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Step 7 Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

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Concept 7 (*Short Form*) The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legalinstruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world serviceaffairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness. (*Long Form*) The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

AA Meeting in Germany

I was stationed in Bitburg Germany with the US Air Force from 1984 till 1990. While living in the dormitory I began to drink with the guys on a regular basis. I became a daily drinker. I soon met a woman who would become my wife a few years later. I was arrested for DWI in 1987 shortly before the birth of my son. I vowed never to drink again but soon was out with my band mates. Alcohol had tricked me again! I went on drinking for another 23 years until I hit my bottom. I attended my first AA meeting in Albuquerque in 2009 and am still in the same home group. We have visited my wife's family through the years and I was wondering how I would handle going back to visit now that I am sober. Wouldn't you know it ,when I looked for a meeting in the area there was one at the very base that I drank at so many times. I emailed the contact who was listed and he responded immediately. When I arrived I phoned him and we met before the meeting for coffee. The meeting was at the base chapel and I was welcomed with open arms. There were AA members from France, Luxemburg, Germany, Poland and the USA. It was amazing to listen to their experience, strength and hope. I have made many friends from that group and stay in contact with them. God willing, I will see them again in January of 2015. - Dereld P., Albuquerque

- A.A. Big Book p.76

good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which Grant me strength, as I go out from here, When ready, we say something like this: "My Creator, I am now willing that you should have al to do your bidding. Amen." We have then completed Step Seven. stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows.

Serenity Prayer (Full Version)

GOD, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living ONE DAY AT A TIME; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will; That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.

Third Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee — to build with me and to do with me as Thou 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!

Seventh Step Prayer

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good & bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you & my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here to do Your bidding.

St Francis Prayer

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace, that where there is hatred, I may bring love; that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness; that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; that where there is error, I may bring truth; that where there is doubt, I may bring faith; that where there is despair, I may bring hope; that where there are shadows, I may bring light that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted; to understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

MEDIA LIBRARY

Eleven new cd's are now in the Media Library at Central Office. Stop by, see the Desk worker there and for a \$2 refundable rental you can: Get #286, where Don P. tells a solid, irreverent, loving Old Timer's story. Or, #288, Myers R. speaks in London about getting back to the Big Book. Peter M. & Simon C. have 6 cd's available studying the Steps in Geneva, Switzerland, #278 thru #281. Some older but excellent cds: Hilda F. speaks at Area 46 in 2012, about growing up in a London Pub, #191.

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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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On the 7th Tradition

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

"The A.A. Groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contribution of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve its ideal: that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority."

Our growth continuing, the combined income of Alcoholics Anonymous members will soon reach the astounding total of \$250,000,000, a quarter of billion dollars yearly. This is the direct result of A.A. membership. Sober we now have it, drunk we would not.

By contrast, our overall A.A. expenses are trifling.

For instance, the A.A. General Office now costs us \$1.50 per member a year. As a fact, the New York office asks the groups for this sum twice a year because not all of them contribute. Even so, the sum per member is exceedingly small. If an A.A. happens to live in a large metropolitan center where an intergroup office is absolutely essential to handle heavy inquiries and hospital arrangements he contributes (or probably should contribute) about \$5.00 annually. To pay the rent of his own group meeting place, and maybe coffee and doughnuts, he might drop \$25.00 a year in the hat. Or, if he belongs to a club it could be \$50.00. In case he takes The A.A. Grapevine he squanders an extra \$2.50!

So, the A.A. member who really meets his group responsibilities finds himself liable for about \$5.00 a month on the average. Yet his own personal income may be anywhere between \$200. and \$2,000. a month -- the direct result of not drinking.

"But", some will contend, "our friends want to give us money to furnish that new club house. We are a new small group. Most of us are still pretty broke. What then"?

I am sure that myriads of the A.A. voices would now answer the new group saying, "Yes, we know just how you feel. We once solicited money ourselves. We even solicited publicly. We thought we could do a lot of good with other peoples' money. But we found that kind of money too hot to handle. It aroused unbelievable controversy. It simply wasn't worth it. Besides, it set a precedent which has tempted many people to use the valuable name of Alcoholics Anonymous for other than A.A. purposes. While there may be little harm in a small friendly loan which your group really means to repay, we really beg you to think hard before you ask the most willing friend to make a large donation. You can, and you soon will, pay your own way. For each of you these overhead expenses will never amount to more than the price of one bottle of good whiskey a month. You will be everlastingly thankful if you pay this small obligation yourselves.

When reflecting on these things, why should not each of us tell himself, "Yes, we A.A.s were once a burden on everybody. We were 'takers.' Now that we are sober, and by the Grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn't we now about face and become 'thankful givers'! Yes, it is high time we did!".

Bill W.

The AA Grapevine, June, 1948

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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 June 8, 2014

Open 14:00

Attending David G, Goodfellas, Community Outreach; Michael W, Central Office Coordinator; Aaron C, Too Much for Us, Treasurer; Christy O, Promises, Media Librarian (acting Secretary); Alli V, Singleness of Purpose, Website Chair; Steve R, Saturday Night Alive, Pass It On Editor; Danny M, SNL Intergroup Rep; Michael C, Happy Hour; Debra K, In the Book, Alternate Office Coordinator; Ruth G, Intergroup Rep SOP; Bruce B, Intergroup District 12; Chris T, Brown Baggers; Becky S, Women In Progress; Nicole D-S, Ladies' Room; Katie C, Grateful Girls; Justin S, Straight Pepper Diet; Teri M, Foothills; Stephen P, Seeking Serenity; Carolyn R, Secretary (acting Chair)

Minutes Amend the Meeting Notes from May 2014 to reflect David G. was unanimously acclaimed to do Community Outreach.

Treasurer's Report Total Revenues: 8,163.25; Cost of Sales: 2,880.84; Gross Income: 5,282.41; Total Expenses: 6,000.95; Net Income (718.54). Literature sales are up to nearly \$5,000 more this year. We are down \$718.54 in net income. That is consistent with past years.

Central Office Coordinator Announced that Martha M., an Intergroup Rep and great riend to AA, has passed away. Credit Card sales amount to 39% of the gross sales. About 50% of the 75th Anniversary Big Books were purchased with credit cards, in most cases a single item purchase. There are 70 copies of the 75th Edition in stock. There is an increase in sales of 12% though we cannot attribute it to credit cards alone. Credit card fees are 4.82%, and we have more than made up for this charge, so it is paying for itself. Credit cards are like a warm puppy, we're not gonna' send it back. We had 54 swipes in April. The interest is the cost of doing business. Price of Grapevine based materials (not including the Grapevine itself) will be increased. For years we've been selling it at cost. It will go up in the 10% range, which will put it in the same margin range as other literature. Maximum increase on an item will be \$1. Three new items: The Daily Quote, \$11.50, a hew Grapevine sourced meditation book, No Matter What, \$11.50, about staying sober through "anything", and a Large Print Mini Big Book, \$8. Central Office received a 7th Tradition donation of \$103 plus another \$16 in tips from The NM Roundup. Michael has been contacted to do a SWARSSA Workshop in Corpus Christi, TX, in October. There is a first Quarter Report on Group Donations to Central Office in the June 2014 Pass It On. Alternate Central Office Coordinator Increased web hits. Walk-ins down from last month. Been getting quite a few 12 step calls. We've been doing well in covering them. Shifts were covered pretty well. We did have all night shifts covered, which hasn't happened in a long time. Michael worked 9, I covered 3. A woman from the Marshall Islands came in while visiting her daughter and got info on how to start a meeting there. Funny that she came all that way to do it in Albuquerque! Question from Justin, "Do you discuss how volunteers are called in when you train them? How can we get replacements at a moment's notice?" Deborah "It's difficult, not a lot of volunteers are available for day shifts because they are at work. Sometimes just easier to have me or Michael fill in, life happens." Aaron: "I have seen Michael call for up to 2 hours trying to find a replacement volunteer." Nicole: "Our Group has taken on the Night Phone Service, it's easy when a group does it." David: "I want to thank your Group for doing the Night Phones."

Member at Large Not Present

Pass it On Editor Article submissions are sporadic, sobriety birthdays are still down. Published a Letter to the Editor from El Centro regarding no longer signing court papers at their meeting. "Letter to the Editor" is a new forum. Would like some articles, even brief ones, about what is happening at Workshops and Conventions. When the Quarterly Group Donations are printed there is no room for flyers. If you want your flyer printed in PIO submit to a ½ of a page, readable format well in advance. Anything not published will be on our

SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

COSMOPOLITAN May: Stefan P. 6 months, Nick N. 7 years, Eloy M. 19 years, Elsa G. 33 years

HIGH NOON May: Trevor, Mark B., Chrysantie, Aaron, Bobby 30 days; Kye, Jessoca 60 days; Ker 90 days; Penelope, Rich 4 months, Sharon 6 months; James W. 18 months; Tiffany, Todd S., Joann 1 year; Leona P. 2 years;

Dean Z. 24 years; Ilse G. 33 years

PROMISES May: Jan M. 5 years, Paul N. 12 years

SEEKING SERENITY May: Joseph 30 days, John 2 years, Ebony 6 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.

Website. Aaron: "Why is the type face of Group Contributions in PIO is illegible." Steve: "I'm working with the Printer to find out and fix it in the future." Carolyn: Regarding the ad in PIO for Desk Workers, "Why don't you add 'Substitute' in the line 'Central Office Urgently Needs Desk Workers'?" Steve: "I will." The change is to reflect an urgent need for both regular shifts and substitute shift desk workers. **Media Librarian** Ten new titles added to the library, 289 titles now in the media library. Six new old timer CDs and one Al-Anon old timer CD have been acquired. Michael: "Including Ebby Thacther."

Web Guardian Updating the Literature Price List by tomorrow. PIO went out to 209 subscribers. I know it's early to start recruiting, but I'm leaving my position after December. We need to be looking for a volunteer to become the new Web Site Chair. I can train the next person on how to update albuqerqueaa.org website. **Schedule Editor** Not Present

Community Outreach Attended an informative, well done CPC/PI workshop given by Area 46 on "Understanding our Primary Purpose". Two judges, and AA's from all over, like Gallup attended. Also did a table at a Health Fair for students from ACE Leadership High School with Dave R. from El Centro Group.

Special Needs Coordinator POSITION VACANT

Group Liasion POSITION VACANT

OLD BUSINESS Carolyn: We need a volunteer to coordinate Central Office Special Workers' Appreciation Picnic in honor of our deskworkers. Mike compiled a list of Saturdays that are already booked. Should we consider having it on a Sunday?

Steve: It takes a couple of months to coordinate advertising, food, entertainment, and meetings. It's too late to do it in June.

NEW BUSINESS Bruce, Dist. 12: We're having a fund raiser for Central Office on Saturday, Aug. 16th. I have fliers with me.

Terry: Would you consider doing the picnic with your fund raiser?

Bruce: We're doing it with Dist. 3, I have a counterpart there. We're looking for a dynamic speaker and donations for the raffle.

Steve: If we had an Intergroup Liaison they would spearhead the picnic.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS June 10th, Spark of Light is screening the documentary "Bill W." at 8pm on a large screen, it's free. Desert Club. June 14th the Heights Club is having a Founder's Day Dinner, Speaker, Dance. It starts at 6pm, Speaker Dave L. at 7:30 and Dance to Midnight. \$3. for singles, \$5. for couples.



Central Office Urgently Needs Substitute 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.

Close 15:20

AA EVENTS CALENDAR

THIS MONTH

Friday July 4 - Sunday July 6 - X Convencion, Hispana del Estado de New Mexico More info: http://newmexicoaa.org/images/pdf/2014-15/140301IMG_1225-sm.pdf

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 12 - 17th Annual Full Moon Madness - White Sands National Monument. Meeting and Potluck. 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Sunday July 13 - Women's Sobriety Fest Planning
Meeting This Sunday and the 2nd Sunday of every month.
3:45pm. Nativity Church, 9502 4th St. NW, Albuquerque
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

Saturday July 19 - Gratitude Bash Potluck 5:30pm, Circuit Speaker 7pm, Live Band (Dance) 8:15pm. Sponsored by the Lunch Box Group. Grace Outreach Center, Oasis Youth Hall, 2900 Southern, Rio Rancho

Monday July 28 - Serenity Group's 43rd Birthday Potluck 6:30pm, Meeting 7:30pm. St. Michael & All Angels Church, 601 Montano Rd. NW, Albuquerque

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday August 2 - District 11 Annual Picnic Breakfast 8:30am, Potluck Lunch 12 noon, Gratitude Meeting & Delegate's Report 1:30pm. Jemez Falls Picnic Area (more info: http://albuquerqueaa.org/pdf/08022014.pdf)

Saturday August 16 - Districts 3 & 12 Central Office Fundraiser 6-8pm. Potluck, Speaker Meeting, Raffle. St. John's Cathedral, 318 Silver SW, Albuquerque

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

Saturday September 27 - Womens Sobriety Fest 2014 8am-8pm. Nativity Church, 9502 4th St. NW, Albuquerque

Saturday October 25 - Area 46/District 11 Traditions Conference Registration, light breakfast 8:30am, Traditions Presentations 9am-noon, Potluck Lunch noon, Speaker 1pm, Door prize drawing 2pm. Sponsired by District 11. Nativity Church Parish Hall, 9502 4th St. NW, Albuquerque

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. May 2014
Monthly Service Activities Report

Monthly Service A			
PHONE CALLS	MAY14	APR14	MAY13
Information	472	469	629
12-Step	26	20	20
Al-Anon	10	10	6
Message	49	26	69
Other	95	86	125
TOTAL	652	611	849
WALK INS			
Information	11	10	16
12-Step	0	0	0
Al-Anon	2	0	1
Get Schedule	7	12	17
Purchase	178	219	161
Media	0	7	2
Message	8	5	1
Casual	32	30	31
Other	30	72	43
TOTAL	268	355	272
ALBUQUERQUEAA.ORG			2447
Unique Visitors	4159	4021	3447
Number of Visits	7429	7763	?
Pages	26652	29134	?
DESK WORKERS*			
Regulars	46	46	47
Substitutes	34	33	42
TOTAL	80	79	89
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DESK SHIFTS*	122	122	122
Weekdays	132	132	132
Weekends TOTAL	45 177	40	40
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WEEKDAY SHIFTS*			
Worked by Regulars	111(84.1%)	107(81.1%)	114(86%
Worked by Substitutes	21(15.9%)	25(18.9%)	
TOTAL	132	132	132
WEEKEND SHIFTS*	20(04.40()	24/70 50()	24/050/
Worked by Regulars	38(84.4%)		
Worked by Substitutes		8(20.5%)	
TOTAL	45	39	40
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	Night - 0	0	0
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*INCLUDES NIGHT PHO	INE		

We are not human beings having spiritual experiences; we are spiritual beings having human experiences.





Monday Night, July 28, 2014
St. Michael's All Angels Episcopal Church

Potluck Dinner at 6:30 Birthday Meeting at 7:30 Saturday Aug. 2nd



Tickets \$5

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For tickets call

HOSTED BY DISTRICTS 3 AND 12

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

WHERE; ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL 318 Silver SW Albuquerque

WHAT: POTLUCK(Messe bring your feworite potluck dish!) SPEAKER MEETING

& RAFFLE (Need Donotions Stuff or Services)

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