

# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Intergroup Central Office Newsletter [www.albuquerqueaa.org](http://www.albuquerqueaa.org)

*Together we carry AA's message of sobriety, and in so doing we stay sober ourselves, together.*

## Grateful to serve you.

*Jason K.—Straight Pepper Diet (greatest meeting on the planet)*

Hello everyone. My name is Jason, and I'm an alcoholic. I am pleased to serve you as the new editor of this newsletter. As I understand it, my duty here is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous through these pages. I am also grateful with the promise of reaching out to members and groups that I might not otherwise have a chance to meet or visit personally. Throughout the upcoming months I am certain that while I am allowed to serve in this capacity I will be blessed with great rewards that always follow AA service work, not the least of which being a host of new friends and connections. That's you!

As time goes along, I hope to reach out and ask you to share your experience, strength & hope in the pages of this newsletter. With every story we share, be it of recovery and the steps, sponsorship, service, unity and fellowship, or traditions, there is a message that can help another alcoholic to enjoy the precious gift of sobriety. Together we can extend the collective hand of AA.

I wish to include experiences, insights and articles from the whole of the AA fellowship in Albuquerque. I think it would be equally wonderful to have a monthly column written by our beloved old-timers, just as much as a message of hope from our enthusiastic young people. I'd love for men and women alike to share their experience in these pages. Together we carry AA's message of sobriety, and to in so doing do we stay sober ourselves, together. I would be very grateful for your

submissions and ideas, which you can e-mail to [passiton@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:passiton@albuquerqueaa.org)

And now, for those who I haven't been able to meet personally, I'll share a bit about myself. I was graced with the gift of sobriety in, 1991 in Illinois. I became involved with my home group almost immediately; chairing meetings, making coffee, cleaning up and attending the group conscience. After about a year I became involved in young people's AA.

With 4 years of sobriety I moved here (for the first time). I was to live here for two years, after which I returned home to Chicago. Albuquerque never left my heart, though, and I found my way back in 2005.

Since that time I've made A.A. service a priority at many different levels. I've served the New Mexico Conference of Young People in AA (NMCY! NMCY! NMCY!). I currently serve as GSR and District 13 treasurer in addition to editing this newsletter.

With all the service opportunities I've been blessed to have in my recovery, there is one that really stands out as the bright spot, and that is being on the receiving end when an alcoholic reaches out for help and calls our Central Office. Whether it's a wet one needing a way out or an out-of-towner needing directions to a meeting, being there gives me a sense of gratitude and purpose second only to direct work with another alcoholic. If you are interested in being the friendly voice on the other end of the line, please visit or call Central Office at 266-1900 and volunteer today.



# NEW MEETINGS AND CHANGES

## PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP

Sunday at 12 NOON  
Big Book Study  
Puerto Seguro, 519 Hwy 85 Socorro  
*On California at Meek St*

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Friday at 5:30 PM  
12 x 12 Study  
Puerto Seguro, 519 Hwy 85 Socorro  
*On California at Meek St*

## 11 AT 7

Monday at 7 PM  
Open Discussion/Step Study  
with brief meditation at the end  
of the meeting  
St Mary's Episcopal Church  
1500 Chelwood Park NE  
*Between Indian School & Constitution*

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Monday at 12 NOON  
Open Discussion  
Mountainside Methodist Church  
4 Penny Lane, Cedar Crest  
*Off Hwy 14, 1/2 mile north of I-40*

## EAST MOUNTAIN WOMEN'S GROUP

Monday at 6 PM  
Open Discussion  
Mountainside Methodist Church  
4 Penny Lane, Cedar Crest  
*Off Hwy 14, 1/2 mile north of I-40*

## HEALTHY ATTITUDES

Wednesday at 12 NOON  
Open Discussion  
Mountainside Methodist Church  
4 Penny Lane, Cedar Crest  
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## DISTRICT 18 BUSINESS MEETING

has been moved from the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30am to the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. The location remains the same.

## Central Office Intergroup Steering Committee

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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT 13

On January 9, 2010, the District #13 GSR meeting for the new year was held at its new location, St. Thomas at Canterbury Episcopal Church on University at 10:00 am with many new faces in attendance. Matt Pacheco is the new DCM and Karen F. is the alternate. The meeting is held upstairs.

This meeting is open to any AA member, so come and join us. Our next meeting is Saturday February 13, 2010 at 10:00 am at St. Thomas at Canterbury Episcopal church on University & Martin Luther King.

The GSR position is a 2 year service commitment. If you do not have a GSR for your home group, elect one and send them to the appropriate district GSR meeting. Many home groups align their new election cycle with area assembly, so elections might be going on right now at your home group.

Want to let everyone know what's going on in your district? Send a brief summary of your district's business meeting to [passiton@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:passiton@albuquerqueaa.org).

## Albuquerque Area Business Meetings

Intergroup Rep. Meeting  
2 pm, 2nd Sunday, Desert Club

District 3  
2 pm, 2nd Saturday  
Call the DCM for location

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

District 12  
10 am, 2nd Saturday, Heights Club

District 13  
10 am, 2nd Saturday, St Thomas of Canterbury  
425 University Blvd NE (1 blk N of MLK Blvd)

District 18  
1:30 pm, 2nd Sunday  
Rio West Church, 6751 Pasilla Rd, Rio Rancho

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In today's fast-paced, high-tech world, A.A. members are accessing the Internet in ever-growing numbers and in ways that couldn't have been imagined even ten years ago. Chatting online with members halfway around the globe has become more and more commonplace, and a tremendous amount of information about alcoholism and A.A. is often just a click of the mouse away. However, with the breadth and scope of the Internet have come challenges, and protecting A.A.'s Traditions online is an important subject to many in the Fellowship.

As with many topics of concern throughout A.A., G.S.O. has developed a set of A.A. Guidelines on the Internet (MG-18) based on the shared experience of A.A. members, groups and committees, covering many of the questions this new technology gives rise to. One such area of concern is the question of anonymity online, particularly as it relates to social networking web sites, a question which has prompted a more careful look at A.A.'s existing literature and how A.A.'s Traditions can best apply to this popular medium.

"What is the purpose of anonymity in Alcoholics Anonymous?" and "Why is it often referred to as the greatest single protection the Fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth?"

These questions from the A.A. General Service Conference-approved pamphlet, "Understanding Anonymity," lie at the heart of any discussion about A.A.'s Tradition of Anonymity, whether the discussion centers on a newspaper article or an internet Web site featuring full names or full-face pictures of A.A. members.

"If we look at the history of A.A., from its beginning in 1935 until now," the pamphlet continues, "it is clear that anonymity serves two different yet equally vital functions:

"At the personal level, anonymity provides protection for all members from identification as alcoholics, a safeguard often of special importance to newcomers.

"At the level of press, radio, TV, films and new media technologies such as the Internet, anonymity stresses the equality in the Fellowship of all members by putting the brake on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain."

Regarding the specific question, "What about anonymity online?" the A.A. Guidelines on the Internet state: "An A.A. Web site is a public medium, which has the potential for reaching the broadest possible audience and, therefore, requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film."

Nevertheless, G.S.O. has received numerous communications from concerned A.A. members regarding anonymity breaks online, inappropriate use of the A.A. name, and copyrighted/trademarked materials being improperly used on social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter and others. These Web sites offer individuals the chance to post a great deal of personal information about themselves (and others), and these Web sites often allow users to create social networking "groups" and "events" for like-minded individuals.

Some members do not post anything that is reflective of A.A. in their personal profiles or "status updates," while others feel it is alright to do so, so long as A.A. is not specifically mentioned.

Says one A.A. member, however, "I typed 'Alcoholics Anonymous' in one of the social networking sites and a group came up with over 6,600 members. It assured 'a safe place to discuss' so I thought it was okay. Then I clicked to see who the members were and the page opened to show me first and last names, many with photos."

From there, depending on people's privacy settings, one could easily see personal information about these people, their families and friends. "I was taught the importance of our Traditions," the concerned A.A. member relates, "and about keeping this Fellowship the way we found it... This page is not what A.A. is about, in my opinion."

Some A.A. members feel that social networking sites are a private venue; other members strongly disagree and view them as a public setting. G.S.O.'s A.A.

Guidelines on the Internet state that social networking Web sites "are public in nature."

After being alerted to an anonymity break G.S.O. normally forwards the matter to the delegate in the area where the member resides, for the delegate to handle as he or she sees fit. (The area delegate usually sends a loving reminder to the member about the importance of our Eleventh Tradition.)

Regarding the (Internet, the current method of handling anonymity breaks at the public level doesn't apply well on social networking Web sites. Given the popularity achieved by the Internet and the vast numbers of people involved, the question of anonymity has become more and more relevant, and as shared experience within the Fellowship accrues on this rapidly evolving medium of communication, greater focus is being brought to what Bill W. described as "the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions."

As with most matters in A.A., regardless of how the Internet and new technology have opened up the kinds of connections one A.A. member and another can share, there is great benefit to be found in careful thought and prudent evaluation of a situation that causes concern for so many. Speaking to A.A. sponsors and friends about how to apply A.A.'s Traditions online hopefully will provide individual members who are utilizing this technology with a greater understanding of how we present ourselves as A.A. members to anyone—be they A.A. member or non-A.A. member—who may "walk" unannounced into the rooms of the Internet's many social networking sites.

As presented in the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity," regarding anonymity online, the collective conscience of the A.A. Fellowship, as expressed through Conference-approved literature, suggest that "Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as Web sites featuring text, graphics, audio and video ought to be considered another form of 'public media.' Thus, they need to be treated in the same manner as press, radio, TV and films. This means that full names and faces should not be used. However, the level of anonymity in e-mail, online meetings and chat rooms would be a personal decision."

*-From Box 459*

## ANONYMITY AND SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

➤ **Central Office encourages all groups to elect an Intergroup representative. Join us at the next Intergroup meeting the second Sunday of every month, at 2 pm, at the Brownbaggers.** ◀

## Intergroup Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2010

Submitted By Sean F. – Secretary

### I. INTRODUCTIONS

### II. MINUTES

- Approved as read

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- In the black for the year by about \$5,959.99 and the prudent reserve is currently \$22,222.84
- Central Office will be purchasing literature this month, which will bring down balance significantly
- Spread sheet with contributions from each group was circulated. Treasurer asked each group to check to be sure that the report was accurate.
- Group contributions are up from last year, which is why central office is in the black this year but not last year
- Literature sales were also up in 2009

### IV. CENTRAL OFFICE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- Michael was sick and Kathy was out
- Both phones and walk in were busier in the month of December than in November
- Michael & Kathy have had to cover a fair number of shifts in December
- There is a need for volunteers to cover desk on several shifts
- There were copies of schedules and "Pass It On" available
- There are plans to take a request for an updated phone and computer system, including an external hard drive, to the steering committee. It is difficult to find software for current antiquated system, which cannot support an external hard drive.

### V. ACTIVITIES

- Alcathon was a success. Special thanks to Peggy for all her hard work
- Will have to find a different location next year because of limited parking
- Made \$80.00 Much more money was raised but expenses were high as well
- Next big activity is winter bash January 30, 2010 at Nativity church at the corner of Alameda and 4th Street.
- District 11 is sponsoring Intergroup speaker

meeting on may 1, 2010 at Shepherd of the Valley church

- There are still several slots for districts to sponsor Intergroup speaker meeting this year

### VI. MEMBER AT LARGE REPORT

- New steering committee held its first meeting

### VII. PASS IT ON

- The new editor is in place
- Groups wishing for information to be listed in pass it on should send a copy of the flyer to [passiton@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:passiton@albuquerqueaa.org) by the last day of the month

### VIII. SCHEDULES

- The inventory is still high so there will probably not be another printing for a month
- Any changes in meeting schedule should be sent to [schedule@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:schedule@albuquerqueaa.org)

### IX. MEDIA LIBRARIAN

- No report

### X. WEB SITE

- No report

### XI. OLD BUSINESS

- January 30, 2010 is the Winter Bash at 4th and Alameda on the Sunday between play offs and super bowl
  - There are flyers in circulation and web site
  - Need a timekeeper for some of activities
  - The last Winter Bash planning meeting held on January 10, 2010
    - Potluck is well supported but still need 1 main dish and 2 desserts
- Steering committee has moved to St. John's Cathedral and is now meeting at 7:00 pm on the Tuesday before the intergroup meeting
- Starting in February, the Intergroup meeting will be the second Sunday of each month and meet at the Brownbaggers 5555 Montgomery

### XII. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion about chartering a bus to international convention in San Antonio

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Carol N-Seeking Serenity: 6 months!

Aaron H-Seeking Serenity: 11 years!!

Marji T-Seeking Serenity: 20 years!!!

Richard R-Foothills: 22 years!!!!

Aaron C-Mountainside Group: 29 years!!!!!!

Bruce M-Seeking Serenity: 31 years!!!!!!

Anita J-Seniors Seeking Serenity: 41 years!!!!!!

Please submit your March sobriety birthdays to [passiton@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:passiton@albuquerqueaa.org)

- Three companies were contacted
- Busses seat 55 and have restroom aboard but no handicap access
- Drivers limited to 10 hours of driving so it would take two drivers changing in Roswell to cover the entire 13-14 hour trip with one meal stop
- It is common to tip drivers
- There are DVD projectors on bus
- Tentative plan would be to leave Albuquerque around 7:00 pm on June 30
- If space is available may be able to pickup riders in Roswell
- Approximate cost would be about \$110 per person
- DCMs are also looking into this idea
- Registration for international convention is \$95.00 Good idea to book as soon as possible as hotel space is filling up. Go to AA.org for more information

### XII. GROUP REPORTS

- NMCYPAA convention in Albuquerque this year. They are looking for people to help
- High Noon does a step study workshop every week with a different step each month. January is step five.
- Promises has moved to St. Andrews Presbyterian at the corner of San Mateo and Ponderosa

*Jeremy H. closed the meeting at 3:11pm with the Third Step prayer.*

### ATTENDEES

Erma D  
Al J  
Joseph F  
Steve P  
Terri R  
Sharon H  
Morgan D  
Peggy A  
Scott C  
Lisa G  
Paula G  
Billy D  
Henry L  
Dan S  
Skitch F  
Annie C  
Brenda BW  
Patrick H  
Michael Q  
Wendy S  
Jason K  
Jeremy H  
Sean F

## IMPORTANT STATE CONVENTION INFORMATION

This year's convention will be held at Ghost Ranch, in northern New Mexico. This wonderfully spiritual setting sets the stage for this year's theme, Action into Serenity. If you wish to learn more about the convention please visit [www.2010area46convention.org](http://www.2010area46convention.org).

### A special note:

Please register early! Attendees wishing to stay at Ghost Ranch must register by April 15, 2010 and reserve lodging at the time of registration in order to guarantee availability.



## Central Office Urgently Needs Deskworkers

Requirements for this service opportunity are six months of sobriety, a sponsor and a home group. A desk shift at Central Office can enhance your sobriety. It can broaden your view of the service structure of your group, your district and your area. And it's fun!

**Call Central Office today  
at 266-1900.**

## December 2009 Treasurer's Report

Total Revenues	\$12,420.21
Cost of Sales	\$4,228.12
Gross Income	\$8,192.09
Expenses	\$5,607.68
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,584.41</b>

*For a copy of the full Central Office income/expense report, join us at the next Intergroup Meeting on the second Sunday of the month, 2 pm, at the Brownbaggers.*

## Corrections Corner January 2010

By Brian V.

Volunteers are needed at the Bernalillo County Jail (MDC). The Metropolitan Detention Center has five Women's meetings and eleven Men's meetings and many are not currently facilitated by members of AA. Meetings in this facility take place from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Orientation for this facility takes place every month on the first Thursday morning from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Criteria for clearance, is one year of sobriety and one year away from misdemeanors, three years away from felonies. If you're interested please contact Brian V. at 417-8817 or brian@utla.net.

If you're not quite sure you're ready to carry the message in county jail yet you can test the waters at the La Pasada Halfway House. AA's from certain groups take meetings in on Mondays and Fridays from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. You can sign in at the lobby at 6:45 and go up to the 2nd floor day room for the meeting.

Corrections volunteers would like to thank the anonymous donor who generously donated in January to the corrections literature fund, and Linda E. for facilitating it. Also, the Seeking Serenity Group deserves thanks as well, for being the number one contributor to corrections literature in District 11 in 2009.

Thank you,  
Brian V.

## December 2009 Monthly Service Activities Report

PHONE CALLS	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
Information	1025	977	1021
12-Step	12	19	16
Al-Anon	8	13	18
Message	23	37	36
Other	85	101	117
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>1208</b>

WALK INS	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
Information	14	14	13
12-Step	1	4	1
Al-Anon	0	6	0
Get Schedule	11	10	4
Purchase	187	135	138
Tapes	3	0	3
Message	0	4	1
Casual	42	19	35
Other	20	27	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>230</b>

DESKWORKERS*	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
Regulars	41		
Substitutes	43		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>		

DESK SHIFTS*	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
Weekdays	126		
Weekends	50		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>		

WEEKDAY SHIFTS*	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
Worked by Regulars	99/(79%)		
Worked by Substitutes	27/(21%)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>126</b>		

WEEKEND SHIFTS*	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
Worked by Regulars	37/(74%)		
Worked by Substitutes	13/26%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>		

SHIFTS WORKED BY MICHAEL	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
3 hour shifts (9)	27 hours		
2 hour shifts (0)	0 hours		
night phone (2)	20 hours		

SHIFTS WORKED BY KATHY	DEC 09	NOV 09	DEC 08
3 hour shifts (5)	15 hours		
2 hour shifts (1)	2 hours		
night phone (0)	0 hours		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42 hours</b>		

\*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

## DISTRICT 13 BUSINESS MEETING HAS CHANGED DAY AND LOCATION

2nd SATURDAY of the month at 10AM

St Thomas of Canterbury, 425 University Blvd NE (1 blk north of MLK Blvd)



# NMCYPAA 2010

The age of miracles is still with us.

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Think you have what it takes? Bring it on!

NMCYPAA 2010 host committee is putting together a flag football tournament.

\$5.00 per person – 7-11 person teams.  
Single elimination.

April 10-11, 2010

All teams must be registered and paid in full by March 19, 2010

events@nmcypaa.org (505) 804-6890

## 17th Annual Red Road AA Convention

April 30th through May 2nd 2010

All AA and Al-Anon members are welcome!

At the Sandia Courtyard Hotel  
15 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque NM 87123  
(Eubank & I-40)

Discount room rates are available. Please  
use Group Code: REDROAD2010

For discounted room rates, please make  
reservations by April 16

Advanced room reservations are recom-  
mended, limited rooms available. Hotel Res-  
ervations: 800.877.4852 or 505.296.4852

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## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN!

DATE: SATURDAY 02/13/10

5:30PM-??

AT THE HEIGHTS CLUB

8520 MARBLE NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110

### VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER, DANCE & FAMILY MEETING!

This is a  
Non-Smoking Event!

Let's Celebrate!  
"Together We Can Make It!"

5:30-6:30 pm - Food, Beverages  
and Fellowship  
7:00-8:00 pm - Family Meeting  
(AA/Al-Anon/Alateen meeting)  
8:00-?? - Dance!

Purpose: Fundraiser for AA Activities at the  
Area 38 Al-Anon Convention:  
"Together We Can Make It!"  
August 13-15, 2010  
Radisson Hotel & Water Park  
Albuquerque, NM

For more information contact  
Brian V. at brian@utla.net

Dance Lessons!  
Karaoke!  
Disc Jockey!  
Raffle!  
Lots of Other  
Surprises!  
Sweetheart Gifts  
Available!

## NMCYPAA 2010 Presents: SPRING FLING 2010

March 20, 2010

@ the Heights Club

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Semi Formal Dinner/Dance  
& Speaker Meeting

Tickets for dinner and  
dance are \$15 for single  
\$25 for couple  
Dance only \$3 / \$5

[www.nmcypaa.org](http://www.nmcypaa.org)

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Monday through Friday

8 am to 10 pm

Saturday and Sunday

9 am to 9 pm



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four blocks east  
of San Mateo.