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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

Step Five--As Real as I Can Be

Step Five - Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

I once heard at a meeting that Step Five was about integrity. By that time in my sobriety, I had realized that I didn't always understand the correct meaning of words, so I looked it up. Here are some definitions that helped me understand the word *integrity* in regard to the Fifth Step:

Integrity: honesty, sincerity

Honest: being free from deceit; genuine

Genuine: being what I really am

Sincere: being the same on the inside as I am in outward appearance

So for me, *integrity*, as it applies to the Fifth Step, is the state of being "real"--being the same on the outside as I am on the inside.

My Fifth Step was the closest I'd ever gotten to being that real to another person. More than just a confession of my faults, it was also a way of showing someone my feelings and fears. I still find today that I need to strive to be as real as I can be. Perfect integrity all the time is something that I may never achieve, but it's an ideal that I must be willing to work toward.

The program tells me that in order to recover I must be willing to develop a manner of living that demands rigorous honesty. So when I retire at night, I ask myself: Is there something that I should discuss with another person at once? What do I *not* want to share? Do I feel any guilt? Am I worried about something? Fearful? What was my thought-life like today?

These questions spur me to talk to someone. The more I share, the more I live "in integrity"; and the more I live in integrity, the more at peace I am with myself, and the more useful I can be to God and my fellows.

-- Lisa N.

Enumclaw, Washington

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IT IS a beautiful, tropical Sunday morning here in Panama. I am sitting at the dining-room table, working on lesson plans for our AA group's regular Wednesday-night study session.

Looking through the window, I see the parked cars of those who are attending services at a neighborhood church. I often think that maybe I should be in that church, too. As time marches on and my period of sobriety lengthens, I feel more and more the spiritual stirrings in my heart. Little by little I am awakened, as alcohol looses its grasp over my soul. The thinking is becoming a bit less stinking, and I find that I am maturing and growing with each sober day.

I am restless, so I pick up a stack of Grapevines and thumb through them searching for a new article, but I have read them all. I look for notices of new AA literature, but there are none; I have already ordered all that is currently available. I pick up the Big Book and thumb again its dog-eared pages, with underlined passages and myriads of marginal notes. The same with the "Twelve and Twelve." I pick up a folder containing some Grapevines from 1946 and 1947 that I have been fortunate enough to acquire. I treasure these scraps of AA history and handle them with great care.

I am still restless and dissatisfied. Something is missing.

I think back to last Wednesday night's study session. There lies the cause of my restlessness. I conducted the meeting, reading from the "Twelve and Twelve" and sagely fielding questions from the floor. It was a good meeting. It ran twenty minutes past the usual hour. Everybody was excited and went home happy and content. Everybody but me. The subject of the discussion had been the Fifth Step, and, in my heart and soul, I knew that I had not yet admitted to God, to myself, or to another human being "the exact nature" of my wrongs.

Yes, that is the source of my discontent. I am not yet at peace with myself or with my God.

I think these inner stirrings and the "spiritual awakening" I have been feeling must be God at work, oiling the rusty hinges of the floodgates. If this is the signal that He is ready to listen, then I think that soon I must have the "courage to change the things I can."

Let us pray that the time has come.

-- T. R. T.

Panama



Traditions Checklist

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from 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

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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

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 18 ~ 21

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV



FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

JUNE 1 ~ 4

MORMON LAKE

FLAGSTAFF AZ

SEDONA ROUNDUP

JUNE 9 ~ 11

CHAVEZ CROSSING CAMPGROUND

OAK CREEK CLIFFS DR.

SEDONA AZ

PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

JULY 15 ~ 17

3000 SPENCE RD.

EMMANUEL PINES CAMP

PRESCOTT AZ

LEWIS CANYON CAMPOUT

JULY 28 ~ 30

LEWIS CANYON GROUP CAMPSITE

SHOW LOW AZ

ASCYPAA 2017

JUNE 30th ~ July 2nd

880 E 2nd St. TUCSON AZ

TUCSON MARRIOTT AT UNIVERSITY PARK

2nd Annual AA Statewide Women's Conference

Prescott Resort and Conference Center

July 7—July 9, 2017

\$50 after March 1

Mesa Roundup's Spring Fling

Saturday, May 13, 2017

First Christian Church

805 N. Country Club, Mesa AZ 85201

5:30 Eat and Greet \$5

7:00 Speaker, BJ M.

8:00 Dance with DJ Ronstro \$5

Valley of the Sun

Founder's Day 2017

10am to 5pm, Saturday June 10

2121 S Rural Rd. Tempe AZ

(Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)

Come enjoy speaker, panels and a free lunch.



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 POST CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

12684 GILA BEND HWY

(FRANCISCO GRANDE)



Name	Date	Days
Richard C.....	5/23/1976	14975
Gary C.	5/1/1980	13514
Mike C.....	5/1/1981	13149
Bud K.	5/23/1982	12783
Jon C.	5/6/1984	12053
Becky C.	5/9/1984	12053
Sandi R.	5/11/1984	12061
Ken H.	5/19/1986	11323
Stephan O.....	5/13/1987	10958
Beth H.	5/29/1988	10591
Joel M.	5/15/1989	10227
Bryan T.	5/3/1990	9866
Christopher B....	5/10/1990	9866
Hallie G.	5/5/1991	9497
Mike S.	5/1/1991	9497
Louis S.	5/28/1991	9497
Christine T.	5/5/1992	9131
Regan G.	5/1/1992	9131
Roy M.	5/1/1994	8401
Jack G.....	5/23/1996	7670
Heidi H.	5/23/1999	6575
Mickey W.	5/1/2003	5114
Debbie G.....	5/16/2003	5114
Kathy T.	5/15/2005	4383
Larry S.	5/23/2007	3653
Pat C.	5/27/2007	3614
Ginny F.	5/15/2008	3287
Neil H.	5/23/2008	3287
Frank P.	5/26/2008	3287
Steve B.	5/11/2009	2922
Gail N.	5/15/2009	2922
Mandi M.	5/1/2010	2557
Lyndadiane L.	5/29/2010	2557
Michelle M.....	5/25/2010	2557
Eric F.	5/6/2011	2192
Tom W.	5/22/2011	2192
Ben P.	5/24/2011	2192
Shawna D.	5/2/2012	1826
John H.	5/5/2013	1461
Danielle R.	5/6/2013	1461
Matt S.	5/11/2013	1461
Denise P.	5/12/2014	1096
Maureen D.	5/5/2014	1096
Christopher T.	5/5/2015	731
Jean C.	5/15/2016	365

Am I Willing?

Whenever the topic is the third step, I ask myself, Am I Willing?

Am I willing to go to any lengths to maintain my sobriety?

During my many years of drinking, I was certainly willing to go to any lengths to continue drinking. I cheated, lied, stole, manipulated, put myself in dangerous situations and was so selfish in my thinking and actions.

I cheated my employer by only working half days; leaving for lunch and not returning. I lied to everyone I knew; family, co-workers, even strangers that might look askance at me. I stole money from my husband's wallet. I stole precious hours from my husband and sons. I manipulated every situation I was involved in so that I would always be the first one in attendance and the last one to leave. I would pay the tab at restaurants so no one else knew how many drinks I had before they arrived or how many after they all left.

I would drive out of my way just so I would not buy my booze at the same place every day. When I had to replenish my supply in the early morning, I would make comments to the cashier to pretend that I was buying for a work party later in the day.

I drank in the morning just to be able to apply mascara without shaking. I would get dressed for work and promptly go to bars that opened for shift workers. These were all men that I did not know. I truly believe my Higher Power was watching over me.

I only thought of myself. Instant gratification was my selfish goal. Self centeredness was a way of life for me.

I now believe that because of the fellowship of AA and the grace of God, I am willing to go to any lengths to have the sober life I now lead. I have learned to surrender each day and let my Higher Power guide my thoughts and actions. I now have the peace of mind that I have desired my whole life. I pray that God continues to allow me to be open to his guidance and humbly willing to accept the life he has chosen for me.

Anonymous , AZ



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

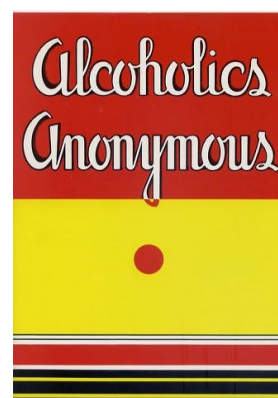
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

May 5th - Women in Gratitude

June 2nd - SASTO

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

April 21, 2017

March was another active month at the office. We received 565 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 130 calls were for meeting info and 168 were office visitors. Our website stays busy too. It had 39,206 visits in the last 30 days.

We purchased a new water cooler for the office and a new 1500 watt, 100 cup coffee pot for events. We also had a 40 cup pot donated so we have plenty of pots to loan out for your Group events.

The Mesa Marriot convention center and I have put a bid together for possible submission to the ICOAA Seminar in 2019. The other Office Managers in the Valley may put bids together too, then we could chose the best suited location.

The Grapevine had a price increase on all of their themed story collection books. Most of these books are now \$12. This price represents the \$11.50 book price plus .50 for shipping charges. Several of the Grapevine books are going out of print, The Best of collections and Home Group: Heartbeat of A.A. are some of them. We placed orders with both AAWS and Grapevine in April. We are now well stocked with literature.

Service day / newsletter folding at the office this month on Wednesday the 26th. We'll be folding The No Booze News, meeting schedules and maybe some pamphlets. Last month's Service Day was very well attended and there is always room for a few more. There will be lots of donuts, coffee and Fellowship. Stop by if you can, we have a lot of fun.

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

.....	March	2017
Meeting Information Calls	130	407
General Information	109	289
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ..	19	38
Referred to Al-Anon.....	11	44
Referred to Community Info.....	0	5
12th Step Calls.....	9	26
Business Calls.....	119	303
Office Visitors.....	168	421
Meeting lists printed.....	800	2000
Info request via E-mail.....	47	168
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	31/ 6/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	640 hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 39,206 YTD 131,692
Google Searches last 30 days 3,025

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

A Happy Gathering 20913 E Ocotillo Rd. Queen Creek MO 6:00p W,O

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

Changes:

Heard It Thru The Grapevine 1900 S Arrowhead Chandler MO 7:00pm C

Has changed its name to Monday Night Big Book BB,C

Shade Tree Mtg 19729 E San Tan Blvd. is now a closed, men's meeting

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

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New York, NY 10163

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Mesa, AZ 85277

District 08-818
PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
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Mesa, AZ 85277

District 08 (Maricopa County)
PO Box 45066
Phoenix, AZ 85064

Valleywide H & I
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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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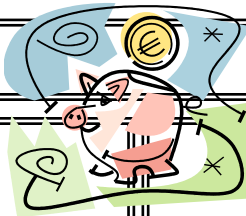
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$500.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$50.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$310.91
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$150.00	\$300.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$30.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$0.00
Before Breakfast Group		\$0.00
Bloopers		\$30.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego		\$240.00
By The Book		\$88.91
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$111.00	\$294.00
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	\$75.00	\$75.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$100.00	\$300.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$266.61
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		\$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	\$154.25	\$154.25
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$100.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keep It Simple		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies	\$533.00	\$533.00
Life In The Big Book		\$227.70
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$20.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$200.00
Name In The Hat	\$400.00	\$400.00
New Beginnings	\$165.00	\$265.00
New Hope Group	\$10.00	\$10.00
New Spirit Group		\$0.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$165.00
Page A Day Group		\$1139.00

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pioneer Group		\$100.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Prime Time		\$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
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$166.70
Road To Recovery	\$1,066.00	\$2,510.51
Second Chance Group		\$294.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe	\$150.00	\$150.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$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
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones	\$217.00	\$217.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study	\$379.06	\$379.06
Sunland Serenity Seekers	\$135.00	\$135.00
Sunset Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe High Noon		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$100.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People	\$495.00	\$495.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$150.00	\$300.00
This Simple Program		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$50.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$150.00	\$150.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$100.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$250.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$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	\$70.00	\$144.00

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
Group Totals	\$4,774.18	\$15,240.70
EVI Committees	\$85.88	\$315.63
Individual Contributions	\$265.45	\$636.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$5,125.51	\$16,457.78

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	7,148.09
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	21,557.12
Accounts Receivable	135.40
Inventory Asset	18,652.88
Undeposited Funds	133.50

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$47,676.99**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	243.67
Payroll taxes	0.00

Total Liabilities **243.67**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	3,508.11

Total Equity **\$47,433.32**

Total Liability & Equity **\$47,676.99**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT March 2017

24 Group contributions totaling	\$4,774.18
2 Individual contributions totaling	\$265.45
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$85.88

Total Contributions **\$5,125.51**

Total Income **\$15,667.83**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$4,999.20**

Gross Profit **\$10,668.63**

Less total Expenses of **\$9,879.94**

Net March Gain **\$788.69**

YTD 2017 Gain **\$3,508.11**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$21,557.12
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 Five~ Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition Five~ Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept Five~ Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

April 21st, 2017

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

12 Traditions ready by – Marge M.

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

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

Group	Rep	Group	Rep	Group	Rep
Aha It's Monday	Buddy M	Mens Shade Tree	Steven S	Stepping Stones	Chuck
Basic II	Larry R	Price Is Right	Cecily C	Sunset Group	Ken C
Bootstrap Men's	Charlie R	Prime Time	Lee S	Sunrisers	John N
By The Book	John J	Real Thing	Dani	Tempe Nooners	Jeanette L
Chandler Men's Stag	Jack B	Rising Spirit	Amy T	Tuesday Stepping Out	Sue K
Courage to Change	Connie G	Road To Recovery	Dan S	Tuesday Trudgers	Ron N
Easy Does It	Phil F	Sisterhood of Solutions	Lucy W	Tumbleweeds	Troy S
Friends of Bill	Denis W	Society	Heidi W	We Aint Dead Yet	Jim M
Gilbert Group	Mary R	Southeast Valley Stag	Tom M	We Agnostics	Jerry L
Grateful Dames	Jennifer C	Step by Step	Kim M	Welcome Home	Gary L
Life In The Big Book	Brandon B	Step by Step	Phil H	Who's Driving Your Bus	John K

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

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

Secretary's Report: Regan - Previous Steering Committee and Intergroup Meeting Minutes in Packet – Motion to Accept by Chuck , 2nd by Ken Motion Carries.

Treasurer's Report: Lois L. – Written Report in Packet –Motion to Accept by Dennis. 2nd by Chuck Motion Carried

7th Tradition: \$

Chairperson's Report: Ed B – Chaired Steering Committee meeting last week. This Sunday will be the Qtrly Intergroups of the Valley Meeting at Agua Fria at 11:00am

Vice Chair's Report: Tom N. – Written Report in Packet. Reviewed some of the GSO Agenda topics that were discussed at the Area Literature Panel, which is the panel EVI is assigned to. Noted that although the Area has given EVI a vote at the Assemblies, the EVI has opted not to vote, as it would dilute the vote of the Groups.

Office Manager Report – Kim W — Report in Packet. Will post the Google stats in to the newsletter.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC: Paul - Not Present

Special Events: Deana – Committee meets 1st Friday each month at 6:30 before the Speaker Meeting. Annual Anniversary dinner netted \$931.00 – Friday May 5th Speaker meeting hosted by Women in Gratitude. Oct 22nd will be the Day of Service, and the Committee is working on the Bowlathon.

Phone Committee: Sam N: Anyone interested in signing up to answer phones. Must attend workshop – held here at Antioch 3rd Friday

Sponsorship Workshop: Gail – Not present but sent report. Next workshop is in 1st Saturday in May^{6th} at 10:00 am. Six workshops each year every other month. 2017 workshop calendar is completed.

Newsletter Editor – Bev W. bmurphy453@gmail.com – Not Present. 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. Discussion about Convention in the East Valley in partnership with AA.

H&I Liaison: Roxanne – 17th Annual Corrections Conference is May 5 -6 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3539 East Standford PV, AZ. Registration is \$15 includes lunch and snacks. Register on line at www.Area03.org. 900 pieces of literature were purchased for \$6947.60. Awareness Day is April 22nd at Cave Creek Regional Park. H&I has received some unidentified group contributions. If your group is not on the contribution list please contact H&I. Meetings needed in Juvenile facility Aurora East in Tempe. Contact Bre 517-303-4589. GSO's Corrections Correspondance program is seeking men, and Spanish speaking women to sign up and be pen pals with inmates. National Corrections Conference in St Louis MO Nov 10-12 2017. Apprx \$850 per person including your flight cost. Registration and arrangements must be completed by end of April.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – not able to attend last Spanish IG meeting – she will be there next month

Sub District 08-818 -Aaron - Attended the Pre Conf Assy in Flagstaff. The Area will be putting out a survey on www.Area03.org website to gauge interest of the membership in setting up electronic payments on the website. Please go vote! Attended Dist. 08 meeting. Next Dist. 08 there will be a mini PRAASA meeting.

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Committee Meets 2nd Thu St Peter's Lutheran Church in Mesa. Paul also attended the Assembly in Flagstaff. Next Eatn Greetn speaker meeting coming up - flyers coming soon!

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. Quarterly Pot Luck Speaker Meeting is tomorrow night hosted by No Name Group.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gary – Flyers for meeting change Monday Heard it through the Grapevine is now a Big Book Study at Chandler Presbyterian 7-8pm

Charlie – Was in NY – went to old home group. They have a Credit Card Machine in the room to take 7th Donations, but there is a limit of \$3 – this is becoming more popular at Home Groups. Can set up a recurring Auto contribution for every month.

EVI has 2 office volunteer positions open... shifts are 9am 1pm and Monday and Friday.

Group Problems & Solutions:

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

Close Meeting: 8pm-ish with Statement of Responsibility



Three most dangerous words for an alcoholic....."I've been thinking"

As often happens, we learn the most in AA from listening to our newer members, and my home group recently experienced a new dimension of the Fifth Tradition because of it.

We have a periodic group inventory, every four to six months, so that we can stay healthy as a group. We use the Traditions as well as some of the questions from the "AA Group", pamphlet as our guide. We pick a separate night and spend three or four hours checking our group pulse. At one of these inventory sessions, we had gotten to the Fifth Tradition when a member who had been with us for five months or so spoke up.

"I am confused," he said. "This Tradition says that 'Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.' " He paused a moment, then hesitantly said, "I have been attending this group recently for five months now, and we have never left this room!"

The result of this new member's wisdom and willingness to participate is that our group now sponsors a weekly meeting at a local treatment center. We carry our format and our group's message to them. From this weekly Twelfth Step activity, our group has grown as some of the alcoholics in the treatment center join with us when they leave treatment.

Our group has benefited in several ways other than new members. For a while, we saw an influx of nonalcoholics into the AA groups. Many of these came to us from treatment, having been told to just go to AA by well-meaning professionals who were not really familiar with what AA did and did not do. We have learned that we were at fault when this happened. If we do not show up to explain AA to new people, they will hear about it from people who do not know about AA.

This simple activity of carrying the message out of our meeting room also answered another problem we were having. Those of us who have been blessed by being in AA when there were plenty of "live" Twelfth Step calls talk a lot about them. Our younger members now have an inexhaustible supply of "live" Twelfth Step calls.

By regularly showing up at the treatment center in the spirit of cooperation, we are getting to know the professionals who *do* deal with problems other than alcohol. When someone shows up at our group who needs help of a different kind from that which we deliver, we can direct them to a person who can help, rather than just throwing them into the winds. This helps us in our effort to stick to our primary purpose, helping alcoholics achieve and maintain sobriety.

By being willing to stick close to our primary purpose, by being willing to actually carry the message physically out of our meeting space, we as a group have made our statement--if you attend a meeting at our group, you will hear the message of Alcoholics Anonymous, and if you watch us, you will see the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in action.

By being a member of a group that participates in the Fifth Tradition as an activity as well as an idea, I find myself more aware of what I was taught from the beginning: The Traditions apply to my personal life as well as to my group. Just as the primary purpose of my AA group is to carry the message, as a member of AA, my primary purpose also is to carry the message. I may not always like the little sacrifices of time and effort, but I am never confused as to what saving my life by God was really all about. The Twelfth Step and the Fifth Tradition make it clear that my sobriety is not only for me--it is for you. Thank God I belong to a group that acts the same way.

-- Don P. Aurora, Colorado

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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!