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This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone.

- *Alcoholics Anonymous ("The Big Book", Into Action, page 84*

**Step 10** Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

**Tradition 10 (Short Form)** Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

*(Long Form)* No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

**Concept 10 (Short Form)** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

*(Long Form)* Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

## On Tradition Ten

Editorial by Bill W.

A.A. Grapevine, September 1948

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To most of us, Alcoholics Anonymous has become as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. We like to believe that it will soon be as well known and just as enduring as that historic landmark. We enjoy this pleasant conviction because nothing has yet occurred to disturb it; we reason that we must hang together or die. Hence we take for granted our continued unity as a movement.

But should we? Though God has bestowed upon us great favors, and though we are bound by stronger ties of love and necessity than most societies, is it prudent to suppose that automatically these great gifts and attributes shall be ours forever. If we are worthy, we shall probably continue to enjoy them. So the real question is, how shall we always be worthy of our present blessings?

Seen from this point of view, our A.A. Traditions are those attitudes and practices by which we may deserve, as a movement, a long life and a useful one. To this end, none could be more vital than our 10th Tradition, for it deals with the subject of

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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Looks like it's Workshop season once again. There's the 22nd Annual District 11 Traditions Workshop on October 26th in Albuquerque, the District 18 Sponsorship Workshop on the 19th in Jemez Springs (see flyer on page 7) and Seeking Serenity's 6th Annual Newcomer's Workshop on November 2nd in Albuquerque (flyer on page 7). More details on these events and many more are on the AA Events Calendar on page 6.

The Arid Group is sponsoring a dinner/speaker meeting/dance on the 12th and a Halloween Movie (World War Z) on the 31st, both at the Heights Club here in Albuquerque. The Candlelight Group is having a (Halloween) Transylvania Costume Party & Dance on the 25th up in Rio Rancho (flyer page 7). More details are available on these and other AA events on the AA Events Calendar on page 6.

The holiday season is fast approaching - a very difficult time for many (especially those young in sobriety). Hopefully Groups, Districts (and clubs) will keep this in mind and put together a multitude of events over the Thanksgiving/Christmas/New Years season - having such events to go to can easily make the difference between continued sobriety and relapse...let's not rest on our laurels. I was shocked how

The Sobriety Birthday Calendar (page 5) is holding steady as far as how many submissions are coming in, but I know there's a lot more sobriety than is being commemorated in the calendar. Step up and be your group's PIO Sobriety Birthday Calendar representative. Let's grow this calendar. Details on submitting sobriety birthdays can be found at the bottom of the Sobriety Birthday Calendar on page 5.

I think I'm wasting my time asking again and few events there were during this time last year. again for the submission of articles on sobriety and related topics from local fellowship members. It's been 3 months running without any submissions - if you're satisfied with "oldy moldy" reprints rather than fresh articles by locals, so be it. Otherwise, get on the ball and either write something or urge someone you know to pen an article for Pass It On. Articles should be on Sobriety, sobriety stories and related topics and should not exceed 500 words. Submissions can be emailed to [passiton@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:passiton@albuquerqueaa.org). Feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions or are in need of topic suggestions.

The Central Office **Steering Committee currently has 2 immediate openings:** 1) Member-At-Large and 2) Intergroup Liaison. Email [Chair@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:Chair@albuquerqueaa.org) for more information.

**In December Intergroup will be holding elections for 5 Steering Committee positions:** Special Needs, Schedule Editor, Secretary, Pass It On Editor, & Chair. Serving on the Steering Committee is a great way to do service work and isn't as big of a time commitment as you might think. Email [Chair@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:Chair@albuquerqueaa.org) for more information.

SUBMISSIONS for PIO publication (articles, stories, announcements, flyers, sobriety birthdays, etc.), letters to the editor, questions, comments, suggestions and criticism are always welcomed at [PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org](mailto:PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org) and will receive a prompt reply and appropriate consideration for publication.

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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 - 10:30am, 2nd Saturday, United Methodist Church, 136 Calle Don Andres, Bernalillo, NM

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# On Tradition Ten

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controversy -- serious controversy.

On the other side of the world, millions have not long since died in religious dissension. Other millions have died in political controversy. The end is not yet. Nearly everybody in the world has turned reformer. Each group, society and nation is saying to the other, "You must do as we say, or else". Political controversy and reform by compulsion has reached an all-time high. And eternal, seemingly, are the flames of religious dissension.

Being like other men and women, how can we expect to remain forever immune from these perils? Probably we shall not. At length, we must meet them all. We cannot flee from them, nor ought we try. If these challenges do come, we shall, I am sure, go out to meet them gladly and unafraid. That will be the acid test of our worth.

Our best defense? This surely lies in the formation of a Tradition respecting serious controversy so powerful that neither the weakness of persons nor the strain and strife of our troubled times can harm Alcoholics Anonymous. We know that A.A. must continue to live, or else many of us and many of our brother alcoholics throughout the world will surely resume the hopeless journey to oblivion. That must never be.

As though by some deep and compelling instinct we have thus far avoided serious controversies. Save minor and healthy growing pains, we are at peace among ourselves. And because we have thus far adhered to our sole aim, the whole world regards us favorably.

May God grant us the wisdom and fortitude ever to sustain an unbreakable unity.

*Bill W., The A.A. Grapevine, September, 1948*

## Tenth Concept Checklist

(from AA GSO)

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

- Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?

- Why is delegation of "authority" so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of "authority?"

## Tenth Tradition Checklist

(from AA GSO)

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

“Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life - the one that did not work - for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.”

- Bill W.

**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 September 8, 2013**

**Open @ 14:02**

**Open/ Attendees** Jacob – Straight Pepper Diet, Aaron C. – Too Much For Us, Jamie M. – One Day At A Time, Tom R. – Seeking Serenity, Stephen P. – Seeking Serenity, Steven D. – Rebellion Dogs, Heather G. – QIOF, Sarah E. – SMBS, Chyna B. – Dawn Patrol, Kimber – Ladies Room, Tim T. – Fri. Nite Smokeless, Mac – How It Works, Michael W. – Coordinator, Alli – Web, Mike W. – Community Outreach, Lisa H. – Any Lengths, Chuck R. – Foothills, Michal C. – Heights Club Happy Hour

**Minutes** approved as printed

**Treasurer’s Report** Does not look good this month. Literature sales and revenues are down for the month. \$1,500 Grapevine order was paid for, but not yet received. Michael downloaded the forms for the tax exempt certificates and we will use them for the ASL interpreter, newsletter printing and schedule printing to save us money each month. Checkbook is down but in operating range. Prudent reserve is untouched. Total Revenues: \$6,525.36 Cost of Sales: \$2,841.39 Gross Income: \$3,683.97 Total Expenses: \$6,672.93 Net Income: (\$2,988.96)

**Central Office Coordinator** Will contact the Grapevine to make sure the order comes through if nothing turns up soon. The desk is pretty stable. Debra and I worked together on the desk report. The number of walk-ins and purchases are down. Desk coverage is good, and we are bringing more people online. Thanks to district 12 for inviting us to participate in the 12th step workshop.

**Alternate Central Office Coordinator**

**Member at Large** (Position currently vacant)

**Pass It On Editor ?**

**Media Librarian ?**

**Web Guardian** Nothing to report.

**Schedule Editor ?**

**Community Outreach** I have nothing to report this month.

**Special Needs Coordinator ?**

**OLD BUSINESS** Meeting format for November Intergroup: Our Area 46 Delegate, Alan, will speak after the Intergroup meeting concludes. We will effort to have an efficient meeting, to allow Alan time to speak. Suggest that his share time be around 30 minutes. Also, suggesting a light potluck: drinks and snacks. -- Member at Large and Intergroup Liaison still open -- Comment/concern from last time: a few B-Day submissions did not get printed in the PIO, and/or B-days printed under incorrect group. Solution: whenever a group submits a b-day list, Steve (PIO

# SOBRIETY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

**COSMOPOLITAN** August: Westly 4 years, Ginger 9 years, Dave 14 years, Ray R 26 years

**EL CENTRO** August: Jim 30 days, Dave R. 1 year, Rachel 4 years, Tommy N. & Frances N. 13 years, Rick R. 16 years, Bobby 19 years, Sally F. 29 years

**ISLETA** August: Laura 8 months, Irene & Valerie 1 year, Mary 3 years, Billy 4 years, Steve 8 years, Frances & Tommy 13 years, Sally 29 years, Fred 30 years

**SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE** August: Lynn P. 5 years

**SUNRISE CATCHERS** October: Melissa C. 9 months

**YOUR GROUP BIRTHDAYS ??COULD?? BE HERE TOO.....STEP UP & SEND 'EM IN**

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.

editor) will respond to confirm he received the submission.

**NEW BUSINESS** We received a resignation letter from our secretary. Her work hours have changed and will conflict with her participation at Intergroup. The Secretary Position is now vacant. Chair will fill in until a replacement is found. -- 2013 New Year's Eve alcathon: A member of Intergroup stood for that responsibility last year. He organized the event and was supported by the steering committee and Intergroup. The Shepherd of the Valley is willing to provide that venue again. Also, Steve (PIO editor) said that the Heights club is also willing to host the event. Discussion: we are looking for a chair/organizer for the New Year's Eve alcathon. Please contact the steering committee with interest in this position, and/or show up at the next Intergroup Meeting.

**GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** Seeking Serenity is hosting the 6th annual newcomers workshop Saturday, November 2nd. A light potluck breakfast 8:30 – 9 speaker/workshop 9-11 -- The heights club is having a dance this Saturday, September 14th -- Get schedules here at intergroup - 5 for \$1

**Close @ 14:33**

"It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all of our activities. "How can I best serve Thee--Thy will (not mine) be done." These are thoughts which must go with us constantly. We can exercise our will power along this line all we wish. It is the proper use of the will."

*(Alcoholics Anonymous ("The Big Book"), Into Action, page 85)*



## Central Office Urgently Needs Desk Workers

Requirements for this service opportunity are six months of sobriety, a sponsor and a home group. A desk shift at Central Office can enhance your sobriety. It can broaden your view of the service structure of your group, your district and your area. And it's fun!

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at 266-1900.

# AA EVENTS CALENDAR

## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

**Saturday October 5, 2013 - Area 46 Treatment, Corrections, Bridge The Gap & Public Information Service Workshop**  
11:30am Intro, 12noon Speakers, 1pm Breakout session & potluck, 2:30pm Wrap up & final speakers. Eagles Park Recreation Center, 305 Eagle Lane, Belen, NM

**Friday October 11 - Sunday October 13, 2013 - Southwest Regional AA Forum** Biltmore Hotel, 401 South Meridan Av. Oklahoma City, OK

**Saturday October 12, 2013 - Dinner, Speaker & Dance**  
Sponsored by the Arid Group. 6:30pm Dinner: Jamaican food (cost \$6). 7:30pm Speaker Meeting: Speaker is Car. 9pm-midnight Dance (\$3 singles, \$5 couples), 50/50 raffle, DJ Steve R. Heights Club, 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque, (505) 266-8952

**Saturday October 19, 2013 - Sponsorship Workshop** Working with others. Hosted by District 18. 9am-2pm. Potluck lunch, turkey & ham provided. Madonna Parish Hall, State Rd. 4 between mile marker 15 & 16, Jemez Springs, NM

**Thursday October 31, 2013 - Transylvania Masquerade Costume Party and Dance** Sponsored by the Candlelight Group. 7-11pm. (\$5 single, \$8 couple, children under 10 are free). Potluck, Professional DJ, 50/50 Drawing. 3503 32nd Circle SE, Rio Rancho

**Saturday October 26, 2013 - District 11 22nd Annual Traditions Conference** 8:30am Registration & light breakfast, 9am Traditions presentations, 12noon Potluck lunch, 1pm Speaker, 2pm Door Prize Drawing & close. Nativity Church Parish Hall, 9502 4th Street NW, Albuquerque

**Thursday October 31, 2013 - Halloween Movie Night** Sponsored by the Arid Group. Movie: World War Z. 7:30 pm, on a 12 foot screen. Free admission (donations accepted), free popcorn, low-priced munchies. Heights Club, 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque, (505) 266-8952

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday November 2 - Newcomer's Workshop** Sponsored by Seeking Serenity, 6th annual newcomers workshop. Potluck breakfast 8:30am, Speakers & Workshop 9am. Nativity Church, 9502 4th Street NW, Albuquerque

**Tuesday November 26 - Metropolitan Group 64th Anniversary** Pollock dinner 7pm, Speaker 8pm. St Johns Episcopal Church, 301 Silver SE, Albuquerque

**Saturday December 7 - Sunday December 8, 2013** Area 46 Assembly - District 18's 1st Assembly. St. Thomas of Aquinas School, Rio Rancho, NM

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](http://www.aa.org).

## AUGUST 2013

### Monthly Service Activities Report

PHONE CALLS	AUG13	JUL13	AUG12
Information	611	629	655
12-Step	34	16	25
Al-Anon	9	17	20
Message	49	38	55
Other	107	122	88
TOTAL	810	822	843

### WALK INS

Information	11	16	13
12-Step	0	2	1
Al-Anon	2	0	1
Get Schedule	22	8	16
Purchase	162	209	167
Media	4	6	8
Message	8	3	6
Casual	23	24	33
Other	26	29	53
TOTAL	258	297	298

### ALBUQUERQUEAA.ORG WEB STATS

Unique Visitors	3723	3620	2988
Number of Visits	6700	6575	?
Pages	28917	28111	?

### DESK WORKERS\*

Regulars	47	46	49
Substitutes	40	41	33
TOTAL	87	87	82

### DESK SHIFTS\*

Weekdays	177	138	138
Weekends	24	40	40
TOTAL	201	178	178

### WEEKDAY SHIFTS\*

Worked by Regulars	119(91.5%)	117(88%)	117(85%)
Worked by Substitutes	11(8.5%)	18(13%)	21(15%)
TOTAL	130	135	138

### WEEKEND SHIFTS\*

Worked by Regulars	32(76%)	33(83%)	30(75%)
Worked by Substitutes	5(12%)	7(17%)	10(25%)
TOTAL	42	40	40

### SHIFTS WORKED BY MICHAEL\*

3 Hour Shifts	4 (12hrs)	9 hours
2 Hour Shifts		1 (2hrs)
Night Phone		

### SHIFTS WORKED BY DEBRA\*

3 Hour Shifts	2.5(7.5hrs)	2(6hrs)
2 Hour Shifts		
Night Phone		

### TOTAL

NIGHT SHIFTS NOT COVERED 1 (POWER OUT)

\*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

The goal of spiritual practice is full recovery, and the only thing you need to recover from is a fractured sense of self.

- Marianne W.





Transylvania  
Masquerade Costume  
Party and Dance

Friday, October 25  
7-11PM

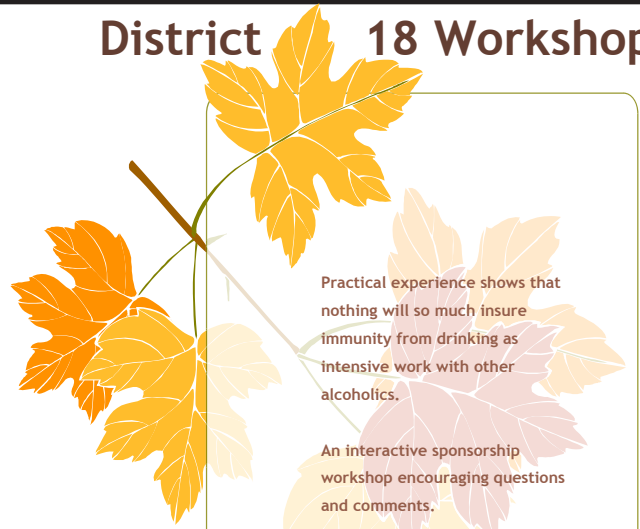
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COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!  
PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR SOME  
MIEVEAL FUN AND DANCING

## District 18 Workshop



Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.

An interactive sponsorship workshop encouraging questions and comments.

## Working with Others

SPONSORSHIP IN ACTION

Saturday, October 19

9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Madonna Parish Hall, State Road 4, between mile marker 15 & 16, Jemez Springs, NM

District 18 will supply turkey and ham. Please bring a dish to share  
Please join us!

Metropolitan Group  
Is celebrating it's  
64 year anniversary  
NOVEMBER 26,2013  
With a potluck dinner  
and speaker plus sobriety  
Birthdays.

Come join us starting at 7:00PM  
dinner and 8:00pm speaker  
Meeting.

St Johns Episcopal Church  
301 Silver SE  
Corner of 3rd & Silver

## Seeking Serenity Presents the

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Newcomers Workshop

- When: Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013
- Where: Nativity Church Hall 9502 4<sup>th</sup> St NW  
(4<sup>th</sup> St. & Alameda)
- Potluck Breakfast: 8:30 AM-9 AM
- Speakers/Workshop: 9 AM – 11 AM

Topics: *What is Alcoholism, Meetings, Sponsor, Steps, Service Work, Spiritual Experience*

Join us for Fun, Fellowship, Food, and Most of all...  
COME SUPPORT THE NEWCOMER! ;)

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