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NO BOOZE NEWS

A letter from Inside Looking Out

Following is a letter from a local AA member residing in prison.*

Dear No Booze News,

Our group would like to say thank-you to all of the East Valley Intergroup for all the support and for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. We are all so grateful to have you.

As for me, I am Jerry P. I have been a friend of Bill W. for 24 years. Mostly here in prison. I have been working the AA program, helping set up meetings, chairing, working with others, both staff and inmates alike. I feel it is important for AA in the Department of Corrections as it gives us as inmates a place we can go to talk out our problems with alcohol and to be able to talk open and freely with others who, like most of us, have had problems with substance abuse.

AA gives us that, behind these walls and fences. I started my first group inside in 1993. The Inside Looking Out Group started in July of 2011 with the help of a C.O. who used to be here. We have as many as 24+ inmates in our weekly meetings.

While I was at another facility I chaired meetings along with my sponsor. Together we started the chip program. With a lot of help from the Chaplain and my Higher Power and my sponsor we were allowed to carry them as they are a part of policy. You meet a lot of staff here who believe in Bill W. Words cannot express the glow that comes over some of these guys' faces when they stand before the group to get that little round token of achievement.

Most people would think drugs or booze wouldn't be a problem in prison. Trust me, booze and drugs know no boundaries. It goes where it wants, prison included. At least the Inside Looking Out Group gives these men a chance and a place to change their lives. We offer that by having books, newsletters and pamphlets as well as sponsors from the streets help to guide us in our AA way of life. We thank God for them as well as East Valley for the support. I want to thank everyone who has had a hand in our program here for all their time, dedication, patience and effort for the joy I receive for being sober.

Thank All of you,

A Great Believer in Bill W.,

Sincerely, Jerry P.

P.S. We also have our own sponsor program, working with others.

*Edited for content.

For this AA, that was the Step that helped him become an adult

The Tenth Step is the teen years of the Steps for me. This Step makes me start acting like an adult or make my amends. For me, it is about **honesty, humility, courage and acceptance.**

Honesty is something I had to learn. I am still learning how to be completely honest. In "how it works," it talks a little about honesty. I needed to grasp and develop a manner of living that demands rigorous honesty. I learned how to look at my actions with honesty: Did I do my best? Were my actions based on fear, anger or love? Am I looking at my actions, and not just my intentions? Am I telling the whole story or just the parts I want others to hear? And at the end of the day, I ask myself: Did I do what I said I would do?

Humility teaches me that there are other people here besides me. I'm not always first or last; sometimes others get the job, the girl, or whatever it is sometimes. With humility, I can learn what my strengths and weaknesses are and what I'm good at and what I need to work on. I'm no better or worse than anyone else. I've learned that there is no "us or them," nor "me or you." There is only "we." We are all just trying to get through this life as best we can.

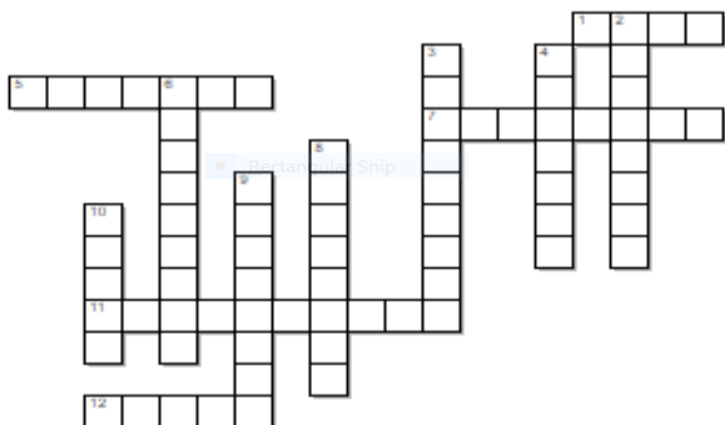
I have to remember to pray for courage to do the things I need to do and to do God's will. I need to pray for the courage to change my actions when I'm having problems with people, places and things. And courage to look at my part in a problem and make my amends. I ask for the courage to do the mundane things in life I need to do but don't want to. And the courage to do things to improve my life. Lastly, I pray for the courage to say I'm wrong.

Acceptance has a big learning curve for me. I try not to waste so much time trying to changing things that aren't mine to change. Acceptance for me is that I'm the one who needs to change in accordance with people, places and things.

-- Jeff H., Columbia, Missouri

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Sobriety Rocks



ACROSS

1. A token of recognition for time in Sobriety.
5. Someone who guides you through the steps and supports your recovery.
7. A feeling of calm or peace.
11. These were the first published in 1946. They outline the means that AA maintains unity.
12. A key component of working the program of A.A.

DOWN

2. An important spiritual principal you are not supposed to brag about.
3. Used to describe a subtle or gradual descent, with harmful effects.
4. A safe place to share with like-minded people.
6. AA is not a religious program, it's a _____ one.
8. A confusing characteristic of the disease of alcoholism.
9. Many of these will come true if you work the steps and follow the suggestions.

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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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



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



LAKE PLEASANT ROUNDUP

NOVEMBER 10 ~ 12

41835 N CASTLE HOT SPRINGS RD.

LAKE PLEASANT



East Valley Men's Retreat

Oct 20 - 22

1605 S St Mary's Way

St. David AZ

For more info contact

Mike K

Area 03 State Convention

September 29th - OCT. 1st, 2017

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

2017 November Assembly

(Election)

November 4th - 5th, 2017

Yuma, AZ

Mesa Roundup Presents

Monster Mash

Saturday, October 21st

5:30pm to 11:00pm

Eat (\$5) and Greet

Speaker - Howard P.

Costume Contest and Dance

1844 E. Dana ave. Mesa AZ

St Peter Lutheran Church



Name Date Days

Dick Y.	10/3/1973	16071
Thomas S.	10/17/1981	13149
Larry R.	10/3/1983	12419
Pat S.	10/6/1983	12419
Lenay L.	10/7/1984	12053
George D.	10/20/1984	12053
Louise G.	10/25/1984	12053
Shap W.	10/18/1985	11688
Harry L.	10/28/1985	11688
Jim S.	10/10/1986	11323
Lynne S.	10/20/1986	11323
BJ W.	10/27/1986	11323
Pat P.	10/18/1987	10592
Shirley B.	10/8/1988	10592
Michael C.	10/31/1988	10592
George P.	10/2/1992	9131
Denis W.	10/26/1992	9131
John S.	10/24/1994	8401
Lucy W.	10/11/1995	8036
Juanita A.	10/28/1995	8036
Jay Z.	10/14/1996	7670
Lisa B.	10/13/1997	7305
Dave H.	10/14/1998	6940
Gordon R.	10/17/1998	6940
Dennis R.	10/23/1998	6940
Dan D.	10/18/1999	6575
Rebecka L.	10/5/2000	6209
Dana T.	10/16/2000	6209
Danny S.	10/22/2001	5844
David R.	10/3/2003	5114
Mike P.	10/9/2003	5114
Kristina F.	10/23/2004	4748
Shelby T.	10/1/2005	4383
Archie T.	10/10/2006	4018
Erica M.	10/12/2006	4018
Katie S.	10/8/2008	3287
Robert S.	10/13/2008	3287
Nathan U.	10/20/2008	3287
Sherry B.	10/21/2008	3287
Vida J.	10/17/2009	2922
Michael S.	10/18/2009	2922
Peggy J.	10/23/2009	2922
Skip P.	10/10/2010	2557
Adrian M.	10/21/2010	2557
Jerry C.	10/25/2010	2557
Claire C.	10/27/2010	2557
Jeff K.	10/27/2010	2557
April T.	10/28/2010	2557
Sasha M.	10/2/2012	1826
Peggy K.	10/21/2012	1826
Gussie O.	10/27/2012	1826
Paul B.	10/1/2013	1461
Sue H.	10/8/2013	1461
Jack B.	10/10/2013	1461
Paige L.	10/17/2015	731
Adam K.	10/19/2015	731
Angie G.	10/29/2015	731

RFC ? A B RCQR

As we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life. But when we approach Step Ten we commence to put our A.A. way of living to practical use, day by day, in fair weather or foul. Then comes the acid test: can we stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?

G I mu r f c Nprk gpcq _p ` c d e d j d j c b d k w j g t * ` s r G u _ l r m k _ d r _ d _ l b b c t c j m r f c k ` w r f c b _ g w _ n n j g _ r g n l m d Step Ten. I have learned through this Step that if I am disturbed, there is something wrong with me. The other person may be wrong too, but I can only deal with my feelings. When I am hurt or upset, I have to continually look for the cause in me, and then I have to admit and correct my mistakes. It isn't easy, but as long as I know I am progressing spiritually, I know that I can mark my effort up as a job well done. I have found that pain is a friend; it lets me know there is something wrong with my emotions, just as a physical pain lets me know there is something wrong with my body. When I take the appropriate action through the Twelve Steps, the pain gradually goes away.

Dprk r f c ` m m i Daily Reflections

Amv p g f r » / 77. ` w ? j a n f n j g a q ? l m v k m s q U m j b Q c p t g a c q ? G a, P c n g r c b u g f n c p k g a g n l ,

A TRUE STORY: I recently attended an AA picnic in my home town. We were joking and having a good time, when the five-year-old daughter of a fellow home-group member won a prize in the sack race. "That's mine!" I told her playfully. "Give it here."

"I'll tell my Mommy," she replied, clutching it to her chest.

"I don't care," I said, tugging at it. "I want it."

"I'll tell my Daddy," she threatened.

"I don't care. I want it," I replied.

"Who's your sponsor?" she shot back. She'd won our little battle.

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PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Come help carry the message at the public level and to professional groups who have contact with alcoholics.

For more information contact:

Paul P.

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Antioch Community Church

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

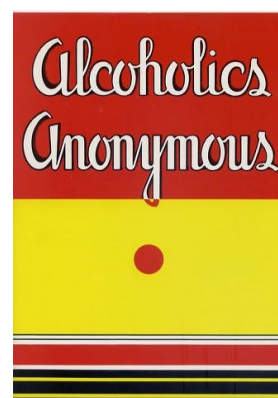
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

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

October 6th - Sunset Group

November 3rd - Gilbert Gals

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

September 15, 2017

August just seemed to fly by. I guess a vacation will do that. The office stayed busy in August, even with the heat. We received 536 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 137 calls were for meeting info and 155 were office visitors. 9,032 people found us on Google, of those 268 either visited our website or got directions to the office. Our website stayed busy too. It had 42,185 visits in the last 30 days.

We spoke to the Houston Intergroup Office on the Monday after Harvey made landfall. They had been receiving many calls from people wanting to send books and/or money. On Tuesday they enabled their website to accept contributions. On Thursday they replaced the contribution button with a notice saying that their needs had been met and thanking everyone for their generosity.

I will be attending the ICOAA (Intergroup, Central Office, AAWS and AAGV) seminar in Northern Virginia September 4th to the 8th. I will also be presenting a bid to bring this seminar to our area in 2019. It will be a lot of fun and a little work but I'm confident that our local members will come together host a great event for our out of town family.

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

	Aug	2017
Meeting Information Calls	137	947
General Information	101	780
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	5	72
Referred to Al-Anon	17	102
Referred to Community Info	0	7
12th Step Calls	7	65
Business Calls	114	804
Office Visitors	155	1129
Meeting lists printed	800	53
Info request via E-mail	55	396
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	28/ 8/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD		1280hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 39,484 YTD 262,275
Google Searches last 30 days 9,032

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Both Books 1565 E Warner Rd. Rm 206A Tempe MO 5:45 C,BB,T
(starts Oct. 16th)

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:

Tempe High Noon 1945 E Guadalupe Rd. MO, WE, FR 12 Noon

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General Service Office
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station
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Mesa, AZ 85277

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Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
PO Box 20404
Mesa, AZ 85277

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

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

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	Aug.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$100.00	\$200.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$500.00
24 Hours A Day	\$50.00	\$50.00
A Vision For You Group		\$468.28
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$200.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$310.91
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,100.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$141.30	\$1,036.69
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$75.18
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$150.00	\$800.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG	\$30.00	\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$60.00	\$60.00
Basic II		\$150.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$240.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$500.00
Breakfast Club		\$150.00
Busted Ego		\$480.00
By The Book		\$674.20
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$68.40	\$742.60
Chandler Women's Big Book Group	\$381.61	\$916.25
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$319.94
Courage To Change		\$100.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$75.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$800.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$710.96
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group	\$100.00	\$200.00
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
Get It Together	\$241.77	\$2,720.79
Gilbert Gals	\$280.00	\$525.00
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		\$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		\$591.41
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$80.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$394.00
Name In The Hat		\$400.00
New Beginnings		\$445.00
New Hope Group		\$20.00
New Spirit Group		\$600.00
No Name AA Group		\$300.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$320.00
Page A Day Group		\$3,051.02

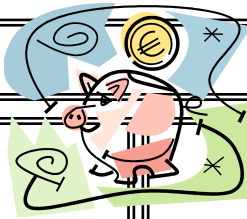
GROUP	Aug	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$130.00
Price Is Right	\$250.00	\$371.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$392.00
Prime Time	\$10.00	\$75.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$80.74
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit	\$300.00	\$900.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$741.15
Road To Recovery		\$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	\$193.00	\$410.00.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$475.05
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$186.50
Sunset Group	\$20.00	\$590.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe High Noon		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$275.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$495.00
The Library		\$130.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$50.00	\$700.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$125.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$250.00	\$400.00
Upon Awakening	\$770.00	\$1,470.00
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		\$90.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$250.00
Women in Gratitude	\$75.00	\$317.00
Women in Solution		\$634.00
Women in Touch		\$511.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$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	\$3,709.95	\$39,656.80
EVI Committees	\$66.14	\$772.77
Individual Contributions	\$361.00	\$1,948.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,137.09	\$42,378.47

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET August 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	3,201.60
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	23,566.30
Accounts Receivable	1,072.95
Inventory Asset	22,223.04
Undeposited Funds	-28.50

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$50,085.39**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	697.72
Payroll taxes	173.84

Total Liabilities **\$871.56**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	5,288.62

Total Equity **\$49,213.83**

Total Liability & Equity **\$50,085.39**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT August 2017

25 Group contributions totaling	\$3,709.95
3 Individual contributions totaling	\$361.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$66.14
Total Contributions	\$4,137.09
Total Income	\$10,049.38
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$4,291.83
Gross Profit	\$5,757.55
Less total Expenses of	\$6,029.49
<u>Net Aug. Loss</u>	(\$271.94)
<u>YTD 2017 Gain</u>	\$5,288.62

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$23,566.30
The Prudent Reserve has been
established for 2017 in the amount of \$24,859.46

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

Grateful to be of service,
Lois L. EVI Treasurer

Step Ten~ Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten~ Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept Ten~ Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2017

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

12 Traditions ready by – Lois

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

New Reps: Ryan-Sunday Morning Men's Shade Tree; Denise-Chandler Noon Group; Beth-Gilbert Gals; Anne-GIT; Molly-By the Book Buddy M. Aha It's Monday; Shelly M. Ahwatukee Group; Vic V. Bloopers; Jamie- Breakfast Club; Molly G. By the Book; Denise D. Chandler Noon; Phil F. Easy Does It; Denis W. Friends of Bill W; Beth J. Gilbert Gals; Wendy W. Gilbert Group; Anne H. GIT; Brandon B. Life in the BB; Beth M. Maricopa Group; Ryan H. Men's Shade Tree; Gail H. Page A Day; Cecily C. Price is Right; R.H. Putting God First; Jeremy Road to Recovery; Lucy W. Sisterhood of Solutions; Tim G. SNBBSS; Brandon L. Society; Chuck E. Stepping Stones; Ken C. 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; 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	Open	Phone Chair	Beth
Vice Chair	N/P	Office Manager	Kim	H&I Liaison	Roxanne
Treasurer	Lois L	Unity Chair	Larry	Spanish Liaison	N/P
Secretary	Andrea	PICPC Chair	Paul	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary B.
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	Deana	DCM 08-818	N/P
Advisor - PICPC	Mark	Sponsorship Workshop	Gail	DCM 08-819	Paul T
Advisor - Phones	N/P	No Booze News	Maria	DCM 08-820	
		Literature Chair	Erik		

Secretary's Report: Andrea- In the packet; please sign in on the sheet in the back. If you are a new rep, please fill out new info; Motion-Denis, 2nd-Chuck

Treasurer's Report: Lois- In the packet; First time this year IG landed in the negative at month's end; Reminder to check Year-to-Date group contributions; Motion- Chuck, 2nd Brandon 7th Tradition: \$77.00

Chairperson's Report: Ed B –

Minutes in report; please review

Vice Chair's Report: Tom N. – Not present; minutes in report

Office Manager Report – Kim W — Written Report in packet; office busy for August(comparing to previous years) ; website and Google hits were up and 137 calls to office; Explained talking with Houston Intergroup about donations and how they asked for no more donations as they were gratefully overwhelmed with support; attending Office Manager Seminar in October, will be putting in bid to bring event to AZ! Stated she is happy to hear a warm respond from room and will need support from Intergroup if bid is accepted; **Office Service Day will be 28th**, donuts and coffee for all. **We need office volunteers for 4 hour shift during the week days.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC: Paul- Finished training with committee; continuing with letter writing campaign to schools and other public entities; Will be looking at senior living communities; attended military meeting, tomorrow is Art of Recovery in downtown Phoenix, will have booth with Salt River Intergroup; Day of Service is in October; invited to Compassion Queen Creek.

Special Events: Deana- Sunset is hosting Friday, October monthly speaker meeting; **Day of Service is Oct 21 at 805 N Country Club**, free food! Burgers, hot dogs, cake, coffee

Phone Committee: Beth- Emailing people with calendar attached; going well getting calendar volunteers; revised Voice on the Phone pamphlet is available

Unity Committee: Larry- Back to being lonely Unity guy; looking for people to help out! Show up at 6:15 next month before business meeting if interested in helping out.

Sponsorship Workshop: Gail- Six workshops each year and its going well; Last one is in November; will be sending out 2018 sign up sheet next month; if your group is interested in next year- please contact!

Newsletter Editor – Maria- Excited for position*; told story about area meeting where she read about Florence Prison group who wrote to No Booze news for history of homegroups. The Florence Men's group thanked EVI. Maria explained this pushed her towards decision

*Ed interjected with nominations for position, Maria qualified and willing to stand for No Booze News Letter; appointed position, Larry explained no vote is needed. Crowd cheers!! Welcome Maria!

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Mary- Bingo Bonanza Sept 23 at St. Peter Lutheran in Mesa, Convention in Maryland next year- Flyer in back

H&I Liaison: Report in packet; **H&I meeting location is 1875 N. Central 85004 (at Palm Lane and Central) 2nd Wednesday of month; please tell your H&I Reps!;** Treasurer at meeting opened report with WE HAVE MONEY; What H&I needs is volunteer! Need warm bodies to take in meetings to prisons; MCSO is rolling out red carpet (assisting with badging); \$7000 a month is spent on books; Facility in Eloy that houses 5500 inmates-La Palma and AZ 87-has never had AA meeting, looking for help if someone can get down there.

Larry asked about Bridging the Gap meeting; Roxanne explained it is on 7th north of Central at coffee place by Tiki Tap Room-info in report.

Larry asked about MCSO doing trainings; Jamie thanked Roxanne and H&I for bringing meetings into Pinal County.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Not Present

Sub District 08-818: -Aaron – Not Present

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Area assembly last month, great turn out; State Assembly next month; Alano Club anniversary tomorrow- Go check it out; Easy Does It Anniversary Sat, Sept 23rd-all welcome!

Sub District 08-820: Jeff – Not Present

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none .

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kim remind that Budget will be submitted next month at Business Meeting. Reps will need to take back to groups info to groups for vote in November.

Shelly- Upcoming Fundraising event for Women's International in February - yoga and meditation workshop on September 23 10AM to 2PM ; two speakers and guided meditation; please grab a flyer in the back.

Roxanne- **Need office volunteers! Right now in need of Friday morning**

Anne- GIT Annual Fall picnic Oct 8th; Desert Breeze Park

Cecily- Plugging Daily of Service event because it is so amazing how much information is available; please encourage homegroup members to attend

Group Problems & Solutions: none

Close Meeting: Motion to close- Ken, 2nd- by someone (?)

Stated Statement of Responsibility 7:45 PM end

What's an AA Group?

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The group conscience of AA in the U.S. and Canada seems to have agreed upon six points that define an AA group:

- 1) All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.
- 2) As a group, they are fully self-supporting.
- 3) A group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.
- 4) As a group, they have no outside affiliation.
- 5) As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.
- 6) As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, and film.

Tradition Ten

A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Many years ago, a nonalcoholic friend of AA who was one of our Class A trustees referred to Alcoholics Anonymous as "an island of sanity in a world gone mad." How true! And to keep it that way, we are guided by Tradition Ten.

Yet I'm convinced that what goes on in the world around us does indeed affect AA in various ways--for example, the smoking/nonsmoking controversy, local drunk-driving laws, liability insurance requirements. Nonsmoking meetings are frequently mandated by someone or something other than the group conscience. Drunk-driving laws result in forced rather than voluntary attendance at AA meetings, and while we don't check up on our own members, we sign proof of attendance slips in the spirit of cooperation with the courts or other agencies associated with them.

Other current issues are more subtle. At a recent AA service event, I heard comments on introduction/identification ("I'm John/I'm an alcoholic"). According to some, this is a comparatively new custom (although this was in practice when I came to AA, eighteen years ago). The custom of closing meetings with the Lord's Prayer almost always comes up at such gatherings, but is now extended to holding hands and getting into a circle (which was *not* done when I came around).

A long time ago, our co-founder Dr. Bob warned: "Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have little to do with our actual AA work." Could he be referring to such expressions as "dysfunctional family" or "low self-esteem" which have crept into AA lingo in recent years? Not too long ago, I sponsored a young woman who felt like drinking all the time and consistently complained she was "not feeling good about herself." In frustration, I suggested that she might just as well drink rather than feel that bad all the time. I'd never, ever said that to anyone! She did drink but came back a few months later and has been sober ever since.

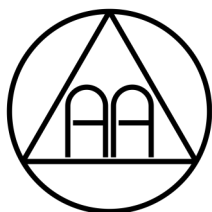
Last year, I attended a district-sponsored public information meeting, where a renowned clergyman/psychiatrist very active in the treatment of addictions spoke. He expressed concern that the main goal of society today is to "feel good." In contrast, the goal of fellowships such as Alcoholics Anonymous is to "do good." And by concentrating on "doing good," people discover that they "feel good." He expressed his hope that the rest of society would learn this too.

We cannot--and should not--isolate ourselves from the world around us. Consequently, outside issues are bound to creep into our rooms. What we do about this--as individuals and as groups--depends on how well we learn about and apply--nay, live--the principles set down for us in *all* of our Twelve Traditions.

-- Lois C.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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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.

Maria D. info@aamesaz.org THANKS!