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## **Recovery—Unity—Service**

A.A.'s Twelve Steps are well known, and have been adapted to hundreds of self-help groups across the world. Less well known are the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. All of the following information is reprinted with the permission of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

### **Recovery**

**Step 1** We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.

*from The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous –pp. 59-60*

### **Unity**

**Tradition 1 (Short Form)** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity. **(Long Form)** Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 129 and pg. 189.*

### **Service**

**Concept 1 (Short & Long Form)** Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

*The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service pp. IV-V*

# \*\*\* Happy New Year! \*\*\*

By the time you read this, the holiday season will be over, and we will all be starting a brand New Year. It is my sincere hope that every alcoholic, both inside and outside the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, will find 2017 to be a year filled with sobriety, gratitude and good health.

In December the Intergroup representatives voted on a budget produced by our dedicated Treasurer, Tom M. Tom did an analysis of past years of financial records and developed a budget for the Central Office based on his findings. He offered specific ways to help our Central Office to run in the red and maybe even increase our prudent reserve. It is hard to generate income when we rely on individual and group contributions, and sales income from literature and chips. We are blessed with groups making special donations and holding fundraisers.

The budget and the suggestions were passed unanimously. Copies were made available to the Intergroup representatives at the December meeting to share with their groups. The information is also available at Central Office for review. Two items suggested for raising funds are raising product prices by approx. 5% and starting the "Buck-A-Year" program.

**What is the "Buck a Year" program? It is a way to make an individual contribution to Central Office that reflects our gratitude for each year of sobriety we have achieved. It's simple! Each year, on your sobriety birthday, part of your celebration can be a donation made to Central Office equal to "A Buck A Year". With your donation, include your first name and last initial, number of years celebrated or sobriety and by group. This time next year we will have a good reflection of how our years add up! We will also have a tally by group, so help your group's total by making this easy donation!**

We also held annual Steering Committee Elections. The complete results of the election are documented in the minutes of the December 11, 2016 meeting, on page 6 of this newsletter. Central Office By-Laws state "...elections held each year for half of the members ("staggered" terms). Officers shall be eligible for reelection to the same office for one succeeding two-year term." Leanne, who has been our website chair, completed two terms, and we would like to express our appreciation for her service. Our new Web site Chair is Rick W., who was voted in for a two-year term. All other open positions were filled by officers continuing on for their second term. We are grateful for each of the Steering Committee volunteers, and we are grateful for all of the Intergroup Representatives who came for the meeting as well.

Susan W.

### 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  
Shepherd of the Valley Church  
1801 Montano Rd, Albuquerque

**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 Calle Alameda, Bernalillo

#### The Singleness of Purpose's New Meeting

The Singleness of Purpose group is starting a new closed step study meeting.  
Bring your Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions book and join us.  
Mondays  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Rio Vista Church of the Nazarene  
8701 Golf Course Road NW, Albuquerque



### Speakers Needed

Every Thursday 1pm - 2pm

To carry the message of hope and recovery  
UNM Mental Health Clinic]  
2600 Marble N.E., Albuquerque

This is a one-hour meeting with 2 speakers. A chairman will open the meeting and introduce the speakers. Ten minutes at the end of the meeting will be set aside for questions.

It is highly recommended that you have 6 months sober. Actively involved with a sponsor and working the steps.

Must sign a HIPAA Privacy Compliance form.  
HIPAA, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

Please contact Central Office at 266-1900.

*This meeting is for UNMH Mental Health  
Clinic patients and is not open to the public.*



### Happy Birthday!!

Isleta Group	Alfred	10 Years
November 2016	Rosanna	16 years
Sobriety Birthdays	Joe J.	16 Years
	Little Johnny	24 Years
Evan	Lonny	29 Years
Scott		
Adonai	60 Days	Cosmopolitan Group
Dorothy	90 Days	November 2016
Stephanie	6 months	Sobriety Birthdays
Lori	7 months	
Fermin	18 months	Jonathan D.
Tom	3 Years	Gary Jay.
Jacob	5 Years	Steve R.
Juanita	9 Years	10 months
		7 years
		10 years

### Central Office is in need of volunteers!

Regular and substitute desk workers are needed. Shifts are available on weekdays and weekends. Call 266-1900 for more information

If you would like information about your event or group here, you can send it to [passiton@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:passiton@albuquerqueaa.org); send it with your Intergroup Representative to the monthly Intergroup Meeting; or take it to Central Office no later than the 15th of the month. Thanks!

## ***The Twelve Steps and the Older Member—Step One***

*The Grapevine Magazine, August 1954*

AS I enter my seventh year of consecutive twenty-four-hour periods of sobriety in AA I am meeting more and more members who feel that the program—which to me is the Twelve Steps—comes, in time, to mean something a little different than it did during those first critical and uniquely exciting months.

By this I certainly don't mean that we who have become a little older in AA can afford to relax. When we grow slack we invite disaster. But the necessary vigilance can become such a habit that it maintains itself with little creative effort. We no longer have to think with the desperate intensity that was needed to hold our early sobriety. When we don't have to think very hard we may tend to stop growing and start fossilizing.

To me, and to a number of my AA friends, the Twelve Steps have remained a challenge and a goad to hard and systematic thought. Let me give you an example of what I mean:

Just as an experiment, put this tract aside right now. Get a pencil and paper and write down all of the Twelve Steps you can remember. If you have forgotten a step or a phrase of one, leave it blank and go on, finishing all twelve before looking in the book. If you're anything like me, you've had an astonishing experience. I must have memorized the Twelve Steps a dozen times, had them letter-perfect. But if at any moment somebody unexpectedly pointed a finger at me and said, "Write them down!" I'd slip up somewhere.

Why? Because there's always some step or some phrase of some step, that I want to forget—it raises intellectual or moral challenges I don't want to face, issues I haven't thought through, necessary but thankless jobs I've left undone. I don't expect the time ever to come when I'll have clear answers to all the questions raised by the Twelve Suggested Steps. No scientist or philosopher even claims to have pat answers, and that's one of the things that makes the universe exciting.

How did you make out? Like myself you may have encountered phrases you once knew but now "can't remember," at least without great effort. Or you'll put them all down letter-perfect. . . then hastily lay this piece aside and do something else; they've become a mere chant to you. Or, if you have one of those orderly minds, rare but not unknown among alcoholics, you may put them down in good order and then begin to ponder, with a kind of awe, the unexplored caverns of meaning in each one.

Take the First: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol. . . that our lives had become unmanageable." This step now has two meanings to me. One is its emerging truth as I write now, its significance to an AA in his seventh year of sobriety. The other is the meaning it had for me when I first came into AA.

It is essential, I believe, that this early meaning of Step One always be kept foremost in our meetings and in our talks with those unfamiliar with AA. We are, in a sense, emergency volunteers comparable to the volunteer fire department and the internes who ride the ambulance. We have available techniques for healing people who may be sick almost to death and inaccessible by other means. We have to keep our tools sharp and bright and sterile. Our definitions must be simple and convincing and generally agreed upon. In the maintenance of our community emergency function, we cannot afford the luxury of individual philosophical dalliance.

In the early days Step One was simply the step of identification and acceptance. It was the "Me, too" step, the one in which we said at last, "Okay, I give in." For a long time our wills had held out stubbornly on whether we could handle liquor, whether we properly could be classed with those who openly admitted defeat in this enterprise. With Step One we conceded. We called off the battle, in some cases reluctantly, in others with relief, in all cases definitely. We admitted to ourselves and to anybody else who showed an interest that we could not handle the stuff.

It was far more than parroting words, more, even, than the intellectual acceptance of a fact. We admitted also "that our lives had become unmanageable." When a person looks over his life and affairs and all the things he has tried to do and relations that have become important to him, and pronounces them unmanageable, he has touched the deepest wells of his capacity for feeling. This is no mere socially expedient concession. It is intellectual acceptance, and, in the profoundest sense, emotional acceptance too.

That, at least, was what Step One was to me. It meant a completely altered notion of my own relationship to society. I was no longer a member of the smart set, if being smart involved the consumption of alcohol. I belonged either with those who "weren't having any today" or with those who'd insist on having it today, and every day, and would die of it. I couldn't even say which of these two categories would claim me, for my life "had become unmanageable." I hurried on to the other steps, hoping to discover my fate.

So far as my Twelfth Step work is concerned it has never been necessary for me to say more about Step One than that. Indeed I would not say more; my newcomer is confused enough, I don't want to addle him further.

Among my older AA friends, however, I can discuss freely, without danger of hurting anybody, some of the other things Step One has come to mean to me.

Anybody who wants to get into really deep water can stop right at that word "powerless" and its base, "power." What do you mean by power? Power of what kind? Power to do what? For that matter, just what *is* power? You can search all the scientific and philosophical literature mankind has accumulated and not find an answer to that one. Nobody can tell you what power is. The best anyone can do is to define something we have all experienced and ask us to accept "power" as a word for it. There are many experiences and definitions, hence many things we mean, by "power." As to its real source and nature we know nothing for certain.

Some will protest that this is "tinkering with the program," "getting too complicated," and failing to "keep it simple." It is indeed. Before we finish it becomes more complicated still, and I hold that this is a good thing. I hope I have already established my solidarity with those who insist on keeping it simple in the beginning. God knows if it hadn't been kept that way for me I'd still be drunk.

But it's foolhardy, in my opinion, to cut ourselves short at the growth level we achieved in the first three weeks of AA and stubbornly refuse to go any further for fear it might get complicated. Whether we like it or not the Twelve Steps of AA plunge us head first into questions that have engaged the finest minds of all the ages. We prove nothing by leaving the batter's box the first time we're tossed a curve. But if we'll stand up there and swing we might learn something. We might even grow.

I hasten to add that this avenue for growth has nothing to do with education, intellectual attainments, exceptional stored knowledge or unusually high intelligence quotients. It has to do with the heart and the spirit and a God-given knack for seeing what is true. Of this I am certain, since I, who have had some education, have more than once been instructed by the soul-plumbing remark of a man or woman who's had very little.

I'd like to speak of some of the things Step One has come to mean to me, things which have deeply affected my life, but which I do not ordinarily mention to newcomers and which I don't think are necessary to AA's prime purpose, staying sober.

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# Albuquerque Area and New Mexico AA Events Calendar

**Saturday, January 14, 2017, 1:30PM - 3:30PM**

Any Length's Women's Group Presents :  
**"The AA Waltz" - Steps 4-5**  
 Fundraiser for Central Office

Speakers:  
 Our speakers will share their experience, strength and hope as a sponsor or sponsee

Barb C. – 4th step sponsor      Angela – 5th step sponsor  
 Henry – 4th step sponsee      John S. - 5th step sponsee

**Sweet & savory baked items, plants, and handcrafted items for sale.**

Fundraiser will be held at:  
 Monte Vista Church  
 3501 Campus Blvd. Albuquerque

**Saturday, January 28, 2017-9:00AM**  
**3rd Annual 3 Legacies Conference**  
 Hosted by Area 46 YPAA

**9:00 AM -Potluck breakfast followed by**  
**9:00AM—12:00PM      Workshop**

Shepherd of the Valley Church  
 1801 Montano Rd  
 Albuquerque

Spanish Translation and  
 Sign language Interpreter available  
 For More Information contact: [ypaa@nm-AA.org](mailto:ypaa@nm-AA.org) .

**Saturday January 28, 2017 1:00PM– 3:00PM**  
**Step into Service Workshop**  
 Hosted by District 13

12 steps- 12 Traditions -- 12 Concepts

St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
 corner of Jefferson and Copper,  
 park in rear of church.

**Upcoming Events:**  
**February 18, 2017**—The Step Sisters Group and the Raymac Group will be hosting an Archives Workshop at Our Lady of the Valley Church just off of Coors Blvd.  
**March 4-5, 2017**— District 12 is hosting upcoming area 46 assembly. It will be held at Faith Lutheran Church and El Dorado High School.  
**June 2-4 ,2017** - Area 46 Convention, "Living the Dream" for more information or to register go to [www.2017area46convention.com](http://www.2017area46convention.com)

**Friday January 27, 2017—6:30PM**  
 The Cosmopolitan Group is celebrating their Anniversary!  
 Everyone is invited to a potluck, followed by a brief history, and then a Birthday Meeting.

Group members will provide main dishes, and cake and ice cream, too. Please bring a dish of your choice to share if you can.

Rio Grande Presbyterian Church  
 600 Coors NW

Potluck starts	6:30PM
Group History Presentation	7:45PM
January Birthday Night	8:00PM

*Please plan to attend and help us celebrate!*

**Saturday, January 28, 2017—1:00PM**  
 "At Wit's End" is celebrating our first year and hosting a Grapevine Writing Workshop!  
 We'll Review the writing guidelines, hear from members who have published articles, and Write!

Lunch: 1:00pm  
 Panel on Writing: 2:00pm  
 Writing Time: 3:00pm  
 Sharing Session: 3:30pm

Our Lady in the Valley  
 2805 Don Felipe Rd SW  
 Albuquerque, NM 87105

This workshop will share experience and guidelines for submitting articles to the Grapevine; Writing supplies will be provided, however, feel free to bring your own. Electronic writing devices welcomed! If desired, a member will type up and submit your handwritten story. Publication not guaranteed.  
 Contact Central Office. to request translation and/or ASL 505-266-1900

Saturday, February 18, 2017  
 5:00PM-7:00PM  
**Potluck, Speaker Meeting and Raffle**  
 All proceeds go to the Central Office  
 Hosted by District 11

Shepherd of the Valley Church  
 1801 Montano Rd NW  
 Albuquerque, NM

For more information on these and other Albuquerque Area and New Mexico AA events go to :  
<http://albuquerqueaa.org>  
 and <http://www.nm-aa.org>

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"This living, this living, this living," wrote a poet once fashionable for her brittle melancholy, "was never a project of mine." It expresses almost to perfection the frustrated disappointment which inevitably catches up with the person who imagines he has to run things all by himself. I was such a person. The Big Book uses the theater analogy, describing a person who has to be producer and stage manager and all the actors and write the script too. That was me. I tried to run everything my way, and when I failed I rejected the whole package as something that was never my project.

It was always very hard for me to admit that I had failed, and I never did so until the evidence was overwhelming. Circumstances brought me to a point where I was obliged to admit that I could not manage alcohol. I took the First Step. Once taken, I found that I had not finished with the issues it raised. Was I powerless over alcohol? I was also, I discovered, powerless over a number of other things which, like liquor, I had once imagined I had to bring under my control.

So I had to take the First Step over again continually, as applied to these other things. My wife, my children, my business associates, my friends, my finances, the course of my work—all these things, I found, were under my control only to a very limited degree. To a very large extent I was powerless over them all. As usual, I delayed admitting my failure until the proof had piled up into a mountain that could not be ignored. Then, grudgingly, I'd "First Step" the thing and find relief.

This process, after a few years, led me to a new concept of Step One. Not only am I powerless over alcohol, but I am practically powerless, period. Let us see how much "power" I have of my own. The whole of the physical universe, including my own physical and mental equipment, was created and set going by Somebody Else. The language and numbers I use were invented by other people; other hands than mine built the house I live in, raised the food I eat, wove and sewed the clothes I wear, set up the educational, judicial and police systems which protect me, minted the coins in my pocket. The firm I work for was begun and is largely operated by others. Even if I have what I please to call "my own firm" I find it wholly dependent on the needs, desires and

good will of my neighbors. As I take a more careful look at those whom I would bend to my will I find them made by the same Creator and endowed with facilities equal to or surpassing my own, as valuable to Him as I am. What power have I? For sure, I'm as near powerless as you can get and still be human. In truth, this living was never a project of mine. It is, however, a project of Somebody Else, and with this awareness some wonderful possibilities began to open up. Though I can't be producer, playwright and the whole cast, I can be one of the actors with a walk-on and a couple of speaking lines. Though I can't order people around, I can help, to a very small extent. A few who may be willing to accept my help. Here I am never frustrated, for the willingness of people to accept my help always far outruns my willingness and ability to give it, so long as I don't insist on choosing whom I shall help, or in what way.

As I begin to realize that this universe is not my project, my eyes begin to open to what a miraculous thing it is. I look around me, not frustrated, but awed. How fortunate I am to have been permitted a look-in on this tremendous enterprise! True, I can't run it, but I begin to see it's not necessary that I do. There is already a competent Stage Manager, another is not required. He will see to the props and timing of my part as he sees to the needs of the other actors. I have taken the First Step in a fuller meaning. I no longer have to run things. What a relief! Time after time I have had to test out Step One in the laboratory of life, as applied to other matters than alcohol. Just as in the alcoholic problem I have found that, as soon as I am ready to step aside, the real Stage Manager takes over and the performance goes on surprisingly well, with even a little part in it for me! I have to keep doing it, of course, because my mania to take things over is a recurrent compulsion. Step One has always proved an adequate answer to it. The first of the Twelve Steps has come to mean this much to me so far. Doubtless other and deeper meanings will be revealed as I grow in AA. J.E.

Bronxville, NY

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*Whether you are an old-timer,  
new to recovery,  
or somewhere in between,*

**Central Office** offers lots of ways to do service work -

- ◆ Answering 12 Step phone calls,
- ◆ Donating a specific talent-
- ◆ Becoming a regular donor through one of our three giving programs
- ◆ Hosting a fundraiser with your homegroup,
- ◆ Helping our Community Outreach coordinator at a health fair or other event
- ◆ Volunteering to represent your group at Intergroup Meetings
- ◆ Writing an article for the Newsletter (my personal favorite-editor)
- ◆ Volunteering for our Steering Committee

The list goes on...Some of our service opportunities have minimal requirements, some don't! If you want to take the next step in recovery—Give us a Call -505-266-1900

*"Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers,  
depend upon our constant thought of others and how  
we may help meet their needs"*

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### *The Promises from the Big Book Of Alcoholics Anonymous*

- If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.
- We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.
- We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.
- No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.
- That feeling of uselessness and selfpity will disappear.
- We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.
- Self-seeking will slip away.
- Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.
- Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.
- We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.
- We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

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## Draft Intergroup Meeting Minutes December 11, 2016

### Brown Baggers Meeting Space

Call to Order with Serenity Prayer – Lindsey C., Chair

Introductions from around the room

### Reports

Secretary – Ginger B. – Ginger read the November 13, 2016 minutes. An amendment to the Community Outreach report, that the booth rate for the KOB Health Fair would be "\$75 this year", be corrected to "\$175 last year."

Motion to accept the minutes with amendment: Doug C. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ric R. Unanimous.

Treasurer – Tom M. – Tom gave a report on November 2016 financials. Financials attached. The treasurer for the Women's Sobriety Fest made a donation during today's meeting to Central Office. The amount was not revealed to the group.

Motion to Accept: Doug C. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ric R. Unanimous

Office Coordinator – Michael W. – Central Office received an IRS fine for not paying our taxes on time. Our CPA failed to file timely, and will take responsibility for paying the fine with the IRS.

Michael thanked everyone for attending today, and suggested that those with sponsee, or if they know of others looking to get involved with service work, please send them to Central Office. Desk workers and volunteers for activities are greatly needed.

Alternate Coordinator – Debra K. – She and Michael worked only 11 phone shifts this month. The open Sunday morning shift has been filled. Debra attended the Area Assembly in Carlsbad earlier this month. Central Office is open on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. There is literature on the shelves for Christmas gifts. There will be events over the holidays at the Heights Club, Mesa Club, Footballs, and a number of other groups. 500 Meeting Schedules were received last week and sold out. The on-line schedule is up to date.

#### Open Desk Shifts:

Monday – weekly – 8am to 10am

Monday – every other week – 7pm to 10pm

Member-at-Large – Doug C. – nothing to report.

Pass It On Editor – Susan W. – Susan would appreciate articles.

Pass the basket in observance of the Seventh Tradition and announce next month's meeting date, the second Sunday of the month – **January 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Schedule Editor – Lydia R. – nothing new to report.

Community Outreach – Jeff C. KOB Health Fair Booth rate for a 501 (c) 3 organization is \$200 this year. Much discussion on whether or not Intergroup would support this financially. Members felt strongly that this needs to be supported.

Motion made by Susan W. : Central Office will support the KOB Health Fair and fund it up to \$200. Minority Opinion: nothing more to say. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff C. Motion passed - Four against; 20 for.

Special Needs – Alaina G. – New meeting at St. John's Nursing Home at Wyoming & Menaul. There was an issue of funds between Special Needs and Central Office. Michael asked

Alaina to submit the bill and C.O. would pay the funds.

Media Librarian – Ric R. – all caught up. Ric completed an inventory of media stock. Ric will begin copying the CDs that were donated to C.O. last summer.

Website Coordinator – Leanna S. – Leanna was not able to attend. Intergroup Liaison – Johnny W. – unable to attend.

### Old Business

Central Office Alcathon – there will be no Alcathon this year.

### New Business

2017 Budget with Assumptions – Tom T. presented a 2017 Budget with assumptions to the Intergroup. Both are attached.

Motion to accept the 2017 Budget with assumptions as presented: Betty P. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ginger B.

Elections for positions rotating out this month; terms are two-years; however, if a person has already served one two-year term, they may be elected to continue to fill the term for one year.

#### Treasurer:

Tom T. would like to stand for disapproval for one year.

Nomination from the floor: Ginger B. nominated Doug C.

**Tom T. was unanimously voted to the position for a minimum of one year.**

#### Website Chair:

Rick W. will stand for disapproval. No nominations from the floor.

**Rick W. was unanimously voted to the position for a two-year term.**

#### Special Needs Coordinator:

Alaina G. would like to stand for disapproval for another term. No nominations from the floor.

**Alaina G. was unanimously voted to the position for a two-year term.**

#### Member At Large:

Doug C., who filled this vacant position a couple of months ago, will stand for disapproval for a full term. There were no nominations from the floor.

**Doug C. was unanimously voted to the position for a two-year term.**

#### Media Librarian:

Ric R. will stand for disapproval for a two-year term. No nominations from the floor.

**Ric R. was unanimously voted to the position for a two-year term.**

### Announcements

Alcathons in the area were announced again. Any Lengths Women's Group is having an event. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Ladies Room is having a potluck meeting – men and family members are welcome. Strange Mental Blank Spots will have an event on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Central Office will receive a flyer for this and it will be placed on the website, as will all events submitted to Central Office.

Motion to Close: Betty P. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ginger B. Unanimous. Meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer.

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*Donating to Albuquerque Area Intergroup  
Central Office:*

*If you are an A.A. member you can:*

- Make a monetary contribution via check or money order, payable to Central Office of Albuquerque. Mail or drop off in person at 1921 Alvarado Drive, NE Albuquerque, NM 87110.
- Become a "Faithful Fiver" contribute \$5 monthly or
- "Trusted Tenner" contribute \$10 monthly.
- You can 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?
- **Join our Brand New Buck A Year Program— Donate \$1.00 for every year of your sobriety. Send your first name, last initial, years of sobriety and home group and we will print it in the Pass It On and on our website (www.albuquerqueaa.org)**
- Contribute with a secure credit card transaction, either at Central Office or by clicking the Contribute button on our website Support page.

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

Central Office Financial Snapshot		
	November 2016	YTD 2016
Total Revenues	\$5881.55	\$90810.89
Total Cost of Sales	\$2326.55	\$32427.61
Gross Income	\$3555.00	\$58383.28
Total Expenses	\$6165.50	\$63116.67
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$2610.50)	(\$4733.39)

**Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report  
November 2016**

	November 2016	October 2016	November 2015
<b>Phone Calls:</b>			
Information	328	368	364
12-Step	15	13	7
Al-Anon	4	5	8
Message	29	29	38
Other	75	83	60
<b>Total</b>	451	498	477
<b>Walk-ins:</b>			
Information	22	7	21
12-Step	0	0	2
Al-Anon	1	3	0
Schedule	3	12	4
Purchase	138	137	113
Media	0	0	4
Message	0	1	2
Casual	19	28	35
Other	23	23	29
<b>Total</b>	203	211	210
<b>Web Visits:</b>			
			3945
<b>Deskworkers:*</b>			
Regulars	43	44	42
Substitutes	13	12	23
<b>Total</b>	56	56	65
<b>Deskshifts:*</b>			
Weekdays	132	126	126
Weekends	40	50	45
<b>Total</b>	172	176	171
<b>Weekday Shifts:*</b>			
Worked by regulars:	112 (84.4%)	100 (79.4%)	101 (80.6%)
Worked by Subs:	19 (14.4%)	25 (19.8%)	25 (19.4%)
<b>Total</b>	131 (99.2%)	125 (99.2%)	126 (100%)
<b>Weekend Shifts:*</b>			
Worked by Regulars	34 (85%)	38 (76%)	33 (73.3%)
Worked by Subs:	6 (15%)	11 (22%)	11 (24.4%)
<b>Total</b>	40 (100%)	49 (98%)	44 (97.7%)
<b>*Night shifts not covered</b>	1 weeknight	1 weeknight 1 weekend	1 Weekend
<b>Shifts not worked by a volunteer:</b>	11	18	15
	3 – 2 hr. shifts		
<b>Total</b>	30 hrs.	56 hrs.	45 hrs.

**Third Step Prayer**

*God, I offer myself to Thee, to build with me and do with me as Thou wilt.  
Relieve me of the bondage of self that I may better do Thy will.  
Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those  
I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of Life.  
May I do Thy will always!*

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