

Pass It On...

Albuquerque Intergroup Central Office Newsletter

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"We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves." Alcoholics Anonymous "Big Book", Chapter 6: Into Action, page 76

Step 8 "Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

Tradition 8 (Short Form) "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

(Long Form) "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. twelfth step work is never to be paid for."

Concept 8 (Short Form) "The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active Services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities." **(Long Form)** "The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities."

Whose Responsibility?

"An A.A. group, as such, cannot take on all the personal problems of its members, let alone those of non-alcoholics in the world around us. The A.A. group is not, for example, a mediator of domestic relations, nor does it furnish personal financial aid to anyone.

"Though a member may sometimes be helped in such matters by his friends in A.A., the primary responsibility for the solutions of all his problems of living and growing rests squarely upon the individual himself. Should an A.A. group attempt this sort of help, its effectiveness and energies would be hopelessly dissipated.

"This is why -- freedom from alcohol -- through the teaching and practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of the group. If we don't stick to this cardinal principle, we shall almost certainly collapse. And if we collapse we cannot help anyone,"

(Bill W. in a letter written in 1966, over 31 years after his last drink.)

"I am responsible . . .

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

PIO is suffering growing pains of a sort - the AA events calendar (page 6) has almost outgrown the allotted space (no worries, the space will grow to accommodate all pertinent events). The sobriety birthday list (page 5) is receiving more submissions (c'mon, groups, if you don't send me a list I can't include you - let PIO help fellowship members celebrate milestones in sobriety). Last month's Intergroup Rep (marathon?) Meeting Minutes (pages 4, 5 and 7) marks the first time since I've been at PIO that the minutes have taken up more than 2 pages!

Article submissions have dwindled to *none*...it seems that apathy reigns as far as writing is concerned...let's hope (pray) it's not reigning in individual sobriety and recovery! Even the specific appeal for articles on Central Office and being a CO desk worker have produced no results (or inquiries, for that matter). Well...back to GV reprints and such, what a pity.

This month PIO is publishing twice the number of copies as normal in an effort to raise awareness of Central Office, what it does and the importance of participating in Intergroup. Intergroup represents...and Central Office serves... 5 Districts (3,11,12,13 & 18) in Area 46. These districts are home to over 192 AA groups that have over 400 meetings weekly. Wow - I just did the numbers and yes, it took a while... Here's the sad part: only 75 of these groups have contributed to Central Office so far this year (this is where the vast majority of our funding comes from) and only about 25 of these groups are regularly represented at the Intergroup Rep meeting. C'mon, people! I'll be visiting and bringing around copies of PIO to some of your groups this month, especially ones that don't participate in Intergroup - and hopefully I'll find some cool groups I've never been to before, meet some more cool (sober) friends and run into some people I haven't seen in a while :) If you'd like me to come to your group with some copies, please let me know.

Intergroup is, among other things, a forum to facilitate networking, coordinating, communicating and cooperation among Albuquerque area AA groups in order to facilitate our primary purpose - to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Intergroup also serves as the "group conscience" for Central Office. Only 25 of 192 groups are represented at Intergroup... I have been taught that isolating is bad for my sobriety - might it not be a dangerous thing for groups as well? Intergroup Reps meet once a month at 2pm on the 1st Sunday of the month at Brownbaggers - it's not a major commitment to attend, and it can make such a positive difference if you do.

Central Office (CO) serves many vital functions for AA in the Albuquerque area, some of which I'll explain here. We operate a 24/7/365 AA hotline which is often the first point of contact for the still suffering alcoholic. CO is responsible for the website (albuquerqueaa.org) with it's interactive meeting schedule, event calendar and many other interesting & useful features. CO publishes this newsletter and the printed schedules so many rely on. CO is open 7 days a week and offers very reasonably priced AA books, literature and sobriety medallions/coins. CO has a free media library that you can check media (speaker CDs, etc.) out from with a small deposit.

These are just some of the functions of Intergroup and Central Office provide to the fellowship in this area...vital functions that only survive through the work of numerous volunteers and voluntary contributions from individuals and groups in the Albuquerque Area. Look for more in upcoming issues about Central Office & Intergroup. And we'd love to see you at our next Intergroup Rep meeting!

SUBMISSIONS for PIO publication (articles, stories, announcements, flyers, sobriety birthdays, etc.), 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.

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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, St Thomas of Canterbury
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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Service Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to serve as cub reporters during the SWRAASA on October 19th – 21st in Albuquerque. These reporters will attend workshops and write down a few key bullet points for inclusion in the Highlights document to be published and distributed Sunday morning at the event. This approach to documenting a SWRAASA is an experiment and has never been tried before. We need your help to make it successful. The intent is that each reporter will attend one or two workshops as a reporter. We will be holding a workshop / training prior to the event to outline specific goals for this service commitment. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions please contact Brett at bbeaty@arrisdog.com

The New Face of Last Call

We are happy to announce that starting on August 1, 2012, the Last Call Group will begin being held at the Desert Club, 4305 Mesa Grande Place SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108 (505) 265-5526. The meeting will be at the same time, 10:00 pm to 11:30pm. This is a new and exciting chapter for our group and I hope that you are all there to support us and share this journey with us. We would like to thank the Desert Club for opening its doors so that we are able to continue to stick to our primary purpose... and that is to carry the message to the newcomer.

Singleness of Purpose

From Box 459, published bimonthly the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, February/March 2003
by George E. Valiant, M. D. Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee A.A. General Service Board

“Singleness of purpose” is essential to the effective treatment of alcoholism. The reason for such exaggerated focus is to overcome denial. The denial associated with alcoholism is cunning, baffling, and powerful and affects the patient, helper, and the community. Unless alcoholism is kept relentlessly in the foreground, other issues will usurp everybody’s attention.

Mental health workers, however, have great difficulty with A.A.’s Fifth Tradition: “Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.” Since mental health workers often admire the success and geographic availability of Alcoholics Anonymous, they understandably wish to broaden its membership to include other substance abusers. They also note that pure alcohol abuse is becoming less frequent, and polydrug abuse more common. In addition, mental health workers sometimes view singleness of purpose as outmoded and exclusionary. They worry that the Tradition is a holdover from the early days of A.A. and that the young, the poor and the minority with a criminal record will be barred. Besides, when there is no professional drug treatment center or Narcotics Anonymous (NA) group easily available, mental health workers find it hard to understand why A.A., with its tradition of Twelfth Step work, won’t step in and fill the breach.

As both a mental health worker and a researcher, it seems to me that there are two arguments that trump these concerns. First, the Third Tradition of A.A., “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking,” renders A.A. nonexclusionary. Each year A.A. welcomes many thousands of minorities, many thousands of poor, many thousands of alcoholics with coexistent drug problems and tens of thousands of convicts into its membership. Nobody with a desire to stop drinking is excluded.

The second argument, that “Singleness of Purpose” is necessary to overcome denial, is even more compelling. Given a choice, nobody wants to talk about alcoholism. In contrast, drug addiction commands newspaper headlines, research funding and the attention of clinical audiences. After two years of work at the Lexington, Kentucky Federal Narcotics Treatment Center, I, a mere assistant professor, was invited around the world to lecture on heroin addiction. In the late 1990s, as a full professor and after 25 years of research on alcoholism and its enormous morbidity, I was finally asked to give a medical grand rounds on alcohol in my home city. My assigned topic, “Why alcohol is good for your health.” In short, the greatest single obstacle to the proper treatment of alcoholism is denial.

I first began my psychiatric career at a deeply dedicated community health center. The community had voted alcohol abuse as their biggest problem. After its first ten years of operation the center was still confining itself to addressing the community’s most pressing second, third, and fourth problems. No resources at all were devoted to alcohol treatment.

I moved to another community mental health center that had listened to its citizens and had opened an alcohol treatment center. In being asked to fill the position of co-director of the clinic I was the last staff psychiatrist hired by the mental health center. Significantly, I had had no experience with alcoholism, but no one else wanted the job.

Put differently, the experimentally documented success of A.A. in the treatment of alcoholism is in part because A.A. groups are the only place in the world where the focus is on alcoholism and nothing but alcoholism. There is simply no other way to overcome the denial.

God doesn't close one door without opening a better one ...BUT...we've got to get our fingers out of the closing door. The reason you're in pain is because you have your fingers in a door God is trying to close.

- Author Unknown



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 July 8, 2012

Open @ 14:01

Open/ Attendees Morgan D.- Straight Pepper Diet, Michel W.- Too Much for Us, Steve R.- Saturday Night Alive, George B.- Singleness of Purpose, Alli- Singleness of Purpose, Don S.- Tuesday Knights, Christy O.- Promises, Martha M.- Promises, Art L.- El Centro, Peggy A.- Free Spirits, Kris O.- Serenity Group, Erika C.- High Noon Desert Club, Sharon H.- Any Lengths, Alison T.- Straight Pepper Diet, Kristen E.- District 13 Liaison, Cindy B.- Dawn Patrol, Mike W.- Westside AA, George P.- Free Spirits, Bill D.- Seeking Serenity/ District 11, Tom R.- Seeking Serenity, Ashley F.- Alameda Men's Stag, Debra K.- Brown Baggers Women/District 12, Al J.- Still Seeking Serenity, Heather G.- Queer Ideas of Fun, Janet B.- Women in Progress

Amendments to minutes (from June Intergroup Rep. Meeting): 1.) Change Masthead contest closing date from July 21st to July 31st., 2.) Intergroup Lesion should be 'Liaison'. , 3.) Member at Large report bylaws should be done in old business not new business.

Treasurer's Report Total Revenues: \$6,428.70, Cost of Sales: \$1,733.73, Gross Income: \$4,694.97, Expenses: \$4,423.04, Net Income: \$271.93. - I understand it's difficult for people to understand these income statements, so I will try to simplify them. I may also post a pdf that explains them on the web.

Central Office Coordinator List of Group Contributions for June is here. Good coverage for desk, but 1 night shift that floats around and working on getting it covered. Good stock of literature in office - ordered some more. Good to go for state payroll taxes for first part of year. Good for FICA for quarter. Take Back to groups: Going to fill Alternate coordinator position: Prior experience with central office is highly desired. Have 2 applications already.

Alternate Central Office Coordinator (Position currently vacant)

Member at Large Looking at budget questions. Do we need to hire a new alt. coordinator? I am looking at bylaws from around the country. Steering committee is exchanging ideas via e-mail. No decisions made, but looking and discussing all of this is taking place. This is where we are now. Q. So will this be solved by the end of the month? You are asking groups to put in résumés but talking about not filling the position.A. Peggy: I don't know how to answer that. Q. Has there been discussion about weather or not you will hire one, and if so what changes will you make? A. Yes, we have been going over all of these issues, but steering committee did not vote to give us time to go over this, however if Michael feels the need to hire one, he has the right to do that. But the person he wants to hire will need the approval of the steering and rep committee. Michael- It is good to act inline with the bylaws, which is what I am doing. The groups may have something to say about the service structure getting hijacked and overtaken. Peggy- We can change this language in the bylaws today; we are not curtailing services, this is what I want to take a look at. Steering committee is taking place before someone gets hired. But we offer more office hours and work more than other central offices. The biggest groups have at least one full time employee and some have a part time one too. I will look at other offices.This is not a question about how we can make Michael work more, but if we can change the work so he doesn't have to work more in order to run the office if we don't have the money to do it.- Don: It is not correct to state that in order to stay inline with the bylaws as Michael said that he has to hire a new person. It says "if necessary" and maybe it isn't. But it's his job to run the office which is important, and this is the way he sees best. We need to balance the needs of the fellowship with the needs of central office. The issue is money, is it irresponsible to continue running the office if we don't have the money to do it.Ally - So the question is what's good for AA, and what's good for Central office? What kinds of thing does the coordinator need if he can't do it by himself, and can those things be filled by volunteers? I trust the steering committee is taking action and will find a solution.Michael- Q. I remember talking about how to increase revenues? With the new circumstances are we still concerned with that? Michael's job is to collect résumés- we are in charge of how it's organized.Don- Michael is in charge of everything- the steering committee isn't involved in any of it. But we have some financial shortfalls in the future if we keep going this way, but Michael doesn't think so which is why he wants to hire a new person. Jeremy- lets continue with reports, and have this discussion in old business.

Pass it On Editor Submissions have been coming in, thank you. 2 articles needed: 1. "What Central Office Does", 2. "Experience Being a Desk Worker". Looking for authors for each of these. July 31st is deadline for masthead contest. Still looking for submissions. Top 3 will be decided by steering committee. The winner between these 3 will be voted on by Intergroup reps.Will bring up a motion for two extra runs today in old business. Submit group events so I can get them in the calendar.

Media Librarian Only had 12 unreturned CD's, which is the best it has been since I started. Even the ones that are checked out are by regulars.

Web Guardian Broke 3000 web hits from unique web visitors this month. This means over 3000 individuals/ computers visited site. Noticed some links for old PIO issues that are not working. Some of them we don't have, so I will work on getting copies of those.Kris: I noticed some links for the Woman's Sobriety fest are not working.Steve: Desert club link is no longer in existence, so it can be removed.

Schedule Editor Absent -no report.

SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

AA July: Ray, 2 years BLACKOUTS July: Becka C. 1 year CANDLELITE July: Keeling C. 8 years
DESSERT CLUB July: Ashley S. 1 year HAPPY HOUR July: Wendy C., Cecelia & Tim 2 years; Ruby! 3
years; Tom Mc 13 years, Becky D. 23 years HAPPY HOUR/BB July: Big Dave 21 years HIGH NOON
July: Mike S. 16 years ISLETA June: Debra, 9 months; Dino, 1 year; Josh 18 months NATIVE NOON
July: Ms. Marlene T. 11 years NOONERS July: Kathy F. 1 year; R.J.L. 3 years SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE
June: Pam S. 28 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.

Community Outreach Sonny Sampson (at Turquoise Lodge) looking for groups to take a meeting into
Turquoise Lodge- is trying to get more groups that are available. Talk to Don after if interested.

Special Needs Coordinator No report.

OLD BUSINESS Skitch may not be here since he is on-call. Steve- Motion: Next month issue we
double production run in order to reach uninvolved groups. 2nd by Allen. Q. How many do we normally
do? A. 330. And Steve distributes them. Do you really need 300 more? A. we have over 30 groups (in the
Albuquerque Area who aren't represented at Intergroup) so I can take 10 to each. All in Favor. None opposed.
Motion Passes. Discussion about new employee and finances: What is the real issue, has there been a short
fall? We had a short fall last year and that's it. The steering committee needs to have a hold on the finances.
Let's look at money and services. Can the office run on Michael working 40 hours a week? What services
are we providing to the groups? We cannot raise revenues and go to groups saying we need more money
in order to run. Michael- Benefits for having an alternate coordinator is to insure continuity and stability for
the services provided. I am responsible for the way the office is run (phone, desk, bills). This central office
started when the groups in ABQ got together and said they would support the running of an office. We can
look at statistics that show other offices- but some things are an anomaly. If something happened to me,
someone needs to be able to step in and take care of things, not to make sure I am not overworked. Many
things I do, I do out of choice. We have operated in a deficit, so we reduced the prudent reserve. There has
been a focus on money, while this is important, it is not the primary purpose which is crazy making. We can't
focus our energy on the office and money- it takes the focus off our primary purpose which is fellowship and
the alcoholic. I believe we have wandered off in the weeds with our energies- An alternate coordinator helps
maintain a sound reasonable running of the office. Steve: Legally any business which operates 7 days a week
needs management to manage- Michael cannot be there 7 days a week. Yes we had problems with money
last year, but we have had many years where we didn't. Al- It's not shameful to ask groups to support us. We
have always done that. We are working for the groups and need support in order to do that. Also I want to point
out that the view points you are hearing are just a small minority. Deb- we have to reach out to still suffering
alcoholics- half measures avail us nothing. Don- This is about how to run an office. The steering committee
wanted to put together a budget and see how much money comes in. We want a central office- but what
services do we want to pay for? That is the question. We are not trying to instill fear, we just want to get a grip
on how things are run, and what services do we want to pay for? George: 2 out of last 3, and 3 out of last 11
years we have operated in red. Point about continuity Michael brings up is very important. We don't have a
disaster plan? I take self supporting through our own contributions very seriously. Christy: I know previous
treasurer left things in limbo- new treasurer had a hard time in beginning. I'm hearing we want to change how
the office is run. But I think we need to take this slow in order to look at it. I hear some dissension, but we
don't need that. I think we do need the alt. coordinator to help out. Ashley: I gave groups info about looking at
salaries. That was just info- we just want to look at how things are run. Ally- seems there are a lot of opinions-
I don't know what the facts are or if this should even be discussed. There is disunity and I want everyone
to get along. The question of importance is how best we serve the groups? Peggy: This was 1st brought up
because I want a little more time in order to hire a new person. I'm not asking to change things, I just want
more time. I'm asking this intergroup meeting to make a decision for more time. I have already offered my
time, but Michael has so many people helping him out already, so it doesn't feel urgent. Let's take it slow and
maybe a month at a time to discuss these issues. I don't want to fight about this either, but adults can have
issue and disagreements. Steve: Michael has been doing a great job and we have placed our trust in him, if
he thinks hiring a new person is best than we should find a way to afford it. Kristen- I want to understand that
you want a motion to have the applications taken later than august to give you more time? Kris- I add that
if we extend it than we make sure we have the business covered (ie. volunteers to be at office). I think it's
really prudent to take some time, but we only have one person to run. Kristen- I still think we should still take
applications during this time. Peggy: I think the applicants need to know that we are considering the position
and looking at weather we can afford it. Cindy: I think it's always prudent to have a backup- it's not safe to
just have one person who does everything. It is difficult to talk about money and budgets, especially in AA.
But I think we do need to look at this- maybe have a set time frame rather than do it month to month. I think
it's ok to run in the red and ask groups for help when needed. It's discomfoting that the steering committee
have such a discord and it was brought to us in this manner. All- I think the time frame has been established.
We are accepting applications till end of July- we have time to look at position till then. If a motion is made
it's already within the bounds and it has been passed by steering committee to move forward.



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!

Call Central Office today
at 266-1900.

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AA EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday August 4, 2012 District 11 Picnic

Please bring a favorite side dish, dessert, chips, and/or beverage for the lunch potluck.

Meat will be provided by District 11. Campsites may be reserved via recreation.gov.

8:00 am - Breakfast, 12:00 pm - Potluck Lunch, 2:00 pm - Open Meeting; Jemez Falls

Group Area - Directions: From the Jemez Ranger Station, go 7.5 miles north to the junction of State Roads 4 and 126 at La Cueva Lodge. Follow State Road 4 approximately 6 miles east to the campground turnoff on your right (between mile markers 31 and 32). From the turnoff, continue 1.25 miles to Jemez Falls Group Area which is south of the family campground.

Saturday August 4, 2012 15th Annual Full Moon Madness

6 - 10:00 pm; potluck (meat/drinks provided) - please bring a covered dish or desert;

sponsored by District 5 & Beginners group of District 4. White Sands National Monument (see flyer at: <http://newmexicoaa.org/images/pdf/fmm.pdf>)

Thursday August 9, 2012 In The Book Group 5th Anniversary Meeting/Potluck

6pm-8pm, Potluck 6pm, Speaker Ralph 7pm, Destiny Center Church, 4401 Northern Blvd NE, Rio Rancho, 87124

Saturday August 11, 2012 NM State Corrections Orientation

NM State Corrections Orientation (for taking AA meetings inside correctional facilities);

8am - noon, Hoffmantown Church 8888 Harper Dr NE Albuquerque, NM 505-828-2600

Saturday August 11, 2012 Intergroup Speaker Meeting/Potluck

6-9pm, Hosted by District 13, Potluck 6-7pm, Speaker 7-8pm: Dan R., Raffle after the meeting. Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd NE, Albuquerque, 87106

Saturday August 18, 2012 District 3 Picnic

7am - 2pm, breakfast at 7am, lunch 12-1, Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 Highway 314 Los Lunas, NM 87031. Donations of food, beverages & supplies appreciated.

Friday August 17-19, 2012 Camp-O-Rama 2012

3pm Friday - 3pm Sunday, camping, dorm housing, cabins, meetings, potlucks, etc.

Aspendale Mountain Retreat Center, Cloudcroft, NM, 88317.

For more info: http://www.santafeaa.org/Flyer_camp-o-rama.pdf

Saturday August 25, 2012 Happy Hour Group Luau

6pm - midnight; dinner 6pm (\$10 single, \$18 couple); Double Speaker 7:30 pm; Dance

(\$3 single, \$5 couple) 9pm - midnight. Heights Club, Albuquerque

Sunday August 26, 2012 Live & Let Live Group Annual Picnic

11 am. Hot dogs & hamburgers provided - please bring a side dish. Pine Flat Picnic Ground, Cibola National Forest, Tijeras, NM - I-40 East to Tijeras exit 175, then 337 South for 6.9 miles

Saturday September 8 High Noon Group 35th Anniversary Celebration

1:30 - 5:30 pm, speakers 3:30-5; Potluck - hamburgers, hot dogs & drinks provided...

bring a side dish. 2 raffles: 50/50 & donated items. Desert Club, 4305 Mesa Grande SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108

Saturday September 8-9, 2012 Area 46 Assembly

Hosted by District 9. Future Foundations Family Center, 551 Washington Ave., Grants, NM 87020

Friday September 14-16, 2012 Taos Mountain Fiesta

3:30pm Friday - Noon Sunday, meetings, alcahthon, relationship workshop, dance, raffle, etc. Sagebrush Inn, 1508 Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571.

More info: <http://www.taosmountainfiesta.org/>

Friday September 14-16 32nd Annual Tumbleweed Conference

Speakers, meetings, ice cream social, bbq, etc. Lea County Event Center, 5101 Lovington Hwy., Hobbs, NM (see flyer at: <http://newmexicoaa.org/images/pdf/32ndTumbleweedFlyer.pdf>)

Friday September 28-29, 2012 New Mexico Alcoholics Anonymous Women's

Sobriety Fest 2012 25th Annual Celebration All AA and Al-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.

Saturday October 27, 2012 2012 Traditions Conference

8:30am - 2pm, Hosted by District 11, 8:30am: Registration, light breakfast; 9am - noon:

Traditions presentations; 12pm: Potluck lunch (bring a dish to share); 1pm: Speaker;

2pm: Door prize drawing and close; Nativity Church Parish Hall, 9502 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, 87114

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.

June 2012

Monthly Service Activities Report

PHONE CALLS	JUN12	MAY12	JUN11
Information	644	673	693
12-Step	18	17	11
Al-Anon	1	8	10
Message	54	42	44
Other	88	96	89
TOTAL	805	836	847

WALK INS

Information	17	24	12
12-Step	0	1	0
Al-Anon	1	1	1
Get Schedule	8	8	15
Purchase	161	137	164
Media	2	6	0
Message	3	1	2
Casual	29	37	35
Other	25	63	17
TOTAL	246	278	246

ALBUQUERQUEAA.ORG WEB STATS

Unique Visitors	3008	2994	2534
Number of Visits	5971	5768	
Pages	23,332	23,564	

DESK WORKERS*

Regulars	48	50
Substitutes	35	33
TOTAL	83	83

DESK SHIFTS*

Weekdays	126	138
Weekends	45	40
TOTAL	171	178

WEEKDAY SHIFTS*

Worked by Regulars	110(87%)	122(88%)
Worked by Substitutes	16(13%)	16(12%)
TOTAL	126	138

WEEKEND SHIFTS*

Worked by Regulars	36(90%)	34(85%)
Worked by Substitutes	9(10%)	6(15%)
TOTAL	45	40

SHIFTS WORKED BY MICHAEL

4 - 3 hr (12)	12 hrs
1 - 2hr (2)	0
Night - 0	0

TOTAL 14 hours 12 hours

*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

"True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the profound desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God." - Bill Wilson



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George: I'm confused- seems that 2 things are going on here. 1- hiring a new person. 2- Can we afford one? We shouldn't hire someone we cannot afford it. Can you give us a time frame? Peggy- I have not have the time to do the research I want to do. But I also don't see anyone else volunteering to help. I would like to hold off the hiring schedule for another month. Michel- we do have until august. That is another month. Its not about the job I do its about historical and AA experience has worked for some time and I have faith in Higher Power that it will continue to do so. The groups run the office- I do my best to interpret and carry out their wishes. I don't have an agenda- I have a sincere desire to do what you ask me to do. I don't think we need to extend the time. To continue to solely rely on volunteers to help me indefinitely is doing them and the office a disservice. It's already been a month and a half since Kathy died. That is time enough. It's not a burden to me, but to those that are helping me. Kristen- I think we can do research as well as hire a new person. And we will be functioning within the bylaws. Allen- I am uncomfortable hiring someone and letting them go. We can hire a part time and extend time. (Michael: Position is currently part time). Oh- well I disagree with discord- I like the arguing and discussion. Chair entertains a motion. Motion- Peggy: The current job for the alternate coordinator announcement should include statement that position may not be permanent. 2nd. Discussion: No job is permanent. Maybe change the wording to say it could be temporary. Why- this is any job. We don't need to tell them that. 4 in favor- the rest opposed. Any one wish to change vote? None. Motion fails.

New Business:
None

Group Announcements:

Next central office speaker meeting will be 8/11 at 6 at Monte Vista church potluck and Dan R. will speak at 7pm. Chris- Traditions Conference: 10/27. Bill: Happy picnic on 8/4 in Jemez. Heights club 3rd annual Block Party- July 28th @ noon. Food, fun, and live music. Michael- Thank you for 7th tradition to make us fully self supporting.

Close.

CORRECT OUR MISTAKES

Bill W. wrote,:

“In the years ahead A.A. will, of course, make mistakes. Experience has taught us that we need have no fear of doing this, providing that we always remain willing to admit our faults and to correct them promptly. Our growth as individuals has depended upon this healthy process of trial and error. So will our growth as a fellowship.

Let us always remember that any society of men and women that cannot freely correct its own faults must surely fall into decay if not into collapse. Such is the universal penalty for the failure to go on growing. Just as each A.A. must continue to take his moral inventory and act upon it, so must our whole Society if we are to survive and if we are to serve usefully and well.”

(A.A. Comes of Age, pg .231)

OUR SINGLE PURPOSE

“There are those predict that A.A. may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of A.A. must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us – that is, if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of A.A., and if we commenced to behave accordingly.

Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody.”

(Bill W. – A.A. Comes of Age, pg. 232)

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