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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

## Time Will Tell

He's grateful the Third Tradition gave him the freedom to find his place

*Tradition Three: The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

There was a time in my early recovery when everything was perfect— no resentments, no hostility, no personality was too much for me, I was just happy to be sober. The Living Sober group in the Great Utah Valley met every day at noon and a few nights a week. It was an oasis to my dreary eyes. Things couldn't have started to get better fast enough. But then the tough question was asked: Am I an alcoholic?

Some people will tell you that they knew they were alcoholic long before they came into the program. Not me; I thought I struggled with drug addiction mainly. At 16 my drinking career slowed way down when drugs took over my life, so much so that I couldn't waste my time with just alcohol. Life was spiraling out of control, consequences became too much. I had to find relief somewhere.

AA is where I found it. So I figured I would just claim I was alcoholic even though I wasn't convinced. All I knew was that it is better to be sober than to be loaded, and if I had to say I was an alien from Pluto I would have said it. You people were helping me in a way no one ever had.

There were some old-timers who would say, "Alcoholics Anonymous is for alcoholics only." My heart would sink to my feet when I heard that.

Once again I started to feel like an intruder, my membership status a charade. What happens when they find me out? Am I welcome?

Then one day I finally came to the conclusion that I was in fact an alcoholic.

I have a good friend who used to say "I caught alcoholism through my ears." That was true for me too. I listened and heard my story told by people who said they were alcoholics. They looked just like me, they talked just like me, and the way they felt was the way I felt too.

Looking back at my past, I saw what the Big Book calls countless vain attempts to prove I was a normal drinker. Drugging was just another vain attempt for me.

In all fairness, not all the old-timers were bent on challenging my alcoholism. Most were loving, kind and tolerant through my "alcoholic/addict" phase, giving me the time I needed to find out for myself what I am—a grateful alcoholic.

I'm now approaching four years in AA, and I often pause and ask myself: Am I giving that confused newcomer a chance to figure it out? Am I so caught up in making sure that the Third Tradition is upheld that I'm trampling the others? What right do I have to decide for another whether they're alcoholic or not? Is it not their call only? Do I remember my responsibility?

Thank you for giving me a chance to figure it out.

Thank you for telling me to keep coming back.

Thank you for loving me when I didn't have the capacity to love myself.

Thank you for showing me how to be responsible, when all I knew how to do was create chaos and pain.

And I thank you for being an alcoholic—just like me.

—Anonymous

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MANY TIMES at AA meetings, we hear: "What are sponsors?"; "Are they important?"; "How can I get one?"; "I don't need a sponsor--the group is my sponsor."

It is my personal opinion that sponsorship is vastly underrated. The Big Book says, "We must be entirely honest with somebody if we expect to live long or happily in this world." For me, that somebody is a sponsor.

When looking at the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, we see over one million people united through a common solution for the insidious disease called alcoholism. This common solution was discovered back in 1935 and has been *handed down*. The foundation of our Fellowship is sharing one's personal experience with another. The miracle is that when we help others, we are helping ourselves and are enriched beyond measure--by our own sobriety.

When I came to AA--my last chance to get off an elevator heading straight down--the first thing I did was try to deny that I belonged. I was confused and apprehensive and had lots of questions. I was crippled with another disease that kills alcoholics by the thousands: "terminal uniqueness." I thought I was different.

I discovered my disease of alcoholism in a treatment center. What I needed then was recovery through AA, but I didn't know that. It took me a year and a half to get to Alcoholics Anonymous. Alcoholics try to live by self-propulsion. It takes a while before we are "beaten into a state of reasonableness."

Fortunately, I came to AA meetings long enough that I came to. I saw. I witnessed the miracle. I came to believe. The next step was all God's doing: I wanted to be just like you!

I picked out a sponsor who had reasonable sobriety, seven years, and was walking the walk. He told me, "Come follow me. I'll show you how to . . ." I learned that sponsors are people with open minds, who *suggest* things to their "sponsees" or "pigeons." They show us by example. They are not a means to an end, but a means to a beginning. They teach us how to participate in our own recovery by participating in life. They are a bridge to other members. Sponsors show us a picture of the whole of AA, beyond the meetings. They teach us about the Three Legacies. Sure, the First is Recovery--the Twelve Steps; but we must also keep this thing together--Unity, the Twelve Traditions; and we must carry the message--the Third Legacy, Service, guided by the Twelve Concepts.

The AA pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" states, "Experience shows clearly that the members getting the most out of the AA program, and the groups doing the best job of carrying the AA message to still-suffering alcoholics, are those for whom sponsorship is too important to be left to chance."

Sponsorship is a bridge to trusting the human race, the very race we once resigned from. In learning to trust, we are strengthening our sobriety. And the benefit goes two ways. The Big Book best explains this: "Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics." Or, to quote a friend and longtime AA member: "A man is no fool to give away something he cannot keep in order to get something he cannot lose."

—M. S. Grand Island, Nebraska

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### Traditions Checklist



***Tradition Three: The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking.***

- 1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?***
- 2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?***
- 3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?***
- 4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?***
- 5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of you?***
- 6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud) does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic***

## EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!!

Subscriptions are only \$12 a year...we'd love your support!!!



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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](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)

[www.aamesaaz.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

##### 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP**

MARCH 10 ~ 12

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK

PEORIA, AZ



**EASY DOES IT CAMPOUT**

MARCH 16 ~ 20

GRAPEVINE GROUP SITE

ROOSEVELT LAKE AZ

**VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP**

APRIL 7 ~ 9

800 E CHERRY ST.

COTTONWOOD AZ

**TRI-STATE ROUNDUP**

MAY 18 ~ 21

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV



**Meal and a Message**

Saturday, April 29th

5:30pm to 10:00pm

Speaker will be Deb H. from Akron OH

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ

(Love of Christ Church)

Tickets are \$15 each and are required to attend.

No tickets sold at the door.

**EVI 38th Anniversary**

Dinner and Speaker

5:30pm Saturday, March 18th, 2017

*Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church*

*2716 N. Dobson Rd. Chandler, AZ 85224*

*Tickets are \$20 each. Available from your*

*Intergroup rep or at the Central Office.*

*Service opportunities available.*

**Monthly Campfire Meeting**

Last Saturday of the Month @7:30pm

2757 E Guadalupe Rd.

Gilbert AZ

Riparian Preserve and Water Park  
(take Cattail Crawl Trail to Honey Bee



**Area 03 Corrections Conference**

5:30pm - 9:00pm Friday May 5th

8:30am - 4:30pm Saturday May 6th

3539 E Stanford Dr.

Paradise Valley AZ

(Gloria Die Lutheran Church)

**AREA 03 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

MARCH 31—APRIL 2, 2017

1175 HISTORIC ROUTE 66, FLAGSTAFF AZ

(DOUBLE TREE BY HILTON)

**AREA 03 POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

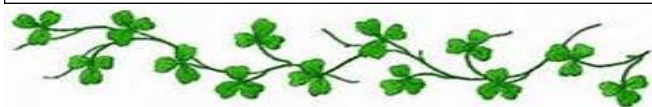
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

12684 GILA BEND HWY

(FRANCISCO GRANDE)



Name	Date	Days
Murphy C.	3/7/1964	19358
Blair P.	3/13/1980	13514
Dave B.	3/5/1981	13149
George C.	3/5/1981	13149
Mike B.	3/6/1982	12784
Howard C.	3/7/1983	12419
Michael S.	3/4/1985	11688
Edward C.	3/15/1985	11688
Linda C.	3/18/1987	10958
Jeff L.	3/15/1988	10592
Dennis H.	3/18/1988	10592
Jim D.	3/1/1989	10227
Michael D.	3/21/1990	9862
Gabrielle C.	3/9/1991	9497
Joyce G.	3/7/1992	9131
Tracy N.	3/17/1992	9131
Kate H.	3/27/1994	8401
Suzann B.	3/18/1996	7670
Bill J.	3/15/1997	7670
Ramona B.	3/31/1996	7670
Rose D.	3/15/1997	7305
Eddie Y.	3/5/1998	6940
Chris M.	3/9/2000	6209
Aron S.	3/27/2001	5816
Melissa M.	3/27/2001	5816
Gail B.	3/7/2002	5479
Laura S.	3/11/2002	5479
Michael S.	3/25/2002	5479
Shauna R.	3/19/2003	5114
Susan S.	3/24/2004	4748
Traci W.	3/28/2005	4383
Sydney V.	3/25/2006	4018
Richard C.	3/11/2007	3653
Kristin A.	3/20/2007	3653
Kira N.	3/24/2007	3653
Kristina M.	3/3/2008	3287
Liz V.	3/1/2009	2922
Tom S.	3/1/2010	2557
Marge M.	3/18/2011	2192
Deborah C.	3/21/2011	2192
Marissa S.	3/25/2011	2192
Linzy Z.	3/2/2013	1461
Rob K.	3/10/2014	1096
Theresa C.	3/15/2015	731
Beth M.	3/29/2015	731



### Things We Can Not Change

*Mel B from Toledo Ohio was the second oldest living member of our fellowship. He attained sobriety April Fifteenth, 1950 and passed from this world February Eighteenth, 2017.*

*His life touched many and he will be missed.*

## Alcoholic Anonymous — Origins

The origins of Alcoholics Anonymous can be traced to the Oxford Group, a religious movement popular in the United States and Europe in the early 20th century. Members of the Oxford Group practiced a formula of self-improvement by performing self-inventory, admitting wrongs, making amends, using prayer and meditation, and carrying the message to others.

In the early 1930s, a well-to-do Rhode Islander, Rowland H., visited the noted Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung for help with his alcoholism. Jung determined that Rowland's case was medically hopeless, and that he could only find relief through a vital spiritual experience. Jung directed him to the Oxford Group.

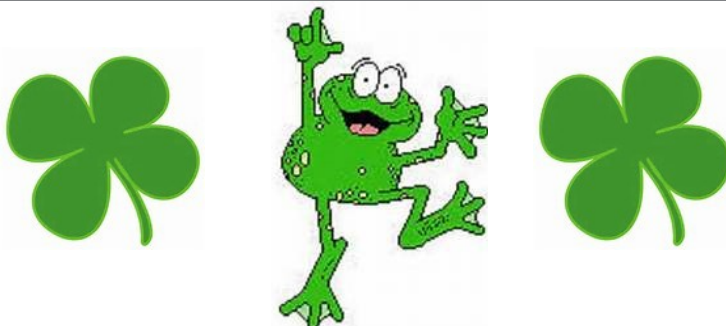
Rowland later introduced fellow Vermonter Edwin ("Ebby") T. to the group, and the two men along with several others were finally able to keep from drinking by practicing the Oxford Group principles.

One of Ebby's schoolmate friends from Vermont, and a drinking buddy, was Bill W. Ebby sought out his old friend at his home at 182 Clinton Street in Brooklyn, New York, to carry the message of hope.

Bill W. had been a golden boy on Wall Street, enjoying success and power as a stockbroker, but his promising career had been ruined by continuous and chronic alcoholism. Now, approaching 39 years of age, he was learning that his problem was hopeless, progressive, and irreversible. He had sought medical treatment at Towns Hospital in Manhattan, but he was still drinking.

Bill was, at first, unconvinced by Ebby's story of transformation and the claims of the Oxford Group. But in December 1934, after again landing in Towns hospital for treatment, Bill underwent a powerful spiritual experience unlike any he had ever known. His depression and despair were lifted, and he felt free and at peace. Bill stopped drinking, and worked the rest of his life to bring that freedom and peace to other alcoholics. The roots of Alcoholics Anonymous were planted.

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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:

New Chair Coming Soon

**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 Sam N.

**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

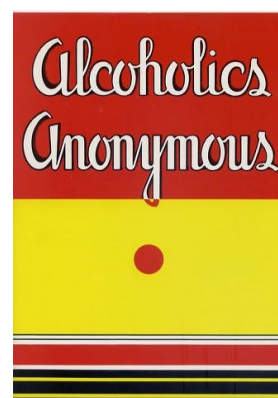
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**March 4 ~ Step by Step**

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: Deana E.

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

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

**March 3rd - Page A Day**

April 7th - Life in the Big Book

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.

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

# Central Office Manager's Report

February 17, 2017

January has set the year off to a good start. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings closest to them was provided. We received 498 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 140 calls were for meeting info, 122 were office visitors and 7 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 46,243 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for January were 3,278 views.

Along with the New Year comes my usual resolution to update the database as much as possible. Please take a group information form to your next Group Conscious meeting. Get updated and complete contact information from the group officers and return the form to your Central Office. We need at least 2 people listed for each group to be listed in the meeting directories. With the cleanup of our Volunteer Database and the deletion of those who are no longer available, comes the need for those who are willing to serve. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your groups. Take a few minutes to explain to them the various service opportunities available through their Intergroup and encourage them to participate.

There are copies of the 2016 Year End Activity Report of your Central Office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often asked question "What do you do at the office?" One outstanding item on the report is the decline in paid subscribers to our monthly newsletter. All groups and their representatives are sent a complimentary newsletter in an effort to keep us all connected and informed. We also have newsletters at the office that are free of charge. But, the easiest way to receive your newsletter is by mail (or email), delivered the first of every month right to your house (or inbox). Just fill out a Gratitude with service form or one of the new No Booze News subscription forms and return it to your Central Office with \$12 to cover postage and printing.

Don't forget the EVI 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Speaker Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> at St Katharine's Greek Orthodox Church 2712 N Dobson Rd. Chandler AZ 85224. **Tickets available from your group rep and at your Central Office.**

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,  
Love and Service  
Kim W. Central Office Manager

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Jan	2017
Meeting Information Calls	140	140
General Information	103	103
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	10	10
Referred to Al-Anon	16	16
Referred to Community Info	3	3
12th Step Calls	7	7
Business Calls	97	97
Office Visitors	122	122
Meeting lists printed	600	600
Info request via E-mail	67	67
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	31/ 6/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD	32 hrs	
<b>Web Stats</b>		
Website Visits last 30 days	46,243	YTD 46,243
Google Searches last 30 days	23,278	

## Meeting List Updates...

### New Meetings:

We Agnostics	4415 S Rural Rd. Tempe	MO 1:30pm	O
Upon Awakening	15303 S Gilbert Rd. Gilbert	MO—SA 6:45am	BB,C
Conscious Contact	1159 N Greenfield Rd. Gilbert	TU 6:30pm	Meditation C
Out Of The Dark	19609 S McQueen Rd. Chandler	TH 7:00pm	Discussion C

### Changes:

Sunset Grp **Moved To:** 2222 S Price Rd. Tempe TU & TH 6:00pm O

### Deletions:

Tempe High Noon	1945 E Guadalupe Rd. Tempe	<b>Deleting TU &amp; TH</b>
Our Speaker Mtg	560 S San Marcos Dr. Apache Junction	MO 6:30pm
Leather and Lace	1216 E Apache Blvd. Tempe	WE 7:00pm
Maricopa Group	50881 W Papago Rd. Maricopa	FR 12:00pm

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### 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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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight .....		\$0.00
12 X 12 @ 12 .....		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....	\$500.00	\$500.00
24 Hours A Day .....		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group .....		\$0.00
ABC Group .....		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....	\$150.00	\$150.00
ASCYPAA .....		\$0.00
As You Wake Up .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Basic II .....		\$0.00
Before Breakfast Group .....		\$0.00
Bloopers .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club .....		\$0.00
Busted Ego .....		\$0.00
By The Book .....	\$88.91	\$88.91
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$99.00	\$99.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....	\$415.68	\$415.68
Cold Coffee Group .....		\$0.00
Common Solution .....		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group .....	\$54.38	\$54.38
Courage To Change .....		\$0.00
Daily Reflections Group .....		\$0.00
Day At A Timers .....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag .....		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$88.87
Experience, Strength and Hope .....		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group .....	\$100.00	\$0.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions .....		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Friday Night Big Book Study .....		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W. ....		\$0.00
Get It Together .....	\$500.00	\$500.00
Gilbert Gals .....	\$245.00	\$245.00
Gilbert Group .....		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group .....		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....		\$0.00
Grateful Dames .....		\$0.00
Gratitude Group .....		\$0.00
Cut Level .....	\$41.40	\$41.40
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....		\$0.00
Heard It Thru The Grapevine .....		\$0.00
Into Action .....		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized .....		\$0.00
Keep It Simple .....		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies .....		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book .....	\$227.70	\$227.70
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$0.00
Maricopa Group .....		\$0.00
Mesa Group .....		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group .....		\$0.00
Morning After Group .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Name In The Hat .....		\$0.00
New Beginnings .....		\$0.00
New Hope Group .....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$0.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot .....	\$165.00	\$165.00
Page A Day Group .....	\$1,139.00	\$1,139.00

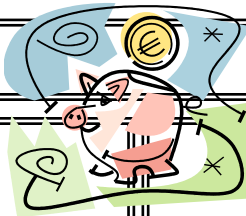
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pioneer Group .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Price Is Right .....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose BB Study .....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group .....	\$94.00	\$0.00
Prime Time .....	\$20.00	\$20.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East .....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....	\$700.00	\$700.00
Queen Creek BB Study Group .....		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$0.00
Remember When .....	\$180.00	\$180.00
Renewed Spirit .....		\$0.00
Right Place Women's .....		\$0.00
Rising Spirit .....	\$151.42	\$151.42
Road To Recovery .....	\$292.06	\$292.06
Second Chance Group .....	\$294.00	\$294.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe .....		\$0.00
Serenity At Six .....		\$0.00
Shade Tree .....		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions .....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold .....		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks .....		\$0.00
Society Group .....		\$0.00
Solutions Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$0.00
Spirited Women .....		\$0.00
Step By Step Group .....		\$0.00
Stepping Stones .....		\$0.00
Sunday Morning Women .....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe High Noon .....		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Tempe Sunrises .....		\$0.00
The Kick .....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$0.00
The Real Thing .....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
This Simple Program .....		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group .....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....		\$0.00
Upon Awakening .....		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet .....		\$0.00
We Agnostics .....		\$0.00
We Can Group .....		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
Wednesday Night Winners .....		\$0.00
Welcome Home .....		\$0.00
West Chandler Men's .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Who's Driving Your Bus? .....		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group .....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Women in Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Women in Solution .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Women in Touch .....		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups .....	\$74.00	\$74.00

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout .....		\$0.00
SWACYPAA .....		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference .....		\$0.00
Dist 08-820 .....		\$0.00
Mesa Round Up .....		\$0.00
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$6,675.62</b>	<b>\$6,675.62</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$127.75</b>	<b>\$127.75</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$316.00</b>	<b>\$316.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$7,119.37</b>	<b>\$7,119.37</b>

(\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2016

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	3,907.91
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	21,553.65
Accounts Receivable	394.45
Inventory Asset	19,933.98
Undeposited Funds	96.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$45,935.99**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	-0.45
Payroll taxes	78.44

**Total Liabilities** **77.99**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	1,932.79

**Total Equity** **\$45,858.00**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$46,935.99**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January 2016

35 Group contributions totaling	\$6,675.62
3 Individual contributions totaling	\$316.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$127.75
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$7,119.37</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,557.75</b>
<b>Less total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$4,123.70</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$8,434.05</b>
<b>Less total Expenses of</b>	<b>\$6,501.26</b>
<b><u>Net Jan. Gain</u></b>	<b>\$1,932.79</b>
<b><u>YTD 2017 Gain</u></b>	<b>\$1,932.79</b>

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$21,553.65  
The Prudent Reserve has been  
established for 2017 in the amount of \$24,859.46

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

Yours in service,  
Ed B. EVI Treasurer



**Step Three~Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.**

**Tradition Three~The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

**Concept Three~To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. –the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-with a traditional “Right of Decision.”**

## February 17, 2017

**Meeting Opened by Gordon at 7:00pm with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer**

**12 Traditions – Gary L**

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

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

Rep	Group	Rep	Group	Rep	Group
Buddy M	Aha It's Monday	James R	Gratitude Group	<b>Phil H</b>	<b>Step by Step</b>
<b>Shelley M</b>	<b>Ahwatukee Group</b>	Brandon	Life in The Big Book	Chuck	Stepping Stones
Steve O	Ahwatukee Saturday Mens	Steven S	Mens Shade Tree	<b>Tim C</b>	<b>Sunday Afternoon SS</b>
<b>George G</b>	<b>Bloopers</b>	Peg	Not a Glum Lot	Dave K	Sunset Group
Charlie R	Bootstrap Men's	Gail H	Page A Day	Larry C	Upon Awakening
<b>Jamie S</b>	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	Kyle W	Remember When	Jim M	We Aint Dead Yet
<b>Patsy</b>	<b>Chandler Noon</b>	Amy T	Rising Spirit	Beth H	We Agnostics
Erin H	Chandler Womens BB	Brittany P	Road To Recovery	Gary L	Welcome Home Group
Connie G	Courage to Change	Lauren K	SNBBSS	<b>Paige W</b>	<b>Who's Driving Your Bus</b>
Larry C	East Valley Men's	Tom M	Southeast Valley Stag	Devon	Wolf Pack
Phil	Easy Does It	Peg	Spirited Women	Regina	Women in Gratitude
Denis W	Friends of Bill	<b>Kim M</b>	<b>Step by Step</b>	Shirley	Women in Touch

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

Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position
Ed B	Chair	Barbara	Advisor - Phones	Bev	No Booze News Editor
Tom N	Vice Chair	Jeremy V	Advisor - Unity	Sam	Phone Chair
Lois L	Treasurer	Kim NP	Office Manager	Roxanne	H&I Liaison
Regan	Secretary	Larry NP	Unity Chair	Marge NP	Spanish Liaison
Meredith NP	Advisor Special Events	Paul P	PICPC Chair	Aaron NP	DCM 08-818
Mark NP	Advisor - PICPC	Deana	Special Events Chair	Paul T	DCM 08-819
		Gail	Sponsorship Workshop	Carol	DCM 08-820

**Secretary's Report:** Regan - Previous Steering Committee and Intergroup Meeting Minutes in Packet – Motion to Accept by Beth , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denis Motion Carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lois L. – Written Report in Packet –Motion to Accept by Russel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev Motion Carried

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$86.00

**Chairperson's Report:** Ed B – Updated Email address – met with Lois to transition. Chaired the Steering Committee.

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

**Office Manager Report** – Kim W – Not Present – Report in Packet.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PICPC:** Paul – Written Report in Packet.

**Special Events:** Deana – Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month at 6:30 before the Speaker Meeting. Annual Anniversary will be Sat March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Phone Committee:** Sam N: Anyone interested in signing up to answer phones. Must attend workshop – held here at Antioch 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday before IG Meeting.

**Unity Committee:** Larry S. – Committee meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at Antioch Church at 6:30 right before the IGR Meeting

**Sponsorship Workshop:** Gail – Next workshop is in 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March at 10:00am hosted by Step by Step. Six workshops each month. Looking for groups to host other workshops.

**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! Join us at the Intergroup Office every month for "Service Day" to help us fold Newsletters, eat donuts, drink coffee and have fun! See Office Managers report for date and time.

### **LIASION REPORTS**

**Alanon Liaison:** Open – 2017 Alanon convention at Sheraton Crescent July 14-16 2017.

**H&I Liaison:** Roxanne – Report is available at [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org).

**Spanish Liaison** – Marge –

**Sub District 08-818:** Aaron – Committee Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues at Tempe Bloopers at 7pm..

**Sub District 08-819:** Paul – Committee Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thu St Peter's Lutheran Church in Mesa. Meet and Greet will be held Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Christian church 805 N Country Club.

**Sub District 08-820:** Jeff – Sub District 818, 819 and 820 will be hosting the 2017 August Assembly at the AZ Golf Resort in Mesa. Looking for volunteers to help put that event on. If interested contact the committee. Committee Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Mon at Epiphany Lutheran in AJ.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Group Problems & Solutions:** None.

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

**Close Meeting: 8:pm-ish** with Statement of Responsibility and Lord's Prayer.

Live and let live



**Paddy** was driving his lorry when he came to a bridge with a sign that said 10 ft max headroom. He slowed down wondering if he could drive under it or not. Well shure I'll give it a go he thought only to find that his lorry got stuck underneath it.

Paddy sat back in his eat, poured a cup of tea and lit a cigarette. A policeman arrived a short time later and knocked on the door which Paddy then opened. 'What do you think your doin? Asked the cop in a sharp tone. Sure I'm havin me tea break said Paddy. 'An whadda ya work at? Asked the policeman. "Agh shure, I deliver bridges smiled Paddy.

## Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him

FOR a time during World War II, I was privileged to live in England while it was being bombed, and see how valiantly a nation can rally to an emergency. After the war, my British friends tell me, there was a lapse from these high standards of courtesy, generosity and courage. Not everybody, but most people tended to retreat to the old bog of rancor, indifference and selfishness.

Sometimes I wonder whether something similar may not happen in AA. Certainly there has been a tendency toward it in my own case. During the critical battle with my deadly enemy alcohol, I was ready to go all the way with good to overcome this single evil. No sacrifice of time, property or status was too great for the prize of sobriety. I came to Step Three. Turn my will and my life over to the care of God? Gladly and without reservation--here it is.

Now, after a sequence of twenty-four-hour periods carrying me into my fourteenth year, I'm getting an inkling of what Step Three may mean over the long haul. The enemy that had been a fire-breathing dragon squarely blocking my main highway, now takes the form of a small, venomous snake slithering through the weeds in the byways. Some of the tumult and shouting has died. The struggle has entered a quieter, inward phase, subtler, possibly less exciting, but I think more profound.

Shouldn't persons as well as nations gird, not just for the crisis, but for the long pull from here in? Fourteen years ago, when I entered AA--even seven years ago when I was writing for these pages an "older member's" comments on Step Three--it seemed to me that the "decision" called for was in the nature of an outgoing, almost aggressive act. I was supposed to find God and give Him--thrust upon Him, if necessary--something He didn't have and possibly didn't want.

As I understand it now, our wills and our lives are already in the care of God. In Step Three we only stop fighting an existing fact--the one really decisive circumstance of our entire existence--and consciously acknowledge what already is.

Playing in a tree near my house is a gray squirrel who, I am almost sure, hasn't the least awareness of the fact that his will and life are in the care of God. Nevertheless they are--he can will nothing or live nothing not provided for by nature, a creative force which springs, I confidently believe, from God. Aside from some anatomical details, the big difference between the squirrel and me is that I can become aware of this relationship with God and the squirrel cannot.

Does this awareness change anything? I think it does. If I know my will and life are bounded by God's creation and hence in His care, and do nothing about it, I'm but little ahead of the squirrel. If, however, I try to find out what God is interested in and make friends with Him, there's no telling what I may some day become--certainly something better than I now am.

At this point I can hear some of my keep-it-simple friends asking, justifiably, what this has to do with keeping sober. It has this to do with it: I'm pretty sure that if the AA program didn't offer me a continuing chance to grow, I'd soon be drunk. We are not saints, but I'm not short of human frailty, and have room for vast improvement without seeming to buck for sainthood. In AA you grow or shrink; I, if I can, would like to grow, both in understanding and in capacity to help.

Of course, knowledge that our lives and wills are totally enclosed in God's creation, doesn't mean we have to play along with Him. The universe is set up to allow for quite a lot of rebellion. However, as I come to know Him a little, He seems gentle and good as well as mighty and sometimes stern. I no longer *want* to rebel. I'd prefer to find out what He's interested in, if possible, and get interested in these same things myself. We might then be closer than we are now, and I'd like that.

What is God interested in? It's easier to say what He's *not* interested in, and foremost among these things is making a certain anonymous alcoholic, J. E., into a rich man. The way he manages my finances fair gives me the willies. Casual. But I've always had daily bread, and when I think of the people in underdeveloped countries, He seems fantastically generous. Incidentally, I think He's working full time to see that the underprivileged get more; it's not God but people holding things up. But beyond providing us all a sufficiency, I cannot see that God is greatly interested in dough.

He is interested, I think, in developing better people. I say this, of course, with no inside track or special authorization; just from reading about Him and watching how He seems to be working in AA and other areas, and respecting my own hunch. Evolution always starts with something in existence, then improves on it. It's my surmise that whenever we're helping someone, including ourselves, to be a better person, we're doing something God is interested in. Our will and our lives are then not only in His hands, but are harmonious with His will and life, realizing the full meaning and purpose of our creation.

All right, you say, here's a chap obviously needing improvement. I say he needs coffee, you say he needs sleep--who's in line with God? My guess is that if we both really want to help the man, God isn't against either of us. Through time, experiment, intuition, He'll lead us to the *really* right way. Maybe our friend could use *both* coffee and sleep. Anyway, we can't stand forever on dead center because we're unsure of God's will. We have to chance being wrong.

For a long time, it bothered me that the times of vivid awareness that my will and life are really in God's care, were brief and far apart. Lately, I'm less concerned about that. I, like the squirrel, have nuts to gather--human things to do requiring such concentration that I am unaware of God, even though in the midst of Him and doing tasks He has assigned me. When the job is done, though, as Step Three puts it, I make a decision.

"Make a decision"--a more complicated business than I ever imagined! Once, in my frustrated pre-AA efforts to make sense of life, I got psychoanalyzed and learned something about my mental machinery. Besides an often perverse ego and some conflicting unconscious drives, I have a carping superego that bedevils every decision I try to make--arguing, negating, scolding. Nevertheless, doing my best with what I've got, I decide to turn my will and my life over to the care of God--and this, to me, is the same as realizing my life and will are already in His care.

In striving for this awareness, it helps me to remember some things about my own relation to the universe, and to other people--that there are nearly three billion people on earth, that people have lived, worked and died here for twenty thousand generations, that the earth is big, that the sun is ninety-three million miles away, that the Milky Way is two hundred light years across, that it's only one little galaxy among billions, that somehow I'm a part of a magnificent, continuing, creative stream. Slowly, the grandeur of Him, to whom my will and life are entrusted, begins to come through.

—J.E. Guilford, Connecticut

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Bev W. THANKS!