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**Step 4** Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

**Tradition 4** (*Short Form*) Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

(Long Form) With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

**Concept 4** (*Short Form*) At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge. (*Long Form*) Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

## **Tradition Four**

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Tradition Four is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions One and Two. Tradition One states: "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition Two states: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authoity -- a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Articles**: It's back to reprint time. I'm tempted to stop trying to encourage article submissions from local fellowship members...it's an effort that goes largely unheeded. But when articles do come in, they're worth the effort. They can be personal recovery stories, on an AA topic, a "news" article from a workshop or convention, etc. PLEASE consider writing an article for PIO so we're not constantly having to publish "moldy oldies":)

**Sobriety Birthdays**: The Sobriety Birthday Calendar (page 5) is steadily growing. A big thanks to the groups that send in their S-Bdays and to the group member(s) who take on this responsibility. It only takes a few minutes each month to email PIO a list of birthdays at the end of the month, and it is a good way to give others a pat on the back for their dedication to recovery and share with others in the Albuquerque area districts the cumulative amount of time in sobriety the people going to your meetings have.

The **AA Events Calendar** (page 6) is filling up fast - it's that time of the year again. Convention season is just around the corner (6 on the calendar so far, not to mention the International Convention listed at the bottom of this page). Picnics should be starting soon also. If your group or district is sponsoring an **AA Event**, please submit full information (event, date, time, group/district sponsoring, details and *yes* the location - believe it or not, some recent submissions have left out this crucial detail).

There are still **3 vacant positions on the Central Office Steering Committee** - the comittee that oversees the operations of Central Office and keeps things running (mostly...lol) smoothly and serves as the "group conscience" for Albuquerque Intergroup. Serving on the Steering Committee is an excellent way to take your service up a notch and do service work that reaches all the districts in the Albuquerque area...and it doesn't take as much time as you might think. The open positions are: Community Outreach, Special Needs Coordinator and Intergroup Liaison. For more info on these open positions email Chair@albuquerqueaa.org

SUBMISSIONS for PIO publication (articles, stories, announcements, flyers, sobriety birthdays, etc.), letters to the editor, questions, comments, suggestions and criticism are always welcomed at PassItOn@ albuquerqueaa.org and will receive a prompt reply and appropriate consideration for publication.

The General Service Office wants to stay in contact with you and your groups; to keep up-to-date we need your current/correct address. Please remember to advise G.S..O. Records department of your new contact information when you move. Send your new information to: records@ aa.org

## 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

Meet us at the Georgia Dome When: July 2-5, 2015. Where: Atlanta, Georgia.

Why: To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous.

More info: http://www.aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=466

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Albuquerque Area Business Meetings

Intergroup Rep. Meeting 2 pm, 2nd Sunday, Brownbaggers

District 3 - 2 pm, 2nd Saturday Call the DCM for location

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

District 12 - 10:15 am, 2nd Saturday, Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE in Rm #3

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

District 18 - 9am, 2nd Saturday, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 2701 The American Rd. SE, Rio Rancho

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## **Tradition Four**

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would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub. These severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience."

Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group, or regional committee could take an action that might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to take an action that might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area, if there be one. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect AA as a whole, it consults the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our overall general service committee. For instance, no group or inter group could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect AA as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be AA standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our AA general Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition Four, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

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## What is the story behind the Circle and Triangle logo?

The Circle and Triangle symbol has long been connected to the A.A. Fellowship. It was adopted as an official A.A. symbol at the International Convention in St. Louis in 1955, and from that point on was widely used in the Fellowship. For the Fellowship, the three legs of the triangle represented the Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service, and the circle symbolized the world of A.A. In Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, Bill W.'s 1955 speech, in which he describes the adoption of the symbol, is printed:

"Above us floats a banner on which is inscribed the new symbol for A.A., a circle enclosing a triangle. The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. Within our wonderful new world, we have found freedom from our fatal obsession. That we have chose this particular symbol is perhaps no accident. The priests and seers of antiquity regarded the circle enclosing the triangle as a means of warding off the spirits of evil, and A.A.'s circle and triangle of Recovery, Unity, and Service has certainly meant all of that to us and much more." (p. 139)

Nevertheless, in the early 1990s, A.A.W.S. decided to phase out the use of the Circle and Triangle symbol on its literature, letterhead and other material. It was decided to phase out the "official" or "legal" use of the Circle and Triangle symbol, and in 1994 the General Service Conference resolved that the logo be discontinued on all Conference-approved literature. However, the symbol is still associated with Alcoholics Anonymous (and other kinds of 12-Step recovery fellowships) and has a special meaning for AA members all over the world.

Central Office encourages all groups to elect an Intergroup representative. Join us at the next Intergroup meeting the second Sunday of every month, at 2 pm, at the Brownbaggers.

## Intergroup Rep. Meeting Minutes March 9, 2014

Open @ 14:05

Open/ Attendees Debra K, Alt Coordinator, In the Book; Steve R, Pass It On Editor, Saturday Night Alive; Aaron C, Treasurer, Too Much For Us; Michael W, Coordinator, Too Much For Us; Ruth G, Singleness of Purpose; Alli, Website Chair, Singleness of Purpose; Mary Lynn, Serendipity; Michael C, Happy Hour; Sarah B, Strange Mental Blank Spots; Chris T, Brownbaggers; Christy O, Media Librarian, Promises; Lisa M, Sunrise Catchers; Jamie M, One Day At A Time; Nicole D-S, Ladies' Room; Justin, Straight Pepper Diet; Katie C, Grateful Girls; Nonie B, How It Works; Hilary C, High Noon; Stephen P, Seeking Serenity; Kris H, Dawn Patrol; Cindy B, Dusk Patrol; Bernie J, Candlelight; Mark K, Estancia Valley; Michael W, Intergroup Chair, Westside AA; Carolyn R, Secretary, Ladies' Room

**Minutes** Minutes read. Questions regarding all three open service positions were answered. Motion to approve minutes made by: Alli, seconded by Nicole, so moved.

Treasurer's Report Total Revenues: 7,435.32; Cost of Sales: 3,205.86; Gross Income: 4,229.46; Total Expenses: 5,387.24; Net Income: (1,157.78). Report: Last month 51% of purchases were made by credit cards. Credit card companies misrepresented themselves as to the charges we would incur in using their services. We are being charged 4.86% in service charges, vs. the slightly over 2% as quoted, not taking into account the annual \$100 one-time charge. Taking in account that \$100, it falls just below 4% in fees. Comments: Rep: Are we making enough money to warrant continuing to use the credit card machines, given the fees? Aaron: We'll need more time to see one way or the other. Right now the sale of the 75th edition Big Book, being paid mostly by credit cards, is likely driving up the credit card purchases. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by: Ruth, Cindy seconded it, so moved.

Central Office Coordinator \$92 of literature was donated to GSR workshop. This was really great, as that's part of our mission as Central Office in fact. Credit card sales definitely on upswing. Saturday night overnight shift being covered by a "rotating shift" of people. Every other Monday afternoon shift was open, Steve R agreed to cover it. A few things on order, but mostly all stocked up on merchandise.

Alternate Central Office Coordinator Short month, calls down, sales about the same. One night shift wasn't covered last week of Feb. We had numerous people call in with only one day notice to say they wouldn't be able to cover their shift. Not really enough notice. Web hits up from last year, but down during this short month. Was contacted by an individual who wanted to open up a club as a service. He came in, and it was explained that clubs are not a part of AA, but that they do hold AA meetings in their locales. Recommended he seek out other club boards for info on how to start one up. An itinerant man with long term sobriety came in to talk about starting a meeting at the homeless shelter where he is staying as there presently are none.

Member at Large not present

Pass it On Editor Birthday submissions on the upswing. Can always use more article submissions, always! Apologies for not taking the last names of persons in attendance at January's Intergroup meeting before publishing it in the Pass It On. Requested that no last names, nor phone numbers, nor "anonymity breaching email addresses" (e.g. clearly

## SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

**COSMOPOLITAN** March: Martin 60 days; Rose 2 years; Jim 8 years; Laura 9 years; Ben 41 years

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ISLETA February: Adam 6 months, Annette 20 years, Ralph 26 years, Riselle 33 years PROMISES March: Margaret R. 5 years, Rick W. 22 years, Martha M. 36 years SEEKING SERENITY January: Diedrra 30 days; Annette 60 days; Clay, Jacob, Zach C. 90 days; Kate M. 1 year; PJ 6 years; Lorenzo, Nancy A. 8 years; Marji T. 24 years. February: Kelly, Paul 30 days; Tabor 60 days; Annette 3 months; Lynn, Will J. 6 months; Cynthia 1 year; Sherri 3 years; Leslie 5 years; Linda N. 32 years

SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE

WOMEN IN PROGRESS March: Maile 6 months; Susan 26 years

Please submit your sobriety birthday(s) (including homegroup, name, sobriety date & length of continuous sobriety) to PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org.

Failure to properly submit s-b days may result in non-publication.

one's own name used as part of the email address) be submitted when info is submitted for publication in the Pass It On. Article submissions of 800 words max, bumped up from 300.

**Media Librarian** 274 titles in library. The last one is Mickey Bush on CD, but changed it to be listed as Mickey B. We got a big donation of blue CD cases, about 100, to put our CDs in. We got back quite a few CD masters back that had been missing. There is a new list of wholesale of CD's available now, will be looking it over for possible future purchases. Comments: Nicole offered to convert old tapes on to CDs. It was suggested that she compare her titles with what is already on hand before doing so. If she has speaker tapes that are not already part of the library, then it would be appreciated if she'd convert them to CDs.

**Web Guardian** Report: Media library info up to date on website. Comments: Michael stated that we have paid our hosting fees for the next year. New events were announced. Alli will be posting them on the website.

**Schedule Editor** There have been quite a few changes, but the schedule is still 95% accurate. In about one week will publish a new schedule. You can contact Central Office with new info, or make the submission online on albuquerqueaa. org.

Community Outreach VACANT POSITION - Interim: Nothing to report

Special Needs Coordinator VACANT POSITION

**Group Liasion VACANT POSITION** 

**OLD BUSINESS NONE** 

**NEW BUSINESS** NONE

**GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** June 14th **Founder's Day event** being planned, will probably take place **in Bernalillo** in a park. **Seeking Serenity** will start hosting a speaker meeting every third Thursday, this is a change to their format. **Isleta Club** 8:30 pm Friday speaker meeting changing to 7:30 p.m. beginning in April.

Motion to close meeting Steve, seconded by Rick. So moved. Close @ 15:05



## Central Office Urgently Needs Desk Workers

Requirements for this service opportunity are six months of sobriety, a sponsor and a home group. A desk shift at Central Officecanenhanceyoursobriety. It can broaden your view of the service structure of your group, your district and your area. And it's fun!

Call Central Office today at 266-1900.

## **AA EVENTS CALENDAR**

### THIS MONTH

Saturday April 12 - Dinner, Speaker Meeting, Dance Sponsored by the Spark of Light Group. Dinner 6:30pm, menu: Red or Green Chile Chicken Enchiladas, Calabacitas, Benas & Rice, cost: \$6. Speaker Meeting 7:30, speaker Breda M. Dance starts right after the speaker & goes until midnight. 50/50 raffle. DJ Steve R. Cost \$3 single, \$5 couple. Heights Club 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque

Sunday April 13 - Womens Sobriety Fest 2014 Planning Meeting Planning meetings 2nd Sunday of each month at 3:45pm. Nativity Church, 9502 4th St. NW, Albuquerque. Call for art submissions, deadline Apr. 12th (theme: Happy, Joyous & Free). Call for scripts, deadline April 30th. Women,'s Sobriety Fest 2014 with Al-Anon participation, Saturday September 27th @ Nativity Church. More info: nmaawsf.com

**Saturday April 26 - NMCYPAA Prom 2014** 8:30pm-midnight. The New Mexico Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NMCYPAA) invites you to enjoy a night of music, dancing, fun, panel meeting, prom pictures, and prom king & queen. \$5 singles - \$7 couples. Prom attire encouraged. Heights Club, 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque. More info: http://host.nmcypaa.com/

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday May 2 - Sunday May 4 - 21st Annual NM Red Road AA Convention All AAs, Alanon and Alateen welcome. Hotel Cascada, 2500 Carlisle Blvd NE, Albuquerque. More info: http://www.nm-redroad.org/Friday May 16 - Saturday May 17 - 2nd Annaul NM LBGT Roundup St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 425 University NE, Albuquerque. For more info go to: www.nmroundup.com

Satyrday May 24 - Public Information / Cooperation W/ the Professional Community Workshop Speaker Panel Group Discussion. 9am to Noon.

Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Dr. NE, Albuquerque. Friday June 6- Sunday June 8 - Area 46 New Mexico State Convention 2014 Area 46 Convention. June 6 - 8, 2014 at the Marriot Hotel, 560 Scott Avenue, Farmington, NM.

Friday July 4 - Sunday July 6 - X Convencion, Hispana del Estado de New Mexico No further information available at this time.

Friday July 11 - Sunday July 13 - New Mexico Conference of Young People in AA (NMCYPAA) 2014 Convention Hotel Cascada, 2500 Carlisle Blvd NE, Albuquerque. For more info: www.nmcypaa.com Saturday July 19 - Area Planning Meeting Area Assembly Planning Meeting for September 2014 Assembly. All are welcome to attend.10:30am-12:30pm Trusted Servants Meeting. 12:30-1:00pm Potluck. 1:00-2:00pm Area Assembly Planning meeting. St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 425 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque 87106

**Sept 12-14 - Taos Mountain Fiesta** Sagebrush Conference Center, Taos, NM. No further information available at this time.

For more and/or updated information on Albuquerque and New Mexico AA Events go to: http://albuquerqueaa.org and http://www.newmexicoaa.org/ For other AA events nationally and worldwide visit www.aa.org. February 2014
Monthly Service Activities Report

FEB14 JAN14 FEB13

PHONE CALLS

PHONE CALLS	FEB14	JAN14	FEB13
Information	492	536	535
12-Step	23	19	13
Al-Anon	9	7	7
Message	40	45	44
Other	76	85	117
TOTAL	640	692	716
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Information	11	20	15
12-Step	1	0	4
Al-Anon	1	2	2
Get Schedule	10	12	4
Purchase	170	175	158
Media	3	1	0
Message	2	3	4
Casual	21	21	24
Other	28	33	26
TOTAL	247	267	237
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Unique Visitors	3568	4029	3221
Number of Visits	6741	7669	?
Pages	27709	30971	?
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DESK WORKERS*	40	45	4.5
Regulars	48	45	45
Substitutes TOTAL	33	36	38
TOTAL	81	81	83
DESK SHIFTS*			
Weekdays	120	138	120
Weekends	40	40	40
TOTAL	160	178	160
WEEKDAY SHIFTS*			
Worked by Regulars	104(86.7%)	126(91.3%)	107(90%)
Worked by Substitutes	15(12.5%)		13(10%)
TOTAL	119(99.2%)1		120
WEEKEND SHIFTS*			
Worked by Regulars	35(87.5%)	35(87.5%)	30(75%)
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I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my brother and I found all three ...

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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## AREA 46 STATE CONVENTION June 6-8 2014 Marriott Hotel 560 Scott Ave. Farmington, NM 87402

## FARMINGTON, NM. Events and Activities:

JUNE 6,7,8. 2014

## Speakers:

Fri: Jacob P. Moncisco, NM

Sat: Celeste M. (Al-Anon) California

Sat: Carlos R. (Esp) Farmington NM

Sat: Linda F. Texas

Sun: Lonna W. Farmington NM

Young People's meetings & Speaker Art Raffle Saturday Evening Banquet and Dancing

Alcathon Meetings Al-Anon Meetings Hospitality Room LGBTQ Meetings

## \$15.00 Registration Fee Convention Lodging available at:

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## **Questions?**

email us at:

2014aastateconvention@gmail.com

Translation Services will be provided

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Must be postmarked by May 1, 2014

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Optional Donation/AA Scholarship \$\_\_\_\_

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