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# Pass It On...

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#### Central Office Intergroup Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2009

Submitted by Brian H. – Secretary

Dave C - CHAIR

Dave opened the meeting at 2:01 with the Serenity Prayer.

SECRETARY - BRIAN H

- Review of August InterGroup Meeting Minutes as published in September *Pass It On.*
- Minutes approved by acclamation.

TREASURER - STEVE P

- Budget in balance for the month. In contrast to last year, when we were several thousand dollars in the red, this year we are in the black for both the month and the year.
- Contributions have been steady; sales have been good.
- Treasurer's Report approved by acclamation.

SERVICE COORDINATOR - MICHAEL W

- Grateful to be of service.
- Bought a big stock of chips. Big Books sales very strong. Squaring an outstanding balance issue with World Service.
- Michael plans to disperse any/all remaining audiocassettes held in Central Office's media collection by Thanksgiving weekend of this year. Please spread the word as you see fit. In the meantime, Michael will confer with area agencies to determine if any would be interested in receiving donations of such materials.
- Winter Bash coming along facility has been reserved and organizing continues for the panels/ programming.
- Registration forms for the International Convention available at Central Office and online.
- Increase in available substitute deskworkers.
- Last month's intergroup speaker meeting (jointly sponsored by District 12 & 13) went off with

great success.

- All night phones covered. Volunteer/substitute opportunities available; contact Central Office for details.
- Things going well.

ALTERNATE COORDINATOR - KATHY H

- Statistics: Calls and walk-ins about normal for the month.
- Shift Coverage: Regular shift coverage a bit erratic, with coordinators covering a few more hours than desired. Please spread the word about the opportunities available at Central Office.
- Grateful to be of service.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR - PEGGY A (INTERIM)

- On leave. Peggy reported in behalf of the posi-
- Columbus Park (just North of Griegos) has been reserved for 10/17 from 11am-4pm for a Central Office Picnic; inter-district picnic as benefit for Central Office. Coordinated by Ernest V. Looking for the loan of a generator; there will be a band. Contact Central Office for details regarding how groups can support the event and how to become involved.
- Alkathon posters are out. Looking to establish an ad hoc planning committee to meet after the general InterGroup meetings starting in October.
- Winter Bash planning committee proceeding.
- More will be revealed.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - PEGGY A See above

7th Tradition basket was passed.

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#### PASS IT ON EDITOR - SALLY

• *Pass It On* is available for pickup at Central Office and for download at albuquerqueaa. com.

#### SCHEDULE EDITOR - MICHAEL Q

• New schedule printed and available.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH - JOHN S

- In July and August 2009, the following events were covered: booth at WildFest 2009 in Tijeras; two panels (involving 6 volunteers) at 2-day for Bernalillo County Community Custody program for repeat DUI offenders; booth at Conference on Aging Health Fair at Sandia Casino; booth at Bernalillo County and City of Albuquerque Health Fair; booth at upcoming District 3 picnic. Thanks to all the volunteers who have given service in support of Public Information events.
- Three upcoming events: LaCueva HS; St. Pius HS/Archdiocese; Isleta Casino.

#### SPECIAL NEEDS - BEN A

 Following up on handful of requests for Special Needs. Brief discussion of developing list of ASL resources.

#### LIBRARY - VACANT

- More will be revealed.
- *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* now available as audiobook.

#### WEB GUARDIAN - TOM C

Developing a sub-page for Winter Bash.
 Bulletin board up to date; PIO posted as soon as it is published. Please forward flyers to Tom, as well as notes on problems/discrepancies as you encounter them.

7th Tradition basket was passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

• No old business.

#### New Business

 What is a Faithful Fiver: sign up to pledge \$5 per month to Central Office; contact Central Office for details.  UPCOMING ELECTIONS: Job description forms are available online and at InterGroup meetings. Nominating committee will form at October InterGroup meeting, to report at November meeting.

#### GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

METROPOLITAN GROUP celebrating its 60th Anniversary on 11/24. Potluck at 6pm; meeting at 8pm. All are welcome.

LADIES ROOM has bake sale first Friday of the month as benefit for Central Office.

HIGH NOON at Desert Club hosts monthly Step Workshop (a non-smoking event; 3rd Sunday).

Dave C closed the meeting at 2:49 pm with the Third Step prayer.

#### **ATTENDEES**

David C (Dawn Patrol/InterGroup Chair) Peggy A (Free Spirits/InterGroup Moutainside) MaryAnn (Promises) Terri R (Ladies Room) Henry L (Seeking Serenity) Ben A (How It Works) Eric B (One Day at a Time) Steve P (Free Spirits/InterGroup Treasurer) Kris H (Dawn Patrol) Kathy H (Metropolitan/CO Alternate Coordinator) Michael W (Mountainside/CO Coordinator) Jeremy H (Straight Pepper Diet) Patrick H (High Noon) Sean F (Serendipity) Ernest V (Smoke Free Corrales) Brenda B (Foothills Group)

Joseph H (High Noon/Desert Club)

Ernest G (Early Birds)

Jim M (Queer Ideas of Fun)

Daniel D (Sunrise Sobriety)

July (Seniors Seeking Serenity)

Brian H (Dawn Patrol/InterGroup Secretary)

Sally G (Free Spirits/PIO)

#### Central Office Steering Committee

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#### Albuquerque Area Business Meetings

Intergroup Rep. Meeting 2 pm, 2nd Sunday, Desert Club

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 am, 2nd Saturday, Heights Club

District 13 10 am, 2nd Sunday, Desert Club

District 18 9:30 am 4th, Sunday Rio West Church, 6751 Pasilla Rd, Rio Rancho

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#### ALBUQUERQUE INTERGROUP

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE ALKATHON**

12рм Thursday December 31 until 12рм Friday January 1 Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd NE

Marathon Meetings
Dinner and Dance
Live Entertainment and Open Mic
Child Care
Raffle

★ Sign your group up to sponsor a marathon meeting.

Raffle tickets available for purchase.
Contact Centeral Office or your Intergroup Rep for details.

Volunteer opportunities available.

To be of service call Central Office at 266-1900

Donations for the raffle are appreciated.

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#### Central Office Intergroup Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2009

Submitted by Peggy A – Member-at-Large

#### DAVE C - CHAIR

- Not present.
- Michael W opened the meeting at 2:04 pm with the Serenity Prayer.
- All attendees introduced themselves. New members were given "New Member" packets developed by Central Office staff.

#### SECRETARY - BRIAN H

- Not present.
- Review of minutes for September 2009 Intergroup meeting (handouts).
- Minutes were approved by acclamation.

#### TREASURER - STEVE P

- CO budget was in the black for the month of September.
- Group contributions make up 70 percent of CO income. Groups have been exceptional in their support this year.
- Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation.

#### SERVICE COORDINATOR - MICHAEL W

- Paid off balance of bill from GSO.
- Asked reps to sign a sympathy card for PIO
   Editor Sally G, who has suffered her third family
   member loss since May.

#### alternate coordinator - Kathy H

- No desk statistics for month of September.
- Two shifts are vacant: every other Monday closing shift (7–10 pm) and every other Saturday closing shift (6–9 pm).

#### ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR - PEGGY A (INTERIM)

- The Central Office picnic/fundraiser will be held Sat., Oct. 17, at Columbus Park. Thanks go to Ernest, Intergroup Rep for Corrales Smokefree, whose determined efforts brought about this event.
- Plans are moving forward for the New Year's Eve Alkathon. Activities Coordinator is asking for a volunteer to take charge of food service for the evening meal (spaghetti & meatballs, or Chef's choice). Passed around two items: Marathon Meeting & Hospitality sign-up sheet

for Group commitments (1½ hour) and "Shift Coordinator" positions for individuals who will take responsibility for making sure needs are met during their 3-hour shifts.

- District 3 is hosting the Fall Intergroup Speaker's meeting on Nov 14 at the Community Bible Church in Los Lunas.
- The 2009 Sobrietyfest Skit ("Snow White and the Seven Defects") will be presented Nov 7 at 7 pm at the UNM Continuing Education Bldg on University Blvd. Music and dancing will be part of the evening's festivities. CO is asking for cookie donations.
- Winterbash planning was reported by Co-Chair Paula G.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE - PEGGY A
See above

#### PASS IT ON EDITOR - SALLY

- Not present.
- The September *Pass It On* will be available later in the month in print at the Central Office and on the website.

#### SCHEDULE EDITOR - MICHAEL Q

Not present. The Fall 2009 schedule is available from the Central Office. The updates are also online.

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH - JOHN S

- Past Month:
- 1. Set up a PI table at the District 3 picnic/meeting in Los Lunas on Sept. 19.
- 2. With Bob J representing District 11, staffed a booth on Oct. 3 at St. Pius High School's "Stamp Out Drugs and Alcohol" Program
- 3. Appeared as part of curriculum for Bernalillo County's classes for multiple DWI offenders, Oct 20 and 21
- 4. Staffed a booth at the Isleta Casino's Employees Benefit & Wellness Fair, Oct. 16
- 5. Participated in LaCueva High School's DECA community outreach program, "Angels Among Us," on Oct. 17

• John passed a temporary substitute of his "black book" for reps to enter contact information to assist with upcoming Community Outreach efforts.

SPECIAL NEEDS - BEN A
Not present.

#### LIBRARY - VACANT

• Tapes currently being held at the Central Office are available for take-away on a first-come, first-served basis until Thanksgiving this year. Coordinator must make room for other storage.

#### WEB GUARDIAN - TOM C

- Routine postings are up-to-date.
- Tom has found a member with IT experience who will stand for the Web Guardian position in upcoming election.

7th Tradition basket was passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

 Nominating committee: The chair asked for members to form a nominating committee to supply a slate of candidates for the Steering Committee, term years 2010-2012. Nominees will attend the November Intergroup meeting and present their qualifications and interest in the position. Election will be held at the December 2009 meeting. Volunteers for the nominating committee were Tom C, July R, and Sharon H

#### GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The High Noon Group is hosting a step-amonth workshop on the third Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm, the Desert Club. Oct. 18 is Step 2. Nov. 15 will be Step 3.
- The 19th annual AA Traditions Conference, hosted by District 11, will be held from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Our Lady of Guadelupe Church, 1680 Greigos NW (one block east of Rio Grande Blvd). The event includes a potluck lunch, headsets for Spanish-to-English translation, and the Area 46 and District 11 Archive Display.

- NMCYPAA 2010 will be electing its committee members for the 2010 conference at its election committee meeting Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2 pm at the Desert Club.
- District 3 is hosting the Intergroup Speakers meeting on Sat., Nov. 14, at the Community Bible Church, 1467 North, Hwy 314, Los Lunas. Potluck and fellowship at 6 pm. Speaker Anna O., formerly of California, at 7 pm.
- Metropolitan Group celebrates its 60th Anniversary on Nov. 24, St. John's Episcopal Cathedral.
   Potluck starts at 6 pm

Michael W closed the meeting at 3:00 pm with the Third Step prayer.

#### ATTENDEES

David C (Dawn Patrol/InterGroup Chair)
Michael W (Mountainside/CO Coordinator)
Peggy A (Free Spirits/InterGroup Member-At-Large)
Sharon H (Any Lengths)
Paula G (Any Lengths)
MaryAnne M (Promises)
Henry L (Seeking Serenity)
Steve P (Free Spirits/InterGroup Treasurer)

Ben A (How It Works) Tom N (High Noon)

Martha S (Isleta Group)
Eugenia L (District 3)

Rose P (District 11)

Alan S (In The Book)

Patrick H (High Noon)

Bill B (Good Fellows)

Dondo (Happy Hour/District 12/SNYP)

Jim M (Queer Ideas of Fun)

Sean F (Serendipity)

Brett B (District 11/Serendipity)

Terri R (Ladies Room)

Gilbert C (Sunrise Sobriety)

Cindy B (Cosmopolitan)
Skitch F (Cosmopolitan)

John S (Brownbaggers/Public Outreach)

Joseph F (Dawn Patrol)

Kathy H (Metropolitan/CO Alternate Coordinator)



# Central Office Urgently Needs Deskworkers

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.



#### September 2009 Monthly Service Activities Report

SEPT 09 AUG 09 SEPT 08

Information	885	1008	1118
12-Step	35	20	47
Al-Anon	11	35	42
Message	43	55	52
Other	102	125	160
TOTAL	1076	1243	1419
WALK INS			
Information	16	25	30
12-Step	2	2	3
Al-Anon	4	0	1
Get Schedule	13	21	11
Purchase	187	177	171
Tapes	2	4	2
Message	5	2	1
Casual	38	37	22
Other	32	41	23
TOTAL	299	290	264
DESKWORKERS*			
Regulars	52		
Substitutes TOTAL	28 80		
DESK SHIFTS* Weekdays	126		
Weekends	45		
TOTAL	171		
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12-Step	17	35	11
Al-Anon	13	11	16
Message	55	43	21
Other	115	102	128
TOTAL	1036	1076	1207
WALK INS			
Information	16	16	10
12-Step	1	2	1
Al-Anon	0	4	0
Get Schedule	16	20	15
Purchase	138	187	143
Tapes	4	2	1
Message	5	5	2
Casual	22	38	35
Other	19	32	29
TOTAL	221	299	236
DESKWORKERS*			
Regulars	51		
Substitutes	40		
TOTAL	91		
DESK SHIFTS*			
Weekdays	132		
Weekends	45		
TOTAL	177		
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January 30, 2010 9 AM to 3 PM

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- Learn how to be a part of AA
  - Learn how Central Office got started in Albuquerque
    - Make a difference in your sobriety
    - Have fun with AA Alcogories game

- Nativity Church
  - Parish Hall



- Speakers
- Fellowship
- Potluck Lunch



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