## 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 CSOpueblo@gmail.com/www.puebloaa.org

Community is such an important part of Alcoholics Anonymous. As we go into the holiday season, I think it's especially important to recognize the power of a home group, the relationship with a sponsor, the accountability of service work and how helpful it can be to navigate the holidays with all these assets as a result of our fellowship.

2024

I was recently chairing at my home group meeting Primary Purpose, and brought up the topic from "A Vision for You" in the Big Book starting on page 152, "Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous." The book goes on to share the characteristics of our fellowship, where we find each other and how we can rely on one another.

As someone who has navigated life through the lens of sobriety for over ten years, it's been the reliability of the fellowship and the assurance that I can walk into a room to figure it out with other people. Knowing I'm not alone is one of the greatest blessings outside of knowing I no longer have to take a drink. Whether it be a change in my job, losing a loved one, feeling disappointed by just an every day issue or something else— I have someone or multiple people in the fellowship that I can rely upon to help me through it.

I can show up to a meeting and be honest, I can ask someone I know how they've managed with something similar and I can open the Big Book to find the answer. No matter what, there's a meeting, a phone call or step work that can help me. The reliability and my own, personal experiences have continually made me incredibly grateful for the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. As the book says, I am meeting and have met, "these new friends in your own community."

Haley R. Sobriety date: 11/03/13 Home Group: Primary Purpose

## FELLOWSHIP



**Thanksgiving Dinner** November 28th Meeting at 12 Dinner starts at 1:30 Turkey, ham and mashed potatoes provided Please bring a side dish or dessert Open to everyone No cost Great Escape 1332 E 20th St Pueblo, CO







CSO monthly business meeting 1st Wednesday of every month 6pm CSO office join on Zoom by entering this address https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4121 720850

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





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

Great Escape needs a volunteer to chair the Saturday night meeting at 8:00pm Please contact Mike at the Great Escape If someone doesn't volunteer to chair this meeting by December, the meeting will be discontinued

CSO office needs volunteers. IT people to help update the website People willing to be 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



HAPPY

## **November Birthdays**

Christine N. 11/03/2002 Kristy L 11/06/2016 Ellen P 11/09/2014 Wendy K 11/19/1992 Joshua S 11/25/2008 Dario A 11/30/2007

(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



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