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2024

Season's Greetings from the District 8 Committee!

As 2024 comes to a close, the District 8 Committee has been planning to facilitate activities and events for 2025 to enable service in the spirit of Tradition 5 - carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers-and we welcome you to join us in service and fellowship!

If you are new to or unfamiliar with District 8, please see the quick facts below for an overview. All are welcome at our monthly District meetings, and we can add you to the District 8 e-mail list for the general District, Area and GSO announcements and information.

We have a full slate of Trusted Servants set up for 2025 (Cliff C and Patty B, Co-DCM's; Wayne C, Alt-DCM; Tim W, Secretary and Mike G, Treasurer) to support the District 8 Committee, so we are striving to "hit the ground running"!

We are seeking those with interest and experience to help out with our Standing subcommittees (all positions open--Corrections, treatment, Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Communities, Grapevine, Archives, Translation and Hit&Run)--we will be holding a "Meet and Greet District 8" on Friday February 8, 2025 concurrent with our monthly District meeting. It will be held the second Saturday of each month, 10:30 at the Central Service Office 3 4035 A Club Manor Dr., Pueblo CO 81008 - for the "meet and Greet" event, refreshments will be served. Please contact Co-DCM's at codcm.aa.d8.a10@gmail.com for further information.

We hope all AAs have a safe and enjoyable holiday season and see you in 2025!



District 8 Quick Facts



What does a District Committee do and how might it benefit a participating Group?

- **Facilitate interaction among the District Groups to carry the message to still suffering alcoholics (Tradition 5) - this happens principally through the monthly District Committee meeting for discussions and idea sharing, and through District events (like Unity Day!)**
- **Represent the voice of the District Groups at Area Assemblies to present AA ideas, issues and concerns to the Area and our Delegate (and report back key information from these events)**
- **Facilitate groups wishing to engage in supporting Tradition 5 for Corrections and Treatment**
- **Outreach to inform about AA through Public information and Cooperation with Professional Communities**
- **Other activities as per the conscience of the GSR's-the District serves the Groups!**

What is an AA District?

- A **collection** of AA Groups, generally geographically located close to one another (or in some instances, connected by language)
- A **voice** (represented through the District Committee Member of DCM) for the Groups in the District to and from the Area and its General Service Conference Conference Delegate
- A **hub** for interaction/communication among its Groups and to the Area or General Service office

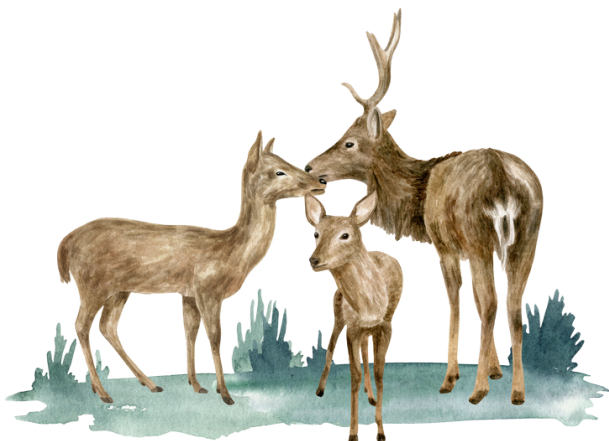
What is District 8?

- A District in Area 10 (state of Colorado) covering AA groups in **Pueblo, Freemont, Custer, Huerfano and Las Animas Counties** - there is no requirement for a Group to participate in District activities but there are benefits in doing so.



How do District 8 Groups interact with their District Committee?

- Each AA Group that wants to participate within the District elects a **General Service Representative (GSR)** who attends and participates in the monthly District 8 Committee meetings and activities
- The GSR/s are the core of the District Committee; they do elect (DCM) to **represent their voice of the District 8 Committee** to Area 10 and also other Trusted Servants (Alt-DCM, Treasurer and Secretary) to facilitate the Committee's activities and serve the groups.
- The District also **Supports Standing Committees** for supporting AA involvement in certain communities (e.g. Corrections).



HAPPY KWANZAA

What a District isn't...District 8

- ...Is Not a Central Service Office or inter-group (those are separate service organizations - more info at aa.org)
- ...Is Not an AA Group (but a District aligns to and follows AA Traditions and Concepts in action)
- ...is Not major funding source for AA activities: we observe the 7th Tradition and are self supporting from contributions from the District Groups; this covers DCM travel to Area Assemblies, Standing Committee expenses, admin expenses and we do seed level function Group sponsored District activities (workshops, special and AA celebratory events)





FELLOWSHIP

WHAT: Monthly SPEAKER AND POTLUCK

WHEN: SATURDAY December 28, 2025

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

WHO: Speaker- Eddie S. from Canon City

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

POTLUCK- SOUP EXTRAVAGANZA! Bring your favorite winter comfort food!



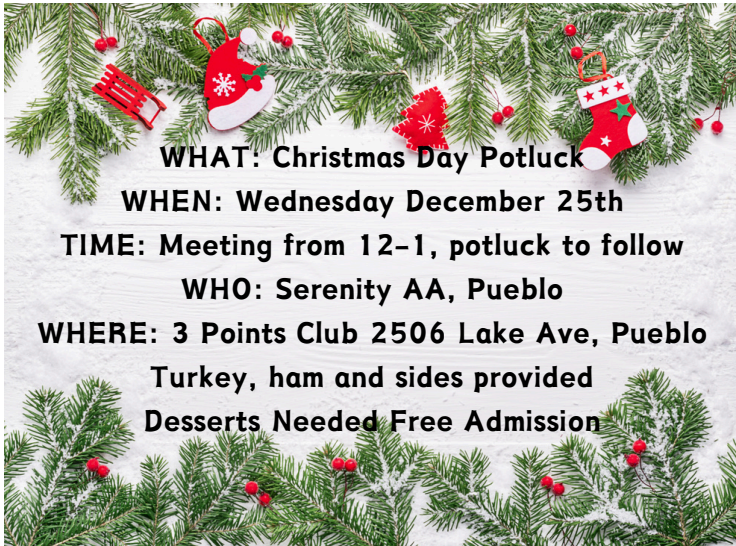
WHAT: Keystone December Speaker Meeting

WHEN: SATURDAY December 7th, 2024

TIME: Dinner Surprise 7-8, Speaker at 8:00pm

WHO: Speaker- Bean

WHERE: 3 Points Club



WHAT: Christmas Day Potluck

WHEN: Wednesday December 25th

TIME: Meeting from 12-1, potluck to follow

WHO: Serenity AA, Pueblo

WHERE: 3 Points Club 2506 Lake Ave, Pueblo

Turkey, ham and sides provided

Desserts Needed Free Admission

WHAT: Christmas Toy Drive

WHEN: Saturday December 2st

TIME: 1-3pm

WHO: Serenity AA, Pueblo

WHERE: 3 Points Club 2506 Lake Ave, Pueblo

Children's Christmas Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus



CSO monthly business meeting

**1st Wednesday of every month
6pm**

CSO office

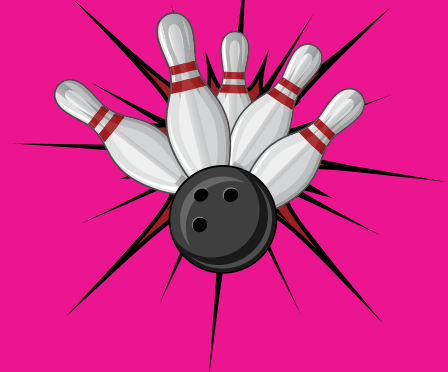
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Keystone Group Once a Month Speaker Meeting

**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



If your group would like to put on an event, the District has funds to help you with costs. If you are interested get in touch with the CSO or come to the monthly CSO meeting to get it approved and get extra help if you need.



December Birthdays

Leann F 12/02/1987

Linda L 12/12/2023

Uncle Art G 12/19/1980

Steve S 12/21/1992

Hank H 12/23/1984

Brian P 12/26/2006

Carol Ann C 12/27/2015

(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

Right now we have a few opportunities for service work. Service work is an important part of recovery -
“Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us.”
(Big Book, pg 77)

CSO office needs volunteers.

IT people to help update the website

**People willing to be backups for staffing the CSO
if someone can't make their shift**

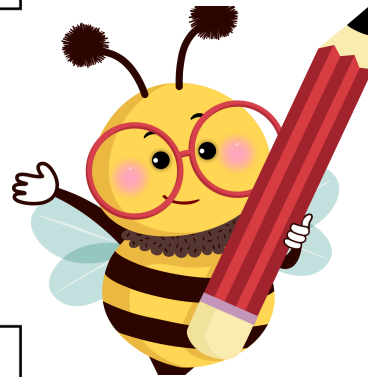
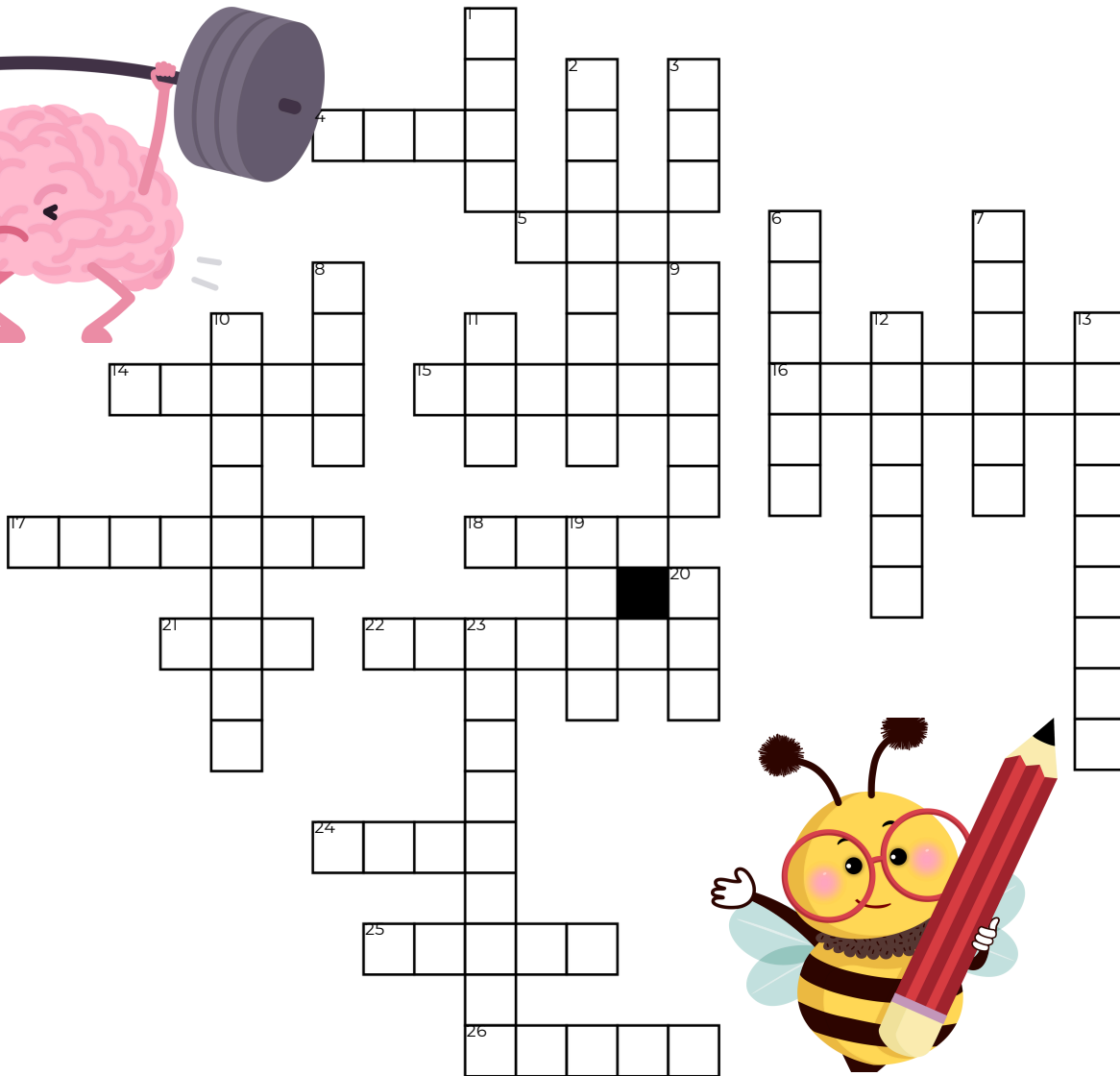
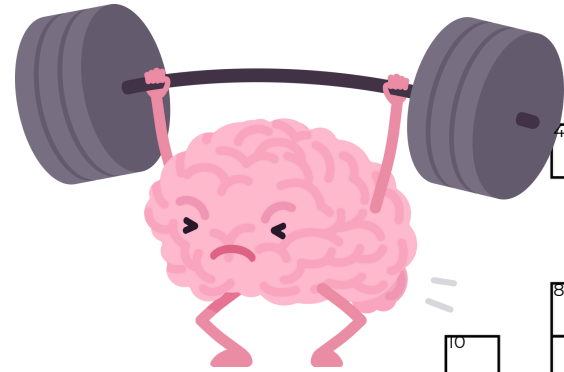
Assistant Manager

**Contact Kevin or Matt at the CSO
if you are interested**

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AA Trivia



Across

4. 90 meetings in 90 _____
 5. Read the _____ Book
 14. First AA meeting held in this city
 15. Bob's profession
 16. Someone to help you in the AA Program
 17. Unity, _____, Recovery
 18. Who brought the message to Bill
 21. Keep the plug in the _____

22. Step 11 Parayer St. _____ of Assissi

24. Do this in the morning and night

25. Bob's last name

26. The "Y" in YPAA

Down

1. Saturday Evening Magazine

2. Spiritual principle of the steps

3. Group Service Representative (abbreviation)

6. Bill's last name

7. Two types of meetings open and

8. This program is for people who _____ it!

9. The "T" in HALT

10. Great + Attitude =

11. Honest, Openmindedness, Willingness

12. Popular AA beverage

13. AA Magazine

19. Keep coming _____

20. New York Office abbreviation

23. Spiritual foundation of all traditions

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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

1	2 Leanne F Birthday 	3	4 CSO Meeting	5 Linda L Birthday 	6	7 Speaker Meeting Keystone Group
8	9	10	11  Uncle Art Birthday	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Steve S Birthday 
22 Hank H Birthday 	23	24	25 Christmas Dinner at 3 Points Club	26 Brian P Birthday 	27 Carol Ann C Birthday 	28 Speaker Meeting Canon City
29	30	31				

