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Recovery—Unity—Service

Recovery

Step 3 Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

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

Unity

Tradition 3(Short Form): The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

(Long Form): Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

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

Service

Concept 3(Short Form). To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

(Long Form). As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

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

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Tradition 3: “The only requirement for A.A. Membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

The third tradition is my favorite. It speaks so loudly to me that sometimes its the only thing I hear, or it tickles me so much that I laugh just thinking about it. The third tradition is my friend.

A desire to stop drinking means:

- *You don't have to stop drinking to be a member of A.A.*
- *You can stop, and then “Try some controlled drinking” if you like, (just to test yourself.)*
- *Shame and fear should never be a factor in your decision to coming back into the rooms of A.A.*
- *If your desire isn't quite strong enough, it may take you some time to come and remain in the rooms of recovery.*
- *You can “sneaky” drink while coming to A.A.*
- *Or you can put yourself into a geosynchronous orbit around A.A. until you decide to land and be part of the fellowship.*

As you can see, there are options available to you. But in all cases, it's your desire to stop drinking that is driving all of them.

When I was in high school, I had a promising career on our football team. I was a returning senior that year. I had my starters job all but promised to me. All I had to do was show up. I even had my picture taken and put in the local newspaper, front page of the sport section, with the caption reading: “Starting center loses his job...” How humiliating-A blow up picture in the local newspaper with the great announcement of being downgraded for everyone to see.

Lets go back and see just how I lost my starting position as center. It was 1965, I was a junior in high school, Viet Nam was just in its beginning, and recruiters for the military were on campus. I took an invitation to local Naval Reserve Base for a tour. Next thing I knew I

was raising my right hand and being sworn in. I spent the summer in basic training, and because of that, I didn't practice with my quarterback and our timing was off, because of that, I lost my job as a starter. When I did get into a game, had 3 snaps and 3 fumbles and out I came, that ended my football career.

By now you're asking, “What does that have to do with tradition 3?” It has to do with desire, as in “the desire to stop drinking.” I wanted what I had left behind, a starter's roll, but I didn't have the desire to finish what I started, I quit, and from that point on, I lived that quitter's attitude.

I never considered myself a quitter because I would gut it out to the end. But that wasn't true, because when the time came for the rubber to meet the road, I wasn't there. While I was in the Navy, I found out I could fly as a crewman, sign me up. To be a crewman, I had to be a Plane Captain, sign me up. The responsibilities of a Plane Captain was to preflight the aircraft to make sure it was ready to fly. One morning after drinking all night long, I signed off on the aircraft without even looking at it. It wasn't ready, and I lost it all. I quit again. Alcohol struck again and sure I blamed myself, not the booze, because everyone was drinking like me, and so it couldn't have been the booze, could it?

I soon found that alcohol could relieve me of the quitter's attitude and I became invincible, I could do anything. But could it really do that for me. While I was drinking I was the best, all I had to do was have a drink or 2, or 3 or a bottle, and the transformation would occur, and there I was Superman, great dancer, slick talker, until the one too many happened. Then my ice cream fell off the cone and into the gutter.

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Albuquerque Area and New Mexico AA Events Calendar

Sunday, March 12, 2017

3:00PM-4:00PM
30th Annual NM

Women's Sobriety Fest
Planning Committee Meeting

Open to all women, AA and Al-Anon who would like to help plan the Women's Sobriety Fest.

Agenda: Committee Chair Selection/Join/Volunteer and Set dates for monthly meetings.

Information: info@nmaawsf.com

Nativity Church
9502 4th St. NW
Albuquerque, NM

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Fundraiser for Area 46
New Mexico Service Forum
July, 2017

Potluck and Speaker Meeting

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM SPEAKERS

Tom H and Patti B

8:30 50/50 RAFFLE

Our Lady of Sorrows

Catholic Church Social Center

301 S Camino Del Pueblo

Bernalillo NM 87004

**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

Saturday, March 18, 2017
21st Anniversary Celebration

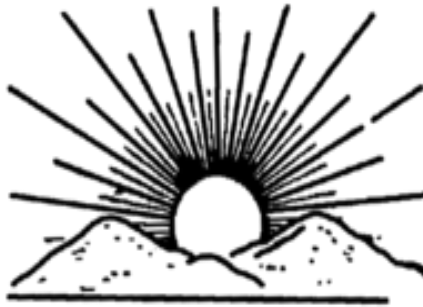
Sunrise Catchers

1829 Isleta Blvd SW
Albuquerque, NM 87105

7:00AM-8:00AM Breakfast Potluck

8:00AM-9:00AM Speaker Meeting

Please join us for fun, food
and fellowship!



May 5th-6th, 2017

24th Annual

Red Road Convention

MGM Elegante Hotel

2020 Menaul NE

Albuquerque, NM

Featuring: Pow-Wow, Speakers
Marathon Meetings, Al-Anon meetings
Art Raffle and more...

Custom Designed T-Shirts and
More Red Road Convention Merchandise will
be available

Registration Fee \$25.00

For More Information or to Register Online:

Visit <http://www.nmredroad.org> **OR**

call Central Office at 505-266-1900

Sponsored by the Native American AA
Group in Albuquerque, NM.

Saturday March 18, 2017

1:00PM– 3:00PM

Step into Service

Workshop, Part 2

Hosted by District 13

12 steps- 12 Traditions

12 Concepts

Lunch will be served

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

LIVING THE DREAM

June 2, 3, 4, 2017

2017 Area 46 Convention

MCM Elegante Hotel and

Ruidoso Convention Center

Call 575-258-5500

for Hotel Reservations—

PRE REGISTRATION \$30.00

UNTIL MAY 1, 2017

(\$35.00 AT THE DOOR ~ NO REFUNDS)

A.A. Speakers:

Dave B Torrance, CA

Billy N Atlanta, GA

Debbie G. Vista, CA

Yonne S. Los Angeles, CA

Don C. Colorado Springs, CO

Al Anon Speaker:

Caroline R. Las Cruces, NM

Young People Speaker:

Teddy T. Albuquerque, NM

Spanish Speaker:

Frank C. El Paso, Texas

Register online at

www.2017area46convention.com

Email: [2017area46convention](mailto:2017area46convention@gmail.com)

[@gmail.com](mailto:2017area46convention@gmail.com) for More Information

July 15, 2017—Save the Date!

Area 46 New Mexico AA Service Forum

“Growing in understanding

about service

Makes us better able to be

of service.”

Explore service in AA

Panels Workshops, Speakers

Look for more information to come!

Nativity Church, 9502 Fourth Street NW

Grateful Girls Group is moving to Immanuel Presbyterian Church on March 7. Meeting time is 7:30 PM.

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

PART 2: 31st Annual Intergroup/Central Office AAWS/AAGV Seminar, Kansas City, Mo. By Debra K., Central Office Alt. Coordinator

Workshop 5 – Concepts & CO/Intergroup

I must say here that I'm not as well versed on the Concepts as I could be, which is why I chose this workshop. After reading up on the Concepts mentioned here, I believe that our Central Office, and the Intergroup Representative meeting do adhere to the Concepts, both in action and in our By-laws.

Do the rights of participation, decision and appeal apply to CO?

Concepts 3, 4, & 5. Yes, I believe they do, to both the steering committee, and the Intergroup rep meeting

Who has the final say – office managers or elected board?

Depends upon the situation. Financial is both, whereas everyday managing falls to the managers

Concept 12 – Does it apply?

The 5 Warranties of Concept 12 absolutely apply. We have them in our CO By-laws as a guide to our operation of the office. It is on my plate to educate myself, along with the Steering Committee about the Concepts and how they apply to us.

Read the Concept of the month at the intergroup meeting. Allow the IG reps more time to take voting motions back to the groups (1 or 2 months?)

Workshop 6 – Dealing with Boards, Steering Committees, and Trustees

Here we practice Love and Tolerance, service first, and sharing of experiences.

Patience – don't give up just because of a couple of stubborn members. They rotate out eventually! Remember, it's not always principles before personalities.

Take your own inventory, and realize that there is always going to be someone who wants it done differently.

Recruit people, especially the ones who you think will make that difference.

Recruit for both the steering committee and volunteers.

Make sure that the Treasurer's position is well defined in the by-laws, so that it is clear that this is a *service* office, not a business!

Friday Evening – AAWS Workshop

AAWS Board Chair and Trustee Director Joe W. (?) started us off with a bit of his history in Alcoholics Anonymous. He was followed by Greg T., General Manager of

GSO, who presented a slide show on the construction of combining AAWS and

AAGV onto one floor (11th) so that communication is greater between the 2 Boards. The web site sees approximately 35K hits per day, or just over 1 million per month. AAWS Archives presented the 35th millionth copy of the Big Book to the religious order that Sister Ignacia belonged to. They absolutely revere her!

David A. is the new AAWS publishing director, being hired into that position in July 2016. Before that, he was the licensing manager. David keeps track of all literature for all languages printed by AA. Right now, accessibility is a priority by eliminating the barriers of access to low vision readers by printing more large print material, including books. They are in the process of re-recording audio books to conform to the best standards in the business. There is a terrific (his words) new DVD – "A New Freedom" that is soon to be released, and also in the process of choosing ASL interpreters for the revamp of the BB and 12x12. The interpreters are all being chosen by the deaf community, and are also all members, so this is an 'in program' project.

The catalogue! David can't find stuff in his own catalogue, so that is being revamped for easier use. (there was a sound round of applause at this).

The "Blue People" graphic on the AA.org website is now trademarked and copyrighted, and may not be used by the groups, but is reserved for the AAWS/AAGV/GSO boards of the U.S. and Canada, and by GSO of Canada and the U.S.

The Big Book is now available in 70 languages – 69 translations and in English. AA literature is available via online stores and International service structures in 99 languages. The BB and 12x12 are coming soon in Hindi, Punjabi, and Tamil in the near future.

There has been a 176% increase over 2015 in licenses to reproduce translated, copyrighted literature.

Melini, Publishing Operations Manager – She is in charge of AAWS inventory, customer service, and order entry. There are 1350 items in inventory. In 2015, online sales accounted for 62% of all sales. There are 89,000 incoming, and 56,000 outgoing pieces of mail, handled by 4 people annually. WOW! Big Book (PB), As Bill Sees It (PB), and Daily Reflections wear issues have been noted, and will be addressed within 3 months. All book manufacturers have been instructed to use reinforced binding techniques.

More customer service reps are to be hired, and cross training will be done with those already employed for better customer service.

Racy, GSO Liaison between IG/CO. She talked about the history of the building that GSO is in, also an explanation of GSO employees who are Tradition 8 workers and their duties. In the spirit of the traditions, they rotate every 2 years to a new position in GSO, i.e. PI, CPC, Corrections, etc.

Saturday Evening – AAGV Workshop

Linda, AAGV Trustee Board Director was the starting speaker. She is from Quebec, and has served on the board for the last 3 years. The biggest challenge for the last 3 years is keeping the GV afloat. Every yearly budget is made in the red, because they publish a book yearly, and don't know if that book is going to sell. Even if they did not publish a book, the budget would still be made in the red, because the support for the Grapevine is not what it used to be. If everyone with a subscription would renew, the situation would become much better. One of the suggestions that the GV is sending out to DCM's is to buy your Delegate a subscription gift, so that he can pass that along to the Corrections Committee of the Area.

When a recent search for a Non-Alcoholic Trustee Director began, they looked specifically for a person involved with the Spanish community who also spoke Spanish. This was done specifically in support of La Vina, which is paid for by GSO but perhaps this could help it become a little more self-supporting.

Linda stressed that you search the Grapevine website, listen to the audio stories, look up articles in the Archives, which go back to the beginning of the Grapevine, and learn what it take to be a GV rep. Record your own audio share for up to 7 minutes, or write an article of your experience in AA, or how you got here.

John, Senior Editor of the Grapevine then spoke. He talked a bit about his history, and how he got to be Editor. He also talked about the website, and to use the search box on the screen using keyword to search the last 10 years of archives. They are currently working on updating the search engine for the archives.

Currently, the Grapevine is looking for stories. Diversity, dating in sobriety, prison (both in, out, and taking meetings), being young and sober, AA in the military, and how you use the GV are some of the subjects that are being sought for upcoming editions. They are always in search of original cartoons, photos, jokes and illustrations.

An idea given was to make a purple basket to collect Grapevines at the office, or to take to the IG rep meeting to distribute to prisons. Put this idea into your local newsletter if you have one.

On the exit list: "Home Group; Heartbeat of AA is now out of print, and "Best of Bill", "Into Action", and "Thanks for Sharing" are being 'sunsetting'.

Sunday Morning – Recap of the weekend by attendees

This session was small, as many had early departure times. I made a point of talking to Sherry, who helped in making this Seminar happen as to what it takes to be a host. She has years of experience in booking motels and conference space, but the main requirement was a core group of volunteers, willing to do what it takes. I must say that Kansas City set a high bar when the Districts rallied and supplies ALL the meals in the Hospitality Room, from Thursday evening to early Sunday morning breakfast, starting at 5:30 a.m., for those with early flights.

Gratefully,

Debra K.

Tradition 3: "The only requirement for A.A. Membership is a desire to stop drinking."

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When alcohol finally drove me into the doors of AA, I found myself in a place like never before. I was welcomed on the very first night. I found a seat next to an old timer named Jerry. He greeted me with a handshake and a card (since then, I've watched him do this time after time when any new comer walks into the rooms) so I sat next to him for that meeting. There was the first time I said I was an alcoholic. It was hard to have those words come out of my mouth, but they were the truest words I have spoken in my life. To admit defeat and to be happy about it is a feeling that totally changed the way I lived. I no longer need a drink to feel like Superman, or to take on a the world. I can now take it on one day at a time. One 24 hour slice at a time. All because I had the desire to stop drinking.

I was finally tired of my crumbling life and I desired a way out. The way out was to stop drinking. To stop drinking was one thing, the emotional roller coaster, well, that was something I wasn't ready to admit that I was on. The whole lifestyle of the alcoholic was killing me and everything I wanted out of life. I desired something else but I didn't know what. All I knew was that I wasn't happy and a change was needed and I needed to stop drinking to bring about the change. This was and is my desire to stop drinking.

What I find interesting is that while I was in the midst of my drink- ing career, none of this was even possible for me to think of. The

helplessness of my condition; the continual denial of what was go- ing on with me. How could I? I was feeding my disease, I was ena- bling it to slowly take over my life, and it was easy for me to let it happen. Why fight what seem so good and easy, and after all, it didn't hurt anyone. I didn't see the walls that were going up around the people I cared about, the people I worked with, those that I spent the most amount of time with. I was slowly being isolated and I didn't see it.

The desire to stop drinking was strong inside of me, and I wanted to be sober. I had tried to stop drinking by myself and once I even did stop for over a year. I had thought I had enough sobriety time that I could handle drinking again. It started off with non-alcohol beer, which lead to spiking the beer, to full on drinking again, and soon I was right back to where I was, and then some. I was heading some- where I didn't want to go, and I was causing me great harm, to my marriage, to my job, and most of all to me. I had to quit drinking! Don't ask me why I came to this decision, I just realize I did and for that I'm a grateful alcoholic. My Higher Power was waiting for me to come into the rooms of Alcoholic Anonymous and I believe that it was this desire that He put inside of me. The desire to stop drinking.

Artemus M., Westside AA, Albuquerque. NM



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January 2017 Sobriety Birthdays

Morning Serenity in Bernalillo, NM	Dawn Patrol
Bill L. 22 years	Jon V. 27 years
	Tom M. 28 years
Cosmopolitan Group	Foothills
Mico 24 hours	Melissa S. 3 years
Melissa B. 7 months	
Jonathan D 1 year	Seeking Serenity
Lorenzo C 11 years	Lorenzo C. 11 years
Tomas C 17 years	
John P. 28 Years	Any Lengths
Mary Jane A 33 years	Mary C. 29 years
Bob A. 41 years	
Isleta Group	Brown Baggers
Roger L. 44years	Bob A. 41 years

January , 2017 Buck-A-Year : "Buck-A-Roos"

	Home Group	# of Years	B.day Mo/Yr
Melissa S	Foothills	3	1/2014
Lorenzo C	Seeking Serenity	11	1/2006
Nancy T	Dawn Patrol	16	8/2000
Jon V.	Dawn Patrol	27	1/1990
Tom M.	Dawn Patrol	28	1/1989
Mary C.	Any Lengths	29	
Anonymous		31	1/1986
Skitch F		32	
Brian M		32	6/1984
Bob A.	Brown Baggers	41	1/1976
Roger L	Isleta	44	1/1973

It works if you work it, so long as you don't think that your own work got you the results!

As important as doing the work is in A.A., there is a paradox between "it works if you work it" and, "it doesn't work just because "You" did all that work". To understand this, consider the Native American ceremony called the sweat lodge.

The sweat lodge is a very sacred and a very spiritual ceremony. It takes a lot of work to prepare for a sweat lodge. You don't just show up and do it on a whim. You could, but, like working an A.A. program the real benefit comes from the surrender and the hard work you have to do to prepare for the ceremony. First you have to put up the lodge, then there is the fasting you will be asked to do before the sweat. You also are going to be uncomfortable in all the heat and in all the smoke. But, none of that is what heals you. None of that hard preparation is going to give you a spiritual awakening. The hard work is necessary but it only prepares you for the ceremony. The spiritual transformation does not take place during the work, it happens during the ceremony. The "work" is not the actual ceremony.

The example of the sweat Lodge shows that is only through spiritual transformation that any of us receive the real gift of working A.A.'s 12 Steps. Real work leads to real transformation in A.A. Our Step Twelve says "Having had a spiritual awakening" (as the result of these steps)". It doesn't say, "Having stayed sober long enough to have picked up another years chip". It doesn't say, "Look how many sponsees I am helping" or "See how many people I am reaching on the A.A. speaker's circuit". There are many ways to be of service and those are two good ways to carry the message. But we must always keep a beginner's mind with our program. If we do not, then it is easy to start to imagine that we have some wisdom, some authority or that we alone have made ourselves sober by doing the Twelve Steps "the right way".

This is why we say in AA, it works if you work it. At some point we all have to surrender "Self" to Spirit. Call it God, Jesus, Yahweh, or the

one who can't be named. None of those identifications matter in AA. But doing the work, does matter. And the promise in AA is that, doing Steps One through Eleven will get you to a place of spiritual awakening. That's why there is a chapter titled "We Agnostics" in the Big Book.

We can resist surrendering ourselves to God all we want. It isn't really a requirement in A. A. to say that you know God personally, and it's OK if you do. But, like the Twelfth Step says, if you really want what we have then you have to realize that spiritual awakening is both a part of, and the result of, doing these steps. You can do it your in own way but you are still going to have to do it. You are still going to have to surrender your self to God as you understand God.

This is how it is written in AA's big book, page 164 in "A Vision For You.":

"Our book is meant to be suggestive only. We realize we know only a little. God will constantly disclose more to you and to us. Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick. The answers will come, if your own house is in order. But obviously you cannot transmit something you haven't got. See to it that your relationship with Him is right, and great events will come to pass for you and countless others. This is the Great Fact for us.

Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. May God bless you and keep you—until then".

If you don't surrender self, instead of a "full speed ahead" program, you will instead end up with a "half fast" program. ;-)
David G., Albuquerque

STEP THREE: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him

Being convinced, we were at Step Three, which is that we decided to turn our will and our life over to God as we understood Him. Just what do we mean by that, and what do we do?(pg. 60) This is the how and why of it. First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work. Next, we decided that hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director. He is the Principal; we are His agents. He is the Father, and we are His children. Most good ideas are simple, and this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom.

When we sincerely took such a position, all sorts of remarkable things followed. We had a new Employer. Being all powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well. Being established on such a footing we become less and less interested in ourselves, our little plans and designs. More and more we became interested in seeing what we could contribute to life. As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were

reborn.

We were now at Step Three. Many of us said to our Maker, as we understood Him:

*God, I offer myself to Thee,
to build with me and
do with me as thy 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!*

*Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 63
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"Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions": Alcoholics Anonymous' Second Textbook

The A.A. pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions about A.A." is a wonderful resource for A.A. information. On the subject of basic texts it says: "The Fellowship (of Alcoholics Anonymous) has four books that are generally accepted as textbooks" and goes on to list "Alcoholics Anonymous" (Big Book)", "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions", "A.A. Comes of Age" and "As Bill Sees It" (#P57-pp. 52-53).

Here is a little bit of the history of the "12 & 12", found in "A.A. comes of Age":

"One more noteworthy event...:the publication of A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in 1953. This small volume is strictly a textbook which explains A.A.'s twenty-four basic principles and their applications, in detail and with great care."

"The response was far greater than expected; about 50,000 volumes are in circulation as of 1957. It is the general feeling that the book has deepened the meaning of our Twelve Steps as they can be applied to the individual's problem of daily living, and that our Twelve Traditions can now be better understood and used in guiding the life of our whole society."

*From Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, pg 219.
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Draft Intergroup Minutes February 12, 2017

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer led by Tom
Introductions: Approximately 27 individuals introduced themselves .

Treasurer's Report (Tom):
Please see financial report for complete breakdown. Net income for January was \$422.83. Net income for January 2016 was a negative \$97.64. Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Secretary's Report (Gene K substituting):
No longer being read aloud. Printed report of December 2016 meeting has been circulated and accepted.

Schedule Report: None. Not present.

Member-At-Large: Nothing to report.

PIO Report (Susan):
If your group or committee has flyers about an event, please turn them into C.O. on or before the 15th of the month. Same with birthdays.

Special Needs Report: Not present.

Web Page Report: Not present.

Media Library Report(Rick):
We are still copying and have 400 titles available.

Community Outreach Report:
KOB Health Fair booth was obtained and staffed by 2 members on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. Fee for the booth was paid and enough inquiries were made that it was worthwhile for the money and effort expended.

Liaison Report: Not present.

Coordinator Report (Michael):

We are upgrading Central Office furnishings. Old furniture was dingy and uninviting. The old desk will be auctioned off for those who want a memento with the "Nobel Patina" of many years use. New desk was obtained without cost to C.O. Grapevine literature is being reordered.

Alt-Coordinator Report(Debra):

47 12 Step calls came in and were answered , a record for January. These included 3 walk-ins. Web hits are up from January 2016, approximately 600. Purchases were OK. Nite shift phones were all staffed except for one shift. Our media library is a bargain. Spend \$2.00 and you can take an AA CD home to listen to for weeks. Return it and you can borrow another CD without additional charge. Remember that at this meeting you can buy schedules at a discount...5 for \$1.00.

Old Business: There is none.

New Business: No new business.

Announcements:

(Debra W. D11DCM) Remember February 18th is the date for the Intergroup Speaker Meeting and Potluck at Shepherd of the Valley Church. We have 56 raffle prizes. The speaker is Dorothy D. from Corrales and we still need volunteers to set up the meeting.

Suncatchers Group is celebrating an anniversary and breakfast potluck at 7:00 AM March 18th at the Isleta club.

Grateful Girls Group (Marriana) is moving to Immanuel Presbyterian Church on March 7. Meeting time is 7:30 PM.

Candlelight Group is going to have a potluck at 8:45 on ?????

Blackouts (a play about AA) is looking for actors, stage hands and general help for a parody of the Wizard of Oz.

We hope to have the play sometime in August.

Meeting closed with a prayer.

**Central Office Intergroup
Steering Committee**

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Central Office Financial Snapshot		
	January, 2017	YTD 2017
Total Revenues	\$8169.88	\$8169.88
Total Cost of Sales	\$2100.47	\$2100.47
Gross Income	\$6069.41	\$6069.41
Total Expenses	\$5646.58	\$5646.58
Net Income/(Loss)	\$422.83	\$422.83

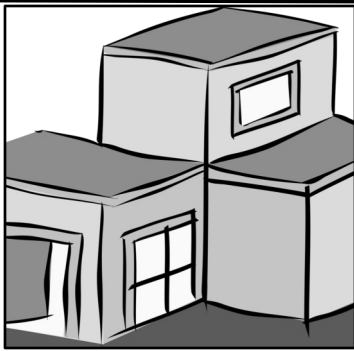
**Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report
January, 2017**

	January 2017	December 2016	January 2016
Phone Calls:			
Information	361	407	466
12 -Step	47	24	12
Al-Anon	12	3	7
Message	29	26	39
Other	<u>57</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>
Total:	506	532	603
Walk-ins:			
Information	23	18	17
12-Step	3	0	2
Al-Anon	0	1	1
Schedule	9	10	2
Purchase	175	132	179
Media	0	1	3
Message	0	2	3
Casual	47	36	39
Other	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>46</u>
Total:	284	224	292
Web Visits:			
	5114		4442
Deskworkers:*			
Regulars	48	47	42
Substitutes	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>24</u>
Total:	63	63	66
Deskshifts:*			
Weekdays	132	132	126
Weekends	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>50</u>
Total:	177	177	176
Weekday Shifts:*			
Worked by regulars:	120 (91%)	109 (82.6%)	105 (83.3%)
Worked by Subs:	<u>11 (8%)</u>	<u>20 (15.2%)</u>	<u>19 (15%)</u>
Total:	131 (99%)	129 (97.8%)	124 (98.3%)
Weekend Shifts:*			
Worked by Regulars	39 (87%)	39 (86.6%)	32 (64%)
Worked by Subs:	<u>6 (13%)</u>	<u>6 (13.4%)</u>	<u>18 (36%)</u>
Total:	45 (100%)	45 (100%)	50 (100%)
*Night shifts not covered	1 weeknight	3 weeknight	2 weekday
Shifts not worked by a volunteer:	5	14	16
		3 – 2 hr. shifts	1 – 2 hr. shift
Total:	15 Hrs.	39 hrs.	47 hrs.

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*As Bill Sees It pg. 8
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