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8:00AM - 10:00PM
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9:00AM - 9:00PM



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Pass It On



Growing up in what felt like an ongoing fire drill, I learned early on to develop fear driven survival patterns in my attempt to control the world around me. Fully integrated into my psyche, these patterns continued to manifest themselves in my adulthood, and ultimately kept fear, and control, as the primary drivers in my decision making and relationships.

It wasn't until I came into the rooms of AA that I was able to look at my behavior, and accept the fact that my best thinking had not only lead to my drinking, but also to a completely miserable and unmanageable life. I desperately wanted the pain, chaos, and insanity to stop.

The most common definition of insanity is to do the same thing over and over again, each time expecting a different result. Countless times I experienced the insanity of thinking "this time it will be different," right before I picked up another drink. But my feelings of hopelessness and despair only got worse every time I did.

Having admitted that I was powerless over alcohol and that my life had become unmanageable, I was now ready to take Step Two. I accepted that for the

insanity to stop, I had to be open to a new way of thinking. I had to trust that being open to a Power greater than myself, I could be restored to sanity.

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My sponsor told me that, for the moment, I didn't need to define exactly what that Power was, I just needed to be willing to believe that it existed. She told me that "AA will not prove to you that there is a God, but rather God will prove Himself to you, if you work the 12 Steps and this program." I trusted her, and she was right.

Focused on letting go of preconceived notions, and being open to a new way of thinking, my first experience of a Higher Power became the Fellowship of AA. I was witnessing people whom had

lived my story, and were living sober lives ... one day at a time, right in front of me. That was something I could believe in. I wanted what they had, and I was willing to do what they did to stay sober too.

Taking Step Two was a start of a new beginning for me. It opened the door to a new way of living, and a new way of seeing the world. I learned that negative thinking was also a form of insanity.

Step Two remains a step that I continue to take on a regular basis. When I feel a sense of inadequacy, fear, or that my character defects render me incapable of a particular challenge, I remember Step Two. I remind myself that there is always a Power greater than myself that can restore me to sanity ... that can make me whole, effective, functional, and of service.

When I first came into the rooms of AA I was told "Welcome Home." I learned through the Fellowship of AA, and Step Two, that I never had to be alone again. There is always a Power greater than myself ready to restore me to sanity. Step Two was the start of living in "The Solution." The pain stopped. With Step Two, it had now been replaced with hope.

Angelique C.

The Twelve Steps—One Step At A Time

Working Step Two

Step One, if worked properly, leaves us feeling empty. We have admitted our own powerlessness and the unmanageability of our lives. So we are left saying, "If I am powerless and cannot manage my own life, who can?" God can! God begins to show us his ability by putting a simple seed of faith in our hearts.

That seed of faith is not great. It is simply a growing confidence that someone else, far greater than ourselves will take charge.

Step Two helps us acknowledge the seed of faith that God has given us. This begins the process of trusting that a power greater than ourselves is at work in our lives.

Step Two

Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.



Prayer for Step Two

I pray for an open mind so that I may come to believe in a power greater than myself. I pray for humility and the continued opportunity to increase my faith. I don't want to be crazy anymore.



Step Two Reflection

Step Two is often referred to as "The Hope Step." It gives us new hope as we begin to see that help is available to us. We must simply reach out and accept what our Higher Power has to offer. It is here that we form the foundation for growth of our spiritual life, which will help us become the person we want to be. All we need to do is be willing to believe that a power greater than ourselves is waiting to be our personal salvation. What follows as we proceed through the steps is a process that will bring this power into our lives and enable us to grow in love, health, and grace.

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AA Traditions — A Design for Living that Works



Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Tradition Two Reflection

We have found that together we stay sober, alone we do not. The grace of the Fellowship is something that we experience together. Collectively we make up a power greater than our individual selves, and for many the Fellowship becomes their first sense of a Higher Power. The awesomeness of Alcoholics Anonymous is too much for any one person to carry on one's individual shoulders. Who among us could admit to being qualified to represent a power greater than ourselves single handedly?



We are not qualified to govern over each other when we are incapable of governing over our own individual sobriety. It is only through a Power greater than ourselves that we are given a daily reprieve, and it is only through a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience, that a group can be effective in carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Tradition Two Inventory

1. Do I express the spirit of a loving God in the service I give to others?
2. Do I pray for a listening ear and an understanding heart when I hear an opinion contrary to mine?
3. Do I trust God by trusting the group?

Reference: Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pgs. 132-138, http://www.1212and12.org/homework/traditions/1212and12_tradition_2.pdf

Meet The Cosmopolitan Group



It's been said that if you sit at the fountain in Central Park, eventually you will see the entire world walk by. The same can probably be said

for the Cosmopolitan Group, located at the Rio Grande Presbyterian Church, 600 Coors NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121. If nothing else, at least a photo of their Home Group has been seen around the world! Its picture was printed in the July 2017 Edition of the Grapevine.

Established on January 10, 1983, the Cosmopolitan Group's primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, and it does this by hosting an open speaker meeting every Friday night at 8:00pm.

Familiarly known as "Cosmo," it serves as a gathering spot where the greater AA Fellowship can meet to hear the experience, strength and hope of two different speakers every Friday night.

What makes Cosmo unique, is that it invites members from outside home groups to chair it's meeting each week. Guest Chairs select their own speakers, and invite anyone they choose from the Fellowship, to read at the beginning of the meeting. This format provides for diversity in not only the group that gathers to hear the message, but also in the variety of speakers who vary in length of sobriety and home group. The format also allows for the general fellowship to participate in service work, even though they are not a home group member. Speakers are introduced from the podium, with a mic, and if requested, can be recorded. Afterwards, a CD of their talk can be provided to them.

Committed to service work, Cosmo is responsible for taking an outside meeting twice a month to the Turquoise Lodge Hospital, and on occasion, they host the District 3 monthly meeting. In the past they have hosted a workshop on Anonymity, and

one on Service, which the general fellowship was invited to attend. Their group was also used by the Bilingual Committee to practice their translation for Spanish speaking members.

Committed to service on an individual level, home group members include an Area Trusted Servant, a former delegate, and currently, an acting GSR.



Meeting Times and Location

**Rio Grande Pres Church
600 Coors NW
Albuquerque, NM 87121**

**Speaker Meeting
Fridays, 8:00pm**

In the spirit of service, the Cosmopolitan Group is committed to their Circle of Love Contributions which are usually distributed in five equal amounts, after group expenses, to District 3, Area 46, Central Office, GSO, and El Farolito. This distribution pattern was a decision made through their group conscience. They also try to make contributions for special Area events across the state, such as the Convention, and Assemblies, when they can.

In addition to service work, and financial contributions, the Cosmo Group also maintains an extensive library of speaker CDs. It includes some speakers from the "First 100 AAs," such as Bill W., Dr. Bob, Ebby T., Clarence S., and Sister Ignatia. It also includes general AA speakers both nationally and from the Albuquerque/ New Mexico areas, past and present. The CD

library is open to anyone who attends a meeting. CD's can be borrowed for a \$2.00 deposit, which will be returned to you, when the CD is returned.

An archive binder, which dates back to 1983, also provides a general history of AA in this area and is also available for viewing at meetings.

Annual events include their Anniversary Celebration, when the group hosts a potluck and speaker meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. This past January 12, they hosted their 35th Anniversary Celebration which over 75 people attended.

The last Friday of the month the Cosmo Group hosts an open Birthday Celebration. They invite everyone to share their sober birthday with them, and to receive a birthday card and chip. They offer chips for monthly and annual birthdays, including an 18 month chip for those in-between. Come share how you did it at the podium, as birthday celebrants are the only scheduled speakers that night. Celebrate by stopping by to share your experience, strength and hope and enjoy some cake *and* ice cream! Regular and Decaf coffee is always served, and at their regular meetings, they always try to provide a sweet too, when they can.

The Cosmo Group invites you to stop by and meet them. They look forward to greeting you at the door and making you feel welcome. While the whole world may not walk by, with the diversity this group offers, it is guaranteed that you will see at least one familiar face, and come to know many more. If you don't have a Home Group of your own, Cosmo says "Welcome Home!" New members are always welcome. Parking is easily accessible to the building, and there is handicap parking right at the door. The Cosmopolitan Group looks forward to seeing you soon!



Special thanks to Manny P. and Ray R. for providing the information for this article.

Central Office - The Physical Manifestation of a Spiritual Presence

Established in June 1975, the Albuquerque AA Intergroup Central Office sits tucked away at 1921 Alvarado Dr. NE, almost directly across from Alvarado Park. It provides a brick and mortar demonstration of the spiritual presence of AA in our community. It is the physical manifestation of Tradition Six, which allows the corporation to exist so that the spiritual entity, known as the Intergroup, can remain focused on its singleness of purpose.

In other words, the Central Office exists, so that each Home Group can keep its sole focus on carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

The primary purpose of Central Office is to support the work of the groups. It does this through a Steering Committee of volunteers, which ensures that the office is run in accordance with the Intergroup's wishes. For this reason it is recommended that every Home Group participate in the Intergroup community, by attending Intergroup Meetings.

As the spiritual entity of our community, our group conscience remains incomplete, unless every Home Group is present. One of the most valuable contributions that a Home Group can make to the Central Office/Intergroup, is to attend an Intergroup meeting.

While Central Office operates through the 7th Tradition contributions of the Intergroup, financial contributions are not the most important contributions needed. Contributions of time and

service are invaluable and opportunities always exist to contribute at the individual and Home Group level. Answering phones, desk workers, 12th Step responders, and back up volunteers are valuable ways in which one can contribute to the support of our Central Office.

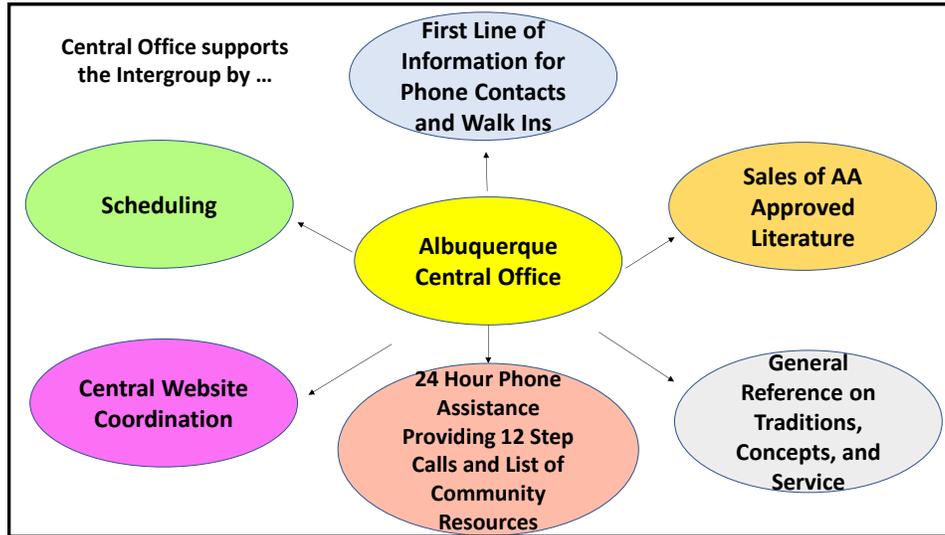
Some are of the opinion that a Central Office is not needed because communication today is more effective modem to modem. But this perspective would be contrary to the spiritual premise of AA, and perhaps even to our Responsibility Declaration. Take for example page 11 of the Big Book when Bill saw the change in Ebby. "But my

friend sat before me ... God had done for him what he could not do for himself ... there had been no more power in him than there was in me at that minute ... here sat a miracle directly across the kitchen table."

Communication involves so much more than just words. That message between Bill

and Ebby could have never been conveyed modem to modem. The brick and mortar of Central Office reminds us of the alcoholic's inherent need for face to face contact with each other. Because of Central Office when a suffering hand reaches out for help, there is a human hand to greet them, a human voice to answer their phone call, and a place where an out of town visitor can touch base to stay connected to fellowship.

The best way to describe Central Office is probably "home base." It's the source that keeps us connected as an Intergroup Community, and facilitates the ability of AA to carry the message on every level. But most importantly the Central Office reminds us that we are not alone. When we support our Central Office we support the entire fellowship of AA. We help carry the message to those who need the physical hand of AA to be there, and give a little bit back of what was so freely given to us.



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Critics might say that a Central Office is not necessary. However, it would be important to note that the Intergroup existed before the Central Office did. The Central Office came to exist because the Intergroup found it unwieldy to each acquire their own books, and literature, and to maintain a comprehensive schedule.

Experience, Strength and Hope - Fellowship Sharing

LOVE
YOU
MORE

Goodbye Marcie

by Diana T

On January 9, Edward B. came to Downtown Lunch Bunch and somberly informed us of the death of his mother, Marcie, the morning before. This was special for him and for us since Marcie brought Edward to the Lunch Bunch for his first meeting nine years ago. Edward has maintained his sobriety ever since.

Marcie, a very bright and independent woman, died with 39 years of cherished sobriety. A strong and long time member of the Lunch Bunch, she was also a moving force and inspiration at the Isleta and Desert Clubs.

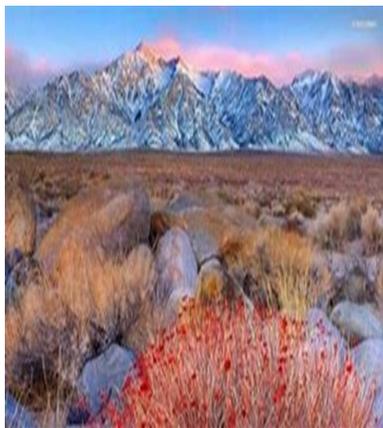


A feminist, Marcie was a woman of many talents. She was gifted with the voice of an angel which she shared in her church choir. An artistic spirit, she expressed herself with flair and beauty in her always well put together dress accentuated with accessorized perfection.

After having five children, Marcie went to nursing school, became a nurse and worked as a nurse at Presbyterian Hospital, a position she loved and served in for many years before retirement.

In sum, Marcie sparkled. Marcie laughed. Marcie loved alcoholics and Alcoholics Anonymous. Marcie was an amazing woman.

Often we spoke on the phone sharing feelings, life events, including politics and religion and our sharing would ripple with laughter. I closed the conversation with, "Marcie, I love you." Her response, which I anticipated because it warmed my cockles was: "I love you more."



The Miracle of Recovery

By Lee D.

This is New Mexico; 59 d. F. yesterday and a light dusting of snow during the night! Those of us who live in these arid regions do not complain about any moisture we receive, regardless of the amount or the form it takes in arriving.

What happens when we humans get sick? My experience is that we cry out and seek whatever treatment we can and pray to God to heal us—that is my experience. We may not admit this but, it is true for me. What usually happens when we receive the miracle of healing? Some of us remain grateful; some seek other things, while some of us forget what it was like to be sick in the first place. I know, as this too has been my experience.

When it comes to the progressive, fatal, disease of alcoholism, I pray that God does not let me forget what it used to be like, what happened, and what it is like now. There is no comparison to today and the days before the miracle of recovery happened to me. I did all the footwork but, God removed from me the compulsion to drink and then, as I worked the steps, He began to

be more and more a part of my life and today He is my recovery.

I am not perfect; events of the past bear witness to my many faults. I am still an alcoholic but, thanks to God, my sponsor and A. A. I have a chance at a better life. What do I do after the drink problem is apparently resolved?

For one thing I do not kid myself into thinking that I am cured of alcoholism; I am not! What I have instead is a daily reprieve contingent upon my maintenance of a healthy spiritual condition. This to me means that I continue to ask God every day to protect me from myself and grant me a day of sobriety. This I do and tonight I will tell the God of my understanding, who happens to be the same God I knew as a child, thank you! You see today (and tomorrow if I am still

here) I am an alcoholic—but, today I am not a drunk—there is a huge difference. I owe every good to God; I thank Him, my Sponsor and A.A. for this marvelous gift of sobriety. My prayer is that all of (me included) who have experienced the miracle of recovery remember who is responsible for our sobriety above all else. For me that Higher Power or God as I choose to call Him is responsible!

There may be other ways for us alcoholics to get sober and remain that way. I do not know and cannot say one way or another. What I can attest to is that A.A. is the only one that I tried that has worked (and continues to work) for me—I do not plan on fixing it!

El Paso Jamboree is coming up in February; hope to see you all there!

Submit announcements, articles or quotes that you would like printed in this newsletter to PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org. Submissions must be related to alcoholism or be an AA sponsored event submitted to Central Office by an AA group, the Intergroup, an AA District, Area, etc.

Please keep this in mind prior to submission. March Edition deadline is February 18, 2018.

February Announcements



***Attention ***

Grapevine and La Vina Chairs

Help Carry the Message



From Jan 1 — Dec 29, 2018

Call the General Service Office at
(212) 870 3400
and request :

- Grapevine/ La Vina Rep. Beginner Kit
- Blank Registration Forms

Sign up every member of your Group, or District,
to a 1- 2 year subscription of the Grapevine or
La Vina magazine (*Spanish*)

"Our meeting in print."

For information call
Manuel Padilla
Area 46 Grapevine Chair
505-610-8327



Intergroup Meeting
Please join us at the next
Intergroup Meeting
February 11, 2018—2:00pm

Brownbaggers Group
5960 Woodford Dr. Bldg. F, Suite A
**Find out what's going on in the greater
AA Community. It's a great place to find service
work opportunities.**

**"Favorite
Quotes ..."**

The following is a list of favorite
quotes submitted by Fellowship
Readers:

1. "Trust me. You will lose everything." *Alcohol*
2. "You only have to go to meetings on the days you drank." *Marvin M*
3. "You're pole vaulting over mouse turds again." *Anonymous*
4. "Sometimes I need to just act my way into right thinking." *John O.*
5. "It ain't the caboose that kills ya'." *Barbara S*
6. "It's not old behavior if it's still happening." *Anonymous*
7. "Utilize, don't analyze." *Lee D.*

Free Taco Dinner!

Donations gladly accepted
Bring a side dish if you can

Dist. 12 Fundraiser for 2018

Albuquerque Convention!!

- Speakers David G and Michael A
- 50/50 Raffle
- Pre-register for Convention

**Saturday,
Feb 24th from
6:15 to 8:45**

WHERE: Heights Club

QUESTIONS?

Call Chris or Barb 270-4098, 228-3937



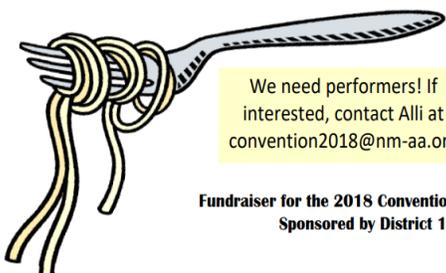
Saturday, March 17

6:00 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner

7:00 p.m. – Lip Sync Contest

Shepherd of the Valley Church
1801 Montaño, Albuquerque

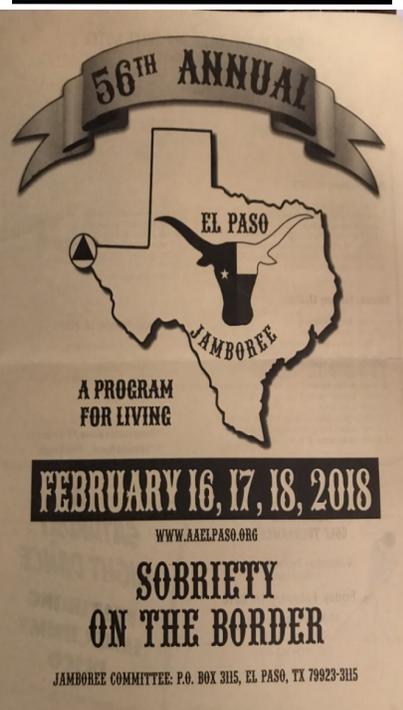
2018 Area 46 Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Fundraiser for the 2018 Convention
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**2018 Area 46 Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

NM AA Area 46 2018 Convention June 1 – 3, 2018

Crowne Plaza Hotel

1901 University Boulevard NE ☀ Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-884-2500 ☀ www.crowneplaza.com

Reserve your room by May 3 with code **A46**
for a special \$89 room rate.

Speakers

Lawrence M.	NM
Jane D-L.	FL
Eddie P.	CO
Ramiro M. (Spanish)	NM
Eloy R. (Young People)	NM
Stacey S.	TX
Al-Anon Speaker	

Meetings

Banquet

Step out Saturday night in style.
Tickets are \$40 each and limited to
250 seats.

Workshops

Entertainment

Raffle

Scholarships Available

Email convention2018@nm-aa.org for
information.

Hospitality

Refuel with food and fellowship.

ASL Interpreters

Spanish Translation

Registration

	Qty	Cost
Registration (\$15/\$20)	_____	_____
Banquet (\$40)	_____	_____
___Steak ___Lemon Chicken		
___Green Chile Chicken		
___Vegan Stuffed Pepper		
Scholarship Contribution		
<input type="checkbox"/> AA \$_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon \$_____		
Water Bottle (\$12)	_____	_____
Coffee Mug (\$10)	_____	_____
Notebook & Pen (\$8)	_____	_____
V-Neck T-Shirt (\$15)	_____	_____
Choose size XS-XXXL _____		
Crew Neck T-Shirt (\$15)	_____	_____
Choose size XS-XXXL _____		
TOTAL	_____	_____

Make checks payable to:
2018 Convention

Mail check and registration form to:
2018 Area 46 Convention
PO Box 6565
Albuquerque, NM 87197

Early Registration \$15 through April 15
Registration \$20 after April 15
Register & pay online
<http://NM-AA.org/registration>

Badge Name _____
Full Name _____
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Volunteers needed!

Specify area you wish to help:
 Greeters
 Hospitality
 Meetings
 Other _____

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

2018 Convention Merchandise

Order your merchandise now and pick up
at the convention. Inventory will be limited
at the event.

Crew Neck or V-Neck T-Shirt \$15



Coffee Mug \$10
Stainless Steel 22 oz. Water Bottle \$12
Notebook and Pen \$8



December 2017 Birthdays

Martha T.	36 years	Seeking Serenity
Bob M.	34 years	Brownbaggers
Tommy	34 years	Brownbaggers
Larry	32 years	Brownbaggers
Manuel P.	30 years	Cosmo Group
Lonny	30 years	Isleta Group
Victor P.	28 years	Cosmo Group
Johnny W	25 years	Isleta Group
Christine L.	23 years	Cosmo Group
Dan	18 years	Brownbaggers
Matt	17 years	Brownbaggers
Joe J.	17 years	Isleta Group
Fidel	16 years	Isleta Group
Lorenzo	12 years	Seeking Serenity
Nancy A.	12 years	Seeking Serenity



December 2017 Birthdays

Alfred	11 years	Isleta Group
Juanita M	10 years	Isleta Group
Ralph	9 years	Isleta Group
Lee D.	8 years	Cosmo Group
Tammy T	6 years	Isleta Group
Jacob P	6 years	Isleta Group
Laura B.	5 years	Seeking Serenity
Tom	4 years	Isleta Group
Patricia	4 years	Isleta Group
Alex R	3 years	Isleta Group
Jacob L	3 years	Isleta Group
Jared	2 years	Brownbaggers
Paul	2 years	Isleta Group
Christine	1 year	Brownbaggers
Randy	30 days	Isleta Group
Ruben	30 days	Isleta Group



Central Office Financials

Central Office Financial Snapshot

Item	December 2017	YTD
Total Revenues	\$7,980	\$96,336
Total Cost of Sales	\$2,194	\$30,681
Gross Income	\$5,786	\$65,655
Total Expenses	\$5,581	\$66,235
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$205)	(\$580)



The "WINNERS" (Placed and Showed) in this year's Buck-A-Year Buckaroos Buckarama- by GROUP

Acceptance Group	39 years	Live And Let Live	10 years
Any Lengths	141 years	Lone Rangers	55 years
Brownbaggers	117 years	Metropolitan	22 years
Corrales Men's	1 year	One Day At A Time	56 years
Dawn Patrol	235 years	Penny Lane	27 years
Drunkin' Donuts	33 years	Round Up	2 years
Early Birds	14 years	Seeking Serenity	116 years
El Centro	28 years	Serenity Group	22 years
Foothills	112 years	Six O'clock Irregulars	1 year
Free Spirits	26 years	Still Seeking Serenity	94 years
Gates of Death	1 year	Strange Mental Spots	35 years
Goodfellahs	38 years	Thinking Straight	29 years
Grateful Girls	46 years	Unknowns (group??)	151 years
How It Works	41 years	Wake Up Call	28 years
In The Book	80 years	Wings Of The Storm	16 years
Isleta Group	44 years	Women In Progress	10 years

Donating to Central Office of Albuquerque

If you are an AA member you are invited to:

- ◆ Make a monetary contribution via check or money order, payable to Central Office of Albuquerque. Mail or drop off in person at 1921 Alvarado Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.
- ◆ Become a "Faithful Fiver," or "Trusted Tenner," and contribute \$5/\$10 monthly, and receive a free "Pass It On" subscription.
- ◆ Set up monthly donations using Auto Pay or Bill Pay with your bank to automatically send us a monthly contribution in any amount you choose. What could be easier?
- ◆ Contribute with a secure credit card transaction, either at Central Office or by clicking the "Contribute" button on our website Support page.

7th Tradition - 4th Quarter Intergruop Contributions

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.



4th Quarter Total
\$5,484.05

2017 YTD Total
\$31,071.50



AA @ the VA	\$ -	\$ 20.00
AA Way of Life, The	\$ -	\$ 23.00
ABC Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00
Acceptance Group	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Acceptance is the Answer	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Any Lengths Women's	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Area 46	\$ -	\$ 100.00
At Wits End	\$ -	\$ 28.80
Back to Basics	\$ -	\$ 376.66
Basement Steps	\$ -	\$ 93.04
Bozos on the Bus	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Brownbaggers Gp	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00
Candlelight Gp	\$ -	\$ 69.71
Children of Chaos	\$ -	\$ 36.00
Conscious Contact	\$ 20.00	\$ 220.00
Corrales Group	\$ 49.00	\$ 139.66
Corrales Men's Stag	\$ -	\$ 163.00
Cosmopolitan Group	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Cottonmouth Group	\$ -	\$ 340.22
Dawn Patrol	\$ 478.33	\$ 2,382.21
District 03	\$ -	\$ 50.00
District 11	\$ 219.28	\$ 652.08
District 12	\$ -	\$ 900.00
District 13	\$ -	\$ 287.00
Dog on the Roof Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 130.00
Downtown Lunch Bunch	\$ 157.41	\$ 401.21
Drunkin Donuts	\$ 224.70	\$ 490.48
Dry Nooners	\$ -	\$ 109.33
East Mountain Group	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Foothills Gp	\$ 537.10	\$ 2,264.59
Free Thinkers	\$ 60.00	\$ 355.15
Freedom First	\$ -	\$ 153.00
Freedom From Bondage	\$ -	\$ 151.00
Friday Night Smokeless	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00
Girls Night Out	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Goodfellahs	\$ 100.00	\$ 360.00
Grateful Girls	\$ -	\$ 161.83
Happy Hour Group	\$ -	\$ 51.64
Happy Valley Group	\$ -	\$ 24.00
High Country Gp	\$ -	\$ 70.00
High Noon Group	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Highway 44 Group	\$ -	\$ 10.00
How It Works	\$ -	\$ 104.00
In the Book	\$ 87.50	\$ 353.00
Isleta Gp	\$ -	\$ 189.17
Jemez Springs Group	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Jemez Valley Group	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Keep it Simple	\$ -	\$ 113.35
Key of Willingness	\$ -	\$ 66.66
Kiva Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Kool Aid Kids	\$ 45.11	\$ 121.11
Ladies Room	\$ -	\$ 16.55
Live and Let Live GP	\$ 13.50	\$ 99.50

Lone Rangers	\$ 120.50	\$ 637.00
Lunch Box, The	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,000.00
Metropolitan Gp	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Morning Serenity	\$ 30.00	\$ 105.00
North Valley Group	\$ -	\$ 103.48
One Day at a Time	\$ -	\$ 428.26
One Step at a Time	\$ -	\$ 51.26
Out to Lunch Bunch	\$ 164.00	\$ 474.00
Penny Lane Gp	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Placitas BB Gp	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Promises Gp	\$ -	\$ 135.00
Queer Ideas of Fun	\$ -	\$ 451.25
Raymac Group	\$ -	\$ 5.00
Rebellion Dogs	\$ -	\$ 115.05
Right Size Group	\$ 20.00	\$ 39.00
Rio Amigos	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Rio Rancho Beginners	\$ -	\$ 16.56
Round Up Group	\$ -	\$ 170.00
Seeking Serenity Gp	\$ 661.00	\$ 2,248.92
Serendipity Gp	\$ 135.50	\$ 514.58
Serenity Gp	\$ -	\$ 243.69
Singleness of Purpose	\$ -	\$ 380.00
Sobriety Checkpoint	\$ -	\$ 66.68
SOS Monday Night	\$ 150.00	\$ 405.50
Spirituality Without Borders	\$ -	\$ 63.00
Sponsorship and Growth	\$ -	\$ 12.48
STAG	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Staying Sober at Sunrise	\$ -	\$ 119.75
Step Along With AA	\$ -	\$ 60.00
Step Sisters	\$ -	\$ 4.00
Step Up Gp	\$ -	\$ 10.00
Still Seeking Serenity	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Straight Pepper Diet	\$ -	\$ 102.63
Strange Mental Blank Spots	\$ 283.85	\$ 780.77
Sunday Night Step Study	\$ -	\$ 617.36
Sunrise Catchers Gp	\$ 40.00	\$ 170.00
Sunrise Group	\$ -	\$ 29.06
Sunrise Sobriety	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Survivors Gp	\$ -	\$ 185.02
There is a Solution	\$ 40.00	\$ 146.00
Three Legacies Gp	\$ -	\$ 91.00
Tired of the Bus Stop	\$ -	\$ 1.75
Too Much For Us	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Upon Awakening	\$ -	\$ 115.00
Wake Up Call	\$ 492.37	\$ 1,846.40
Westside Gp	\$ -	\$ 666.03
Westside Noon	\$ -	\$ 270.00
Who has the Keys	\$ -	\$ 153.00
Women on Wednesday	\$ 91.83	\$ 91.83
Women's Group	\$ 53.02	\$ 290.74
Women's Noon Gratitude	\$ 64.00	\$ 262.45
Young People's Sunday	\$ 48.05	\$ 48.05
Total	\$ 5,484.05	\$ 31,071.50



Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report December 2017

Item	December 2017	November 2017	December 2016
Phone Calls			
Information	353	311	407
12 Step	28	15	24
Al-Anon	7	5	3
Message	38	40	26
Other	84	68	72
Total	510	439	532
Walk-ins			
Information	16	18	18
12 Step	0	2	0
Al-Anon	0	2	1
Schedule	6	3	10
Purchase	109	131	132
Media	0	3	1
Message	1	8	2
Casual	37	29	36
Other	24	22	24
Total	193	218	224

Item	December 2017	November 2017	December 2016
Web Visits			
Desk workers			
Regulars	46	46	47
Substitutes	10	9	16
Total	56	55	63
Desk shifts			
Weekdays	126	132	132
Weekends	50	40	45
Total	176	172	177
Weekday Shifts			
Worked by Regulars	105 (83%)	97 (73.5%)	109 (82.6%)
Worked by Subs	18 (14%)	30 (22.5%)	20 (15.2%)
Total	123 (97%)	127 (96%)	129 (97.8%)
Weekend Shifts			
Worked by Regulars	37 (74%)	35 (87.5%)	39 (86.6%)
Worked by Subs	12 (24%)	5 (12.5%)	6 (13.4%)
Total	49 (98%)	40 (100%)	45 (100%)
Night Shifts not covered	3 Weeknights 1 Weekend	5 Weeknights	3 Weeknights
Shifts not worked by a volunteer	12	18	14 3-2 hr. shifts
Total	36 hrs.	54 hrs.	39 hrs.



Central Office Intergroup Steering Committee 2018		
Title	Name	Email Address
Chair	Doug C.	Chair@albuquerqueaa.org
Secretary	Ginger B.	Secretary@albuquerqueaa.org
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Member at Large	Eugene O.	MemberAtLarge@albuquerqueaa.org
Pass It On Editor	Angelique C.	PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org
Special Needs Coordinator	Vacant	SpecialNeeds@albuquerqueaa.org
Web Site Chair	Ossie S.	Web@albuquerqueaa.org
Media Librarian	Ric R.	Media@albuquerqueaa.org
Community Outreach	Vacant	CommunityOutreach@albuquerqueaa.org
Intergroup Liaison	Martin C.	IntergroupLiaison@albuquerqueaa.org
CO Coordinator	Michael W.	Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org
Alternate CO Coordinator	Debra K.	AltCoordinator@albuquerqueaa.org



Call the Central Office at (505) 266-1900 for more information on ways to donate time and service as well.

Intergroup Meeting Minutes- January 14, 2018

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:02 p.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

3. Secretary's Report, Ginger B. Intergroup members were asked to review the minutes published in the January 2018 Pass It On.

Motion to accept the December 10, 2017 minutes as published:

Motion: Angelique C. 2nd: Ric R.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report, Tom M.

The 2017 Year End Financials were distributed. Tom advised that at year-end, Central Office was down by (\$579.00) compared to (\$4,076.00) last year. The year was break-even.

Tom pointed out that although sales were down last year, Group contributions were up, as were individual contributions from Faithful Fivers and Buck-A-Year.

There were credit card charges from the merchant service company of \$236.00 in December. In addition to these charges was the \$139.00 insurance fee for the credit card account. Typically, the credit card charges are billed in January. We were hit twice with the fees this year – once in January of 2017 and again in December.

Motion to accept the December and Year-End 2017 Financials

Motion: Julie 2nd: Bruce

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Central Office Coordinator, Michael W. There was a wonderful event yesterday at Monte Vista hosted by Any Lengths Group on Steps 6 & 7. This is the third year that Any Lengths has hosted this event. Michael expressed his thanks to the group for hosting this great event again this year.

The Area has requested that Central Office have a table of literature and information at the Area Convention here in Albuquerque this June. Michael agreed to do so.

Central Office is currently out of small Big Books, although they are expected in this month. A \$5,000 literature order was placed. The order should be in next week.

The desk phone is covered, as are the night phones. Straight Pepper Diet picked up the open Monday night time slot.

We were able to help a couple of groups in Arizona with a donation of literature that was returned to Central Office by some groups that closed here in town. Fort Defiance and Window Rock groups had requested the literature.

Central Office has been selling literature to groups in District 9, which is in the western part of the state.

Payroll and CRS taxes have been paid.

6. Alternate Coordinator, Debra K.

Monthly Activity Report for December was distributed. Calls were up some. Purchases were down. Regular desk shifts are filled, except for Sunday morning every other Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Substitute desk worker are needed. Please contact Debra K. at 266-1900 if you would like to learn more.

Debra handed out New IG Rep packets to all the new Intergroup Reps.

Window shades with the Steps and Traditions on them were turned in to Central Office by a group that closed. C. O. was able to donate them to the Dixon Group.

\$1,197.00 was raised at the Central Office fundraiser hosted by the Any Lengths Group yesterday.

7. Schedule Editor, Lydia R. Nothing to report.

The basket was passed in honor of the 7th Tradition. The next Intergroup Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Brown Baggers meeting space.

8. Member-At-Large, Eugene O. Nothing to report at this time.

9. Pass It On Editor, Angelique C. Was able to meet the deadline in December to get the Pass It On published before the printing company went on vacation for the holidays. Deadline for contributions to the Pass It On is the 20th of each month. Please submit individual AA birthdays from your groups for publishing. Note: All photos and images in the Pass It On are stock images in the public domain. They are NOT images of actual AA members.

10. Special Needs Chair, VACANT. Intergroup Chair, Doug C. asked if there were any nominees for this position. There were none. Please advise your groups that this position is vacant – if anyone would be interested in taking up this position, please attend the next Intergroup Meeting where the group will vote on your nomination.

11. Web Site Chair...was vacant. Ossie S., of the Live & Let Live Group, stood for disapproval upon a motion by Michael W. The motion was 2nd by Martin C. This nomination was voted upon and passed unanimously.

12. Media Librarian, Ric R. Ric discovered three discs that had been out for more than six months, and when he looked for the master discs, could not find them. He was able to find copies of the speakers on-line.

13. Community Outreach, VACANT. Intergroup Chair, Doug C. asked if there were any nominees for this position. There were none. Please advise your groups that this position is vacant – if anyone would be interested in taking up this position, please attend the next Intergroup Meeting where the group will vote on your nomination.

14. Intergroup Liaison, Martin C. Martin presented an idea (without 8x10 glossy photos) on paper for distribution, to attract the "Exceptional Groups" of Albuquerque, meaning those that do not participate with Intergroup and Central Office financially or otherwise. Martin asked for volunteers to help him move forward with this plan, once it's approved by the Intergroup. Ginger B., Sarah B., Julie, Jeff, and Angelique all volunteered to work with Martin on this project.

Doug C. called for a motion to endorse the plan presented by Martin C. Betty P. made a motion to accept the plan as presented. 2nd by Ric R. Intergroup voted unanimously for approval.

15. Old Business – no old business.

16. New Business

Karen C., the IG Rep for Brown Baggers, advised IG that their Friday and Saturday night speaker meetings were interpreted for the deaf by ASL interpreters. This is costing the group too much money, and Karen asked if Central Office would be able to pay for the ASL interpreters. Karen C., along with all other new IG Reps, were advised that the determination of Central Office paying for ASL interpreters had been discussed at great length in 2016 over the course of a few IG meetings, and the IG voted that all groups "are self-supporting" and that Central Office would not fund ASL interpreters, especially considering the dire financial straights that Central Office has been in over the last few years. Please refer to the New Business section of the Intergroup Minutes published in the July 2015 Pass It On which can be found on the albuquerque-aa.org site for further information. The Districts often have funds for their Special Needs committee; IG Reps were referred to their District meetings to request assistance with funding.

17. Announcements:

Marcie, a member of the Downtown Lunch Bunch, has passed away. She was well known in the Albuquerque AA community.

Services will be held at Strong's Mortuary and the funeral at Immaculate Conception Church downtown. Please see Gayle M. of the Downtown Lunch Bunch for more information after the meeting.

18. Motion to close the meeting was made by Ginger B. at 3:07 p.m. 2nd by Gayle M. Unanimously approved. Meeting was closed with the Third Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger B.

Intergroup Secretary

Albuquerque Central Office
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Albuquerque Area Business

Meetings:

Intergroup Rep Meeting

2pm, 2nd Sunday, Brownbaggers,
 5920 Woodford Dr. NE

District 3— 2pm, 2nd Sunday

Call the DCM for Location

District 11 - 9am, 2nd Saturday,

Shepherd of the Valley Church,
 1801 Montano Rd

District 12—10:15am, 2nd Saturday,

Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, in
 Room #3

District 13—10 am, 2nd Saturday,

Metropolitan Community Church,
 1103 Texas St. NE

District 18—10:30am, 2nd Saturday,

United Methodist Church, 136 Calle
 Alameda, Bernalillo

2018 February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	 2	3
 4	5	6	7	8	 9	10 District Meeting Saturday
11 Intergroup Meeting 2:00pm	12 WW II paper shortage forced reduction in size of BB	13	 14	15	 16	17 El Paso Jamboree 2/16 - 2/18
 18	 19	20	21	22	 23	24 Free Taco Dinner 6:15pm-8:15pm Heights Club
25	26	27	28			

February 2018 Calendar Details

February 2 - District Meeting Saturday! See above listing for District Meeting times and Locations.

February 11- Intergroup Meeting, 2pm, Brownbaggers
 5960 Woodford Dr. NE, Bldg F. Suite A

February 17 - El Paso Jamboree; Check out AAELPASO.ORG for details. Manuel P. and Teodoro M. from Albuquerque are speakers.

February 24 - Free Taco Dinner, District 12 Fundraiser for ABQ 2018 Convention, 6:15pm - 8:15pm, Speaker Meeting to follow. Donations welcome. Bring a side dish if you can. Pre-Register for the Convention. Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110