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## Our Three Legacies: Recovery—Unity—Service

### **Recovery**

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

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

### **Unity**

**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

### **Service**

with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

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

**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.

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

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### Out of the Dark

Self-searching is the means by which we bring new vision, action, and grace to bear upon the dark and negative side of our natures. With it comes the development of that kind of humility that makes it possible for us to receive God’s help. Yet it is only a step. We will want to go further.

We will want the good that is in us all even in the worst of us, to flower and grow. But first of all, we shall want sunlight; nothing much can grow in the dark. Meditation is our step out into the sun.

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“A clear light seems to fall upon us all-when we open our eyes. Since our blindness is caused by our own defects, we must first deeply realize what they are. Constructive mediation is the first requirement for each new step in our spiritual growth.”

1. Twelve and Twelve, p. 98
2. Letter, 1946

AAWS, As Bill Sees It, pg 10

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*Step Four*

*Alcoholics Anonymous, pp. 70-71*

*If we have been thorough about our personal inventory, we have written down a lot. We have listed and analyzed our resentments. We have begun to understand their futility and fatality. We have commenced to see their terrible destructiveness. We have begun to learn tolerance, patience, and goodwill toward all men, even our enemies, for we look on them as sick people. We have listed the people we have hurt by our conduct, and are willing to straighten out the past if we can.*

*In this book, you read again and again that faith did for us what we could not do for ourselves. We hope you are now convinced that God can remove whatever self-will has blocked you off from Him. If you have already made a decision, and an inventory of your grosser handicaps, you have made a good beginning. That being so, you have swallowed and digested some big chunks of truth about yourself.*

## Albuquerque Area and New Mexico AA Events Calendar

### 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, April 8, 2017**

**6:00PM-8:30PM**

### Potluck and Speaker Meeting

Fundraiser for Area 46  
New Mexico Service Forum  
July, 2017

**Please come help us  
be self-supporting**

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

### 50th Semi-Annual Men's Retreat for Recovered/Recovering Alcoholics

**May 5,6 & 7, 2017**

**Tohatchi, New Mexico**

Cost \$60.00 includes food and  
Saturday night Sweat.

Bring your own bedroll, sleeping  
bag and toiletries.

Limited number of beds and  
mattresses available

\$20.00 deposit required by  
May 15, 2017

**For more information,  
Contact Central Office**

**266-1900**

### **The Ninth Annual New Mexico Women in Recovery Retreat**

**April 21-April 23, 2017**

Hummingbird Music Camp

Jemez Springs, NM 87025

104 Hummingbird Rd

Sleeping Arrangements are dorm style.

Limited number of single rooms available  
to be offered to women with special  
needs first.

After that 1st come-1st Serve.

\$111.00 per person

Price Includes: 2 Nights Lodging,  
5 meals and Retreat!

Arrival Friday at anytime.

Friday dinner served at 6pm and  
is not included.

Cost is an additional \$9.00.

Please let us know in advance if you will  
eat dinner on Friday.

No Refunds available after April 1st, 2017

For more information, contact  
Central Office—266-1900

**May 5th-6th, 2017**

### **24th Annual Red Road Convention**

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

Custom Designed T-Shirts and

Red Road Convention Merchandise will be available

MGM Elegante Hotel

2020 Menaul NE

Albuquerque, NM

*Registration Fee \$25.00*

For More Information or to

Register Online: Visit [http://](http://www.nmredroad.org)

[www.nmredroad.org](http://www.nmredroad.org) **OR**

call Central Office at 505-266-1900

Sponsored by the Native American AA

Group in Albuquerque, NM

**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

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



**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**  
**Yvonne S.**  
**ALos Angeles, CA**  
**Don C. Colorado Springs, CO**  
**Al Anon Speaker:**  
**Caroline R. Las Cruces, NM**  
**Young People Speaker:**  
**Teddy Y. Albuquerque, NM**  
**Spanish Speaker:**  
**Frank C. El Paso, Texas**

Register online at [www.2017area46convention.com](http://www.2017area46convention.com)  
 Email: [2017area46convention@gmail.com](mailto:2017area46convention@gmail.com) for More Information



**WHAT IS THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE???**  
 Why should I get involved?  
 How is it important?

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A PRESENTATION OF  
 WHAT TOOK PLACE AT THE  
 2017 AA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE.



Our Area 46 Delegate, Jim H. will report on the Conference,  
 and how it supports our primary purpose  
 of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

When: Saturday May 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 at 2 PM

Where: Nativity Church, 9502 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, ABQ NM 87114

What: This is a Dessert and Beverage potluck, so please bring one of these if you can. Coffee will be provided.

Brought to you by Districts 11 & 18

For additional questions/concerns please contact: Debra W.; D11 DCM Sarah F.; D1Aaron C8  
 DCM [district11@nm-aa.org](mailto:district11@nm-aa.org) [district18@nm-aa.org](mailto:district18@nm-aa.org)

## Which Twelve Steps?

As I do research and read our literature for my position as editor, some of my long-held beliefs or teachings about A.A. are challenged. In a way, this is good because it keeps my willingness to grow ever active. Now, that doesn't imply that I actually am growing, just that I still have a willingness!

I recently came across some alternate versions of the Twelve Steps that caught my eye. They were designed for agnostics, atheists and others whose beliefs fall outside the conventional Western beliefs reflected in "The Original Twelve Steps" written in the Big Book. At first glance, I was upset and even a little outraged – How dare someone try to change the Steps!

After much discussion with my sponsor, elder statesmen and recovered cronies, I decided to go back to our books to see what they recorded. This is the beginning of sharing what I have found. I'll finish it in the next newsletter.

According to "*Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*" (pg. 160), the first steps used were a combination of ideas from the Oxford Group, Dr. Silkworth and William James. More about how these three influenced our founding fathers can be found in A.A. literature.

Out of this influence, early A. A. used six steps, more or less. Nothing was actually written down until three years after the first meeting of Dr. Bob S. and Bill W., so this is how Bill W. summed it up in "*Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*" (pg 160):

1. We admitted we were licked, that we were powerless over alcohol.
2. We made a moral inventory of our defects or sin.
3. We confessed or shared our shortcomings with another person in confidence.
4. We made restitution to all we had harmed by our drinking.
5. We tried to help other alcoholics, with no thoughts of reward, money, or prestige.
6. We prayed to whatever God we thought there was for power to practice these precepts.

I found it surprising that God is only mentioned once, and it seemed pretty straight forward. From that Bill W. designed our Twelve Step program. His original version of the Twelve Steps were discussed and edited and the edited version is written in our Big Book *Alcoholics Anonymous, Chapter 5—"How it Works"*. The Twelve Steps have been revised and written by many twelve step programs not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, but there are A. A. groups that use different versions of the Steps as well. Next month, I will look at some of those.—Susan W.



**Join our Brand New "Buck A Year" Program**—Celebrate your AA birthday by donating \$1.00 for every year of your sobriety to Intergroup Central Office. Send a check, donate on our website support page or come by the Central Office. Send your first name, last initial, years of sobriety and home group. We will print it in the Pass It On and on our website. You can also donate anonymously. For more information, call Central Office at 266-1900, or visit [www.albuquerqueaa.org](http://www.albuquerqueaa.org). It's a great way to show you gratitude and help "Pass It On!"

### February 2017 Sobriety Birthdays

### February, 2017 Buck-A-Year : "Buck-A-Roos"

<b>Cosmopolitan Group</b>		Bob "Cowboy" 32 Years
Bill N.	2 yrs	Sarbat 33 Years
		Mike 41 Years
<b>Isleta Group</b>		Roger 44 Years
Ronnie	30 Days	
Zac	30 Days	<b>Seeking Serenity</b>
Jason	9 Months	Hank 35 Years
Rigo	1 Year	Pam P. 24 Years
Lora	4 Years	Paula 21 Years
Tom T	5 Years	Mike 21 Years
Terry F	11 Years	
John	15 Years	<b>Still Seeking Serenity</b>
Jesus	19 Years	Aaron C 36 Years
James	21 Years	
Marianne	28 Years	<b>Brown Baggers</b>
Lee	29 Years	Graham R 3 Years

	Home Group	# of Years	B.day Mo/Yr
Aaron C.	Still Seeking Serenity	36	2/1981
Blair B.		30	1/1987
Suzee B.	Any Lengths	40	7/1976
Jim M.	Dawn Patrol	21	1/1996
Briggs C.	Dawn Patrol	19	1997
Susan J.		8	12/2008
Graham R.	Brown Baggers	3	2/2014
Melanie S.		32	1985



#### **Tradition 4**

#### ***"Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions"***

When A.A.'s Traditions were first published, in 1946, we had become sure that an A. A. group could stand almost any amount of battering. We saw that the group, exactly like the individual, must eventually conform to whatever tested principles would guarantee survival. We had discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. So confident of this we had become that the original statement of A.A. tradition carried this significant sentence: "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."

pp. 146-147

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### ***Rule # 62: ... "Don't take yourself so damn seriously."***

p. 149

*"Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions"*

#### **DISCLAIMER**

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#### ***Pass It On Editor's Notes***

The primary purpose of the Pass It On is to pass on information about local area and state A.A. events as well as other information appropriate and helpful to the A. A. community.

I welcome articles by A.A. members as well as information about home groups and district events. I edit the content as little as possible; usually for spelling, grammar and readability. I always strive to let the article speak from the author's voice, not my own.

I like to use our four textbooks for articles about recovery and A.A. history, as well as other A.A. literature and the Grapevine. It is my goal to always abide by the Traditions, most notably Tradition 11, which calls for anonymity at the level of press, radio and film. When submitting articles, events or other information, please use First names and Last initials only, as well as your home group or city. We do not publish private phone numbers or email addresses.

Susan W., Pass It On Editor

*"The Newsletter Editor shall publish (both in print and online) the Intergroup newsletter on a regular basis. The newsletter shall carry items deemed to be both informative and interesting to the A.A. Fellowship in this area. The editor shall be responsible that all items printed in the newsletter have to do with alcoholism and be within the spirit of the traditions. All other matters dealing with the publication shall be left to the discretion and good judgment of the editor."*

(Central Office of Albuquerque, Inc., By-Laws, Amended and Restated, March 2012, Art.5, Section 5)

## • Desk Workers Needed—

- Do you want a great way to meet fellow
- alcoholics, perform 12 step work and be among
- the first to know about local events and AA
- happenings?
- You can do all this and more, *for free*, just by
- volunteering to staff the desk and phones for a
- few short hours every week at Central Office.
- If you can't make a regular shift commitment,
- we have substitute positions as well.
- This is a great way to show your gratitude for

living life sober.

It also makes an incredible difference for the still suffering alcoholics who call for help and information .

The requirements for volunteer positions are: minimum 6 months sobriety, working with a sponsor and active in a home group.

For more information and to sign-up:

call us at 266-1900 or  
drop Debra K. an email at  
altcoordinator@albuquerqueaa.org.

## Intergroup Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2017

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer @ 2:10.

Karen R. has agreed to take minutes, as the secretary Ginger is unable to attend.

Tom M. acting Chair, as our Chair Lindsey is unable to attend.

**Treasurer's Report**, Tom M. – Amounts are listed in last month's Pass It On, in reference to the Balance sheet. We were able to increase the Prudent Reserve by \$1200. , bringing that balance up to \$12,000. We need to have \$18K. Motion made to accept Treasurer's report and was passed.

Last month's Secretary's report as published in last month's PIO.

**Schedule Editor**, Lydia R. - requests any meeting changes by tonight, 8 p.m.

Grateful Girls has moved to their new location at Immanuel Presbyterian on Tuesday nights, 7:30. New schedules will be ordered tomorrow or Tuesday, with 600 to be folded at the office.

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

**P.I.O. Editor**, Susan B. – requesting personal stories

**Special Needs**, Alaina G. – District 11 groups have been contributing toward the ASL meeting held at the Ladies Room, so they are now 'self supporting' and no longer requiring fundraising efforts. Also, she's going to Santa Fe to help them with their ASL start-up. Alaina needs to get a list of volunteers willing to take people to meetings, (nursing homes, phys. rehab) take a meeting to someone, etc. She is going to be writing an article about Special Needs in PIO.

**Website**, Rick W. – The website is working! Please send fliers to [web@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:web@albuquerqueaa.org), and he will get the events on the events page. Please be sure to remember the anonymity issues; no full names or names in email. All the PIO issues are now available online also.

(Stopped to introduce ourselves)

**Community Outreach** – Absent

**Media Librarian**, Ric R. –he has duplicated some long overdue discs checked out from the library. He has been working on making masters of a box of CD's donated.

**Alt. Coordinator**, Debra K. – the phone calls are down from last year, but the web hits are up. Several shifts are available; 3 on Tuesday, and an opening Saturday shift, 9-12. There were 18 shifts not covered by a volunteer, due to cold and flu season, and several night phones. Thank You Dist. 11 for raising \$670 at your intergroup fundraiser! She appreciates Susan's work on the PIO. Brought office volunteer sign-up sheets, with a requirement of 6 mo., a home group and a sponsor. It's a great opportunity for sponsors to get their 'protégés' into service!

**Coordinator**, Michael W. – this has been a heartening spring. Group contributions are on the rise, allowing us to keep books in stock, with about a week between orders. The Steering Committee has 2 openings; our Chair person has resigned, as has the Intergroup Liaison.

**Old Business** – reminder for birthdays for PIO, and the Buck-a-Year program.

**New Business** – We need a Chair person. Are there any nominees, or volunteers?

Doug C. will take that position, so now we need a Member at Large and an Intergroup Liaison. Any nominations or volunteers? Take this back to your groups and announce these position openings, please.

**Announcements** – Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Isleta Club, the Sunrise Catchers will be having a breakfast potluck and speaker. Also on the 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Heights Club, another breakfast potluck with the Sunrise Sobriety Group, celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Meeting closed @ 2:50 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer.

**Central Office Intergroup  
Steering Committee**

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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.
- 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.

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

Central Office Financial Snapshot		
	February, 2017	YTD 2017
Total Revenues	\$8,030.95	\$16,200.83
Total Cost of Sales	\$2,710.12	\$4,810.59
Gross Income	\$5,320.83	\$11,390.24
Total Expenses	\$5,251.00	\$10,897.78
Net Income/(Loss)	\$69.83	\$492.46

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

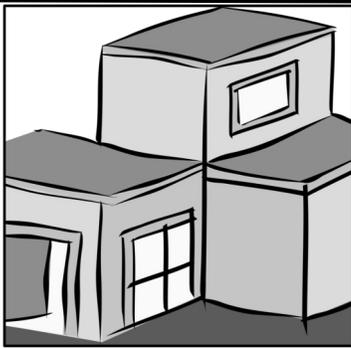
	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016
<b>Phone Calls:</b>			
Information	286	361	365
12-Step	15	47	7
Al-Anon	5	12	3
Message	26	29	27
Other	<u>63</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Total:</b>	395	506	463
<b>Walk-ins:</b>			
Information	24	23	10
12-Step	1	3	0
Al-Anon	1	0	0
Schedule	10	9	7
Purchase	145	175	155
Media	2	0	1
Message	3	0	0
Casual	35	47	30
Other	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>34</u>
<b>Total:</b>	238	284	237
<b>Web Visits:</b>	4491	5114	4029
<b>Deskworkers:*</b>			
Regulars	41	48	45
Substitutes	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>21</u>
<b>Total:</b>	55	63	66
<b>Deskshifts:*</b>			
Weekdays	120	132	126
Weekends	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>
<b>Total:</b>	160	177	166
<b>Weekday Shifts:*</b>			
Worked by regulars:	103 (85.5%)	120 (91%)	116 (92%)
Worked by Subs:	<u>16 (13.3%)</u>	<u>11 (8%)</u>	<u>9 (7%)</u>
<b>Total:</b>	119 (99.1%)	131 (99%)	125 (99%)
<b>Weekend Shifts:*</b>			
Worked by Regulars	31 (77.5%)	39 (87%)	33 (82.5%)
Worked by Subs:	<u>7 (17.5%)</u>	<u>6 (13%)</u>	<u>6 (15%)</u>
<b>Total:</b>	38 (95%)	45 (100%)	39 (97.5%)
<b>*Night shifts not covered</b>	1 weeknight 2weekend	1 weeknight	1 weekday 1 weekend
<b>Shifts not worked by a volunteer:</b>	18	5	6
	1 – 2 hr. shift		
<b>Total:</b>	51 hrs.	15 Hrs.	18 hrs.

**“Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward.**

**In other words, if you carry the message to still others, you will be making the best possible repayment for the help given to you.”**

As Bill Sees It, page 29

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**Essence of Growth**

Let us never fear needed change. Certainly we have to discriminate between changes for worse and changes for the better. But once a need becomes clearly apparent in an individual, in a group, or in A.A. as a whole, it has long since been found out that we cannot stand still and look the other way.

The essence of all growth is a willingness to change for the better and then an unremitting willingness to shoulder whatever responsibility this entails.

As Bill See It, page 115