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Practically every A.A. member declares that no satisfaction has been deeper and no joy greater than in a Twelfth Step job well done. To watch the eyes of men and women open with wonder as they move from darkness into light, to see their lives quickly fill with new purpose and meaning, to see whole families reassembled, to see the alcoholic outcast received back into his community in full citizenship, and above all to watch these people awaken to the presence of a loving God in their lives -- these things are the substance of what we receive as we carry A.A.'s message to the next alcoholic. - *Twelve and Twelve, Step 12, page 110*

Step 12 Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12 (Short Form) Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. (*Long Form*) And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

Concept 12 (Short Form) 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, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action. (*Long Form*) General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principal; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

CO/IG WEBSITE CHAIR NEEDED

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the Albuquerque Central Office steering committee for the last 4 years as Website Chair. During my two 2-year terms, I have learned much about service, patience, and working with others. I have met dozens of other alcoholics I doubt I would have had the pleasure to meet had it not been for this opportunity.

I am going to miss the regular updates to the meeting schedule and media library, and sending the Pass It On via email list every month. I'll be sure to continue to check the news and events page to keep up to date on what is happening in the Albuquerque AA community. This service position kept me connected to AA and to other sober alcoholics, but most importantly, it kept me sober.

It's time for me to pass the baton to the next person in the spirit of rotation. The Intergroup is still looking for someone to carry the message through our website, Albuquerqueaa.org. If you are that person, you have at least 2 years of sobriety, a home group, and a sponsor, we look forward to hearing from you. Please step up for the Albuquerque area AA web site and for yourself and your sobriety.

If you have questions about the position, please email me at web@albuquerqueaa.org. To volunteer for this position, please attend the Intergroup meeting on December 14 at 2:00 pm at Brownbaggers, 3939 San Pedro NE.

- Alli

FROM THE EDITOR

Pass It On is in dire need of sobriety-oriented articles written by locals to publish. Reprints from Grapevine have just become much more difficult to obtain and less practical to publish because of new "reprint" requirements from the Grapevine itself designed to maintain copyright protection. There is only a limited amount of "conference approved literature" that can be republished in PIO, and unless you want to start seeing the same articles over and over and over and over - get writing!

Sobriety Birthday submissions were notably down this month. And to those submitting sobriety birthdays: please submit your list in order by length of sobriety. It makes it much easier editorially, and this job is complex enough without having to do extra work.

Articles by locals are much more interesting than reprints and show what's going on in our AA community, whether it be events or trains of thought. If you're interested in writing an article, or have one to submit, feel free to email me at passiton@albuquerqueaa.org.

Central Office is currently experiencing a **shortage of Substitute Desk Workers**. If you're looking for some service work, or have some spare time to devote to a good cause, working a short desk shift (usually 3 hours or so) at Central Office manning the phones is a great way of carrying the message and of getting more connected with AA. Call Central Office at 266-1900 or email Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org for more information.

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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 - 10:15 am, 2nd Saturday,
Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE in Rm
#3

District 13 - 10 am, 2nd Saturday, St
Thomas of Canterbury (2nd floor)
425 University Blvd NE (1 blk N of
MLK Blvd)

District 18 - 10:30am, 2nd Saturday,
United Methodist Church, 136 West
Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo

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29TH ANNUAL INTERGROUP/CENTRAL OFFICE AAWS/AAGV SEMINAR REPORT

by Debra K.

Thank You so much for giving me the opportunity to go to Chicago for this seminar. It has been a year of learning for me, with a great many expectations that I learned were also experienced by other 'new' Central Office/Intergroup managers. I am so very grateful to the Steering Committee and to Michael W. for allowing me to attend. Chicago is a great city, and I had a great time!

Friday morning started with the Seminar Newcomer Orientation, chaired by Don of the Central Office of Missouri. We were encouraged to participate, ask questions, and listen to how other Central Offices operate and problem solve.

I was able to attend 5 of the workshops given, listened to one later via flash drive, the 2 afternoon report backs, and the evening presentations given by AAWS, and AAGV. It was difficult to decide which one to attend, they all sounded so interesting! I bought the flash drives, as opposed to the CD's, as there was a \$35 difference in price.

The workshop that I listened to was Policy and Procedures. In California, there is an insurance company called NIAC (Non-profit Insurance Alliance Company), which is a low cost company used by several of the offices in California to carry their liability insurance for managers and volunteers. Also discussed was inappropriate behavior by the volunteers-either in the office, or on the night phones and how to be diplomatic in the handling of this issue. Several of the offices have been sued because of this, hence the necessity of knowing a lawyer in program! It made me realize how incredibly blessed our office has been in having the caliber of volunteers that we do, and have been so for many years.

The first workshop I attended on Friday was Newsletters. The following is an example of comments and suggestions that I heard: 1. Putting some sort of puzzle on/about sobriety in newsletter. 2. Editor does a yearly article about the year in review. 3. Sending a copy of the newsletter to treatment facilities in you area. 4. The editor needs to be more than a committee of 1. (I thought this was interesting, in that one office bounces ideas for the newsletter around the office). 5. Encourage 'resentment people' who call the 'AA Police' to write an article.

The next workshop was "What I'm doing for me". The subtopics of this workshop were boundaries, maintaining my sobriety, and telling my story. This was an interesting workshop for me, because this is where I started to feel like I was a 'part of', and that what I have experienced in the past year I was not alone in. Bruce from Louisville said that having this position has helped him to become better informed about the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, and how we can help others, but that we cannot help everyone. Sue from Rhode Island reported that when she goes to a meeting, her boundary is no business is conducted (unless it's money being contributed!) She is there to take in a meeting and to be just another member of AA. Charles from Nashville uses outside information (books, etc) on how to deal with people, and attends a men's support group outside of the fellowship in order to express any frustration he may have. He always makes sure that any personal opinion is never regarded as the opinion of Central Office – we have no opinion! Tina of the San Gabriel/Pomona Office says it's her service work that keeps her focused on her sobriety, and for Lorraine it's a home group commitment.

The next workshop was on Meeting Directories, with the subtopics of listing qualifications and de-listing of meetings. I believe there was the general agreement by all present that we stay within the Traditions as to listing meetings, keeping with our primary purpose. Bernie of Long Beach asked, 'Atheist and Agnostic' meetings-do we list them? Their chief concern was whether the newcomer would hear the complete message of AA by going to these meetings? Mathew M. of Calgary said they do have an Atheist and Agnostic meeting listed but there was a disclaimer at the bottom of their schedule that reads; (sic) "Their (CO) hope that the meetings listed follow the steps and traditions, but that every group is autonomous and therefore follows its own guidelines. A directory listing does not constitute endorsement or approval, and meetings are listed at their request." The question was raised as to whether these meetings were any different than the listing of men's, women's, LGBT, Native American, etc. Helen of Atlanta has had the experience of having to de-list a club, but not the meetings held there. The reason was the club was requiring all persons asking to have court papers signed put a dollar (\$1) in the club's basket in order to have the paper signed. No dollar, no signing of paper. Greg of Fort Meyers asked the question about listing meetings that name themselves after non-Conference approved literature (i.e. 'Drop the Rock', Back to Basics), even though the groups used conference approved literature.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)

And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

- Twelve and Twelve, page 182

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 November 9, 2014

Open: 14:08

Attending Mike W., Westside AA Chair; Charlie V., Strange Mental Blank Spots; Aaron, Too Much for Us, Treasurer; Ann B., Zia, District 18 Intergroup Rep; Steve, Saturday Night Alive, Pass It On Editor; Mark K., Estancia Valley; Steve A., Downtown Lunch Bunch; Scott C., Spark of Light; Sophia J., Live and Let Live; Michal, Happy Hour; Teri M., Foothills; Mary Lynn, Serendipity; Michael W., Too Much For Us, Central Office Coordinator; Alli V., Singleness of Purpose, Website Coordinator; Debra K., In The Book, Alternate Intergroup Chair; Linda E., Any Lengths, Schedule Editor; Rick W., Promises; Nonie B., How It Works; Heather D., Back 2 Basics; Stacy R., Rebellion Dogs; Vanessa T., The Blackouts Group; Dave R., El Centro; Diana F.; Josh, Candlelight; Christy O., Promises, Media Librarian; Nonie B., How It Works; Katie C., Grateful Girls; David G., Goodfellas; Stephen P., Seeking Serenity; Arati P., Dawn Patrol; Dick K., One Day at a Time, Bernalillo; Elizabeth E., Westside; Carolyn, Back to Basics, Secretary

Minutes Edits from Minutes from Last Month: Minutes incorrectly labeled as being from the September's Intergroup minutes but the minutes are from October. Motion to accept: Steve moved, seconded David. So moved.

Treasurer's Report Total Revenues: 6,427.18; Cost of Sales: 1,729.98; Gross Income: 4,697.20; Total Expenses: 6,745.96; Net Income: (2,047.99); Treasurer Minutes: Approved. Motioned by David and seconded by Debra, so moved.

Central Office Coordinator Presented on 30-35 persons on Intergroup at SWRAASA, discussion had as to the fact that we are a registered group as an intergroup, not within the norm apparently. Michael shared that was in affect prior to the formation of Central Office. My expenses district funded by the area, grateful. Out of large print 12x12's, ordering on hold due to a lack of availability at GSO. 7-10 different states were represented at SWRAASA. Desk workers and persons to take calls for 12 step calls are low. Please spread the word at your groups for those looking for service work, we are in greatest need of help during the day. Brought along some guidelines from GSO with regard to DWI's and Cooperating with Courts and similar programs. Also a sheet regarding AA Guidelines of the Relationship between AA and Clubs from GSO. 9th step/Sponsorship workshop done at District 18 sponsored event.

Alternate Central Office Coordinator Went to the seminar last month. Total expenses 1,039.20. Calls are really down, significantly so as compared to last year at this time. Not such a difference from last month, but still fewer. One night shift not covered 98.5% shifts were. Two uncovered 2 evening shifts. New pamphlet: Ordered to Attend AA from the North Florida Brevard Intergroup now for sale 4 for \$1. It is not a GSO pamphlet. Several places in Florida are using it. Debra's report from the seminar in Chicago will be published at another time. Debra read it aloud at the meeting. Now on Policy Commission, it meets annually at the Seminar.

Member at Large No report.

Pass it On Editor On a quarterly basis a report will be printed in the PIO, so on these month there will less room for articles. The other eight months of the year there will be more room. Submit sobriety birthdays from least to most in that order. Submissions made prior to or on the 15th will be published in the PIO, nothing submitted after the 15th will be published in the next PIO!

SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

COSMOPOLITAN October: Joseph S. 90 days; Ray 7 years.

ISLETA November: Tom S. 1 year; Michele B. 3 years; Eric B. 3 years; Juanita M. 7 years; Alfred P. 8 years; Joe J., Luann C., Rosanna T. 14 years; John W. 22 years; Lonny S. 27 years; Tom H. 30 years; Ray D. 36 years

PROMISES October: Karen M. 12 years; November: Jerry D. 21 years.

SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE November: Steve R. 8 years.

SEEKING SERENITY October: Leonard 6 months; Louise 3 years; Peggy 5 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.

Media Librarian Donating Bento List free license to the new incoming librarian. Copied the speaker CD's that were never returned to the library.

Web Guardian Nothing to report

Schedule Editor Copper Miracle is no longer. Now the only downtown noon meeting is the Lunch Bunch.

Community Outreach Health Care/Health Fair presented by the city – volunteers from AA were in attendance. They got very little attention. Not sure whether the financial output is worthwhile considering. Dave, El Centro pointed out the poor attendance is unusual and that this fair was attended exclusively by city employees who, it can be surmised, would not want their coworkers to know they had concerns about their drinking.

Special Needs Coordinator POSITION VACANT

Group Liasion POSITION VACANT

OLD BUSINESS Heights Club offered to host the Alcothon again this year. Questions arose regarding affiliation were raised at this month's Steering Committee, considering that it was to be held by the club vs. individual groups. The Heights Club has volunteered the use of their facility for \$1. Scott and Mike Co-Chairs of Alcothon, Steve will be the Schedule Coordinator for the event. Mike moves that the Heights Club be the venue for the Alcothon, Christy seconded. Discussion Ensued. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS Carolyn moved that we publish in the PIO, starting this coming January that there is an opportunity to host the Alcothon. That way all groups know they have the opportunity to host. David seconded. So moved.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS Blackouts Group at Desert Club is very poorly attended. The Blackouts theatre presentations can't be held this December due to poor attendance at group conscience where persons could volunteer to participate in the Black Outs production. The cost of tickets will be refunded. Ticket sellers can reimburse directly or you can contact Vanessa T. through Central Office (266-1900) after November 24th. Foothills hosting a Thanksgiving dinner meeting immediately after the noon meeting on Thanksgiving day. Please bring a side dish.

Motion to close Stephen moved, Rick seconded, so moved.

Meeting Adjourned 15:50



Central Office

Urgently Needs

Substitute Desk Workers
(and Regular Desk Workers as well)

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.

AA EVENTS CALENDAR

THIS MONTH

Saturday December 13 - Movie Night: Transcendence
7pm, on a 12' screen, free admission, free popcorn. Sponsored by the Spark of Light Group. Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, Albuquerque

Saturday December 13 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the 3rd Annual GLBTQ Roundup. \$5 suggested donation. 50/50 raffle. 6:30pm dinner, 7:30pm speaker. Metropolitan Church, 1103 Texas NE Albuquerque

Monday December 15 - Serenity Group Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner & Candlelight Gratitude Meeting Meat provided. 6pm potluck, 7:30pm meeting. St. Michael & All Angels Church, 601 Montano NW, Albuquerque

Wednesday December 31 - Thursday January 1 - Central Office/Intergroup New Years Eve Alcañon 12 noon on the 31st until noon on the 1st. Round the clock marathon meetings, potluck (6:30pm on the 31st), 2 speaker meetings (8pm on the 31st - Speakers Robert and Elsie B. and 10am on the 1st), 50/50 raffle (drawing 11am on the 1st), Band ("Chava and Paid My Dues Rhythm and Blues" 9pm on the 31st" \$3 singles, \$5 couples) and more. Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, Albuquerque

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday January 17 - Movie/Documentary Screening: "The Anonymous People" 7:30pm, Sponsored by the Saturday Night Alive Group, no admission. donations accepted. Desert Club, 4305 Mesa Grande SE, Albuquerque

Saturday January 24 - Area 46 Young People's AA Workshop Hosted by District 11. "The Three Legacies: Unity, Service, Recovery". 9am-2pm. Nativity Church, 9502 4th Street NW, Albuquerque

June 5-7, 2015 - Area 46 Convention Hobbs, NM. No further info at this time.

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.

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Monthly Service Activities Report

PHONE CALLS	OCT14	SEPT14	OCT13
Information	400	427	512
12-Step	18	21	22
Al-Anon	13	8	8
Message	34	39	61
Other	86	75	117
TOTAL	551	570	700

WALK INS	OCT14	SEPT14	OCT13
Information	16	26	13
12-Step	4	1	2
Al-Anon	1	1	0
Get Schedule	16	8	6
Purchase	162	166	173
Media	4	1	2
Message	6	5	5
Casual	26	35	17
Other	25	30	16
TOTAL	246	289	264

ALBUQUERQUEAA.ORG WEB STATS

Unique Visitors	4387	4156	3743
Number of Visits	7973	7602	6754
Pages	29166	27713	24354

DESK WORKERS*

Regulars	45	44	46
Substitutes	35	35	33
TOTAL	80	79	79

DESK SHIFTS*

Weekdays	138	132	138
Weekends	40	40	40
TOTAL	178	172	178

WEEKDAY SHIFTS*

Worked by Regulars	107(77.5%)	119(90.2%)	113(82.5%)
Worked by Substitutes	29(21%)	13(9.8%)	24(17.5%)
TOTAL	136(98.5%)	132	137

WEEKEND SHIFTS*

Worked by Regulars	32(80%)	35(87.5%)	29(74.6%)
Worked by Substitutes	8(20%)	5(12.5%)	10(25.4%)
TOTAL	40	40	39

NIGHT SHIFTS NOT COVERED

SHIFTS NOT WORKED	2	1	2
BY A VOLUNTEER	10	12	8
HOURS	30	36	31

NIGHT SHIFTS NOT COVERED

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*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

You are not happy because you are well. You are well because you are happy. You are not depressed because trouble has come to you, but trouble has come to you because you are depressed. You can change your thoughts and feelings, and then the outer things will come to correspond, and indeed there is no other way of working. - Emmet Fox



2015 Central Office/Intergroup NEW YEARS EVE ALCATHON

**Wednesday 12/31/14 12 Noon –
Thursday 1/1/15 12 Noon**

@ The Heights Club

8520 Marble NE, Albuquerque, NM (505) 266-8952

- **Round the clock MARATHON MEETINGS** (A NEW MEETING EVERY 90 MINUTES)
- **POTLUCK: 12/31 7pm**
- **DOUBLE SPEAKER MEETING: 12/31 8pm, Speakers Robert & Elsie B.**
- **BAND DANCE: 9pm 12/31 – 1am 1/1, Band: “Chava and Paid My Dues Rhythm & Blues”, No Admission Charge - Suggested Donation - \$3 singles, \$5 couples.**
- **SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN 11:30pm**
- **MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT MOVIE: 1/1 2:30am – “Rocky Horror Picture Show”**
- **50/50 RAFFLE: \$1/1, \$5/6, Tickets sold the whole Alcathon, Drawing 1/1 11am, need not be present to win**
- **Speaker Meeting: 10am 1/1**

GROUPS NEEDED

TO HOST MARATHON MEETINGS

DONATIONS NEEDED

For the Hospitality Suite

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help run things

Sign Up at the Heights Club Office

Or email Steve R. at:

PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org

All proceeds from the Alcathon go to support Albuquerque Central Office

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