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Our Three Legacies: Recovery—Unity—Service

Recovery

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

Unity

Tradition 10(Short Form) 10. 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.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 129 and pg. 189.

Service

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.

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service pp. IV-V

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Friday October 6, 2017, 7:30PM
Straight Pepper Diet
is Celebrating their
10 YEAR GROUP ANNIVERSARY
Come and enjoy Fun and Fellowship

- ROOT BEER FLOATS AT 7: 30 PM
- MEETING AT 8: 00 PM
- FLAVOR FOR YOUR FARE
- 204 SPEAKERS



ST. MARK'S
CHURCH
413 RICHMOND PL
NE
ABQ, NM 87106

For More Information:
Jeremy 505-553-4335

2017 DISTRICT 9
SOBRIETY GATHERING
October 6th, 7th, 8th, 2017
Location: Ford Canyon Senior Center
908 E. Buena Vista Ave Gallup, NM



On-site Registration: 6:00PM-7:00PM, Friday, October 6,
2017

8:00AM-5:00PM, Saturday, October 7, 2017

Donations: \$20 per person, T-shirts for sale

Contacts: Jerry F. @ (505) 388-4609, or Tony C @ (505)
495-4207

web9@nm-aa.org

Saturday October 14, 2017—1:00PM-5:00PM

Oktoberfest

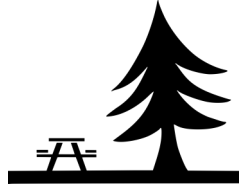
Hosted by The Penny Lane Group
Amber G. will be Speaking at 4:00PM

Featuring:

Live Music and A Magician!

With

McCall's Hot Apple Cider
Grilled Brats – N – Burges
Soda and Water Provided



Bring:

A dish to share
Your Own Chair (Limited Seating Available)
Your own Coffee

Capulin Picnic Area (May require \$3 Parking Fee)
Sandia Crest Road (S36)
Mile Marker 8

For More Information:
Maureen **505-252-2497**

Saturday, October. 21, 2017
27TH ANNUAL
TRADITIONS CONFERENCE



**Breakfast, Tradition Panel Speakers,
Potluck Lunch, Traditions Main Speaker,
Sobriety Countdown, and Door Prize
Drawing**

Nativity Church Parish Hall
9502 4th St. NW , Albuquerque

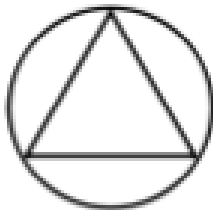
Spanish and ASL translation provided
SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 11

OCTOBER 28TH, 2017
District 18 Fall Workshop

EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY

Hosted by the "Wake-Up Call"
& "Drunkin' Donuts" AA groups
9-9:30 Coffee & fellowship

6 Speakers discuss
their experience in
life and how AA
has helped in their
own emotional
sobriety.



Following each
speaker there will
be small group
discussions on the
topic just
presented.

9:30-noonish Workshop
12-12:45 Lunch

1-3pm Workshop, raffle, wrap-up
Main lunch course provided.

Please bring side dishes, desserts, etc.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church
1502 Sara Rd. SE
Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Contacts: Mike C. 505-321-8317
Chris H. 505-999-6954

Saturday Nov. 4, 2017

8:30AM–11:30AM

9th Annual Newcomers Workshop

Hosted by the Seeking Serenity Group!

All are welcome!

We'll have
A breakfast potluck
"Ask it Basket" ...
Big Book giveaway ...
AA Countdown ...
Fellowship



AND

A Panel of NEWCOMERS
who'll share their
experience, strength & hope!!!

Nativity Church Pastoral Center
9502 Fourth St. NW,
Albuquerque, NM 87114

October 14, 2017 7:00PM

Come on Down!

The Rocky Horror Sing-A-Long
Sponsored by The Black Outs

50/50 Raffle
Best Costume Contest
Bring your own props



It's just a jump to the left
And then a step to the right
You know the words

At the Smoke-Free Heights Club
8520 Marble Ave. NE

October 28—9:00PM-1:00AM

**Halloween
Dance Till you drop Night**

All proceeds will go to the
Albuquerque Central Office

50/50 Raffle
Costume Contest
Games
\$5 per person
\$6 per couple
Children under 10 free



Mesa Club
4020 Peggy Road SE
Rio Rancho, NM
87124

For Info: 505-681-8269

**Munch A Bunch
Speaker Meeting**

Sundays 11:00Am
Sponsored by the
Happy Hour Group

Bring a friend

Hear a fellow AA
share "Experience
Strength and
Hope:"

At the Smoke-Free
Heights Club
8520 Marble Ave.
NE

October 20-22, 2017

YOUR GENERAL SERVICE BOARD AND SOUTHWEST TEXAS AREA 68 PRESENTS:

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL FORUM

Speakers, Workshops, & Displays
San Antonio Marriott Northwest

3233 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78213 Telephone: 210.377.3900

SPONSORED BY: ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WORLD SERVICES, INC. HOSTED BY: AREA 68 SOUTHWEST TEXAS

Saturday November 4, 2017
6:30PM

Central Office Fundraiser
Hosted by District 3.

Join us for An Evening of
Fun And Fellowship

6:30PM Potluck Dinner

7:30PM Speaker: Victor P.

Raffle to be held after Speaker



St. John's Episcopal Church
Silver & 3rd

Downtown Metropolitan Group
Meeting Room

Raffle items may be dropped
off at Central Office

November 02-05, 2017

26th NATIONAL/
INTERNATIONAL NATIVE

AMERICAN

INDIAN ALCOHOLICS ANONY-
MOUS CONVENTION

All AA Members
Are Welcome

OLD TIMERS MEETING, SAT-
URDAY NIGHT BANQUET,
FLAG CEREMONY, DANCE,
RAFFLE, SPEAKER MEETINGS
POW WOW, MARATHON
MEETINGS

Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506
(Pueblo of Pojoaque)

More information at:

www.nai-aa.com or
Albuquerqueaa.org

November 3,4,and 5, 2017

New Mexico Men's Retreat

For Recovered/Recovering Alcoholics
Tohatchi, NM

The Retreat Master is
"Your" Higher Power

Cost: \$60.00, which includes food,
Saturday night sweat. Bring your
own bed roll, sleeping bag and toilet-
ries

\$20.00 Deposit is Due by October
15th, 2017 to be certain of space.



For More Information Contact :

Walt L. (505)892-6696 or
Mark T. (505)898-7271

Service Opportunities: As we get close to the end of the year, all levels of Alcoholics Anonymous service structure start the process of electing trusted servants for the coming year (or years). Here are some of the open service positions from the Albuquerque area. If your district would like to post service opportunities in the November and December Pass It On Newsletters, please send your information to passiton@albuquerqueaa.org by the 15th of the month prior to the month of publication.

Saturday, October 14th 10:30AM
District 18 Elections
Elections will be held for the next Service Term (beginning January 2018) at the October District 18 Meeting.

- Many service positions are open including:
- District Committee Chairman (DCM)
 - Alt. District Committee Chairman
 - Treasurer and Secretary

Elections will be held at:
 Bernalillo United Methodist Church
 136 Calle Don Andres
 Bernalillo, NM 87004

**Please join us if you are curious
 or
 interested in participating.
 Everyone's welcome!**

**Intergroup Steering Committee
 Positions Open:**

Fall is here and it is time to start thinking about annual elections!

There are several openings on the Steering Committee which need to be filled as soon as possible, and there are also positions that are opening up through the regular cycle of rotation.

Currently, the Intergroup Liaison position and the Member at Large position are both vacant. The list of open positions will be announced at the upcoming Intergroup Representatives meeting on October 8, 2017 at 2:00PM at the Brownbaggers.

Here are the descriptions from the by-laws of the two positions currently open on the

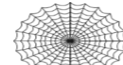
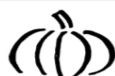
Steering Committee:

"The Intergroup Liaison represents the Central Office when groups/Districts/other 12-step groups request contact and assistance for special events and other activities. He/she keeps an area-wide calendar so the Intergroup can avoid date conflicts while planning."

"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 consider volunteering to help. Serving on the Steering Committee is a great way to expand your A.A. Family and grow your sobriety as well!

Save the Dates:



Saturday, January 13, 2018 1:30PM – 3:30 PM

Any Lengths Women's Group is presenting a fundraiser for Central Office:

The AA Waltz: Steps 6 and 7

Our speakers will share their experience, strength, and hope on how they worked these important steps.

Speakers – to be announced

Sweet & savory baked items, plants, and handcrafted items for sale. All proceeds go to Central Office.

*Monte Vista Christian Church, Bethany Hall
 3501 Campus Blvd. NE
 Albuquerque, NM*

Saturday, January 27, 2018

**Third Annual Area 46
 3 Legacies Workshop**

**Hosted by Area 46 Young People of
 Alcoholics Anonymous**

**8:00AM-9:00AM: Potluck Breakfast
 9:00AM-12:30PM: Workshop**

**Shepherd of the Valley Church
 1801 Montano Rd.NW**

Albuquerque

More Info: ypaa@nm-AA.org

Living Life on Life's Terms

I began drinking in 9th grade. The allergy and phenomena of craving happened on my first drink. I had found something I didn't even know I was looking for. I was 13 years old and a teenage Alcoholic.

I have a non Alcoholic brother that was concerned with my drinking by the end of High School and suggested I join the military.

I did and after boot camp and heavy equipment operator training I was stationed at Camp Pendleton when I met up with a friend of mine from Albuquerque that was there on his 2 weeks Marine Reserve training. We got a 4 day pass for the 4th of July holiday, *Life as I knew it ended on the 4th of July, 1976*, I was the victim of a shooting. The details I don't care to discuss much, the shooting was sudden and uncalled for, possibly a robbery attempt. I was discharged from the Marines and sent home, but I was in an extreme amount of fear and tried very hard not to show it - story of my life to this day. My drinking became medication to me. I started doing heroin also, and with that combination (page 21 & 22 Big Book) I hit bottom quicker. I hit a very low bottom, becoming a drunken street walking Alkie, and arrived in AA about August of 1987 divorced and broke. I had just turned 30 years old. I was working at the V.A. hospital my position was cleaning bloody instruments that had been used in surgery. I was angry and

had to have my alcohol and drugs daily. December 22, 1987 is my Sobriety date. Today I still live with some fear and when I hear of incidents occurring such as Movie Theater shootings, mall shootings, naval yard shootings, just to name a few, I can go on; I still get very uncomfortable. Our Big Book tells us we will begin to outgrow fear, but in my case I don't see it ever being totally eliminated, but with God and the program of AA I have been able to turn my life around and be reasonably happy, made amends to those I'd harmed, beat hep C with 2 rounds of interferon treatments, (2 years total) replaced a knee, raised a family, remain in a relationship, have retired, live in my own home, drive dependable vehicles and even do some traveling in an RV we own. We go on vacations, AA conventions, Veterans functions and sporting events all over the USA, just outdoors camping I do not do leaves me feeling too vulnerable.

Today I know that drinking (alcohol in any form) would be a death sentence or prison sentence, and although living with fear may sometimes feel unbearable (**thank God for the 10th Step promises also**) with God, and actively working the AA program I pray Alcohol will never enter my life again. If I can do it anyone can do it.

Manuel P.



Love and Tolerance of Others

"...Step Ten, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. 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. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code."

Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 84, Reprinted with the permission of AAWS

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Join our Brand New "Buck A Year" Program
Celebrate your AA birthday by donating \$1.00 for every year of your sobriety to Intergroup Central Office. For more information, call Central Office at 266-1900, or visit www.albuquerqueaa.org. It's a great way to show you gratitude and help "Pass It On!"

August 2017 BUCK A YEAR BUCK-A-ROOS			
	Home Group	# of Years	B
Sherrie M.		20	5/1997
Anonymous	Foothills	23	6/1994
Nancy T.	DAWN PATROL	17	8/2000
Orville A.	Brownbaggers	40	9/1977
Denise P.	Storm	8	8/2009
John P.	Storm	8	8/2009



Sobriety Birthdays

Brownbaggers	Dawn Patrol
Orville A. 40 years	Nancy T. 17 years
	Foothills
Cosmopolitan	Anon. 23 years
Group	Wings of the Storm
Max 2 months	Denise P. 8 years
Paul M. 7 months	John P. 8 years
Kate C. 3 years	
Doug C. 33 years	

Intergroup Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2017

Meeting was opened by Doug C., Chairperson with the Serenity Prayer at 2:00 p.m.
Introductions around the room.

Reports

Secretary:

Doug C. Asked for a motion to accept the July Intergroup Minutes. Motion was made and Seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Treasurer:

Tom M. provided the July and August 2017 Income Statements and Balance Sheets for review. July Net Income was \$44.56 for the month. August Net Income was (\$195.41) Budget is in good shape. Motions were made to accept each reports, duly seconded and accepted unanimously.

Coordinator:

Michael and Debra were not able to come to the meeting so Tom, M. and Doug C. discussed office stats and open shifts. Tom provided forms of volunteer sign-up. The Central Office is in good shape.

Member at Large:

Vacant.

Pass-It-On Editor:

Please provide Susan with your articles, birthdays, etc. by the 20th of the month – easiest if it is submitted in pdf format. - at passitoneditor@albuquerqueaa.org.

Schedule Editor:

Lydia R. reported that the schedule is up-to-date and asked that representatives submit changes to the schedule promptly. Also explained the location of the map on the meeting page at albuquerqueaa.org and how it can be used. Plans to print new schedule sometime near the end of the month depending on the number of schedules available.

Community Outreach:

Jeff C. absent

Special Needs:

Alaina G. absent.

Media Librarian:

Rick R. reported that the media library is in good shape. There are 23 disks that have been replaced and 15 that are in the process of being replaced.

Website Coordinator:

Rick W. was not able to attend. Doug C. explained the need to replace the hyperlink for speakers so that the speaker site would be more closely aligned with singleness of purpose. Motion was made to change from the current site link to the site Rick W. identified from ContraCosta Intergroup which has only AA speakers. Motion was seconded and motion passed unanimously. Doug C. will let Rick know to implement the change.

Intergroup Liaison:

Vacant. Please bring the Member-At-Large and Intergroup Liaison vacancy notices back to your groups for possible nominations. Position requirements and duties may be found on the Website albuquerque-aa.org.

Old Business – none.

New Business – Doug C. told the group about the Houston Intergroup plea for help in replacing literature for the A.A. groups in the Houston Area that lost everything during the Hurricane and flooding. Motion was made to place link to Houston Intergroup on the albuquerqueaa.org website. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Representatives were encouraged to take information back to their individual groups as well.

Announcements – no announcements.

The meeting ending at 2:30 pm with the Third Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick R. for Ginger B. Secretary (absent)

**Central Office Intergroup
Steering Committee**

Chair Doug C - Chair@albuquerqueaa.org albuquerqueaa.org
Secretary Ginger B. - Secretary@albuquerqueaa.org
Treasurer: Tom M. - treasurer@albuquerqueaa.org
Schedule Editor: Lydia R. - Schedule@albuquerqueaa.org
Member-at-Large: Vacant- MemberAtLarge@albuquerqueaa.org
Pass It On Editor: Susan W PassItOn@albuquerqueaa.org
Special Needs Coordinator: Alaina G - SpecialNeeds@albuquerqueaa.org

Web Site Chair: Rick W - Web@albuquerqueaa.org
Media Librarian: Ric R. - Media@albuquerqueaa.org
Community Outreach: Jeff C. - CommunityOutReach@albuquerqueaa.org
Intergroup Liaison: Vacant
 Contact Central Office 266-1900
CO Coordinator: Michael W. Coordinator@albuquerqueaa.org
Alternate CO Coordinator: Debra K - AltCoordinator@albuquerqueaa.org

Donating to

Central Office of Albuquerque:

If you are an A.A. member you can:

- Make a monetary contribution via check or money order, payable to Central Office of Albuquerque. Mail or drop off in person at 1921 Alvarado Drive, NE Albuquerque, NM 87110.
- Become a "Faithful Fiver" contribute \$5 monthly or
- "Trusted Tenner" contribute \$10 monthly.
- Set up monthly donations using Auto Pay or Bill Pay with your bank to automatically send us a monthly contribution in any amount you choose. What could be easier?
- Contribute with a secure credit card transaction, either at Central Office or by clicking the Contribute button on our website Support page.

**Call the Central Office at 505-266-1900
for more information on ways to donate
time and services as well.**

Central Office Financial Snapshot		
	August, 2017	YTD
Total Revenues	\$8143.31	\$67629.37
Total Cost of Sales	\$2627.36	\$20962.76
Gross Income	\$5515.95	\$46666.61
Total Expenses	\$5711.36	\$45157.99
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(195.41)	\$1508.62

**Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report –
August 2017**

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016
Phone Calls:			
Information	326	365	389
12-Step	13	20	18
Al-Anon	8	4	13
Message	36	31	8
Other	49	74	72
Total:	432	494	500
Walk-ins:			
Information	17	20	11
12-Step	0	2	0
Al-Anon	2	0	2
Schedule	10	11	9
Purchase	162	143	175
Media	0	0	2
Message	1	4	5
Casual	29	18	30
Other	47	27	38
Total:	268	225	272
Web Visits:			
	5510	5443	
Deskworkers:*			
Regulars	47	47	39
Substitutes	19	18	14
Total:	66	65	53
Deskshifts:*			
Weekdays	138	126	138
Weekends	40	50	40
Total:	178	176	178
Weekday Shifts:*			
Worked by regulars:	115 (83%)	116 (92%)	111(80%)
Worked by Subs:	22(16%)	8 (8%)	27(20%)
Total:	137 (99%)	126 (100%)	138(100%)
Weekend Shifts:*			
Worked by Regulars	32 (80%)	43 (86%)	31(77.5%)
Worked by Subs:	7 (18%)	7 (14%)	9(22.5%)
Total:	39 (98%)	50 (100%)	40(100%)
*Night shifts not covered	1 weeknight 1 weekend	0	1 week night
Shifts not worked by a volunteer:	12	4	13
Total:	36 hrs.	12 hrs.	39 hrs.

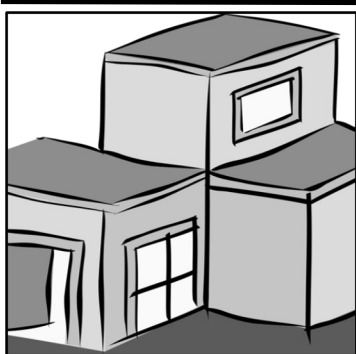
Responsibility Declaration
I am responsible.

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

Albuquerque Central Office
1921 Alvarado NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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 Shepherd of the Valley Church 1801 Montano Rd
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



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Albuquerque, NM

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and 4 blocks east of San Mateo

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Saturday-Sunday
9:00AM-9:00PM

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10th STEP DAILY PRAYER

*"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."*

*Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 85
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