

# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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## Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Brian H. (Secretary/Dawn Patrol)*

February 11, 2007

### **Dave C – Chair**

Opened the meeting with Serenity Prayer, 2:00 pm. Introductions around the room.

### **Brian – Secretary –**

Review of the January 2007 Minutes as published in February's *Pass It On*. Minutes accepted by acclamation.

### **Steve H. – Treasurer's Report**

Closed the month in good shape. In the black for the month, even accounting for unusual large contributions from individuals and groups for the month. Area 46 paid annual rent for Archives. Individual/group contributions are essential to this success. Strong month for individual contributions: Large one-time contribution, handled it following GSO guidelines, and appreciate the large number of Faithful Fivers in January. Thanks so much. How does Treasurer handle a large, enduring surplus? A discussion would happen at InterGroup as to the handling of any enduring surplus. At present, we are anticipating several large expenses (change of phone service; photocopier) so will hold off reallocating current surplus monies. Treasurer's Report accepted by acclamation.

### **Michael W – Coordinator's Report**

Not present.

### **Kathy – Alterate Coordinator's Report**

Desk/Phone Workers: maintaining good ratio of shift coverage by regulars and substitutes. All desk shifts currently filled but Central Office is always seeking volunteers to train as substitutes. Night phones always in need of substitute

workers. Several requests to start, support and sustain women's meetings (on UNM Campus and at Evolutions); contact Central Office for information. InterGroup Speaker meeting (2/10) raised \$382 to support the 2007 Area 46 State Convention.

### **Melissa – Activities Coordinator**

InterGroup Speaker Meeting a great success – the room was full, the speaker was great, much good food was enjoyed, and strong support of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and raffle. Area 46 Convention still needs support registration, buying banquet tickets, purchasing t-shirt/mug combos) – your support is appreciated! The InterGroup Activities Committee will meet to discuss the future InterGroup Sponsored Holiday Event immediately following this meeting. Please contact Melissa C. via Central Office to become involved in this subcommittee or to share your ideas.

### **Martha – Member At Large**

Nothing to report.

### **Sally – Pass It On editor**

Submissions always welcome. Corrections Corner is going very well, with contributions nearly every month. Groups haven't been submitting birthdays as much. Reminder to get group announcements to PIO as soon as possible; try to get info to editor 6 weeks in advance. Please publicize the *PIO* at your meetings; take copies to distribute!

### **Al – Schedule editor**

New schedules out. The new schedule incorporates the current/accurate  
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*alcoholics, for reasons yet obscure, have lost the power of choice in drink. Our so called will power becomes practically nonexistent. We are unable, at certain times, to bring into our consciousness with sufficient force the memory of the suffering and humiliation of even a week or a month ago.*

*without defense against the first drink.*

**There is a Solution!**

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Corrections Corner</h2>	<p><b>E-mail addresses:</b></p>
<p><i>a message board to anyone interested in this type of service work.</i></p> <p>District 11 held a great corrections workshop in late January. Two ex-inmates told of the changes in their lives as a result of A.A. meetings while incarcerated.</p> <p>Now is the time to get involved in corrections service work. We all know the phrase "I am responsible". Class A Trustee Jim Estelle has said "Let it begin with me." If you're not convinced, talk with those currently going into the prisons and jails of New Mexico. You'll likely hear a compelling story of service to others and gratitude for their own growth.</p> <p>Opportunities abound for Albuquerque-area corrections service work. We need women for meetings at Camino Nuevo on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and Wednesday at the Bernalillo County Metro Detention Center (MDC). Finally, men are needed for two Monday men's meetings at MDC.</p> <p>For more information, call Ralph T. (263-2469) or Carol M. (615-9494).</p> <p>We always need cash donations or soft-cover Big Books for meetings please keep the Area Corrections Committee in mind.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>submitted by Ralph T.</i></p>	<p><b>Michael W.</b> - CO Coordinator Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Dave C.</b> - Chair@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Al J.</b> - Schedule@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Brian H.</b> Secretary@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Melissa C.</b> Activities@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Martha G.</b> Memberatlarge@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Sally</b> - PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Peggy-</b> Specialneeds@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Tom C.</b> - Website Chair anonymous@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>Grace L.</b> - Media Librarian media@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p><b>John</b> - publicinfo@albuquerqueaa.org</p>

<b>A Belated Thank You!</b>	<i>submitted by Melissa C.</i>
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On behalf of Albuquerque Central Office, I would like to say "Thank You!" to all of you who participated in this year's 2006-2007 New Year's Alkathon! To everyone who braved the icy and treacherous roads just to get to the event, you are my heroes!

To those who showed up to support their groups, I am awed and inspired by your commitment.

To those who broughtod, thank you for warming our bellies and our hearts.

To those who bought raffle tickets, you pushed us over the top!

To those who stayed for the countdown party, thank you for the laughter and fun.

To those who came because they didn't want to get drunk, I love you! You are a miracle...

Thank you to the Heights Club for the use of their beautiful facility.

Thank you to Chris, the Heights Club Manager, for your assistance and kindness.

Thank you to Keith for offering help when I really needed it.

And especially, thank you to Tony for working your tail off!

It is also with tremendous gratitude that I say thank you to Michael W. at Central Office for your patience, guidance and support before, during, and after the event! I couldn't have done it without you my friend!

May you all have a happy, prosperous, and SOBER 2007!

In love and service,  
Melissa C.

Club meetings proved to be a challenge. Please keep update Central Office and the schedule editor with current and accurate information as things develop or change. Next publication scheduled for early April. Discussion of adjusting the schedule to accommodate its publication needs.

**John S. – Community Outreach**  
Not present.

**Peggy – Special Needs.** Made a hospital visit, it went well; thinking about what might be appropriate for a “hospital packet.”

**Grace – Media Librarian**  
Brought a handful of audiotapes that are not a Library now has a “data CD” that includes the entire big book on one disc. Library is always seeking donations of materials (permanent or loan) to augment the library’s holdings. Seeking volunteers to “screen” the

audiotapes prior to digital transfer.

**Tom -Web Guardian**  
Not present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
The InterGroup Activities Committee will meet to discuss the future InterGroup Sponsored Holiday Event immediately following this meeting. Please contact Melissa C. via Central Office to become involved in this subcommittee or to share your ideas.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
Discussion of Area 46 Banquet costs.

**GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:**  
Meeting closed at 2:52 pm with The 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer.

**ATTENDEES:**  
David C. (InterGroup Chair/Dawn Patrol)  
Steve H. (CO Treasurer/Tuesday Knights)  
Kathy Hardesty (Alternate Coordinator) Al J. (Schedule Editor/District 13)  
Dondo (Old 66/Spark of Light/Last

Call)

Bill B. (GoodFellas)  
Grace L. (Media Librarian)  
Peggy A. (Women on Wednesday)

How It Works)  
Beverly D. (Cosmopolitan)

Member-At-Large)  
Dennis M. (Isleta)  
Janis B. (Seeking Serenity)  
Melissa C. (CO Activities/Early Birds)  
Jim O. (Live & Let Live)

Meghan M. (El Centro)  
Brian H. (CO Secretary/  
Dawn Patrol)

**Please send a representative from your home group to the next Intergroup meeting. We meet the second Sunday of every month, at 2:00 pm, at the Desert Club.**

*See you there!*

<p><b>Business Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Intergroup Rep Meeting</b> 2:00 pm, 2nd Sunday Desert Club</p> <p><b>District 3</b> 2:00 pm, 2nd Saturday call the DCM for location</p> <p><b>District 11</b> 9:00 am, 2nd Saturday Harwood Methodist Church 420 San Lorenzo NW (at 4th)</p> <p><b>District 12</b> 9:00 am, 4th Saturday Heights Club</p> <p><b>District 13</b> 10:00 am, 2nd Sunday Desert Club</p>	<p><i>Pass It On....(sources need</i></p> <p>if you want your information published, submit early. Thanks!</p> <p>Sally G., PIO editor</p>	<p><b>age 73</b>, a loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather and life time resident of Albuquerque, went home to be with His higher Power, God, as he understood him, on January 23, 2007.</p> <p><b>of AA for 42 years and served</b></p> <p>He assisted in building the big meeting room at the Isleta Club, and still called the Isleta Group his Home Group although most recently he was attending the El entro Group Saturday night speaker meeting.</p>
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The following contributed to Central Office.....

*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!!!!*



***Become a Faithful Fiver***

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to the support of



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**Checks payable to Albuquerque  
Central Office.** *Thanks for your support!*

***January Desk Activity***

	Jan '07	Dec '06	Jan '06
	This month	Last month	Last yr.
<b>Phone calls</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>1207</b>	<b>1332</b>
Information	1008	945	1049
12 step request	23	32	38
Al-Anon Info	3	16	32
Message	48	49	44
Other	54	165	169
<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>307</b>
Information	20	27	20
12 step	2	2	2
Al-Anon	2	4	10
Schedules	6	15	23
Purchases	159	157	194
Tapes	3	2	0
Message	3	3	0
Casual	45	33	25
Other	34	21	27
<b>Desk Workers*</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>	
Regulars	49	2	
Substitutes	37	33	
<b>Desk Shifts*</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>176</b>	
Weekdays	138	126	
Weekends	40	50	
<b>Weekday Shifts*</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>126</b>	
Regulars	87% 120	83 % 105	
Substitutes	13% 18	17 % 21	
<b>Weekend Shifts*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	
Regulars	95 % 38	74% 37	
Substitutes	5 % 2	26% 13	
<b>Shifts by Michael*</b>	<b>6/25 hrs</b>	<b>6/26 hrs</b>	
<b>Shifts by Kathy*</b>	<b>2/14 hrs</b>	<b>8/33 hrs</b>	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

\* includes night phone

## Sponsorship, Service, and Self-support in a Changing World.

*from the 2006 Final Report of the 56th Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of A.A.*

### The First of a Four Part Series:

#### Part 1

#### **How does a changing world affect what your group is doing today to carry the A.A. message to newcomers.?**

Members carry the A.A. message to newcomers by greeting and welcoming them at meetings, holding Step, Tradition, Big Book and speaker meetings, and encouraging strong sponsorship.

A.A. has one message, one program that is carried to all alcoholics. No matter what is happening in the world, one drunk sharing with another continues. One of the most important things is to shake the newcomer's hand and talk to them. Groups need to stick to the basics of our common problem and the solution, as well as keeping the meeting format flexible to focus on the newcomer, and holding frequent business meetings and inventories at the group, district and area levels. Continue to "show" the newcomer what an A.A. meeting is. Encourage them to get phone numbers, and call newcomers, rather than waiting for them to call us--as Dr. Bob and Bill W. did. Provide newcomers with

Conference-approved literature, encourage them to read our history book, and go for coffee after the meeting for face-to-face contact. Assign sponsors or offer temporary sponsorship. Don't baby the newcomer. Keeping the A.A. message and A.A. service simple still works.

Continuity in groups is important, especially with some areas growing with lots of new members. Rural areas don't get many newcomers, and small communities who have no treatment or detox facilities have to get back to the basics. It is important to clear up directories and meeting information; one group has e-mail addresses on lists for newcomers.

Communicating the importance of

identification and explaining our singleness of purpose to the newcomer are important. Stress singleness of purpose to dual-addicted newcomers. More members need to be willing to welcome those who are different with love and then share about our program of recovery and singleness of purpose. One way is by using the literature (e.g., *Box 4-5-9* and the *Grapevine*). Remain aware that Internet knowledge does not necessarily transmit the message of A.A.; we need to give a clear message of what recovery is by using the literature and Twelve Step sponsorship. Encourage rotation and service and involvement in general service.

Be aware of *all* newcomers, not just the young people. It is important to have a least one meeting as a young people's group and incorporate activities to include young people. There is also an increase in cultural and language barriers at meetings. We need to remain inclusive and reach out to minority populations. Groups that have members from different cultures, who speak different languages, are attractive to newcomers. Recognize diversity.

Changes in technology have made everyone appear in a hurry and we don't take the time to get "back to the basics" of the A.A. program. One group has its own Web site to attract newcomers. Groups today have more vehicles for carrying the message (e.g., cell phones, Internet, etc.).

Some members report that more newcomers are attending A.A. through court orders and referrals from treatment facilities. Many attending A.A. through court orders have taken newcomer classes so they know how to behave and what to expect in A.A. meetings. Some areas have increased jail meetings, while other members report that referrals from treatment centers and professionals are on a downward trend. Many newcomers from correctional institutions, treatment facilities and hospitals have dual addictions. Everyone and everybody have been sent to our meetings and this is

having an effect. Therefore, we need to encourage those with problems in addition to alcohol, or with *no* problem with alcohol, to start attending meetings of other fellowships, such as N.A., O.A., C.A., etc. Some groups have newcomer packets, which include the pamphlet, *Problems Other than Alcohol*. One group has male and female sponsorship chairs to help with initial identification (e.g., young people, those with mental illness, and other addictions). We have to take responsibility to educate treatment centers about what A.A. is and what it is not. We need to take the message to the treatment centers and not wait until they come to us. Newcomers from treatment still need to be Twelfth-stepped in to A.A. and it's up to us to inform professionals and newcomers.

Remind folks to talk from the podium only about alcohol, sponsorship and service. At some Step meetings, members are asked not to share unless they have taken that Step with a sponsor. We need to follow and stay firm on our Twelve Traditions and have regular group inventories.

Don't be afraid to pass on the message, and to remember that our code is love and tolerance, to have compassion, and carry the A.A. message in a gentle but firm way. Offering love, tolerance, and hope with those who are not sure will help them to find where they belong. The changing world has not affected all groups. Strong A.A. groups can weather minor storms easily.

#### Part 2 - Next Issue

**Bill W. originally called the Traditions "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future." How are the Traditions fulfilling that purpose 60 years later?**

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seniors Seeking Serenity</b></p> <p>Karen R.    3/17/84    23 years                  Jeanne S.   3/22/89    18 years</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>El Centro Group</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>January</i></p> <p>Ramundo            32 years                  David                12 years                  Tim M.                7 years                  Ellen W.              3 years                  Anthony              1 year                  Josh                  3 months                  Jesse                 2 months                  Duane                1 month</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isleta Group</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>January</i></p> <p>Terry                    1 year                  Rudy                    1 year                  Heather                18 months                  John                    5 years                  Jesus                    8 years                  Ember                 16 years                  Mary Jane A.        23 years                  Emily                  23 years                  Mike Mc.             31 years                  Roger L.              34years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cosmopolitan</b></p> <p>John G.                3/4/02                  Martha G.             3/21/02                  Mary N.                3/7/96</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seeking Serenity</b></p> <p>Caroline P.            5 years                  Paul P.                 5 years</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Noon</b></p> <p>Tod D.                 1 year                  Wally L.               3 years                  Ben A.                 34 years</p>
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## Big Book Step Study Presented by Tom and Juanita

A fundraiser for the 2007 Convention  
brought to you by District 11

**\$10 REGISTRATION** at the door (includes Saturday lunch)

To insure there will be a lunch available for you, email Alan S. at [district11@newmexicoaa.org](mailto:district11@newmexicoaa.org)

### March 23-25

FRIDAY 8:00 pm at the Cosmopolitan Group (meet and greet)

SATURDAY 8:00 am - 5:00 at Our Lady of Guadalupe

SUNDAY 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe

**POINTS OF CONTACT**

Rick R. 255-1648    [psychocadillac@msn.com](mailto:psychocadillac@msn.com)

Alan S. 892-0144    [district11@newmexicoaa.org](mailto:district11@newmexicoaa.org)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, 1860 Griegos Rd. NW one block east of Rio Grande Blvd.

Cosmopolitan Group, Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors Blvd. NW

on the East side of Coors between I-40 and Central Avenue

### Effective Immediately

#### Free Spirits Group

which meets on Thursdays from  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
has a new location!!

Old: Sombre Del Monte

New: Monte Vista Church  
3501 Campus Blvd. NE

### Convention

*mailed to:*

### Convention

c/o Dave Tod  
216 Richmond SE  
Albuquerque, NM  
87106

## Here Are Some Ways You Can Be Of Service!!!

Only 3 months to go!

The 2007 Convention Committee would like to thank all the Districts, Groups, Central Office and Individuals that have contributed time, efforts, and money to the convention.

We can't do this with out you, and we are very grateful for all that you do! If you and your group would like to help, here are some suggestions:

- Donate your time by signing up as a volunteer to serve where needed. Please contact Marie at marieandria@yahoo.com
- Donate coffee, tea, creamer, sugar, etc. We can really use cans of regular and decaffeinated coffee. Please contact Chris at hoffhouse@peoplepc.com
- Offer to sponsor one of the speakers meals, suggested donation \$80.00. Contact Bob at blt3am@yahoo.com.
- Offer a gift basket as a raffle item from your group, or any individual raffle item. Contact Michael at mquanci@comcast.net
- Include the convention in your circle of love distributions, or any monetary contribution is always needed and appreciated.

Please fill out and send in a registration form if you are planning on attending. We will have your registration packet ready for you on arrival. Banquet tickets are \$30.00 each, and include the stand up comedian. Hope to see you all there!

Jakki S.  
Convention Chair  
228-5827

## 2007 Area 46 Convention Entertainment News!

We are very excited to announce that we have booked Sue F. to entertain us with her stand up comedy routine at our banquet during the convention.

Sue lights up every room she enters with her hilarious stories about her life's challenges—being a single mom, growing up in an Irish Catholic neighborhood, getting locked up in a psych ward by her alcoholic psychiatrist mother—and how she triumphed over them all.

Nothing can stop her indomitable spirit or her rising comedy career. She has been seen at clubs, colleges, and benefits throughout the country, including The Comedy Store, University of Southern California, and Caroline's on Broadway.

The banquet is sure to sell out, so reserve your seats now! The registration forms are included in this months El Farolito. It is \$30.00 for your banquet ticket and your chance to see Sue live! Remember, you will not be able to see the comedy routine without a banquet ticket!

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