would like to see listed in the newsletter? Send all articles and announcements to meridiancounseling@yahoo.com. If you don't have an e-mail feel free to contact me at 719-766-1383. The newsletter will be published monthly. Submissions for the new month are due the 21st day of the previous month.



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Bowling
at Midtown



John O
Greenhorn
Meadows
Campout

Greenhorn
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Campout
Keystone
Speaker
Meeting

Greenhorn
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Campout

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Meeting
6 pm

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Bowling
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15 Bowling
at Midtown
Jeanine C



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