

Pass It On...

Albuquerque Intergroup Central Office Newsletter

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“Most of us feel we need look no further for Utopia. We have it with us right here and now. Each day my friend’s simple talk in our kitchen multiplies itself in a widening circle of peace on earth and good will to men.”

- Bill Wilson, Alcoholics Anonymous, Chapter 1: Bill’s Story, page 16

Step 4 Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4 Short Form: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole. *Long Form:* With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Concept 4 To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Pass It On Masthead Contest

Some of you are probably wondering what a masthead is and rightly so. The kind I’m talking about has nothing to do with ships and everything to do with Pass It On (PIO). Here’s a dictionary definition: “mast•head (/ˈmɑːstˌhed/) 2. The title of a newspaper or magazine at the head of the front or editorial page.” (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/masthead>). To put it more simply, it is the top part of the front page of PIO – the part that has the title “Pass It On” in it. Technically, the masthead includes the section on page 2 that lists the Central Office Intergroup Steering Committee, but we’re going to leave that part as-is.

In an effort to spruce up PIO a bit, we are having a contest to design a new masthead. The contest will run from April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012, and the prize is a 5-year subscription to Pass It On mailed to the person and domestic address of your choice (as well as the feel-good one gets from doing service work) and proper (anonymous) credit in the July 2012 issue. Any prize donations received specifically for the masthead contest will also be accepted and passed on to the winner. The Intergroup’s Central Office Steering Committee will select the top 3 useable entries at their June meeting, and the winner will be selected by vote at the June Intergroup rep meeting. Any reps or steering committee members who have entries in the contest will abstain from voting. We’ll reveal the new masthead in the July issue of Pass It On.

Masthead Guidelines Submissions must be in Adobe PDF (or Adobe In-Design) format and be unlocked so they may be edited for use. The submission must contain the title “Pass It On” in a large font and all information contained in the current masthead must be included. Please e-mail submissions to passiton@albuquerqueaa.org no later than July 31, 2012.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Here we are, 4 months into my 2-year commitment as PIO Editor. While I enjoy being of service and the type of work I am doing, I must admit I'm a bit disappointed in the lack of interest and possibly apathy I sense in the local AA community as far as this publication is concerned. I've appealed to you for article submissions, constructive criticism, sobriety birthday lists and more...and received an enthusiastic response to the requests yet the level of submissions has remained the same. C'mon, guys...we're the few who have had the wherewithal to stick with it, weather the storm and come out the other side better (and sober) people. I appeal to you to apply the same fortitude and determination to supporting PIO and helping it to grow by providing your input in the form of submissions and suggestions. Take the initiative to find out who has sobriety birthdays at your group meetings this month, write them down (name, sobriety date, continuous time sober, homegroup) and email them to PIO. Write an article on a sobriety topic and do the same. Submit an entry for the Masthead Contest detailed on this issue's front page. Get active or at least pro-active in another aspect of the sobriety you love so much!

SUBMISSIONS for PIO publication, letters to the editor, questions, comments, suggestions and criticism are always welcomed at PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org and will receive a prompt reply and appropriate consideration for publication.

ISLETA CLUB 65th ANNIVERSARY

The groups that hold meetings at the Isleta Club will be celebrating the 65th anniversary on April 28, 2012. The schedule is as follows: 9:00am Sunrise Catchers Group, 10:30am El Milagro Group (Spanish), 12:00 noon Isleta Group, 1:30pm Grupo Unidad (Spanish), 3:00pm Open (for now), 4:30pm AA History with Roger L, 6:00pm Potluck, 7:30pm Speaker Meeting with Clancy I., 9:00pm Dance with live music. Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM.

HIGH NOON GROUP TO CELEBRATE 35 YEARS

The planning committee has formed in preparation for a wonderful 35th birthday celebration of the High Noon Group. The date is set for September 8, 2012. As the planning is in the early stages, we are seeking ideas and input from the AA community. We would like to hear from people who: 1) Have input on High Noon history; 2) Have ideas on what the celebration should look like; 3) Would like to speak at the celebration; 4) Those who would like to be a part of the planning committee; 5) And would really like to hear from those whose sobriety has been impacted by High Noon. (i.e. what the existence of High Noon has meant to you.) To respond to any and/or all of the above, contact Diana O. via web@albuquerqueaa.org.

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Albuquerque Area
Business Meetings

Intergroup Rep. Meeting
2 pm, 2nd Sunday, Brownbaggers

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
10am, 2nd Saturday, StThomasofCanterbury
425 University Blvd NE (1 blk N of MLK Blvd)

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

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On Tradition Four

“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”

Editorial by Bill W., Grapevine, March, 1948

“With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.”

This Tradition, Number 4, is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions 1 and 2. Tradition 1 states, *“Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.”*

Tradition 2 states, *“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.”*

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition 4. The first sentence of Tradition 4 guarantees each A.A. group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No over-all or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our tradition. For example, an A.A. group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group night club. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our tradition, the group’s “right to be wrong” would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the night club. Those severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from A.A. tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An A.A. group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus A.A. opinion in surrounding groups, plus God’s prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, “You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience.”

Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only *to the group’s own affairs*. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, *“But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted.”* Obviously, if any individual, group or regional committee could take an action which might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we A.A.s have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single A.A. group wishes to take any action which might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, if there be one, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect A.A. as a whole, it consults the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our over-all General Service Committee. For instance, no group or intergroup could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect A.A. as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be A.A. standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our A.A. General Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition 4, which observes, *“On such issues our common welfare is paramount.”*



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 Rep. Meeting Minutes March 11, 2012

Open/ Attendees

Morgan D.- Straight Pepper Diet, Ashley F.- Alameda Men's Stag, Alli V.- Singleness of Purpose, Michael W.- Too Much for Us, Deanna M.- Grupo Unidad, Ana G.- Grupo Alcoholicos Unidad, Tomas C.- West Side Group, Mike B.- Westside, Mark E.- New Frontiers, Christy O.- Promises, Martha- Promises, Nancy H.- Ladies Room, Becky L.- Isleta Group, Bo M.- Foothills, Dan K.- Early Birds, Greg A.- El Centro/ District 11, Mick B.- Brown Baggers, Tom R.- Seeking Serenity, Bill D.- Seeking Serenity, Sharon H.- Any Lengths, Al J.- Still Seeking Serenity, Heather G.- QIOF, Deborah K.- District 12, Kris O.- Serenity Group, Peggy A.- Free Spirits, Kristen E.- District 13, Alison T.- Straight Pepper Diet, Skitch F.- Isleta, Cindy B.- Dawn/Dusk Patrol, Jeremy H.- Straight Pepper Diet

Amendment to minutes from Christen: I am the district 13 rep not 12.

Treasurer's Report

Total Revenues \$10,013.18; Cost of Sales \$2,807.70; Gross \$7,205.48; Expenses \$5,913.08; Net Income \$1,292.40

-Talking about putting a new retail system at the office. We would like it to also include debit and credit card transactions.

Central Office Coordinator

-Every other Monday 10-1 is the only open desk shift.

-Got a new book titled "Step by Step" from grape vine of past articles on the steps. Costs \$10.50, but have not been charged for the books yet. We also have Emotional Sobriety II and Spiritual Awakenings II available at the office.

-? Is there a list of items on the web site for sale at central office? Yes, there is a price list and it will get updated with new books.

-The new schedules have been printed but have not come in due to folding issues. They should be ready by tomorrow.

Alternate Central Office Coordinator

Phone Calls 694; Walk Ins 256; Web Hits 2791

-Have close to 100 volunteers at the desk, 90% of desk has been covered by regulars on the weekdays, and 80% on weekends.

Member at Large

-Review of Bylaws- have been working on it and waiting to do more research as well as receive feedback form members.

Pass it On Editor

-Report about Mast Head contest available to look over and ask questions.

Media Librarian

-Having trouble getting people to return CD's. Printed on each CD sleeve to please return CD to Central Office in 30 days.

Web Guardian

-Online schedule is up to date.

-Added the 2011 archives to web site, as well as the community outreach web address.

-?- How do we get events on the web site? Yes please e-mail fliers you want posted to: web@albuquerqueaa.org

-?- Can we upload financial statements to the site so people can look at them before the meeting and possibly cutting some of the printing costs.

OLD BUSINESS

-New Years Alkathon Discussion: Isleta doesn't care since they have their own, Serenity group, ladies room, any lengths wants it. Singleness of Purpose wants further questions answered before making a decision. Pros- non-smoking and not in a club, cons- people who go to clubs may not go.

SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

SEEKING SERENITY (March) Karen R. 28 years

EL CENTRO (February) Jason 30 days, Chris M. 2 months, Angela 3 months, Greg 3 months, Greg A. 2 years, Cipriano 2 years, Josh 4 years, Santiago 5 years, Ellen W. 8 years

Please submit your sobriety birthday(s) (including homegroup, name, sobriety date & length of continuous sobriety) to PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org. Failure to properly submit s-b days may result in non-publication.

-District 13 thinks if a group of people really want to put it on then they should go ahead and do it. Peggy wants a coordinator to step up and lead it, not have the event rest on the Intergrup to put on. Also doesn't see why we need to have a 24 hour thing (a party with a possible breakfast in morning). This would also help with filling slots in the middle of the night. Have like the ones for Central office alkathons more than the clubs.

-Elsa has said that she would chair a committee to find a coordinator.

-Motion: Peggy- IG supports a New Years Eve activity if someone steps up as a volunteer coordinator to lead it.

-2nd by Ashley

-We don't know what they want to do. The coordinator can have an alkathon, party, breakfast, it's there decision.

-Don't like that- think we need to give them more guidance as to what we want them to do.

-Finding a venue has been the main problem in the past- which could potentially be the decider of whether we go all night or just a party.

-Can we post it on the web site and see what kind of interest we get. I'm concerned with being out on New Years Eve among drunk drivers.

-Willing to help volunteer. But would like some help from people who have experience with this event.

-We need to make a decision; the motion is just about us supporting people who want to do it.

-VOTE: All in favor, none opposed- Passed

NEW BUSINESS

-Putting financial statements on web instead of printing them out for the meeting. Ashley wants to think about it. Every one think about it and we will discuss it next week.

-Questions about Pass it On contest can be addressed to Steve.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Woman's Sobriety Feast coming up in September 28- 29th at Shepherd of the Valley. Have a lot of positions open, and need volunteers. Info will be up on the AA website.

-Corrections Recovery Academy; Women stay 6 months with their children and they are requesting women to come host the Wednesday night meeting. It's on Isleta Blvd. where Turquoise lodge used to be.

-Seeking Serenity is celebrating 26 years this month.

-District 11: IG speaker meeting- March 24th, 6pm potluck- Peter H. will speak after.

-Ladies Room: Annual Potluck next Friday March 16th at 6pm with meeting at 7:30. Dinner is open to all, but meeting is omen only.

Close @ 1524.

**"Religion is for people who are afraid they'll go to hell.
Spirituality is for people who have been there."**



Central Office Urgently Needs Desk Workers

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!

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at 266-1900.

AA EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday April 21, 2012

Intergroup Speaker Meeting, Potluck, & Raffle

6:00-7:00 pm Potluck, 7:00-8:30 pm Speaker, 8:30-9:00 pm Raffle - St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 2701 American Road SE, Rio Rancho - Please bring a dish to share and something to drink. Hosted by District 18

Friday April 27-29, 2012

4th Annual New Mexico Women in Recovery Retreat Hummingbird Music

Camp, 104 Hummingbird Rd., Jemez Springs, NM 87025 – Email Susan at leebad2001@yahoo.com for details

Saturday April 28, 2012

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Friday May 4-6, 2012

19th Annual Red Road AA Convention

All AA and AI-ANON Members Welcome! Opening Ceremony Friday Morning • AA Marathon Meetings • DJ Dance • Saturday Potluck Dinner • Pow Wow • Ribbon Ceremony • Raffles Ramada Inn (formerly Sandia Courtyard), 10300 Hotel Ave NE, Albuquerque (Eubank & I-40)

Friday June 1-3, 2012

New Mexico Area 46 State Convention

"Living In The Promises" - Marathon AA and Alanon meetings - Friday: Movie Night and Ice Cream Social - Saturday: Banquet and Dance - Translation services will be provided - Hosted by District 2 - Santa Fe University of Art & Design, 1600 St. Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87507 for more info go to: <http://www.santafeaa.org/>

Friday September 28-29, 2012

New Mexico Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Sobriety Fest 2012 25th

Annual Celebration All AA and AI-Anon members welcome! Friday: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Saturday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm - Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, 1801 Montano Road NW, Albuquerque – for more info go to <http://www.nmaawfs.com/>

Friday October 19-21, 2012

Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly (SWRAASA)

New Mexico is hosting the Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly in Albuquerque this year. SWRAASA is a 3-day meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous that meets every two years to share with each other how they carry the AA message of recovery. Albuquerque Marriott, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque – Go to <http://swraasa.newmexicoaa.org/> for more details and registration info

For more and/or updated information on Albuquerque and New Mexico AA Events go to: <http://albuquerqueaa.org> and <http://www.newmexicoaa.org/>.

For other AA events nationally and worldwide visit www.aa.org.

SUBMIT YOUR AA EVENT TODAY to: PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org

February 2012

Monthly Service Activities Report

PHONE CALLS	FEB12	FEB 11	JAN 12
Information	546	623	792
12-Step	14	16	16
AI-Anon	17	19	10
Message	19	31	35
Other	78	119	93
TOTAL	694	808	946

WALK INS

Information	13	19	30
12-Step	0	1	3
AI-Anon	1	0	0
Get Schedule	8	21	13
Purchase	178	148	181
Media	1	0	3
Message	0	1	2
Casual	43	32	17
Other	32	28	23
TOTAL	256	230	293

ALBUQUERQUEAA.ORG WEB STATS

Unique Visitors	2791	2135	2993
Number of Visits			
Pages			

DESK WORKERS*

Regulars	48	47	49
Substitutes	45	42	50
TOTAL	93	89	90

DESK SHIFTS*

Weekdays	132	120
Weekends	45	40
TOTAL	177	160

WEEKDAY SHIFTS*

Worked by Regulars	113(90%)	95 (71%)
Worked by Substitutes	13(10%)	35 (29%)
TOTAL	126	130

WEEKEND SHIFTS*

Worked by Regulars	32(80%)	31 (77%)
Worked by Substitutes	8(20%)	9 (23%)
TOTAL	40	40

SHIFTS WORKED BY MICHAEL

3 hour shifts	6 (18 hrs)	9 (27 hrs)
2 hour shifts (n/a)	0	
Night phone (n/a)	0	

SHIFTS WORKED BY KATHY

3 hour shifts (n/a)	4 (12 hrs)	1 (3 hrs)
2 hour shifts (n/a)	0	2 (6hrs)
Night phone (n/a)	0	
TOTAL	30 hours	36 hours

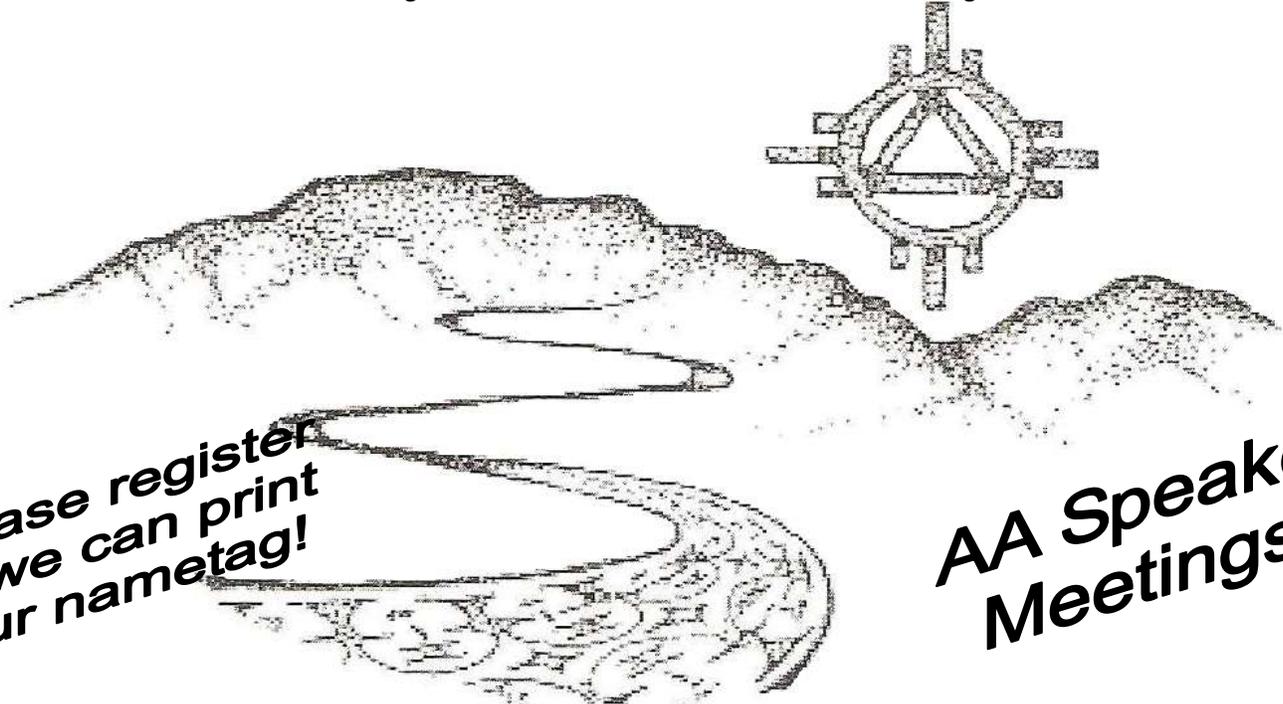
*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

"Untreated alcoholism without the steps on a daily basis will make my past my future."



19th Annual Red Road AA Convention

A Kit of Spiritual Tools: Unity, Service, Recovery



**Please register
so we can print
your nametag!**

**AA Speaker
Meetings**

May 4-6, 2012

All AA and Al-ANON Members Welcome!
Opening Ceremony Friday Morning

AA Marathon Meetings, DJ Dance, Saturday Potluck Dinner, Pow Wow, Ribbon Ceremony, Raffles

Ramada Inn

(used to be Sandia Courtyard)

10300 Hotel Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87123 (Eubank & I-40)
Hotel Reservations 1-(800) 877-4852 or (505) 296-4852
Discounted Room Rates Available, mention the Red Road Convention

Contacts: Chair: Patty B-T sunflw22@yahoo.com
Registration: Cecil R. RedRoad-Registration@live.com

Mail Registration to: Red Road Convention, P.O. Box 20292, Albuquerque, NM 87154

Registration – No Fee This Year (Donations Appreciated)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can chair a Marathon Meeting	
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Feel free to make copies of this flyer and distribute among your AA groups!

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