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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

The Beauty of Tradition Ten—Outside Debates Stay Outside

Sobriety in AA is the first thing in my life that has really worked. I'm especially grateful for Tradition Ten, where it is suggested that AA groups never get involved in the messy business of debating outside issues. The wonderful "extra" implied by this Tradition is that I, as an individual recovering alcoholic, am free to simply enjoy sobriety in AA, without having to defend my position on any outside issue.

You see, I grew up in the sixties. I lived with my parents (one alcoholic, one social drinker) who were closely associated with a small, left-wing, private college in the Northeast. It was a school where expressing your opinions in public was very important. On campus, where I hung out as a 13-year-old, I heard lots of angry rhetoric about Vietnam, civil rights, and a lot else. My parents brought the same kind of political anger home with them, and challenged me to come up with informed positions on the same issues. I was only an eighth grader, but I was expected to engage in adult-style discussions. If I didn't have an opinion on the issue at hand, I was considered a failure or a nonthinker.

Looking back, it was probably great training for a future alcoholic. I got very good at hiding the things I was truly ashamed of (especially the amount I drank), using a smoke screen of vaguely directed political opinion.

As my disease progressed, I was often broke, unemployed, hungover, and in need of a place to stay. Usually, my parents would take me in, and for months at a time I'd live at home, trying to get my act together. Deep down inside I knew I was sick and crazy from booze. But at the time, dealing with it was too frightening. It was easier to engage my parents in a petty debate over some global issue beyond our control than to draw attention to the real reason I was out of work.

Today, I'm sober and grateful for what it was like, what happened, and what it's like now. I'm even grateful to my parents, who put up with me as an active alcoholic. But I'm especially grateful to the alcoholics who founded this Fellowship and gave us the guidelines by which we run our groups. Tradition Ten frees AAs to concentrate on what we have in common—recovery, unity, service—rather than waste time debating outside issues.

Matt F., Brooklyn, N.Y. Reprinted with permission of the Grapevine Oct 2012



An exciting time was had at the Arizona State Convention this year. District 08 did a spectacular job hosting the event with great speakers, long timers and workshops. Of particular fun was an AA rendition of Jeopardy. Categories of “Steps, Traditions, Trivia, Big Book & World Service” with various levels of difficulty were in play. Three rounds of 3 players each with the winner of each round going to the championship.

The game took off like a herd of turtles and the first round ended in a tie. Not to worry though, a one question playoff settled the score. The minds were melting down, sweat was pouring out as round 2 finished in a flash. As more people came into the room, the competition elevated and the 3rd round was as rough as a barbed wire bathtub.

Finally, the championship round, which was comprised of the winners from the 3 previous rounds, was underway. The big dogs were in the hunt and much to our surprise, all of them were from the east valley. The “CHAMPION” was awarded a 1 year subscription to the grapevine.

The game was fun and educational. If you ever have the chance to play it or to watch it, do so. But remember. Them thar questions might seem easy, but when you are under the bright lights and on a timer, ain’t nothin’ simple.



-Anonymous

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really *is* an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion”?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?



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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

OCTOBER 21 ~ 23
SONORAN SEA RESORT
PUERTO PENASCO MX

LAKE PLEASANT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 28 ~ 30
LAKE PLEASANT AZ

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

08-819 Eat N Greet Speaker Meeting

5pm to 9pm October 15, 2016
805 N Country Club Dr. Mesa
Please bring a dish to share.

08-820 Qtrly Potluck and Speaker Mtg

5:30pm to 8:30pm
Saturday, October 22, 2016
1050 W Superstition Blvd. AJ

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

MONSTER MASH DANCE

Saturday, October 29th

15 West 1st Ave, Mesa AZ 85210

5:30 Eat, Meet & Greet—\$5 Food

7:00 Speaker—Mr. Terry M.

Costume Contest for Kids & Adults

8:00—DJ Ronstro \$5 donation

50/50 Raffle & Prizes

GET IT TOGETHER'S FALL PICNIC

11am to 5pm Sunday, October 9th

660 N Desert Breeze Park, Chandler

Mesquite Pavillion (SW corner)

Bring a dish to share!

Area 03 November Assembly

Saturday, November 5th 2016

34605 N Scottsdale Rd.





Name	Date	Days
Dick Y.	10/3/1973.....	15706
Thomas S.	10/17/1981.....	12786
Larry R.	10/3/1983.....	12054
Pat S.	10/6/1983.....	12054
Lenay L.	10/7/1984.....	11688
George D.	10/20/1984.....	11688
Louise G.	10/25/1984.....	11688
Shap W.	10/18/1985.....	11323
Harry L.	10/28/1985.....	11323
Jim S.	10/10/1986.....	10958
Lynne S.	10/20/1986.....	10958
BJ W.	10/27/1986.....	10958
Pat P.	10/18/1987.....	10593
Shirley B.	10/8/1988.....	10227
Michael C.	10/31/1988.....	10227
George P.	10/2/1992.....	8766
Denis W.	10/26/1992.....	8766
John S.	10/24/1994.....	8036
Lucy W.	10/11/1995.....	7671
Juanita A.	10/28/1995.....	7671
Lisa B.	10/13/1997.....	6940
Dave H.	10/14/1998.....	6575
Gordon R.	10/17/1998.....	6575
Dennis R.	10/23/1998.....	6575
Dan D.	10/18/1999.....	6210
Rebecka L.	10/5/2000.....	5844
Dana T.	10/16/2000.....	5844
Cheryl Z.	10/28/2000.....	5844
Bruce S.	10/20/2001.....	5479
Danny S.	10/22/2001.....	5479
Judy O.	10/4/2003.....	4749
Mike P.	10/9/2003.....	4749
Victor V.	10/14/2004.....	4383
Kristina F.	10/23/2004.....	4383
Shelby T.	10/1/2005.....	4018
Archie T.	10/10/2006.....	3653
Erica M.	10/12/2006.....	3653
Katie S.	10/8/2008.....	2922
Robert S.	10/13/2008.....	2922
William W.	10/19/2008.....	2922
Nathan U.	10/20/1008.....	2922
Sherry B.	10/21/2008.....	2922
Vida J.	10/17/2009.....	2557
Michael S.	10/18/2009.....	2557
Melanie C.	10/19/2009.....	2557
Peggy J.	10/23/2009.....	2557
Skip P.	10/10/2010.....	2192
Adrian M.	10/21/2010.....	2192
Jerry C.	10/25/2010.....	2192
Claire C.	10/27/2010.....	2192
Jeff K.	10/27/2010.....	2192
April T.	10/28/2010.....	2192
Ron N.	10/21/2011.....	1827
Sasha M.	10/2/2012.....	1461
Peggy K.	10/21/2012.....	1461
Gussie O.	10/27/2012.....	1461
Paul B.	10/1/2013.....	1096
Sue H.	10/8/2013.....	1096
Jack B.	10/10/2013.....	1096
Seamus O.	10/16/2015.....	366
Adam K.	10/19/2015.....	366
Angie G.	10/29/2015.....	366

Usefully Whole

I believe there is a correlation between my peace of mind and my efforts at Step Twelve. If peace and serenity are what I am seeking, what is it I am willing to do? The destruction of self comes at a price. I have to participate in my own recovery through prayer, through self-sacrifice and through service to others. Perhaps the heart of Step Twelve is the word "tried." For nearly each problem presented in the Big Book, a solution is also given. Trust God. Clean house. Help others. These are our mantras. Repeatedly in my sobriety, when I have tried to carry the message of AA to another suffering alcoholic, sober or drunk, I have been amazingly lifted up. Perhaps it is because I am aligning myself with a mission of service or purpose, as outlined by those who came before me. Early on in my sobriety, I was sponsored into service. What was made clear to me was that my wanting to do what was being asked was not required. These actions of AA saved me numerous times when the demons of my mind began to attack me, to tear me down and keep me small.

When I came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, I did not have much to give and less of anything anyone wanted. Rotten was going out and rotten was coming back. The seeds I was sowing were those of selfishness, resentment, fear and dishonesty. My thoughts were either on yesterday, which often led to "pitiful and incomprehensible demoralization," or tomorrow, which often meant fear. One analogy I connected with early on in sobriety was that of the orange. What comes out of an orange when we squeeze it? Why, orange juice, of course. And the reason orange juice comes out is because that is what is inside. It does not matter if I smash it with my hands or a hammer, squeeze it into a vise, cut it open with a knife, or drive over it with my car--orange juice comes out because that is what is inside. And so it is with me. If I am reacting with fear, selfishness, resentment and dishonesty, it is because that is what is inside me. It has nothing to do with what is outside of me, and everything to do with what is inside of me. Amazingly, as I tried to practice the principles of our program, what began to flow from me were courage, other-centeredness, love and honesty. Ultimately, I began to feel usefully whole, as is promised. Our twelfth suggestion is all about showing up. We get to try to carry this message with another alcoholic. We get the "privilege" of working with others. For me, it meant the difference between a good life and a great life.

Mark S.

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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.

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.

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

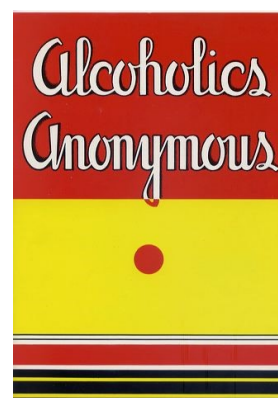
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Mary R.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

November 2nd ~ 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.

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.

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting*1st Friday of Every Month***Meeting Now At 7:30pm**

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

October 7th— Sunset Group

November 4th - Gilbert Gals

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.

480-834-9033

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

Central Office Manager's Report

September 16, 2016

We received 505 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 146 calls were for meeting info, 142 were office visitors and 10 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stays busy too. It had 24,832 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for July were 6,773 views, 64 map directions and 53 calls.

Service day / newsletter folding at the office last month again had 1 lonely, dedicated attendee. Service Day is being held Tuesday the 27th 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	146	1,203
General Information	95	700
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	8	65
Referred to Al-Anon	11	81
Referred to Community Info	0	12
12th Step Calls	10	82
Business Calls	93	766
Office Visitors	142	1071
Meeting lists printed	800	6600
Info request via E-mail	42	336
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	31/ 6/ 2	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD	1500 hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 24,832 YTD 189,756
Google Searches last 30 days 6,773

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Sip of Life	749 W 2nd St. Mesa	MO	6:30p	G,O
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
Putting God First **Has Moved To:** Bldg B 2540 W Baseline, Mesa

Deletions:

Road To Recovery 5640 E Main St. Mesa Canceled TH 6:45

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Mesa, AZ 85277

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Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
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Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
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Mesa, AZ 85277

District 08 (Maricopa County)
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Phoenix, AZ 85064

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

Example of Group Contributions to A.A.

Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities

10% to District 10% to Area

30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup



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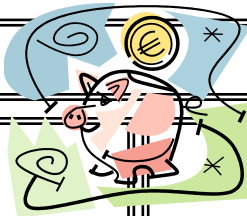
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	Aug	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$63.00	\$138.00
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	\$100.00	\$150.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group	\$113.24	\$113.24
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,000.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$239.37	\$672.75
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$296.80
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$350.00	\$950.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$75.60
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$86.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$300.00
Before Breakfast Group		\$0.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$440.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$400.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego	\$120.00	\$500.00
By The Book		\$334.64
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$88.66	\$734.08
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$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		\$430.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$760.96
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group		\$100.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions	\$230.00	\$230.00
Firehouse Meeting	\$50.00	\$110.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$250.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$120.00
Get It Together	\$941.96	\$3,091.80
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	\$30.00	\$30.00
Keep It Simple		\$110.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$151.00
Life In The Big Book		\$777.59
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$60.00
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		\$400.00
New Hope Group	\$10.00	\$80.00
New Spirit Group		\$675.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$65.00
Page A Day Group		\$2,083.24

GROUP	Aug	YTD
Pioneer Group	\$100.00	\$194.20
Playground Solutions Group		\$0.00
Price Is Right	\$110.00	\$457.50
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$124.40
Prime Time	\$10.00	\$50.00
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	\$200.00	\$600.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$742.32
Road To Recovery	\$969.55	\$3,650.55
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	\$115.00	\$525.00
Sunday Morning Reflections		\$0.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$203.63
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$205.00
Sunset Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe High Noon		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$200.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Kick		\$0.00
The Library		\$130.00
The Real Thing		\$9.88
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$400.00
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	\$40.00	\$65.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$50.00
Wolf Pack Group	\$150.00	\$150.00
Women in Gratitude	\$50.00	\$200.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$236.92
OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES		
Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
SWACYPAA		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$4,894.65	\$32,628.85
EVI Committees	\$117.60	\$750.05
Individual Contributions	\$397.00	\$2,317.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$5,409.25	\$35,696.80



BALANCE SHEET August 31, 2016

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	4,799.12
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	20,545.40
Accounts Receivable	4.40
Inventory Asset	20,474.33
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$45,873.25**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	-7.00
Visa Credit Card	1,432.70
Payroll taxes	156.88

Total Liabilities **\$1,582.58**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	-537.28
Net Income	1,049.01

Total Equity **\$44,290.67**

Total Liability & Equity **\$45,873.25**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT August 2016

31 Group contributions totaling	\$4,894.65
3 Individual contributions totaling	\$397.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$117.60
Total Contributions	\$5,409.25
Total Income	\$10,771.54
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$3,172.35
Gross Profit	\$7,599.19
Less total Expenses of	\$5,996.65
<u>Net Aug. Profit</u>	\$1,602.54
<u>YTD 2016 Profit</u>	\$1,105.39

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$20,545.40
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

"Alcoholics Anonymous does not work in theory --It only works in practice!"



Step Ten~ Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten~ Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept Ten~ Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2016

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

12 Traditions - Ed.

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

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

Rep	Group
Don B	Awhatukee Group
Jamie W	Bloopers
Charlie	Bootstrap Men's
Bev M	Breakfast Club
Dorian	Breakfast Club Alternate
Katy	By The Book Alternate
Sam N	Eastside Men's Group
Larry C	East Valley Men's Stag
Pam	Easy Does It
Denis W	Friends of Bill
Deana	Life in The Big Book

Rep	Group
Peg	Not a Glum Lot
Lonnie	Page A Day
Anne	Price is Right
Lee	Prime Time
Cassie	Prime Time Alternate
Jeremy V	Road To Recovery
Leslea	Serenity Sisters
Brandon	Sip of Life
Beth Ann	Sisterhood of Solutions
Lauren K	SNBBSS
Peg	Spirited Women

Rep	Group
Kim	Step By Step
Dave K	Sunset Group
Jeff B	Tuesday Trudgers
Jack B	Tumbleweeds
Jim M	We Aint Dead Yet
Beth H	We Agnostics
Jeff P	Welcome Home Alternate
Jeff B	Who's Driving Your Bus
John	Wolfpack
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
Mark	Advisor PICPC

Name	Service Position
Brad N/P	Advisor – Special Events
Kim	Office Manager
Larry	Unity Chair
Mike	PICPC Chair
Andrea	Special Events Chair
Bev	No Booze News Editor
Tamara N/P	Phone Chair

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

Secretary's Report: Regan G. –Thank you to Roxanne for taking minutes last month. Will be out of the country during the October meeting. Tom N agreed to take/or arrange for the minutes to be taken in my absence. Previous SC and IGR Minutes in Packet - Motion to Accept by Dennis , 2nd by Ken – Motion Carries.

Treasurer's Report: Ed – Written Report in Packet – Motion to Accept by 2nd by Deb, Motion Carried

7th Tradition: \$84.60

Chairperson's Report: Gordon R- Chaired Steering Committee and Intergroup meetings.

Vice Chair's Report: Tom N. – Written Report in Packet.

Office Managers Report: Kim W. – Written Report in Packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC – Mike – Written Report in Packet.

Special Events: Andrea – Meet at 5:30 right here before Intergroup Meeting. We had generous fellowship members donate all the raffle prizes – 50/50 winner donated the money back to the EVI. Day of service is coming up on 10/22. Need a volunteer group to handle trash for the day. Also passing around Thanksgiving Alcolthon sign-up sheet. 4 hour time slots – there are only 12 slots so sign up before they are all gone! Working on selecting the final location. We will have flyer soon! Monthly speaker meeting for January 2017 is available. Committee would love support! Meets at 6:00 3rd Friday of each month. Also need someone to host Sponsorship Workshop on Day of Service.

Phone Committee: Tamara L. – Not Present – Barbara gave report. Calendar is full. Transfer of responsibilities to the new phone committee chair is in progress.

Unity Committee: Larry S. – Committee meets here at 6:15 – purpose is to invite groups to come and participate. We had 3 members tonight. Attended 4 meetings this month. Anyone who is willing can get a list and hit some groups and give them an invite card! Also, groups that requested intergroup officers to visit their groups, we officer are working through the list!

Sponsorship Workshop: Mary – Last meeting was the weekend of Labor Day and Mary sort of forgot. Amends given and she is willing to come back to that group. Next one is November 2nd at East Valley Men's group. Also has a couple members interested in stepping up to fill the Sponsorship workshop Chair position.

Newsletter Editor – Bev W. – No Booze News (NBN) is available on the aamesaaz.org website! Thanks to everyone who has submitted articles!!! We are 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 – for Alanon Convention to be held on July 14 – 16 2017 at Sheraton Crescent Hotel. Family Recovery Night is on Sept 24th at St Peter's Lutheran in Mesa at 5pm. Saturday 9/17 is Art of Recovery Expo. Alanon Business Meeting is day before the Family Recovery Night.

H&I Liaison: Roxanne – Report at www.vvwhi.org. The H&I Awareness Day will be November 12th, at the Rio Vista Community Park in Peoria. Tickets will be available at next month's meeting, they will also be available online for purchase. The laptop purchased by H&I, is now being utilized by the Secretary. The Proposed By-Laws, for H&I, were presented. Copies were provided for the Reps to take back to their home groups. We will be voting on them next month. The Treasurer provided a verbal report and a ledger of group contributions. He reported, "We are doing really well." Aurora in Tempe is looking for another meeting, please call Aaron B. Men are still needed to carry the message into MCSO's 4th Avenue Jail, in Downtown Phoenix. The Spanish Intergroup's next Day in The Park is October 2nd, at 43rd Avenue and Encanto. It literally starts at 6am with Menudo. There will be a soccer tournament later in the day, food, and other activities. The Spanish Intergroup is having their Spanish H&I Event November 20th, at 2pm, @ 3530 North 32nd Street, Phoenix, 85018. Please don't hesitate to call me with a questions or concerns. Gratefully yours, in Service, Roxanne

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Not Present but report in packet!

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

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Oct 15th Eatin Greetin Meetin at 1st Christian Church 805 N. Country Club at 4pm. Pulled Pork and Loaded Baked Potato salad. Speaker and Panel. Hosted by Easy Does It. 50/50 Raffle. Pot Luck – Main dish provided, bring sides!

Sub District 08-820: Jeff -Not Present –Committee Meets 1st Monday of each month.

OLD BUSINESS

Elections coming up in December for 4 positions: Chairperson, Treasurer, Advisor to Special Events and Advisor to Unity Committee. If interested in serving or nominating someone, submit a nomination form to EVI.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review 2017 Budget – Discussion. Questions about Phone and Internet. Ed will be happy to visit your home group to give a budget/finance presentation. Budget To be voted on in November

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunset Group is hosting the next EVI Speaker Meeting on the 1st Friday of the month!

October 22 Sub Dist. 820 holding Quarterly Pot Lock at Christ Lutheran Church in AJ at 5:30

Mesa Alano 40th Anniversary Party tomorrow – Food Chili Cook-off at 11:00

Mesa Round up Halloween Dance on Oct 29 at LDS Church

GIT Oct 9th Annual Fall Picnic at Desert Breeze 10am to 5pm.

AA Sip of Life meeting Monday at 6:30 would like support.

Easy Does It 36th Anniversary on Sept 24th 10am to 5pm at Easy Does It. Speaker Meetings, 50/50 Games, Food \$3 to attend.

Trail to Serenity Nov 4, 5, 6 Free!! \$15 per car for camping. \$25 meal tickets 2 breakfast and dinner on Sat!

Group Problems & Solutions: No Problems, No solutions!

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

Close Meeting: 8:15ish Statement of Responsibility and Lord's Prayer

Thank goodness for Halloween, all of a sudden, cobwebs in my house are decorations!

Step 10 - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

If it weren't for working the Steps on a daily basis, I don't think I could live life on life's terms. The one Step that has made a dramatic impact on my life is Step Ten. I am one of those alcoholics who has a hard time admitting that she is wr--. I even have trouble saying or typing the word. I know I'm not alone. Anyway, I used to hate this Step.

I had a particularly bad relationship with my older daughter. We screamed at each other a lot. I kept doing or saying mean, hateful things. Then I'd talk to my sponsor and snivel and whine about making amends. I hated to make amends to that kid. I'd rather scrub toilets with a toothbrush than make amends to her. When I did, she'd look at me with that MTV look (the one that says "If I cared at all, I'd hate you") and say, "It's about time." She was nasty and hateful and mean and spiteful. *Quack, quack, quack.*

I'd try to justify my behavior to my sponsor, so I wouldn't have to make amends. One day, my sponsor suggested that if I hated making amends so much, maybe I could try not to do the things I had to make amends for--i.e., why didn't I change my behavior? What a concept! She suggested that I practice restraint of tongue and pen.

I took my sponsor's suggestions. I worked really hard at changing my behavior. I knew it wouldn't change anything because my daughter was still mean, hateful, and spiteful, but at least I wouldn't have to make amends to her.

Well, as you've probably guessed, a remarkable thing occurred: not only did I not have to make amends, but she became less mean, less spiteful, less hateful. In fact, she started being nice. It even occurred to me that maybe it wasn't all her fault that we didn't get along. Whoa, Nelly!

Today, my daughter and I have a wonderful relationship. She talks to me about her life, her loves, her problems. I owe this relationship to the Tenth Step. If I hadn't hated making amends so much, I might not have been willing to change my behavior.

I have found similar results in all of my relationships. Over the years, I have tried to keep my behavior below amends level because I hate making amends. As a result, I act differently. And as a result of that, people respond differently. It's amazing.

-- Nancy H.

Lake Forest, California



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. THANKS!