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An Alcoholics Love Affair

*All the trials that I have been through
And some paths that I have chose
Were paths of self-destruction
In a world of highs and lows
Those days of addiction held me tight
And my longing for release would only grow
And I'd pray in the end I would win the fight*

*I've been through changes I don't understand
But the days pass me by and I still walk this land
And at times I didn't know if the future I would see
I've learned the journey's not easy and never will be
And these cravings I carry which began long ago
Will always be with me of this I know.*

*Temptation is there, it's an everlasting foe
But my sanity will prevail of this I'm confident to know
At times overwhelming trying to lure me in I'm sure
And I pray for my fellow addicts in a life we must endure
Will someday find their higher power, their fulfillment
And their cure*

*I was in an alcoholics love affair, and I didn't care or was aware
That my life was getting shorter day by day
And I knew it wouldn't be long till my days would soon be gone
If changes in my future didn't come my way*

David C. L., Rio Rancho

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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 Grace United 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 - 10:30am, 2nd Saturday, United Methodist Church,
 136 Calle Alameda, Bernalillo

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!

Step Seven:
Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7 (Short Form) Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

(Long Form) The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this 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.

Twelve and Twelve
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Central Office Financial Snapshot		
May 2016		
	May 2016	YTD 2016
Total Revenues	\$8109.91	\$40566.75
Total Cost of Sales	\$2509.12	\$15143.80
Gross Income	\$5600.79	\$25422.95
Total Expenses	\$5275.04	\$28574.00
Net Profit (Loss)	\$325.75	(\$3151.05)

Seventh Tradition Checklist

Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?

Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?

If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?

Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?

Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?

How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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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.

May 2016				
Monthly Services Activities Report				
		May 2016	April 2016	May 2015
Phone Calls:				
Information		358	333	429
12-Step		11	11	10
Al-Anon		4	10	10
Message		26	31	57
Other		60	79	74
	Total:	459	464	580
Walk-ins:				
Information		5	14	16
12-Step		1	0	1
Al-Anon		1	1	2
Schedule		2	7	3
Purchase		148	139	140
Media		6	3	10
Message		3	2	4
Casual		17	18	28
Other		44	28	31
	Total:	227	212	237
Web Visits:				
				4278
Deskworkers:*				
Regulars		41	43	45
Substitutes		26	25	32
	Total:	67	68	77
Deskshifts:*				
Weekdays		132	126	126
Weekends		45	45	50
	Total:	177	171	176
Weekday Shifts:*				
Worked by regulars:		104 (78.8%)	110 (87.3%)	107 (85%)
Worked by Subs:		25 (19%)	14 (11.1%)	17 (13.5%)
	Total:	129 (97.7%)	124 (98.4%)	124 (98.5%)
Weekend Shifts:*				
Worked by Regulars		31 (68.8%)	34 (75.5%)	34 (68%)
Worked by Subs:		13 (28.8%)	10 (22.2%)	15 (15%)
	Total:	44 (97.6%)	44 (97.7%)	49 (98%)
*Night shifts not covered		3 wkday 1 wknight	2 weeknight 1 weekend	2 wkday 1 wknight
Shifts not worked by a volunteer:		21	7	14
		1 - 2 hr. shift		1 - 2 hr. shift
	Total:	62 hrs.	21 hours	41 hrs.

Intergroup Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2016
Brown Bagger's Meeting Space

In attendance: Ginger B., IG Secretary, Serenity Group; Lindsey C., IG Chair, Straight Pepper Diet; Michael W., C.O. Coordinator; Tom M., IG Treasurer, Dawn Patrol; Lisa M. Sunrise Catchers; Rojo R., Sunrise Catchers; Gene K., El Centro; Kimber C., Ladies' Room; Paul C, Group 164; Mike C., Group 164; Sarah B., Candlelight Group; Betty P., In the Book; Linda Gurley, Zia Group, Dist. 18 Rep.; Andrea Tuthill, ODAAT, Bernalillo; Lydia Rael, Seeking Serenity; Henry L., Seeking Serenity; Ric R., IG Media Librarian; Phyllis, Brown Bagger's; Will J., Zia Group; Debra K., C.O. Alternate Coordinator, In the Book; Gayle M., Downtown Lunch Bunch; Graham R., Brown Bagger's; Bruce B., Lone Rangers Group; Johnny W., IG Liaison, Isleta Group, Leanna S., IG Website Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chair, Lindsey C, with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions around the room.

Secretary's Report, Ginger B. Ginger read the minutes of the May 8th meeting. Michael W. requested an amendment to the Coordinator's Report. Motion was made by Debra K. and 2nd by Michael W. to accept the minutes with amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Tom M. The Balance Sheet and Income Statement were distributed. May looks better than the prior month. The InterGroup Speaker Meeting held by District 18 was a resounding success, contributing \$1,284 to the treasury. We ended with \$325.75 on the plus side for the month. Individual and Faithful Fiver contributions were up, as were contributions from Groups. The On-line Contribution page was recently erected on the Website, making it even easier for people to contribute. We do not have any statistics on the contributions from the Website yet, as it went live very recently. Cable TV was removed, and we're using rabbit ears on the TV at C.O. The only utilities we now pay for are Internet and the phones. Motion was made by Ginger and 2nd by Henry L. to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Office Coordinator, Michael W.: Michael expressed his heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude for the support of Central Office and the work done through that place in seeking to help those who want to recover from the disease of alcoholism. The fellowship at the District 18 Intergroup Speaker meeting was phenomenal. The money raised from this event to support Central Office was record-breaking. Michael is very humbled by the outpouring of love.

Susan W., our temporary Pass-It-On Editor, was unable to make today's meeting as she needed to attend the memorial service of her niece. She would remain in "temporary status" until next month, when she can stand for disapproval, if we will have her. The IG voted unanimously to have Susan remain in the position until next month.

Literature is available for sale, although in lesser quantities in order to save money. If C.O. runs out of certain literature, it will be on the shelf within a week.

Alternate Coordinator, Debra K.: **Central Office is in dire need of substitute desk workers.** It is rare that a desk worker calls in at the last minute! You would be notified a week in advance, or a couple of days (sometimes one day) in advance to help cover a shift. **There are also a number of desk shifts that need to be filled:**

Every other Saturday, from 9AM to Noon

Every other Saturday, from 3PM to 6PM

Every other Sunday, from 6PM to 9PM

Each Wednesday, from 4PM to 7PM

Every other Thursday, from 1PM to 4PM

Every other Friday, from 7PM to 10PM

Four shifts of night phones went uncovered in May. Please bear in mind that when the shifts are not covered (other than the night shifts) it makes for long days for Michael and Debra, who then must cover these shifts. This is not what they are there to do, rather their positions are to *coordinate* we sober alcoholics in *our* efforts to "pass it on."

Debra will be out on medical leave for two weeks beginning Saturday, June 20th.

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Member-at-Large: This position is still vacant. “The Member-at-Large shall attend all meetings of the Steering Committee and Intergroup Representatives and shall be a voting member of both bodies and should be available for service as needed.”

Please contact Central Office at (505) 266-1900 if you would like to step into this position.

Schedule Editor, Lydia R.: Everything going well.

Special Needs, Alaina G.: Not present due to travel.

Media Librarian, Ric R.: All is well with the media library. Ric is about to add another 15 CDs. He has replaced or renewed another 15. Chuck C’s “New Pair of Glasses,” a very popular book, taken from one of his weekend talks, has been added to the library.

Community Outreach, Jeff: Not present.

Intergroup Liaison, Johnny W.: Getting familiar with the position and will get list of groups to visit. He apologizes for moving slowly, but is committed to the work.

Website Chair: Leanna was grateful to receive the help of past Website Chair, Ally, in getting the contributions page “live” on the website. The website is updated regularly. This position will need to be filled for the new term beginning December of this year. It’s a two-year commitment, and Leanna would like to begin training someone this fall. Please contact Leanna if you are interested in the position. You can reach her via email at web@albuquerqueaa.org, or call Central Office at (505) 266-1900.

Old Business – no old business.

New Business:

The date for this year’s Intergroup Picnic is August 20th, from 11AM to 4PM, at Alvarado Park across the street from Central Office. Rojo R. was contacted and asked to lead up the committee. Rojo R. thanked Michael for asking him to lead the committee. Rojo will need several volunteers to help make the event come off smoothly. Contact Central Office if you would like to help out – many hands make light work!

Just an announcement that the Steering Committee has begun review of the By-laws and will bring any changes (such as the change IG voted on re: the wording of the By-Laws so that we do not need to *advertise* in the phone book, just have a listing there) to IG for a vote. This process will take some time.

Kimber C., a member of the Ladies’ Room, is very passionate regarding the need for funding of ASL Interpreters to interpret for the deaf and hard of hearing during AA meetings. Kimber asked IG if it would continue to support ASL Interpreters at meetings. IG Chair, Lindsey C., advised that this topic has been discussed at length at IG. IG voted it’s conscience that IG is not in the business of subsidizing ASL Interpreters; IG recognizes the need; however, funding is to be taken up at the District and meeting level. Lindsey suggested that Kimber work with the *Special Needs Committees* at the Area, IG, and District levels, rather than with IG as a whole.

Announcements

There are a great many flyers for summer events. Please take flyers back to your group for their information, and enjoy the summer!

Motion to close the meeting made by Michael; 2nd by Graham. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginger B.
Intergroup Secretary
Serenity Group

Albuquerque Area and New Mexico AA Events Calendar

District 11 Annual Jemez Picnic

Saturday, August 6, 2016
8:00AM—4:00PM
Jemez Falls Group Picnic Site
Breakfast Provided by El Centro
Potluck Lunch at Noon
Open Meeting at 2:00 pm
Join us for fun, food, fellowship
and catch some sun and serenity
About 90 minutes
north of Albuquerque
on Hwy 550 to Hwy 4

NMCYPAA 2016 Convention “Experience Strength and Hope”

August 12, 13, and 14

Hotel Encanto
705 South Telshor BLVD
Las Cruces, NM
For more information see website: [http://
www.nmcypaa.com/](http://www.nmcypaa.com/)
Pre-registration ends Aug. 1st and prices
will go up after that.

ANNUAL CENTRAL OFFICE PICNIC

**Albuquerque’s Intergroup cordially invites you and
your family to the Annual Central Office Picnic!
Please bring a side dish and something to sit on**

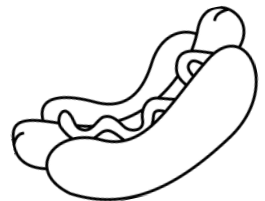
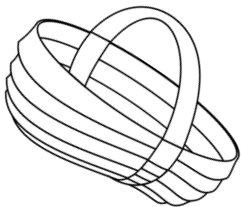
Saturday, August 20, 2016

11:00AM—4:00PM

Alvarado Park

2900 Alvarado NE

Albuquerque, NM



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go to: <http://albuquerqueaa.org> and <http://www.newmexicoaa.org>*

**Planning Meetings for the
WOMENS SOBRIETY FEST
September, 24 2016**

Come join us in planning this years event!

**July 17, 2016
August 21, 2016
September 18, 2016**

All meetings are at 3:30PM

Nativity Church
9502 4th ST NW
Albuquerque

Please visit www.nmaawsf.com for more information. Sponsored by the Women's Sobriety Fest meeting.



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**25th NATIONAL/ INTERNATIONAL
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CONVENTION
October 27-30, 2016**

*Buffalo Thunder Resort
20 Buffalo Thunder Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506
Pueblo of Pojoaque*

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Social Dance

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Talking Circles

Flag Ceremony

Banquet

Hospitality Area

Al-Anon Brunch

Sobriety PowWow

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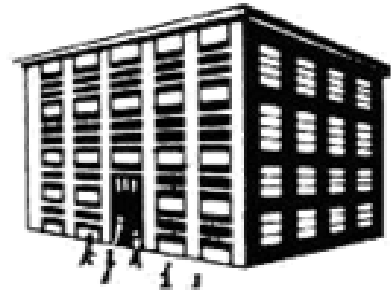
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