



# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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## Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

CO Intergroup Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2006

David opened meeting with Serenity Prayer.

Treasurer Report – Steve H. – Checking and Savings accounts in good shape. We are in the red for the month, in the black for the year. Report accepted.

CO Coordinator – Michael W. - Kathy worked a lot of hours on the night phone. We may have to consider giving up the night phone and going to an answering machine if there is no volunteer participation. Every other Sunday 3-6 pm shift open at Central Office, also Monday night 10-8 pm night phone. May 27<sup>th</sup> registered letter from landlords was eviction notice to vacate by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuesday at IG Steering Committee meeting it was decided to move to 1921 Alvarado NE. Same building, different office space, the move being contingent on the purchase of space by AA member. It is a slightly smaller space with slightly higher rent. Other spaces were looked at and time, money and location were factors considered and the 1921 location was chosen as the best bet. June 24<sup>th</sup> will be moving day. Box lunches will be available for helpers. There will be no access into the new space yet and the new landlord is providing some needed shelving and partitioning. Rent will go from \$495.00 a month to \$600.00 a month which will include utilities. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Alt Coordinator – Kathy H. – Working on the move.

Member At Large – Martha G.- Al-Anon is having a convention August 25 – 27, 2006 at the Madonna Center on the west side. They would like AA participation and have five slots open for groups to bring in AA meetings. Any groups that would like to participate may call me at 804-2852. Available meeting times are Friday night 6:15 – 7:30 pm, Saturday 9:00-10:15 am, 10:30-11:45 am, 2:45 - 3:45 pm and Sunday 8:45-9:45 am. They will also have a table for AA literature to be displayed.

PIO Editor – Sally G. – Still looking for articles. Slots open for AA meetings at YDDC. Ralph T. from corrections would like an ongoing forum in PIO to network with groups. There are some things going on with 2007 Area 46 Convention that have been submitted. Birthday's from groups welcome.

Public Information - Alix – Nothing new to report.

Schedule Editor – Al J. – New schedule is out with eleven changes. Al is going to use a small part of the space on the back of the schedule where phone numbers go to advertise the 2007 Area Convention.

Non AA Speaker Request – Don S. – not present

Media Librarian/Web Chair – Tom C. – Two volunteers have

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### *A Declaration Of Unity*

This we owe to  
A.A.'s future:

To place our common  
welfare first; To keep  
our Fellowship united.

For on A.A. unity  
depend our lives, And  
the lives of those  
to come.

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## Corrections Corner *if there is interest...*

I'm taking a poll. I would like to know if having a "Corrections Corner" in the monthly Pass It On would be helpful to those of you who are involved in taking A.A. meetings into places where a back ground check may or may not be needed.

I received an e-mail from Christine Hearn dated May 5th, 2006 which stated:

Carry the Message! The Youth Diagnostic and Development Center/New Mexico Girls' School (YDDC/NMGS) in Albuquerque needs men and women volunteers to facilitate AA meetings with incarcerated juveniles ages 13—21. Our programming has allotted Sundays at 6:30 pm—7:30 pm for an AA meeting. A preliminary background check will be required. If you are interested in sharing your experience, strength and hope with newcomers, please contact Christine M. Hearn, MA, LPCC, MT-BC  
Psychologist Supervisor  
YDDC/NMGS  
(505) 841-2485

I forwarded this message to Ralph T. at the Correctional Facilities Committee and he suggested that I establish a monthly column dedicated to the Corrections Community. I would be happy to do this if this would be helpful. Please send your comments and suggestions to PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org

*Thanks so much, Sally G., PIO editor*

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## Traditions Checklist *from the AA Grapevine*

**Tradition Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

# Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes *cont. from page 1*

trained on recording which is very helpful to Tom. On the website changes have been made, the PIO is completely on line from March forward. Hits on website that he doesn't have time for are forwarded to CO. Tape to computer recording volunteers are welcome.

Old Business – We will be filing amended bylaws with State as well as change of address.

New Business – Positions available, Secretary and Activities Coordinator for IG Steering Committee. Alix would be willing to switch positions and be Secretary if someone were willing to be Public Information person. We have a critical need to fill these positions as quickly as possible.

Carol from Isleta Club, Sunrise Catchers announced CO Speaker meeting October 21, will have Ralph M. speaking, sponsored by District 3. Potluck at 6:30, speaker at 7:30, St. Timothy's Church. Tom C. announced that the District 3 workshop is on the website and would like to post any other activities on the web bulletin board.

The Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Attendees :

- David C. CO Chair/Dawn Patrol
- Dondo Old 66
- Jim D. Spark of Light
- Peg H. Seniors Seeking Serenity
- Alix K. Sunrise Serenity
- Sally G. PIO/How It Works

- Chris R. Foothills
- Keith M. Lone Rangers
- Hugh M. Live & Let Live
- Lilla V. How It Works
- Al J. Schd. Editor/District 13
- Steve H. Treasurer/Group 164
- Larry M. High Noon
- Kathy H. CO Alt Coordinator
- Michael W. CO Coordinator
- Barbara W. District 11
- Tom C. Media Librarian/Web Chair/New Frontier
- Vanessa T. Isleta Group
- Carol M. Sunrise Catchers
- Martha G. Member AT Large/Cosmopolitan

**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.**

## “Special Needs”

*by Trish R. — Special Needs Chair*

“I am responsible whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.”

Those words remind us of our call to service and how imperative it is to help others achieve sobriety in order to maintain our own sobriety. One of my first lessons in early sobriety is that there are no special AA members; however, there are members of AA with special needs. In my recent experiences, I have come to realize that there is a good deal of confusion about what “special needs” really means. Fortunately for us there are guidelines provided by the General Service Office. For our purposes, special needs means: persons who are blind or visually impaired; deaf or hard of hearing; chronically ill or homebound, and those who are developmentally disabled. In terms of “special needs” the key word is accessibility. The most important way to make AA accessible to AA's with special needs is to become involved with a home group and their group conscience. From such involvement has come the development of accessibility committees or individuals who collaborate with the Special Needs Coordinator of their area steering committee. Guidelines of carrying the message to members with special needs are available and should be used as a tool to develop and implement methods that are appropriate and effective. To learn more about these guidelines and special needs within AA, please attend the July 29<sup>th</sup> District 3 workshop where Special Needs is one of the topics discussed.

The following contributed to Central Office.....

*This data is from May 16 to June 17 and is not inclusive for the entire calendar month!*

**Groups:**

- Bayard Group
- Bikers Non-smoking
- Brownbaggers Group
- Dawning Promises
- Dawn Patrol
- District 11
- Downtown Lunch Bunch
- Free Spirits
- Group 164
- Happy Hour
- High and Dry Smokefree
- Kiva Group
- New Mexico Men's Retreat
- One Day at a Time
- Raymac Group
- Serendipity Group
- Serenity Group
- South Broadway
- Taylor Ranch Fellowship
- Westside Group
- Women In Progress

**Individuals:**

- Anonymous
- Billy
- Chris V.
- Daniel R.
- Grace L.
- Richard M.

**Faithful Fivers:**

- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Al J.        | Merle P.  |
| Catherine A. | Mike D.   |
| Cecelia D.   | Partha B. |
| Daniel O'.   | Ralph T.  |
| Dave N.      | Rojo R.   |
| Edwina B.    | Sarah F.  |
| Ilse G.      | Trudy H.  |
| Jim F.       |           |
| John K.      |           |

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

**May Desk Activity**

	May '06	Apr '06	May'05
	This month	Last month	Last yr
<b>Phone calls</b>	<b>1172</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>1244</b>
Information	979	919	970
12 step request	22	25	30
Al-Anon Info	27	37	23
Message	47	43	53
Other	124	152	168
<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>264</b>
Information	17	16	20
12 step	4	2	2
Al-Anon	2	3	6
Schedules	27	16	24
Purchases	179	120	157
Tapes	4	6	2
Message	2	3	4
Casual	27	19	21
Other	27	26	28
<b>Desk Workers*</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>	
Regulars	52	56	
Substitutes	29	28	
<b>Desk Shifts*</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>170</b>	
Weekdays	138	120	
Weekends	40	50	
<b>Weekday Shifts*</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>120</b>	
Regulars	83% 115	86 % 103	
Substitutes	17 % 23	14 % 17	
<b>Weekend Shifts*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	
Regulars	67.5 % 27	86 % 43	
Substitutes	32.5 % 13	14% 7	
<b>Shifts by Michael*</b>	<b>5/27 hrs</b>	<b>10/36 hrs</b>	
<b>Shifts by Kathy*</b>	<b>13/81 hrs</b>	<b>5/39 hrs</b>	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

\* includes night phone

# Birthdays

## Isleta Group

Jason 6 months  
 Dani Lynn 1 year  
 Raymond H. 1 year  
 Melissa 18 months  
 Pam 2 years  
 Tracy 2 years  
 Pauline 12 years  
 Ilse 25 years

## El Centro

Meghan M 2 months  
 Michael J. 3 months  
 Doreen G. 3 years  
 Paul N. 4 years  
 Linda H. 17 years  
 Brayn H. 17 years  
 Julian H. 26 years  
 Jimmy D. 48 years

## Seeking Serenity Group

**June**  
 Martha Q. 17 years  
**July**  
 Henry 1 year  
 Sandy 4 years  
 Ted U. 12 years  
 Wayne H. 18 years  
**August**  
 Jaime 1 year  
 Leona 1 year  
 Ray 17 years

## Seniors Seeking Serenity

Marjorie G. 7/22/78 28 years  
 Dorothy L. 7/1/79 27 years  
 Mary R. 7/14/80 26 years  
 Ellen H. 7/28/84 22 years

## How It Works

Tammy R. 7 years  
 Yolanda M. 15 years  
 Elena L. 22 years  
 Sally G. 24 years

## High Noon Group

Tom N. 4 years  
 Doug 3B 28 years



# DISTRICT III WORKSHOP

## SERVICE WORK:

**“In and Around the Group Level”**

**GUEST SPEAKER: LORI P.  
 AREA 46 DELEGATE**

Speakers will also discuss:

Bridge the Gap, Convention Service Work, Corrections, Grapevine, Group Commitments  
 Special Needs, and Treatment Facilities

**July 29th, 2006**

**Saturday, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, NM**

**Potluck, Raffle, 7th Tradition  
 Non-Smoking in big room**

**Proceeds will go towards helping fund the 2007 Area State Convention**

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

The 2007 Area 46 State Convention has received \$462.35 in contributions to date.

We would like to thank the following Groups and Districts for their donations:

El Centro  
District 11  
Rio Rancho Beginners Group  
Cosmopolitan  
Anonymous Individuals

We appreciate your help and support.  
Contributions can be mailed to:

2007 Area 46 State Convention  
c/o Dave Tod  
216 Richmond SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87108

For Information or questions on the convention you may send your e-mail to:

2007convention@newmexicoaa.org

Thank You!

Jakki S.  
Convention Chairperson

**July 8, 2006**  
**Districts 3, 11, 12, 13, & 17**  
**Welcomes all to come hear**  
**Lori P.**  
**Present:**

**The 2006 Delegate Report**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**ST. Timothy's Church**  
**Jefferson & Copper**

**Pot Luck at High Noon**

**Area 46 Planning Meeting**  
**1:00 P.M.**

**This is a Fantastic Opportunity:**

- To hear how the general service office (GSO) serves our groups and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole
- How GSO helps us to carry the A.A. message of sobriety
- To meet our delegate
- To meet our Area 46 Trusted Servants
- To meet our Area 46 Committee Chairs

**For more information contact Alan S. @ 892-0144**

### ***Intergroup Speaker Meeting!***

District 13 will host an Intergroup Speaker Meeting on August 26, 2006.

Catherine A., the Area 46 Chair, will be the speaker.

The meeting will be at St. Timothy's Church, Copper and Jefferson NE.

The potluck will start at 6:00 pm followed by the speaker at 7:30.

There will be a raffle.

*See you there!*

### **New Meeting!**

*Native Women AA*

Time: 6:30 -7:30 pm

Location: Morningstar  
1410 San Pedro

Mondays: Open Discussion

Contact: Rosa T. 400-5858  
830-1311

### ***DEADLINE:***

The deadline for the submission of articles, birthdays, and events to the *Pass It On* is now the 15th of the month. *Thank You!*

### **The NMAAWSF**

is now collecting items for the Women's Sobriety Fest Raffle.

Donations do not have to be an "item." Donations of services and time are very popular. Some ideas: Massage/Haircuts/Manicures/Chiropractic/Acupuncture, etc.

Contributions of gift certificates for restaurants, stores, spas, etc., are also favorites. And, if all else fails, CASH contribution ALWAYS go over big!

Please contact one of these Raffle Committee members:  
Rosie F. 280-0489  
Linda S. 301-8902



## District 11 Annual Picnic

# Jemez Falls

550 north to Jemez, Highway 4 through Jemez Pueblo and Jemez Springs. Follow Highway 4 toward Los Alamos to Jemez Falls turn-off. Follow it back through the campground to the picnic area.

Saturday, August 12, 2006

Breakfast -- 8:00 a.m.

District Meeting -- 10:00 a.m.

Lunch\* -- Noon

AA Meeting -- 2:00 p.m.

\* Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring your favorite potluck side dishes!

Activities: hiking, fishing, horseshoes, volleyball, and just plain o'l fellowship.

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Address Correction Requested

Please make a note:  
We've moved!

<b>Pass It On Subscription Only \$7.00 Annually</b>			<p>The Central Office of Albuquerque is open:</p> <p><i>Monday through Friday</i></p> <p><b>8:00 am to 10:00 pm</b></p> <p><i>Saturday and Sunday</i></p> <p><b>9:00 am to 9:00 pm</b></p> <p>• • • • •</p> <p>The Central Office is located two blocks north of Constitution and four blocks east of San Mateo.</p>
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