

# Pass It On...

Albuquerque Central Office Newsletter

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## Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need

*from the A.A. Service Manual page S47*

*Excerpts from Bill W.'s article in the April 1959 Grapevine. See Concept IX, page 38 of "Twelve Concepts for World Service" for the full article)*

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example." In effect, we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us..."

Therefore, a leader in A.A. service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own—well, he really isn't a leader at all....

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its service. But in new an important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source....

Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can obtain, sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided, of course, that such

action be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility....

Another qualification for leadership is give-and-take, the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us all-or-nothing drunks. Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flat-footed to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and careful discrimination as to which course to take...

Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continuing criticism. This is an acid test. There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions or change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast without losing their friendship.

**There were no Intergroup Committee Meeting Minutes submitted for the April 9, 2006 meeting. Our next meeting will be Sunday May 7, at 2:00 pm at the Desert Club. Please send a representative from your home group. See you there!**

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### **Responsibility Declaration**

I am responsible.  
When anyone, anywhere,  
reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA  
always to be there.  
And for that:  
I am responsible.

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## Here Is Your Chance!

Submitted by Jakki S.

**Did you always think that you had a better idea for a theme for the convention? Are you an artist that is starving for attention?**

*Here is your chance to have your idea's known!*

The 2007 Area 46 State Convention wants your ideas to consider for the convention theme and logo. It is our 50th Anniversary and we want to do it up right! Please draw up your idea's and submit them at the May meeting. Or if you would like to do it anonymously, you can e-mail it to [2007convention@newmexicoaa.org](mailto:2007convention@newmexicoaa.org).

Our next planning meeting will be Saturday, May 20th, at 1:30 p.m. We meet at St. Timothy's, at 211 Jefferson NE, in Albuquerque. Everyone is welcome. Please come and share your idea's and volunteer for a committee. We need your help!

Let's make New Mexico AA Proud!

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## Traditions Checklist

from the AA Grapevine

**Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.**

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on an AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

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**SATURDAY  
MAY 20, 2006**

**1:30 PM—5:00 PM**

**1:30 PM POTLUCK  
LUNCH  
2:00 PM WORKSHOP  
BEGINS**

**HEIGHTS CLUB  
8520 MARBLE NE  
ALBUQUERQUE**



**Directions:**

1. From I-40, exit at the Wyoming Exit.
2. Turn south onto Wyoming Blvd.
3. Turn west at Lomas Blvd.
4. Turn north at Virginia St., which is the first street west of Lomas Blvd.
5. Go to the end of the block to the stop sign and turn right, which will curve around into the Heights Club parking lot.

**DISTRICT 12  
IS HOSTING A**

# **SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP**

- For The Person Seeking A Sponsor
- For The Person Wanting To Be A Sponsor
- Service Sponsorship



- What does a sponsor do?
- How can a sponsor explain the AA program?
- How should a sponsor deal with slips?
- How does sponsorship help the sponsor?
- How should a sponsor be chosen?
- What should a newcomer expect from a sponsor?
- What if the sponsor is unavailable when needed?
- May a newcomer change sponsors?
- Must the newcomer agree with everything the sponsor says?

**INFO**

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## As Bill Sees It

pages 93 and 14

### Atmosphere of Grace

Those of us who have come to make regular use of prayer would no more do without it than we would refuse air, food, or sunshine. And for the same reason. When we refuse air, light, or food, the body suffers. And when we turn away from meditation and prayer, we likewise deprive our minds, our emotions, and our intuitions of vitally needed support.

As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace. To an amazing extent the facts of A.A. confirm this ageless truth.

### Newcomer Problems

"You can't make a horse drink water if he still prefers beer or is too crazy to know what he does want. Set a pail of water beside him, tell him how good it is and why, and leave him alone.  
 "If people really want to get drunk, there is, so far as I know, no way of stopping this—so leave them alone and let them get drunk. But don't exclude them from the water pail, either."

### Become a Faithful Fiver

Just pledge  
**\$ 5.00 a month**  
 to the support of  
 helping alcoholics who  
 still suffer.



It's tax deductible & you get this fabulous newsletter delivered to your house.

**Checks payable to Albuquerque Central Office.**

*Thanks for your support!*

## March Desk Activity

	Mar '06 This month	Feb '06 Last month	Mar '05 Last yr
<b>Phone calls</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>1360</b>
Information	964	882	1004
12 step request	22	26	34
Al-Anon Info	34	29	43
Message	54	58	50
Other	113	65	229
<b>Walk Ins</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>266</b>
Information	20	29	17
12 step	3	3	5
Al-Anon	3	8	8
Schedules	20	13	17
Purchases	177	163	156
Tapes	7	10	4
Message	4	1	0
Casual	28	25	24
Other	23	22	35
<b>Desk Workers*</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	
Regulars	54	56	
Substitutes	37	35	
<b>Desk Shifts*</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>160</b>	
Weekdays	138	120	
Weekends	40	40	
<b>Weekday Shifts*</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>120</b>	
Regulars	85% 117	75% 90	
Substitutes	21% 15	25% 30	
<b>Weekend Shifts*</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>45</b>	
Regulars	70% 28	85% 34	
Substitutes	30% 12	13% 6	
<b>Shifts by Michael*</b>	<b>7/26 hrs</b>	<b>9/46 hrs</b>	
<b>Shifts by Kathy*</b>	<b>12/66 hrs</b>	<b>7/41 hrs</b>	

Thanks to all who participated this month.

\* includes night phone

# Birthdays

## El Centro

Caroline J.	1 month
Lance D.	3 months
Brian G.	3 months
Wes	3 months
Joe Q.	6 months
Kent	9 months
Tony B.	9 months
Joseph	1 year
Mike C.	1 year
Liane	3 years
Daniel O.	3 years
Martha	4 years
Scott B.	9 years
Ron G.	16 years
Gene	17 years
John M.	22 years
Will G.	28 years

Larry K.	36 years
Manuel G.	41 years

## Isleta Group

Joe Q.	6 months
Junior	1 year
Stu	18 months
Robert	3 years
Julian	4 years
Jim J.	12 years
Ron	16 years
Dan	42 years

## Seeking Serenity Group

Marion D.	04/07/79
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# Announcements, reminders, etc.....

High and Dry Smokefree has a new meeting location– we now meet at St.Timothy’s Lutheran Church, Copper and Jefferson NE. Enter on the Copper side. Our meeting times are Monday, Friday and Saturday at noon.

## *If you would...*

like to make a donation to the Area 46 2007 Convention please make your checks payable to:

2007 Area 46 Convention

*2007convention@newmexicoaa.org*

## Desk Workers Needed:

A great opportunity to be of service when someone is reaching out for help. A great way to learn more about Central Office! Call 266-1900 today!

## **DEADLINE:**

The deadline for the submission of articles, birthdays, and events to the *Pass It On* is now the 15th of the month.

**Thank You!**

## District 13

Has changed the District meeting time from 10:15 am to 10:00 am. The meeting is still on the second Sunday of the month at the Desert Club.

## The Media Librarian

is needing volunteers to help with transferring the old speaker tapes to compact disks. Will train any interested persons willing to spend a few hours of their time. Call 266-1900 and leave a message for Tom.

## The following contributed to Central Office.....

This data is from March 16 to April 16  
and is not inclusive for the entire  
calendar month!

### Groups:

Brownbaggers Group  
Cosmopolitan Group  
Dawn Patrol  
Dawning Promises  
El Centro  
Group 164  
High Noon  
Lunch Box Group  
New Dimensions  
Promises Group  
Queer Ideas of Fun  
Raymac Group  
Seniors Seeking Serenity  
Share the Legacy  
SOS Monday Night  
Vaya Con Dios  
Westside Group

### Individuals:

Anonymous  
Charlie W.  
Dan  
Karen R.

### Faithful Fivers:

Beverly D.  
Catherine A.  
Cecelia D.  
Dave N.  
Edwina B.  
John K.  
Mike D.  
Partha B.  
Pat D.  
Ralph T.  
Rojo R.  
Sarah F.

*Thank you all for supporting your Central Office !!!*

## Albuquerque Central Office Contributions First Quarter 2006

Any Lengths Women's Group	\$ 274.80	Native Noon Group	\$ 20.00
Brownbaggers	1,033.77	New Dimensions Group	31.00
Corrales Group	125.00	New Frontier Group	120.00
Corrales Smokefree Group	20.00	Placitas Group	50.00
Cosmopolitan Group	25.00	Promises Group	400.00
Cottonmouth Club Group	70.00	Queer Ideas of Fun	100.00
Dawn Patrol	1,194.38	Raymac Group	20.00
Dawning Promises	47.00	Rio Rancho Women's Group	45.00
Down Under Group	100.00	Saturday Nite in Los Lunas	100.00
Early Birds	72.16	Seeking Serenity	275.00
El Centro	140.00	Seniors Seeking Serenity	150.00
Freedom From Bondage	150.00	Sober Valley Group	50.00
Happy Hour Group	26.78	Sponsorship & Growth	71.59
High and Dry Smokefree	5.00	Staying Sober at Sunrise	63.00
High Country Group	150.00	Step Along With AA	7.50
High Noon Group	60.00	Sunday Night Serenity	100.00
How It Works	247.15	Sunrise Sobriety	66.21
Isleta Group	67.72	Taylor Ranch Fellowship	75.00
Jemez Valley Group	40.00	Triangle Group	30.00
Live and Let Live	114.50	Westside AA	100.00
Lunch Box Group - Rio Rancho	400.00	Young People	31.87
Metropolitan Group	25.00		
Individual Contributors	2,619.65	Alcothon	403.71
Faithful Fivers	185.00	Special AA Event Contributions	360.03
Other AA Contributions	66.27		

**MAY 20, 2006  
9:00 A.M. to NOON**

**THE THREE LEGACIES  
RECOVERY  
UNITY  
&  
SERVICE**

**HOSTED BY DISTRICT 11  
AT THE VISITOR CENTER IN JEMEZ PUEBLO**

Take NM Highway 550 to Highway 4 and head north about 7.5 miles  
To the Visitor Center next to the gas station.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THREE LEGACIES  
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AS MEMBERS  
GROUPS  
&  
A.A. AS A WHOLE**

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COFFEE, WATER, COOKIES, PIE, DONUTS, BAGELS & FRUIT PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
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*Monday through Friday*

**8:00 am to 10:00 pm**

*Saturday and Sunday*

**9:00 am to 9:00 pm**

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located two blocks  
north of  
Constitution and four  
blocks east of San  
Mateo.