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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!

NO BOOZE NEWS

A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Sober just a couple of months, I attended the 2105 Area 3 annual convention in Pinetop, AZ. I looked forward to escaping the Phoenix heat and partaking in my first AA convention in the cool pines of the Arizona mountains. I went by myself, but a couple from my home group was planning to attend, so chances were good that I would see at least one familiar face.

A new term jumped out at me from the convention program: "marathon meeting". Wanting to experience this new thing, I met up with an old timer from my home group and we went together. The topic of the morning meeting was about having a spiritual experience in sobriety.

Of the roughly 30 people in the meeting, I noticed a perhaps familiar face on a man who came in the room with his friends. He sat at a table across from me such that we were facing each other. I could not place the face, but thought maybe I recognized him. From television? A bus-stop ad? I did not think much of it, except for the fact that this guy was looking at me like he, too, saw in me a familiar face.

Toward the close of the meeting I took a turn to share my spiritual experience from a couple of months before. My experience of Goodness filling the void left by a departing force - the obsession to drink - was still very fresh in my memory. When I finished sharing, the meeting leader started his closing remarks, but he was stopped by this familiar face across from me. "May I share quickly?", the stranger interrupted. The leader allowed him to continue. "During the weeks before I got sober I was housesitting for a friend of mine and his wife. It was in that house that several things happened. One, I came face to face with my powerlessness over alcohol. Second, I bought 20 feet of rope with which to hang myself at this friend's house -the first time I finally acted on my despair. Third, I had my last drink there. And that was YOUR house, wasn't it, Tom?". I slowly nodded my head as I recognized who this guy was. Relieved at the confirmation, he continued, "I was staying at that house when, having been mandated to go to AA after a DUI, while at a meeting I "had my blinders removed" in a moment and completely accepted that I was an alcoholic... and I celebrated 21 years of sobriety this last week." "No way!", I blurted out loud. My eyes were opened and I recognized Scott, an old friend and drinking partner from Tucson that I had not seen for 20 years. The room was filled with puzzled faces and several gasps. After the meeting and a big hug, Scott explained to me that he hit bottom while house-sitting for me while I was out of town on vacation. He recalled for me how he had considered committing suicide in my house. Fortunately, he was unable to find my pistol (I took it with me on our trip), or a suitable branch on the trees in my yard for his rope. This failure bought him just enough time to have his eyes opened.

After hitting bottom in my living room Scott began his new, sober life about the same time my wife and I moved to from Tucson to Phoenix. Back then, I had no idea what a "bottom" was or that Scott had hit his in my house. My own bottom was 2 decades and 200 miles away.

Turns out that Scott's attendance at the Area 3 convention was a last-minute decision. And, at just a few months sober, my own attendance was a bit unusual. Whether mere coincidence or divine intervention, my re-kindled friendship with Scott has become yet another gift to me from God in AA. Scott shares with me his experience, strength and hope from his years of sobriety. An old friend became a blessing to this newcomer.

Tom J., Chandler, Arizona



My name is Don. I am an alcoholic. I am also an agnostic. For someone as terminally smart as me, it's really important to admit I am 'without knowledge' – I don't 'know' God – but I have come to have faith in a Higher Power.

My early home was 'un-churched' as they say these days, but I was curious about religion. Dad was agnostic and Mom was uninterested in religion – even though her brother, my uncle was a Lutheran Pastor. At twelve, out of the blue, I asked my parents if I could attend a neighborhood church on my own. They did not discourage my spiritual exploration; in fact Dad would lead long discussions at the dinner table in which I was encouraged to think critically about faith.

By the time I reached high school, I had lost interest in organized religion. The obvious examples of the intolerance and outright cruelty of the true believers throughout history made religion seem hypocritical or worse. I declared myself an agnostic, but longed for something to give life meaning and perhaps ease Life's inevitable pain.

Alcohol was waiting to help. At 17, heartbroken by a girl's rejection, I raided my parents' liquor cabinet and had my first drink. I started drinking whiskey at 3:00 in the afternoon and crossed the invisible line by 3:30pm. My intention was to end it all. I quickly blacked out, then passed out. Ironically, this is precisely what happened again on the day, God willing, of my last drink.

Alcohol became my higher power. It was always there. When I felt anxious, which was most of the time, it made me feel comfortable. It did for me what I could not do for myself. I thought it made me eloquent, creative, and charming. I have two ex-wives who may have a different opinion. In time, alcohol also helped me become more isolated, depressed, lonely and alone. Relationships vanished.

During the second marriage, emotionally and spiritually bankrupt, I admitted myself to a hospital treatment program because I was 'exhausted'. I'd been drinking at least a quart of booze a day and on admission to the hospital the nurses said it was a good thing I decided to stop by because they were likely going to see me in the emergency room any day now.

In treatment, I was taken to my very first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. The people there were nice enough, but there was that 'God' thing, so I felt like I didn't really belong. Belief was okay for them if they needed it, but I was much too smart to need a crutch like that. As terrible as my life had gotten, I was still sure I didn't need to rely on any Supreme Being. At that time I was an agnostic with atheistic tendencies. Today, I am still an agnostic, but I lean heavily in the direction of Faith.

After treatment I stayed dry for almost two years. Predictably, without practicing the 12 Steps and without a spiritual awakening in my life, I was without defense against the first drink – I drank again - got sober again. and drank again, at one point bitterly shouting at God, "If this is how you're going to take care of me, go take care of someone else!" It would be twelve more years before I would reach for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous with the desperation with which the drowning seize life preservers. Beaten into a state of reasonableness, I finally became willing to believe in something greater than myself. Willingness, it turns out, was enough. A wise friend of mine says, "If a door is open just a little bit, the door is open!"

As I said, I am an agnostic. I am still 'without knowledge' of God – but that is what Faith is – belief without knowledge. My belief in something unseen opened the door to Faith. The simple fact is that thousands of generations of people have lived and struggled, survived plagues, famines and wars, droughts and floods, bar room brawls and family reunions – so that I could be here today. Without each of them, there would be no me; they live on in my very DNA. This ancient line of people is a power greater than myself. But I am twice blessed; grateful to that whole anonymous crowd that is responsible for my physical life, and just as grateful to that Anonymous crowd that has given me a spiritual life. I am not alone anymore.

I have come to realize that each and every one of us has our ancient crowd, our history. We are all the beloved children of a Higher Power.

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Traditions Checklist

Tradition Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?



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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

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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

ROCKY POINT ROUNDUP

DATE CORRECTION * OCTOBER 21 ~ 23
SONORAN SEA RESORT
PUERTO PENASCO MX

APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 4 ~ 6
APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RE-
SORT
APACHE LAKE AZ.



LAKE HAVASU ROUNDUP

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



YUMA ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 17 ~ 19
LOCATION TBD
YUMA, AZ

33 Years, Agua Fria Intergroup

5:30p Saturday, September 24th
BBQ
History of AFI
Speaker
8335 W Jefferson, Peoria 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

EVI DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

3:00p - 5:00p

Service committee presentations

5:30p Dinner

7:00p Speaker

805 N COUNTRY CLUB DR. MESA

MESA ROUNDUP 70'S DANCE

Saturday, October 29th
1050 S. Hobson, Mesa

Detail coming soon



2016 Area 03 Convention

September 2—4 2016
2620 W Dunlap at I17
Sheraton Crescent Hotel

Bridging the Gap

Workshop Weekend

Sept. 9 - 11, 2016
7600 E Broadway, Tucson AZ

2016 Pacific Regional Forum

Sept 30th ~ Oct 2nd
69-425 Waikoloa Beach Drive
Waikoloa HI



Name	Date	Days
Greg W.	9/10/1979.....	13515
Anne V.	9/8/1982.....	12419
Mickey A.	9/14/1984.....	11688
Barbara M.	9/27/1984.....	11688
Mary B.	9/11/1985.....	11323
Beth H.	9/29/1985.....	10957
Bob S.	9/30/1986.....	10958
David P.	9/8/1987.....	10593
David L.	9/20/1987.....	10593
Denis S.	9/21/1988.....	10227
Cliff H.	9/23/1988.....	10227
Ron S.	9/16/1989.....	9862
Guff W.	9/30/1989.....	9862
Roy B.	9/2/1991.....	9132
Frank M.	9/3/1992.....	8766
Tom A.	9/10/1995.....	7671
Michael S.	9/19/1995.....	7671
Miquelle K.	9/23/1995.....	7671
Lauren B.	9/21/1997.....	6940
Terri B.	9/12/1998.....	6575
Reid B.	9/21/1999.....	6210
Mike W.	9/22/1999.....	6210
Bill B.	9/24/2000.....	5844
Erik M.	9/16/2002.....	5114
Mike G.	9/22/2003.....	4749
Alex B.	9/13/2005.....	4018
Don D.	9/18/2006.....	3653
Aaron C.	9/24/2006.....	3653
Carol L.	9/5/2007.....	3288
Jennean H.	9/3/2008.....	2922
Jim C.	9/11/2009.....	2557
James L.	9/9/2010.....	2192
Margaret B.	9/26/2010.....	2192
Nick V.	9/28/2010.....	2192
Virgil F.	9/30/2010.....	2192
Kelly L.	9/1/2011.....	1827
Mike H.	9/8/2012.....	1456
Stacie S.	9/13/2013.....	1096
Adrian B.	9/26/2013.....	1096
Linda O.	9/18/2014.....	731
Terry F.	9/26/2014.....	731
Blair B.	9/18/2015.....	366
Mike M.	9/24/2015.....	366

Let Go and Let God

I HAD been sober around six months, and one day my daughter came to a meeting. She said, "I'm going out to visit Mom. I want you to come with me." I had not spoken to my ex-wife in over 20 years. So, I really did not know what to expect.

When we arrived at the house my ex-wife was in the yard working. When she saw me she did not speak to me. She spoke to our daughter, but the words were for me. She screamed. "I don't want to see that man. I don't want to hear anything he has to say. And if he doesn't leave my property, I'll call the police."

I left there very angry, vowing never to return. The memory of our separation and divorce returned. She had been awarded the kids, house, car, furniture and anything else of value. I was locked up in jail, could not appeal in court and received nothing.

When I returned home I called my sponsor. He said, "Just do AA and leave the rest in God's hands." He reminded me that I had made a commitment when I took the Third Step. "Let Go and Let God," he said.

My sponsor got me busy doing service work, chairing meetings, speaking and going on Twelfth Step calls with him. He was also with me as I did Steps Four through Nine.

When I'd been sober around 16 months, my youngest son called. We had talked and written to one another while he was in school, and he had now returned how to stay. He said he wanted to see me; I said OK. We met after a meeting and he said, "We are going out to visit Mom."

I told him what had transpired the last time I had seen his mother. I let him know that I was not going to go through that again. He replied, "It's OK, Dad. I talked to Mom and she said it would be OK."

I said a prayer, we left the clubhouse, and I returned to the home I once owned. I had not been inside the house for over 22 years.

Within a short period of time I found myself alone with my ex in the living room. Then something happened. Instead of an awkward silence, my mouth opened and out came Step Nine. I apologized for my past actions (never mentioning anything she had done). I asked her what I could do to atone for my past behavior.

She said, "Treat your children like a father should. And continue to do whatever it is that you're doing."

On the way home my son said, "Dad, I have prayed for a long time that one day you and Mom would just speak to one another. But I had given up. I knew how Mom was, and you were still drinking. However, When I saw you and Mom talking and laughing I knew it was a miracle and I was filled with a great happiness."

Tears of joy flowed from my eyes. I realized that God had done for me what I could not have done for myself.

Today, I still remember that day. And the countless other days over the past 15 years when all I needed to do was to "Let Go and Let God" work his miracles.

Douglas M., Covington, KY Reprinted with permission of the Grapevine Sept 2010

Let everyone sweep in front of his own door and the whole world will be clean." ~Goethe



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Things We Can Not Change

Russ D., Long time member of our Fellowship passed from this world August 16, 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

Antioch Community Church

Or

Workshops can also be done at your Group !

For more information

Call

Tamara L. (480) 827-1905

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

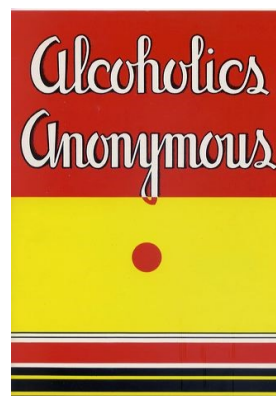
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Mary R.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 3rd— East Valley Men's

Join the Newly Re-Organized

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch 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

Antioch 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**

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

September 2 - Bootstrap Men's

October 7th— Sunset Group

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*****

Central Office Manager's Report

August 19th 2016

We received 399 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 108 calls were for meeting info, 110 were office visitors and 8 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stays busy too. It had 24,678 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic and is now listing the 24 hour hotline as our main contact number.

Service day / newsletter folding at the office had 1 dedicated attendee last month. Service Day is being held Monday the 29th this month. We'll supply the coffee and donuts. We will be sending out an email reminder for those who have volunteered to help at the office.

Please continue to encourage members to subscribe and/or renew subscriptions to the No Booze News. Not to brag but it is one of the best newsletters of this type available and is also our best tool for keeping our local members informed and connected.

The 12 step list is in need of people willing to provide the hand of A.A. for those trying to get sober. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your Home Group and encourage members to sign up for this or any service positions. The life you save may be your own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim W. Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	Aug	2016
Meeting Information Calls	108	1,057
General Information	84	605
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4	57
Referred to Al-Anon.....	9	70
Referred to Community Info.....	0	12
12th Step Calls	8	72
Business Calls	76	673
Office Visitors	110	929
Meeting lists printed.....	800	5800
Info request via E-mail	38	294
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	31/ 6/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	1340hrs	
Web Stats		
Website Visits last 30 days	27,487	YTD 164,924

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

BB Bookworms 11002 S 48th St. Ahwatukee MO-TH 6:30a BB,O
Grateful Girlfriends 20913 E Ocotillo Rd. Queen Creek TH 7:00p C,W

Changes:

Maricopa 12 X 12 **Has Moved To:** 45295 W Honeycut Ave. Maricopa

Deletions:

Maricopa Group 50881 W Papago Rd. Maricopa Canceled SA 7:00a
Road To Recovery 5640 E Main St. Mesa Canceled TH 6:45

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Example of Group Contributions to A.A.

Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that
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10% to District 10% to Area

30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup



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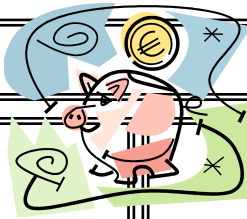
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	July	YTD
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	\$26.00	\$86.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$300.00
Before Breakfast Group		\$0.00
Bloopers	\$230.00	\$410.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$400.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego	\$180.00	\$380.00
By The Book	\$115.84	\$334.64
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$93.46	\$645.42
Chandler Women's Big Book Group	\$313.15	\$541.75
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		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$200.00	\$430.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$672.09
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group		\$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.....	\$500.00	\$2,149.84
Gilbert Gals		\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$186.33
Good Ol' Back to Basics	\$250.00	\$250.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$62.98
Cut Level		\$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		\$151.00
Life In The Big Book	\$199.85	\$777.59
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.....	\$100.00	\$400.00
New Hope Group	\$10.00	\$70.00
New Spirit Group		\$675.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$65.00
Page A Day Group	\$899.37	\$2,083.24

GROUP	July	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$94.20
Playground Solutions Group		\$0.00
Price Is Right		\$347.50
Primary Purpose BB Study.....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$124.40
Prime Time.....	\$10.00	\$40.00
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
Renewed Spirit.....		\$400.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit.....	\$143.90	\$742.32
Road To Recovery	\$277.00	\$2,681.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
Second Chance Group		\$466.55
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe.....		\$55.00
Serenity At Six.....		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$220.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$50.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$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
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones		\$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	\$175.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Kick		\$0.00
The Library		\$130.00
The Real Thing		\$9.88
The Way Out Group		\$300.00
This Simple Program.....		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$110.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$5.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$267.00
Twelvers (disbanded)		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$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 Gratitude.....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups.....	\$119.37	\$119.37
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	\$3,931.81	\$27,734.20
EVI Committees	\$113.00	\$632.45
Individual Contributions	\$211.00	\$1,920.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,255.81	\$30,287.55



BALANCE SHEET July 31, 2016

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	3,094.77
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	20,543.66
Accounts Receivable	245.95
Inventory Asset	21,503.18
Undeposited Funds	79.25

Fixed Assets

Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)

Total Assets **\$44,516.81**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	1,750.24
Payroll taxes	78.44

Total Liabilities **\$1,828.68**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	-537.28
Net Income	-553.53

Total Equity **\$42,688.13**

Total Liability & Equity **\$44,516.81**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT July 2016

21 Group contributions totaling	\$3,931.81
4 Individual contributions totaling	\$211.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$113.00

Total Contributions **\$4,255.81**

Total Income **\$7,843.60**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$2,705.82**

Gross Profit **\$5,137.78**

Less total Expenses of **\$5,309.71**

Net July Loss **-\$171.93**

YTD 2016 Loss **-\$553.63**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$20,543.66
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

Fred, a long-time AA member, let his son borrow his truck for the night.

At the next night's meeting, Sally, the group gossip & self-appointed monitor of the group's morals, accused Fred of drinking, after seeing his pickup parked in front of the town's only bar the night before. She had called other women in the group, and they went to see it too.

Fred, a man of few words, stared at her a moment, then turned & walked away.

Later that evening, Fred quietly parked his truck in front of Sally's house...walked home...and left it there all night.

**Step Nine~ Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do
so would injure them or others.**

**Tradition Nine~ A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards
or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

**Concept Nine~ Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary
world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the
trustees.**

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2016

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

12 Traditions - Dave .

INTRODUCTIONS: *Your attendance and participation is appreciated and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:** (New Reps are in **BOLD**)

Rep	Group	Rep	Group
Don B	Ahwatukee Group	Roger N	Inwardly Reorganized
Steve O	Ahwatukee Sat Mens	Lonnie M	Playground Solutions
Larry R	Basic II	Lee	Prime Time
Jamie W	Bloopers	Jeremy V	Road To Recovery
Bev M	Breakfast Club	Andrea M	Serenity Sisters
Jack B	Chandler Mens Stag	Lauren K	SNBBSS
Vida J	Chandler Womens BB	Dave K	Sunset Group
Will S	The Dr's Nightmare	Austin B	Tempe Young People
Sam N	Eastside Mens Group	Jeff B	Tuesday Trudgers
Larry C	East Valley Mens Stag	Jack B	Tumbleweeds
Andrew C	Easy Does It	Jim M	We Aint Dead Yet
Denis W	Friends of Bill	Beth H	We Agnostics
Mary R	Gilbert Group	Jeff B	Who's Driving Your Bus
Dennis M	Gold Canyon Firehouse	Regina S	Women in Gratitude
Lynn I	Into Action	Shirley L	Women in Touch

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

Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position
Gordon R	Chair		Advisor – Special Events	Roxanne	H&I Liaison
Tom N	Vice Chair	Kim	Office Manager	Marge N/P	Spanish Liaison
Ed	Treasurer	Larry N/P	Unity Chair	Aaron	DCM 08-818
Regan N/P	Secretary	Mike	PICPC Chair	Paul T	DCM 08-819
Zach	Advisor - Unity	Andrea	Special Events Chair	Jeff	Alt DCM 08-820
Barbara	Advisor Phones	Bev	No Booze News Editor	Lonnie N/P	DCMC 08
Mark	Advisor Phones		Phone Chair		

Secretary's Report: Regan G. –Not Present (Written Report in Packet) Corrections: H&I did not re-vote on computer to allow groups to participate; rather they just voted on it two times. Motion to Accept by Dennis , 2nd by Jeff – Motion Carries.**Treasurer's Report:** Ed – Written Report in Packet – Ed stated that he would be happy to come to any group to give a financial report and/or workshop on the finances. Discussion. Motion to Accept by Marge 2nd by Will, Motion Carried7th Tradition: \$92.60**Chairperson's Report:** Gordon R- Slow month - Chaired the SC Meeting and IG Business Meeting.**Vice Chair's Report:** Tom N. – Written report in packet. Tom mentioned that he is hearing discussion in meetings about putting more than 1 buck in the basket. State Convention is Labor Day Weekend. Please register in Advance.**Office Managers Report:** Kim W. – Written Report in Packet.**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PICPC – Mike –** Written Report in Packet**Special Events: Andrea –** Great participation at the Bowlathon! Broke even or perhaps made a little bit. Monthly Speaker meeting 1st Friday of each month right here! Needs Support. Day of Service is October 22nd. Special Events Committee Needs Support. Meet at 5:30 right here before Intergroup Meeting.

Phone Committee: Tamara L. – Phones are covered. One year commitment is up this month and we are looking for someone to step up and take over the phones!

Unity Committee: Larry S. – Not Present – Zach gave report. Everyone invited to be part of committee! Plan ways to create more unity in the East Valley Intergroup!

Sponsorship Workshop: Mary - Looking for a group to volunteer to host the 11/5/2016 Workshop.

Mary –Newsletter Editor – Bev W. – No Booze News (NBN) is now available on the aamesaaz.org website! Always looking for local articles, stories, jokes, and group history's, etc. from members for the No Booze New. Please call or email Bev! Get a subscription for just \$12 per year and have it delivered to your door!

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Lee – Speaker Meeting on 8/27 at Saint Lutheran in Mesa at 7pm. Babysitting provided.

H&I Liaison: Roxanne – Report in Packet or at www.vvwhi.org.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Nothing to Report.

Sub District 08-818: Aaron. – Encourages group reps to get involved in service. Discussion about creating a safety pamphlet. Meets 2nd Tues at Bloopers at 7pm.

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Eatin' Greetin' Speakin Meetin on 10/15/16 4pm at Courage to Change 805 N Country Club. District Meets 2nd Thurs at Gilbert Presbyterian church at 7pm.

Sub District 08-820: Jeff – Flyers available for upcoming Sub-District event. Committee Meets 1st Monday of each month.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark B elected to Steering Committee as Advisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections coming up in December for Chairperson, Treasurer, 2 Advisors. Also need to appoint Phone Coordinator, Sponsorship Workshop Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator and PI/CPC Chair. If interested in serving your East Valley Intergroup contact Gordon, Chairperson or Kim W., Office Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Group Problems & Solutions:

Motion to close made by somebody and 2nd seconded by everybody. Motion Carried.

Close Meeting: Statement of Responsibility and Lord's Prayer

Thank you to Roxanne for taking the minutes in my absence.

Regan G ~ Secretary



What's an AA Group?

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The group conscience of AA in the U.S. and Canada seems to have agreed upon six points that define an AA group:

- 1) All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.
- 2) As a group, they are fully self-supporting.
- 3) A group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.
- 4) As a group, they have no outside affiliation.
- 5) As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.
- 6) As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the level of press,

Former Trustee-at-Large Dean R. presented the following talk on Tradition Nine at a 1998 General Sharing Session

It is impossible to contemplate that AA, as such, ought never be organized, but when we create service boards and committees directly responsible for those they serve, there are really no rules and no laws; services provided are dictated by the needs of others.

The opening line of Tradition Nine, as reflected in the writings of Bill W. in an August 1948 Grapevine editorial, sets forth: "The least possible organization, that's our universal ideal. No fees, no dues, no rules imposed on anybody."

This statement and definition of Tradition Nine would lead us to believe that AA was operating in anarchy. We all know that is not true. The impossible contradiction works--AA as a whole should never be organized at all. But we proceeded to set up a Conference of recognized and identified areas in 1951 and proceeded to create boards and committees to assist in providing services to alcoholics and AA groups world wide.

It was explained early in my service experience that AA was the most unorganized, organized Fellowship that ever existed, and so it is.

With our informed group conscience, we have throughout the history of AA been able to weather discord and negativism because of our firm commitment to unity, with the underlying knowledge that failure to maintain unity, and pursuing an unsafe course of AA, will lead to its demise and ultimately to the jeopardy of our individual sobriety.

While we do not recognize and have resisted, sometimes violently, the idea of any type of general organization efforts that would hinge on government, we have resolutely and persistently insisted upon organizing special services to assist members of our Fellowship to be more effective and available to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

The general services that AA provides at the group, district and area level, as well as at the General Service Office, are carried out without authority to order any AA member or group, as they are autonomous.

We make suggestions based on shared experience. We recognize that we cannot dictate to fellow members individually or collectively, and choose not to do so.

AA is truly a society without organization as such; sacrifice is the basis of service, and founded on the spiritual principles, AA is a true Fellowship, with only one purpose--to carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic.

The good will of our Fellowship that we enjoy throughout the world in large measure is directly due to services that we provide through our service structure. May each of us continue to sacrifice in following the spiritual principles and maintaining those principles over personalities and may we continue to carry the spiritual message that was freely given to us so that we may freely pass the AA message on to the suffering alcoholic.

Dean R.

El Reno, OK

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**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