



2016

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NO BOOZE NEWS

Goodbye Perryville

A woman in Arizona expresses gratitude for the time she spent in a nearby prison

Friday night I brought my "last" meeting to Perryville, a womens' prison in Goodyear, Arizona. My badge expires this month, and in the spirit of rotation, I've chosen not to re-new it after five years of service.

Back in the fall of 2008, my heart was terribly broken, so I jumped at the chance to be of service, desperately needing to get out of myself. This commitment very well may have saved my life and my sobriety at that time. Having never been arrested myself (by the grace of God) I'm so grateful I've been able to participate in this aspect of service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Despite the many obstacles that we may have as volunteers, I feel so fortunate that I got to bring a little experience, strength and hope inside those walls. There may be a tedious process for badging and seemingly endless hoops for us to jump through, but the women behind the walls don't get to pick and choose which meeting they go to. There are, without a doubt, some who can hardly wait for their one weekly meeting. I cannot express how much truth and gratitude they share for that hour: they are hungry for what we have.

I've been going to the San Carlos Unit for quite some time. At my last meeting, there were at least 20 women, including three attending the first time. One of them admitted it was the first time she had introduced herself as an alcoholic. Mind-blowing. Another one was being released in a few days and she was so excited to go back to her home group. Another, who is a regular attendee and is always enthusiastic about reading and sharing, expressed her current frustration and confusion regarding religion and spirituality. I've some experience with this and got to share it.

During the meeting we read the Big Book story "Keys to the Kingdom," about a woman with a low bottom in early AA who experienced inspiring love and growth in the Fellowship, and insisted on continuous action for a healthy sobriety. Many of the women expressed how much they enjoyed it and identified with it. I told the ladies that this was my last meeting, and they had a lot of questions and were very kind. I made sure they knew that I've another service commitment and that it's vital to my sobriety!

Here's another "odd or God" moment: This past Labor Day weekend I attended the Arizona State Convention in Tucson and, while perusing the archives display, I was approached by a woman who seemed to know me. She had attended the meeting I led in Perryville in July and had been released in August. I was so excited to see her attending an event celebrating sobriety, especially one that was more than 100 miles away.

Goodyear is a bit of a drive from where I live and work. Every month when the day came for me to go, I felt tired after having worked all day, and would've rather done about 20 other things. But every time I left the meeting and the heavy metal doors slammed shut behind me, I gained a little more freedom from alcohol. I've yet to experience another high that compares to walking out into the night air to my car and driving away from Perryville. Freedom from bondage is an extraordinary gift.

Thanks to each and every one of you who do this kind of service, or make it possible, and for allowing me to be a part of it.

—Angela M., Scottsdale, Ariz.

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If you are looking for something to criticize in this newsletter you will probably find it. We aim to please everyone!

Please join us and bring a friend for fun & fellowship over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4 at Sheraton Crescent Hotel (I-17 and Dunlap). We have an amazing committee that is working hard to create a FUN event for you.

The theme is –Heard it through the Grapevine (and La Viña)“.

Our Friday Night Speaker will be Ami B., from New York, Executive Editor Publisher of the Grapevine, Saturday Night we will hear from Candice M. of Los Angeles, and our Sunday Morning speaker will be Howard P. from Gilbert.

The program also includes a Golf Tournament, a celebration of La Viña’s 20th Birthday, –Grapevine Games“, a Comedy Show, Dancing, as well as participation from Spanish, YPAA and Al-Anon.

Online Registration is up and running at www.area03.org/convention

At this website you can:

- Download the flyer in English and Spanish,
- Register for the Convention - \$20
- Register for the Friday morning Golf Tournament,
- Buy a T-shirt, Mug and/or a Button,
- Book your hotel room at the group rate

Please help us spread the word and announce this event at meetings.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Love & service,

Angela P.

Chairperson, 2016 Arizona State Convention

conventionchair@area03.org

www.area03.org/convention



Traditions Checklist

Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

1. *Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?*
2. *When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?*
3. *Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?*
4. *Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?*
5. *Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?*
6. *In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?*
7. *Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?*



Attitude of Gratitude

If you are grateful for your sobriety and would like to give back to the program that has so freely given to you, please use the Gratitude With Service form below to volunteer for any of EVI's Standing Committees, such as PI/CPC (Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community), Special Events, Literature, Unity, or Phone Volunteers. Participating in any of these committees can be a great way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the rooms.

As an ongoing reminder, we are still in need of more volunteers for the 12th Step call list. Although we are great at making sure the phones are answered day or night, finding someone willing and available to do a 12th Step call can sometimes be very challenging, and often times it's hit or miss depending on the time of day. If you have at least one year of continued sobriety and are willing to make yourself available to the alcoholic reaching out to AA for help from time to time, please be sure to complete the form provided below and return to the EVI Central Office via fax, mail, e-mail or in person as soon as possible. Who knows — the life you save could be your own....

EAST VALLEY INTERGROUP – Gratitude With Service form *revised 2/09*

Return to: 1320 E. Broadway Rd., Suite 105 Mesa, AZ 85204

(480) 827-1905 e-mail: info@aamesaaz.org www.aamesaaz.org

Date _____ *First Name _____ Last _____

Address _____ *Phone _____

*City _____ *ST _____ *Zip _____ *Gender _____

*Sobriety Date _____ Home Group _____

e-mail address _____ Alt Phone _____

* = required for listing in 12th Step List

No Booze News Subscription / Renewal (\$12.00 annual subscription fee enclosed)

Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

- Weeknights**
- Weekends**
- Weekdays**

Phones Night & Weekend

- Weekends**
- Weeknights**

- Office Phone Volunteer**
- Other Office Help**

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

- Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community**
- Special Events**
- Literature**
- Newsletter (*No Booze News*)**
- Unity Committee**
- Deliver A Meeting**



ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

SRI SUMMER ROUNDUP

AUGUST 12 ~ 14
CHAPARRAL SUITES
5001 N SCOTTSDALE RD.
SCOTTSDALE AZ

PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 27 ~ 28
SLIM JIM CAMPSITE #2
FOREST LAKES AZ



ROCKY POINT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 14 ~ 16
SONORAN SEA RESORT
PUERTO PENASCO MX



APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 4 ~ 6
APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RESORT
APACHE LAKE AZ.

LAKE HAVASU ROUNDUP

NOVEMBER 4 ~ 6
LONDON BRIDGE RESORT
1477 QUEENS BAY
LAKE HAVASU AZ.

Easy Does it 36th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 24th
1241 E. Broadway Rd, Mesa
10am - 5pm

Food, Fellowship, Meetings, 50/50 Raffle & Games

1:30 pm Lunch - \$3 for main dish

Please bring a side to share

Escape the Heat at the 2016

EVI Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, Aug 6th

3pm to 5pm

Mesa Lanes

2115 E Southern Ave

2 hrs of bowling, shoes

\$20 ea.

Tickets available from your
Intergroup Rep. and Central Office

MESA ROUNDUP 70'S DANCE

Saturday, Aug 20th

1050 S. Hobson, Mesa

5:30 Eat, Meet & Greet \$5 meal deal

7:00pm Speaker

8:00pm Dance—Live Band \$5 donation



Area 03 Assembly

August 12—14 2016

901 Colombo Ave.

Cochise Community College

2016 Area 03 Convention

September 2—4 2016

2620 W Dunlap at I17

Sheraton Crescent Hotel

2016 Pacific Regional Forum

Sept 30th ~ Oct 2nd

69-425 Waikoloa Beach Drive

Waikoloa HI



Name Date Days

Charles	R	8/21/1969	17167
Dean	S	8/17/1980	13149
Dave	W	8/1/1981	12784
Craig	B	8/8/1982	12419
Kathv	K	8/3/1986	10958
Kathv	M	8/3/1986	10958
Brad	R	8/10/1986	10958
Beth	L	8/11/1986	10958
Bernard	B	8/1/1987	10593
Dale	W	8/23/1987	10593
Maggie	L	8/12/1988	10227
John	S	8/15/1988	10227
Pam	S	8/17/1988	10227
Dee	P	8/21/1988	10227
Gwen	N	8/20/1989	9862
Denise	P	8/24/1989	9862
Karin	H	8/22/1992	8766
Rodnev	S	8/18/1993	8396
Dana	N	8/1/1995	7671
Charlie	D	8/19/1995	7671
Fred	P	8/23/1995	7672
Grant	A	8/11/1996	7305
Cheryl	G	8/18/1996	7305
Matt	R	8/15/1997	6940
Lani	D	8/16/1997	6940
Sherrl	P	8/29/1997	6940
Steve	L	8/30/2000	5844
Karla	B	8/14/2001	5479
Heidi	C	8/21/2001	5479
Heidi	J	8/7/2003	4749
Abigail	S	8/12/2003	4749
Terra	V	8/12/2003	4749
John	S	8/28/2003	4749
Shellev	R	8/27/2004	4383
Mickey	E	8/10/2005	4018
Janet	T	8/10/2005	4018
Rosemarv	R	8/21/2005	4018
Victor	S	8/26/2005	4018
Jimmy	R	8/14/2006	3653
Merrill	P	8/23/2006	3653
J.T.	K	8/28/2006	3653
Stephen	W	8/28/2006	3653
Mike	E	8/1/2007	3288
Steve	S	8/7/2007	3288
Celeste	M	8/23/2007	3288
Delona	B	8/16/2008	2922
Julie	S	8/24/2009	2557
Patrick	G	8/9/2010	2192
Ashley	O	8/13/2010	2192
Mike	C	8/13/2011	1827
Alana	R	8/28/2012	1461
John	W	8/3/2013	1096
Bev	W	8/19/2013	1096
Dennis	H	8/23/2013	1096
Wyat	S	8/6/2014	731
Andrew	C	8/25/2014	731

Getting to Forgiveness

Before she got sober, she wasn't always the mother she wanted to be

I was a 23-year-old new mother with little understanding of her own alcoholism. When I gave birth to my son, I stayed away from alcohol for about six weeks. But then, one beautiful Saturday, I decided I needed to get out of the house and blow off some steam.

I had nursed my infant son up until that point, but gave him formula that day. As it turned out, he wouldn't take it and when I got home that night from partying, I nursed him. I felt sick with shame. I desperately worried about the consequences of contaminated breast milk. After a full day of worrying, I realized that he was OK and I made a promise to God that I would never take a chance like that again.

Until I did. I repeated the exact behavior I swore I would never do again. I loved being a mom and I would have given my life for this child. Except when I was drinking.

Even after the second incident, it still hadn't occurred to me that alcoholism was propelling my behavior. I still didn't think I had a problem. That is the insidious nature of it. I listened instead to the voice in my head telling me what a horrible person I was.

Many years later and early in sobriety, with the help of a sponsor, I started working the Steps and reliving all these events. I became increasingly depressed and very ashamed. I could not forgive myself. How do you forgive yourself for the unforgiveable? I was searching for some relief from this terrible pain inside me. And alcohol was no longer a solution.

I knew that as long as I could not forgive myself, I could not be of service to my fellows. Then, a dear friend reminded me of a speaker we had heard at a conference. The speaker, with 20 years of sobriety, told her story of forgiveness after she killed a young man in a drunk-driving accident. And I thought that if a person could stay sober after a tragedy like that, while making living amends, then it was possible for me too.

My sponsor reminded me that all these things that happen are all part and parcel of alcoholism. They manifest in different ways in different people's lives.

That is when I saw the miracle in recovery. I had a change in perception. God provides me with miracles, which enable me to forgive myself so that I can use my story to help other people achieve sobriety. It is my responsibility to carry the message and be a living reminder that God is all around us, forgiveness is just a miracle away, and a drink is not my solution today.

Jennifer R., M, Texas

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Jim is told by his sponsor that he needs to participate more in service work. So he applies for the position of treasurer. They hold a group conscience and ask him "What is nine multiplied by four?" He thinks quickly and says "Thirty-three." After the interview, he realizes his mistake. He's surprised when they inform he got the job, despite there being four other candidates. "But I got the wrong answer," he protests. "Yeah, we know. But you were closest."

Things We Can Not Change

Blackie K., Long time member of our Fellowship passed from this world July fifth 2016.

His life touched many and he will be missed.

PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Come help carry the message at the public level and to professional groups who have contact with alcoholics.

For more information contact:

Mike C. (480) 827-1905

EVI Phone Workshop



Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Faith Community Church

Or

Workshops can also be done at your Group !



For more information

Call

Tamara L. (480) 827-1905

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

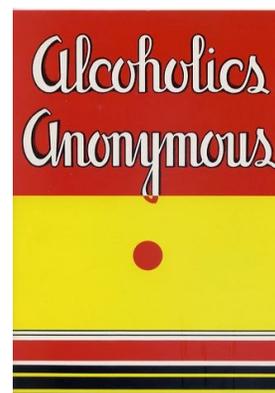
235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Mary R.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 3rd— TBD



Join the Newly Re-Organized

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Faith Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

Contact Larry S. (480) 827-1905

EVI Special Events Committee

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

Faith Community Church

1125 N Dobson Rd Chandler

contact: Andrea M. (480) 827-1905

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of Every Month

Meeting Now At 7:30pm

Faith Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

August 5th— Road to Recovery

September 2 - Bootstrap Men's

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Office Volunteers & EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific times and days.

(480) 827-1905

***** Regular shifts available now*****





<u>GROUP</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$75.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$100.00
24 Hours A Day		\$20.00
A Vision For You Group		\$196.50
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$50.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$1,000.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$433.38
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$296.80
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....		\$600.00
ASCYPAA.....		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$75.60
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$300.00
Before Breakfast Group.....		\$0.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$180.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$400.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego.....		\$200.00
By The Book		\$218.80
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group		\$551.96
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$228.61
Cold Coffee Group		\$100.00
Common Solution.....		\$160.00
Copper Basin Group.....		\$0.00
Courage To Change.....		\$100.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers	\$78.00	\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....	\$20.00	\$230.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$583.22
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group	\$100.00	\$100.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions.....		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$60.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$250.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$120.00
Get It Together.....	\$272.81	\$1,649.84
Gilbert Gals		\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$186.33
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$0.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$62.98
Cut Level	\$35.00	\$58.25
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$318.15
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$24.00
Into Action		\$38.73
Inwardly Reorganized.....		\$0.00
Keep It Simple.....		\$110.00
Keepin It Real Ladies	\$91.00	\$151.00
Life In The Big Book		\$577.74
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$40.00
Maricopa Group		\$75.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$80.00
Morning After Group		\$19.00
Name In The Hat.....		\$700.00
New Beginnings.....		\$300.00
New Hope Group	\$10.00	\$60.00
New Spirit Group	\$225.00	\$675.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$65.00
Page A Day Group		\$1,183.87

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pioneer Group	\$76.40	\$94.20
Playground Solutions Group		\$0.00
Price Is Right	\$100.00	\$347.50
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$124.40
Prime Time.....	\$10.00	\$30.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$60.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$60.00
Putting God First		\$660.00
Queen Creek BB Study Group.....		\$125.00
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When	\$50.00	\$50.00
Renewed Spirit.....		\$400.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$598.42
Road To Recovery		\$2,404.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
Second Chance Group	\$144.00	\$466.55
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe.....		\$55.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions	\$220.00	\$220.00
Sobriety is Gold	\$50.00	\$50.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$50.00	\$50.00
Society Group		\$1,675.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag.....		\$0.00
Spirited Women	\$75.00	\$75.00
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones	\$160.00	\$410.00
Sunday Morning Reflections.....		\$0.00
Sunday Morning Women.....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$203.63
Sunland Serenity Seekers.....		\$205.00
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe High Noon		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$150.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Kick		\$0.00
The Library	\$60.00	\$130.00
The Real Thing		\$9.88
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$300.00
This Simple Program.....		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out	\$40.00	\$110.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$5.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$267.00
Twelvers (disbanded).....		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....	\$22.50	\$97.50
We Agnostics		\$60.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$170.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
West Chandler Men's.....		\$25.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?.....		\$50.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$0.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$148.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout.....		\$0.00
SWACYPAA		\$0.00
Dist 08-819		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00

Group Totals	\$2,133.58	\$23,802.39
EVI Committees	\$125.00	\$519.45
Individual Contributions	\$46.00	\$1,709.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,304.58	\$26,031.74



BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2016

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	2,479.70
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	20,541.92
Accounts Receivable	236.90
Inventory Asset	21,429.50
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$44,738.02
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	1,877.96
Payroll taxes	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,877.96
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	-537.28
Net Income	-381.60
Total Equity	\$42,860.06
Total Liability & Equity	\$44,738.02

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
June 2016

26 Group contributions totaling	\$2,133.58
2 Individual contributions totaling	\$46.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$125.00
Total Contributions	\$2,304.58
Total Income	\$9,069.86
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$5,385.29
Gross Profit	\$3,684.57
Less total Expenses of	\$7,147.22
Net June Loss	-\$2,096.00
YTD 2016 Loss	-\$381.60

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$20,541.92
The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2016 in the amount of \$26,804.32

Please call me with any questions or comments regarding the financial statements.

Yours in service,
Ed B. EVI Treasurer
eab300@gmail.com

Step Eight~ Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition Eight ~ Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Concept Eight~ The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.



Please send us your stories,
MAIL, EMAIL OR CALL IT IN!!



I'd like to hear your story and put it in the No Booze News! Mail your story to the Intergroup office, or email it to me! Or call me and tell it to me and I'll write it down! Please include your name and phone number. We reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity.

Bev W. (480) 827-1905 THANKS!

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2016

Meeting Opened by Gordon about 7pm-ish with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions - Tom N.

INTRODUCTIONS: Your attendance and participation is appreciated and visitors are always welcome!

Intergroup Representatives: (New Reps are in **BOLD**)

Rep	Group
Don B	Ahwatukee Group
Mary Z	Attitude of Gratitude
Jamie W	Bloopers
Charlie R	Bootstrap Men's
Bev M	Breakfast Club
Mallory D	Courage To Change
Andrew C	Easy Does It
Denis W	Friends of Bill
Mary R	Gilbert Group
Roger N	Inwardly Reorganized
May M	Life in The Big Book

Rep	Group
Peg D	Not A Glum Lot
Gail H	Page A Day
Bart	Price Is Right
Kyle W	Remember When
Amy T	Rising Spirit
Jeremy V	Road To Recovery
Andrea M	Serenity Sisters
Beth Ann	Sisterhood of Solutions
Cassidy Z	SASTO
Peg D	Spirited Woman
Mike R	Stepping Stones

Rep	Group
Lindsay K	The Real Thing
Kelvin S	The Way Out
Jeff B	Tuesday Trudgers
Jack B	Tumbleweeds
Beth H	We Agnostics
Gary L	Welcome Home
Jeff B	Who's Driving Your Bus
Regina S	Women in Gratitude
Shirley L	Women in Touch

Committee and other Trusted Servants: (N/P = Not Present)

Name	Service Position
Gordon R	Chair
Tom N	Vice Chair
Ed	Treasurer
Regan	Secretary
Zach	Advisor - Unity
Barbara	advisor Phones

Name	Service Position
Bard N/P	Advisor - Special Events
Kim N/P	Office Manager
Larry	Unity Chair
Mike N/P	PICPC Chair
Andrea	Special Events Chair
Bev	No Booze News Editor

Name	Service Position
Roxanne	H&I Liaison
Marge	Spanish Liaison
Aaron N/P	DCM 08-818
Paul T	DCM 08-819
Carole N/P	Alt DCM 08-820
Lonnie N/P	DCMC 08

Secretary's Report: Regan G. - (Written Report in Packet) Corrections: Marge's last name needs to be removed. Rox is not rep for SSBNS Motion to Accept by Andrew , 2nd by Marge – Motion Carries.

Treasurer's Report: Ed – Written Report in Packet – Ed discussed the financials. Explained the COGS and our profit on the literature sales. He will be modifying the format a little bit next month to better reflect this. There is a bit of a financial shortfall this year to date, contributions are the lowest they have been in 6 years, and we are coming into the summer months when contributions are historically down. Motion to Accept by Denis 2nd by Andrew , Motion Carried

7th Tradition: \$ Did not get the amount – Sorry! (Thank you!)

Chairperson's Report: Gordon R- Slow month - Chaired the SC Meeting and IG Business Meeting chaired the AA Intergroups of the Valley meeting at Bloopers. Next one is going to be hosted by Spanish IG. And SRI will host January. We

Vice Chair's Report: Tom N. – Written report in packet. Tom explained that his role as Vice Chair is liaison to General Service. Tom expanded on the IG financials a little more. Discussion and questions.

Office Managers Report: Kim W. – (Not Present) Written Report in Packet

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC – Mike – Written Report in Packet- PICPC needs a secretary! If interested contact Mike or the EVI Office, or go to the meeting.

Special Events: Andrea – Andrea discussed the cost of putting on the events and the work involved. She discussed the price increase for the Anniversary Party last year and the Bowlathon this year. Bowlathon is coming up on August 6th from 3 to 5pm. Deadline to get your money and/or tickets back to Andrea of the Office is August 1st. Encouraged everyone to get involved with the Special Events committee. Committee Meets right before the Speaker meeting at 6:30. Day of Service is October 22nd. Flyers and sign-up sheets coming soon! First Friday of every month is the speaker meeting and the Special Events Committee Meeting.

Phone Committee: Tamara L. – Has many service opportunities to answer the hot lines! Working to fill the calendar. Will be taking workshops to two home groups; one confirmed, one tentative. Her 1 year commitment is up in August and she is looking for someone to step up and take over the phones!

Unity Committee: Larry S. – 3 people at the Unity Committee meeting this evening! Still working on hitting groups. Have created some "Invite Cards" to invite reps to come to the group instead of taking a whole big packet. Anyone is welcome to take the cards and go visit groups.

Sponsorship Workshop: Mary – No Present – No Report.

Newsletter Editor – Bev W. bmurphy453@gmail.com – No Booze News (NBN) is now available on the aamesaaz.org website! We've been getting some great articles lately, but always looking for local articles, stories, jokes, and group history's, etc. from members for the No Booze New. Please call or email Bev!

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Lee – Discussed that he works to serve in AA and Alanon whenever he is asked. Saturday there is an ice cream social at St. Peters Lutheran at 5:30pm. Lee will be speaking on 8/13 at Queen Creek meeting house at 7pm.

H&I Liaison: Roxanne – Meeting was last Wed. discussed new lap top again, and re-voted to allow groups to participate in the vote to spend \$1000 over 8 years and maintain a lap tap for \$250 or less. Need coordinators for Phx West and Lewis Prison. Treasurer reported they are doing really good. Beg Bal was \$3746.62 Purchases 7064.72 Lit purchases were \$5341 and End Bal \$4716.36. Group Contributions were 6219.72. Fourth Ave Jail and Towers have huge need for men to carry meetings. Sober Women Vet need to sponsor vets at Veterans Administration.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Attended the Spanish IG Group Conscience. They discussed La Vina seminar they are going to have. They need volunteers. She has been regularly attending a couple Spanish meetings and they are starting to recognize and welcome her more warmly. The 12 step coordinator has created flyers. They celebrate member's birthdays and a big group of them go to visit the new Spanish groups and welcome them to the Spanish community.

Sub District 08-818: Aaron. – Meets 2nd Tues at Bloopers at 7pm. Not Present

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Meets 2nd Thurs at Gilbert Presbyterian church at 7pm. Had first Unity meeting yesterday at 6:30 before the regular meeting. All are invited. Trying to reach to unrepresented groups in their district. August Assy coming up..... In August no less.

Sub District 08-820: Alt – Carol W. – Meets 1st Monday of each month. Not Present.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark volunteered to step up to fill this position. He will be at the IG Meeting next month! YAY Mark!

NEW BUSINESS:

Tamara, our Brave phone coordinator is also stepping down so a new Phone coordinator is needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Serenity Sisters has new location and there are flyers

Mesa RU on August 20th - 70's theme. Babysitting during speaker meeting. Dance at 8pm, Live Band, \$5 donation. Halloween dance is in October, and working on New Year's event. Volunteers are encouraged.

Office volunteers are always welcome to take 4 hour phone shifts.

EDI is celebrating 36 years and party is on Sept 24th – Speaker, games food! Tickets are \$3 – see Marge!

Apache Lake Camp-out ~ Nov 4, 5, 6! Camping or rooms! Lots of fun! There are flyers.

Group Problems & Solutions:

Motion to close made by Marge and 2nd seconded by everyone. Motion Carried.

Close Meeting: Statement of Responsibility and Lord's Prayer

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service!

Regan G

Secretary



Tradition 8—Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

DID I READ that right? "Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional"? How on earth could any outfit as big as AA operate on a basis other than professional? How could its members get anything done? How could they hold themselves together? How could they stay in business?

All very mysterious.

To compound the mystery, the Tradition goes on to say that AA "service centers may employ special workers." But if AA is not run professionally, what level of competence can be expected of the staffs working at those centers?

Long before I started asking those perhaps typical questions, I was asking other, more pressing questions. As in so many areas of my recovery, I only half understood things, and one piece of misinformation I had was that AA members did not receive pay for *any* form of service within an AA framework. With that in mind, I was baffled and resentful when I learned that AA members who made coffee in some of the local groups were being paid. Since I was involved in a coffee detail, too, how come they were getting money and I was not?

Another sore point concerned an AA member who worked for pay at a local clubhouse. I was quite put out, for it seemed to me that he was being paid to stay sober. What about me? I was staying sober, too. Why wasn't I getting paid?

When I had stewed long enough, I asked an older, wiser AA member. He pointed out that making coffee at some of the larger groups was so time-consuming that the groups were better served by paying coffee makers. They might be AA members, yes, but they were not being paid to stay sober; they were paid to make coffee. As for the custodian at the clubhouse, he was not paid to stay sober; he was paid to keep the club running smoothly.

Later on, I began to ask how volunteers could possibly take care of the wide variety of jobs essential to the operation of service centers around the world, including our own GSO (the AA General Service Office of the U.S. and Canada). For instance, the correspondence alone—how could they handle it all? I learned that, because of the sheer volume of work, both local and worldwide, there had to be salaried jobs. And who was better qualified to fill those jobs than our own fellow AAs? Thanks to this Tradition, the line was clearly drawn between Twelfth Step work, which is never done for pay, and professional or salaried work. The Tradition plainly shows us that our service center employees are not being paid to stay sober; they are paid for their special skills.

Another thing that used to confuse me was the matter of AAs who are employed in the field of alcoholism. I was made acutely aware of the confusion when a newcomer I was sponsoring asked me how much money "AA counselors" were paid when they spoke at AA meetings. There are no "AA counselors." But AA members can create such an image if they forget themselves and, on an AA group podium, speak in their professional capacities as workers in the alcoholism field.

The question of whether it was proper for AA members to enter that field as paid workers was one that kept our early membership in a state of unrest. The outcry was that AA knowledge was being sold and the perpetrators would surely succumb to the temptation to use the AA name for further financial gain. The quite genuine consternation was not over money-making itself. What worried AAs was the real possibility that commercializing (professionalizing) this spiritual recovery program would ruin it, and all those recovering in AA would once more be consigned to death.

Only with time and experience did we come to see that our fears were unfounded. Alcoholism counselors who were also AA members showed that they could quite effectively carry the AA message of recovery and hope without receiving pay for Twelfth Step work.

Carrying the message is at the heart of our recovery program, and one very attractive way of doing it is via the telephones at central offices and answering services. I used to think that the people who worked the phones were considered part-time staff and paid accordingly. Since I was always in need of extra money, I signed up at our local intergroup, only to learn that AA members do that work on a strictly volunteer basis. Like any other form of Twelfth Step work, it is done to help assure another day of sobriety for ourselves.

There was no pay, but I was afforded one of my first glimpses of the wisdom of Tradition Eight. I realized that I didn't have to feel resentment in case I was getting paid less than the woman at the phone behind me. Nor did I have to compete with the guy across from me in order to get more than he might be getting. None of us was being paid anything in cash—only in sobriety.

Further Eighth Tradition wisdom came to me slowly, a glimpse at a time, as more of my questions were answered. What about AA members who speak at AA meetings or bring meetings into institutions—do they get paid? What about AA speakers at Regional Forums or workshops or conventions—do they get paid? How about AA speakers who fill commitments at non-AA meetings, such as high schools, parent-teacher groups, or classes of premed college students—how much do those speakers get?

I remember sitting in a coffee shop shortly after coming into AA, in 1960. I was with some affluent-looking men who were talking about "getting on the speakers' circuit" and acquiring "some of that good money." I did not understand that they were talking about their business lives, and I assumed that there was money to be made by becoming an AA speaker. That was for me! But I had another surprise in store when I started speaking at local AA groups and at AA meetings in institutions. No money!

There was still no money when I began to speak as an AA member before non-AA groups. The Public Information Committee of our local intergroup impressed on me the importance of maintaining our amateur standing. Many non-AAs find it difficult to believe that we would visit their classrooms or agencies as volunteers, on a nonprofessional basis. I can't say that I blame them for their skepticism. I would not have believed it once myself.

It seems to me that there is more to professionalism than just the question of pay. There is such a thing as a professional's attitude, whatever the profession may be. It is an attitude that takes pride in a job well done. With me, however, the attitude sometimes strays out of the working area and tells me that I am entitled to rewards of prestige and recognition for being sober and for doing Twelfth Step work. And that is when I am in error with AA and in trouble with myself. When I look for special treatment because of my service activities, I am acting contrary to the spirit of the Traditions.

The Eighth Tradition reminds me that my AA membership does not automatically make me all-knowledgeable in the field of alcoholism. The Tradition encourages me to keep in touch with my local AA service centers and to learn as much as I can about them. It is an equally good idea, in my opinion, to ask about nearby rehab programs for alcoholics. AA's choice of nonprofessionalism as its way of life does not mean that we cannot cooperate with programs that are conducted by professionals.

Finally, a really curious sidelight was thrown on the subject once by a drinking drunk I was twelfth-stepping. He would not, or could not, get honest with himself and tried to laugh off his powerlessness by clever remarks. "You're an alcoholic," he said once, "but me—I am a professional drunk."

What price professionalism?

W.H., Manhattan, N.Y.

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