

# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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## Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Brian H. (Secretary)  
02.10.08*

### **Dave C. - Chair**

Dave opened the meeting at 2:03 with the Serenity Prayer.

*Introductions all around.*

### **Secretary - Brian H.**

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the February 2008 *Pass It On*; passed by acclamation.

### **Treasurer - Steve P.**

Still learning the job; an ongoing adventure. Month ok. Off to a great start for the year, even though the month's revenues slightly down from last month's record high.

### **Service Coordinator - Michael W.**

Busy phone month. January Desk Statistics showed strongest volunteer strength ever. Once again, full coverage on the night phone; neither Kathy nor Michael had a night phone shift last month. Thanks to the groups for sustaining Desk Shifts and Night Phones volunteer coverage. Good supply of literature in stock. Schedule has moved to quarterly printing, with greater number of schedules printed at time at a slightly decreased expense. Michael is giving service presentations at District meetings about the nature and purpose of the InterGroup. The topic of Corrections Chair for InterGroup will be explored at upcoming meetings. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

### **Alternate Coordinator - Kathy H.**

Thanks for all the support for this meeting, and for your ongoing support of Central Office.

### **Activities Coordinator - Melissa C.**

InterGroup Speaker Meeting (Hosted by District 3) – Saturday (3/8) – Potluck at 6:00 pm; Speaker at 7:30pm; Raffle to follow – St. Timothy's (Copper & Jefferson) Flyers for all InterGroup sponsored events – as well as a wide array of District, Area and Group event – are available for download on the InterGroup website.

### **Member at Large - Martha G.**

Nothing to report.

### **Pass It On Editor - Sally G.**

New issue of *PIO* available for pickup today & published on the website. Still working on new column/feature ideas. Submit your contributions to *PIO* by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

*7th Tradition Basket Passed.*

### **Schedule Editor – Michael Q.**

Not present. Schedules are available. On-line version of the schedule is updated regularly. Will switch out the paper copy at the desk as changes warrant.

### **Community Outreach - John S.**

No new requests.

### **Special Needs – Peggy A.**

Has researched a current situation in which AA member was refused from an AA meeting because of the member's dependence on a service animal; will follow-up and report back.

### **Library - Grace L.**

Boy, we've got some cool CDs – including some newly donated conference sets – in the media library and a whole lot of cassette tapes that are

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### **From a Plaque on Dr. Bob's Desk: Humility**

"Perpetual quietness of the heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me."

"It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in my self where I can go in and shut the door and pray to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble."

*submitted by Dave C.*

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## Corrections Corner

*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.*

One of the things I am trying to promote, as Area 46 Corrections Chair, is Corrections Correspondence. In a recent GSO Quarterly Report (November 2007), there was an item under the heading, **Corrections**, and this is what it said in part,

“The number of male A.A. volunteers for the Corrections Correspondence Service is dropping off again, leading to a longer waiting list for male inmates. Meanwhile, female A.A. volunteers are responding in volume to the articles in the Grapevine and/or the recent of *Box 4-5-9*, while the number of female inmates requesting the service remains small. A call will go out to all Correctional Facility Committee chairs to renew the initiative to find additional male volunteers, and to encourage applications for the service by female inmates.”

I’ve been hearing—and seeing—this plea for some time, and it seems to me that we, collectively and/or individually, have an obligation to respond. I shared my concern in the article I submitted to the Area newsletter, the *El Farolito*, last month (January’s issue). In that article, I said this: “Due to the fact that this request continues to be made, my brain unexpectedly gave birth to the following idea: Could an AA group—maybe even a new group that had this idea as its primary purpose—take on the responsibility of doing corrections correspondence?” Clearly, there is a need for our help, and whether this becomes a group’s activity or remains service work at the individual level, only time will tell. However, if you’re interested, I have a slew of forms available, in both English and Spanish, if you’d like to submit your name to GSO. I just recently started correspondence with a man located in Massachusetts, and I am finding the exercise quite gratifying.

Yours in service,

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### 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**  
9:30 am, 2nd Saturday  
Heights Club

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

**District 18**  
9:30 am 4th, Sunday  
Rio West Church  
6751 Pasilla Rd., RR, NM

# Central Office Meeting Minutes

cont.

ready to be reviewed for possible digital transfer (volunteers always welcome to support digital transfer).

## Web Guardian - Tom C.

On-line schedule is current, up-to-date. PIO's for the last year available in digital archive. Flyers for upcoming events available. Renewed Central Office Web domain name for five years, at a substantial savings. In the process of transferring the web page to the new webhost, with little disruption in service to the web page or webmail forwarding.

## Old Business:

None

## New Business:

Brian (Secretary) will be maintaining an ongoing list of names/contact information of current InterGroup Representatives. Michael (Coordinator) will receive each month's updated list, and the list will be available to members of the Steering Committee upon request. The topic of Corrections Chair for InterGroup will be explored at upcoming meetings, especially chronic challenges in recruiting and sustaining a body of new volunteers to take meetings into Corrections facilities. Michael W. (Coordinator) wishes to continue support of such meetings by providing pamphlets and other meeting support materials, as well as publicizing Area and District Corrections efforts (ie. Corrections Corner in *PIO*). Discussion ensued, establishing consensus that collaboration with the Area is

desirable and should follow the Area Corrections

## Group Announcements:

BrownBaggers meeting in new location @ Montgomery/San Pedro) – 5555 Montgomery NE – entrance in breezeway next to the Red Lobster – plenty of parking. District 12 will be seeking participation from groups, please contact Dondo or Michelle E via information published in *El Farolito*.

*Dave closed the meeting at 2:59 pm with the Third Step prayer.*

## ATTENDEES:

- Dave C. (Dawn Patrol/Chair)
- Rudy B. (Queer Ideas of Fun, p36)
- Roni P. (Seniors Seeking Serenity)
- Dale M. (Seniors Seeking Serenity)
- Ron R. (GoodFellows)
- Terri R. (Cosmopolitan)
- Susan B. (El Centro)
- Michael C. (Seeking Serenity @ Nativity)
- Lynn H. (Ladies Room)
- Dennis M. (Isleta/District 3)
- Joseph F. (Dawn Patrol)
- Steve P. (Free Spirits/Treasurer)
- Kathy H. (Metropolitan/Alt. Coordinator)
- Michael W. (Coordinator/ Mountanside AA)
- Jason K. (Sunday Night Young People's)
- Eric B. (Tuesday Knights)
- Tom N. (High Noon)
- Jim W. (Early Birds)
- Gilbert C. (Sunrise Sobriety)
- Koren (One Day at a Time – Bernalillo)
- Grace L. (Free Spirits/Media Librarian)
- Sally G. (How It Works/PIO Editor)

- Peggy A. (Women on Wednesday/Special Needs)
- Melissa C. (El Centro/Activities Chair)
- Wendy F (Serendipity)
- Dondo ( District 12/Old 66/ Last Call)
- Martha G. (Cosmopolitan/ Member at Large)
- Tom C. (Web Guardian/ Basement Steps)
- John S. (Community Outreach/ Brownbaggers)
- Brian H. (Secretary/Dawn Patrol)

***The Steering Committee at Central Office encourage all groups to elect a Intergroup representative. We welcome you to come join us at the next Intergroup meeting. We meet the second Sunday of every month, at 2:00 pm, at the Desert Club.***

***See You There!!!***

<b>Answers to Mix and Match on page 7</b>		
3	=	G
9	=	F
2	=	E
1	=	D
5	=	C
7	=	B
4	=	A

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**The following contributed to Central Office.....**

*This data is from January 1 to January 31, 2008 and is inclusive for the entire calendar month!*

**Groups:**

- Brownbaggers
- Came To Believe
- Corrales Men's Stag
- Dawning Promises
- Dawn Patrol (x2)
- Foothills
- Freedom From Bondage
- Group 164
- High Noon
- Kiva Group
- Ladies Room
- Live and Let Live (x2)
- Lone Rangers
- Magdalena 12 x 12
- Mountainside Group
- New Frontiers
- Seniors Seeking Serenity
- Share the Legacy
- SOS Monday Night
- Staying Sober at Sunrise
- Sunday Night Serenity
- Sunrise Sobriety
- Westside Group
- Westside Noon

- Emma D.
- Jim F.
- Robert U.

**Faithful Fivers:**

- Al. J.
- Andrew S.
- Andy & Pam B.
- Beverly D.
- Catherine A.
- Cecilia D.
- Dan O'.
- Don C.
- Emma D.
- Ilse G.
- Jeanne Mac-
- Jim F.
- Karen R.
- Mary Ann Mc.
- Mike D.
- Nance C.
- Partha B.
- Phil & Barbara C.
- Ralph & Gwen T.
- Rojo R.

**Individuals:**

- Al J.
- Amy
- Anonymous (x5)

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

**Become a Faithful Fiver !!**

Just pledge **\$ 5.00 a month** to the support of helping alcoholics who still suffer. It's tax deductible and you'll get the *Pass It On* newsletter delivered to your door.



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

**Jan. 08 Desk Activity**

	Jan. '08	Dec. '07	Jan. '07
	This month	Last month	Last yr.
<b>Phone calls</b>	<b>1247</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>1136</b>
Information	1023	1061	1008
12 step request	7	24	23
Al-Anon Info	11	11	3
Message	45	44	48
Other	161	144	54
<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>274</b>
Information	15	9	20
12 step	1	1	2
Al-Anon	1	1	2
Schedules	22	16	6
Purchases	164	144	159
Tapes	2	1	3
Message	1	2	3
Casual	42	48	45
Other	45	19	34
<b>Desk Workers*</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	
Regulars	53	53	
Substitutes	37	37	
<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	91% 125	88% 111	
Substitutes	9% 13	12% 15	
<b>Weekend Shifts*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	
Regulars	98% 39	86% 43	
Substitutes	2% 1	14% 7	
<b>Shifts by Michael*</b>	<b>3/9 hrs</b>	<b>3/9 hrs</b>	
<b>Shifts by Kathy*</b>	<b>1/2 hrs</b>	<b>2/6 hrs</b>	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

\* includes night phone

## *15th Annual Red Road AA Convention*

AA Marathon Meetings, DJ Dance, Pow Wow, Ribbon Ceremony, Raffle, etc....

# May 2, 3, & 4th 2008

Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Friday

### Howard Johnson Hotel

15 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

(Located at Eubank and I-40)

Hotel Reservations: 1-(800) 877-4852 or (505) 296-4852

Advanced room reservations recommended, **limited rooms available.**

**Deadline (for discount rate) is April 15, 2008!**

**Group Code: CG0194** for Room Rates Discount

Contact:

Jake D. (505) 261-1203

or

Rachelle P. (505) 304-6996

## All AA and Al-Anon Members Welcome!

**Other Numbers:** Al-Anon (505) 262-2177 Oficina Intergruppal Hispana (505) 266-3688

## Announcements, Reminders, Birthdays, etc.

### The Ladies Room

Lynn H. 18 months

### Seniors Seeking Serenity

Karen R. 3-17-84  
Jeanne S. 3-22-89

### Cosmopolitan Group

John G. 03/04/02  
Martha G. 03/21/02  
Mary N. 03/07/96

### Isleta Group

Denise 6 months  
Terry 2 years  
Jesus 9 years  
James G. 12 years  
Ember 17 years  
Phil 19 years  
Mary Jane A. 24 years  
Mike Mc. 32 years  
Roger L. 35 years



## Corrections Workshop

*Hosted by District 3*

**Saturday March 15**

Isleta Club  
1829 Isleta Blvd. SW  
Albuquerque, NM

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**POTLUCK**

### Agenda:

Introduction of Rojo R.,  
(the Area 46 Corrections Chair)

### Speakers

How to get into Corrections  
Take Meetings in Jails, Prisons  
Bilingual Persons Needed  
Importance of Men, Women  
Sponsorship of Inmates  
Penpals???

*The A.A., Al-Anon and Al-Ateen  
Groups that meet at the  
Isleta Club announce:*

## The celebration of the 61st Anniversary of the Isleta Club!!!

When: Sat. April 26, 2008

What: Potluck 6:30 pm

Speaker 7:30 pm

Dance 9:00 -

( 'til we all turn to pumpkins!!)

**Congratulations!!!**  
**Isleta Club**

# Mix and Match the Big Book

Third Edition

1. Your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others, so never hesitate to go anywhere if you can be helpful. You should not hesitate to visit the most sordid spot on earth on such an errand. Keep on the firing line of life with these motives and God will keep you unharmed.
2. Unlike most of our crowd, I did not get over my craving for liquor much during the first two year and one-half years of abstinence. It was almost always with me. But at no time have I been anywhere near yielding. I used to get terribly upset when I saw my friends drink and I knew I could not, but I schooled myself to believe that though I once had the same privilege, I had abused it so frightfully that it was withdrawn. So it doesn't behoove me to squawk about it for, after all, nobody ever had to throw me down and pour liquor down my throat.
3. This physician had repeatedly tried spiritual means to resolve his alcoholic dilemma but had failed. But when the broker have him Dr. Silkworth's description of alcoholism and its hopelessness, the physician began to pursue the spiritual remedy for his malady with a willingness he had never before been able to muster. He sobered, never to drink again up to the moment of his death in 1950. This seemed to prove that one alcoholic could affect another as no nonalcoholic could. It also indicated that strenuous work, one alcoholic with another, was vital to permanent recovery.
4. I have been sober for many years now. The first few months were hard. Many things happened; business trials, little worries, and feelings of general despondency came near driving me to the bottle, but I made progress. As I go along I seem to get strength daily to be able to resist more easily. And when I get upset, cross-grained and out of tune with my fellow man I know that I am out of tune with God. Searching where I have been at fault, it is not hard to discover and get right again, for I have proven to myself and to many others who know me that God can keep a man sober if he will let Him.
5. This case contains a powerful lesson. Most of us have believed that if we remained sober for a long stretch, we could thereafter drink normally. But here is a man who at fifty-five years found he was just where he had left off at thirty. We have seen the truth demonstrated again and again: "Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic." Commencing to drink after a period of sobriety, we are in a short time as bad as ever. If we are planning to stop drinking, there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol.
6. Incalculable are the intangible initiation fees that A.A. members have paid: the sick, sick hangovers, the remorse, guilt, broken homes, jails, and institutions, and the mental anguish in general that has been generated over the years. Only God as we understand Him can calculate these. But now, with His help and grace, this child of His has paid his initiation fee for good, as long as he remembers to stay away from that first drink (the one that does all the damage) one day at a time.
7. The harder I worked with Max, the sicker she got. So, when it ended up at the psycho ward, I wasn't all that surprised. But then, when that steel door slammed shut, and she was the one that went home, I was amazed.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. ___ The European Drinker           | B. ___ Doctor, Addict, Alcoholic |
| C. ___ More About Alcoholism          | D. ___ Working With Others       |
| E. ___ Doctor Bob's Nightmare         | F. ___ Calculating the Cost      |
| G. ___ Foreword To The Second Edition |                                  |

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