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<u>Our Three Legacies: Recovery—Unity—Service</u> Recovery

Step 11:-Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Unity

Tradition 11(Short Form). Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

(Long Form): Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

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

Service

Concept 11 (Short Form). The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern. (Long Form): While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service pp. IV-V Reprinted with the permission of AAWS, Inc.

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 giveway ...
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



Saturday November 4, 2017, 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M

SERVICE WORKSHOP HOSTED BY DISTRICT 17

Chair: Guadalupe A. (Grupo Unidad)

SPEAKERS INVITED

Alejandro A. - G.S.R. (Grupo El Perdón)
The role of a G.S.R. in the District

Antonio C. - D.C.M. - Distrito 17 (Grupo Tercera Tradición)

<u>Teresa J.</u> - Area 46 Chair The Importance of an Assembly

<u>Jim H.</u> - Área 46 Delegate How an Area functions and what does the Delegate do? How a District Works

Appetizers will be served

, 1829 ISLETA BLVD. SW - ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87102

November 02-05, 2017

26th NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

NATIVE AMERICAN

INDIAN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

CONVENTION

All AA Members Are Welcome

OLD TIMERS MEETING, SATURDAY NIGHT BAN-QUET, 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

Saturday November 4, 2017 6:30PM Central Office Fundraiser Hosted by District 3. Join us for An Evening of Fun And Fellowship

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6:30Pm Potluck Dinner 7:30PM Speaker: Victor P. Raffle to be held after Speaker



Epíscopal Church
St. John's Sílver & 3rd
Downtown Metropolítan Group
Meeting Room
Raffle ítems may be dropped
off at Central Office

Saturday, November 4, 2017
5:30 pm—9:00 pm
AA—LGBTQ Roundup Fundraiser
Friends — pasta — art auction — speaker —
what more do you want???
\$10 DONATION -ALL AA'S WELCOME!



Sanitary Tortilla Factory
401 2nd St., SW, Albuquerque NM, 87102
For info: 1-505-228-3749

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 toiletries \$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

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Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:30PM—5:00PM

Welcome to a Holiday Potluck At the Still Seeking Serenity Group

2:30PM-Special Open Meeting 3:30-Potluck Feast Bring entrees, sides, desserts, or just yourself!

For info call Rick W. at 505-821-5678

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
211 Jefferson St. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
(Corner of Copper and Jefferson)
Park in the lot opposite Copper

NOTE:

We are a closed group – but our holiday celebrations are FAMILY EVENTS!



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

Where do we find this power greater than ourselves?

I just came from an AA Meeting here in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the meeting the topic was pages 84-85 of our Big Book; I shared and so did many others. Each had a slightly different take on the meanings of various words and the correct method of applying the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Some of those who shared were new in sobriety; others had many years sober.

I think all of those who are sober and still coming to meetings and working the program are right! It occurred to me that our program is meant to be "customized" as it were, provided that the end result is the same—sobriety and (if we choose) a better quality of life! I think that the original 12 Step Program was a combination of:

- 1. Other programs already in existence,
- 2. The personal experience of those involved, and
- 3. God as He was understood at the time

However, the main object of our Big Book is to help us to find a power greater than ourselves that will solve our <u>drink</u> problem; this was the intent then and it still works today!

I suspect that after we are sober the extent to which we take the steps and apply them to all areas of our lives is up to each individual member of our fellowship. A fellow once said in a meeting, that as far as he was concerned "if we are sober our program is working; if we are sober and happy, then our program is <u>really working</u>!" The

deeper I research, the more I uncover and the more I learn about our Program; it seems to morph into something I did not suspect it to be when I first began my recovery journey. This is God in action I believe; another member was fond of saying that sobriety is a "neverending story—more will constantly be revealed to us!" I think there is truth in both these statements.

I learn something new about our program almost every day; this is a good thing to me. One thing that has not changed for me is the effectiveness of the AA Program with my alcoholism and my sober life. What I choose to do with it thereafter is a voyage of discovery—I may go down one path only to find that there is a better, more improved path that I can follow. There are many paths that lead to the same destination for me, as long as I continue to stay sober, practice the principles of AA in my life and trust God, clean house and help others; I am on the correct path. The journey is mine—the fact that I am sober and (I think) relatively happy is the miracle of AA; man gets himself in all sorts of trouble in this life—only God (as I understand Him) can resolve these situations.

Where do we find this power greater than ourselves or God? When I first came into AA I looked all over for this God of my understanding; I now know that He was here with me all along, inside me (see page 55, Big Book of AA).

Lee D., Albuquerque, NM

New Beginners Meeting Saturday 6:00PM At The Mesa Club



4020 Peggy Rd SE Suite J & K Rio Rancho, NM 87124



11Th Step Prayer (Prayer of St Francis of Assisi) Lord, make me a channel of thy peace -That where there is hatred, I may bring love That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness That where there is discord, I may bring harmony That where there is error, I may bring truth That where there is doubt, I may bring faith That where there is despair, I may bring hope That where there are shadows, I may bring light That where there is sadness, I may bring joy. Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted To understand, than to be understood To love, than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life. Amen."

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

(p. 99, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions")

Celebrating Buck-A-Year Buckaroos

Join our "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!"

September 2017 BUCK A YEAR BUCK-A-ROOS					
	Home Group	# of Years	Birthday		
Debra K	Grateful Girls	16	9/2001		
	One Day at				
Allen W.	aTime	28	9/1989		
Lisa S.	Grateful Girls	30	9/1987		
Doug C	BrownBaggers	33	9/1984		

Intergroup Meeting Minutes, October 8, 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. reported net loss of \$15.35 for the month of September. No special events income for the month. Group and individual contributions are up. YTD income is \$1,493.27 which is about equal to the total income from the Buck a Year program. Doug clarified that payroll taxes are handled by Michael, CPA does 990 at the end of year. Rick W. moved to accept, Page seconded, report accepted unanimously.

Coordinator:

Michael gave report. Basically everything slowed down this monthsales, phone calls, etc. Literature and chips are being ordered. Will order new Grapevine book. Still need volunteers and substitute volunteers

Alternate Coordinator:

Debra K. gave report. Volunteers needed for Saturday night overnight shift (9P-9A) on 2nd and 4th Saturday. Also needs volunteer for office shift on Saturday evening every other Sat. She and Michael covered 54 hours—18 shifts in August. She will not be attending Intergroup Association Annual meeting because of cost.

Member at Large:

Vacant.

Pass-It-On Editor:

Submissions are due the 15 of the month of October – November issue will be produced early due to the editor's vacation.

Schedule Editor:

Lydia R. reported that the schedule is up-to-date and new schedules have been printed. There is an issue with the addresses being offset that she is working on and she will provide a corrected hard

copy as soon as it is ready. There are some issues with the map on the website, but she is working on it as well.

Community Outreach:

Jeff C. has been very busy with health fairs at Job Corps on 10/4 and Barelas Community Center 10/7. Upcoming fairs at Albuquerque Public Employees on 10/27, Truman Center on 10/21, Isleta Casino on 10/24.

Special Needs:

Alaina G. absent.

Seventh Tradition collection taken at 2:30PM

Media Librarian:

Rick R. reported the library is in good shape. He has duplicated and shelved 15 CDs and has 19 more to duplicate.

Website Coordinator:

No problems. Events being kept up to date. Pass It On is available on website and can also be emailed. He now archives website monthly. By-Laws need to be updated.

Intergroup Liaison:

Vacant

Old Business - none.

New Business -

Alaina G. has submitted her resignation from position of Special Needs effective immediately. She needs time for other oblige tions. She will fill in as needed until position is filled.

Susan W. has submitted her resignation effective at the end of this term. She will produce November, December Pass It On and if needed, will also produce January 2018.

Discussed upcoming Steering Committee elections. Debra K. will provide list of positions up for election in December for website and Pass It On.

Announcements - no announcements.

The meeting ending at 2:45 pm with the Third Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan W. for Ginger B. Secretary (absent)

Third Quarter Group Contributions						
GROUP NAME	3rd Quarter	2017 Year to Date				
ANY LENGTHS WOMEN'S !	\$500.00	\$500.00				
AT WITS END	\$28.80	\$28.80				
BACK TO BASICS	\$210.00	\$376.66				
BROWNBAGGERS GP	\$300.00	\$600.00				
CANDLELIGHT GP	\$1.00	\$69.71				
CONSCIOUS CONTACT	\$40.00	\$200.00				
DAWN PATROL	\$1,164.12	\$1.903.88				
DISTRICT 03	\$50.00	\$50.00				
DISTRICT 11	\$165.95	\$432.80				
DISTRICT 13	\$200.00	\$287.00				
DOWNTOWN LUNCH BUN(\$50.00	\$224.60				
DRUNKIN DONUTS	\$20.51	\$265.78				
DRY NOONERS	\$109.33	\$109.33				
FOOTHILLS GP	\$325.73	\$1,583.66				
FREE THINKERS	\$94.15	\$295.15				
FREEDOM FIRST	\$52.50	\$153.00				
GIRLS NIGHT OUT	\$100.00	\$200.00				
GOODFELLAHS	\$200.00	\$260.00 \$260.00				
GRATEFUL GIRLS	\$200.00 \$128.01	\$200.00 \$161.83				
HIGH COUNTRY GP	\$50.00	\$70.00				
HOW IT WORKS	\$59.00 \$59.00	\$104.00				
IN THE BOOK	\$28.50	\$265.50				
ISLETA GP	\$51.07	\$189.17				
KEEP IT SIMPLE	\$61.85	\$113.35				
KOOL AID KIDS	\$76.00	\$76.00				
LIVE AND LET LIVE GP	\$47.00	\$86.00				
LONE RANGERS	\$194.00	\$516.50				
LUNCH BOX, THE						
METROPOLITAN GP	\$600.00 \$20.00	\$1,700.00 \$60.00				
ONE DAY @ A TIME	\$407.26	\$428.26				
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH		\$420.20 \$310.00				
PENNY LANE GP.	\$193.00					
PLACITAS BB GP	\$250.00 \$600.00	\$750.00 \$600.00				
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PROMISES GP QUEER IDEAS OF FUN	\$95.00					
· ·	\$151.25	\$451.25				
RAYMAC GROUP	\$5.00 \$702.80	\$5.00 \$1.599.03				
SEEKING SERENITY GP	\$792.89	\$1,588.92				
SERENDIPITY GP	\$104.03	\$379.08				
SERENITY GP	\$24.25	\$243.69				
SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE	\$280.00 \$454.00	\$380.00				
SOS MONDAY NIGHT	\$151.00	\$255.50				
SPONSORSHIP AND GRO	\$12.48	\$12.48				
STILL SEEKING SERENITY	\$100.00	\$200.00				
SUNRISE CATCHERS GP	\$50.00	\$130.00				
SUNRISE SOBRIETY	\$50.00	\$50.00				
SURVIVORS GP	\$90.80	\$185.02				
THERE IS A SOLUTION	\$40.00	\$106.00				
THREE LEGACIES GP	\$50.00	\$91.00				
WAKE UP CALL	\$430.33	\$1,354.03				
WESTSIDE GP	\$218.02	\$666.03				
WESTSIDE NOON	\$120.00	\$270.00				
WHO HAS THE KEYS	\$52.50	\$153.00				
WOMEN'S GROUP	\$117.40	\$237.72				
WOMEN'S NOON GRATITUDE	\$79.65	·				
Totals:	\$9,392.38	\$20,063.15				

Intergroup Steering Committee

Positions Open:

Elections for the following Steering Committee positions will be held at the December 10, 2017 meeting at the Brownbaggers, 5960 Woodford Dr,NE, at 2:00PM.

Currently, the Intergroup Liaison position, the Special Needs Chair, and the Member at Large position are vacant. In addition to these positions, there will be elections for Secretary, Treasurer, Pass It On Editor, and Community Outreach Chair.

Here are the descriptions from the by-laws for all the positions up for election on the Steering Committee:

The Secretary shall maintain a roster of listed groups, Intergroup Representatives attending the Intergroup Rep. meetings, keep accurate minutes of the meetings, and preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.

The Treasurer shall receive and disburse funds as directed by the Intergroup and shall maintain adequate financial records furnishing monthly written reports to both the Steering Committee (see Section VII below) and the Intergroup Representatives. The Treasurer shall maintain a prudent reserve as directed by the Steering Committee. In the absence of both the Chair and the Secretary, the Treasurer shall preside at meetings.

The Newsletter Editor shall publish (both in print and online) the Intergroup newsletter on a regular basis. The newsletter shall carry items deemed to be both informative and interesting to the A.A. Fellowship in this area. The editor shall be responsible that all items printed in the newsletter have to do with alcoholism and be within the spirit of the traditions. All other matters dealing with the publication shall be left to the discretion and good judgment of the editor.

The Special Needs Chair shall develop and coordinate programs for carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics with special needs.

The Community Outreach Chair shall use literature and speaker events to respond to non-A.A. entities inquiring about A.A.'s fellowship, program, and traditions.

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!

More details about the positions will be posted in the December newsletter.

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Central Office Intergroup Steering Committee

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Special Needs Coordinator: 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					
	September, 2017	YTD			
Total Revenues	\$7,341.09	\$75,005.46			
Total Cost of Sales	\$2,286.14	\$23,248.90			
Gross Income	\$55,054.95	\$51,756.56			
Total Expenses	\$5,070.30	\$50,263.29			
Net Income/(Loss)	\$(15.35)	\$1,493.27			

Central Office Monthly Service Activities Report September 2017					
	September 2017	August 2017	September 2016		
Phone Calls:					
Information	364	326	396		
12 -Step	14	13	11		
Al-Anon	10	8	9		
Message	33	36	35		
Other	65	49	65		
Total:		432	516		
Walk-ins:					
Information	14	17	12		
12-Step	1	0	0		
Al-Anon	0	2	1		
Schedule	5	10	8		
Purchase	134	162	150		
Media	0	0	1		
Message	2	1	1		
Casual	26	29	24		
Other	30	47	24		
Total:	212	268	221		
Web Visits:		5510			
Deskworkers:*					
Regulars	47	47	43		
Substitutes	11	19	18		
Total:	58	66	61		
Deskshifts:*					
Weekdays	126	138	132		
Weekends	45	40	40		
Total:	171	178	172		
Weekday Shifts:*					
Worked by regulars:	105(83%)	115 (83%)	113(85.6%)		
Worked by Subs:	20(16%)	22(16%)	17(12.9%)		
Total:	125(99%)	137 (99%)	130(97.5%)		
Weekend Shifts:*					
Worked by Regulars	30(67%)	32 (80%)	32(80%)		
Worked by Subs:	15(33%)	7 (18%)	8(20%)		
Total:	45(100%)	39 (98%)	40)18%)		
*Night shifts not covered	1 weeknight	1 weeknight 1 weekend	2 weeknight		
Shifts not worked by a volunteer:	18	12	13, 3 2hr shifts		
Total:	54 hours	36 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 5960 Woodford Dr NE

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

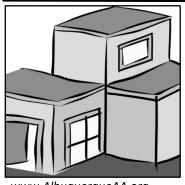
District 13
10 am, 2nd Saturday

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

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Step 11: "Nourishment for the Soul" "As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace."

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