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“The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commended to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves.”  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book), There Is A Solution, p.25

**Step 2** Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

**Tradition 2 (Short Form)** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

**(Long Form)** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

**Concept 2 (Short Form)** The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

**(Long Form)** When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference - excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

## TWELVE TRADITIONS & CONCEPTS CHECKLISTS

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*Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.*

Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?

Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?

Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?

Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?

Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?

In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

*Concept II: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.*

Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the “Conference”)?

What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group’s G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?

Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Yes - before somebody asks, I don't know why...but the short form of Tradition 2 is longer than the long form - go figure.

There are lots of events coming up...assemblies, conventions, workshops, dances, potlucks, etc. - check out the **AA Events Calendar** on page 6.

**Article submissions** are a big fat ZERO. C'mon, people, I know some of you are talented writers. Personal recovery stories, articles on recovery topics - conventions - workshops - service work, etc. are always welcome. I'd really like to find someone to pen an article on Oficina Intergrupal (the Spanish Central Office, which just moved - see the announcements below) and what it does & has available. An article on what conventions are, what happens at them, and what you get out of them would be ideal with so many conventions coming up (hint, hint...).

**Sobriety Birthday** submissions are up, but some are not following the guidelines...so here they are again: SB-days will not be published until the month following that in which the actual birthday occurred - please, when submitting sobriety birthdays include: (1) First name & Initial, (2) Homegroup, (3) Actual date of sobriety (ex: November 2, 2006) and (4) length of continuous sobriety (ex: 6 years). Please do not submit any birthdays until after they have actually occurred in order to avoid errors and above all embarrassment if somebody happens to go back out before they reach their sobriety date. As a reminder, all submissions to *Pass It On* are due no later than the 15th of the month before the (next month's) issue you wish to have your submission published in.

**Speaking of submissions:** when you submit an announcement, event listing or flyer for publication, be sure to include all relevant information on the submission including the event name, date, time, details, location, contact information (contact info won't be published, but we need it in case there are questions) and last but not least the *AA GROUP* that is sponsoring the event. Without all this information we cannot publish in print or on the web.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Oficina Intergrupal (Spanish Central Office)** has moved to 3000 Second St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107 (At Claremont Ave and 2nd St.) Their phone number remains the same 266-3688.

**High Hopes Group** (formerly South Valley Bikers) is an open discussion meeting that meets every Wednesday at 6:30pm at Valley Christian Church, 2850 Gun Club Road SW (just east of Coors) in Albuquerque.

The next **District 3 Meeting** will be on February 9, 2013 at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 908 Leroy St. in Socorro. Primary Purpose Group will be hosting. Potluck at 1:30pm, meeting at 2pm.

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 am, 2nd Saturday, Heights Club

District 13  
10am, 2nd Saturday, St Thomas of Canterbury  
425 University Blvd NE (1 blk N of MLK Blvd)

District 18  
1:30 pm, 2nd Sunday  
RioWestChurch, 6751 Pasilla Rd, Rio Rancho

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# 2012 (New Years Eve Central Office/Intergroup) Alcathon Summary

by Skitch F.

The Central Office Intergroup Reps Alcathon was back New Years Eve, and by all measures was a success. With the support of her home group, Ilse G. proposed the idea of reviving the Alcathon to the Intergroup Reps in April last year and by June there was a Central Office Alcathon Committee with two goals for the event: 1. to carry the message of AA to alcoholics and offer AAs a safe and friendly place on New Years, especially welcoming newcomers and 2. to be self supporting and maybe even contribute to the Central Office which was experiencing costs greater than inflows from groups' and individuals' contributions.

So how'd we fare? Goal #1: The Alcathon provided a healthy venue for participation and fellowship for those of us with all lengths of sobriety. And safe? Thanks to the security patrols of the parking lot, there were no incidents or break-ins of

vehicles at the Alcathon. Goal #2: The Alcathon budget that had been submitted to the Central Office Intergroup Reps and steering committee was exceeded by 25%. The Alcathon raised over \$1300 for Central Office. Thanks to so many in AA is due.

The infrastructure underlying the Alcathon created the foundation for success. The support of the Central Office steering committee, the Intergroup Reps, our coordinator and alternate coordinator, Michael and Pam, our web chairperson, Alli, the DCMs of Districts 3, 11, 12, 13 and 18, the Area 46 Bilingual Committee chaired by Robert S. and Pass It on Editor Steve R.

Thank you to everyone who showed your support by announcing the Alcathon at the meetings you attend for months in advance, in donating raffle items and buying tickets to win other items, by bringing food to the pot luck and in your attendance at the Alcathon and contributing to the 7th Tradition, and thanks to the groups who sponsored meetings. Groups in the geographic area Central Office serves represented their Districts – District 3, The South Valley Bikers; District 11, Seeking Serenity; District 13, How It Works; and District 18, the Candle Light meeting in Rio Rancho. The AA community showed they want an Intergroup Alcathon by your presence and participation.

Thanks are due individuals who in their participation made the event possible by their hard work. Morgan D. for taking care of all things raffle and working with Alli on the web site, who also deserves our appreciation, to get photos of items on the

[www.albuquerqueaa.org](http://www.albuquerqueaa.org) in advance of the event. Thank you Molly C. for coordinating the Pot Luck dinner – we had enough food for everyone. Kristen, Pam and Ernest, thanks for finding the three speakers for the New Years Eve speaker meeting, and thank you to the speakers, Randy, Morgan and Dave. The majority of the parking security was provided by Ralph and Jesus of the South Valley Bikers meeting. Thanks guys for protecting our vehicles from harm – you were outside in the cold while we were enjoying sobriety inside. All of you who call Dawn Patrol your home group, including Ilse and Michael, thank you so much for the breakfast (which the group donated all the contributions to Central Office) and thanks to the morning speakers, Rueben and LeeAnn. Thank you Dave C. and the band for providing us with music to dance the night away. And thank you to all of you who came early and set up and made coffee, and to those of you who stayed afterwards and helped clean up. Thanks to Shepherd of the Valley church.

We all should appreciate and acknowledge a friend outside the fellowship. Shepherd of the Valley was very supportive. There is a Conference-approved pamphlet written by Bill W., "Let's Be Friendly with Our Friends," that applies here. "We are a problem people," Bill says, referring to our alcoholic past, and that's how many people still think of us. The church trusted us with their property to return it as we found it upon arrival. The church asked that a member of their congregation be present throughout the different meetings and meals at the Alcathon. In addition to thanking the church, thanks go out to Ilse G. and Rosie F., two-hatters in the sense that they are members of both AA and the church. One of these women (sometimes both) was at the Alcathon during the entire time. Ilse helped open and get us started and Rosie was there to shut down at the end of the first segment at 1:00 AM and again at the close after the raffle and clean up on New Years at 1:00 PM. The church reported to them that they were very impressed with the clean up.

The church has already asked us if we want to come back next year. So what do you say? Do we want to do a Central Office Intergroup Reps Alcathon again at the end of 2013? Talk about it at your group conscience and let your Intergroup Rep know so s/he can report for your group at the Intergroup Reps Meeting held the second Sunday of every month at the Brown Baggers meeting place.

Thank you everyone!

"I am grateful that the people in AA showed me how to live sober. However, I have learned many things from other sources. I learned about quiet from the breeze floating through the grass on a warm summer day. I have learned unconditional love from my animals. I have learned how to have wonder of the world from my children. I have learned that all things have tremendous power."

Albuquerque, N.M., April 1984 - From: "Journey of the Spirit" in the Grapevine book "Spiritual Awakenings"



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 January 13, 2013

**Open @ 14:00**

**Open/ Attendees** Morgan D.- Straight pepper Diet, Mac- How It Works, Michael W.- Too Much for Us, Pam B.- There is a Solution, George B.- Singleness of Purpose, Mike W.- Community Outreach/ Westside AA, Tomas C.- Cosmo, Colin M.- Candlelight, Sarah E.- Strange Mental Blank Spots, Jerry R.- Serendipity, Ralph T.- Dawn Patrol, Heather G.- QIOF, Linda E.- Any Lengths/ Schedule editor, Debra K.- District 12/ Member at Large, Kris O.- Serenity Group, Becky L.- Isleta, Christy O.- Promises, Martha M.- Promises, Alli- Web Chair/ Singleness of Purpose, Alan M.- Blackouts, Art L.- El Centro, Dina J.- Women in Progress, Michal C.- Happy Hour, Aaron C.- Too Much for Us, Kristen E.- Grateful Girls, Skitch F.- Isleta, Cindy B.- Dawn/ Dusk Patrol, Jerry K.- In the Book, Henry L.- Seeking Serenity, Sharon H.- Any lengths, Tom R.- Seeking Serenity, Steven D.- Rebellion Dogs, Coco E.- Foothills

**Minutes from last month accepted amending the name "Mark" at the end of new business to "Art".**

**Treasurer's Report** - We have very good records, and I am happy with the amount of information we have on financials. The job is very time consuming with a lot of data entry. I am pleased with the way things are going at central office. The IRS penalty was removed...Michael and I did the inventory on the 5th- there were no surprises, and Dennis helped with that...Turned over payroll records to CPA to get our W2's...I feel some cross-training would be good for the treasurer's duties. Debra, the new member at large, came in on Saturday to get to know some of the duties. I think continuity is very important...Group contributions are up this month and for the year...Total revenues: \$9,699.31; Cost of Sales: \$990.47; Gross Income: \$8,708.84; Expenses: \$ 5,771.86; Net Income: \$2,936.98 ... For the year we have a loss of \$609.47, which is a lot better than last year, which was \$7,766.56... Balance sheet is included in report... Why is there a credit in the cost of sales for schedules and chips? I don't know, but I will look into that.

**Central Office Coordinator** - Thank you all for coming today and for supporting the alcathon. We made a profit from it. The desk has been hit and miss, a few people have been getting the flu...Aaron and I found a discrepancy in the offices inventory with the chips, however the literature was very close...We are training some new volunteers, and need the Saturday night phone taken by a group (9pm-9am).

**Alternate Central Office Coordinator** - Calls: 898, Walk-Ins: 264, Web Hits: 3303. New Year's Day had a record number of calls. Web hits also increased on New Year's Day...We still have a lot of items for people to come pick up from the raffle.

**Member at Large** - I went to central office yesterday to find out more about the financials at central office...I received a call from someone at central office that was in the hospital here who needed a meeting. I was able to provide that for him.

## SOBRIETY BIRTHDAYS

EL CENTRO December: Taber H. 30 days; Dave R. 90 days; Manuel 6 months; Jason C. 1 year; Susan 4 years; Lori C. 7 years; Diana 8 years; Christine L. 18 years; Manuel P. 25 years; Mike E. 35 years; Jimmy M. 42 years January: Johnny, Thomas 1 month; Vince 6 years; Ellen 9 years; Tomas 13 years; Roger 40 years

### HEIGHTS

ISLETA December: Philip 9 months; Rosanna 12 years, Tony 17 years

SEEKING SERENITY January: PJ 5 years; Lorenzo C. 7 years; Bruce M. 34 years

SINGLENES OF PURPOSE December: Maria A. 33 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.

### Pass it On Editor - Absent

**Media Librarian** - Al created a wonderful library as well as a great database. I would like to have some type of advertisement in the pass it on about the library...The library is available to anyone in Alcoholics Anonymous, just come into central office. There is a \$2 deposit that you will get back when you return the CD.

**Web Guardian** - 87 subscribers to the e-pass it on...Updated the new officer's emails...If you are having an event please email it to me so we can get it on the web page. Linda has volunteered to send the flyers that go to the central office that are not on the site to Ali, so she can get them on the web page.

**Schedule Editor** - New schedules are out. They are blue with snowflakes. I was able to squeeze the district meetings on the schedule.

**Community Outreach** - There is someone who has contacted us about providing sponsors for a re-integration facility for females. I am waiting to have contact with her to let her know what is going on with that.

**Special Needs Coordinator** - I work with people with disabilities who need a meeting or need some type of assistance to get to a meeting... We are providing a sign language interpreter for a member and there is a sign language meeting...I am going to bring a survey for the reps to take back to their groups soon.

**OLD BUSINESS** - Thank you for your feedback about how you take this meeting back to your groups.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None.

**GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Starting in February on Wednesdays, the **Woman in Progress** group will be meeting at Tech Love, which is 3901 Central. This is a non-smoking venue...**BlackOuts** dance at Heights club on Saturday Jan 26th. Potluck with dance and speaker, starting at 6pm. Cost is \$3 for singles, and \$5 for couples...Thank you Skitch and Cindy for all you did to put on the **alcathon**.

**Close @ 14:51**



## 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!

Call Central Office today  
at 266-1900.

# AA EVENTS CALENDAR

**Friday February 15, 2013**

**Valentines Day Dance**

9:30pm - 12:30am. DJ Steve R. Heights Club 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque

**Saturday February 16, 2013**

**Valentine's Day Dance**

7-11pm. 50/50 raffle. \$5.00 at the door. DJ Dave Smooth. Fundraiser to benefit the 2013 LGBT NM AA Roundup. Tech Love, 3901 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque

**Saturday March 2 - Sunday March 3, 2013**

**Area 46 Assembly**

Hosted by District 12. Ramada Hotel, Eubank & Lomas, Albuquerque. Please register early for room reservations to help with reducing rent for the meeting facilities (505-296-4852, code CGAA for Area 46 Assembly Group).

**Saturday March 9, 2013**

**Red Road AA Convention St. Patrick's Day Dance**

9pm-midnight. Music, Cake Walks, 50/50 Raffle, Snacks. Adults \$3, Couples \$5, Children 12 and under free. Heights Club 8520 Marble Ave NE, Albuquerque

**Saturday March 16, 2013**

**Sunrise Catchers 17th Anniversary**

7:30 am breakfast potluck, 8:00 speaker meeting (Speaker: Gary C.). The Isleta Club, 1829 Isleta Rd. SW, Albuquerque

**Saturday March 23, 2013**

**WTF: What's The Fuss? (Service Workshop)**

9am - 1pm. Ever wonder what service really means in AA? Panelists, Breakout Sessions, Potluck. Presented by District 13. St. Mark's on the Mesa Episcopal Church, 431 Richmond Place NE, Albuquerque

**Friday May 3 - Sunday May 5, 2013**

**20th Annual NM Red Road AA Convention**

All AA and AI-ANON Members Welcome! Opening Ceremony Friday Morning, AA Marathon Meetings, DJ Dance, Saturday Potluck Dinner, Pow Wow, Ribbon Ceremony, Raffles. No registration fee this year, and you can register online (at <http://www.nm-redroad.org/>). Ramada Inn 10300 Hotel Ave NE, Albuquerque

**Friday June 7 - Sunday June 9, 2013**

**Area 46 New Mexico State Convention**

Events & Activities: Speaker Meetings, Young Peoples Meetings & Speaker, Area 46 Talent Show, Art Raffle, Workshops, Saturday Evening Banquet & Dancing, Meditation & Alcahion Meetings, AI-anon Meetings, Hospitality Room. Full program is available at [www.nmaastateconvention2013.org](http://www.nmaastateconvention2013.org) - Sagebrush Conference Center 1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM. Hosted by District 14

*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).*

December 2012

Monthly Service Activities Report

PHONE CALLS	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Information	706	626	643
12-Step	12	18	28
AI-Anon	16	9	8
Message	38	57	44
Other	126	96	142
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>865</b>

WALK INS	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Information	25	15	10
12-Step	0	4	1
AI-Anon	1	0	0
Get Schedule	14	6	4
Purchase	160	140	153
Media	2	4	0
Message	1	7	1
Casual	30	54	17
Other	31	37	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>215</b>

ALBUQUERQUEAA.ORG WEB STATS	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Unique Visitors	3303	2998	2725
Number of Visits	5838	5971	
Pages	24,638	23,332	

DESK WORKERS*	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Regulars	47	48	50
Substitutes	32	32	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>

DESK SHIFTS*	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Weekdays	126	132	132
Weekends	50	40	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>177</b>

WEEKDAY SHIFTS*	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Worked by Regulars	161(91%)	108(82%)	115(87%)
Worked by Substitutes	15(9%)	24(18%)	17(13%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>132</b>

WEEKEND SHIFTS*	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
Worked by Regulars	42(84%)	28(70%)	29(72%)
Worked by Substitutes	8(16%)	12(30%)	11(28%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>

SHIFTS WORKED BY MICHAEL	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
2- 3 hr (6)	12 hrs		
2 - 2hr (4)	4		
Night - 0	0		

SHIFTS WORKED BY PAM	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
2- 3 hr (6)	12 hrs		
2 - 2hr (0)	4		
Night - 0	0		

NIGHT SHIFTS NOT COVERED	DEC12	NOV12	DEC11
	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16 hours</b>	<b>28 hours</b>	

\*INCLUDES NIGHT PHONE

Hate no one; hate their vices, not themselves.

- J. G. C. Brainard



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## Highlights From A.A.W.S.

The A.A. World Services board met on December 7, at the General Service Office in New York, NY. Roberta L., chair of the A.A.W.S. Board, opened the meeting.

**Manager's Report:** General manager, Phyllis H., reported that following Hurricane Sandy, our emergency disaster plan went into action to assure employee communication and safety and maintain essential operations. Although property damages were common, we were thankful there were no personal injuries. While the G.S.O. office was officially closed during the week of the storm, Staff and employees who reside in New York City stood by and supported the office.

G.S.O.'s Archives revised Oral Histories Kit is available for distribution. The winter issue of Markings is scheduled to be released for distribution in early December. Archives received two new treasures for the repository: a box of materials belonging to August B., a Panel 3 delegate from the Wisconsin area; and a recent recording of Tommie D., who was a past delegate from the Connecticut area in the 1960s. Tommie shared wonderful memories about Bill, Lois, Ebby and the early days.

The Web site Redesign project has been placed on hold until 2013 budget is set.

Phyllis announced that Greg T. has been hired as the new Publications Director. Greg, a past general service trustee, will begin after the start of the new year.

**Staff:** Work on the 63rd General Service Conference is gearing up. Panel 63 delegates were randomly selected for the 2013 Conference Committees; random selection of Conference members for the fifteen Conference Inventory Groups was also conducted. The 2013 Conference Communications Kit being prepared, and is scheduled to be mailed to Conference members in December.

The Corrections staff member sent the winter 2012 issue of "Sharing from Behind the Walls" to print with a holiday message and several shares about how A.A. members have served as a surrogate family and helped stave off loneliness.

The staff member on the International Desk attended the 11th annual meeting of MERCAA, the Middle Eastern Regional Council of Alcoholics Anonymous, which met in Kuwait. During the week prior to that, she met with members of the Fellowship in Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi: expatriates, Arabs from the Persian Gulf and two women who are part of the work force from Southeast Asia.

Although delayed by Hurricane Sandy, the winter 2012 issue of Box 4-5-9 was distributed to A.A. members and groups. The visually stunning issue, with a holiday message from Bill W. on the cover, included a wonderful article about A.A. members turning into "thankful givers" as they put their gratitude into action through support of all A.A. services.

The Southeast Regional Forum held in November in Boca Raton, Florida, was attended by 647 members – with 276 first-time Forum attendees present. The Forum included simultaneous translation from English into Spanish in all the main room sessions and two workshops were conducted totally in Spanish, fostering participation from the local Spanish-speaking A.A. community.

An activity update for Intergroups and Central Offices has been sent that includes information about the launch of our new Spanish-language public service announcement "Tengo Esperanza," the October A.A.W.S. Highlights, and our FAQ regarding GSO's response to disasters.

**Services:** Past issues of Box 4-5-9 in English, French and Spanish have been added to the Web site going back to 1980. The revised version of G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site Policy has been posted to the site in English, French and Spanish.

After consideration of a request from the trustees' Archives Committee, the A.A.W.S. board approved the concept of posting selected archival audio recordings on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site.

**Publishing:** Gross print sales through October 31, 2012 were budgeted at \$10,834,000, with actual sales of \$10,664,480, 1.6% below budget. Print book units distributed for this same period totaled 158,114 units; non-A.A. purchases accounting for 37,193 units, or 23.5%.

A.A.W.S. approved the Committee's recommendation that funding for the oral translation of the Navajo Big Book be included in the 2013 A.A.W.S. budget.

**Finance:** An unaudited financial update as of October 31, 2012 was presented. It was noted that net sales were \$234,700 below budget (2%); gross profit was \$3,300 over budget (.05%) after deducting manufacturing, royalties, shipping and warehousing costs; and contributions were \$24,000 over budget. Travel and Meetings expenses were \$60,000 over budget. It was noted that \$40,000 of the \$69,000 was attributable to World Service Meeting delegates and some Board members being delayed in departing after the WSM and/or Board weekend due to Hurricane Sandy. Net loss for the 10 months was \$122,700 compared with a budgeted loss for the period of \$83,700.

**Other:** The board reviewed and approved a redrafted Fair Use Policy for A.A. literature which was submitted by the Intellectual Property ("IP") Committee.

The board reviewed and approved both the Amendment to the current Defined Benefit Plan and the new Defined Contribution Plan. Starting January 1, 2013, new employees will participate in the defined contribution plan. Current employees will continue to be covered under the current defined benefit plan.

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