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Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

4/15/07

submitted by Brain H.

David C – Chair

David opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Introductions around the room.

Brian – Secretary –

Review of March 2007 Minutes as published in April's *Pass It On*. Minutes accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

Michael W. (Coordinator) offered Treasurer's Report in Steve H.'s absence. Income statement: dropped a little in the red for March, still in black for year. 39 groups have made contributions in the first quarter of 2007. Individual contributions and faithful fivers have been excellent. Assets/Liabilities/Capital: in good shape. Thanks so much for all group and individual contributors. Brief discussion of a group's contribution to a "Club" versus contributions to Central Office. Treasurer's Report accepted by acclamation.

Michael W – Coordinator's Report

March a little heavier on both phone/walk-in traffic. As always substitute desk workers are always needed. Several shifts are open. Call Central Office for details if you are interested in signing up to for a desk shift or a night-phone shift. **Night phone shifts NEED regular coverage.** Michael and Kathy did 77 hours on the night phone duty in March. That's *lots* of night phone. If Central Office is going to continue to have the Central Office answered 24-hours a day, the fellowship must be willing to support the service opportunities of the Night Phone. Please contact Central Office for details.

Some recurrent plumbing issues have been recently resolved. Yay. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Kathy – Alt. Coordinator's Report

We do need "Night Phone" support or we will be forced to rely on an Answering Machine or other option for night calls. Covering an occasional "night phone" shift is part of the Coordinator's job, but right now excessive Night Phone coverage by the Coordinator is placing a burden on the other responsibilities. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Melissa – Activities Coordinator

It's my favorite time of year: a look at the table of flyers shows that it's a "rainbow" of activities this time of year. A lot going on, and a lot coming up. Visit Central Office or the website for flyers and details. Intergroup Speaker Meeting coming up on May 19 (Potluck at 6 pm; Speaker at 7:30 pm) at St. Timothy's (211 Jefferson St). Dave C. (Central Office Chair) will be speaker. Central Office picnic on Saturday, July 21, at Alvarado Park. Volunteers needed to help with the picnic. Contact Melissa/Activities Coordinator or Central Office to become involved in Activities planning, publicity, etc. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Martha G. – Member at Large

Nothing to report.

Sally – *Pass It On* editor

PIO always welcomes submissions (articles, birthdays, etc)!

Al J. – Schedule Editor

Remember to submit schedule changes and or additions as soon as possible.

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The banquet for the 2007 Area 46 Convention has **SOLD OUT!**
Thank you for your orders! Please do not send anymore orders or money, as we will have to return them to you!
Thank you!
Jakki

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Corrections Corner</h2>	<p>Central Office Steering Committee E-mail addresses:</p>
<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>The annual NM Department of Corrections Volunteer Appreciation conference was held April 14 in Albuquerque. Each prison in New Mexico selected a Volunteer of the Year from among their faith-based and addiction services volunteers. Prisons typically have 10 times as many faith-based volunteers as A.A. volunteers. Nevertheless, the Hobbs Prison selected an A.A. member as their Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Ric C. in Hobbs from your friends in Albuquerque.</p> <p>Training and orientation for A.A. volunteers at the Los Lunas Prison as well as the Camino Nuevo Women’s Prison in Albuquerque will be held on Saturday May 19, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the St. Clement Church (Education Hall), 244 Luna Avenue, in Los Lunas. This training will allow you to attend A.A. meetings at the Central NM Correctional Facility (Los Lunas Prison) or the Camino Nuevo Correctional Center (women’s prison in Albuquerque), or both. Please contact me at 263-2459 for more information or to reserve a slot.</p> <p>The Corrections Committee provides cases of Big Books to new meetings in prisons and jails. With all the recent activity, we are in need of cash donations. We try to provide cases of mini-Big Books which cost \$162.00 for 40 books. Please help if you can.</p> <p>Yours in service, Ralph Trigg</p>	<p>Michael W. - CO Coordinator Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Kathy - Alt. CO Coordinator AltCoordinator@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Dave C. - Chair@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Al J. - Schedule@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Brian H. Secretary@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Melissa C. Activities@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Martha G. Memberatlarge@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Sally - PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Peggy- Specialneeds@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Tom C. - Website Chair anonymous@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>Grace L. - Media Librarian media@albuquerqueaa.org</p> <p>John - publicinfo@albuquerqueaa.org</p>

**ALBUQUERQUE CENTRAL OFFICE CONTRIBUTORS
FIRST QUARTER 2007**

<p>Back to Basics - Albuquerque \$210.00 Brownbaggers \$149.60 Came To Believe Group Estancia \$10.00 Corrales Group \$46.25 Corrales Smokefree Group \$40.00 Dawn Patrol \$1,190.02 Dawning Promises \$27.37 Del Norte Breakfast Group \$143.80 Down Under Group \$100.00 Foothills Group \$587.81 Freedom From Bondage \$175.00 Group 164 \$80.00 Happy Hour Group \$28.68 High Country Group \$150.00 High Noon Group \$140.00 Isleta Group \$65.94 Kiva Group \$250.00 Live and Let Live \$59.47 Lone Rangers Group \$190.02 Lunch Box Group - Rio Rancho \$300.00 Individual Contributors \$ 3,198.95 Faithful Fivers \$422.00 Total Group Contributions \$ 5,826.33</p>	<p>One Day At A Time \$135.00 Placitas Group \$50.00 Promises Group \$350.00 Queer Ideas of Fun \$50.00 Rio Rancho Men’s Stag \$75.00 S.O.S. Monday Night \$150.00 Seniors Seeking Serenity \$90.00 Serendipity Group \$223.53 Share the Legacy \$100.00 Six O’Clock Irregulars \$10.00 Staying Sober at Sunrise \$52.00 Sunlight of The Spirit \$21.00 Sunrise Catchers \$10.00 Sunrise Sobriety \$270.38 The Ladies Room \$101.82 Thinking Straight \$100.00 Triangle Group \$30.00 Westside Noon Group \$61.64 Women in Progress \$2.00</p> <p>Special AA Event Contributions \$25.00 Other AA Contributors \$62.78 Total Number of Groups 39</p>
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Central Office Meeting Minutes *cont.*

John – Community Outreach

Not present. Al J will be going to speak at Sandia Prep in the coming week. A few requests came in this month.

Peggy –Special Needs

Nothing to report.

Grace – Media Librarian

Not present.

Tom C. – Web Guardian

The ABQ searchable database version of the schedule is now integrated to the Area 46 District website. The online schedule will now likely be the most up-to-date schedule available, so far as has been reported to Schedule Editor. *PIO* is available on-line as soon as it is published. As flyers and other announcements come in to Tom, he puts them almost immediately. Steering Committee page (detailing office holders and current activities) currently being developed. Lots of new events are posted online everyday. Look for it!

Old Business –

Treasurer position will be vacated at the end of this term (end of 2007).

Be on the lookout for someone eligible and with the necessary experience for the position.

New Business –

May Intergroup Meeting will be held the first Sunday of May (5/6) in observance of Mother’s Day. The Steering Committee will meet on Monday, April 30. District 12 needs an alternate DCM. Still looking for location for 2006-07 Alkathon. If you are interested in supporting and planning for next year’s holiday season Alkathon, please contact the Activities Coordinator or Central Office.

Special Announcements –

None.

Closed with the 3rd Step prayer.

ATTENDEES:

- David C (Dawn Patrol/Chair)
- Michael W (Coordinator)
- Kathy H (Alternate Coordinator)
- Tom C (Basement Steps/Web Guardian)
- Al J. (Schedule Editor/District 13)
- Melissa C. (CO Activities/Early Birds)

- Jim O (Live and Let Live)
- Barbara W (District 11/Dawn Patrol)
- Janis B. (Seeking Serenity)
- Peggy A (Women on Wednesdays/Special Needs)
- Martha G. (Cosmopolitan/Member-At-Large)
- Beverly D. (Cosmopolitan)
- Sally G. (*Pass It On* editor/How It Works)
- Tiffany B (Sunrise Sobriety)
- Dan O.
- Tom N (High Noon)
- Eric B (Tuesday Knights)
- Greta S (The Ladies Room)
- Erlinda (?)
- Nance C (Any Lengths)
- Dondo (Spark of Light/Last Call/Old 66)
- 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!

The 35th Annual
Central Office
 2007 Summer Picnic

to be held Saturday July 21st
 at Alvarado Park

Melissa C. needs your help to
 plan the best picnic ever!
 553-3039

**Central Office Intergroup
 Speaker Meeting**

Saturday May 19th
 Potluck starts @ 6:00 pm
 Speaker starts @ 7:30 pm
 St. Timothy's - 211 Jefferson St. NE

Guest Speaker: Dave C.

Raffle drawing at the end of the meeting;
 proceeds to benefit 2007 Convention

Please bring raffle items to Central Office or contact
 Central Office @ 266-1900 or Melissa C. 553-3039

The following contributed to Central Office.....

This data is from January 26 to February 28 and is not inclusive for the entire calendar month!

<p>Groups: Brownbaggers Corrales Men's Stag Dawn Patrol Dawning Promises Del Norte Breakfast Group Foothills Group Freedom from Bondage Happy Hour High Country Group High Noon Isleta Group Lone Rangers Lunchbox Serendipity Group S.O.S. Sunrise Catchers Sunrise Sobriety</p> <p>Individuals: Anonymous Julia C. C. Karen R. Robert U. Walt L.</p>	<p>Faithful Fivers: Al. J. Beverly D. Catherine A. Dan O'. Dave N. Don C. Geraldine C. Ilse G. Jim F. Karen R. Merle P. Mike D. Nance C. Partha B. Phil & Barbara C. Ralph T. Sarah F. Trudy H.</p> <p><i>Thank you all for supporting your Central Office!!!!</i></p>
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March Desk Activity

	Mar '07	Feb '07	Mar '06
	This month	Last month	Last yr.
Phone calls	1266	1152	1187
Information	996	890	964
12 step request	39	30	22
Al-Anon Info	21	20	34
Message	45	52	54
Other	165	160	113
Walk Ins	295	254	265
Information	17	12	20
12 step	0	0	3
Al-Anon	1	3	3
Schedules	30	4	20
Purchases	172	166	177
Tapes	0	4	7
Message	1	4	4
Casual	46	36	28
Other	28	25	23
Desk Workers*	80	80	
Regulars	52	70	
Substitutes	28	10	
Desk Shifts*	177	160	
Weekdays	132	120	
Weekends	45	40	
Weekday Shifts*	120	120	
Regulars	83% 109	82.5% 99	
Substitutes	17% 23	17.5 % 21	
Weekend Shifts*	40	40	
Regulars	69 % 31	85% 34	
Substitutes	31 % 14	15% 6	
Shifts by Michael*	7/45 hrs	8/38 hrs	
Shifts by Kathy*	8/54 hrs	4/36 hrs	
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 Third Part of a Four Part Series:

3. How does your group convey that the responsibility for self-support includes giving of effort and time in addition to money?

The home group is the place where service starts; the group can create many opportunities for service, such as sponsorship, holding regular monthly meetings, asking for coffee commitments and group chores, such as clean-up volunteers (e.g., one group still uses and washes real cups and dishes and A-ashtrays, B-books, and C -chairs), and sending thank you letters to groups who contribute at the district and area levels. Other opportunities for service include repairing or improving meeting space, being courteous to meeting place neighbors and landlord, offering transportation to meetings, and inviting newcomers to become a part of the group. Experienced group members take new members to service events, educate them about the legacy of service, and pass on service literature.

Self-support includes money, time and effort; it is about more than just money. Self-support requires commitment, showing up, leading by example, and behaving responsibly. The responsibility of self-support can

be reduced to two words, "Group and Example"--everyone in a group can have a job. Each member should be made to feel that they have the right to participate, rather than only being told they have a responsibility.

The word "service" may be a barrier to some getting involved. We need to emphasize how contributions of time and effort add to self-support, that there is a need for time as well as money. Length of sobriety does not exclude self-support responsibility. Folks need to be informed of service responsibilities and not be given jobs that they may not be qualified for or ready for. It's hard for many of us to get new members interested in service; we need to remember Rule 62 and have common sense.

Talk about participation and encourage representation at all service levels. We can also consider the notion of self-support in relation to challenges some members face. For example, women members with children and no babysitters -- one group got together to solve this challenge by women member rotating care-taking so members in this situation could attend meetings. One member shared that on her sponsee's birthday she gives a card saying that she has given a gift to G.S.O. in their name. On the group level, members explain what the Seventh Tradition is used for on all levels of service. Another

group holds annual round-ups for fun and to learn about the principles of A.A.

These questions will be used as a format for workshops, speaking, and including service as part of a local "Talk Show" on service commitments. Pamphlets are used to discuss service at group meetings. Some groups use blackboards and calendars to identify service opportunities, or share about meetings with other groups. Core members voice service opportunities; sponsors encourage service participation. One-on-one communication can not be replaced, even in this modern world. We give it away to keep it, and giving it away through service is fun.

Next Issue: Part 4

What current issues do you think affect A.A. that need to be talked about? Why do you think they are important? What changes would you like to see as a result of these discussions?

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

No A.A. traditions had the labor pains this one did. Collective poverty initially a matter of necessity. Fear of exploitation. Necessity of separating the spiritual from the material. Decision to subsist on A.A. voluntary contributions only. Placing the responsibility of supporting the Foundation directly upon A.A. members. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve is Foundation policy. *12 x 12 index*

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

El Centro Group

Michael	2 months
Ricky F.	1 year
Junior H.	2 years
Mike C.	2 years
Leaine	4 years
Daniel O.	4 years
Gene L	5 years
Ron G.	17 years
Gene K.	18 years
John M.	23 years
Will	29 years
Larry K.	37 years

Cosmopolitan

Ruth G.	5/13/86	21 years
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Isleta Group

James M.	6 months
Jeanette	1 year
Jim G.	1 year
Joe Q.	18 months
Laura S.	2 years
Anthony G.	2 years
Robert M.	4 years
Julian S.	5 years
Pat	5 years
Scott B.	10 years
Barbara B.	11 years
Jim J.	13 years
Susan D.	17 years
Ron	17 years
Vera	29 years
Dan G.	43 years

Seeking Serenity Group

Cathy S.	1 year
Don	24 years



The first Central Office picnic was held in 1972. It was a way to show the many volunteer desk workers and intergroup rep's CO appreciation.

Central Office needs people to answer the night phones. This is a critical need; if not met, may have to resort to answering machine at night. For more information call Central Office - 266-1900

The Intergroup meeting of Central Office will be moved to May 6th because of Mother's Day - (at the Desert Club - 2:00)

The May District 13 meeting will be moved to May 20 because of Mother's Day.

2007 Area 46 State Convention

contributions can be mailed to:

2007 Area 46 State Convention
 c/o Dave Tod
 216 Richmond SE
 Albuquerque, NM 87106

High Noon Group Celebrates 30 Years!

Let's join together in celebration of the High Noon Group which in the past 30 years has helped hundreds of alcoholics in their road to recovery. Old timers - newcomers - midlifers, all are welcome.

Members and former members of High Noon are invited to speak. Not a member but have a soft spot in your heart for the High Noon Group you are invited to share your experience, strength and hope.

If you wish to be a speaker contact:

Diana O. 255-9304 or
 Joe J. 261-7824

There will also be a pot luck so bring your favorite food. Drinks and some snacks will be provided. Save this date and time:

Saturday June 9
 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 at the Desert Club
 4305 Mesa Grande Pl. SE



Friday, June 1, 2007

3:00PM	Registration/Hospitality Open
6:00-8:00P	Happy Hour - Patio
8:00-9:00PM	Karen G. - AA Speaker - NM Ballroom
9:00-10:00PM	Ice Cream Social - Hospitality Suites

Saturday, June 2, 2007

7:00AM	Registration/Hospitality Open
8:00-9:00AM	Brett - AA Speaker - NM Ballroom
9:30-10:30AM	Central Office Workshop - NM Ballroom
10:30-12:00PM	Daniel N. & Ramiro - Spanish Speakers - NM Ballroom
1:00-2:00PM	Lori P. Area 46 Delegate Report - NM Ballroom
2:00-3:00PM	Barbara C - AA Speaker - NM Ballroom
3:30-4:30PM	Betty Ann - Al Anon Speaker - NM Ballroom
6:00-7:30PM	Banquet - NM Ballroom
6:45-7:30PM	Sue F. - Comedian - NM Ballroom
8:00-9:00PM	Bob D. - AA Speaker - NM Ballroom
9:00-12:00AM	Dance - Rio Grande Room

Sunday, June 3, 2007

7:00AM	Registration/Hospitality Open
8:00-9:00AM	Long Timers Panel - NM Ballroom
9:30-10:30AM	Molly S. AA Speaker - NM Ballroom
11:00-11:30AM	Sobriety Countdown - Dave T. - NM Ballroom
11:30-12:00PM	Raffle - NM Ballroom
12:00PM	Close

Registration form: <http://albuquerqueaa.org/images/2007ConvFlyer.pdf>

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