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Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

Dave C. (CO-Chair) called meeting to order with Serenity Prayer. Introductions all around.

Secretary – Brian H. –
Review of the minutes for the October Intergroup Committee Meeting as published in November's *Pass It On*. Minutes accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report – Steve H –
Balances statement – Good shape.
Income statement – Good shape.
Contributions – Group contributions have been strong this year. Sales/Other Income – Strong. Expenses – Pretty standard this month. In the black for the month; in the black for the year. Treasurer's Report accepted as read, by acclamation.

CO Coordinator – Michael W –
Activities Report – Back up to strength on the desk; as a result, Kathy & Michael worked fewer desk/phone shifts (yay!). Fewer 12-step calls in Oct. All night phones are covered (thanks!). Always on the lookout for substitute desk workers; call Central Office to arrange training session. Large literature order in process; chip order will be placed shortly.

Alt. CO Coordinator – Kathy –
Thank you to all volunteers for helping us to get (and keep) all desk/phone shifts covered.

Activities Coordinator – Melissa –
Central Office Alkathon coming up: 12 noon, December 31, through 12 noon, January 1 at the Heights Club. 17 meetings are scheduled; 9 meetings remain to be scheduled. This year's Alkathon will likely be the *last* New Year's Alkathon to

be held at the Heights Club. As the end of an era, we are hoping for a great turnout throughout the event, especially the Midnight Sobriety countdown and the raffle. Service positions (security, housekeeping, general support) are available, if you or your group would like to take responsibility for a service position at the Alkathon. If your group would like to donate food/materials/supplies for the Alkathon, please drop off at Central Office. Contact Melissa C. to sign up for a meeting or service positions in support of the Alkathon.

InterGroup Speaker Meeting at St. Timothy's on February 10 (speaker Ralph T.) Potluck at 6 pm; meeting at 7:30pm. Please donate items suitable for raffle at Central Office. This meeting will benefit the 2007 Area Convention.

Member At Large – Martha –
Alkathon Raffle tickets selling well; thanks so much. Tickets are still available; contact Martha or Central Office. Raffle tickets (\$1 each, 6 for \$5). Will be staffing a UNM Health Event at Zimmerman Plaza on Wednesday (11/15/06).

Pass It On editor – Sally –
Printed 100 fewer copies this month; will see if this cuts down on surplus. The 2-sided calendar insert might be published in next issue. Thanks for submissions to Corrections Corner and Birthdays. *PIO* always welcomes submissions (articles, columns, games, etc.).

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Schedule Editor – Al J. – New

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**Does your home group have an intergroup representative?
Call Central Office to find out more about this important service position.**

(See article on page 5)

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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.

Don't Miss This—Mark Your Calendars!!!

District 11 is hosting a Corrections Workshop

January 20, 2007

9 am - 2 pm

at Harwood Methodist Church
(where El Centro meets)
420 San Lorenzo NW

Potluck at noon - Special speakers:

Ralph T., Rojo R., and Mark T.

Information and discussion about taking meetings behind bars. No previous jail time necessary! For more information contact:

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Traditions Checklist

from the AA Grapevine

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

Central Office Meeting Minutes cont.

schedules in process; will likely be published by early December. Please submit schedule changes to Central Office as soon as you are aware of the changes, so as to not miss the rolling publication deadline. At InterGroup Meetings: Schedules are 6 for \$1.

Public Information/Non-AA Speaker – Report on filling in for some of the Public Information/Non-AA Speaker events that had come up and been:

- starting a meeting at SIPI
- visiting a middle school health class
- UNM psychology class

Thanks to Al J., Martha, and Don for covering these events.

Web Guardian – Tom C –Latest schedule updated; implemented a new searchable database, though not editable at present. The most current schedule is the older format. E-mail addresses are current. Bulletin Board has new entries. Will likely post the Alkathon meeting schedule online as soon as it is ironed out. The website address <albuquerqueaa.org> is published in *Pass It On*.

OLD BUSINESS –

OFFICE PHONES: Shifting local phone/long-distance/broadband service is still being researched. Seeking a reasonable and comprehensive plan. Will keep looking.

OPEN POSITIONS:

Feedback solicited from groups about the prospect of combining the “Public Information” and “Non-AA Speaker Requests” positions for the duration of the current term. This

merge would be revisited upon elections for the new term of service. Discussion: most of the requests are from non-Alcoholic organizations or groups, so it does make sense for logistical and institutional reasons. Motion made to combine positions under the umbrella Community Outreach Coordinator. Motion accepted by acclamation.

Open Positions on the InterGroup Office Steering Committee include

- Community Outreach Coordinator (merging responsibilities of Public Information/Non-AA Speaker Requests positions)

- Special Needs Chair

Members of the InterGroup Central Office Steering Committee must be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous with previous or current experience with the Central Office and having at least two (2) years of continuous sobriety. In addition to the responsibilities of the position, service on the Steering Committee obliges regular attendance at monthly InterGroup Meetings (2 pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month; at the Desert Club) as well as at Steering Committee meetings (7 pm on the Monday before the 2nd Sunday of each month; at the Desert Club).

If a member of the Steering Committee misses two (2) consecutive meetings, without prior notice, the position is automatically vacated and open for re-election.

We need to fill these positions. Please consider nominating someone, or standing for nomination yourself, for either of these important open positions. Complete descriptions of the positions are available at Central Office.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BrownBaggers Holiday Party: Saturday, December 9, 6-9pm at BrownBaggers' former location (church at NW corner of Montgomery and Carlisle). Serenity Group, Traditional Christmas Dinner Meeting. Monday, December 18, 6:30pm at St. Michael's Church (Montano near 4th).

District 11 sponsoring a Corrections Workshop. Saturday, January 20, 9 am-2 pm @ Harwood Methodist Church. (4th @ San Lorenzo NW.)

Plans for 50th Anniversary Area Convention (June 2007) are happening. Please register, reserve rooms, and plan to participate. Help make the 50th NM Area Convention a memorable success!

ATTENDEES:

Kathy H. (CO Alternate Coordinator)
 Michael W. (Coordinator)
 David C. (InterGroup Chair/Dawn Patrol)
 Melissa C. (CO Activities/Early Birds)
 Peg H. (Seniors Seeking Serenity)
 Dennis M. (Isleta)
 Janis B. (Seeking Serenity)
 Maggie H. (Ladies Room)
 Al J. (Schedule Editor/District 13)
 Kathleen J. (Staying Sober at Sunrise)
 Steve H. (CO Treasurer/Tuesday Knights)
 Eric B. (Tuesday Knights)
 Tom C. (CO Web Guardian/New Frontier)
 Barbara W. (District 11/Taylor Ranch Fellowship)
 Jay W. (Beginner's Meeting Rio Rancho)
 Paul M. (Foothills)
 Alan S. (Area 46 Convention 2007)
 Billy B. (Fellowship Group)
 Martha G. (CO Member-At-Large/Cosmopolitan)
 Beverly D. (Cosmopolitan)
 Sally G. (*Pass It On* editor/How It Works)
 Lilla V. (How It Works)
 Nance C. (Any Lengths)
 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 following contributed to Central Office.....

This data is from September 17 to October 25 and is not inclusive for the entire calendar month!

Groups:	Faithful Fivers:
ABC Group	Al J.
A New Freedom	Beverly D.
Corrales Smokefree	Catherine A.
Cosmopolitan Group	Cecelia D.
Dawn Patrol	Dan O'.
Del Norte Breakfast Group	Dave N.
Free Spirits	Emma D.
Isleta Group	Ilse G.
Seniors Seeking Serenity	Jim F.
Staying Sober at Sunrise	John K.
Sunday Night Serenity	Karen R.
Vaya con Dios, T or C	Merle P.
	Nance C.
	Partha B.
	Phil & Barbara C.
Individuals:	Ralph T.
Anonymous	Rojo R.
Dave F.	Sarah F.
Kathy H.	Trudy H.
Melissa C.	

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

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 Central Office.**

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September Desk Activity

	Sep '06	Aug '06	Sep '05
	This month	Last month	Last yr
Phone calls	1150	1243	1147
Information	968	1008	896
12 step request	52	20	21
Al-Anon Info	23	35	15
Message	54	55	49
Other	53	125	166
Walk Ins	252	290	239
Information	16	25	19
12 step	2	2	1
Al-Anon	4	0	2
Schedules	22	21	26
Purchases	146	177	147
Tapes	1	4	1
Message	1	2	1
Casual	25	37	26
Other	35	41	16
Desk Workers*	89	80	
Regulars	58	52	
Substitutes	31	28	
Desk Shifts*	171	178	
Weekdays	126	138	
Weekends	45	40	
Weekday Shifts*	126	138	
Regulars	81% 102	83 % 115	
Substitutes	19 % 24	17 % 23	
Weekend Shifts*	45	40	
Regulars	77.8 % 35	62.5 % 25	
Substitutes	22.2 % 10	38.5% 15	
Shifts by Michael*	10/52 hrs	16/70 hrs	
Shifts by Kathy*	8/31 hrs	12/64 hrs	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

* includes night phone

Birthdays!!!!

Seniors Seeking Serenity

Julia C. 12/4/80 26 years
Hal M. 12/17/04 2 years

Seeking Serenity Group

Kate M. 18 months
Bobby Y. 18 years

High Noon Group

Larry M. 2 years
John B. 28 years

Isleta Group

Terry 9 months
Frank C. 2 years
Mario 4 years
Ray G 6 years
Mario 7 years
Joe 27 years

El Centro Group

Meghan M 30 days
Jacob D 5 years
Mike 7 years
Don S 11 years
Bill H 22 years

Cosmopolitan Group

Christine L. 12/4/94 12 years
Mark B. 1/11/04 3 years



excerpts from the A.A. Guidelines

Getting Under Way

Each group in the community is asked to send both a representative and an alternate representative to a special meeting to form a central office committee (also called a steering committee in some places). In large communities, it is sometimes necessary to divide the group into zones, with a zone representative serving several groups. Once formed, the committee takes over the responsibility for the project and outlines its aims and purposes for approval by the participating groups. Such an outline might cover these points:

1. Listing of all groups in the community that want to participate.
2. A reminder that financial support is voluntary and not a condition of membership (in keeping with A.A. Tradition).

3. A clear explanation that responsibility for the maintenance of the service office rests with the groups. Therefore, each group should name a central office representative and an alternate to serve a specified term as the connecting link between the group and its central office.
4. A summary of the functions of the central office and an explanation of how it will be staffed and operated.
5. A discussion of how the service office will handle such vital matters as inquiries from newcomers, relations with the press, and similar duties.
6. Assurance that the service center will be operated in keeping with the A.A.'s Twelve Traditions

Group Representation at a Central Office

Service centers usually have no authority on their own account; they derive it from the participating groups. Local group representatives reflect the groups' conscience in the service center operations.

In most communities, a central office committee or steering committee is set up to handle the administration activities of the service office. The steering committee holds regularly scheduled meetings and deals with general policy and plans. Periodically, the steering committee reports to group representatives on central office problems and accomplishments. It is extremely important to keep a two-way flow of information going between the central office and groups.

Announcements, reminders, etc.....

Special Message from the Area 46 2007 Convention Chairperson

Hi all! We would like to thank all of the groups and districts for donating and holding fund raisers for the convention. We are offering free registration, and all of the donations and contributions go towards helping us make this happen. We are all very grateful to those that are taking part. Your donations and contributions are carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, and for that, we thank you.

We have an opening for the Al Anon Chair position. This position would be responsible for acting as a liaison between AA and Al Anon, and would help them in scheduling a speaker for the convention, and assisting them with any other functions they would like to have at the convention.

Our Coffee Committee is requesting the use of large coffee makers. If your group has one that we may borrow, please let **Chris H.** know. He is also requesting that groups offer to donate 3 lb. cans of coffee, regular or decaf, along with sugar, creamer, cups, etc. His contact info is 286-2682 or hoffhouse@peoplepc.com.

Our next meeting is December 16th, at St. Timothys at 1:30 PM. Please come and join us, we need you!

Jakki S.

Convention Chair

2007convention@newmexicoaaorg

In support of the 2007
Area 46 Convention

Emotional Sobriety Workshop

Led by Polly P. (Stanwood, WA)

Saturday, February 17th, 2007
9 am - 4 pm

Sombra Del Monte Church
2525 Vermont Street NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

This event is registration free. However, all proceeds will go to support the 2007 Area 46 Convention. Please donate generously when the basket is passed.

We will take a long lunch, so friends, new and old, can go hang out.

If you want to bring some snacks to share - that would be great.

Contact: Steve T. (505) 888-9786

Attention!!!

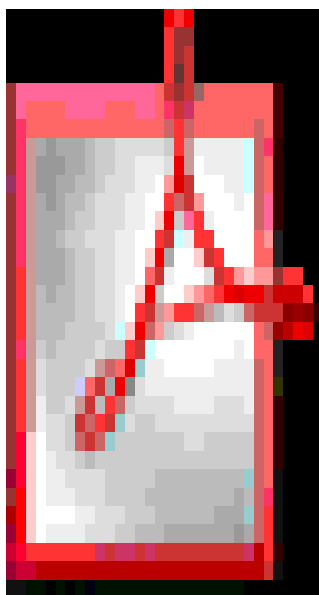
Spark of Light has moved to the Desert Club from the Heights Club. The hours and days are the same. This meeting meets everyday from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm.

See You There!

2007 Area 46 State Convention

contributions can be mailed to:

2007 Area 46 State Convention
c/o Dave Tod
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