



Pass It On



To Stand in the Light of My Own Shadow

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I once read a Grapevine quote which read "AA may not get me to heaven, but it sure got me out of hell!" These words had an immediate and profound impact on the way I looked at my recovery going forward. They described my release from a fatal bondage to alcohol, and I cannot think of a better way, to describe the impact that Step Four had on my life.

Working the first three steps, I had begun to develop, explore and trust in my relationship with a God of my own understanding. I also faced the challenge of learning to not pick up a drink, one day at a time.

I thought the purpose of this work was simply to stay sober. But there was actually much more to this exercise than I had realized. It had become my first experience in becoming aware of a destructive pattern in my life, and how through a Power greater than myself, that it could be changed. That was a powerful realization for me, and it gave me the courage to complete my first Fourth Step with honesty and vigor.

Completing Step Four had three major impacts on my recovery. First, it allowed me to accept that although the past cannot be changed, I could still find peace with it. However, this was only possible after I looked closely at my resentments and fears. It was a painful process, and as the tears fell upon the pages of my list of hurts and disappointments, I remember feeling an underlying grace of strength. It allowed me to feel my emotions fully. They

vacillated between anger and judgment. But remarkably, during this process, I had no desire to pick up a drink! There was the gentle reassurance that I was in God's will, and this served as the impetus behind my fearlessness and determination to finish the task.

Secondly, through the careful guidance of my sponsor, Step Four allowed me to identify destructive patterns in my thinking, and in my reaction to

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Grapevine Quote

life, which had kept me in a constant cycle of chaos, pain and insanity -- most likely since childhood.

Thirdly, Step Four built a foundation upon which I could then take productive action on the steps that followed.

Ultimately, Step Four was a watershed of insight which made clear that my drinking had only been a symptom of a much bigger problem, and that was my THINKING.

I could see that much of my perception of life had been formed by a need to control things, which in turn, had originated from my feelings of

fear. It was liberating to begin to explore the possibility of being freed from that kind of thought process.

During the course of my inventory, I also discovered many positive qualities about myself, and strengths as well. This was encouraging to me.

I once heard it shared in a meeting that "you should never do a Fourth Step with a pickax, and that you should always go for the low-hanging fruit first." I think that's true. Over the years, I have found that the low-hanging fruit changes. Things are only revealed at the time God knows that I am ready to deal with them.

This loving and measured pace tells me, that whenever I need to step back and take inventory, I don't need to be afraid, or to beat myself up over it. But rather it's simply time to pull one more weed from the garden. And, because of the rewards I know this work bears, I do it gladly and with an open heart. It's imperative or else I won't stay sober.

AA saved me from the hell of being in bondage to alcohol. It saved me from the hell of walking blindly through life, repeating thoughts and patterns that were dysfunctional and insane. And so while AA may not get me to heaven, it did give me Twelve Steps to a better way of life now. Step Four, it turns out, was really the first one, that unlocked the door to real freedom in living for me.

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The Twelve Steps - One Step At A Time

Working Step Four

Step Four begins the growth steps of our journey. Here, we examine our behavior and expand our understanding of ourselves.

If properly done, the Fourth Step:

- is intensely painful and ego-deflating;
- requires a written inventory that takes a significant amount of time to complete;
- asks us to identify our character defects and to list the past behavior that has caused us problems;
- brings us face to face with who we really are and what we have done;
- describes our alcoholism in vivid detail, forcing us to face the need for change;
- should never be done without the guidance of a sponsor.



Being totally honest in preparing our inventory is vital to the self-discovery that forms the foundation of our recovery. It allows us to remove obstacles that have prevented us from knowing ourselves and truthfully acknowledging our deepest feelings about life.

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.



Prayer for Step Four

God, please help me to take stock honestly. Help me to search out the flaws in my make-up which caused my failure. Help me to see where resentment has plagued me and resulted in my spiritual malady, but more importantly help me to understand my part in these resentments. Help me to look resolutely for my own mistakes and to understand where I have been selfish, dishonest, self-seeking and frightened. Please help me to be searching and fearless in my endeavor to write my inventory.

(AA BB pgs. 64:2, 64:3, 67:2) ;
http://friendsofbillw.net/twelve_step_prayers

Step Four Reflection

Preparing our inventory requires that we look to God for spiritual guidance, and to our sponsor for a guided format to follow. We renewed our relationship with our Higher Power in Steps Two and Three, and now we ask God for help. We will look closely at our personal histories and acknowledge what we see in them. As the process unfolds, we will recognize the need for change. This task will be much easier if we just remember that God is with us. With God's help, we can courageously review our strengths and our weaknesses.

Putting our thoughts on paper is indispensable to completing Step Four. The process of writing focuses our wandering thoughts and allows us to concentrate on what is really happening. It often causes repressed feelings to surface and gives us a deeper understanding of ourselves and our behavior. Our fearless moral inventory provides insights regarding our strengths and weaknesses. Instead of judging ourselves, we need to accept whatever we discover, knowing that this discovery is a vital step toward a healthier life. We must be honest and thorough to complete Step Four successfully.

Twelve Step Sponsorship, by Hamilton B.; pgs. 107-116; Hazelden Publishing, Center City, Minnesota 55012-0176; ©1996 ISBN -13: 978-1-56838-122-0; The Twelve Steps, A Spiritual Journey; A Working Guide for Healing; Pgs. 69-71; RPI Publishing, Inc., PO Box 66398, Scotts Valley, CA 95067; ©2012, ISBN 0-941405-44-3

AA Traditions — A Design for Living that Works

Tradition Four Reflection

The one word that best characterizes Tradition Four is the word "autonomy." This tradition teaches us how to make decisions for the purpose of maintaining good relationships with God and each other at the same time.

We are not to be a dictator in making decisions that affect other people's lives (or the community), as we did when we were drinking. Our goal is unanimity for the sake of our singleness of purpose.

If we don't seek the advice and help of others in matters affecting them, then we are tempted to play God and infringe upon the freedom of each group to find its own way. In Tradition Four we gratefully acknowledge the purpose of our Intergroup Community and that every group has a voice in it.



Tradition Four

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Tradition Four Inventory

1. Do I fail to consult others when my decisions may affect them?
2. Do I share only my experience with those I sponsor and not my opinions?
3. Do I understand that there are many ways of looking at an issue and more than one way of doing things?

Meet the Lunch Box Group



Currently, the Lunch Box Group has an approximate 45% distribution rate of their 7th Tradition contributions to both Central Office and the Mesa Club respectively.



Meat the Lunch Box Group, located at the Mesa Club, 4020 Peggy Rd. SE, Suite J - K, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. This group offers a two-tiered schedule with meetings seven days a week at noon and at 4pm, with the exception of Sunday, there is no 4pm meeting. It is considered a two-tiered schedule because the Lunch Box Group works in tandem with The Four PM Lunch Box meeting as well. And, although meetings are all open discussions, they offer a varied weekly schedule as follows:

- Noon, Monday - Open Topic Discussion
- Noon, Tuesday - 12 and 12 Study
- Noon, Wednesday - Daily Reflections Topic
- Noon, Thursday - Big Book Study
- Noon, Friday through Sunday - Open Topic Discussion
- 4:00pm, Open Discussion Monday through Saturday

One factor that makes this group unique is that it meets at the Mesa Club, which is a safe, healthy, environment in which people can seek recovery support from various addictions through 12-Step principles. The Mesa Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering personal recovery. Despite the fact that the Lunch Box is only one of many AA groups that meets at this location, the Mesa Club offers approximately 37 AA meetings throughout the week, with a wide ranging schedule from 9am through 9pm daily.

Meeting Times and Location

Monday—Saturday

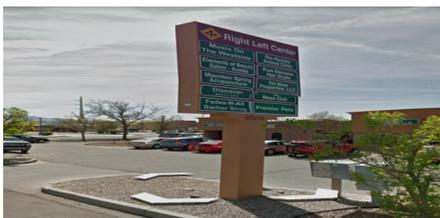
12:00pm and 4:00pm

Sunday

12:00pm

Mesa Club

4020 Peggy Rd. SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
(Peggy Rd at Jackie Rd.)



However, their Group Conscience is currently in the process of considering 7th Tradition reallocation possibilities to include GSO.

Committed to service, this group is a big supporter of Club activities which offers a variety of fun events which the Lunch Box Group invites the larger AA community to attend. Fund-raising is also a strength of this group. If ever in doubt of a unique fund-raising idea, the Lunch Box member is a good person to ask!

This group's inclination to socialize is carried over well into the warm and welcoming atmosphere you will feel

attending a meeting there. Ask a home group member what they love most about their group and they will most likely tell you that it's the close knit fellowship that welcomes newcomers with open arms. That makes sense when you look at the diversity in sobriety this group offers. While several members have experienced two to three decades of sobriety, and some even four, this group goes out of its way to make the newcomer feel welcome .

The Lunch Box celebrates birthdays the last Saturday of each month with a Speaker meeting, at noon, which everyone, home group member or not, is welcome to attend. Other fun events to keep on your calendar are the New Year's Eve "Recoverython," and the Summer Gratitude Bash they are planning for July 21, 2018. They ask that you save the date as all are welcome to attend!

Possibly a little hard to find the first time around, keep an eye out for the Blake's Lotaburger on the East side of NM 528, just before Peggy Rd. Turn right on Peggy Rd. The Mesa Club is located to the right on Jackie Rd. in the strip center. The Lunch Box offers parking that is close to the building and handicap parking right at the door. They invite you to stop by and attend a meeting soon. Take a moment to pick up a schedule of the wide-ranging AA meetings offered at the Mesa Club while you are there. It's a great location to catch a meeting on the west side of town almost any time of day! The Lunch Box Group looks forward to seeing you soon!



Fellowship Sharing - Experience, Strength, and Hope

E.G.O.

Submitted by Steven G., Westside AA

My Pride takes no vacation

Reacts with no hesitation

With grandiose images it colors my mind

Edging out God most of the time

Aware that my ego is not real

I am cautious and reticent, and make my appeal

By helping others, I reach for the stars

And shelve my yearning for AA Czar!

Favorite Quotes

"It's been one of the greatest challenges that ever came along in my life; it was one of the more difficult things to do."

Buzz Aldrin ...
on getting sober

Sometimes what you're most afraid of doing is the very thing that will set you free.

"I understood myself only after I destroyed myself. And only in the process of fixing myself, did I know who I really was."

- Sade Andria Zabala

Sobriety was the greatest gift I ever gave myself.

- Rob Lowe

"Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life."

J.K. Rowling

Much Ado About Nothing

By Lee D. Goodfellas

I went to a very good meeting of A. A. recently. The topic was Step 3 in which we are suggested to "turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understand Him."

As I said previously, it was a good meeting where those called upon to share talked about this Step as being pivotal in their journey. It was Birthday Night so I was blessed to be in attendance when Patrick B. (a friend as well as a member of our Fellowship), received his chip for forty-six years of continuous sobriety! Patrick stopped drinking early in life and it was truly an honor and a privilege to be in attendance when he celebrated this monumental anniversary.

As usual, whenever the spiritual element of our Program is discussed, some shared about their experiences with organized religion; while others admitted to stumbling a bit at this step over their conception of God (or a Higher Power). I did not have this

problem. For whatever reason, after I took all 12 Steps (in order) and began starting off my day asking God, who is my Higher Power, for a day of sobriety (Step 3) and saying thanks to Him at night, I did have the much-talked-about spiritual awakening. Today, I firmly believe that God is doing for me what I could not do for myself. I have a child-like faith that does not question who God is; what He is like or why He works for me the way I know He does, one day at a time!

Admittedly, there are things I do not understand about God; I know all I need to know about Him. If I understood all there is to know about Him, if I knew all there is to know about Him, He wouldn't be God. Rather, He would be reduced to all the other complex things in life,

some of which I do understand, like electricity or the atom or sunlight, etc.



"Maybe we spend too much time thinking about the nature of God and comparing Him to our personal experiences ..."

I do not get wrapped around the axle (so-to-speak) about God. When I first came to A. A. and decided to get sober, I was told that whether I believed or not, God would do for me that which I had been unable to do for myself, and somehow the compulsion to drink alcohol went away very early in my sobriety. The compulsion was removed and since I no longer take that first drink, booze is powerless over me and cannot trigger the phenomenon of craving and I do not get drunk. I cannot tell you what a relief this was and is today!

Perhaps, what we view as stumbling blocks should be viewed as stepping stones to success! Maybe we spend too

much time thinking about the nature of God and comparing Him to our personal experiences with organized religion. God is—He works—He provides the power, I am simply the conduit. I am sober today (and so are millions of others) because He is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves (9th Step Promises).

Maybe God does have long, white hair and a beard; perhaps He does dress in long, flowing robes and hang around in the clouds; I confess I do not know. What I do believe is that God does exist; He is keeping me sober a day at a time; something I tried to achieve for myself for years without success. As far as the rest is concerned, I don't think God conforms to our human concepts, I believe Him to be spirit and I believe that no man has ever seen him and lived to tell about it in thousands of years of recorded history. Whatever He is, He is enough for me and I will continue to do business with Him because He works! I think many of us will be pleasantly surprised when we finally meet Him—I suspect I will be just as surprised.



April Announcements and Upcoming Events

Stepping into the Sunlight
2018 Area 46 Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico
DIST. 13 FUNDRAISER

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DESSERT: POTLUCK / ICE CREAM and RAFFLE

SPEAKERS: Rosie F. and David S.

APRIL 7, 2018 from 6-9 PM
St. Mark's Church, 413 Richmond Pl NE, ABQ
info: Dist13@nm-aa.org

"A GENERATION OF UNITY, SERVICE, & RECOVERY"

The 25th Annual Red Road Convention

May 4th, 5th, & 6th 2018

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AA SPEAKERS - AL-ANON SPEAKERS - YOUNG IN SOBRIETY PANEL - OLD TIMERS PANEL - SOCIAL POW WOW-FRIDAY - SATURDAY LUNCHEON 	<p>MARRIOTT HOTEL MARRIOTT.COM \$93.00 A ROOM USE GROUP CODE: rrcrrca 1 (505) 881-6800 2101 LOUISIANA BLVD. NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110</p>	<p>REGISTRATION FEE \$25 EARLY \$30 AT THE DOOR</p> <p>REDROAD PO BOX 35604 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87176</p>
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SAVE THE DATE!
MAY 25-26TH, 2018

**OUR STREET
ROUND UPS**

DRAG QUEEN BINGO
LGTBQ FELLOWSHIP
SPEAKERS

JOAN F. MADISON, WI
LOU P. ALBUQUERQUE
+ MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED

@ THE NATIONAL HISPANIC
CULTURAL CENTER
FOOD BY POP FIZZ

PRE-REGISTER @ NMRoundUp.org
SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

MORE INFO - info@nmroundup.org
\$35. INCLUDES ALL MEALS + EVENTS

New Mexico Men's Retreat

For Recovered/Recovering Alcoholics
May 4, 5 & 6, 2018
In
Tohatchi, New Mexico

(The Retreat Master is "Your" Higher Power)

Cost is: \$60.00 — Includes food and Saturday Night Sweat. Bring your own bed roll, sleeping bag and toiletries. There are some beds and mattresses available.

To Reserve your spot: Send a \$20.00 deposit by April 15th to be certain of space. Make check or money order payable to the New Mexico Men's Retreat. Mail to NM Men's Retreat, 6058 Cottontail Rd, Rio Rancho, NM 87144. After April 1, pay full fee during registration in Tohatchi, NM.

(For those interested in bringing a camper or RV, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

For more information call: Walt L. 505-892-6696 or Mark T. 505-898-7271

Directions: In Gallup, NM, which is 32 miles east of the Arizona/New Mexico border or I-40, take Highway 491 north to Tohatchi. At the Navaho station, take a left turn onto the road west to St. Mary's Mission.

REGISTRATION FORM

50th Semi-Annual New Mexico Men's Retreat for Recovered/Recovering Alcoholics
May 4, 5 & 6, 2018

Mail registration along with \$20.00 to: NM Men's Retreat, 6058 Cottontail Rd, Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Sobriety Date: _____

Scholarships are available for this event.



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

Crowne Plaza Hotel

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

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

**2018 Area 46 Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico**

Speakers

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

Meetings

Banquet

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

Workshops

Entertainment

Raffle

Scholarships Available

Email convention2018@nm-aa.org for
information.

Hospitality

Refuel with food and fellowship.

ASL Interpreters

Spanish Translation

Registration

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

Make checks payable to:
2018 Convention

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

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

Badge Name _____
Full Name _____
City/State _____
Phone _____ AA Al-Anon
Email _____

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Full Name _____
City/State _____
Phone _____ AA Al-Anon

Volunteers needed!

Specify area you wish to help:

Greeters
 Hospitality
 Meetings
 Other _____

Name _____
Phone _____
Email _____

2018 Convention Merchandise

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

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



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



February 2018 Birthdays



	John	39 years	Seeking Serenity
	Tsosie T.	36 years	Native American Gp
	Linda	34 years	Seeking Serenity
	Tom T.	29 years	Foothills Group
	Todd	21 years	Lone Rangers
	Doug	8 years	Seeking Serenity
	Bridget K.	6 years	Any Lengths
	Graham R.	4 years	Brownbaggers
	Bill N.	3 years	Cosmo Group
	Sarah J.	6 mos.	Cosmo Group

In Loving Memory

Val S.

Jemez, Bernalillo, Isleta, and High Noon regular, Val S. passed away sober on April 1, 2018. He was a Vietnam Veteran who loved the outdoors, the wilderness, and pencil art. Thank you Val for being a living example that this program works when we work it! The fruits of your recovery nourished many. May you rest in peace.



Central Office Financials



Central Office Financial Snapshot

Item	February 2018	2018 YTD
Total Revenues	\$7,193.47	\$18,404.90
Total Cost of Sales	\$2,295.76	\$ 5,170.53
Gross Income	\$4,897.71	\$13,234.37
Total Expenses	\$5,569.14	\$10,756.97
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(671.43)	\$2,477.40



February 2018 Buckaroos

Name	Home Group	# of Years	Sobriety Date
Chuck P.	Lone Rangers	42	6/15/1975
Tsosie T.	Native American Gp	36	2/23/1982
Steve H.	Sunrise Catchers	35	4/1/1983
Tom T.	Foothills	29	2/4/1989
Todd	Lone Rangers	21	2/24/1997
Joanne R.	Women in Progress	10	3/9/2008
Graham R.	Brownbaggers	4	2/22/2014
Total Contributions		\$ 177.00	

Donating to Central Office of Albuquerque

If you are an AA member you are invited to:

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





Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report February 2018

Item	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017
Phone Calls			
Information	315	322	286
12 Step	25	16	15
Al-Anon	8	10	5
Message	37	34	26
Other	49	64	63
Total	434	446	395
Walk-ins			
Information	23	22	24
12 Step	3	3	1
Al-Anon	1	3	1
Schedule	12	4	10
Purchase	132	173	145
Media	4	3	2
Message	3	0	3
Casual	26	29	35
Other	23	20	17
Total	227	257	238

Item	February 2018	January 2018	February 2017
Web Visits		5,329	4,491
Desk workers			
Regulars	45	47	41
Substitutes	14	11	14
Total	59	58	55
Desk shifts			
Weekdays	120	138	120
Weekends	40	40	40
Total	160	178	160
Weekday Shifts			
Worked by Regulars	106 (88%)	120 (87%)	103 (85.5%)
Worked by Subs	12 (10%)	17 (12%)	13 (13.3%)
Total	118 (98%)	137 (99%)	119 (98.8%)
Weekend Shifts			
Worked by Regulars	32 (80%)	33 (82.5%)	31 (77.5%)
Worked by Subs	7 (18%)	7 (17.5%)	7 (17.5%)
Total	39 (98%)	40 (100%)	38 (95%)
Night Shifts not covered	2 Weeknights 1 Weekend	1 Weeknight	1 Weeknight 2 Weekend
Shifts not worked by a volunteer	9	9	18
Total	27 hrs.	27 hrs.	One 2 hr. shift 51 hrs.



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

Intergroup Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.,
Brown Baggers Meeting Space

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, 2:05

Introductions around the room:

Intergroup Representatives: Gail T., Serenity Group; Betty P., In the Book; Michael C., Sunrise Sobriety; Mike G., Westside Noon; Kathi B., Ladies' Room; Ryan L., Serendipity Group; Pam S., Happy Hour group and Heights Club; Julie G., Wake-Up Call; JoAnn R., District 13; Gayle M., Downtown Lunch Bunch; Seager C., Grateful Girls; Daniel O., Still Seeking Serenity; Jerry K., District 11; Theresa H., District 3; **Visitors:** Susan C.J., no home group named; Charlie C., Dual Recovery; **Intergroup Steering Committee:** Doug C., Chair, Brown Baggers; Michael W.; Debra K., Alt. Coordinator, Lydia R., Schedule Editor, Seeking Serenity; Ric R., Media Librarian, Goodfellas; Oris S., Website Chair, Live & Let Live; Ginger B., Secretary, Seeking Serenity; Doug C., Chair, Brown Baggers.

Reports

Secretary, Ginger B. – Correction was made to the January 2018 minutes, regarding misspelling of Oris's name.

February Minutes posted in the Pass-It-On were read silently. Motion to accept minutes made by Michael W., 2nd Debra K. –unanimously passed.

Treasurer, Tom M. was unable to be at the meeting. Chair Doug C. presented the Treasurer's Report. We were down (\$575) in February. Revenues were down about \$900 due to a downturn in group and individual contributions and literature sales. Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Michael W., 2nd Bruce B. Unanimously passed.

Coordinator, Michael W. Business license has been renewed. Can always use substitute desk workers. Can't imagine working with a better group of folks.

Alternate Coordinator, Debra K: Yes, we have some of the best volunteers anywhere! In review of the Monthly Service Activities Report, numbers were up from last year, but down from last month. Between Debra and Michael, they covered nine shifts in February. Was not able to obtain the number of website hits this month, but will do so. Purchases were down some.

OPEN DESK/PHONE SHIFTS:

Every Saturday 12-3pm

Every other Saturday, 6-9pm

Requirements for above shifts: 6 months sobriety, home group, sponsor.

Third Sunday of the month night shift (9pm to 8am) – requirement is two years of sobriety, home group and sponsor.

Substitute desk workers are always welcome.

One new Intergroup Rep received a welcome package today at the meeting.

Schedule Editor, Lydia R: There were some changes submitted to Lydia regarding the schedule; she made them and sent those changes to Oris, who got them up on the web.

PIO Editor, Angelique C. was not able to be at the meeting today. Please send all submissions to the PIO by email to PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org. Stories, birthdays, announcements are always welcome!

Special Needs, vacant

Community Outreach, vacant

Basket was passed in honor of our Seventh Tradition. The April Intergroup meeting will be held on April 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Website Chair, Oris S.: Updated all events. There are numerous events on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

Media Library, Ric R.: 11 CD's to duplicate. The printed list of items in the media library has been reformatted, with larger print as requested. The index is much easier to read, not simply because of the text size, but due to the way Ric reformatted the listings.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Dual Recovery Meeting at the Desert Club:

A member of the Steering Committee attended this meeting a couple of months ago and brought this to the attention of the Steering Committee:

The chairperson of the meeting announced that they weren't an AA group but had to say they were in order to meet at this location. It was a group that spoke mostly about drug use and mental illness. After attending the meeting the Steering Committee member requested that this meeting's listing be removed from the schedule and requested that Central Office not accept a donation from the group since they do not identify the group as an AA group at their meetings.

Along this line, a staff member decided that an event flyer would not be posted to the Albuquerque-aa.org website, because the event was an effort put forth by a Club, as opposed to an AA group. A Club is not an AA Group – it is an outside affiliation.

The Steering Committee determined that these are situations to be decided by either the Steering Committee or the Intergroup, and offers the following suggestion:

Central Office staff and volunteers are not to take it upon themselves to make a determination as to who is or is not an AA group. Rather, when confronted with such a situation, they are to provide the Long Form of the Twelve Traditions to the group/group representative and ask if the group considers itself to be an AA Group in accordance with the Twelve Traditions? If the response is not a straight out “Yes,” then let the question come to the Steering Committee to determine if it is serious enough to be brought to the Intergroup to for their decision on it.

MUCH discussion ensued. In addition, a member of the Dual Recovery Meeting at the Desert Club was in attendance, and was provided time to state the group’s case.

Chair Doug C. determined that it might be best for the Intergroup Reps to bring the issue to their groups and Districts at their next Group Conscience, and group responses will be relayed by the Intergroup Representatives to the Intergroup as a whole for a discussion and vote.

Announcements: Chair, Doug C., announced that some edits have been made by him and will be reviewed by the Steering Committee next month. All changes will be brought to the Intergroup for review, discussion and vote at an upcoming meeting.

Motion to close made by Julie G., 2nd Ginger B. So moved.

Closed at 2:50 p.m., with the 3RD Step Prayer.

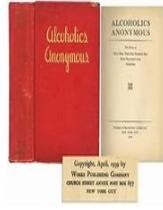
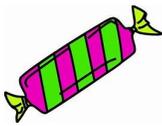
Respectfully submitted,
Ginger B.
Secretary

Intergroup Meeting
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Intergroup Meeting
April 8, 2018—2:00pm
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2018 April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>AA Big Book was published, 1939</p> <p>Sister Ignatia Died, 1966</p>  	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Satisfied by Candy Dessert Potluck 6pm- 9pm</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>Intergroup Meeting 2:00pm</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bill and Lois moved into their new home "Stepping Stones," 1941</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>District Meeting Saturday</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>Last Day to Pre-Register for Convention ✓ Registration Reminder for NM Men's Retreat</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>NM AA Area 46 2018 Convention June 5 - 3, 2018</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Tax Day</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Earth Day</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>A A (Alcoholics Anonymous) Pamphlet</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>First AA Pamphlet was printed titled "AA," 1941</p>	<p>25</p> <p>AA's first General Service Conference, 1951</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Arbor Day Plant one</p> 	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>The Movie "Bill W." appeared on ABC 1989</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

April 2018 Calendar Details

April 7 - Satisfied by Candy - Dessert Potluck, Ice Cream and Raffle, Speakers: Rosie F. and David S., 6:00pm - 9:00pm, 2018 Area 46 Convention, District 13 Fund Raiser, St. Mark's Church, 413 Richmond Pl NE.

April 8 - Intergroup Meeting at 2:00pm, Brownbaggers Group, 5960 Woodford Dr. Bldg. F., Suite A. Find out what's going on in the greater AA Community. It's a great place to find Service Work opportunities.

April 14 - District Meeting Saturday! Please see the back of this newsletter for each District's Meeting time and Location. District 3 is a revolving meeting. Please call the DCM.

April 15 - Last day to Pre-Register for the 2018 Area 46 Convention, please see pg. 6 for Registration Form and Convention details.

April 15 - Reminder to Register for the Men's Retreat in Tohatchi, Event will be held May 4 - 6, 2018, Contact Walt L. (505) 892-6696 or Mark T. (505) 898-7271 for more information. Scholarships are available for this event.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Albuquerque Area Business

Meetings:

Intergroup Rep Meeting

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

District 3 - 2pm, 2nd Sunday

Call the DCM for Location

District 11 - 9am, 2nd Saturday,

Shepherd of the Valley Church,
1801 Montano Rd

District 12 -10:15am, 2nd Saturday,

Heights Club, 8520 Marble NE, in
Room #3

District 13 - 10 am, 2nd Saturday,

Metropolitan Community Church,
1103 Texas St. NE

District 18 -10:30am, 2nd Saturday,

United Methodist Church, 136 Calle
Alameda, Bernalillo

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