

# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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## Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes

*Submitted By Martha G. (Member at Large) and Brian H. (Secretary) 11.11.07*

### **David C. – Chair**

David opened the meeting at 2:08 pm.

### **Brian H. - Secretary's Report:**

Review of September InterGroup Committee meeting Minutes as published in *Pass It On*. Minutes accepted by acclamation.

### **Steve H. - Treasurer's Report:**

In the black for the month of October, still in red for the year. Literature and chip sales are high. Treasurer's Report accepted by acclamation.

*7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Basket Passed*

### **Michael W. – Coordinator's Report :**

A light month in terms of traffic. Some night phone volunteers have emerged at the group level. Still some day shifts requiring coverage; contact Central Office for details on current openings. Coordinator's report accepted by acclamation.

### **Kathy – Alt. Coordinator's Report:**

Nothing to report.

### **Melissa – Activities Coordinator:**

Several upcoming fundraisers have been scheduled to benefit Central Office. InterGroup Speaker – 12/15 – at St. Timothy's (potluck at 6:00 pm; speaker at 7:30 pm; raffle after meeting). Alkathon plans are well underway. NY Nancy has volunteered as co-coordinator and an Alkathon planning committee is being formed to help with all the various things that still need to be done. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and childcare. Alkathon

Tickets & Flyers are available from Activities Coordinator and at Central Office. Also, seeking donation of cases of bottled water.

### **Martha G. – Member at Large:**

Nothing to report.

### **Sally – *Pass It On* editor:**

Not much to report. No editorial content in this upcoming issue, but plenty of announcements/information. Please submit announcements and other content for upcoming issues of *Pass It On*. Deadline, 15th of the month.

### **Al J. – Schedule Editor:**

At work on his "last" Schedule as Editor. Thanks, Al, for all your devoted service!

### **John – Community Outreach:**

Community Outreach successfully supported three different events last month: National Health Education Day at UNM; "Red Ribbon Day"; Mental Health Fair at all four CNM campuses; appropriate "anonymous" coverage in *The Tribune*; Youth Detention Center – Central Office has donated literature and pamphlet donation in support this meeting.

### **Grace – Media Librarian:**

Media transfer (audio tape to cd) is ongoing; volunteers always welcome.

### **Peggy – Special Needs:**

Nothing to report.

### **Tom C. – Web Chairperson:**

Complete schedule online; very close to having outside link to google maps.

### **Old Business –**

No old business.

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### **The Twelve Concepts:**

A.A.'s Twelve Steps are principles for personal **recovery**. The Twelve Traditions ensure the **unity** of the Fellowship. Written by co-founder Bill W. in 1962, the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve .

See page 3 for the complete list of the Twelve Concepts

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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.*

Brian V. is the new coordinator for meetings at the Bernalillo County Metro Detention Center (MDC). With 4 men's and 3 women's meetings at MDC each week, Brian will be busy keeping the volunteer pool full and making sure that sufficient volunteers are scheduled for each meeting. New volunteers can be oriented quickly since MDC conducts training on the first Thursday of every month at 8:30 am. For more information, call Brian at 833-0795 or e-mail [brian@utla.net](mailto:brian@utla.net).

Camino Nuevo Correctional Center is the State Women's Prison located in Albuquerque. Currently, two meetings are held each month in the Therapeutic Community (TC) and there is potential for general inmate population speaker meetings in 2008. On November 2, graduation was held for women in the Camino Nuevo TC. Charles King (Chief of Addiction Services Bureau, New Mexico Department of Corrections) attended and it was an inspirational time for everyone. Area Corrections extends thanks to Camino Nuevo coordinators Gwen T. and Janis B. as well as the group of volunteers who have carried the message for the past year.

Men and women volunteers are still needed for the Thursday 10:00 am meeting at the Kirtland Air Force Base brig. The holidays are upon us. Give yourself the gift of service; get involved; help another alcoholic. Call Rick R. (235-6787) or Kerry G. (350-2935) for more information.

Congratulations to Rojo R. who has been selected as the Area 46 Corrections Chair for the next two years. Rojo is the current Area Treasurer and has been a corrections volunteer at the Bernalillo County Metro Detention Center for many years.

Yours in service,  
Ralph T.

### **The shadow of fear** *from Tucson, Arizona:*

When my A.A. sponsor helped me through the Fourth and Fifth Steps, I learned that fear is like a shadow that's just behind resentment. Over ten years ago, I felt that my obsessive-compulsive disorder made me nothing but a worthless failure, even though I was sober. My sponsor wanted to know if I was doing my best to live a sober life. I said, "Yes." He said that to continue, I must get over my resentments.

Today, the Twelve Steps and our Fellowship have inspired me to no longer think of myself as mentally ill. Instead, I think of myself as having a mental challenge that can be overcome--as long as I'm sober. I have even learned that it is possible to be successfully obsessive. I am obsessive that I stay sober and live spiritually fit for today, no matter what challenges life brings me.

*Bruce K. (Grapevine Dec. 2005)*

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### **Albuquerque Area Business Meetings**

**Intergroup Rep Meeting**  
2:00 pm, 2nd Sunday  
Desert Club

**District 3**  
2:00 pm, 2nd Saturday  
call the DCM for location

**District 11**  
9:00 am, 2nd Saturday  
Harwood Methodist Church  
420 San Lorenzo NW (at 4th)

**District 12**  
9:30 am, 2nd Saturday  
Heights Club

**District 13**  
10:00 am, 2nd Sunday  
Desert Club

**District 18**  
9:30 am 4th, Sunday  
Rio West Church  
6751 Pasilla Rd., RR, NM  
(starting January 2008)

# Central Office Meeting Minutes *cont.*

## New Business –

Thanks to Maggie H, Janis B, and Darrell R for all the help on the *Nominating Committee*. All positions are open for nomination: Schedule Editor, Treasurer, and possibly Secretary will be vacant. Qualifications include two years sobriety, a home group, experience with Central Office or InterGroup (including experience from another Central Office or InterGroup). Recruitment ongoing.

## Special Announcements –

Soberman Blues (November 16) a benefit for InterGroup – at Continuing Education Building, 7:30 pm.

Brownbaggers will be moving. Thanksgiving is being served at the Heights Club.

New meeting: “Straight Pepper Diet” – Fridays – 8:00 pm –

Desert Club.

*Dave closed the meeting at 3:05 pm with the Third Step prayer.*

## ATTENDEES:

David C. – InterGroup Chair/Dawn Patrol

Louisa G. – Desert Club

Steve H. – Treasurer/Alameda Stag

Al J. – Schedule Editor/District 13

Kris H. – Dawn Patrol

John S. – Community Outreach/BrownBaggers

Paula G. – Any Lengths

Dondo – Old66

Nancy N. – Alcathon Co-Chair/

Seeking Serenity

Melissa C. – Activities Chair/El Centro

Peg H. – Seniors Seeking Serenity

Kathy H.– Alt Coordinator/Metropolitan

Michael W. – Coordinator/

Mountainside AA

Tom C. – Web Guardian/

Basement Steps

Jason K. – Sunday Young People’s

Grace L. – Media Librarian/Free Spirits

Lisa S. – Sunday Young People’s

Peggy A. – Special Needs/Women on Wednesday

Sally G. – *Pass It On/How It Works*

Wendy J. – Serendipity

Martha G. – Member at Large/Cosmopolitan

Beverly D. – Cosmopolitan

Greta S. – Ladies Room

***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 Twelve Concepts (Short Form) *Alcoholics Anonymous pages 574 and 575*

*Continued from page 1:*

The "short form" of the Concepts, which follows, was prepared by the 1974 General Service Conference.

- I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- II. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
- III. 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."
- IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- V. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- VI. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
- VII. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
- VIII. 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.
- IX. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- XI. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualification, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- X. The conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

**The following contributed to Central Office.....**

*This data is from October 1 to October 31 and is inclusive for the entire calendar month!*

**Groups:**

- Beginners Group
- Belen City Group
- Corrales Smokefree
- Cosmopolitan Group
- Dawn Patrol
- Dawning Promises
- East Mountain Group
- Foothills Group
- Isleta Group
- Happy Hour Group
- Live and Let Live
- Lone Rangers
- Monday Night Live
- New Frontiers
- Rio Amigos
- Sandia Serenity
- Seniors Seeking Serenity
- Share the Legacy
- Staying Sober at Sunrise
- Step Along with AA
- Vaya con Dios
- Westside Noon

**Individuals:**

- Anonymous
  - Ed and Julia B.
  - Robert U.
- Faithful Fivers:**
- Al J.
  - Andy & Pam B.
  - Beverly D.
  - Catherine A.
  - Cecelia D.
  - Dan O'.
  - Don C.
  - Emma D.
  - Geraldine C.
  - Ilse G.
  - Jim F.
  - Mary Ann Mc.
  - Melissa C.
  - Mike D.
  - Phil & Barbara C.
  - Ralph T.

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

**Oct. 07 Desk Activity**

	Oct '07	Sep '07	Oct. '06
	This month	Last month	Last yr.
<b>Phone calls</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1154</b>
Information	817	994	921
12 step request	7	19	22
Al-Anon Info	13	25	31
Message	34	34	46
Other	140	50	134
<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>226</b>
Information	17	24	18
12 step	4	3	2
Al-Anon	0	0	0
Schedules	10	0	20
Purchases	141	142	133
Tapes	0	2	3
Message	0	0	4
Casual	28	37	24
Other	34	28	22
<b>Desk Workers*</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>91</b>	
Regulars	52	52	
Substitutes	38	39	
<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% 114	83% 100	
Substitutes	17% 24	17% 20	
<b>Weekend Shifts*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	
Regulars	70% 28	72% 36	
Substitutes	30% 12	28% 14	
<b>Shifts by Michael*</b>	<b>9/39 hrs</b>	<b>11/70 hrs</b>	
<b>Shifts by Kathy*</b>	<b>6/34 hrs</b>	<b>4/11 hrs</b>	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

\* includes night phone

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## It's Ours. We Own It. We're Responsible For It.

*taken from The Nightcap, San Antonio, TX (June 2005)*

What is it? I am speaking of AAWS (Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.), an indispensable organization that is a part of and wonderfully supports our General Service Office (GSO). AAWS is our publishing company. Why am I writing this? There are various companies selling copies of the Big Book that do not come from AAWS. This means that for every book sold through these companies, we're losing, little by little, our own vital financial lifeblood. While we certainly have the right to purchase from whom we choose, I would like to address everyone in an attempt for us all to be fully informed before we make the decision about where we buy our Big Books.

Did you know all the services our GSO performs on behalf of A.A. groups are partly fund by the sale of our literature? GSO does for us what we cannot do for ourselves, in a manner of speaking. Providing a publishing company (AAWS) that publishes all or our conference-approved literature is one of those services we cannot do for ourselves. GSO now has the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous translated into 53 languages. Much of our other literature (conference-approved books and pamphlets) is also translated into various languages. Our message is being carried worldwide by GSO through the efforts of AAWS. This is our publishing company, and we need to continue to support these efforts by purchasing from ourselves. Many of our fellow AA's may not realize how financially important their purchase of AAWS literature is. Their, and our, purchase of our literature through AAWS helps provide for an invaluable archive, providing services for Loners and Internationalists, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community,

Correctional Facilities, Treatment Facilities, conducting our A.A. International Convention, general correspondence and service material, International and World Service meetings. General Service Conference, A.A. Regional Forums. Spanish Services and the A.A. Grapevine. This is a lot! It is obvious we need to continue to support ourselves through the purchase of our literature. What happens if we don't? Services will be cut, and where would we start cutting?

Here is what Bill W. had to say about purchasing literature from our own organizations: "Some of us have another concern, and this is related to so-called book "profits." The fact that A.A. headquarters and most of the groups sell books for more that they cost is thought to be spiritually bad. But is this sort of noncommercial book income really a profit after all? In my view, it is not. This net income to the groups and to A.A.'s General Services is actually the sum of a great many contributions which the book buyer make to the general welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous. The certain and continuous solvency of our world services rests squarely upon these contributions. Looked at in this way, our Reserve Fund is seen to be actually the aggregate of many small financial sacrifices made by the book buyers. This fund is not the property of private investors; it is wholly owned by A.A. itself." *taken from The A.A. Service Manual, Warranty two, pages 67 & 68.*

While I've talked so much about money, this is about so much more. Here's why: We lost the copyright to the first edition of the Big Book. That explains why other companies can publish our book, and they can do it cheaper because they do not have all the above services to our fellow A.A.'s attached to the cost. By purchasing a Big Book from our AAWS, we help ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous and all of the services GSO for us, will be here for those who follow our footsteps.

Our Regional Trustee, Gary K., has made the following statement on this

topic: "I cannot obviously speak for the AAWS Board. Any AA Group, through its (hopefully informed) group conscience, can purchase literature of any kind and character from any source it chooses. As servants we do not govern. Most of us in AA agree that is it BEST that we try to purchase books etc. from AAWS, Inc. for the reasons you stated, but perhaps more importantly for the service the dollars spent of AA literature help to provide, this due to the fact that the Groups do not fully support the services they have requested GSO provide. There are, near as we can tell, approximately 13 outside entities producing our book (albeit the first edition) in various and sundry form (including variants on the original manuscript). Some, like AP, insist they are AA groups, making them virtually immune to any adverse action from AAWS except if currently copyrighted materials are involved. These entities, if they are groups, are working outside the conscience of AA as a whole. Keep in mind that many years ago the groups delegated the literature publishing operations for the Fellowship (first to Works Publishing, now AAWS, Inc.). These efforts to publish our basic text, regardless of edition, in my mind are efforts to derail the group conscience for AA as a whole. It is indeed a sad state of affairs when these folks seemingly with impunity, go outside the process to do what they want to do. It's an example of how self-centered we really can be at times. I can only hope that by continuing to educate our Fellowship about how the dollars spent for AAWS literature go towards supporting our service office and structure, and help provide basic services to the groups and members, a situation which these other entities have less than no interest in. This year, we pared about \$850,000 out of the operating budget to hold down price increases on all books except the Big Book (you will recall a restoration was implemented last year, taking the list

## Announcements, Reminders, Birthdays, etc.

### Seniors Seeking Serenity Group

Julia C.	12/4/80	27 years
Hal M.	12/17/04	3 years
Dale M.	12/9/06	1 year

### The Ladies Room

Marie O.	2 years
Mary S.	2 years

### Cosmopolitan Group

Steve R.	10-23-06	1 year
Christine L.	12-4-94	13 years

### Isleta Group

Angel	1 year
John	1 year
Frank	3 years
Fidel	4 years
Mario	5 years
Ray G.	7 years
Tom	19 years

### El Centro Group

Ernest V.	8 years
Jeanie L.	17 years
Tommy	7 years
Francis	7 years
Roberta	3 months
Sally F.	23 years
Jesse	9 months

### No Home Group Listed

Connie G.	10/8/78	29 years
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price to \$6 on this book).

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### *It's Ours.....continued.*

I still believe in my heart that if the groups were to demonstrate their responsibilities to AA as a whole by fully supporting GSO through contributions, the price of literature, over time, would come down to a point hopefully where it was sold at near-cost. At these prices, there is very little economic incentive for outsiders to publish our books. That, in the end, might be the only way to dissuade these folks from continuing in these disruptive endeavors."

Our co-founder, Bill W., and Regional Trustee, Gary K., point out how important it is to support the organization --our--organization--which has saved our lives. The Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Central Office requires that we purchase all our conference-approved literature from AAWS. San Antonio is so privileged to be the host city for the 2010 A.A. International Convention. Let's show

Grace L., the **Central Office Media Librarian** could use your help! Volunteers are needed! Call **Grace** at 315-0333 if you might be interested. (or leave a message at Central Office, 266-1900)

## Hear the "electrifying" story of Mike E!

(sorry Mike, I couldn't help it)

at the  
Central Office Intergroup Speaker Meeting  
hosted by District 13

When: Saturday December 15th

Where: St. Timothy's (corner of Jefferson and Copper)

What time: 6:00 potluck

Speaker at 7:30 with a raffle to follow

See you there!!!!

I would be happy to print just about anything in the *Pass It On....*(sources need to be verified.) A deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month. Remember, the *Pass It On* is distributed to groups on the second Sunday of every month at the intergroup meeting. So, if you want your information published, submit early. Thanks!  
Sally G., PIO editor

### District 18

#### District Meeting:

Rio West Church  
6751 Pasilla Road NE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87144  
9:30 AM 4th Saturday

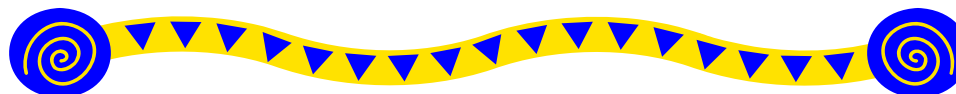
#### Please Note New Date!

12/15/07 - Planning Meeting:  
Nominating/Elections/  
Appointments of Committee  
Chairs



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