

# Pass It On

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Albuquerque AA Intergroup Central Office Newsletter

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**Step 9** Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition 9 (Short Form) A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. (Long Form) Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributi ons by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Concept 9 (Short & Long Form) Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

### Editorial: On the 9th Step. . .

"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except when to do so would injure them or others."

Like others of the Steps, Number Nine is closely related to Number Three 4"to turn our will and our lives over to God as we understood Him." If we have accomplished this step to any measurable degree, we have attained at least a small measure of humility and a realization of our dependence on Him.

Having prepared a list of all people we have harmed and brought ourselves to the point where we are willing to make amends to them, our Ninth Step is one calling for positive action. There is a world of difference between being willing to do a thing and actually doing it. How many times in the pre-A.A. state have we said "I am sorry, I won't do it again" and felt that that constituted complete amends.

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same Above all, we should try to be absolutely sure that we are not delaying be For the readiness to take the full consequences of and to take responsibility for the well-being of others at the Twelve & Twelve, Step 9, page 87 is the very spirit of Step Nine. are afraid. cause we past acts, time,

### **NEWS BULLETIN**

Pass It On is in dire need of sobriety-oriented articles written by locals to publish. Reprints from Grapevine have just become much more difficult to obtain and less practical to publish because of new "reprint" requirements from the Grapevine itself designed to maintain copyright protection. There is only a limited amount of "conference approved literature" that can be republished in PIO, and unless you want to start seeing the same articles over and over and over and over - get writing!

Sobriety Birthday submissions were notably down this month. And to those submitting sobriety birthdays: <u>please submit your list in order by length of sobriety</u>. It makes it much easier editorially, and this job is complex enough without having to do extra work.

**Articles** by locals are much more interesting than stale reprints and show what's going on in our AA community, whether it be events or trains of thought. If you're interested in writing an article, or have one to submit, feel free to email me at passiton@albuquerqueaa.org.

Central Office is currently experiencing a shortage of Substitute Desk Workers. If you're looking for some service work, or have some spare time to devote to a good cause, working a short desk shift (usually 3 hours) at Central Office manning the phones is a great way of carrying the message and getting more connected with AA. Call Central Office at 266-1900 or email Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org for more information.

There's a **new section in the works for PIO**: District News. PIO is looking to recruit DCMs or an appropriately sanctioned District rep (from Districts 3, 11, 12, 13 & 18) to write a monthly report on what's going on in their district. Preliminary plans would limit the report to appoximately 250 words. This would be a good way to let other local fellowship members know what's going on nearby. If you're interested, or have comments/suggestions, please email passiton@albuquerqueaa.org.

### **NOTES**

There is a **need for service work** at 7101 Cindy Dr. NE on Saturdays, 7:00pm to 8:00pm for ladies that live in a transition home. They have been in prison and are able to live in this home for 90 days. Contact Central Office at 505-266-1900 if you as an individual would like to help or if your group would like to take on this project.

There is **meeting space available** for AA Meetings at 1303 San Pedro Street. Fees are reasonable. Call Central Office at 505-266-1900 for contact information.

#### **Central Office Intergroup Steering Comittee**

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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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### Editorial: On the 9th Step. . . (continued fro page 1)

A sincere apology, with a true explanation to the person harmed, of what we believe to be the reason for our past actions can quite frequently readjust personal relations --but the A.A. realizes that this cannot take care of the ones we have really hurt and invariably these are the ones we should and do love most.

Most of us had at least a few years of real pathological drinking behind us when we first learned of the Twelve Steps. Those terrible years are the ones that become repulsive to us as we progress in our newfound life program for order and happiness--years in which our every action was influenced by alcoholic thinking, with all its implications. It naturally follows that whatever our state in life may be, those close to us bore the brunt of our outrageous behaviour. How can one make amends to a dear wife, son or daughter or parent who through no fault of their own truly suffered physically and financially and more important, mentally, the humiliation and embarrassment of going through life with a drunkard? A simple "I am sorry; it won't happen again" is not enough. It is not enough for us and it is not enough for the aggrieved person.

Direct amends, by all means, is a must, in restoring physical property to the rightful owner, paying debts willingly within our ability to do so and retracting the lie that hurt a reputation; but the real amends are made in scrutinizing our day-in and day-out conduct and keeping that conduct "on the beam." The loved ones whom we have hurt don't want their "pound of flesh." Whether they are still in daily contact with us or not, amends are best made to them by restoring the love and confidence and respect they once had for us by the action of right living. With that thought clearly in our minds that "first drink" is an improbability, even an impossibility and the well-rounded, good life we all yearn for becomes readily visible to us.

- B. H., Forest Hills, New York

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### 9th Step Prayer

Page 78-80 in The Big Book

God give me the strength and direction to do the right thing no matter what the consequences may be. Help me to consider others and not harm them in any way. Help me to consult with others before I take any actions that would cause me to be sorry. Help me to not repeat such behaviors. Show me the way of Patience, Tolerance, Kindliness, and Love and help me live the spiritual life.

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 14, 2014

**Open**: 14:05

Attending Stephen P, Seeking Serenity; Justin, Straight Pepper Diet; Katie C., Grateful Girls; Josh, Candlelight Group; Elizabeth E, Westside, Member at Large; Becky S., Women in Progress; Chris T., Brown Baggers; Arati P., Dawn Patrol; Ruth G., SOP; Christy, Promises, Media Librarian; Michael C., Happy Hour; Alli V., Singleness of Purpose, Web Coordinator; Steve A., Downtown Lunch Bunch; David G., Goodfellas, Community Outreach; Dave R., El Centro; Michael, Too Much For Us, Central Office Coordinator; Debra K, In the Book, Central Office Alt. Coordinator; Bruce B, Lone Rangers; Rick W, Promises; Nicole D-S, Ladies' Room; Mike W., Westside AA, Intergroup Chair; Carolyn R., Back to Basics, Secretary; Mark K, Estancia Valley Minutes EDITS: It was Districts 3 and 12, vs. Districts 3 and 11 that held an Intergroup fundraiser on August 16th. Annual Newcomer workshop is not the 22nd one, (It is on November 22nd) it is actually the 7th annual workshop. And it is the District 18 area convention NOT assembly.) Moved to accept, Michael, Rick seconded. Approved. Treasurer's Report < Treasurer not present, Michael reported > -Total Revenues: 8,215.40; Cost of Sales: 2,004.59; Gross Income: 6,210.81; Total Expenses: 5,564.68;

Net Income: 646.13

Central Office Coordinator Regarding upcoming increased prices on literature, Central Office will be maintaining the profit margin of about the 30-35% on the newly priced literature. We will be getting a new price list which will be sent to Alli so it can be posted on the web. Nicole (Ladies' Room) said that two different women, not just one, have recently benefited from the deaf interpreter working at their meeting.

We did actually pay out nearly all of our \$200 budgeted for interpreters last month, said Michael. Josh: Discount on cases of Hardcover Big Books? Michael Yes, 20 books in a case \$168 vs \$180 for single copy price, until the price changes. \$2 markup on the big book next month. Most of the prices on the books are going up by \$2, others for less.

Alternate Central Office Coordinator Phone calls down 300 from last year. Walk-ins down 40 or so, web hits are up. Weekends were only covered by about 75% regular workers, 25% subswere not transferred and therefore we had no night coverage on those nights. Volunteers are down. Please put the word out that we need volunteers. Going to Chicago to Central Office/Intergroup/AAWS/Grapevine Seminar, plan to attend at least five workshops, and report about it in November. Carpet to be cleaned, machinery has been volunteered, have had five gallons of paints donated. Volunteers to help.

Member at Large No report.

Pass it On Editor <not present, Mike reported> Mike reported Steve is hawking for birthdays and article submissions. Mike stated that any submissions made MUST be made by the 15th of ensure that the PIO is published on time.

Media Librarian Three hundred CD's now available, and one DVD. Made 9 copies of cd's that have never been returned. I won't be continuing in my role starting January. I am happy to train my replacement. I will continue to help if there is no replacement, but I don't think that'll be a problem. Idea of possibly streaming speakers on our website came up for the Media Librarian that replaces Christy, should they wish to do so.

Web Guardian Has not put the PIO online for Sept. as she has yet to receive an electronic version.

Schedule Editor Not present

Community Outreach Ongoing issues with trying to make it understood by the courts here in Albuquerque what the roles of AA and of the sponsor actually are, and what they are not.

### **SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS**

**COSMOPOLITAN** August: Joseph F., Winona 30 days; Ray R. 27 years; Doug 30 years

**FOOTHILLS** August: Joe, Raymond 30 days; Sonya 90 days; Eddy W., Geralidine, meghan 6 months; Debbie M. 1 year; Carlos G. 18 months; Lanny G. 2 years; Patrick H. 7 years; Jason D. 10 years; Charlie P. 15 years

**HIGH NOON** August: Mark, Mike H., Raymond, Rick, Robert 1 month; Bobby G., Katie, Linsey, Mark A. 6 months; Joe R. 9 months; Pat M. 1 year; Tim G. 2 years; Kevin N. 3 years; Kat N. 4 years; Tom G. 6 years; Tom P. 11 years;

**ISLETA** August: Raedell 18 months; Adam, Billy B. 1 year; Mary 4 years; Steven G. 14 years; Ernest V. 15 years; Sally F. 30 years; Ted M. 31 years

**WOMEN IN PROGRESS** August: Robin S. 18 years; Glenda C. 28 years; September: Sue 6 months; Maile 1 year; Alix K. 17 years; Diana O. 38 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.

Some people and groups in town are not happy with expectations coming from the Corrections Dept. Farmington AA is approaching it differently. Community Outreach in Farmington is informing the courts what AA actually is, they are doing this in a corrections setting.

Michael: Contacted regarding a health fair, asking for community outreach, was to have gotten in contact with David on her own. She was calling from Seventh Day Adventist Church, event to occur in October. David has yet to hear anything.

Special Needs Coordinator POSITION VACANT

**Group Liasion POSITION VACANT** 

**OLD BUSINESS NONE** 

**NEW BUSINESS** These are the following positions for the Steering Committee that will be vacated as of January 2015: Web Coordinator, Media Librarian, Treasurer. Votes will be held in December for new officers for these positions. As of now the following positions remain vacant, should anyone wish to run for them, elections will take place sooner. Special Needs, Group Liaison. You can find the duties of these officers on our website.

Below are the requirements: Two years sobriety, a home group, a sponsor, and to have worked with Central Office in any capacity, here are some examples: having worked night phones, having been an intergroup rep, or having been a deskworker volunteer. Officer will need to be able to attend Intergroup which is held every second Sunday of the month at 2:00, and the Steering Committee Meeting held the Tuesday before Intergroup at 7:15 pm. Nominating committee to be formed in October to work toward getting all intergroup officers in place for next year.

**GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** Seventh Annual Newcomers Workshop held on November 22nd, by Seeking Serenity at Nativity Church. Potluck from 8:30-9:30, workshop 9:00-11:00. District 13 is holding an Intergroup fundraiser on 10/4/14 at St Mark's at 5:00-8:00, where Straight Pepper is held. It will be a potluck, 50/50 raffle, with a speaker meeting. On 10/25/14 the Candlelight Group will be hosting a Central Office fundraiser, a Halloween Dance á la Saturday Night (Disco) from 8:00-Midnight. Brown Bagger's has begun on a men's Big Book Study on Saturdays at 9:00 am.

Motion to close: Rick, Michael seconded, so moved.

Meeting Adjourned 15:20



Central Office
Urgently Needs
Substitute Desk Workers
(and Regular Desk Workers as well)

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!
Call Central Office today at 266-1900.

## **AA EVENTS CALENDAR**

THIS MONTH

Saturday October 18 - Sponsorship Workshop Sponsorship: Sponsoring Through the Steps One Step At A Time. 9am - Steps 1-9; Noon - Potluck lunch. 1pm - Steps 10-12; 2pm - Questions & Answers. Sponsored by District 18. Rio West Community Church, 6751 Pasilla Road, NE, Rio Rancho

**Saturday October 18 - Anonymity Workshop** 9-11:30am. Coffe & sweets will be provided. Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta SW, Albuquerque

Friday October 24 - Sunday October 26th - Fall Fellowship Campout Hosted by the Questa Crossroads Group. Potluck Saturday 5pm. Campfire meeting 7pm Fri. & Sat. Questa Crossroads Group meeting 10am Sunday. Wild Rivers Recreation Area, about 15 miles outside Questa. more info: http://newmexicoaa.org/images/pdf/2014-15/1409FallFellowshipCampout-Questa.pdf

Saturday October 25 - District 11 Traditions Conference Registration, light breakfast 8:30am, Traditions Presentations 9amnoon, Potluck Lunch noon, Speaker 1pm, Door prize drawing 2pm. Sponsired by District 11. Nativity Church Parish Hall, 9502 4th St. NW, Albuquerque. More info: http://newmexicoaa.org/images/pdf/2014-15/140717D11\_TraditionsConf\_2014-EN.pdf Saturday October 25 - Halloween Dance 8pm-midnight. "Saturday Night Fever" theme. Costume Contest, dance, games, 50/50 raffle. \$5/person, \$8/couple. Potluck, water & coffee provided. Sponsored by Candlelight Group, Central Office Fundraiser. Mesa Club, 4020 Peggy Road SE, Rio Rancho

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday November 1st - Dinner, Speaker & Dance @ The Desert Club - Sponsored by Last Call, Saturday Night Alive & other groups that meet at the Desert Club. Dinner: 5:30 p, potluck, low-priced smoked sausage & burgers (including Hatch green chili cheeseburgers) available. Speaker 7:30pm, Jen N. (Area 46 delegate, will share her story and have a Q & A session on being a delegate) Dance 9-midnight, 50/50 raffle, halloween costume contest. \$3 singles, \$5 couple.

**Saturday November - 22nd Annual Newcomers Workshop 8:30-11am.** Potluck. Nativity Church, 9502 4th Street (Building on East end of parking lot, 2nd from the street), Albuquerque **June 5-7, 2015 - Area 46 Convention** Hobbs, NM. No further info at this time.

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. **AUGUST 2014 Monthly Service Activities Report** 

PHONE CALLS	AUG14	JULY14	AUG13
Information	436	500	625
12-Step	16	24	34
Al-Anon	5	5	9
Message	33	53	49
Other	66	72	111
TOTAL	556	654	828
WALK INS			
Information	14	12	13
12-Step	2	4	0
Al-Anon	3	1	2
Get Schedule	11	14	22
Purchase	156	184	164
Media	6	2	4
Message	1	5	8
Casual	27	26	24
Other	26	41	27
TOTAL	246	289	264
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MEDO QUENCOLO I	71 - 2 3 17 11 3		
Unique Visitors	4322	4166	3723
Number of Visits	7721	7921	6700
Pages	26450	32342	28917
DESK WORKERS*			
Regulars	44	41	47
Substitutes	35	34	40
TOTAL	79	75	87

DESK SHIFTS*			
Weekdays	126	138	132
Weekends	50	40	45
TOTAL	176	178	177

WEEKDAY SHIFTS*			
Worked by Regulars	106(84.1%) 1	19.5(86.6%)	117(89%)
Worked by Substitutes	20(15.9%)	18(13.4%)	15(11%)
TOTAL	126	138	132

38(76%)	35(87.5%)3	4(75.5%)
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#### SHIFTS WORKED BY MICHAEL

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SHIFTS WORKED BY DEBRA

(data missing)

Total hours of desk shifts worked by Michael & Debra: 22.5 hours...as compared to 13.5 last month and 25.5 during the same month last year.

NIGHT SHIFTS NOT COVERED

\*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

People are made to be loved and things are made to be used. The confusion of this world is that people are used and things are loved.

- Author Unknown





### **Sponsorship**

Sponsoring through the Steps

One Step at a Time

Please join District 18 for the Annual Sponsorship Workshop Bring a Pothick Lunch Dish, and listen to Sponsors and their Sponsees share on taking someone the the steps

Saturday, October 18th 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Rio West Community Church

Steps 10-12

\***\*** Workshop sponsored by District 3

Anonymity The Promise of Privacy "With Discretion"

> October 18, 2014 9:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.

> > Isleta Club 1829 Isleta S.W.

> > > Topics

- 1) Tradition 11 and its challenges in the 21st Century
- 2) Tradition 12

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- 3) Debate on Public Anonymity over time.
- 4) Spiritual and Practical. Bill's last message

**QUESTION & ANSWER** 

Coffee and Sweets will be provided If any questions call Central Office at (505) 266-1900

#### 3" Annual Halloween Dance

"99 Central Office fundanises





Presented by Candlelight Group

Time: 8 - 12 pm Date: Saturday. October 25. 2014

Theme: Saturday Night Fever (diroo) (For direction call the Mera Club at 896-1359)

Admission: \$5 per person: \$8 for couplest children under 10 free

Pot luck - water and coffee provided

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★ 50/50 Raffle





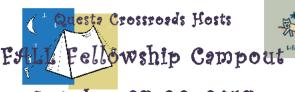


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ARCHIVE GRAPEVINE	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
CPC	8:30am Registration, fellowship, light breakfast
PI	9am - 12pm Traditions presentations
CENTRAL OFFICE	12pm Potluck Lunch please bring a dish to share
LITERATURE	1 <sub>PM</sub> Speaker
*	2 m Door prize drawing and close
FREE DOOR PRIZE DRAWING	Sponish and ASL translation provided
★ FREE LITERATURE	NATIVITY CHURCH PARISH HALL 9502 4th St NW ot Alomedo, Abuquerque



October 24-26, 2014



Pot Luck Saturday evening at 5:00pm Compfire AA meeting at 7pm Friday & Saturday nighti Sunday, 10am Questa Crossroads Group AA meeting at campsite.

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- ing: \$7.00highi for one vehicle, \$10.00 for inco. Maximum 2 vehicles and 10 people per sile. (Ad at \$3.00kiny.) Change is available all the Visikor Center or from a Park Ranger or Camp Host. An

Visitors Center at Wild Rivers: questions call: 575-586-1150

Please be responsible and review the website for information, rules and regulations! http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/recreation/taos/wild\_rivers\_rec\_area.html Albuquerque Central Office 1921 Alvarado NE Albuquerque, NM 87110 (505) 266-1900 www.AlbuquerqueAA.org ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 10 pm Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 9 pm