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The Power in Admitting Powerlessness

Seventy seven days out of rehab, I hit a suicidal relapse that sent me into a terrifying spiral of suicidal thoughts, hopelessness, and despair. Coming in and out of consciousness for several days, I prayed for God to take my life. I believed that death was my only option to stop my addiction to alcohol. However, I later realized, that it was in this darkest moment, I received my greatest blessing.

Through my pain, I was finally able to admit, that I was powerless over alcohol, and that my life had become unmanageable. I admitted that I was an alcoholic.

I accepted that I have an allergy to alcohol. This means that whether I have one day, or thirty years of sobriety, whenever I ingest alcohol into my system my body will always respond with the immediate phenomenon of craving, and the mental obsession for more alcohol. It's just the way I am. It's the way God made me. Admitting that I am powerless over alcohol empowered me to take my first step into recovery.

I soon realized that there was power in admitting powerlessness. Powerlessness became a conduit to acceptance. Acceptance became the conduit to freedom and self love. For the first time, I could accept myself without judgement, or shame.

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I started attending meetings. I got a sponsor, and I worked the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. I learned that there was hope, and that there was a spiritual solution. But most importantly, I learned that I never have to pick up another drink again, if I don't want too.

My life got better, one day at a time. The unmanageability and chaos began to dim, because I learned to cease fighting.

A new way of life opened up to me by being honest, open minded, and willing to go to any lengths to get and stay sober. I soon became aware of my innate self centered way of thinking and doing things. I started to become open to the suggestions of people who had the sobriety I wanted.

Five years later, I am still finding power in powerlessness. I am powerless over the weather, what someone else might think of me, the way other people drive, and overall just about most things in my life. But the tools I learned in Step One, still rescue me every time.

There is power in admitting powerlessness. Powerlessness empowers me with acceptance. Through acceptance I cease fighting and become open to a design for living that really works.

By Angelique C.

The Twelve Steps—One Step At A Time

Working Step One

Step One is an opportunity to face reality and admit that our life isn't working with us in control. We embrace our powerlessness, we stop pretending. In a sense, we stop the juggling act that we have performed for so long.

We admit that we can't continue the illusion of control. If it means that all the balls fall to the ground, then so be it. We are so tired of juggling our lives, we are ready to accept whatever comes.

Step One

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable.



Prayer for Step One

Today, I ask for help with my recovery. I feel a little lost and am very unsure of myself. Denial has kept me from seeing how powerless I am and how unmanageable my life has become. I need to learn and remember that I cannot manage my life or the lives of others. I also need to remember that the best thing I can do right now is to let go—I admit that I am powerless and that my life is unmanageable.

Step One Reflection

In Step One, we come to grips with the reality of our lives. Perhaps for the first time, we finally admit defeat and recognize that we need help. In looking at Step One, we see it has two distinct parts. The first part is the admission that we have obsessive traits. Those traits appear in the way we try to manipulate the affairs of our lives to ease the inner pain of separateness from God. We are in the grip of an addictive process that has rendered us powerless over our behavior. The second part is the admission that our lives have been, and will continue to be, unmanageable if we insist on living by our own will.



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AA Traditions — A Design for Living that Works



Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

We do together that which we cannot do alone.

Tradition One Reflection

Active in our disease, many of us felt mired in isolation, despair, and shame. We felt alone in our suffering. Fortunately, coming into the rooms of A.A., we found for the first time, that we were not alone. We found a fellowship with others where we could not only identify in our mutual suffering, but more importantly, find our recovery in a common solution.

Our tradition of unity allows us the balance to guard our individual right to think, talk, and act as each one wishes, with the realization that each one of us is but a small part of a great whole, and that there is no personal sacrifice to great for preservation of the Fellowship.



Tradition One Inventory

1. Am I in my group an integrating person, or am I divisive?
2. Do I make competitive remarks such as comparing one group with another?
3. Am I as considerate of A.A. members as I want them to be of me?

Reference: Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pgs 129-131., Traditions Checklist, Tradition One, Silkworth.net

Meet the Foothills Group

Welcome to the Foothills Group! Located at 11607 Menaul Blvd NE, the Foothills group door swings open, on average, 4,500 times every month! Offering six meetings a day, seven days a week, this group offers diversity in it's scheduled meetings and service work opportunities. There are two women's meetings offered on Saturdays — one at 9:00am, and another at 3:00pm. There is a Speaker meeting held every Saturday night at 8:00pm. Stop by to study the Big Book/Twelve and Twelve on Sundays at 3:00pm. Weekdays, all meetings are open discussion. This group has a tradition of only using AA approved materials for topic discussions, and all meetings are non smoking.

The primary purpose of this group is to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. As such, the Foothills remains a service oriented group, taking outside meetings to the Mats Detox Center, Turquoise Lodge, and it's Supportive After Care Program. Outside meetings are also taken by this group to the Kaseman Presbyterian Hospital, the Good Shepherd Center, and the Shadow Mountain Treatment Center.

In addition, the Foothills group is also of service through its monthly financial contributions. It shares 66% of it's net monthly contributions with the greater AA Fellowship. The Albuquerque Central Office receives 50% of this amount. The General Service Office receives 20% of this amount, and Area 46, District 12, and El Farolito, each receive 10%, respectively.

The Foothills determined the amount of their distributions based on the model provided through GSO in NY. It was a deliberate and important step for the group when they first started, and wanted the Foothills to be a working part of the larger AA community.



Home group, or not, the Foothills invites anyone, and everyone, to share his/her sober birthday with them.

Birthday cards are given out at every meeting, while celebratory chips are given out at the Birthday celebration held the last Monday of every month, at 6:15pm. Cake and ice cream is always served!

The Foothills is a friendly and inviting group. They invite you to stop by sometime for a meeting, and to try a cup of the World Famous Foothills Coffee! You will always be welcome! They look forward to seeing you soon!

Foothills Meeting Times and Location

- 11607 Menaul Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
- MON.,TUES.,WED.,THURS.,
FRI.,SAT., SUN.
7 :00AM, 12:00PM, 3:00PM,
4:30PM, 6:00PM, 8:00PM
- SAT. 9AM AND 3PM
WOMENS MTGS ONLY

Annual events such as a New Year's Eve Alkathon, Memorial Day Picnic, and Thanksgiving Pot Luck often serve as a central location for the greater AA fellowship to gather and celebrate time together. The Foothills welcomes, and encourages, everyone to attend these events.

*A Very Special
Thank You to
Susan W.*



Sending you this bouquet to show how grateful we are for your past diligence and hard work as Pass It On Editor . Please know how much your time, effort, and commitment have been appreciated by all!!

Special thanks to Virginia Helms, and Ron who helped supply the information for this article. Please note that if your homegroup would like to get on the schedule to take an outside meeting to one of the above mentioned facilities, please contact Ron at (505) 299-2947, or Lou at (505) 249-5087. Volunteer home groups are both welcome and needed.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Fellowship Sharing

How It Was, How It Got to Be, And How it is Today

by Manuel P.

"When I get your amount of time...." How many times I've thought that through the years of others. Much can come with time ... more knowledge, more serenity, more acceptance. I recently completed 30 continuous years of entire abstinence on Dec. 22, 2017, and I still feel like a newcomer sometimes.



"Much can come with time ... more knowledge, more serenity, more acceptance."

But regardless of the amount of time I have in the rooms of AA, I must work this program now more than ever. The program starts when the meeting ends I've heard said. For example, I don't see setting up as a newcomer's job, just because I've done that job already. Rather, I see it as a job I need to jump in and do *alongside* a newcomer, because I *have* done it already. And while the

newcomer is important, they are not the only important person to me in a meeting. We're all the most important, because nothing is more important than our unity.

Many things have happened in my life over the past thirty years. I've seen such highs, and sometimes there have been some real lows. There have been times when just not drinking has had to make a successful day for me. I've had to reach for the kit of spiritual tools, I've learned in this program, and actually use them. But even in my darkest moments, it's been my experience that with the Steps, and God's help, things always get better. I've lived the experience of "This too shall pass."

Working the steps is so very important. In fact, they're everything in this program. By taking our inventories, we uncover patterns of thinking and behavior, in our attempt to avoid making the same mistakes repeatedly, every time expecting different results.

We learn that each day we must work towards another 24 hours with open mindedness and willingness, and forever in the pursuit of sane sobriety.

Being selfish and self-centered, is the root of our troubles. For that reason, I think the best tool I ever learned was our 12th Step,

which is to get out of self, and to work with another alcoholic. I believe me being sober in, and because of AA, God's will for me is to work with other alcoholics best I can. I won't always be asked to be a sponsor, and sometimes I will simply be asked to stay after and help out putting up chairs, or wash coffee cups at my home group, and that's okay by me.



"There have been times when just not drinking has had to make a successful day for me."

As a matter of fact, my first experience at chairing meetings, was putting out the chairs! Lol

The Big Book says our past is our most important asset. It's what unifies us as alcoholics. We are uniquely qualified to reach out to one another, so drunk-a-logs are recovery also.

Sometimes my 12th Step work is as simple as helping out where and when we can. We're not taxis, but I

thank all those that gave me rides. We're not banks. But I thank all those who loaned me a couple bucks. They were always sure not to give out what they couldn't afford to lose.



"My first experience at chairing meetings was putting up chairs!"

How it was, how it got to be, and how it is today starts daily with Steps 1, 2, 3 for me. Today doesn't always have to be happy, happy, happy like I'm living in some constant Pollyanna state. It's still all about sobriety and working the program even when life isn't so happy for me, one day at a time.

In the words of Big Don who's now at the AA meeting in the Sky, I've begun saying the words he used to say, "I love being sober today."



Spirituality According to Lee

by Lee D

Yesterday morning's meeting was on Page 55 of the Big Book. As usual, whenever the subjects of spirituality or God are brought up, there are wide differences of opinion on what is meant in our basic text; this can be a very controversial topic. Here is my take:

I think there is some confusion regarding spirituality and organized religion. There is a difference between the two: "Spirituality" has to do with matters of the spirit; it is putting us in touch with unlimited power. It is this power greater than ourselves that is essential in getting sober and staying that way. "Religion" on the other hand (AA is not a religion) is man's attempt to codify laws, regulations and other dogma while setting up various methods of worshipping a Divine Being. Apparently, some folks have had a negative experience with religion which has colored some of their ideas of spirituality and this power greater than ourselves. Whereas religion places

constraints upon us—spirituality allows us to tap into unlimited power. Since a lack of power is was our main problem, it is in our own best interests to find this Higher Power; our Big Book makes this possible. My definitions are a bit simplistic but, they work for me—you might want to consult a dictionary. Regardless, I believe you will discover that



there are many paths to sobriety—our job is to find one that works for us. It is not my definition, or anyone else's that matters! What we choose to call our Higher Power or anything having to do with our conception of God is not the issue—a higher power (greater than ourselves) that works is! When I came into AA I was told that if I could not believe in a power greater than myself (Step 2) then I should try praying for the willingness to believe in such a

power. Something along the lines of "forgive my unbelief and help me to believe," was the order of the day.

One of the best pieces of advice I ever received, came from a member of ALANON. This lady said that we should "utilize and not analyze," this in response to concerns from others about HP/God. It was this same lady who illustrated the part we play in our own recovery by stating that we should "pray for potatoes—then grab a hoe!" Later on, someone (I think it was my Sponsor) likened spirituality to a tightrope over the Grand Canyon. This person went on to say that "faith" was like a man walking that tightrope and pushing a wheelbarrow. Finally he said that "trust" is the man riding in the wheelbarrow!



After 48 Years, El Centro Closes it's Doors

by Anonymous

El Centro Group closed permanently in November, after 48 years of helping thousands of alcoholics to stay sober. We saw declining attendance for many months. Then controversy over a group conscience caused a number of group members to resign. We closed the Monday and Wednesday meetings. Business meetings stopped in early spring of 2017. We were then reduced to four home group members. It was a real

struggle for us to have a meeting opener for our remaining Saturday meeting; two members were frequently unavailable due to being out of town on meeting days. Others were sidelined by health issues. For me, the biggest issue was the severe decline in attendance. For three consecutive Wednesday meetings, no other AA showed up. For 2 consecutive Saturdays no one was able to open and on the third Saturday only one AA showed up. What had happened to our meetings which frequently boasted twenty-five to thirty attendees in the past?

Our first inclination was to look at external factors that could be affecting our group. The opinion was voiced that there are too many meetings in Albuquerque, and that was the reason for our decline. But no clear cut conclusion could be drawn on that topic. Looking inward proved more helpful.

Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." said Tolstoy. And perhaps that is what happened to El Centro. Successful, long lasting AA groups probably follow the 12 Traditions pretty closely. When a group outright fails to follow a Tradition or misinterprets one, that can lead to "I don't

want what you have" and the group dissipates and folds. So if your group is going through a long term decline, turn it over to HP, get honest and brave about it, do an immediate group inventory, bring an outside experienced AA member or two to sit in on these inventories, find out what's wrong AND STOP DOING THAT! Then do short follow up inventories and adjust accordingly. May your group be strong and helpful to those lost alcoholics who wander through your door.



Submit announcements or articles that you would like printed in this newsletter to PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org. Submissions must be AA sponsored events submitted to Central Office by an AA group, the Intergroup, an AA District, Area, etc. Please keep this in mind prior to submission.

Announcements



COSMOPOLITAN GROUP 35TH ANNIVERSARY

POTLUCK DINNER SPEAKER MEETING

JOIN US ON THE
12TH OF
JAN

RIO GRANDE PRES. CHURCH
600 COORS BLVD. NW

POTLUCK 6:30 PM
MEETING 8 PM

SPEAKER - ELOY M

Save the date -
Saturday, January 13, 2018
1:30 - 3:30 PM



Any Lengths Women's Group
Presents . . .

A FUNDRAISER FOR CENTRAL OFFICE!

The AA Waltz: Steps 6 and 7
Our speakers will share their experience,
strength, and hope on how they worked
these important steps.

Step 6 - Lisa S. (30 years); Pat L. (30 years)
Step 7 - Martha G. (15 years); Doug C. (33 years)

Sweet & savory baked items, plants,
and handcrafted items will be on sale.
All proceeds go to Central Office.

Monte Vista Christian Church
Bethany Hall
3501 Campus Blvd. NE, Albuquerque NM

Intergroup Meeting

Meeting
Reminder!

Please join us at the next
Intergroup Meeting
January 13, 2018—2:00pm

Brownbaggers Group
5960 Woodford Dr. Bldg. F, Suite A

*Find out what's going on in the greater
AA Community. It's a great place to find
service work opportunities.*

The 3rd Annual Area 46

3 LEGACIES

Workshop

WHEN:

Brought to you by: January 27, 2018

8 AM - 9 AM POTLUCK BREAKFAST

9 AM - 12:30 PM WORKSHOP

WHERE:

Shepherd of the Valley

1801 Montano Rd. NW ABQ

More Info: ypaa@nm-AA.org



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CHILI COOKOFF

Speaker Meeting and Silent Auction!

January 20, 2018
6:00pm

New Life Church
2701 American Rd SE
Rio Rancho, NM

\$8 for a taste of each
\$4 for a bowl of one
Includes 1 raffle ticket

Prizes:
1st, 2nd & 3rd

Silent Auction-Raffle
tickets
\$1 per ticket or
\$5 for 6

Area 46 2018 Convention Fundraiser Hosted by District 18



At Wit's End is celebrating our second year and hosting a Grapevine Writing Workshop

We'll Review the writing guidelines, Hear from members who have
published articles, and Write!

Saturday, January 27th, 2018

Lunch: 1pm
Panel on Writing: 2pm
Writing Time: 3pm
Sharing Session: 3:30pm

Our Lady in the Valley
2805 Don Felipe Rd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

This workshop will share experience and guidelines
for submitting articles to the Grapevine;
publication not guaranteed.

Writing supplies will be provided, however
feel free to bring your own.
If desired, a member will type up and submit
your handwritten story.

Electronic writing devices welcomed!
Bring your laptop, tablet, phone, etc.

Contact Erica R. to request translation and/or ASL
505-818-7071

AAGRAPEVINE
The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

Service Work Opportunities

AA Central Office is in need of the following volunteers:

Night Phones (10:00pm - 9am)

Requires: 2 years of sobriety, a home group, and a sponsor

- ◆ Every Monday - need a Home Group to fill this spot
- ◆ Saturday - 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (individual needed)
- ◆ Sunday - 2nd Sunday of each month (individual needed)



Service Work Opportunities

AA Central Office

Regular Desk Workers Needed

Requires: 6 months of sobriety, a home group, and a sponsor

- ◆ Every Tuesday from 1pm - 4pm
- ◆ Every Friday from 1pm - 4pm

Please call 266-1900, or stop by the AA Central Office at
1921 Alvarado NE, if you meet the necessary requirements
and are interested in any of these positions.

Business Page



November 2017 BUCK A YEAR BUCK-A-ROOS

Name	Home Group	# of Years	Birthday
Leanne M	Dawn Patrol	29	11/5/1988
Michelle B-SP	Dawn Patrol	28	11/29/1989
Julie G	Wake Up Call	24	?/?/1993
Steven G	Westside Group	17	8/17/2000
Dave N	The Acceptance Grp	16	8/3/2001
Martin C	Seeking Serenity	9	11/20/2008
Lydia R	Seeking Serenity	7	11/20/2010
Angelique C	Seeking Serenity	5	11/5/2012
Total Contributions		\$ 135.00	

Central Office Financial Snapshot

Item	January 2018	YTD
Total Revenues	\$ 7,686.80	\$ 88,349.90
Total Cost of Sales	\$ 2,978.37	\$ 28,487.00
Gross Income	\$ 4,708.43	\$ 59,862.90
Total Expenses	\$ 5,109.65	\$ 60,578.37
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (401.22)	\$ (715.47)

2018 Steering Committee



Here's a quick update after elections on Saturday, December 10, 2018

- Chair: Doug C. Brownbaggers
- Secretary: Ginger B. Seeking Serenity
- Treasurer: Tom M. Dawn Patrol
- Pass-It-On Editor: Angelique C. Seeking Serenity
- Intergroup Liaison: Martin C. Seeking Serenity
- Member-at-Large: Eugene O. Lone Rangers
- Schedule Editor: Lydia R. Seeking Serenity

Please consider volunteering for one of the following **vacant** positions at the next Intergroup Meeting January 13, Brownbaggers Meeting Space, 2:00pm:

Website Chair Special Needs Chair Community Outreach

Sending a big *Thank You* to the following outgoing 2017 Steering Committee Members:

- Susan W.—Pass It On Editor
- Alaina G.—Special Needs Chair
- Rick W. - Web Site Chair
- Jeff C.—Community Outreach



You made a difference!

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Donating to Central Office of Albuquerque

If you are an AA member you are invited to:

- ◆ Make a monetary contribution via check or money order, payable to Central Office of Albuquerque. Mail or drop off in person at 1921 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
- ◆ Become a "Faithful Fiver," contribute \$5.00 monthly, and receive a free "Pass It On" subscription.
- ◆ Become a "Trusted Tenner," contribute \$10.00 monthly, and receive a free "Pass It On" subscription.
- ◆ Set up monthly donations using Auto Pay or Bill Pay with your bank to automatically send us a monthly contribution in any amount you choose. What could be easier?
- ◆ Contribute with a secure credit card transaction, either at Central Office or by clicking the "Contribute" button on our website Support page.

New District 13 Meeting Location

Metropolitan Community Church
1103 Texas St. NE, 2nd Saturday
of every month at 10:00am





Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report November 2017

Item	November 2017	October 2017	November 2016
Phone Calls			
Information	311	311	328
12 Step	15	14	15
Al-Anon	5	4	4
Message	40	29	29
Other	68	59	75
Total	439	417	451
Walk-ins			
Information	18	13	22
12 Step	2	0	0
Al-Anon	2	0	1
Schedule	3	8	3
Purchase	131	129	138
Media	3	1	0
Message	8	1	0
Casual	29	32	19
Other	22	18	23
Total	218	202	203

Item	November 2017	October 2017	November 2016
Web Visits		5226	
Deskworkers			
Regulars	46	47	43
Substitutes	9	10	13
Total	55	57	56
Deskshifts			
Weekdays	132	132	132
Weekends	40	45	40
Total	172	177	172
Weekday Shifts			
Worked by Regulars	97 (73.5%)	105 (79.5%)	112 (84.4%)
Worked by Subs	30 (22.5%)	24(18%)	19(14.4%)
Total	127 (96%)	129 (97.5%)	131 (99.2%)
Weekend Shifts			
Worked by Regulars	35 (87.5%)	35 (78%)	34 (85%)
Worked by Subs	5 (12.5%)	9 (20%)	6 (15%)
Total	40 (100%)	44 (98%)	40 (100%)
Night Shifts not covered	5 week nights	3 weeknights 1 weekend	1 weeknight
Shifts not worked by a volunteer	18	18	3 - 2hr shifts
Total	54 Hours	53 Hours	30 hrs



Central Office Intergroup Steering Committee 2018

Title	Name	Email Address
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Call the Central Office at (505) 266-1900 for more information on ways to donate time and service as well.

2018 JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 "Pass It On" - The story of Bill W. was published on this date (1984)	8	9 Steering Committee Meeting 7:00pm	10	11 	12 Cosmopolitan Group 35th Anniversary 6:30pm - 9:00pm	13 District Meeting Saturday CO Fundraiser The AA Waltz 1:30pm-3:30pm
14 Intergroup Meeting 2pm	 15	16	17  "Prohibition" becomes law (1919)	18	19 	20 Area 46 Chili Cook Off and Auction 6:00pm
21	22	23	24 Bill and Lois' Wedding Anniversary (1918) Bill Wilson's Death (1895-1971)	25	26 	27 3 Legacies Workshop 8am - 12pm Grapevine Writing Workshop 1:00pm - 3:30pm
 28	29	30	31	1	2  Groundhog Day	3

January 2018 Calendar Details

January 9 - The Steering Committee monitors and support Central Office operations and makes necessary proposals to Intergroup representatives. The Committee meets monthly in advance of the Intergroup Meeting.

January 12 - Cosmopolitan Group 35th Anniversary Celebration. Join us for the Potluck which starts at 6:30pm, and stay for the Speaker Meeting at 8:00pm. Enjoy a hearty meal and the blessing of fellowship!
Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd. NW

January 13 - District Meeting Saturday!! **District 3** - 2pm 2nd Sunday, Call the DCM for Location; **District 11** - 9am, 2nd Saturday, Shepherd of the Valley Church, 1801 Montano Rd; **District 12**-10:15am, 2nd Sat., Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, in Room #3; **District 13** - 10 am, 2nd Sat., Metropolitan Community Church, 1103 Texas St. NE; **District 18** - 10:30am, 2nd Saturday, United Methodist Church, 136 Calle Alameda, Bernalillo

January 13— Any Lengths Women's Group present a CO Fundraiser: The AA Waltz: Steps 6 and 7. Speakers will share how they worked these important steps. Baked goods, plants, and crafts sale. 1:30pm-3:30pm. Monte Vista Church, Bethany Hall, 3501 Campus Blvd. NE

January 14 – Intergroup Meeting, 2pm, Brownbaggers 5960 Woodford Dr. NE, Bldg F. Suite A

January 20- Area 46 2018 Convention Fundraiser, Chili Cook Off, Silent Auction, and Raffle. Hosted by District 18. Event starts at 6:00pm. New Life Church, 2701 American Rd SE, Rio Rancho

January 27- 3 Legacies Workshop, hosted by Area 46 Young People of AA. Breakfast Potluck at 8:00am. Workshop starts at 9:00am. Shepherd of the Valley Church, 1801 Montano Rd NW, Albuquerque

January 27—Grapevine Writing Workshop, hosted by At Wit's End. Lunch provided at 1:00pm, Panel on Writing, Writing Time, Sharing, 2:00pm—3:30pm. Writing supplies provided. Our Lady in the Valley Church, 2805 Don Felipe Rd SW. Contact Erica R to request translation and/or ASL, (505) 818-7071



Intergroup Meeting Minutes, December 10, 2017

2:00 p.m., Brown Baggers Meeting Space

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:05 p.m.

Introductions around the room

Doug C., Chair; Ginger B., Secretary, Seeking Serenity; Ric R., Media Librarian, Goodfellas; Michael W., Central Office Coordinator; Debra K., Alternate Coordinator, Grateful Girls; Martin C., Seeking Serenity; Angeliq ue C., Seeking Serenity; Pam S., Happy Hour; Susan W., Fit Group; Ryan L., Serendipity; Michael C., Sunrise Sobriety; Phylis F., Brown Baggers, visitor; Sarah E., Grateful Girls; Gayle Mc., Lunch Bunch; Paige T., Strange Mental Blank Spots; Mike G., Westside Noon; Geoff B., Desert Club; JoAnn R., District 13 Rep.; Bruce B, Dist. 12 Rep; Todd B., Lone Rangers; Eugene O., Lone Rangers, visitor.

Reports

Secretary, Ginger B. November 12, 2017 minutes were published in the December Pass-It-On. Time was provided for review.

Motion to Accept minutes as presented:

Michael W. 2nd: Sarah E.

Unanimously passed.

Treasurer, Tom M. Michael W. provided the report in Tom's absence. The month of November finished in the red (\$401.22), compared to a loss of (\$715.47) in November 2016. Year-to-Date Net Income is (\$2, 629.20) compared to (\$4,796.57) for the same period 2016. District 3 held a special event for C.O. in November, providing contributions of \$191.00, and District 11 contributed \$304.98 in November. Funds were used from the Prudent Reserve to cover the (\$401.22) loss for the month, leaving a balance of \$12,010.56 in that account. Our Prudent Reserve goal amount is \$16,000. Doug C., Chair, advised that this year's loss is less than 1 percent of Gross Revenue, basically a wash. We ARE doing better this year; however, an effort is still required to support our Central Office.

Motion to Accept: Ginger B. 2nd: Ric R.

Unanimously passed.

Coordinator, Michael W. An extensive order of AA World Service literature was made (about \$3,000) and received in December. We are short of mini-Big Books. Michael will place that order according to the checking account balance. GrapeVine publications were also ordered and

should be in next week. One of the newer publications, Voices of Women, was part of this order. There are plenty of chips in stock. Central Office needs substitute desk workers and there are some regular desk workers needed. Alanon calls are spiking.

Alternate Coordinator, Debra K. Calls are down this month. Purchases are about the same. Currently, the Monday night phones (10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.) that were covered by a group are no longer covered. That group needed to let go of this commitment. Debra is looking for another group to take the phones on Monday night. List of open shifts:

Night Phones (10 p.m. to 9 a.m.) Requirement for taking the night phones: 2 years of sobriety, a home group, and a sponsor.

Every Monday – need a group to fill this spot.

Saturday – 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (individual needed)

Sunday – second Sunday of each month (individual needed)

Regular Desk Workers Needed for the following shifts;

Requirement for desk workers is 6 months of sobriety, a home group, and a sponsor.

Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Every Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Substitute Desk Workers are ALWAYS needed! Contact Debra K. at Central Office (505) 266-1900 if you're looking for very rewarding service work.

Schedule Editor, Lydia R. unable to attend.

Community Outreach, Jeff C., unable to attend

Special Needs, vacant

Media Librarian, Ric R. Ric has duplicated 18 discs for the library and it is now current.

Website Chair, vacant

Intergroup Liaison, vacant

Old Business – no old business

Steering Committee Elections

Doug C., Chair, advised the Intergroup that two positions were inadvertently left out of the flyer that advertised the positions to be elected today. Those positions are Chair and Schedule Editor. Doug C. asked the Intergroup if they would like another month to announce these positions for nominations from their groups. The people currently in these spots would like to fulfill another two-year term. Motion was made to vote *today* for the positions of Chair and Schedule Editor, along with the other previously announced positions.

Motion: Geoff B. 2nd: Michael C.
Unanimously passed.

Steering Committee Elections took place with appropriate motion and 2nd. All motions passed unanimously. For each position, only the those listed below stood for disapproval. There were no nominations beyond the person elected for each position.

Chair: Doug C., Brown Baggers, two-year term (to date, Doug C. has completed one year of the term left by previous Chair who needed to resign.)

Secretary: Ginger B., Seeking Serenity, to serve 2nd two-year term

Treasurer: Tom M., to complete 2nd *one-year* term (Tom has completed 3 years of service in this position as of December 2017)

Website Chair: remains open for a *one-year* term

Pass-It-On Editor: Angelique C., Seeking Serenity, two-year term

Special Needs Chair: remains open for a *one-year* term

Community Outreach: remains open for a *two-year* term

Intergroup Liaison: Martin C., Seeking Serenity, two-year term.

Member-at-Large: Eugene O., Lone Rangers, two-year term.

Schedule Editor: Lydia R., Seeking Serenity, to serve 2nd two-year term.

The Intergroup thanked those who were elected for standing for these positions. Further, Doug C. noted the truly wonderful work that Sue W. did in her position as Pass-It-On Editor. Intergroup members heartily applauded in support of Doug's observation.

Please notify your groups of the remaining open positions, and especially for the position of Website Chair. Tom C. has kindly agreed to fill in for the vacant Website Chair position; however, we hope to have this position filled by vote as soon as possible. Open positions: Website Chair, Special Needs Chair, Community Outreach. All position descriptions may be found on the albuquerqueaa.org site under the "contact us" tab.

Announcements

Strange Mental Blank Spots is hosting a Holiday Party at Asbury Church on Wednesday, December 27th, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will follow.

Debra asked that the new Steering Committee members provide her with their contact information after this meeting. Gayle of Lunch Bunch notified Intergroup members that their meeting location is closed on holidays. They have decided to meet at the Breve Coffee Shop in the Simms Building downtown on Christmas (Monday) and New Year's Day (Monday). Motion to close with the Serenity Prayer was made at 2:40 p.m.

Motion: Ginger B. 2nd: Sarah E.
Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger B., Intergroup Secretary

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Albuquerque Area Business

Meetings:

Intergroup Rep Meeting

2pm, 2nd Sunday, Brownbaggers,
5920 Woodford Dr NE

District 3— 2pm, 2nd Sunday

Call the DCM for Location

District 11 - 9am, 2nd Saturday,

Shepherd of the Valley Church,
1801 Montano Rd

District 12—10:15am, 2nd Saturday,

Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, in
Room #3

District 13—10 am, 2nd Saturday,

Metropolitan Community Church,
1103 Texas St. NE. (This is the new
location effective 1.13.18)

District 18—10:30am, 2nd Saturday,

United Methodist Church, 136 Calle
Alameda, Bernalillo
