

# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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## Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

3.9.08

*Submitted by Sally G (Pass It On),  
with Brian H (Secretary).*

### **Martha C – Member at Large**

In the absence of Dave C, Martha opened the meeting at 2:00 pm.

*Introductions all around.*

### **Secretary - Brian H**

Not present. Motion to accept the minutes previous InterGroup Meeting as published in the March 2008 *Pass It On*; passed by acclamation.

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

Not present. Report given by Michael W (Coordinator). Contributions up \$1400.00 for the year; accounts in good shape. Thanks to all groups contributing to Central Office.

### **CO Coordinator - Michael W.**

Good coverage on desk shifts, allowing Kathy and Michael to work considerably fewer hours. Always need substitutes for desk shifts; contact Central Office for details. February was a low month for contributions. Literature order - ran out of service manuals. Great turnout for recent Intergroup speaker meeting brought great financial returns. Thanks for all the support.

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

Nothing to report. Thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

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

Recent Intergroup Speaker meeting sponsored by District 3 was a great success, with great food and fun!! Thanks to all who contributed!

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

Nothing to report. Happy to serve.

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

Got a new computer. *Pass It On* appreciates group participation and welcomes all groups to submit upcoming events for publication in the newsletter.

*7th Tradition Basket Passed.*

### **Schedule Editor – Michael Q.**

New information about Foothills meetings will be incorporated into the new schedules, which should be to the printer by the end of March.

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

No February action. Developing schedule for upcoming events. All who are interested in making themselves available to serve as an AA speaker at a non-AA events should contact John.

### **Special Needs – Peggy A.**

Requests support in handling formal complaint regarding a “service dog” at a meeting.

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

Calls coming in about Media Library tapes - yay. Will bring tapes requiring review to future Intergroup meetings, allowing Reps to take back to their meetings.

### **Web Guardian – Tom C.**

Not present.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

Rojo R (Area 46 Corrections Chair) invited the InterGroup to consider

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The A.A. Grapevine is the Fellowship's principal magazine, with a circulation of about 120,000 around the world. It was started by a group of six volunteers in June 1944 as a newsletter for A.A.'s in the New York City area, but immediately reached a wider readership when the editors sent free copies to A.A.'s serving in the armed forces during World War II. In 1945, the groups in the U.S. and Canada voted it their A.A. magazine, and since January 1949 its masthead has read “the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

*A.A. Service Manual pg. S79*

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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.*

On March 9, I had the privilege of speaking at the regular monthly Intergroup meeting at the Desert Club. I was there at the request of David C., the Intergroup Chairman, and I spoke about Area 46 corrections work; particularly, volunteer work being done in the Albuquerque area.

The presentation turned into a discussion about two major topics: (1) should the Intergroup Steering Committee have someone specializing or coordinating Albuquerque area volunteer work? and (2) the AA community needs to have more information available about facilities that use and/or need our AA help. As a result of that interchange, here is a list of various facilities in the Albuquerque area that need and/or use AA volunteers:

### Correctional Facilities:

- Regional Correctional Center (RCC, Albuquerque)
- Central New Mexico Correctional Facility (3 units) in Los Lunas
- Camino Nuevo Women's Correctional Facility in Albuquerque
- Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC), Albuquerque
- Juvenile Detention Center, Albuquerque
- Sandoval County Detention Center (SCDC), Rio Rancho
- New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility, Grants
- Western New Mexico Correctional Facility, Grants

### Halfway Houses, Treatment Centers, and Federal Educational Facilities:

- Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)
- Metropolitan Assessment and Treatment Service (MATS, Albuquerque)
- Turquoise Lodge (Albuquerque)
- La Pasada (Albuquerque)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance
- Dismas House
- Brothers of the Good Shepherd
- Salvation Army
- St. Martin's Hospitality Center

As I've just shown, there are many service opportunities in and around Albuquerque where we can carry the message of AA. All of the correctional facilities and SIPI require some sort of a clearance in order for volunteers to get access to the respective facility; that almost always includes a background check. However, if sufficient time has passed between when your legal problems occurred and now, it is possible to be cleared for access.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or having your group sponsor a meeting, then please call me. I hope to soon be working with John, the Intergroup PI (Public Information) guy, to put together a comprehensive data base that will list facilities, locations, contact names, meeting times, and clearance requirements at the various facilities I've listed above. Clearly, there is a definite need out there.

And finally, if you're interested in doing corrections correspondence, then either call me or stop by the Central Office for a registration form. Remember, there are people out there, "behind the walls," who are asking for our help.

Yours in Service, Rojo R.  
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Cell: 238-8048

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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.*

adding a “Corrections” position to the InterGroup steering committee. This position might help coordinate efforts to corrections facilities in the greater Albuquerque area and also support District efforts in reaching such facilities, which mostly fall in 2 or 3 of the 5 Districts served by InterGroup. An InterGroup Corrections position might help coordinate services for the Corrections Community and therefore help to publicize need for corrections work as well as support ongoing recruitment efforts. John S (Outreach) offered to meet with Rojo to determine how the Outreach position might also support efforts in the area of Corrections. *Pass It On* available as a publicity mechanism for correction work.

**Group Announcements:**

Rojo R (Area 46 Corrections Chair) – There exists a substantial need for male AAs to volunteer as a “penpal” for male inmates. GSO facilitates inmate requests for penpals in English and in

Spanish and has literature available explaining how to become involved with the penpal program. Contact Rojo via Central Office for details on this initiative and many other ways that individuals can become involved in supporting corrections work. Look also for upcoming Corrections Workshops.

*Martha closed the meeting at 3:09 pm with the Third Step prayer.*

**ATTENDEES:**

- Terri R (Cosmopolitan)
- Kathy H. (Metropolitan/Alt Coordinator)
- Martha G (Cosmopolitan/Member at Large)
- Michael W (Mountainside/Coordinator)
- Rudy B (Queer Ideas of Fun)
- Dale (Seniors Seeking Serenity)
- Lynn H (Ladies Room)
- Michael Q (Dawn Patrol/Schedule Editor)
- Susan B (El Centro)
- John S (BrownBaggers/Community Outreach)
- Brett B (District 11)
- Dennis M (Isleta and District 3)
- Gilbert C (Sunrise Sobriety Group)

- Grace L (Free Spirits/Media Librarian)
- Rojo R (Area 46 Corrections Chair)
- Shawntel P (Young Peoples Group)
- Tom N (High Noon)
- Ron R (Good Fellows)
- Melissa C (El Centro/Activities Chair)
- Sally G (How It Works/Pass It On editor)
- Wendy F (Serendipity)
- Peggy A (Women On Wednesdays/Specials Needs)

***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!!!***

***Call Central Office for more information 266-1900***

***Self-Respect Through Sacrifice***

At the beginning we sacrificed alcohol. We had to, or it would have killed us. But we couldn’t get rid of alcohol unless we made other sacrifices. We had to toss self-justification, self-pity, and anger right out the window. We had to quit the crazy contest for personal prestige and big bank balances. We had to take personal responsibility for our sorry state and quit blaming others for it.

Were these sacrifices? Yes, they were. To gain enough humility and self-respect to stay alive at all, we had to give up what had really been our dearest possessions —our ambition and our illegitimate pride.

***A.A. ‘s School of Life***

Within A.A., I suppose, we shall always quarrel a good bit. Mostly, I think, about how to do the greatest good for the greatest number of drunks. We shall have our childish spats and snits over small questions of money management and who is going to run our groups for the next six months. Any bunch of growing children (and that is what we are) would hardly be in character if they did less.

These are the growing pains of infancy, and we actually thrive on them. Surmounting such problems, in A.A.’s rather rugged school of life, is a healthy exercise.

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

*This data is from February 1 to February 29, 2008 and is inclusive for the entire calendar month!*

**Groups:**

- Basement Steps
- Corrales Group
- Corrales Smokefree
- East Mountain Group
- Foothills Group
- Friday Night Smokeless
- Goodfellas
- Happy Hour (x3)
- One Day at a Time
- Promises Group

**Individuals:**

- Anonymous (x8)
- Chuck
- Dan O’.
- Dede
- Gary
- Jack
- John
- Pat E.

**Faithful Fivers:**

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

*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!*



**Feb. 08 Desk Activity**

	Feb. '08	Jan. '07	Feb. '07
	This month	Last month	Last yr.
<b>Phone calls</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>1247</b>	<b>1152</b>
Information	934	1023	890
12 step request	28	7	30
AI-Anon Info	25	11	20
Message	29	45	52
Other	141	161	160
<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>254</b>
Information	8	15	12
12 step	0	1	0
AI-Anon	1	1	3
32	22	4	6
Purchases	155	164	166
Tapes	4	2	4
Message	3	1	4
Casual	41	42	36
Other	32	45	25
<b>Desk Workers*</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>	
Regulars	54	53	
Substitutes	41	37	
<b>Desk Shifts*</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>178</b>	
Weekdays	126	138	
Weekends	40	40	
<b>Weekday Shifts*</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>138</b>	
Regulars	90% 114	91% 125	
Substitutes	10% 12	9% 13	
<b>Weekend Shifts*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	
Regulars	90% 36	98% 39	
Substitutes	10% 4	2% 1	
<b>Shifts by Michael*</b>	<b>1/3 hrs</b>	<b>3/9 hrs</b>	
<b>Shifts by Kathy*</b>	<b>4/12 hrs</b>	<b>1/2 hrs</b>	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

\* includes night phone

*15th Annual Red Road AA Convention*  
May 2, 3, & 4th 2008

Howard Johnson Hotel  
15 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123  
(Located at Eubank and I-40)

**Contact:** Jake D. (505) 261-1203  
or  
Rachelle P. (505) 304-6996  
for more information

**What would A.A. be like without GSO?**

**District 13**

*is hosting a workshop on*

Saturday April 26th from 12:00– 4:00  
(with a potluck held from 12:00 - 1:00)

Format: Sharing sessions by several past Delegates and other experienced individuals.

Location: St. Thomas of Canterbury, 425 University Blvd. NE

Contact: Dave T. or Matt P. for details

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

## Announcements, Reminders, Birthdays, etc.

### The Ladies Room

Donna B.	9 months
Lisa M.	9 months
Renee M.	1 year
Amy D.	4 years
Jennifer Mc.	5 years
Gari B.	10 years

### Seniors Seeking Serenity

Eunice C.	4/13/96
Al J.	4/24/00
Roni P.	4/15/86

### Cosmopolitan Group

Beverly D	4/1/78	30 years
Terri R.	4/2/05	3 years

### Isleta Group

Priscilla	6 months
Harold	18 months
Alisa	7 years
Eugenia	8 years
Ralph	20 years
Roselle	27 years

### How It Works

Emily	30 days
Ish	30 days
Bob J.	25 years
Kerry G.	28 years



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

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

When: Sat. April 26, 2008

What: Potluck 6:30 pm

Speaker 7:30 pm

Dance 9:00 - ??:??

Congratulations Isleta Club!!!

## Come celebrate with the Cosmopolitan Group!!

April 25th - 6:30 p. m.

### Potluck

(followed by the regular birthday night)

To honor and say good-bye to Beverly D.— she has 30 years of sobriety and is moving to Lummi Island, WA. She will be missed!!!

## Foothills

has moved to  
11607 Menaul Blvd. NE

Three blocks east of  
Juan Tabo

(North side of Menaul)

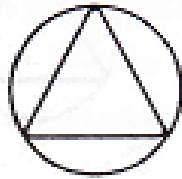
Deskworkers are  
always appreciated  
at

### Central Office!!!

You can be a substitute  
or a regular — every week  
or every other.

Call 266-1900 for more  
information.

If your group is no  
longer meeting,  
please be sure to let  
Central Office know  
so that the meeting  
schedule can be  
updated. Thanks!!!



# "Mountains of Gratitude"

## Area 46 State Convention

June 6,7,8, 2008  
Ruidoso New Mexico

### ACCOMMODATIONS

*the*  
*Lodge at Sierra Blanca*

107 Sierra Blanca Drive  
Ruidoso  
505-258-5500  
866-211-7727

100 Rooms blocked until 5/06/08  
State that you're with the  
June 2008  
Area 46 Convention to get a  
discount.

Full Breakfast Included.  
The Lodge is located close to the  
Convention Center.  
More suggestions for lodging on the  
reverse side and at Ruidoso's  
Chamber of Commerce at:  
575-257-6120

### SPEAKERS

AA Polly P. Washington  
Gordon B., California  
Jose M., Texas  
Fr. Tom W. , California  
Ray R. , NM  
Sr. Maurice D. NY  
ALANON  
Rose Marie T.M., TX  
Nancy H., NM

### AGENDA INFORMATION

National Speakers  
Workshops  
Banquet  
Dance  
Friday Night Happy Hour  
Marathon Meetings

Convention Center: 111 Sierra Blanca Drive 505-258-5445

### ☺ Registration Form

AA \_\_\_\_\_ Alanon \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee for each attendee: \$20.00 (\$25 after 5/9/08)

Banquet \$25 (Sign-up cut off 5/23/08) Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Selection: \_\_\_ Meat \_\_\_ Veg

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☛ Registration for Golf on other side

### ☺ PLEASE REGISTER NOW ☺

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO:  
2008 Area 46 Convention  
Send to: P.O. Box 2538  
Alamogordo NM 88311

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs? (wheelchair, interpreter  
signer, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check for Spanish Translation

Additional information on lodging at web site:

Web Site: [2008convention@newmexicoaa.org](mailto:2008convention@newmexicoaa.org)



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*Monday through Friday*

**8:00 am to 10:00 pm**

*Saturday and Sunday*

**9:00 am to 9:00 pm**

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