



NO BOOZE NEWS

A Place Called Home

While making a Ninth Step amends to his family, he learns that his father is a member of AA

I finished a four-week treatment program on my 31st birthday in June 1972. During the first week, three men from Group One in Kansas City, Mo. brought a meeting to us. I was impressed that three people would take time out of their lives to bring a meeting to a bunch of patients at the state hospital. They had what I wanted: clean clothes, money in their pockets, time in their life to visit with patients in a state hospital. I was impressed.

They said, "We know how you feel. We have been where you are. You do not know how we feel because you have not done what we have done or worked the program we try to work. But we are here to tell you that you can do what we have done. You can feel what we feel. The difference between us is we are going home to our nice clean beds and will get a good night's sleep. You are going to sleep in your hospital beds wondering if you will ever be able to change. You can change. You can have what we have."

My girlfriend picked me up at the hospital. I had a 30-day supply of antabuse and a prescription for an additional two months, as well as the advice of the director of the alcoholism treatment program. He had told me, "Those people who get better and stay better are those people who get active and stay active in the AA program." She drove me past the meeting place of Group One before we went to my rental place.

One of the first pieces of good advice I choose to ignore was to not make any major decisions in the first year of sobriety. My girlfriend and I decided to get married in August. Marriage preparations require a certain amount of ninth step work. My dad was a drunk of the periodic type. I needed to know where he was in his cycles to know how to handle him. My beloved and I went to visit him and my stepmother. Dad was not home when we arrived and I explained to my stepmother that I was in AA and it looked like I would have to attend meetings for the rest of my life.

She said, "You know your father is in the program."

"No." I said.

When dad arrived, he recalled his 65th birthday bash. He had lost his best worker and my stepmother had informed him that their marriage was over. He pleaded with her to go with him to an AA meeting. He had an address of one in Joplin, Mo. The address was a house in a residential area. My stepmother had her doubts. Dad did too but he knocked on the front door. The man who answered the door asked dad how long he had been carrying the clipping because they had not had a meeting there for years. Then he said, "Come on in. We'll have a meeting here today. Is that your wife in the car? Tell her to come on in. We'll put on a pot of coffee, call some folks, and we'll have a meeting."

Dad said that during the meeting he felt like he had come home. He was with folks who knew who he really was and loved him anyway. My father died sober in 1982 with over 13 years in the program.

I just celebrated both my 65th birthday and 34 years of sobriety with my friends at Group One, Kansas City. My wife and I are planning to celebrate our 34th anniversary in August. The program works. It really does. Welcome home.

-- Timothy D.

Baldwin City, Kansas

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To help get Big Books into a prison, she discovered a creative use of the Ninth Tradition

A fellow AA and I were at a state prison to carry the message to the inmates. Our meeting hadn't started yet, and the women were just arriving. We were short Big Books; I had brought only a few, and the prison had relocated their own small supply someplace inaccessible. A few of the women had their own. To my question, "Do you have a Big Book?" one of the women said, "No, I ordered one but it didn't come yet." Knowing the prison did not take orders for Big Books, I was surprised by her answer and asked from whom she ordered the book. Her response was from one of the AAs who bring in meetings. I bristled a little: placing book orders with an AA? No such thing. We're not organized at that level. As Tradition Nine notes, AA as a whole ought never be organized.

I attempted to explain to her that AA prison volunteers have no mechanism to accept individual book orders. But my explanation didn't make sense even to me, so I stopped. In my own ears, I sounded condescending and preachy. ("Never talk down to an alcoholic from any moral or spiritual hilltop ...") And anyway, the AA member who the attendee was referring to would undoubtedly bring the book next time (that volunteer's dedication to our AA prisoners is second to none).

The meeting began in our usual way—reading "How It Works" and the Traditions. As I listened to the readings, I heard Tradition Nine in a new light. "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." It dawned on me that I was directly responsible to these inmates: they're the ones I'm serving. Not my group, not the district, not the area. If serving them means taking Big Book "orders," then I can do that. It was the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service—the two attitudes seemed miles apart.

I'm grateful for that woman's "Big Book order" and the opportunity to understand a little deeper Bill's purpose in Tradition Nine: The inmates and I can have a true fellowship.

-- Karen F.

Los Alamos, New Mexico

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Tradition Checklist

Tradition Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

- * ***Do I still try to boss things in AA?***
- * ***Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?***
- * ***Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?***
- * ***Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?***
- * ***Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?***
- * ***Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?***
- * ***Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby - when the time comes?***
- * ***What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?***

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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



HUALAPAI MT. ROUNDUP

SEPTEMBER 23 ~ 24

REC. AREA #1

HUALAPAI MT. PARK, KINGMAN 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



**Road To Recovery Invites You To Attend
Monthly Birthday Speaker Meeting and Potluck**

Last Saturdays at 6:45pm

5640E Main St. Mesa

**2017 November Assembly
(Election)**

November 4th - 5th, 2017

Yuma, AZ

2017 EVI Day of Service

October 21, 2017

3:00pm to 8:00pm

805 N Country Club Dr. Mesa AZ

(First Christian Church)

A presentation on all service
opportunities at your Intergroup, dinner
and a speaker meeting.

Meal and a Message

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

1525 N POWER RD MESA, AZ 85205

(Love of Christ Lutheran Church)

Contact a committee member for tickets.



Valleywide H&I

Monthly meeting on the
second Wednesday of the
month **has moved** to:
1875 N Central Ave. Phoenix
(Central Church)

Agua Fria Intergroup

34th Anniversary Dinner and Speaker

8335 W Jefferson, Peoria AZ

5:00pm to 9:00pm

Area 03 State Convention

September 29th - OCT. 1st, 2017

Prescott Resort & Conference Center

1500 E. State Route 69 Prescott, AZ 86301



Name	Date	Days
Greg W.	9/10/1979.....	13880
Anne V.	9/8/1982.....	12784
Mickey A.	9/14/1984.....	12053
Barbara M.	9/27/1984.....	12053
Mary B.	9/11/1985.....	11688
Beth H.	9/29/1985.....	11688
Bob S.	9/30/1986.....	11323
David P.	9/8/1987.....	10958
David L.	9/20/1987.....	10958
Denis S.	9/21/1988.....	10592
Cliff H.	9/23/1988.....	10592
Ron S.	9/16/1989.....	10227
Guff W.	9/30/1989.....	10227
Roy B.	9/2/1991.....	9497
Tom A.	9/10/1995.....	8036
Michael S.	9/19/1995.....	8036
Miquelle K.	9/23/1995.....	8036
Lauren B.	9/21/1997.....	7305
Terri B.	9/12/1998.....	6940
Mike W.	9/22/1999.....	6575
Bill B.	9/24/2000.....	6209
Erik M.	9/16/2002.....	5479
Mike G.	9/22/2003.....	5114
Travis B.	9/24/2004.....	4748
Alex B.	9/13/2005.....	4383
Amanda B.	9/13/2005.....	4383
Barbara C.	9/23/2005.....	4383
Don D.	9/18/2006.....	4018
Aaron C.	9/24/2006.....	4018
Brett A.	9/4/2007.....	3653
Carol L.	9/5/2007.....	3653
Jim C.	9/11/2009.....	2922
James L.	9/9/2010.....	2557
Margaret B.	9/26/2010.....	2557
Nick V.	9/28/2010.....	2557
Virgil F.	9/30/2010.....	2557
Mike H.	9/8/2012.....	1821
Stacie S.	9/13/2013.....	1461
Adrian B.	9/26/2013.....	1461
Nikki B.	9/13/2014.....	1096
Linda O.	9/18/2014.....	1096
Terry F.	9/26/2014.....	1096
Dana P.	9/2/2015.....	731
Linda L.	9/7/2015.....	731
Blair B.	9/18/2015.....	731
Mike M.	9/24/2015.....	731
Judy W.	9/30/2015.....	731
Madilaine B.	9/14/2016.....	365

Origins of AA

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

In the early 1930s, a well-to-do Rhode Islander, Rowland H., visited the noted Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung for help with his alcoholism. Jung determined that Rowland's case was medically hopeless, and that he could only find relief through a vital spiritual experience. Jung directed him to the Oxford Group. Rowland later introduced fellow Vermonter Edwin ("Ebby") T. to the group, and the two men along with several others were finally able to keep from drinking by practicing the Oxford Group principles.

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

Bill W. had been a golden boy on Wall Street, enjoying success and power as a stockbroker, but his promising career had been ruined by continuous and chronic alcoholism. Now, approaching 39 years of age, he was learning that his problem was hopeless, progressive, and irreversible. He had sought medical treatment at Towns Hospital in Manhattan, but he was still drinking. Bill was, at first, unconvinced by Ebby's story of transformation and the claims of the Oxford Group. But in December 1934, after again landing in Towns hospital for treatment, Bill underwent a powerful spiritual experience unlike any he had ever known. His depression and despair were lifted, and he felt free and at peace. Bill stopped drinking, and worked the rest of his life to bring that freedom and peace to other alcoholics. The roots of Alcoholics Anonymous were planted.

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https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-timeline

Things We Can Not Change

Wally C. from Apache Junction was a long time member of our fellowship. He passed from this world

August twenty second, 2017.

Ed S. longtime member of the Mesa Gut Level group, has recently passed from this earth.

Their lives touched many and they will be missed.



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

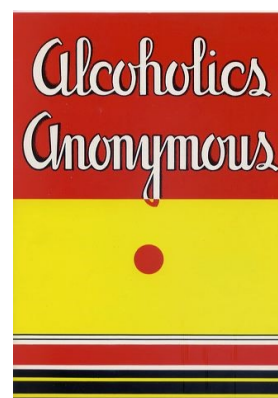
(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 2 - Upon Awakening

November 4 - Page A Day



Join the

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

September 1 - Who's Driving Your Bus

October 6th - Sunset Group

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

August 18, 2017

July activity at the office was down again this month. We received 417 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 103 calls were for meeting info and 123 were office visitors. Our website stayed busy too. It had 47,274 visits in the last 30 days.

Our website now has space for extended meeting descriptions. Things like "Potluck and Anniversary speakers on the last Friday", "Bring your own coffee" or "Our meeting starts with a 10 minute lead speaker". If there is anything your group might like people to know before attending, just let us know and we can add it to the page.

Service day / newsletter folding at the office this month on Tuesday the 29th. 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

..... July	2017
Meeting Information Calls	103 810
General Information	81 679
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4 67
Referred to Al-Anon.....	9 85
Referred to Community Info.....	0 7
12th Step Calls.....	5 58
Business Calls.....	92 690
Office Visitors.....	123 974
Meeting lists printed.....	800 4500
Info request via E-mail.....	45 341
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	28/ 8/ 4
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	1120hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 39,484 YTD 262,275
Google Searches last 30 days 4,081

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
Great Start	19729 E San Tan Blvd (QC Meeting House)	M-F 8:00a

Changes:

Valleywide H&I moved to:	1875 N Central Ave. Phoenix	2nd WE 7:00pm
Gilbert Gals has moved to:	2700 E Southern Ave. Mesa	MO 7:30pm W,O
Pioneer Group has moved:	113 S Pine St. Globe (across the street)	

Deletions:

AJ Campfire Mtg.	4865 N Ironwood Apache Junction	FR 8:00p
Tempe High Noon	1945 E Guadalupe Rd. MO, WE, FR	12 Noon

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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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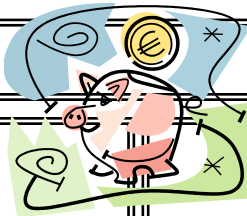
GROUP	July	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$100.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$500.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group	\$226.86	\$468.28
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday	\$100.00	\$200.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$310.91
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,100.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$895.39	\$895.39
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$20.00	\$75.18
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$100.00	\$650.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$30.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$150.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$180.00
Bootstrap Men's	\$500.00	\$500.00
Breakfast Club		\$150.00
Busted Ego	\$240.00	\$480.00
By The Book	\$156.43	\$674.20
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$100.00	\$674.20
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$534.64
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group	\$130.12	\$319.94
Courage To Change		\$100.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$75.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$250.00	\$800.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$622.09
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	\$151.89	\$2,479.02
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
Gratitude Group		\$233.00
Gut Level	\$63.00	\$104.40
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
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$533.00
Life In The Big Book	\$99.09	\$591.41
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$60.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Morning After Group	\$194.00	\$394.00
Name In The Hat		\$400.00
New Beginnings	\$80.00	\$445.00
New Hope Group		\$20.00
New Spirit Group	\$300.00	\$600.00
No Name AA Group	\$300.00	\$300.00
Not A Glum Lot	\$155.00	\$320.00
Page A Day Group	\$888.38	\$3,0551.02

GROUP	July	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$130.00
Price Is Right	\$121.00	\$121.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group	\$125.00	\$392.00
Prime Time		\$65.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$80.74
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit		\$600.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit	\$246.32	\$741.15
Road To Recovery	\$145.75	\$3,890.37
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
Sobriety is Gold		\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$259.17
Society Group		\$500.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women		\$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	\$500.00	\$570.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe High Noon		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$225.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$495.00
The Library		\$130.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$650.00
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	\$30.00	\$90.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group	\$100.00	\$250.00
Women In Gratitude		\$242.00
Women In Solution	\$634.00	\$634.00
Women In Touch		\$511.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$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	\$7,121.10	\$35,946.85
EVI Committees	\$96.00	\$706.63
Individual Contributions	\$0.00	\$1,587.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$7,217.10	\$31,241.38

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET July 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	3,869.52
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	23,564.31
Accounts Receivable	225.00
Inventory Asset	22,434.54
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$50,143.37**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	570.68
Payroll taxes	86.92

Total Liabilities **\$657.60**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	5,560.56

Total Equity **\$49,485.77**

Total Liability & Equity **\$50,143.37**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT July 2017

33 Group contributions totaling	\$7,121.10
Individual contributions totaling	\$0.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$96.00
Total Contributions	\$7,217.10
Total Income	\$12,579.53
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$3,251.16
Gross Profit	\$9,328.37
Less total Expenses of	\$5,825.77
Net July Gain	\$3,502.60
YTD 2017 Gain	\$5,560.56

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$23,564.31
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

"For thousands of alcoholics yet to come, AA does have an answer. But there is one condition. We must, at all costs, preserve our essential unity; it must be made unbreakably secure. Without permanent unity there can be little lasting recovery for anyone. Hence our future depends upon the creation and observance of a sound group Tradition. First things will always need to be first: humility before success, and unity before fame."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1947, "Traditions Stressed in Memphis Talk," The Language of the Heart
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Step Nine~ Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine~ A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept Nine~ Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**August 18, 2017****Meeting Opened by Ed at 7:00pm with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer****12 Traditions ready by – Lois L.****INTRODUCTIONS:** *Your attendance and participation is appreciated and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** Mike, No Name Group-Alternate, Denise-Chandler Noon Group (Possible Rep)

Shelly M. Ahwatukee Group, Tobias E. Ahwatukee Saturday Men's, Larry C. East Valley Men's, Denis W. Friends of Bill W, Brandon B. Life in the BB, Beth M. Maricopa Group, Steven S. Men's Shade Tree, Mike K. No Name Group, Peg D. Not A Glum Lot, Bertha Page A Day, Cecily C. Price is Right, Matthew J. Primary Purpose, Lee S. Prime Time, Robyn H. Putting God First, Beth Sisterhood of Solutions, Tim G. SNBBS, Brandon L. Society, Peg D. Spirited Women, Kim M. Step By Step, Phil H. Step by Step, Chuck E. Stepping Stones, Dave K. Sunset Group, Ron N. Tuesday Trudgers, Larry C. Upon Awakening, Jim M. WADY, Jerry L. We Agnostics, Gary L. Welcome Home, Regina S. Women In Gratitude, Shirley L. Women in Touch

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Ed B	Advisor - Unity	Jeremy	Phone Chair	Beth
Vice Chair	N/P	Office Manager	N/P	H&I Liaison	Roxanne
Treasurer	Lois L	Unity Chair	N/P	Spanish Liaison	N/P
Secretary	Andrea	PICPC Chair	Paul	Alanon Liaison	N/P
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	Deana	DCM 08-818	N/P
Advisor - PICPC	N/P	Sponsorship WorkShop	Bertha Sub	DCM 08-819	N/P
Advisor - Phones	Barbara	No Booze News	N/P	DCM 08-820	N/P

Secretary's Report: Packets on back table; Steering Meeting, H&I, and Vice Chair Report on separate sheets this week.Denis-Motion, Chuck-2nd, Approved.**Treasurer's Report:** Great month in July! Report in packet; Larger than usually income for July allowing Office Manager to transfer \$2000 to Prudent Reserve; Chuck-Motion, Denis-2nd, Approved; Ed asked Reps to take a big thanks back to the group for this great month of contributions! Keep up the support.7th Tradition: \$68.00**Chairperson's Report:** Ed B – Attended Unity committee for Intergroup meeting at Bloopers, Spanish Intergroup hosting next meeting.**Vice Chair's Report:** Tom N. – Report on separate sheet, Not present**Office Manager Report** – Kim W — Written Report in packet, Not present**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PICPC:** Paul- Clarified qualification to serve on committee- NO SOBRIETY REQUIREMENT; Recovery Expo in September-Will set up table at event; Updated PowerPoint Presentation for event; Committee approved letter writing campaign to reach out to schools in Chandler/Tempe/Mesa-will reach out to School Counselors with letter offering a big book, literature for offices, and presentation (if requested); Attended event with Arizona National Guard and possibly opened doors to other military offices, obtained contacts for possible presentations; Discussing social media and literature training at committee meetings; Questions- Date for Art of Recovery? Sept 16th**Special Events:** Deana- Bowlathon was a success!! 64 people in attendance, fun event; Next meeting for Special Events is first Friday at 630 PM, Please grab flyer for next month; Day of Service is October 21! Please grab flyers- still looking for 3 more service commitments for event, will pass clipboard; Need to speak to Sponsorship Workshop Chair to confirm Day of Service commitment. Thank you!**Phone Committee:** Beth – Did workshop at Page-a-Day this month, signed up 5 new people; Reminded about phone trainings-can come to homegroup event/potluck, Must have training in order to do phones.**Unity Committee:** NP, **Sponsorship Workshop:** NP, **Newsletter Editor** – NP**LIASION REPORTS****Alanon Liaison:** NP**H&I Liaison:** Roxanne- Meeting was two hours long this month (but no amends are needed!); Report on back table; **Meeting at new location but not yet confirmed-PLEASE TELL GROUP REPS TO CHECK WEBSITE FOR MEETING LOCATION;** H&I website is up and running; Hospital East Coordinator needs updates for anyone who is taking meetings into hospitals in the East Valley-Please call Roxanne with info; Treatment Center Meeting opening at Aurora for juveniles, The meeting is Tuesday at 7:30PM-Email Bre via the H&I website if interested; Greatest need at H&I are people to CARRY THE MESSAGE; Please take back to groups about setting up H&I meeting commitment; Application for badging is on website; Email coordinator on website if interested! www.vvwhi.org

Spanish Liaison – Marge – NP, **Sub District 08-818:** -Aaron – NP, **Sub District 08-819:** Paul – NP, **Sub District 08-820:** Jeff – NP

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion to add 3 days vacation to current Office Manager's vacation days; this will not carry over to future office managers, this is temporary solution to no raise
Chuck Motion to untabled, 2nd by Jeremy-

Discussion:

Paul concerned that this is band-aid and future raises might not be possible if we don't address problem; Chuck discussed as a Intergroup we need to look at Prudent Reserve in order to provide Merit raises in future;
Roxanne stated to group her minority opinion at homegroup-explained website maintenance, office duties, and phone responsibilities are imperative for office functioning;
Ed explained steering committee discussion about adding line item on budget.
Gary called for motion to vote because motion was untabled and is now on floor for vote
Roxanne opposed for minority opinion
Shelly M commented about personal experience with raises and importance to look at finances to do better job in preparing for review and raises in future.
Shelly asked when can budget line be brought to committee.

Ed-Clarified motion process: There is a motion on the floor and must vote, then can have minority opinion. Procedure must recognize motion on the floor first, then can vote down;

Roxanne asked for clarification on who can vote

Gordon clarified only steering committee cannot vote

Vote to call question- 19 yes, 3 opposed to call question; Vote on Motion – 19 yes, 6 no; motion passes

Minority Opinion-

Deana where this comes from and if comes groups.
Gordon explained it comes from evaluation from Steering Committee, then bring to body at meeting.
Roxanne explained prudent reserve is evidence on why we need to give a raise
Cecily also agrees to give raise
Shelly commented this is process improvement and should be in budget each year to address this issue
Brandon B. also stated Prudent Reserve is evidence why we can provide a raise
Cecily added that something valued as much as office manager should be front burner on budget;

Chair- Ed, asked for floor discussion; explained this was brought up because at the time of budgeting there was not enough money for raise and this is why we came up three days

Treasurer-Lois, made point of information on when this was first brought to steering committee Kim was made aware and understood at the time there was no money for raise and she is happy with 3 days.

Roxanne asked for call to order about raising hands and should not be hearing opinions from committees because this is the time for the groups to discuss.

Advisor to Special Events-Steve, explained the money for raise comes from our body and if groups don't contribute then their is not money for a raise. Because we, the groups, support the East Valley, if we feel passionate about getting her a raise, then the groups are responsible for providing the funding! We are AA and we are fully self-supporting. We can easily say she needs a raise and write anything in the budget, but Groups need to dig deeper and contribute the money. Steering committee is not deciding and being stingy, the money comes from the GROUPS!

Gary L. asked about possible revote and voting procedure for revote.

Gordon explained if we revote the motion is done and clarified the motion is about giving Kim three days of additional vacation this year. If we want a motion about a raise, then a new motion needs to be made on the floor for the raise. Budget talks are brought to body in October.

Call to vote: Discussion is complete, time to take final vote on motion

Re-vote: 17 yes; 5 no; 4 abstention; motion passes for 3 vacation days added to Office Manager's vacation days.

Gordon commented on voting process and why this goes back to the group; The Intergroup body is responsible for voting and representing the East Valley as a whole. Yes, this can be a pain in the ass but we do need to do things this way.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for new positions

Secretary- read duties; Andrea qualified-previous service on EVI committees, rethinking after this meeting (haha); Vote- Yes, 1 opposed (Brandon B who wanted opposition in black and white)

Literature Committee Chair- read duties; Eric qualified- Rising Spirit homegroup, looking to be in service and get involved at Intergroup level; Vote- Yes by entire body

No Booze News- hold off until Maria is here

Phone Committee- Beth; Vote- Yes by entire body

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roxanne- Need people to volunteer at office for phones and working in the office. Need help right now! Open shift Friday mornings from 9AM - 1PM.

Group Problems & Solutions: none, Close Meeting: Chuck motion to close, Jeremy 2nd, 8: 22 close with Statement of Responsibility

As the wife of an early A.A., some of our experiences and my reactions to my husband's changed life may be interesting to other wives. Bill was an alcoholic, I believe, from the first drink he ever took, just a few months before our marriage. From then on, for seventeen years, I did everything I could think of to keep him away from liquor.

I will tell a little of our life before A.A. to help explain some of my later emotions. Bill and I had no children, so I soon felt that my job in life was to help Bill straighten himself out. As time went on, he earnestly tried to stop drinking. He was always very remorseful and perplexed the mornings-after. We would then resolve to lick this liquor situation together, launching off on some new tack.

As his drinking got worse, all decision and responsibility had to be taken by me. It was lucky that we were companionable, for gradually as our social contacts were broken we were thrust back on each other for company. In order to get away from alcohol over the week ends, I used to engineer some sort of outing, as we both loved the outdoors. If our pocketbook was flat, we might take the subway to the Dyckman Street ferry and hike along the Palisades to some scenic spot where we would nibble our sandwiches and gaze at the view. Or we might ferry to Staten Island and walk there; perhaps broiling a steak over a campfire. We have hired a rowboat at Yonkers and, using a bath towel as a sail, floated up the Hudson, to a spit of land near Nyack, where we camped and tried to sleep. We once went so far to get away from alcohol that we both gave up our jobs and took a whole year off. This we spent motorcycling and camping over half the United States.

These trips, although good for Bill's health, did nothing towards his permanent sobriety. In fact, his alcoholism grew steadily more serious. He lost job after job until I became entirely hopeless about him.

And then suddenly and finally Bill straightened out through the help of an old friend. At once I was convinced of his complete change and was of course extremely happy. Bill began to go to religious meetings and to work feverishly with alcoholics. I would go to meetings too and would try to share his newfound enthusiasms. He always had some drunk in tow and would work all night or get up in the middle of the night to go to the suburbs if one called him. We had drunks all over the house; sometimes as many as five lived there at one time.

One drunk committed suicide in the house after having sold about 700 dollars worth of our clothes and luggage. Another slid down the coal chute from the street to the cellar when we refused him the front door. Two others took to fighting, and one chased the other all around the house with a carving knife. The intended victim was saved by a third drunk, who delivered the knife-minded one a knockout blow. An alcoholic who was living in the basement was invited up for a pancake breakfast. After eating his share, he suddenly put on his hat and started out of the door remarking that he was going to Childs for PLENTY of pancakes.

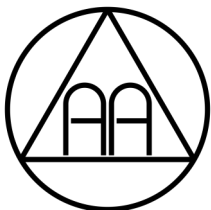
Bill had found himself a job about this time; and it used to take him away from home a great deal and I was left with one or more alcoholics to look after. Once one of these boys lay in the vestibule all night and screamed invectives at me because I would not let him in. He was so loud the passers-by all stopped, looked and listened. Another time it was 4 a.m. before I succeeded in towing a drunk home. He was anxious to be at his job the next morning and we had gone out around midnight to look for a doctor, having been unable to get one to come to the house at that hour. I helped his shaky steps up and down stoops, lit his cigarettes for him and finally, when we could not rouse a doctor, held a drink to his lips in a bar. When I asked him how he then felt he said, "Well, a bird can't fly on one wing." After a few more drinks I managed to get him home, but he did not get to his job the next morning. I was once suddenly taken sick, and when my sister arrived to nurse me she found five men milling around in the living room, one of them muttering, "One woman can look after five drunks but five drunks cannot look after one woman."

Now to describe my reactions to it all. When Bill first sobered up I was terribly happy but soon, without my realizing it, I began to resent the fact that Bill and I never spent any time together any more. I stayed at home while he went off somewhere scouting up new drunks or working with old ones. My life's job of sobering up Bill with all its former responsibilities was suddenly taken away from me. I had not yet found anything to fill the void. And then there was the feeling of being on the outside of a very tight little clique of alcoholics into which no mere wife could possibly enter. I did not understand what was going on within myself until one Sunday, Bill asked me to go with him to a meeting. To my own surprise as well as his I burst forth with, "Damn all your meetings," and threw my shoe at him as hard as I could.

This bad display of temper woke me up. I realized that I had been wallowing in self pity; that Bill's change was simply miraculous; that his feverish activity with alcoholics was absolutely necessary to his sobriety; and that if I did not want to be left way behind I had better jump on the bandwagon, too!

-- Bill W.'s wife, Lois Wilson

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Maria D. THANKS!