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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

God Thought "We Need More Meetings Here"

Some people call it coincidence and some people call it God working anonymously. No matter how you cut it, it was divine direction in my opinion. I had started a couple of groups back in Orange County, California, where I got sober, for no reason other than the standard "resentment and coffee pot" syndrome. A couple were successful and a couple not. I never thought that the experience I gained in starting those meetings would become so helpful later in sobriety.

To turn the clock back a few years, I was led to the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous and Sept 5th, 1990. I all honesty, I was led into treatment, my first AA meeting wasn't for a couple more days but I give my sobriety date as the date of my last drink. I am blessed that I have been continuously sober since my first day.

When I was in treatment I met a gentleman by the name of Dave who was a guru with over 90 days sober. Wow, I could hardly imagine 30 days let alone 90. He reached out to me giving away what had been so freely given to him. When I was just short of 30 days sober Dave said to me "I discovered the secret to long term sobriety". I asked him "and what is that?". He responded simply, "service work, grab every commitment you can". Those words have stuck in my brain to this very day.

A day or 2 later, I was at a meeting and the secretary announced that the coffee maker had finished his commitment and was there anyone willing to step up and take over the job. Well Dave words echoed in my head like a bass drum. Without thought my hand shot up and said, "I will". Now I am not the guy that volunteers for anything let alone something as important as making coffee in a meeting for the next six months (the length of a commitment in the area I got sober). The secretary was aware I had just gotten out of rehab and barely 30 days sober looked at me and said "Do you realize this is a six-month commitment?". I answered "yes" and he said "ok, Gary is our new coffee guy".

That commitment helped me in more ways I can list. It taught me about responsibility, about thinking of others (if you don't make the coffee the way the meeting likes it, they will let you know), it got me in the room early for the "meeting before the meeting" and I met many recovering drunks and got to learn about them and about myself in those before the meeting conversations. But most important, when I finished that commitment six-months later, I had 7 months of sobriety. It taught me that being of service to others, commitments, WAS, as Dave had told me, the key to sobriety. I have held some sort of commitment or service position in AA ever since.

Turning the clock forward 13 years, I had been out of work for almost 18 months, my wife and I had some decisions to make. We realized I was not going to find a job in Orange or LA county and we would need to move to another area if I were to hope to find one in my area of expertise. We decided to sell our home and move to Chandler, AZ since the hi-tech world seemed to be recovering in Arizona. In July of 2004 we moved to Arizona.

Back in California I hadn't been able to get as much as an interview for over a year, but shortly after we moved here I had couple lined up and within 3 weeks I had 2 job offers.

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We found meetings out here immediately and connected with the fellow members right away. About 2 months after moving here a gentleman by the name of Tom approached me and ask me if I would be interested in helping him start a men's meeting. He didn't know that I had attended a men's group my entire sobriety on Thursday nights in Orange, CA and had started a spin-off meeting of the Men's group there about 3 years prior to moving to Arizona. I asked him what night and he said he thought "Thursday" would be a good night, there are no meetings here in south Chandler on Thursday. I chuckled and said "most certainly I would and that I had experience with starting meetings". I informed him that I would look for a church to host a meeting and when I found one we could start planning the meeting.

A day or 2 later I picked up the yellow pages (the internet hadn't yet taken over the world) and opened it to Chandler Churches. As I looked down a couple jumped out as candidates based on location to our homes. I drug my finger across the page to the phone number for the church I had picked out and dialed the number. After explaining who I was and what I was wanting to do I was transferred to the pastor of the church. He told that a member of his church had just talked to him about maybe starting an AA meeting at their church and he would have this gentleman give me a call.

The next day I got a call from the fellow AA'er at the church and we discussed the topic and came to agree on my friend's original plan of a Thursday night men's group. I said something about the church location and he said, "well no, this isn't that church it's another one". Apparently when I drug my finger across the yellow pages I accidentally called the phone number below the one I intended to call.

To sum this up, I am asked to start a men's meeting on the same night as the men's group I had just moved away from. By accident I called the wrong church that just happened to have an AA member who had just talked to the pastor about starting an AA meeting the day or 2 before. Now if you don't call this divine guidance I don't know what you would call it.

As a result of this meeting, the wife of one of the members of the men's group decided to start a women's meeting at the same church. Since then we have started a weekday noon meeting (Monday thru Friday), a Sunday Night AA Topic meeting and a Monday Night Grapevine meeting in the same room. The church fondly calls that room their "AA Room". I am happy to add that all of these meetings are still going strong.

Now I am not saying that I got laid off from a job in November of 2002 so that 18 months later I would move to Chandler, AZ to start a bunch of new meetings where there previously were none. But I will say that God somehow knew who He could use to carry out His will for a newly developed area that needed more meetings. God is good.

Gary L
Chandler, AZ



Traditions Checklist

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?



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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

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

Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

☐ Weeknights

☐ Weekends

☐ Weekdays

Phones Night & Weekend

☐ Weekends

☐ Weeknights

☐ Office Phone Volunteer

☐ Other Office Help

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

☐ Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community

☐ Special Events

☐ Literature

☐ Newsletter (*No Booze News*)

☐ Unity Committee

☐ Deliver A Meeting



ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

APRIL 7 ~ 9
800 E CHERRY ST.
COTTONWOOD AZ



AGUA FRIA CAMP OUT

APRIL 14TH - 16TH
SOUTH COVE
BARTLETT LAKE AZ

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 18 ~ 21
RIVERSIDE RESORT
LAUGHLIN NV

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

MORMON LAKE
FLAGSTAFF AZ

LEWIS CANYON CAMPOUT

LEWIS CANYON GROUP CAMPSITE
SHOW LOW AZ

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.

Save the Date

**Mesa Roundup's
Spring Fling**

Saturday, May 13, 2017

More details to come

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
Dan H.	4/2/1973	16071
Wally C.	4/1/1979	13880
Richard C.	4/23/1979	13880
Harry R.	4/17/1980	13514
Frank B.	4/20/1980	13514
Roy T.	4/12/1981	13149
Bill O.	4/19/1982	12784
Carol H.	4/22/1983	12419
Rita H.	4/21/1984	12053
Mike F.	4/23/1985	11688
Jack H.	4/1/1986	11323
Jennifer B.	4/20/1986	11323
Julie V.	4/25/1987	10958
Willard K.	4/4/1988	10592
Kevin F.	4/4/1988	10592
Jeff M.	4/8/1988	10592
Julie C.	4/19/1988	10592
Sam W.	4/28/1988	10592
Erica W.	4/5/1989	10227
Dave L.	4/7/1989	10227
Larry C.	4/15/1989	10227
Tim M.	4/4/1991	9497
Debra C.	4/18/1991	9497
Larry S.	4/7/1993	8766
Dave C.	4/28/1993	8766
Peggy H.	4/15/1996	7670
Eddie O.	4/10/1997	7305
Michael R.	4/9/1999	6575
Jim B.	4/15/1999	6575
Michael F.	4/8/2000	6209
Scott C.	4/2/2001	5844
Sharon K.	4/6/2001	5844
Jeff H.	4/4/2002	5479
John J.	4/5/2002	5479
Lyle K.	4/7/2002	5479
John B.	4/10/2002	5479
Gail H.	4/25/2002	5464
Arturo C.	4/10/2003	5114
Chrystal C.	4/21/2003	5114
Bart M.	4/1/2004	4748
Chris K.	4/22/2006	4018
Rhonda C.	4/10/2008	3287
Paul T.	4/11/2009	2922
Warren S.	4/21/2009	2922
Anna N.	4/24/2009	2922
Maegan W.	4/24/2009	2922
Christopher M.	4/4/210	2557
Tommy C.	4/15/2011	2192
Guy S.	4/29/2011	2192
Jen B.	4/30/2011	2192
Michael S.	4/20/2012	1826
Judy R.	4/19/2014	1096
Hailey T.	4/22/2014	1096
Tom J.	4/4/2015	731
Angie S.	4/6/2015	731

What's In A Dream?

In dreams begin reality, a poet once said. If so, a new reality for one sober and seeking AA began the day he met a television actor named Bob

I was more than five years sober and feeling what I'll term "neutral." I had worked all Twelve Steps and I felt light years away from my bottom, yet I wasn't happy, joyous and free, either. I discussed this with my sponsor who shared that she had gone off to a spiritual retreat in a state out West and felt that it had done her a world of good. I'm one of those types who follows pretty closely in my sponsor's footsteps, because she has what I want, so off I went. I knew that many members take an annual or semi-annual retreat, so I was looking forward to it.

This place was comfortable, but it was part of a religious tradition I didn't share, so it was also confusing. I had signed up for what they called a directed retreat, which meant I would be meeting with someone for guidance, a man named Bob. When I told him he looked familiar, he told me that he had been an actor in an earlier career. He asked me why I was there, and I told him I wasn't sure, that my life was okay. He suggested the following: hike, attend all the community religious practices, and ask God to reveal why I was there in my dreams. I proceeded as directed.

The hike and the religious practices were fine. When I went to bed that night I asked for God to reveal in my dreams why I was there. Now, I'm not someone who typically remembers his dreams, but, seventeen years later, I still remember that night's dream vividly. The dream had several powerful scenes and ended dramatically with me pounding on this guy Bob's car window—he was sitting inside the car—and asking him: "Why am I here? Why?" His response was that I was to do a 4th Step!

I had not told Bob that I was in AA, but when I met with him the next morning I shared the details of my dream and he said: "I guess we know why you're here. Do you know how to do a 4th Step? If you don't, I have a book in my room."

I agreed to meet with Bob the following morning, 4th Step in hand. I'd focused my writing on suggestions he made after I told him what had happened in my dream. I was reticent to share the details of this Step work with a stranger, but I did, trying to be completely honest. It was a difficult experience for me—talking about who I really am always is. Bob's feedback was to accept myself as God accepts me, to forgive myself as God has forgiven me, and to love myself as God loves me.

Back home, I would reflect on the important life lessons (acceptance, forgiveness, and love chief among them) this trip had given me, but only after putting my luggage down, turning on the television and seeing Bob acting as a guest character on one of my favorite '70s sitcoms!

John A., Tucson, Ariz.

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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:

Paul P.

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**

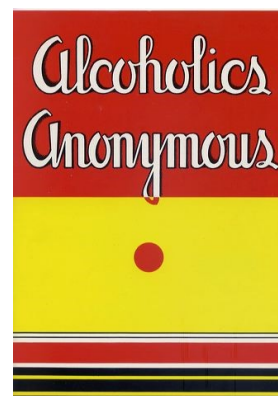
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

May 6th ~ Road to Recovery

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

April 7th - Life in the Big Book

May 5th - Women in Gratitude

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.

***** Fill In shifts available now*****

Central Office Manager's Report

March 17, 2017

February seemed to pass in the blink of an eye. We assisted 460 people at the office, with 10 of those resulting in 12 step calls. The 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 February were 3,025 views. Our City of Mesa business permit has been renewed as well as our bulk postage permit.

The weather is warming up and along with it comes the Campout and Roundup season. We have information available on most of the upcoming A.A. events in AZ and surrounding states at the office and in the No Booze News. Please share your IGR newsletter copy with your group and encourage them to subscribe for home delivery. We also still have the event signs and large coffee pots available for group use. Just call and reserve.

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 Intergrroup and encourage them to participate.

Service opportunities are available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Please take some Gratitude With Service forms back to your group and encourage them to volunteer. The life you save may be your own.

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

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Feb.	2017
Meeting Information Calls	137	277
General Information	77	180
Referred to Salt River Intergrroup	9	19
Referred to Al-Anon	7	33
Referred to Community Info.	2	5
12th Step Calls	10	17
Business Calls	87	184
Office Visitors	131	253
Meeting lists printed	600	1200
Info request via E-mail	54	121
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	31/ 6/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	72 hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 46,243 YTD 92,486
Google Searches last 30 days 3,025

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Women's BB Discussion	25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd	TU 11:00a	W,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:

The Dr's Nightmare	Moved to: 340 E 15th St. Tempe	TH 8:00p	YSO
Tempe Young Peoples	Moved to: 340 E 15th St. Tempe	TU 8:00p	YSO
Sunset Grp	Moved To: 2222 S Price Rd. Tempe	TU & TH 6:00pm	O

Deletions:

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 Intergrroup



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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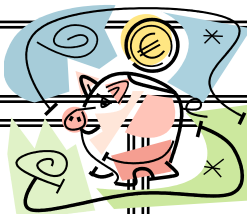
GROUP	Feb.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$500.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$50.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group	\$310.91	\$310.91
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group		\$150.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG	\$30.00	\$60.00
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	\$240.00	\$240.00
By The Book		\$88.91
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$84.00	\$183.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$415.68
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$54.38
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$200.00	\$200.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$177.74
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$00.00
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$30.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together	\$327.47	\$827.47
Gilbert Gals		\$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
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$0.00
Heard It Thru The Grapevine	\$100.00	\$100.00
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
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$20.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$200.00
Name In The Hat		\$0.00
New Beginnings	\$100.00	\$100.00
New Hope Group		\$0.00
New Spirit Group		\$0.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$165.00
Page A Day Group		\$1139.00

GROUP	Feb.	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$100.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Prime Time	\$15.00	\$35.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek BB Study Group		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit	\$300.00	\$300.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit	\$166.70	\$166.70
Road To Recovery	\$1,152.45	\$1,444.51
Second Chance Group		\$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	\$168.00	\$168.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women	\$137.50	\$137.50
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	\$50.00	\$75.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Kick		\$0.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$50.00	\$150.00
This Simple Program		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics	\$100.00	\$100.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$250.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home	\$100.00	\$100.00
West Chandler Men's		\$30.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$150.00
Women in Gratitude		\$0.00
Women in Solution		\$200.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$74.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
SWACYPA		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$3,790.90	\$10,466.52
EVI Committees	\$102.00	\$229.75
Individual Contributions	\$320.00	\$636.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,212.90	\$11,332.27

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET February 28, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	5,839.08
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	21,555.30
Accounts Receivable	319.50
Inventory Asset	20,107.24
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$47,871.12**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	247.53
Payroll taxes	978.96

Total Liabilities **1,226.49**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	2,719.42

Total Equity **\$46,644.63**

Total Liability & Equity **\$47,871.12**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT February 2017

22 Group contributions totaling	\$3,790.90
2 Individual contributions totaling	\$320.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$102.00

Total Contributions **\$4,212.90**

Total Income **\$9,833.95**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$3,396.14**

Gross Profit **\$6,437.81**

Less total Expenses of **\$5,651.18**

Net Feb. Gain **\$786.63**

YTD 2017 Gain **\$2,719.42**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$21,555.30
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.

Grateful to be of service,
Lois L. EVI Treasurer



Step Four~ *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.*

Tradition Four~ *Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.*

Concept Four~ *At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation inreasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2017

Meeting Opened by Ed B. at 7:00pm with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions –

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
Mary Z	Attitude of Gratitude	Kirk Z.	GIT		
Debbie Z.	Ahwatukee Group			Chuck	Stepping Stones
Larry R.	Basic II	Steven S	Mens Shade Tree	Kelly H.	Tempe Nooners
George G	Bloopers	Peg	Not a Glum Lot	Andrew B.	Tempe Young People
		Gail H	Page A Day	Kelvin S.	The Way Out
Bev W.	Breakfast Club	Cecily C.	Price Is Right	Jim M	We Aint Dead Yet
				Beth H	We Agnostics
Erin H	Chandler Womens BB			Gary L	Welcome Home Group
		Tim G	SNBBSS	Paige W	Who's Driving Your Bus
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
				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 NP	Vice Chair	Jeremy V	Advisor - Unity	Sam	Phone Chair
Lois L	Treasurer	Kim NP	Office Manager	Roxanne	H&I Liaison
Regan NP	Secretary	Larry	Unity Chair	Marge	Spanish Liaison
	Advisor Special Events	Paul P	PICPC Chair	Aaron	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: Steering Committee and Intergroup Meeting Minutes in Packet. Chap W., from Tempe Nooners, signed in last month, not showing attended meeting. Motion to Accept by Chuck E. , 2nd by Kirk, Motion Carries.**Treasurer's Report:** – Written Report in Packet –Motion to Accept by Kirk, 2nd by Chuck E., Motion Carried7th Tradition: \$66.88**Chairperson's Report:** Ed B – Only Officer in attendance.**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 – Did an event with Compassion Queen Creek. Around 400 homeless attended.**Special Events:** Deana – Committee meets 1st Friday each month at 6:30 before the Speaker Meeting. Please text her if you want a ticket for the Anniversary Dinner tomorrow.**Phone Committee:** Barb: Cleaning up Policy and Procedures on the How to.**Unity Committee:** Larry S. – Committee meets on 3rd Friday of each month at Antioch Church at 6:30 right before the IGR Meeting**Sponsorship Workshop:** Gail – Next workshop is May 6th, and is hosted by Road to Recovery. Please announce this workshop, attendance has been slim.

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: Rosemary is our new liaison. Welcome Rosemary!!!!

H&I Liaison: Roxanne –H&I Bylaws have been approved and copies were available. They will be available on the website soon. www.vvwhi.org. MEN are needed to carry the message into MCSO Durango. You can pick the day and time. Other MCSO jails need men and women to be badged and carry the message. Perryville Women's Prison needs more badged volunteers to take in meetings. Training classes to be badged happen regularly and often.

Spanish Liaison – Marge –

Sub District 08-818: Kara –Committee Meets 2nd Tues at Tempe Bloopers at 7pm..

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Committee Meets 2nd Thu St Peter's Lutheran Church in Mesa. Meet and Greet will be held Feb 18th 1st 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 1st Mon at Epiphany Lutheran in AJ.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Opening for Special Event Liaison to the Steering Committee. Steve W., volunteered and was appointed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mesa Roundup's Spring Fling is 5/13/17. GIT is having a Picnic on 4/9/17 at Desert Breeze Park.

Group Problems & Solutions: A group had a member bring their dog to a meeting. The member said the dog was a Service Dog. The group asked the Church, where the meeting is held, what their guidelines are. The Church asked that the member provide documentation that the dog is indeed a Service Dog. The member did not come back after asked to bring documentation.

Motion to close made by Chuck E., and 2nd seconded by Kirk. Motion Carried.

Close Meeting: 7:47 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! with Statement of Responsibility and Lord's Prayer.

grat·i·tude: 

the quality of being thankful;
readiness to show appreciation
for and to return kindness.



A drunk walks in the front door of a bar and yells "**Bartender, gimme a drink!**"
The bartender says "Sir, you're already intoxicated. I can't serve you."
The drunk grumbles and walks out the front door.
A few minutes later, he comes in the *side* door yelling "**Bartender, gimme a drink!**"
The bartender says "I already told you...you're drunk and I can't serve you!"
The drunk grumbles and walks out the side door.
A few minutes later he comes in the *back* door yelling "**Bartender, gimme a drink!**"
The bartender says "Look, buddy, I told you twice you're too drunk and if you don't leave now I'm calling the law!"
The drunk looks at him, awestruck. Finally, he asks "Just how many bars do you work in, anyway?"

TRADITION FOUR: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

At the heart of Tradition Four is the risky business of autonomy—"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." But this freedom—without guidance from the spiritual trinity of anonymity, responsibility and humility—can easily become a fool's liberty, as I've found out over the course of my 64 years. Like an ancient alchemist, I can turn autonomy into self-demise. AA has learned to turn it into gold.

The perilous word, autonomy, is defined in my dictionary as the freedom to choose one's own destiny as well as the route to get there, which, in my case as an alcoholic, includes roads that take a real toll. Can anyone imagine a haphazard collection of ego-driven alcoholic personalities banding together, then being granted the autonomy to choose its own fate? No way could anything enduring come out of this absurd scenario. Yet AA has given each and every one of its groups and members the inalienable right to be unerringly wrong, which has many times resulted in the liberty to be foolish, the sovereignty to self-destruct, and the self-determination to learn from mistakes. Not surprisingly, many AA groups have pulled off some disastrous feats of free will, yet through amazing grace, have survived the ride. From my very first day in AA, my sponsor, who knew my autonomous streak, used it well.

He gave me the self-rule to make decisions, such as to drink or not, when to go to meetings, my timeline working through the Steps, and whether or not to call him. As it turned out, this rugged individualism allowed me to be wrong, to make some enlightening blunders, and to learn some life-saving lessons that went straight to the heart, all the good old AA way—trial and error. I've learned some valuable spiritual lessons by following instructions, but I have gleaned most of my spiritual education through home schooling, which means learning from the consequences of mistakes and misdirected instincts, especially when they harmed others.

There is a story in the "Twelve and Twelve," found in the chapter on the Fourth Tradition, that tells about one of the most valuable blunders a group of drunks pulled off early on in AA's struggle to survive in spite of itself. This group's visionaries created a triad of mercy: an AA group, an AA hospital and an AA educational institution, all in one building, financed not with our own contributions, but their contributions. In this instance, stargazing turned into dodging falling stars. The group ran aground on the shore of autonomy and sank their unsinkable star-crossed-mission to save the world. But those who survived the ride did something remarkable. They laughed at themselves and learned a valuable lesson: Autonomy stays afloat by listening to suggestions and keeping it simple, stupid. AA had given them three storm warnings:

1) Avoid taking actions that would jeopardize the welfare of AA as a whole. 2) Do not become affiliated with any outside enterprises. And 3) Stick tight to your primary purpose.

The irony of it all is that they never really ended up compromising AA at all. This over-exuberant fellowship instead actually granted AA a great learning experience by confirming the hard-won wisdom of the Fourth Tradition as well as hitching it to the Twelfth: ever reminding us to never place autonomy before anonymity.

Traditions seem to arise from blunders and triumphs turned into precious metals by humility. AA's education, like mine, has been acquired as much or more by making mistakes than by intuition. But AA discovered that there was perfect safety in the process of trial and error. This was a hard lesson to learn for a perfectionist like me. The right to be wrong can be an unintentional but essential form of AA service work, not necessarily suggested, but gratefully accepted. I'm sure I'm not the only alcoholic who has passed on the principles of the AA Traditions to others by not heeding their suggestions. Service work comes in many modes and manners. Humility, in the context of trial and error, could be defined as applying the hard lessons learned to the spiritual practice of not doing it all over again. And the acme of humility, says the "Twelve and Twelve," is standing in the middle of the shipwreck of my good intentions while laughing at myself. To pull off this spiritual feat of hilarity, I must be a lifetime member of a fellowship. My wreckage is a very sticky place.

It seems that autonomy without anonymity is a perfect storm, capable of sinking any ship no matter how long it has stayed afloat. The salty crew of AA has survived many storms (by the grace of a Navigator greater than themselves) and now has absolute faith in the process of trial and error. My perfectionism always prevented me from learning valuable lessons from my many mistakes by turning healthy self-examination into condemnation. One of the great gifts AA has given me is the OK to use my past and present mistakes as opportunities to enhance my spiritual growth and avoid injuring others as well as myself. Without autonomy this hidden treasure would still be locked up in the prison of perfectionism.

What other way is there to put out to sea for an alcoholic like me? As long as we all laugh and learn from our mutual mistakes, AA will be safe in the storm, learning to tack and plot a course by heeding other's shipwrecks by day and the guiding Traditions, those stars burning bright, when night falls.

-- Ed C. Bowling Green, Kentucky

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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!