

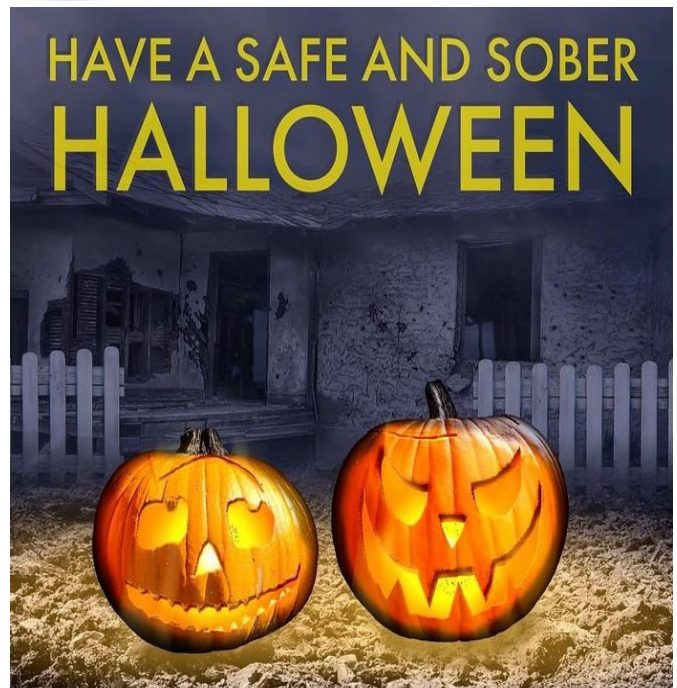
WESTERN SLOPE NOTES



September-October 2026

ColorDaze Cancelled!

See page 2 for more info



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Executive Committee

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Central Office Manager-Teresa M Asst. Manager- Bonnie B

I regret to inform you that the ColorDaze event that was to be held September 18-20th at the Garfield County Fairgrounds has been CANCELLED. The Executive Committee who are stewards of Central Office finances and day-to-day operations unanimously voted to cancel the event due to lack of event planning and number of registrations for the event.

Only 4 ColorDaze Committee meetings have been held to date with only 1 meeting conducted in the month of August. Only 65 registrations were processed through August 31st compared to 117 total registrations last year, meaning the event was on track to lose money. Central Office is not in a financial position to take a loss on the event.

ColorDaze is a fundraiser for Central Office typically generating \$7,000 in donations each year. Those donations will sorely be missed as we typically count on those donations to keep Central Office finances in the black the later part of the year.

Rather than put on a mediocre event due to poor planning and attendance, Central Office remains committed to putting together an event in 2027 worthy for you to attend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Central Office.

For those AA members that have registered for the event, we've come up with 3 options:

- 1) Pay it Forward - Admission to 2027 ColorDaze event will be at no charge
- 2) Request a refund.
- 3) Contribute amount paid to Central Office.

It is my responsibility to also inform the fellowship of the financial condition of Central Office. The Executive Committee voted to transfer \$3,000 in August and an additional \$3,000 for September from our Prudent Reserve fund to maintain services at the Central Office. At the current rate Central Office will run out of Prudent Reserve funds in December of next year, a little over 14 months from now.

The Executive Committee reviewed our expenses over the past year and there is little to nothing to cut with the possible exception of the Assistant Office Manager position which would decrease monthly expenses by approximately \$1,000.00 and not \$3,000 that we are showing as a monthly loss. Intergroup members will review expenses in our upcoming September Intergroup meeting but there appears to be no other expenses to cut.

In order to maintain a Central Office, we still have to pay rent, phones, insurance, internet, office supplies, computer support, website, credit card processing fees and literature purchased from A.A. World Services. In order to coordinate 45 volunteers who answer our phones, we need to also pay the salary for Central Office Manager which is our biggest expense. Teresa M is due to retire shortly and there are very few qualified A.A. members who would be willing to work at \$25 hour for 30 hours weekly to manage our volunteers, 12 step calls, Bridge the Gap, produce a newsletter, oversee accounting, pay the bills, make the deposits, visit the groups, attend A.A. events including Area 10 Assemblies, Joy of Living and also coordinate ColorDaze.

Several A.A. members have expressed that Central Office should be an all volunteer organization. I know of only 2 Central Offices in the country that operate that way (Pueblo and Sante Fe). I invite anyone that has experience running a non-profit or business, willing to quit their full-time paying job and come run Central Office with no pay, to come forward and volunteer to do that. To date, I haven't seen any takers.

The decision to keep Central Office open is not a decision that I can make nor can it be made by Executive Committee, Intergroup or staff. It can only be made by the fellowship of A.A. by making group or individual contributions. purchasing literature from Central Office, and/or including Central Office for older members in their will or 401K distribution. Additional information on ways that you can contribute to Central Office can be found on our website at <https://aa-westerncolorado.com/about-contributions/>

Because ColorDaze event has been cancelled, the need for group and individual contributions has never been greater. Please discuss how you and your A.A. group can help at your next upcoming business meeting.

Yours in A.A. Service

Gene F, Chair



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Central Office Profit and Loss

Year to Date 2025 vs 2026



	<u>Jan - Aug 25</u>		<u>Jan - Aug 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income		Income	
Group Contributions	25,107.98	Founders' Day	318.00
Individual Contributions	4,638.97	Group Contributions	24,052.77
Reimbursed Expenses	711.23	Individual Contributions	2,903.46
Sales	<u>16,155.03</u>	Intergroup Functions	317.00
Total Income	46,613.21	Reimbursed Expenses	537.48
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>11,356.22</u>	Sales	<u>19,740.30</u>
Gross Profit	35,256.99	Total Income	47,869.01
Expense		Cost of Goods Sold	<u>14,947.25</u>
Cash Over/Short	2.58	Gross Profit	32,921.76
Computer Support	3,288.59	Expense	
Credit Card Fees	986.44	Computer Support	2,357.59
Employee Travel	702.47	Contract Labor	52.50
Founder's Day Event Expense	546.07	Credit Card Fees	1,142.54
Insurance	1,938.00	Dues & Subscriptions	472.00
Intergroup Refreshments	30.69	Employee Travel	699.62
Internet Connection	799.98	Food/Beverage	27.41
Licenses & Permits	25.00	Founder's Day Event Expense	471.00
Office Supplies	774.56	Insurance	1,473.75
Payroll Tax Expense	2,568.20	Internet Connection	800.00
Postage	1,855.69	Licenses & Permits	25.00
Printing / Copying	295.62	Office Supplies	1,990.78
Professional Fees	220.00	Payroll Tax Expense	2,456.84
Rent / Lease	3,787.36	Postage	1,796.47
Salaries	33,568.00	Professional Fees	115.00
Sales Tax Adjustment	294.77	Registration	44.22
Telephone Expense	783.25	Rent / Lease	3,787.36
Training Expense	150.00	Salaries	32,102.40
Web-Site Expense	485.00	Sales Tax Adjustment	345.36
Write Offs	<u>67.14</u>	Telephone Expense	788.50
Total Expense	<u>53,169.41</u>	Web-Site Expense	<u>485.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-17,912.42	Total Expense	<u>51,433.34</u>
Other Income/Expense	<u>779.42</u>	Net Ordinary Income	-18,511.58
Net Income	<u>-17,133.00</u>	Other Income/Expense	444.55
		Net Income	<u>-18,067.03</u>

Can you spot the differences? What you can't see is that we started 2026 with \$9,957 in the bank, compared to \$22,413 in 2025. If you have questions about Central Office finances, please stop by the office and we will show you the bank account and answer any questions you have. Please do not believe rumors! Come see for yourself!



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Financial News



Group Contributions

June 26, 2026 to August 24, 2026

Acceptance is the Answer	100.00
Bayfield Early Bird Group	38.10
Bayfield Styx Group	36.99
Came To Believe	224.15
Cortez Fellowship Group	50.00
Design for Living-Edwards	60.00
Dillon Noon Simplicity Group	100.00
District 01	550.00
Eagle Fairgrounds	450.00
Fellowship of the Spirit	30.00
Friday Noon Discussion	58.00
Frisco Sobriety With Altitude	340.00
Grand Mesa Group	75.00
Grit and Grace	40.00
Happy, Joyous, and Free	46.27
Hole in the Donut	80.00
Insanely Early Birds	200.00
Just For Today	90.00
Living Sober	566.83
Lunch Bunch-GJ	287.00
Melody Step Study Group	280.00
Oak Creek Owls	200.00
Odd Balls	257.56
One Day at a Time	50.00
Original Early Birds	150.00
Pagosa Group	100.00
Rifle Jump Start Group	110.74
Robbers Roost Grand Junction	100.00
Saturday Nite Live	75.00
Sisters In Sobriety	600.00
Sometimes Slowly	594.00
Steamboat Women's Group	32.20
Sunlight Group	52.00
Telluride Group	403.00
The Wild Bunch (Veterans)	50.00
The Young and Restless	100.00
There Is A Solution	488.15
There is a Solution/PS	114.00
Tuesday Night Men's Meeting	257.57
We are not Saints	50.00
WTF-Welcome to Fruita	398.00
	7,884.56

Individual Contributions

June 26, 2026 to August 24, 2026

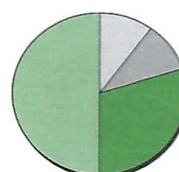
Individual Contributions

423.46



We try to send out Thank You notes to acknowledge your contributions and to provide you with a receipt for your records. If you haven't received a Thank You it is probably because we don't have a good address for your group. When possible, please provide a mailing address so we can Thank You!

Excerpt from Pamphlet F-3
Where Spiritually and Money Mix



10% to District

10% to Area

30% to GSO

50% to Intergroup or Central Office



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Group Contributions 2025 Total vs 2026 YTD



Group Name	2025 Total	Ytd 2026	Group Name	2025 Total	Ytd 2026	Group Name	2025 Total	Ytd 2026
Acceptance is the Answer	0	250	Go For It	161	44	Saturday Night Live	300	125
As Bill Sees It-Fruita	202	111	Granby	100	100	Saturday Nite Live	0	75
As Bill Sees It-Online	0	110	Grand Mesa Group	375	225	See You Thursday	100	100
Aspen Triangle Group	200	0	Gunnison Guzzlers	400	0	Serenity Seekers	100	0
Attraction Group	0	75	Happy, Joyous, and Free	325	94	Silt Wild Bunch	58	100
Bailey Firehouse Group	0	75	Hole in the Donut	0	232	SIOGA	53	0
Barn Meeting	0	35	Hot Sulphur Springs	450	250	Sisters In Sobriety	155	750
Bayfield Early Bird Group	36	56	Hotchkiss Monday Group	410	0	Sisters in Spirit	0	146
Bayfield Styx Group	45	37	Insanely Early Birds	700	200	Sober Goddess	110	0
Brown Baggers/GWS	0	400	Just For Today	278	317	Sober Life	150	0
Brown Baggers/GJ	75	0	Lake City AA	285	0	Social Distance Group	115	0
Burning Mountain Action Group	180	546	Let Go and Let God	0	25	Sometimes Slowly	196	594
Came To Believe	621	549	Living in the Solution	85	0	Steamboat Seagulls	500	0
Celebrating Sobriety	100	0	Living Sober	0	1067	Steamboat Women's Group	66	95
Colbran AA Meeting	247	0	Lunch Bunch-GJ	1102	741	Step Sisters	170	0
Conscious Contact	0	455	Melody Step Study Group	660	600	Stepping Out	983	400
Cortez Fellowship Group	225	373	Monday Night Men's Group	310	240	Summit Serenity Sisters	250	75
Crested Butte (CBAA)	640	240	Norwood Group	100	0	Sunlight Group	200	220
Delta Area Big Book Study	83	125	Oak Creek Owls	225	200	Telluride Group	1839	1004
Delta Saturday Nite	322	0	Odd Balls	1489	1038	The Breakfast Club	680	1200
Design for Living-Edwards	200	135	On Awakening	200	0	The Wild Bunch (Veterans)	125	150
Dillon Noon Simplicity Group	550	250	On the Promises	140	0	The Young and Restless	187	100
District 01	400	550	One Day at a Time	100	150	There Is A Solution	1960	488
District 14	500	0	Original Clifton	0	100	There is a Solution/C	1358	0
District 18	820	0	Original Early Birds	938	686	There is a Solution/PS	226	439
District 20	1477	269	Pagosa Group	350	200	Thursday Night Meeting	137	0
Dry Ice	188	132	Parachute Group	0	120	Timberline Group	135	0
Durango Central Group	1250	0	Peaks and Valleys	1340	0	Tuesday Night Men's/GJ	1277	660
Durango Cornerstone Group	750	1000	PIP Group	400	0	Two Mile High	633	120
Durango Young Peoples Group	0	62	Primary Purpose	200	0	Up to Ouray in AA	115	0
DVD Group	0	300	Promises	1570	0	Vail Group	369	230
Eagle AA	300	0	Ridgway 12x12	225	0	Vallecito Group	62	0
Eagle Fairgrounds	500	700	Rifle Back to Basics	460	200	We are not Saints	50	50
Early Birds	300	0	Rifle Jump Start Group	1045	211	We Are Not Saints, YP	50	0
Edwards Noon Group	100	150	Robbers Roost/Montrose	0	50	Women in Recovery	123	0
Esperanza	100	0	Robbers Roost/GJ	0	200	Women in Sobriety	40	0
Executive Session	0	220	Robbers Roost/D	245	125	WTF-Welcome to Fruita	767	1004
Fellowship of the Spirit	120	90	Salida Friday Noon	0	37		42211	23581
Forever Young	242	132	Salida Noon Zoom	284	0			
Friday Night Group	11	0	Saturday Morning Meeting	1000	0			
Friday Noon Discussion	65	58	Saturday Morning Mens	720	0			
Frisco Sobriety With Altitude	900	340	Saturday Morning Sunrise	100	0			
Fruita Sunset Group	0	179	Saturday Morning Women's Meeting	50	0			

We are truly grateful for all the groups that support Central Office! If you are no longer supporting Central Office, please send us an email and let us know why. Thank you!

centraloffice@aa-westerncolorado.com



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September Sobriety Celebration



Dudly	C		9	1	16
Ben	B	Pagosa Springs	9	1	37
Tim	D	A Vision for You	9	2	39
Joy	G	H.O.W.--GJ	9	2	40
Patricia	O		9	2	41
Diane	D	Steamboat Seagulls	9	3	34
Harold	I	Early Birds	9	3	36
Tim	A	Dinosaur#1	9	4	34
Jeff	J		9	5	14
Tina	S	Meeting at the VA	9	5	17
Mike	H	Save Yours	9	5	39
Jan	M	H.O.W. -- GJ	9	5	43
Ron	C		9	5	49
Gigi	D	A Vision for You	9	6	40
Rich	G	Open Parachute	9	7	26
Russell	A	Aspen	9	7	31
Candace	N	Steamboat Seagulls	9	7	41
Lynn	K	Silt Wild Bunch	9	7	44
Paul	C		9	8	24
Walter	V	Aspen	9	8	28
Gary	T	Grand Mesa	9	10	43
Dan	D	P.I.P.	9	11	22
Everett	W		9	11	25
R.J.	L	The Noon Luncheon	9	11	51
Del	F	Nucla	9	12	21
Marcia	B	Between the Tracks	9	12	32
Abel	B	Una Luz En Mi Camino	9	15	31
Liz	M	Saturday Morning-Aspen	9	15	31
Jon	E	Burning Mt Action	9	16	33
Rob	C	Aspen	9	16	35
Dave	Y	Lunch Bunch	9	16	36
Susan	T	Mon Nite Womens	9	17	40
John	B	Tuesday's Men's Stag	9	18	37
Barbara	R	GJ	9	18	38
Jeff	M		9	18	44
Mandy	R		9	20	16
Gene	R	Open Parachute	9	21	45
Nancy	C	Brown Baggers--GJ	9	21	47
Jim	M	Lunch Bunch	9	22	18
Michael	R	Lunch Bunch	9	22	30
Howard	S	Aspen alumni	9	22	38
Debbie	H		9	23	50
Richard	F	Back to Basics	9	24	27
Lori	S	Attraction	9	26	24
Doug	F	Sat Night Jive (Boulder)	9	26	43
Claudina	R		9	26	44
Jack	K	Palisade HOGS	9	28	16
Mark	W	Steamboat Seagulls	9	28	37

Step 9

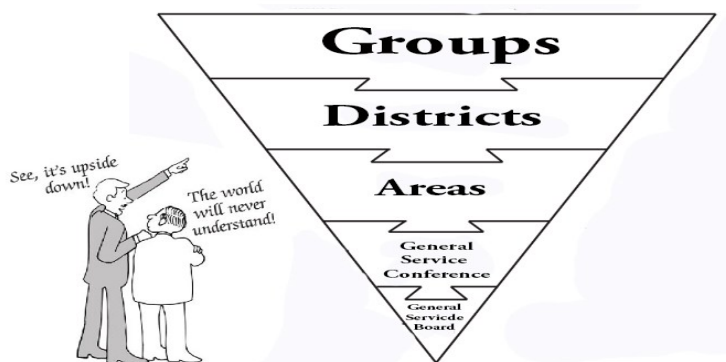
Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Are You Willing to Make Amends?

Before you write a topic off as "I can't make amends, it will cause damage anyway, so I'll skip it", consider this. The point of this step is not whether you **CAN** make amends, but whether you are **WILLING** to make amends. This step is less about whether you will be making the amend and more about **your processing of the harm done** and recognition of what ought to be done.

Tradition 9

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.



We make every effort to ensure that birthday information is correct, but we are human! If you see mistakes or know of someone that has left the program, please let us know!!! Email us at : centraloffice@aa-westerncolorado.com or give us a call at 970-245-9649.

Thank you!



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October Sobriety Celebration

Erick	G	Montrose	10	0	38
Jeff	N	Open Parachute	10	1	25
Sal	G	Wranglers	10	1	31
Kim	S	Attraction	10	2	30
Chuck	C	Odd-Balls	10	3	15
Deb	M	Lunch Bunch	10	3	31
Gina	S	Meeker Group #1	10	4	16
Steve	B	Oddballs	10	5	24
Charlotte	K	Open Parachute	10	5	31
Karen	G	Meeker #1	10	6	42
Paul	V		10	7	18
Aslaugh	S	Aspen	10	8	29
Nancy	H	A Vision for You	10	8	32
Mike	C		10	8	39
Virgil	G	Meeker #1	10	9	42
Mike	P	I Hate Barney	10	11	27
Rick	B	Nooners	10	11	30
Alberto	H		10	12	18
Earl	W	Lunch Bunch	10	12	40
Terry	M	Early Birds	10	13	13
Rod	G		10	15	18
Doug	L	Early Birds I	10	15	21
Don	S	Early Birds	10	15	27
Tim	O	Steamboat Seagulls	10	15	36
Chuck	J	Palisade Hogs	10	15	40
Bill	M	Promises	10	15	42
Frank	P	Solutions	10	15	48
Karen	L	Promises	10	16	12
Chris	Y	Steamboat Seagulls	10	16	43
Charlie	F	Meeker #1	10	16	45
John	M		10	17	26
Sean	C	RFV alumni	10	18	24
Mike	M	Rangely #1	10	18	32
Karen	R	Early Birds	10	19	22
Jenifer	B	GJ alumni	10	19	30
Tim	W	Brown Baggers	10	20	21
Lindy	P	Friends of Bill	10	20	22
Joan	A		10	20	42
John	M	Lunch Bunch	10	20	46
Susan	M	Steamboat Seagulls	10	21	27
Rob	W		10	21	29
Paul	W	Came To Believe	10	21	48
Terry	R	Save Yours	10	22	22
Dennis	L		10	23	13
Donna		Monday Night Women	10	24	38
Toby	M	Open Parachute	10	27	18
Lew	E	Solutions	10	29	46
Lisa	W	Open Parachute	10	30	33
Dave	A	Cortez Fellowship	10	30	50
Lori	W	Steamboat Seagulls	10	31	32
Julie	L	Odd Balls	10	31	42

Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.



Tradition 10

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

NEVER since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could almost be said that we were born with it, for, as one oldtimer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

(From Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions page 179)





News From GSO/AAWS

2026 Conference Advisory Actions

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations made by the standing committees and approved by the Conference body as a whole or recommendations discussed and voted on by all Conference members during general sessions. The group conscience of the Fellowship in the United States and Canada was expressed in the following Advisory Actions, which the General Service Board accepted in its legally required annual meeting following the 2026 Conference.

A sampling of Advisory Actions from the 2026 General Service Conference appears below. A complete list will be published in the 2026 *Final Conference Report* (available from GSO this fall).

FLOOR ACTIONS

- The suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000.
- AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 *Final Conference Report* (FCR) to be available for purchase. If production costs of the project are not covered by sales, the FCR print version will end for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- The word "Eskimo" be removed from the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, chapter essay on "Tradition Eight" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.

AGENDA

- The following theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: "Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future."
- The following presentation theme and topics for the 2027 General Service Conference:
 - "The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership."
 - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass."
 - "Innovation Meets Tradition."
- The following workshop topic for the 2027 General Service Conference: "Unexpected Spiritual Lessons."

CORRECTIONS

- The pamphlet "The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs" (Item P-11) be revised and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2027 General Service Conference.

Note: As a result of the 2025-2026 Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) plan, the above item was on the agenda of the Conference Committee on Corrections.

FINANCE

- "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" (Item F-3) be updated with the following change:

The question and answer on a group making financial contributions to AA Grapevine on page 12, which reads:

Q: Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?

A: No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work."

Be replaced with:

Q: How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?

A: AA Grapevine, Inc., does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org."

LITERATURE

- The following language be added to the Conference Committee on Literature Composition, Scope, and Procedure under the Procedure section:
"To have the Conference Committee chairperson maintain consistent contact with the chairperson of the trustees' Literature Committee throughout the year."
- The fifth edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be approved with minor editorial changes.
- The word "Eskimo" be removed from "Chapter 7: Working With Others" and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term.

GSO Financial Results The committee reviewed the GSO preliminary unaudited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025. This information is as of January 26, 2026. December 2025 transactions are still being recorded, ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD INCLUDING A.A. WORLD SERVICES, INC., AA GRAPEVINE, INC. Quarterly Report from GSO First Quarter 2026 Mail address: Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 2 and 2025 financial data is subject to change as a result of the audit. Audited 2025 financial statements will be provided to delegates at the 76th General Service Conference. For the year ended December 31, 2025, total operating revenue is \$18,853,249, which is about 7% less than the budget of \$20,283,275. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$18,528,182, which is about 2% less than the budget of \$18,967,187. The operating surplus before depreciation is \$325,068 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1,316,088. These figures do not include International Convention revenue and expense, which is tracked and reported separately against a detailed Convention budget by our convention management vendor, Talley Management Group, with AAWS Board oversight. These figures also do not include retrofit expenditures, which are \$492,775 as of December 31. As of January 26, 2026, operating cash on hand is \$574,974 versus accounts payable of \$1,138,055 resulting in a shortterm deficit of \$563,081. In December, the General Service Board authorized a Reserve Fund drawdown of up to \$750,000 for AAWS and GSB operations. However, only \$500,000 has actually been drawn down. Accounts payable is 73% current, 24% 1–30 days past due, and 3% 31–60 days past due. Literature accounts receivable is \$543,685, of which 33.5% is current, 36.5% is less than 60 days past due, and 30.0% is more than 60 days past due. Contributions were 4% less than budget, and gross literature sales were 5% less than budget. Literature gross margin was 12% less than budget.



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News From GSO/AAWS



■ Everything AA App: New Digital Resource



In May, AAWS acquired the Everything AA app, which features A.A. literature and other resources to help carry the message. In a [communication](#) to the Fellowship, the AAWS Board expressed gratitude to the app's developer, Ben S., for helping to make this transition possible.

Over the coming months, app users will see phased updates as the app is reviewed and enhanced as a trusted source for our literature, Conference-approved content and other resources. There is no cost to use the app, but users may also subscribe to support ongoing development, maintenance, accessibility and digital services.

Read the board's message about the app and a message from Ben S. [here](#).

The app is available on both iOS and Android. For app support, please contact everythingaa@aa.org.

https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/Message_to_the_Fellowship_about_Everything_AA_App.pdf

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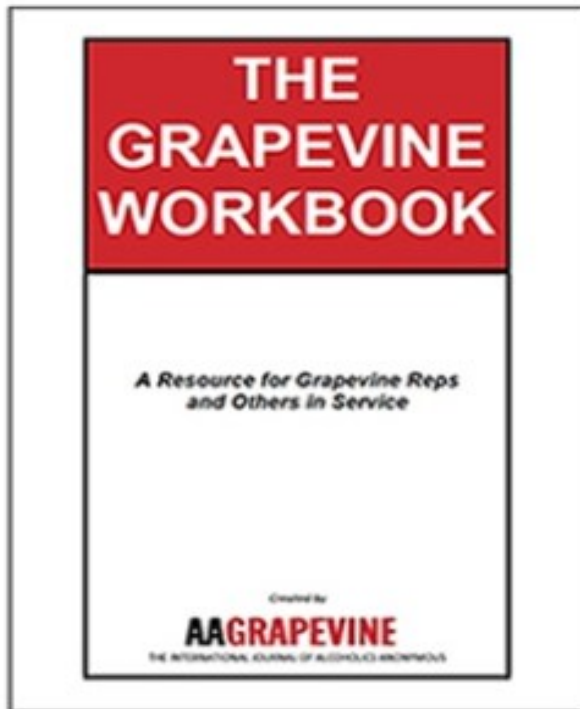
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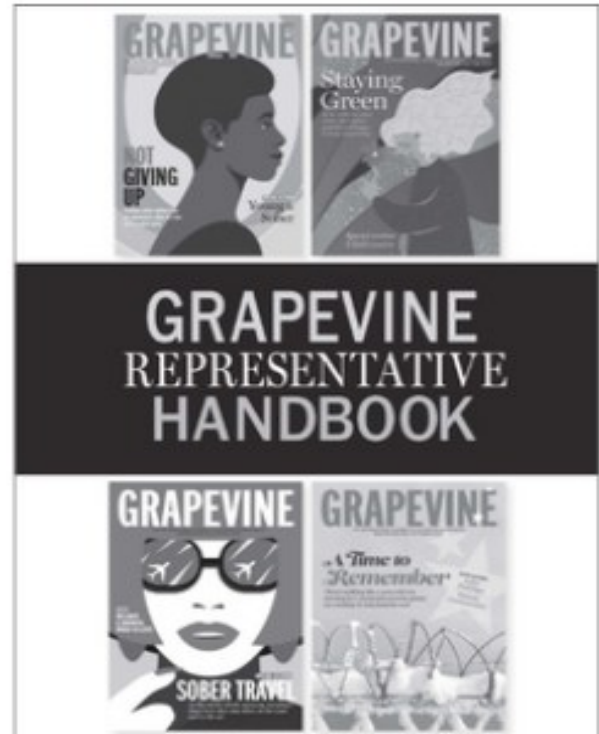
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News from Central Office



Would you, Could You Run a Central Office????

Central Office of Western Colorado is looking for that special someone that would be willing to volunteer one day a week now with the goal in mind to eventually step into the Central Office Manager's position full-time in a year or two. Teresa currently does not have a retirement date in mind, but she wants to start training a replacement now. If you think you have what it takes to run Central Office of Western Colorado, contact Teresa at (970)245-9649.

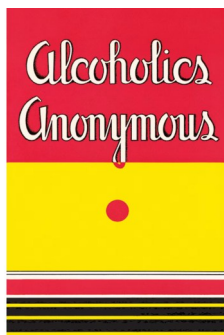
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Ted T from Basalt is looking for volunteers to take meetings into

Rifle Corrections.

If you are willing and able, please contact Ted T at (970)274-0358.

Are you willing to do 12 Step Calls in your Area???

We need members of AA willing to do 12 Step calls in your local area. We especially need AA members in the following towns:

Bayfield - Beaver Creek - Breckinridge - Crawford - Fairplay - Ignacio - Hayden - Nucla - Norwood - Oak Creek - Ridgway - Silverton

Also, we are always in need of individuals that speak Spanish and are willing to return calls for our Hispanic community.

Please contact Central Office if you are willing to have your name added to the list!

Intergroup Reps wanted!!!!

Western Colorado has over 200 individual groups and roughly 10% are represented at the monthly Intergroup meeting. EVERY group is entitled to send a representative and have a vote in how Central Office is run. If you have questions, suggestions or complaints, please step up to be an Intergroup Representative. Contact Central Office for more information.

970-245-9649



What's Happening



21st Annual Seagulls Men's Spiritual Retreat



Spring Canyon Retreat Center, Buena Vista, CO
September 18 – September 20, 2026

The Seagulls Men's group is excited to welcome back retreat facilitator Dr. Kevin McClone. The theme for this year's retreat will be:

"The Joy of Living comes through Connection". This retreat will explore the psychospiritual transformation that happens as we journey to a deeper connection in all our relationships by embracing the twelve steps of AA. Dr. McClone's Book **THE ROAD TO JOY: EIGHT PATHWAYS OF PSYCHOSPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION**, he invites us to join him in a personal and professional journey exploring eight core psychospiritual pathways that lay the foundation for more joyful living. He is now working on a new book that will explore the impact "Connections" have on this journey to a Joy.

This should be one our best retreats yet. Please save the date. Commit to strengthening your spirituality through the 21st Annual Seagulls Men's Retreat. We encourage you to send a deposit to guarantee your space. We now know the tuition price for 2026 based on increased costs of food and energy. Tuition 2026 \$325

2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and plenty of fellowship.

Scholarships available and scholarship donations encouraged!

Make checks payable to: Seagulls Men's Retreat (\$100 deposit)

Put your name and email or phone number in the memo

Send Checks to: Tom Thurston 27850 Hwy 131, Oak Creek, CO 80467

OR use Zelle:

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For more info, contact: Keith Giglio at (970) 819-4146 or Oldracer39@hotmail.com

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AA Speakers
Jason J - Oregon City, OR
Tommy T - Staten Island
Cheryl T - Staten Island

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Sue L - Bridgeport, PA

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