

Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Brian H. (Secretary/Dawn Patrol)

Dave C – Chair

Opened the meeting with Serenity Prayer, 2:02 pm. Introductions around the room.

Brian – Secretary –

Review of the December 2006 Minutes as published in January's *Pass It On*. Minutes accepted by acclamation.

Steve H. – Treasurer's Report

Closed the year in real good shape. In the black for the month *and* for the year (despite increase in phone and rent expenses during 2006). Summary of 2006 totals in comparison to previous years shows that we are starting 2007 in very solid shape. Individual/group contributions are essential to this success. In 2006, 84 groups contributed to Central Office in 2006 – a jump of approximately 20 groups (25%) from previous year. Thanks to all individuals and groups who contributed to Central Office's financial health in 2006. Alkathon: ended up with a nice contribution, after expenses. Treasurer's Report accepted by acclamation.

Michael W – Coordinator's Report

Desk/Phone TRAFFIC: almost identical to last year – spooky. Desk/Phone workers; Kathy & Michael got a little slammed over the two storms (about a 100 hours), with a number of desk workers unable to cover scheduled shifts. All desk shifts currently filled but Central Office is always seeking volunteers to train as substitutes. Inventory/Sales: Central Office made donations of literature and other materials – in the amount of approximately \$750 – to new groups, shelters, etc. in 2006. This is an important aspect of Central Office's service in the community. A large order of literature just went out. Groups that have been displaced by the damage to the Mesa Club

building have been sharing the alternate location information with Central Office. Call Central Office for information and/or with questions/updates. Special thanks to all groups for making the Alkathon '06 such a success, especially with the weather. Kudos to Melissa! Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Kathy – Alternate Coordinator's Report

Not present. (Get well soon!)

Melissa – Activities Coordinator

Alkathon: The Alkathon was a huge success, especially given the weather, storm, and road conditions. Every scheduled group showed up despite the weather. A very intimate, heartwarming event. Came out in the black, largely due to incredible support of those who bought/sold raffle tickets. Thanks, Melissa! An excellent successful job! Woohoo!

The InterGroup Steering Committee seeks input on the future Holiday Event - as a Central Office sponsored New Year's Alkathon will not be able to be held at the Heights Club in the future. A subcommittee – The InterGroup Activities Committee – is forming to develop plans for this event in 2007 and will meet on February 11, 2007 at The Desert Club immediately following the February InterGroup Meeting (approximately 3 pm). Please contact Melissa C. via Central Office to become involved in this subcommittee or to share your ideas. InterGroup Speaker Meeting to benefit Area 46 Convention: February 10, 2007. Potluck at 6 pm; Speaker (Ralph T.) at 7:30 pm – St Timothy's (211 Jefferson St NE @ Copper). Save the Date!

Martha – Member At Large

Not present.

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How does sponsorship help the newcomer?

It assures the newcomer that there is at least one person who understands the situation fully and cares--one person to turn to without embarrassment when doubts, questions, or problems liked to alcoholism arise.

Sponsorship gives the newcomer an understanding, sympathetic friend when one is needed most. Sponsorship also provides the bridge enabling the new person to meet other alcoholics--in a home group and in other groups visited.

from Questions & Answers on Sponsorship

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Corrections Corner</h2>	<p>Central Office Steering Committee E-mail addresses:</p>
<p><i>This space is dedicated to the corrections community — and to be used as a message board to anyone interested in this type of service work.</i></p> <p>New women’s meetings have started at the Camino Nuevo Women’s Prison as well as the Bernalillo County Metro Detention Center (MDC). A new men’s meeting has also started at MDC. Call Ralph T. (263-2469) or Carol M. (615-9494) for information on attending these meetings as an A.A. volunteer.</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid yellow; width: 50%; margin: 20px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A. A. Literature for Correction Service Work</i></p> <p>Pamphlets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> F-5 Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities F-26 Corrections Correspondence P-26 AA in Correctional Facilities P-20 A Message to Correctional Professionals P-9 Memo to in Inmate who may be an Alcoholic P-33 It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell (video tape also available) <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B-13 A.A. in Prison Inmate to Inmate (from the Grapevine) M-451 Correctional Facilities Workbook 	<p>Michael W. - CO Coordinator Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Dave C. - Chair@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Al J. - Schedule@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Brian H. Secretary@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Melissa C. Activities@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Martha G. Memberatlarge@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Sally - PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Peggy- Specialneeds@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Tom C. - Website Chair anonymous@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Grace L. - Media Librarian media@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>John - publicinfo@albuquerqueaa.org</p>

Only 5 Months to go!

The Convention Committee is hard at work, trying to bring you the best convention ever!
Remember that this is the 50th Anniversary of the Area 46 Convention!

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping us pull this together, please come to our next convention planning meeting. It is held on the third Saturday of each month at 1:30 pm at St. Timothy's. Currently, we are needing either groups or individuals to contribute cans of coffee, creamer, sugar, etc. We are also needing lots of great raffle donations. One great idea is to have your group donate a gift basket. We have a lot of things planned for the weekend of June 1-3, 2007. Please plan on staying at the Fairfield or the Hilton, so not to miss a thing! We have great entertainment planned for the banquet, so don't forget to get your tickets early! The banquet will sell out! Any contributions or donations are greatly appreciated!

Jakki S.
228-5827

Central Office Meeting Minutes *cont.*

Sally – *Pass It On* editor

New *PIO* is in the mail and available at the office. Please publicize the *PIO* at your meetings; take copies to distribute! Always seeking submission of content – send your contributions to Sally G. via Central Office.

(Thanks Grace for a nice article about the Media Library in the Jan'07 *PIO*.)

AI – Schedule editor

3500 schedules published per run, every other month – next schedule likely out in early March. Will try to include as much information as possible about the displaced Mesa Club meetings. Continuing to work on efforts centralizing web-publication of all NM district meeting schedules; will continue to track how this shakes out and will keep everyone posted on how this process will affect Central Office/InterGroup.

John S. – Community Outreach

Fielded a media request over the Christmas holiday.

Peggy – Special Needs

Has begun to identify volunteer networks and other resources to make ASL interpretation available at meetings. Will also begin to develop a more comprehensive listing of which meetings are fully handicapped accessible.

Grace – Media Librarian

Not present.

Tom – Web Guardian

Electronic *PIO* available online (via pdf) – new copies as well as all of 2006. Email addresses for Steering Committee members are all updated; published on the *PIO* and on the website. New searchable on-line schedule is in place (link at top of the webpage), along with the previous version. Will continue to have both available until can be relatively sure that the new platform is effective and operational. Business meetings soon will be integrated into the new

schedule. Currently contemplating addition of a page that lists “Current Activities & Service Opportunities” including links to relevant contact person/email.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future of the Alkathon: Please invite feedback regarding the newly forming committee to plan the 2007 New Year's Eve event.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Area 46 Convention Committee's contract with the host hotel requires that a certain number of “room nights” be rented. Michael W. (Coordinator) would like for Central Office to purchase the rental of 2 rooms for 2 nights – a total of four (4) “room nights” – to be donated to the Area 46 Convention and to be used at the discretion of the Convention Committee. Discussion ensued.

Beverly D. (Cosmopolitan) moved that the Central Office purchase room rentals as per Coordinator's recommendation; motion passed by acclamation. Sally G. (*PIO/How It Works*) requested that InterGroup/Steering Committee consider closing with prayers other than The Lord's Prayer. Discussion ensued. Brian H. (CO Secretary/Dawn Patrol) moved that InterGroup/Steering Committee Meetings close with The 3rd Step Prayer; motion passed by acclamation.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beverly D. (Cosmopolitan) – Cosmopolitan recently celebrated its 24th Anniversary! Congrats, Cosmo! Carol M. (Sunrise Catchers) – Thanks to Sally/*Pass It On* for incorporating the “Corrections Corner” into each edition. Keep an eye out for updates and information about new meetings, training sessions, and other aspects of “taking the message” inside area correctional facilities.

Meeting closed at 3:04pm with The 3rd Step Prayer.

ATTENDEES:

David C. (InterGroup Chair/Dawn Patrol)
 Steve H. (CO Treasurer/Tuesday Knights)
 Peggy A. (Women on Wednesday)
 Sally G. (*Pass It On* editor/How It Works)
 Beverly D. (Cosmopolitan)
 John C. (Live & Let Live)
 David R. (Queer Ideas of Fun)
 Barbara W. (District 11)
 Carol M. (Sunrise Catchers)
 Tom C. (CO Web Guardian/New Frontier)
 Bill B. (GoodFellas)
 Maggie H (The Ladies Room)
 Michael W. (Coordinator)
 Dondo (Old66/Spark of Light/Last Call)
 Al J. (Schedule Editor/District 13)
 Jim O. (Live & Let Live)
 Melissa C. (CO Activities/Early Birds)
 Dennis M. (Isleta)
 John S. (Brownbaggers)
 Peg H. (Seniors SeekinG Serenity)
 Meghan M. (El Centro)
 Brian H. (CO Secretary/Dawn Patrol)

Albuquerque Area Business Meetings

Intergroup Rep Meeting
 2:00 pm, 2nd Sunday
 Desert Club

District 3
 2:00 pm, 2nd Saturday
 call the DCM for location

District 11
 9:00 am, 2nd Saturday
 Harwood Methodist Church
 420 San Lorenzo NW (at 4th)

District 12
 9:00 am, 4th Saturday
 Heights Club

District 13
 10:00 am, 2nd Sunday
 Desert Club

The following contributed to Central Office.....

This data is from December 26 to January 25 and is not inclusive for the entire calendar month!

Groups:

- Alameda Men's Group
- Back to Basics
- Dawn Patrol
- Del Norte Breakfast Group
- Down Under'
- Group 164
- Freedom from Bondage
- High Noon Group
- Kiva Group
- Live and Let Live
- Lone Rangers
- Placitas Group
- Seniors Seeking Serenity
- Serendipity Group
- Share the Legacy
- Six O'Clock Irregulars
- SOS Men's Group
- Staying Sober at Sunrise
- Sunday Night Step Study
- Thinking Straight
- Westside Noon

Individuals:

- Anonymous
- Emma D.
- George P.
- Glo T.
- Phil O.

Faithful Fivers:

- Beverly D.
- Catherine A.
- Cecelia D.
- Don C.
- Emma D.
- Geraldine C.
- Ilse G.
- Karen R.
- Melissa C.
- Mike D.
- Nance C.
- Partha B.
- Phil & Barbara C.
- Ralph T.
- Trudy H.

Thank you all for supporting your Central Office!!!!

How A.A. is Supported

Over the years, Alcoholics Anonymous has affirmed and strengthened a tradition of being fully self-supporting and neither seeking nor accepting contributions from non-members. Within the Fellowship, the amount that may be contributed by any individual member is limited to \$2000.00 a year. *from AA at a glance*

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Central Office.** *Thanks for your support!*



December Desk Activity

	Dec '06	Nov '06	Dec '05
	This month	Last month	Last yr.
Phone calls	1207	1061	1220
Information	945	834	941
12 step request	32	27	33
Al-Anon Info	16	26	22
Message	49	47	35
Other	165	127	189
Walk Ins	274	257	274
Information	27	19	25
12 step	2	1	2
Al-Anon	4	1	2
Schedules	15	16	30
Purchases	157	161	152
Tapes	2	3	4
Message	3	0	2
Casual	33	29	28
Other	21	27	29
Desk Workers*	85	86	
Regulars	2	53	
Substitutes	33	33	
Desk Shifts*	176	172	
Weekdays	126	132	
Weekends	50	40	
Weekday Shifts*	126	132	
Regulars	83% 105	89 % 117	
Substitutes	17% 21	11 % 15	
Weekend Shifts*	50	40	
Regulars	74 % 37	77.5% 31	
Substitutes	26 % 13	22.5% 9	
Shifts by Michael*	6/26 hrs	8/39 hrs	
Shifts by Kathy*	8/33 hrs	3/9 hrs	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

* includes night phone

Albuquerque Central Office Contributions January 1 - December 31, 2006

ABC Monday Night - Rio Rancho	\$ 110.43	Native Noon Group	\$ 20.00
Alameda Men's Stag	100.00	New Dimensions Group	31.00
Any Lengths Women's Group	574.80	New Freedom Group	100.00
Basement Steps Group	20.00	New Frontier Group	270.00
Bikers Non-Smoking Group	150.00	Old 66 Group - Edgewood	65.00
Brownbaggers	1,826.58	One Day at a Time	285.00
Came To Believe Group - Estancia	10.00	Placitas Group	125.00
Corrales Group	162.50	Promises Group	1,700.00
Corrales Men's Stag	200.00	Queer Ideas of Fun	400.00
Corrales Smokefree Group	622.84	Raymac Group	25.00
Cosmopolitan Group	181.28	Rio Rancho Beginners Group	50.00
Cottonmouth Club Group	70.00	Rio Rancho Women's Group	144.00
Dawn Patrol	2,776.64	S.O.S. Monday Night	250.00
Dawning Promises	206.00	Saturday Nite in Los Lunas	100.00
Del Norte Breakfast Group	220.00	Seeking Serenity	899.70
Direct Amends Group	75.00	Seniors Seeking Serenity	544.00
Down Under Group	150.00	Serendipity Group	205.04
Downtown Lunch Bunch	1,387.00	Serenity Group of Albuquerque	300.00
Early Birds	77.16	Share the Legacy	200.00
El Centro	140.31	Sober Valley Group	50.00
Fellowship Group	10.00	South Broadway Group	.50
Foothills Group	2,402.33	Spark of Light Group	30.00
Free Spirits Group	270.94	Sponsorship & Growth	159.59
Freedom From Bondage	475.00	Staying Sober at Sunrise	124.00
Friday Night Smokeless	150.00	Step Along With AA	7.50
Group 164	153.13	Sunday Night Serenity	300.00
Happy Hour Group	121.34	Sunday Night Step Study	100.00
Happy Valley Group	185.00	Sunrise Catchers	40.00
High and Dry Smokefree	174.95	Sunrise Sobriety	302.66
High Country Group	250.00	Taylor Ranch Fellowship	114.00
High Noon Group	400.00	TGIF Group - T or C, NM	10.00
How It Works	679.15	The Ladies Room	20.00
Isleta Group	107.91	Three Legacies Group	35.00
Jemez Springs Group	60.00	Triangle Group	60.00
Jemez Valley Group	60.00	Tuesday Knights	37.50
Keep It Simple - Albuquerque	360.00	Uncle Ed's Group	80.00
Kiva Group	500.00	Vaya Con Dios - T or C, NM	60.00
Live and Let Live	334.02	Westside AA	820.30
Lone Rangers Group	270.18	Westside Noon Group	49.00
Lunch Box Group - Rio Rancho	400.00	Women in Progress	88.40
Metropolitan Group	75.00	Young People	31.87
Mountainside Group	30.00	Zia Pueblo	25.00
Faithful Fivers	\$ 1,082.25	Red Road Convention	\$ 61.25
Other AA Contributions	351.08	New Mexico Men's Retreat	50.00
Other Special AA Events	2,534.64	NM Women's Sobriety Fest	771.83
Individual Contributions	6,358.55		

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Announcements, reminders, Birthdays, etc.....

Seniors Seeking Serenity

Anita J. 2/23/69 38 years
 Bob C. 2/21/69 38 years
 Lois W. 2/28/74 33 years
 Dorothy P. 2/14/95 12 years

El Centro Group

December

Rober A. 1 month
 Frank A. 1 month
 Josh M. 2 months
 Meghan M. 3 months
 Joseph 6 months
 Coby 6 months
 Joe 3 years
 Christina 12 years

Isleta Group

December

Tony S. 11 years
 Manuel P. 19 years

Cosmopolitan

Mark B. 1/11/04 3 years

How It Works

Kris K. 13 years



I would be happy to print just about anything in the *Pass It On*....(sources need to be verified.) A deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month. Remember, the *Pass It On* is distributed to groups on the second Sunday of every month at the intergroup meeting. So, if you want your information published, submit early.

Thanks!

Sally G., PIO editor

Back to Basics "Big Book" Twelve Step Workshop
 Facilitated by Brian T. & Katherine G. (Camp Verde, AZ)

Saturday February 3rd 2007

Elephant Butte Community Center
 313 Rio Grande Circle
 Elephant Butte, NM 87935
 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

For more information call Gary C. (505) 491-7163

2007 Area 46 State Convention

contributions can be mailed to:

2007 Area 46 State Convention
 c/o Dave Tod
 216 Richmond SE
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

Emotional Sobriety Workshop

Led by Polly P. (Stanwood, WA)

Saturday, February 17th, 2007
 9 am - 4 pm

Sombra Del Monte Church
 2525 Vermont Street NE
 Albuquerque, NM 87110

This event is registration free. However, all proceeds will go to support the 2007 Area 46 Convention. Please donate generously when the basket is passed. We will take a long lunch, so friends, new and old, can go hang out. If you want to bring some snacks to share - that would be great.

Contact: Steve T. (505) 888-9786

Intergroup Speaker Meeting

Sponsored by Central Office

Saturday, February 10th, 2007
 St. Timothy's Church
 211 Jefferson St. NE

Speaker -- Ralph T.
 Potluck begins at 6:00 pm
 Speaker begins at 7:30 pm
 Raffle to follow

Please send raffle items to Central Office or call Central Office 266-1900 or Melissa 553-3039

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Having had a spiritual awakening...

★ **Spiritual**

★ **Fiesta** **50** YEARS

AREA 46 STATE CONVENTION

2007

June 1-3

Come one and all! Celebrate in our spiritual fiesta June 1st-3rd at the Albuquerque Hilton. We want all alcoholics to be able to attend, so this will be a **FREE** registration convention!

Speakers

- Bob D. (Las Vegas, NV)
- Karen G. (Los Angeles, CA)
- Barbara C. (Rockville, MD)
- Al Anon Betty Ann Z. (CA)
- NM Locals Molly S., Bret B. and Ramiro M.
- Spanish speaker Daniel (Mexico City)

Agenda Includes

- Friday Night Happy Hour, Live With The 3 Daves
- National Speakers
- Workshops
- Banquet With Sue F., Nationally Known Comedian
- Dance
- Marathon meetings (English and Spanish)
- Al Anon and Alateen Meetings and Workshops

Accommodations

Hilton \$79 per night
1-800-274-6835
884-2500 extension 3401 or 3402

Fairfield Marriott \$69 per night
889-4000 / 1-800-228-2800

State you're with the **June 2007 Area 46 Convention** to get these rate discounts.

For more/updated information send email to: 2007convention@newmexicoaa.org

Please help us defray the costs by staying at the Hilton/Fairfield and/or participating in the banquet.

Area 46 2007 New Mexico State Convention Registration Form

Register by April 1st for chance to win \$20 in raffle tickets, **FREE** Registration!

Save yourself some time and help us out too! Please register **before** the conference so we can have your registration packet ready.

Full Name _____

Badge Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St. ____ Zip _____

Make checks out to: **2007 Area 46 Convention**
Send to: P.O. Box 6671
Albuquerque, NM 87197-6671

\$30 Banquet (specify quantity):
Meal Selection ____ Chicken ____ Steak ____ Vegetarian

T-shirt and mug \$20 (specify quantity):
____ Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL

Check if you have special needs (wheelchair, interpreter, signer, etc.)

Check for Spanish translation

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