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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

Not Under the Rug

Step Eight: Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

In approaching Step Eight for the first time, those of us who tend to fight or question various of the Steps until we become convinced they are vital to our sobriety, need reassuring on several points. We may be tempted to tell ourselves that we have done enough housecleaning in the Fourth and Fifth Steps. If we are truthful though, we will have to admit that the biggest obstacle to our taking this Step is that we are *afraid* to face the unpleasant aspects of our past, especially where we have been at fault.

The first part of the Eighth Step is neither difficult to understand nor hard to go through with. As a matter of fact, if we have written out our Fourth Step inventory, we may already have the list of persons we have harmed. However, becoming willing to make amends to them all is another matter. To make amends means to mend or repair, in this case damaged relationships with people, organizations and institutions we have wronged.

This Eighth Step is to our relations with others what the Fourth was to our relations with ourselves. And obviously the Ninth and Fifth Steps are similarly related to one another. When I went through with the Fourth Step inventory for the first time, it was with the understanding that I would move on to the Fifth Step as soon as possible. Clearly, I do well to approach this "became willing" part of the Eighth Step with the idea that it feeds directly into the action in Step Nine of going out and making such amends as I can.

Here honesty becomes all important. The quickest way for me to put myself in bad relationship with the Step is to kid myself that I am willing to make an amend if I am not really completely ready. The best method I know of for dealing with unwillingness is this: 1) face it honestly, 2) remember that I have agreed to "go to any lengths to gain victory over alcohol" and 3) ask God to make me willing. This approach works--maybe not in five minutes--but if persisted in, it does work.

Then the question arises of just what constitutes an amend. Many of us find that the old rationalization, "If I stay sober, that's amends enough to those I have hurt," just doesn't work. We have to be willing to go further. Some of the most common amends have to do with: people we owe money; wives, parents, children, relatives and friends we have mistreated; employers, employees and business associates we have harmed; people with whom we have become involved morally in an injurious manner.

This list is only a partial one, but it gives a pretty good general idea of the different types of messes we are dealing with. It is impossible to lay down general rules for handling these various situations. For me, there is no substitute for sitting down with my sponsor and thrashing out each individual case, keeping in mind the intention to do whatever turns out to be necessary to thoroughly and honestly go through with the Step.

In the case of money amends, I didn't have enough money to make them all good at once, but a willingness to pay when and as I could, backed up by small monthly installments, did wonders in putting matters right. In the case of family members I had wronged, a sincere apology was often amend enough, although I sometimes found it difficult to become willing to go even this far.

My natural inclination with unpleasant life situations or soured personal relationships is to sweep them under the rug, look the other way, justify myself and hope they will resolve themselves in time. It seems to be a plausible enough approach but, unfortunately, it never worked very well. These wrongs refused to stay forgotten, didn't solve themselves, and even thrived on this treatment to the extent that they drove me back to the first drink again and again.

Facing the people I had hurt and the difficulties I had created seemed impossible, but those who had gone before me on the road to recovery in AA assured me that not only was this method possible but, if followed through, it produced freedom from the guilt, fear, self-pity, resentment and depression which these situations had produced in my life.

I gained faith in the principle which the Eighth Step is about, through experience. When I went through with the process, it did produce the results my sponsor and AA friends said it would.

I'm a guy who used to make god out of what others thought of me. This Step helped free me from a slavish dependence on other people's opinions. It helped teach me the value of placing principles before personalities in my life. It is not a Step that I feel *I have taken*. What I have made is a beginning. As it says in Chapter Five of the Big Book, "We are not saints." I still have character defects, and I still hurt other people (though not as often or seriously as before AA). Each time I become aware of an amend I owe, there is another chance to become willing with God's help to put the principles of the AA program before my fear of personalities (mine or anyone else's).

The wonderful thing about growth on the program is that each time I make a right decision in the area of becoming willing to make an amend it makes the next one a little easier to make. And strangely, I find that the more willing I become to admit it when I *am* wrong, the less often am I in the position of having to make such an admission. Sure I am still wrong, but only sometimes now--not all the time as I used to be.

-- T. P., Jr.

Hankins, New York

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TRADITION EIGHT: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Going on Twelfth Step calls, chairing meetings, sharing my story, doing H&I service, working on special committees for AA events, and doing general service for my home group are all types of service work, but they do not by any means qualify as paying positions. However, AA does hire people to perform certain tasks.

While I do work a full-time job and have a life, the truth is that the time I give to Alcoholics Anonymous is an investment in my sobriety. I do not need to get paid, nor would I want to. To be paid would take away from the humbling and spiritually fulfilling aspect of service that I need to stay sober.

The work I do that's not seen by everyone is definitely the most rewarding, such as when I am sitting at home counting envelopes or preparing my report for my home group. It's especially rewarding when I don't feel like doing it, but I do it anyway. This kind of service helps me to learn accountability, discipline and humility, which I often lack. These traits can't be bought.

We're taught in Alcoholics Anonymous that service will keep us sober. We're also taught that no person should make a sole vocation of such work. I actually look forward to retiring and donating a larger chunk of time to AA and general service work.

Now, how about those paid positions in AA? How about the men and women at the General Service Office (GSO) who answer phones for book orders, or the ones who process the countless letters, articles, questions, comments, updates or donations? These activities may be service, and even though it's for AA, these are jobs.

Truth is, these jobs actually help make my Twelfth Step work a lot easier. When I call GSO as a part of a service commitment, the person on the line is helping me to carry the message, via books and other literature. They also sometimes answer questions and share experiences other groups may have had. But in truth, the work they do at GSO is hard work—and they should get paid.

I don't put in an eight-hour day for AA. Sure, in the course of a week I may put in a few hours, but that's my time. Any person who is putting in a 40-hour week to facilitate the running of AA should be paid. Anyone who puts in time carrying the message and working with others and thinks they should get paid, I will pray for!

-- Jennifer M., Mobile Alabama

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Traditions Checklist

Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

- 1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?***
- 2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?***
- 3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?***
- 4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?***
- 5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?***
- 6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?***
- 7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?***

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

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



SRI SUMMER ROUNDUP

AUGUST 11 ~ 13
7700 E MCCORMICK PKWY
SCOTTSDALE AZ

PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 25 ~ 28
SLIM JIM CAMPSITE #2
FOREST LAKES AZ



ROCKY POINT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 20 ~ 22
SONORAN SEA RESORT
ROCKY POINT MEXICO



APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 3 ~ 5
APACHE LAKE RESORT
AND MARINA

MIRACLE ON THE RIVER

NOVEMBER 3 ~ 5
1477 QUEENS BAY
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

2017 EVI BOWL-A-THON

Saturday August 5th, 2017

3pm to 5pm

AMF Mesa Lanes

2115 E Southern Ave. Mesa AZ

\$20 per person

Includes shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling.

Tickets on sale thru your Intergroup Representative
or at Central Office.

Mesa Roundup

70's Meal/Meeting/Dance

Saturday, August 12, 2017

5:30pm - 11:00pm

First Methodist Church

15 E. 1st Ave., Mesa AZ



Area 03 August Assembly

August 18 ~ 20, 2017

AZ Golf Resort and Convention Center

425 S Power Rd. Mesa AZ

**2017 November Assembly
(Election)**

November 4th - 5th, 2017
Yuma, AZ

**Area 03 State Convention
September 29th - OCT. 1st, 2017**

Prescott Resort & Conference Center
1500 E. State Route 69 Prescott, AZ 86301



Name	Date	Days
Charles R.	8/21/1969.....	17532
Dave W.	8/1/1981.....	13149
Craig B.	8/8/1982.....	12784
Kelly G.	8/23/1985.....	11688
Kathy M.	8/3/1986.....	11323
Kathy K.	8/3/1986.....	11323
Brad R.	8/10/1986.....	11323
Beth L.	8/11/1986.....	11323
Bernard B.	8/1/1987.....	10958
Dale W.	8/23/1987.....	10958
Maggie L.	8/12/1988.....	10592
John S.	8/15/1988.....	10592
Pam S.	8/17/1988.....	10592
Dee P.	8/21/1988.....	10592
Gwen N.	8/20/1989.....	10227
Denise P.	8/24/1989.....	10227
Karin H.	8/22/1992.....	9131
Rodney S.	8/18/1993.....	8761
Madeline L.	8/17/1994.....	8401
Dana N.	8/1/1995.....	8036
Gary M.	8/17/1995.....	8036
Charlie D.	8/19/1995.....	8036
Fred P.	8/23/1995.....	8037
Grant A.	8/11/1996.....	7670
Cheryl G.	8/18/1996.....	7670
Matt R.	8/15/1997.....	7305
Lani D.	8/16/1997.....	7305
Sherri P.	8/29/1997.....	7305
Steve L.	8/30/2000.....	6209
Karla B.	8/14/2001.....	5844
Heidi C.	8/21/2001.....	5844
Abigail S.	8/12/2003.....	5114
Shelley R.	8/27/2004.....	4748
Janet T.	8/10/2005.....	4383
Mickey E.	8/10/2005.....	4383
Rosemary R.	8/21/2005.....	4383
Victor S.	8/26/2005.....	4383
Jimmy R.	8/14/2006.....	4018
Merrill P.	8/23/2006.....	4018
J.T. K.	8/28/2006.....	4018
Stephen W.	8/28/2006.....	4018
Steve S.	8/7/2007.....	3653
Celeste M.	8/23/2007.....	3653
Delona B.	8/16/2008.....	3287
Julie S.	8/24/2009.....	2922
Patrick G.	8/9/2010.....	2557
Ashley O.	8/13/2010.....	2557
Alana R.	8/28/2012.....	1826
John W.	8/3/2013.....	1461
Bev W.	8/19/2013.....	1461
Denise H.	8/23/2013.....	1461
Wyat S.	8/6/2014.....	1096
Lonnie M.	8/7/2014.....	1096
Andrew C.	8/25/2014.....	1096
Ron C.	8/26/2014.....	1096
Penelope G.	8/22/2016.....	365

Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. History

Q. Who are the recipients of the milestone printing copies of the Big Book?

A. The one-millionth copy was presented to President Richard Nixon in April 1973, and the two-millionth to Joseph Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, in June 1979. At the 50th Anniversary International Convention in Montréal in 1985, the five-millionth copy of the Big Book was presented to Ruth Hock, who typed draft after draft of the original manuscript. The ten-millionth was presented to Nell Wing, Bill W.'s longtime (nonalcoholic) secretary and A.A.'s first archivist, in July 1990. The 15-millionth was given to Ellie Norris, widow of former trustee chairman John L. Norris, M.D., in 1996; and in the year 2000, the 20-millionth copy was presented to the Al-Anon Family Groups. The 25-millionth copy was presented to Jill Brown, warden of San Quentin Prison, in July 2005, at the A.A. International Convention in Toronto.

Q. Who wrote Chapter 8 of the Big Book, "To Wives"?

A. Bill was the author of the 'To Wives' chapter. It is commonly thought that Lois wrote it. But, as *Pass It On* describes (page 200), Lois said, "*Bill wrote it, and I was mad.*" She added, "*I wasn't so much mad as hurt. I still don't know why Bill wrote it. I've never really gotten into it - why he insisted upon writing it. I said to him, 'Well, do you want me to write it?' And he said no, he thought it should be in the same style as the rest of the book.*"

G.S.O.'s Archives can provide extensive historical information about A.A.W.S.'s literature and pamphlets: origins; content; editions; printings; changes; and corrections that have been made over time.



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 be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

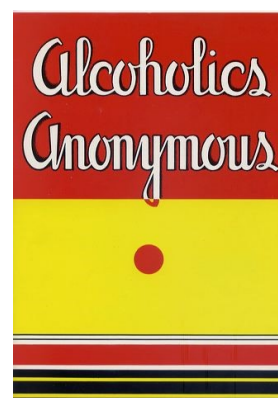
(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 2 - Upon Awakening

November 4 - Page A Day

**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

August 4th - Tuesday Trudgers

September 1 - Who's Driving Your Bus

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

July 21, 2017

June activity at the office was down a little as summer rolls on. We received 497 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 133 calls were for meeting info and 135 were office visitors. Our website stayed busy too. It had 47,274 visits in the last 30 days. And Google reports 4,025 views on our profile.

The semiannual inventory has been completed. There was a \$25.19 adjustment for shrinkage. Most of the adjusted items relieved from inventory were obsolete or outdated material. Total inventory assets were \$24,058.80

The liability certificates of insurance have been sent to additionally insured locations leaseholders. If your group's landlord is requesting a new certificate and they have not yet received it in the mail, give me a call or come by the office and I'll give you a copy for them. Many of the Groups in the East Valley participate in this coverage and we greatly appreciate those who contribute to help offset this cost.

Sad news from World Services – Andrea Brennan, the order fulfillment manager, was a non- alcoholic employee of GSO for 38 years. She was hired by Bill Wilson when she graduated from High School. She retired in December 2016, and recently passed away on June 10th 2017, AA's 85th Birthday! RIP Andrea Brennan.

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

	June	2017
Meeting Information Calls	133	707
General Information	110	597
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	6	63
Referred to Al-Anon	8	76
Referred to Community Info	0	7
12th Step Calls	6	53
Business Calls	99	598
Office Visitors	135	851
Meeting lists printed	800	4500
Info request via E-mail	38	296
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	30/ 8/ 2	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD	1120hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 38,679 YTD 262,275
Google Searches last 30 days 4,025

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Keepin It Real	462 N Palo Verde, AJ	FR 10:00a W,O
Welcome Home	1900 S Arrowhead Dr. Chandler	WE 7:30 C,S
Monday Night Madness	45295 W Honeycutt Ave. Maricopa	MO 6:00p O
We Agnostics	4415 S Rural Rd. Tempe (Pigeon Coop)	TH 3:00p O
Great Start	19729 E San Tan Blvd (QC Meeting House)	M-F 8:00a

Changes:

Step By Step 145 E 1st Ave. Mesa Sa women's meeting is now 1 hour

Deletions:

Road To Recovery	5640 E Main St. Mesa	MO, FR & WE 6:45p
AJ Campfire Mtg.	4865 N Ironwood Apache Junction	FR 8:00p
Serenity @ 6	2156 E Liberty Lane, Ahwatukee	WE 6:00p W,C

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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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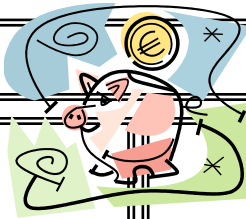
GROUP	June	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$100.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$500.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group	\$131.42	\$1242.42
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$100.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$310.91
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$55.18
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$100.00	\$550.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$30.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II	\$150.00	\$150.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$150.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$150.00
Busted Ego		\$240.00
By The Book		\$159.13
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$90.20	\$574.20
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$534.64
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$189.82
Courage To Change	\$100.00	\$100.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$75.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$550.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$533.22
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group		\$100.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$30.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.	\$119.00	\$119.00
Get It Together	\$677.59	\$2,327.13
Gilbert Gals		\$245.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends	\$47.00	\$47.00
Gratitude Group		\$233.00
Gut Level		\$41.40
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$392.75
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$100.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keep It Simple	\$203.00	\$203.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$533.00
Life In The Big Book		\$492.32
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$60.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$200.00
Name In The Hat		\$400.00
New Beginnings		\$365.00
New Hope Group		\$20.00
New Spirit Group		\$300.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$165.00
Page A Day Group		\$2,166.64

GROUP	June	YTD
Pioneer Group	\$30.00	\$130.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$267.00
Prime Time	\$10.00	\$65.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker	\$80.74	\$80.74
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit		\$600.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$494.83
Road To Recovery	\$460.02	\$3,744.62
Second Chance Group		\$647.77
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe		\$150.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$50.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions	\$216.00	\$216.00
Sobriety is Gold	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$91.17	\$259.17
Society Group		\$500.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women	\$137.50	\$275.00
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones		\$217.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$475.05
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$186.50
Sunset Group	\$20.00	\$70.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe High Noon		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$175.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$495.00
The Library		\$130.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$550.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$125.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$150.00
Upon Awakening		\$700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$300.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$250.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$100.00
West Chandler Men's		\$60.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$150.00
Women in Gratitude	\$67.00	\$242.00
Women in Solution		\$200.00
Women in Touch		\$311.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$70.00	\$144.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$116.21
SWACYPAA		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$4,075.51	\$28,825.75
EVI Committees	\$85.00	\$610.63
Individual Contributions	\$0.00	\$1,587.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,160.51	\$31,024.28

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	3,096.30
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	21,562.48
Accounts Receivable	780.75
Inventory Asset	24,058.80
Undeposited Funds	19.45

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$4,517.78**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	3,584.61
Payroll taxes	0.00

Total Liabilities **\$3,584.61**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	2,057.96

Total Equity **\$45,983.17**

Total Liability & Equity **\$49,567.78**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT June 2017

25 Group contributions totaling **\$4,075.51**
0

Individual contributions totaling **\$0.00**
Intergroup Business Meeting &
Service Committee's 7th Tradition **\$85.00**

Total Contributions **\$4,160.51**

Total Income **\$9,475.73**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$4,235.02**

Gross Profit **\$5,240.71**

Less total Expenses of **\$7,938.06**

Net June Loss **(\$2,697.35)**

YTD 2017 Gain **\$2,057.96**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$21,562.48
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 Eight~ *Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.*

Tradition Eight ~ *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*

Concept Eight~ *The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.*

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2017

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

12 Traditions ready by – Steve

INTRODUCTIONS: *Your attendance and participation is appreciated and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:** None

Shelly M. Ahwatukee Group, Larry R. Basic II, Vic V. Bloopers, Erin H. Chandler Women's BB, Connie G. Courage to Change, Larry C. East Valley Men's, Phil F. Easy Does It, Denis W. Friends of Bill W, Wendy W. Gilbert Group, James R. Gratitude Group, Brandon B. Life in the BB, Steven S. Men's Shade Tree, Peg D. Not A Glum Lot, Gail H. Page A Day, Matthew J. Primary Purpose, Robyn-Putting God First, Dani H. Real Thing, Dan S. Road to Recovery, Tim G. SNBBSS, Brandon L. Society, Tom M. Southeast Valley Stag, Peg D. Spirited Women, Kim M. Step By Step, Chuck E. Stepping Stones, Dave K. Sunset Group, Collin K. The Way Out, Ron N. Tuesday Trudgers, Troy S. Tumbleweeds, Larry C. Upon Awakening, Jim M. WADY, Jerry L. We Agnostics, Gary L. Welcome Home, John K. Who's Driving Your Bus? Regina S. Women In Gratitude.

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Ed B	Advisor - Unity	OPEN	Phone Chair	Beth
Vice Chair	Tom N	Office Manager	Kim	H&I Liaison	Roxanne
Treasurer	Lois L	Unity Chair	Larry	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Secretary	OPEN	PICPC Chair	N/P	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary B.
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	Deana	DCM 08-818	Aaron
Advisor - PICPC	Mark	Sponsorship WkShop	Gail	DCM 08-819	Paul T
Advisor - Phones	Barbara	No Booze News	N/P	DCM 08-820	

Secretary's Report: Previous Steering Committee and Intergroup Meeting Minutes in Packet – Paul T. was here last month and was marked NP. Dennis made the motion to accept the report and Chuck seconded the motion. MCU.

Treasurer's Report: Written Report in Packet. 25 Groups contributed. Gross Profit for the month of June was \$5240.71 and expenses were \$7938.06. We had a Net Loss of \$2697.35 for the month of June. We had the large expense of the annual Business Insurance renewal of \$1619.00. Chuck made the motion to accept the report and Dennis seconded the motion. MCU.

7th Tradition: \$56.00

Chairperson's Report: Ed B – The Quarterly Meeting with the other Intergroups is Sunday July, 23rd at Bloopers from 1-3PM.

Vice Chair's Report: Tom N. – August 18th-20th is Area 03 Assembly in Phoenix. District 08's DCMC and Treasurer stepped down due to the embezzlement of funds by the DCMC and the Treasurer knowing about it and not bringing it to the attention of the District. Two stepped up to fill in the remainder of the terms.

Office Manager Report – Kim W — Written Report in packet. There is a lot of information in this report. The Liability Insurance was renewed. It is an annual automatic renewal. We cover 38 locations. Yes, you read that right. 38!!!!!! Thank you to the groups that contribute to EVI, and therefore help pay for the cost of the business insurance.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC: Mark for Paul—There is a mailing campaign underway to reach out to Doctor's Offices. To be clear there is no sobriety requirement to be on and serve the committee. A working knowledge of the traditions, Alcoholics Anonymous, and especially knowledge of the traditions regarding anonymity.

Special Events: Deana – Friday, August 4th is EVI's Monthly Speaker Mtg. The Social Hour/Potluck starts at 7PM. Please join us!!!! It's a great way to meet members of other groups, while supporting EVI, and fellowship. The Bowlathon is August 5th, from 3-6PM. Tickets are going fast!!!! EVI's Day of Service is October 21st, at 805 N. Country Club, Mesa. It starts at 2PM and will end with a speaker meeting at 7-8PM.

Phone Committee: Beth – The new phone chair introduced herself and introduced her co-chair Vicki B.

Sponsorship Workshop: Gail –Held on the odd months at the Gilbert Presbyterian Church 235 East Guadalupe, Gilbert. The next workshop is September 9th. It is being hosted by the Upon Awakening Group. There will be a panel of three to five members and then questions can be asked.

Newsletter Editor – We do need a new NBN Editor. If interested please contact the Office Manager at EVI.

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary –Last weekend was their Convention. It was a great time.

H&I Liaison: Roxanne-Written report in packet. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

There are two upcoming Volunteer Orientations to be badged for MCSO. August 1st and August 15th. If interested please visit vwhi.org or let me know.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – All good. Todo Bien.

Sub District 08-818: -Aaron – GSRs are participating in the Western part of the East Valley, but not a lot of groups are participating at the subdistrict level. There are 50 scholarships available to attend the Area Assembly in August. Please visit area03.org for more information. Measures have been taken to prevent future embezzlements of the District funds. The account is still being researched and checked.

Sub District 08-819: Paul – At the Area Assembly there will be round table workshop Saturday morning at 10:00AM. There will be eight Round Tables on Friday night.

Sub District 08-820: Jeff – NP

OLD BUSINESS: OM review and recommendation to give three extra days' vacation in lieu of a pay raise. Last month was a seconded motion from the Steering Committee and tabled from the floor. The groups asked the Steering Committee for more clarification. Gary L. made the motion to untable the motion and Danny seconded it. The MCU. The Chair read the motion verbatim from the Steering Committee minutes. "Give OM an additional 3 days of vacation, bringing her from 15 vacation days to 18 days per year. The intent of the Steering Committee is to grant the current OM (Kim Watkins) 3 extra vacation days per year, in addition to existing policy, for as long as she is employed with the Intergroup. In the event that Kim should leave this position, and a new OM is hired, the 3 days will not apply to the new OM. The policy procedure does not need to be updated for this change. The information will be kept in the personnel file for Kim, and taken into consideration each year when the annual OM Review is performed. Discussion followed. Ken made the motion to table the motion in order for the reps to take the motion back to the groups to see what the group wanted to do. Robyn seconded the motion. MCU. The reps will take the motion, now that it is clear, to the groups for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

We need a new Secretary to fill in the remainder of the term!!! Anyone?

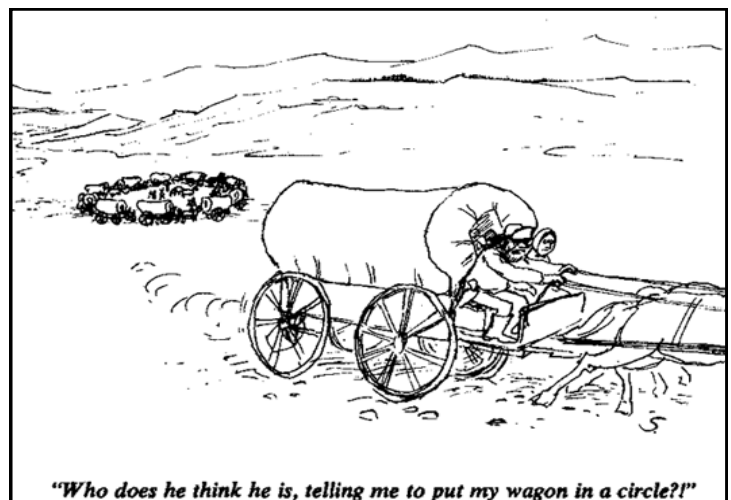
We also need a Literature Chair and a new editor for the NBN. Please announce!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We had a guest presenter, a trustee from the Grapevine. I apologize, I did not take notes of the presentation.

Group Problems & Solutions:

Close Meeting: 8pm-ish with Statement of Responsibility



It is the intention of the Grapevine to carry occasional accounts of spiritual experiences. To this interesting project I would like to say a few introductory words. There is a very natural tendency to set apart those experiences or awakenings, which happen to be sudden, spectacular, or vision-producing. Therefore any recital of such cases always produces mixed reactions. Some will say, "I wish I could have an experience like that!" Others, feeling that this whole business is too far out on the mystic limb for them, or maybe hallucinatory after all, will say, "I just can't buy this business. I can't understand what these people are talking about."

As most AAs have heard, I was the recipient in 1934 of a tremendous mystic experience or "illumination." It was accompanied by a sense of intense white light, by a sudden gift of faith in the goodness of God, and by a profound conviction of his presence. At first it was very natural for me to feel that this experience staked me out for somebody very special.

But as I now look back upon this tremendous event, I can only feel very specially grateful. It now seems clear that the only special feature of my experience was its electric suddenness and the overwhelming and immediate conviction that it carried to me.

In all other respects, however, I am sure that my own experience was not in the least different from that received by every AA member who has strenuously practiced our recovery program.

How often do we sit in AA meetings and hear the speaker declare, "But I haven't yet got the spiritual angle." Prior to this statement, he had described a miracle of transformation which had occurred in him— not only his release from alcohol, but a complete change in his whole attitude toward life and the living of it. It is apparent to nearly everyone else present that he has received a great gift; and that this gift was all out of proportion to anything that might be expected from simple AA activity, such as the admission of alcoholism and the practice of Step Twelve. So we in the audience smile and say to ourselves, "Well, that guy is just reeking with the spiritual angle—except that he doesn't seem to know it yet!" We well know that this questioning individual will tell us six months or a year hence that he has found faith in God.

Moreover, he may by then be displaying "spiritual qualities" and a performance that I myself have never been able to duplicate—my sudden spiritual experience notwithstanding.

So nowadays when AAs come to me, hoping to find out how one comes by those sudden experiences, I simply tell them that in all probability they have had one just as good—and that theirs is identical excepting it has been strung out over a longer period of time.

Then I go on to say that if their transformation in AA extending over six months had been condensed into six minutes—well, they then might have seen the stars, too!

In consequence of these observations I fail to see any great difference between the sudden experiences and the more gradual ones—they are certainly all of the same piece. And there is one sure test of them all: "By their fruits, ye shall know them."

This is why I think we should question no one's transformation—whether it be sudden or gradual. Nor should we demand anyone's special type for ourselves, because our own experience suggests that we are apt to receive whatever may be the most useful for our needs.

-- Bill W.

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**Please send us your stories,
MAIL, EMAIL OR CALL IT IN!!**



I'd like to hear your story and put it in the No Booze News! Mail your story to the Intergroup office, or email it to me! Or call me and tell it to me and I'll write it down! Please include your name and phone number. We reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity.

Bev W. THANKS!