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NO BOOZE NEWS

AA Midwest

The Eleventh Step has been described as the practice of the presence of God. It is something I have to do daily. In order to explain this more fully it is necessary to establish my own conception of God. Doubtless many of you will disagree with me, but I, of course, can speak only for myself.

To begin--I have always known there was a God. At times I seemed to forget it--I have been irreverent, irreligious, sacrilegious and even blasphemous; yet inside of myself I never once doubted the existence of God.

It seems to me that meditating every morning on the many benefits I have received helps me through the day. When I was drinking, I used to spend that same time in the mornings over my coffee meditating, but in such a different way--wondering first how I'd get through the day, second how many people at work would notice that I was again showing up with bleary eyes, and finally concluding that it was none of their damned business and so going to work with a chip on my shoulder.

Now I spend those same moments just being glad that again I'm starting the day with a clear head--that, while there is much for me to do to better myself that I *am* trying to do something about myself; in short, just starting the day in the right frame of mind.

-- E.M.S., SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

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Step Eleven~ Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition Eleven~ Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Concept Eleven~ The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Thanksgiving — AA Style



November, during which we in the U.S. celebrate the anniversary of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving, is also AA Traditions Month. Our AA Traditions which are printed on the inside back cover of each Grapevine, were designed and adopted by the Fellowship years ago to safeguard our individual sobriety and to insure, under God, that AA will be there when alcoholics come for help at any time in the future.

Gratitude
is an
action.

The Traditions serve to focus our gratitude. If there were no AA, if it were to go under in a swirl of dispute and self-seeking, how many of us would ever have come back from drunkenness; how many of us would be able to stay sober for long, alone? Our gratitude is practical--a matter of life and death.

-- Anonymous

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I am reminded so vividly of how it was for me in the fall of 1987, when I joined our Fellowship. I got sober in Los Angeles with a bunch of hard-line AAs. These folks carried their Big Books with them. After a meeting they would go out for coffee and talk about the program. They told me the things I needed to hear, especially: "Do the Steps or die." That got through to me.

That fall, just before the holidays, billboards started going up all over town advertising every kind of booze there is. You know what they look like--there's guy in a tuxedo, a blonde girl in a black dress slit up to here

My keen alcoholic mind saw the billboards and I immediately wanted to be the guy in the tux. Because I was more accustomed to failing than succeeding, I told myself I couldn't possibly stay sober under the pressure of all this advertising and that I would surely start drinking before a very long time passed.

I hadn't learned much in the short time I'd been sober, but I knew enough to share this concern at a meeting. I told them I might as well start drinking now; I could always get sober again after the holidays had passed.

After the meeting, a group formed around me--circling the wagons.

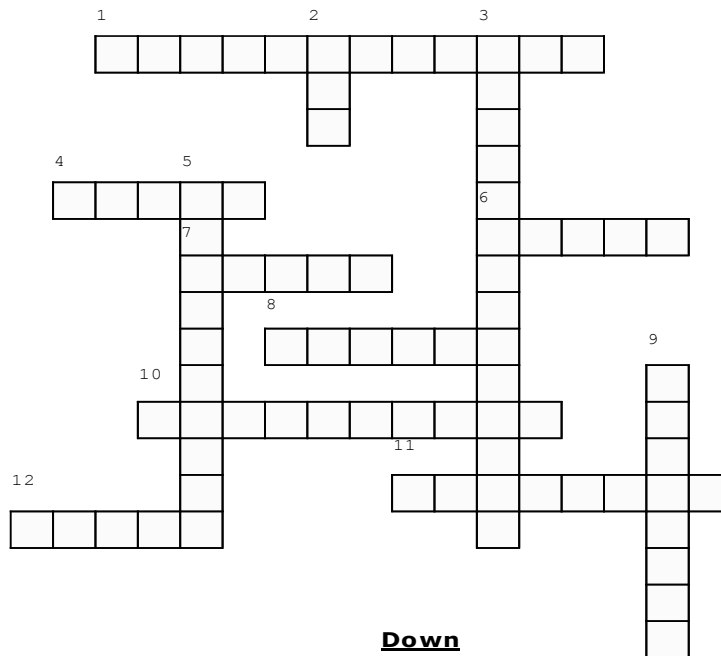
Everyone had advice based on his or her own experience in a like situation. What stood out for me was: "Come to a lot of meetings. The club is one place where you absolutely cannot get a drink. Meetings, fellowship, laughter, debates--but no one will offer you a drink."

I took the advice and showed up for a lot of meetings, and I made it through that first holiday season without taking a drink. And I've made it my own personal tradition to show up at an AA meeting on all of those holidays, and a few others, ever since then.

DAVID A., Jacksonville, Fl.
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And, The Number Is...

Complete the crossword below



Across

1. Our leaders are trusted servants; they do not govern.
4. The only step you can do perfectly.
6. We make a very important decision in this step.
7. Not an easy list to make.
8. This tradition is rooted in the belief of attraction rather than promotion.
10. We started to believe that a HP could restore us to sanity.
11. With continuous practice this step can bring about peace, serenity and balance.
12. 'A desire to stop drinking' is the only requirement for AA membership according to this tradition.

Down

2. How many people does it take to have an AA meeting?
3. 'Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions'
5. This is where we carry the message to the alcoholic still suffering.
9. Don't take yourself too seriously.

Sobriety Rocks Crossword Answer Key

Across

- 1.chip
- 5.spiritual
- 8.meeting
- 9.steps
- 10.traditions
- 11.humility

Down

- 2.insidious
- 3.promises
- 4.sponsor
- 6.serenity
- 7.baffling



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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



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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
INTERGROUP
THANKSGIVING ALCOTHON**

12 noon Wednesday, November 22nd
To
12 Noon Friday, November 24th

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Meetings every odd hour

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**Ahwatukee Group's Annual
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2017 November Assembly

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Yuma, AZ

Area 03

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Geoff G.....	11/17/1985.....	11688
Richard W.....	11/22/1985.....	11688
Jan K.....	11/30/1985.....	11688
Roxanne B.....	11/8/1986.....	11323
Lance N.....	11/2/1987.....	10958
Vance C.....	11/9/1987.....	10958
Pam Y.....	11/25/1988.....	10592
Kay R.....	11/21/1989.....	10227
Bob C.....	11/1/1993.....	8766
Gordon G.....	11/7/1993.....	8766
Donna F.....	11/11/1994.....	8401
Brandon B.....	11/7/1995.....	8036
Vicki B.....	11/29/1995.....	8036
Rose M.....	11/1/1996.....	7670
Mary D.....	11/30/1996.....	7670
Clark L.....	11/28/2000.....	6209
Jamie F.....	11/3/2001.....	5844
Mark F.....	11/5/2001.....	5844
Ed B.....	11/10/2001.....	5844
Jim N.....	11/17/2001.....	5844
Melissa H.....	11/1/2002.....	5185
Aaron B.....	11/24/2005.....	4383
Jennifer M.....	11/26/2005.....	4383
Vera M.....	11/26/2005.....	4383
Maggie S.....	11/29/2009.....	4383
Steve R.....	11/1/2006.....	4018
Tara E.....	11/11/2006.....	4018
Don S.....	11/26/2006.....	4018
Dawn H.....	11/18/2007.....	3653
Bob C.....	11/9/2008.....	3287
Meredith J.....	11/9/2008.....	3287
Mike C.....	11/9/2008.....	3287
Linda F.....	11/19/2008.....	3287
George B.....	11/27/2008.....	3287
Cristy F.....	11/6/2009.....	2922
Aaron B.....	11/26/2009.....	2922
Shawn W.....	11/5/2010.....	2557
Brad W.....	11/8/2010.....	2557
Abby A.....	11/25/2010.....	2557
Brad R.....	11/27/2011.....	2192
Karen S.....	11/27/2011.....	2192
Peter U.....	11/11/2012.....	1826
Diane W.....	11/20/2012.....	1826
Connie C.....	11/25/2012.....	1826
Leslie D.....	11/25/2012.....	1826
Patti T.....	11/1/2013.....	1461
Darrell S.....	11/10/2013.....	1461
Summer S.....	11/11/2015.....	731
Matthew J.....	11/28/2015.....	731
Gavin R.....	11/26/2016.....	365

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

At Wit's End

Ham on Wry

"ONCE AN ALCOHOLIC, always an alcoholic" was the meeting topic, prompting a newcomer to wax philosophic at great length from the point of view of reincarnation: "Was I an alcoholic in my previous lives? In some but not in others? Will I still be an alcoholic the next time I come back? And in the life after that? And hundreds of lives after that will I . . .?"

The stunned silence following this long line of questioning was finally broken by an old-timer who patted the pilgrim on the knee and said gently, "Don't worry. In Alcoholics Anonymous, we try to take things just one life at a time."... (or maybe, "Keep coming back.")

-- Paul C., Del Mar, Ca. From the September 1992 magazine.

Mutual Admiration society



An AA who had just spent time with his family for the holidays was back at his home group. He shared that a relative had told him that she liked him better when he was drinking. He'd responded, "Yeah? I liked you better when I was drinking, too!"

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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
Contact Beth H

**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

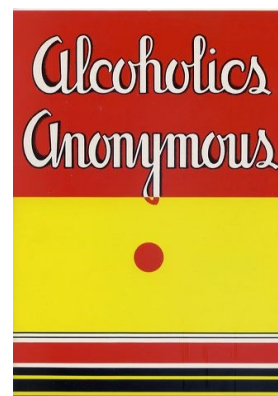
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

November 3rd - Gilbert Gals

December 1st - Society

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

October 20, 2017

We received 508 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 128 calls were for meeting info, 141 were office visitors and 10 resulted in a 12 step calls. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for August were 8,591 views, 182 went to our website and 17 called.

Check out the cover story on the current issue of Box 459 (the quarterly newsletter from GSO). The 4 page article "Intergroup/Central Office: Then and Now" is terrific. It discusses the importance of service offices and local Intergroups in the past, present and future. There are more copies available at the office.

I attended the ICOAA (Intergroup, Central Office, AAWS and AAGV) seminar in Northern Virginia September 4th to the 8th. Seminar Report Part I: Richard Purtell – Class B Trustee; AA World Services, Chair reports that GSO receives 90,000 pieces of correspondence a year, all of which are answered. Literature sales are up for 2017. In 2015 66% of all services were paid for by contributions, that number is now at 85%. There is no literature price increase in the foreseeable future. GSO has seen a 10% increase in contributions and a 5% decrease in expenses in the last year.

I spoke with the Houston Intergroup Office manager at the seminar. They had received more literature and funds for hurricane relief than they could use. So in the spirit of "passing it on" they are getting in touch with the Puerto Rico Central Office to send it to them.

Hope everyone has a great time at the Day of Service. 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 the members 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

	Sep	2017
Meeting Information Calls	128	1,075
General Information	105	885
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	5	77
Referred to Al-Anon	17	119
Referred to Community Info	0	7
12th Step Calls	10	75
Business Calls	102	906
Office Visitors	141	1270
Meeting lists printed	800	9600
Info request via E-mail	57	457
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	28/ 4/ 2	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD		1700hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 39,484 YTD 262,275
Google Searches last 30 days 8,591

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Both Books	1565 E Warner Rd. Rm 206A Tempe	MO 5:45 C,BB,T
	(starts Oct. 16th)	
Serenity Seekers	4601 E Dolphin Ave Rm 14 Mesa	TH 11:00am 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
Happy Hour	1432 N Scottsdale Rd. Valley Alano, Tempe	MO-SA 5:30pm 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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District 08-819
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Mesa, AZ 85277

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PO Box 45066
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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	Sep.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$200.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop	\$550.00	\$1,050.00
24 Hours A Day		\$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	\$100.00	\$410.91
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$450.00	\$1,550.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$252.51	\$1,289.20
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$75.18
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$100.00	\$900.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$60.00	\$60.00
Basic II		\$150.00
Bloopers	\$230.00	\$470.00
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	\$134.00	\$876.60
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$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	\$250.00	\$1,050.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$799.83
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group		\$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	\$300.71	\$3,021.50
Gilbert Gals		\$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	\$212.80	\$605.55
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		\$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		\$3,0551.02

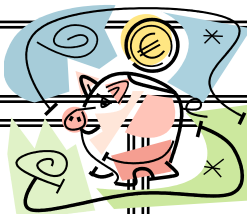
GROUP	Sep.	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$130.00
Price Is Right		\$371.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$392.00
Prime Time		\$75.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$80.74
Re-Awakening Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit		\$900.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$741.15
Road To Recovery	\$550.00	\$4,440.37
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	\$112.50	\$387.50
Step By Step Group	\$44.00	\$44.00
Stepping Stones		\$410.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$475.05
Sun Lakes Women	\$80.00	\$80.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$186.50
Sunset Group		\$590.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$325.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$495.00
The Library		\$130.00
The Real Thing	\$59.69	\$59.69
The Way Out Group		\$700.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$125.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$400.00
Upon Awakening		\$1,470.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics	\$200.00	\$500.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step	\$276.70	\$526.70
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$100.00
West Chandler Men's	\$30.00	\$120.00
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	\$500.00
Dist 08-820	\$0.00
Mesa Round Up	\$0.00
Group Totals	\$4,771.78
EVI Committees	\$119.00
Individual Contributions	\$100.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,990.78

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)

\$44,428.58
\$891.77
\$2,048.90
\$47,369.25



BALANCE SHEET September 30, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	4,729.25
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	23,568.23
Accounts Receivable	719.05
Inventory Asset	21,084.83
Undeposited Funds	

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$50,151.36**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	0.00

Total Liabilities **\$0.00**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	6,226.15

Total Equity **\$50,151.36**

Total Liability & Equity **\$50,151.36**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT September 2017

23 Group contributions totaling	\$4,771.78
1 Individual contributions totaling	\$100.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$119.00

Total Contributions **\$4,990.78**

Total Income **\$10,147.36**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$4,020.65**

Gross Profit **\$6,126.71**

Less total Expenses of **\$5,253.87**

Net Aug. Gain **\$872.84**

YTD 2017 Gain **\$6,226.15**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$23,568.23
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

Running the Universe

I was the general manager of the universe. At least that was my self-proclaimed title. I didn't realize that was what I was acting like, but everyone else did. If you didn't take my advice I'd get really upset and some form of my wrath would descend upon you. And all that time I was being so nice (I thought). I'd be all sweet and light but would turn on you in a heartbeat. That was my alcoholism. That was me prior to September 8, 1994.

I've been humbled many times in sobriety. I once lost a job because I had not provided the proper paperwork (in the medical profession, that's illegal). I've been told, "Rozanne, it's not called Rozanne Anonymous, stop trying to change everything to be about you." I've had sponsees come and go, teaching me about the magic of AA: It's not about me.

How am I carrying the message to other alcoholics? Am I doing everything I can? Does the woman sitting beside me at work have a problem? Can I be an example of the Big Book to her?

Today, 20 years after giving up that general manager position, I am still continually reminded that I must give it away to keep it. I must remember, every day, that my main purpose in life is to stay sober and help others.

Life is good. The other day, I was having lunch with a coworker and she asked me how I could be so happy all the time? I pointed to the heavens. I said nothing. I just pointed and smiled.

-- Anonymous

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East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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 are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** Debbie K. -Ahwatukee Group; Dawn D. -Grateful Girlfriends; Michael M -Road to Recovery; Mallory E. -SASTO; Rick C. - Breakfast Club

Sue S.- A Vision for You (Ahwatukee); Buddy M.-Aha, It's Monday; Shelly M.- Ahwatukee Group, Rick C.- Breakfast Club; Molly G.- By the Book; Charlie R.- Chandler Noon; Lynn I.-Chandler Women's BB, Wendy W. -Gilbert Group, Anne H. -GIT; Dawn D. -Grateful Girlfriends; Brandon B. -Life in the BB; Beth M.-Maricopa Group; Peg D. -Not A Glum Lot; Gail H. -Page A Day; Cecily C. -Price is Right; R.H.-Putting God First; Dani H. -Real Thing; Michael M. - Road to Recovery; Tim G. -SNBSS; Mallory E. -SASTO; Tom M. -Southeast Valley Stag; Peg D. -Spirited Women; Kim M. -Step By Step; Chuck E. -Stepping Stones, Ken C. -Sunset Group; Shap W. -Tempe Nooners; Ron N. -Tuesday Trudgers; Larry C. -Upon Awakening; Jim M. -WADY; Beth H.-We Agnostics; Gary L. -Welcome Home; John K. -Who's Driving Your Bus?; 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	Tom N	Office Manager	NP	H&I Liaison	Roxanne
Treasurer	Lois L	Unity Chair	NP	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Secretary	Andrea	PICPC Chair	Paul	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary B.
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	NP	DCM 08-818	Aaron
Advisor - PICPC	NP	Sponsorship WorkShop	NP	DCM 08-819	Paul T
Advisor - Phones	Barbara	No Booze News	NP	DCM 08-820	NP
		Literature	Eric J.		

Secretary's Report: Please check in on the back sign in sheet; requested new reps names**Treasurer's Report:** Net Income from Sept is \$872.84; 6,226.15/YTD; Looking healthy right now. Chuck made a motion to accept; Pat 2nd 7th Tradition: Passed basket; \$58.00**Chairperson's Report:** Ed B – nothing to report**Vice Chair's Report:** Tom N. – Report in packet from Steering Committee meeting; Gary L asked what script was used for the Public Service Announcements in the Navajo Nation; Tom explained the scripts are from GSO with Salt River adding in local information.**Office Manager Report** –NP; Report in Packet; Please attend Newsletter folding day on Friday, October 27th at 9AM; Paul asked about bid for 2019 Office Managers Event, Ed confirmed Phoenix earned the bid! Get ready to be of service!!!**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PICPC:** Paul P.- Report in Packet; Some highlights-Attended Art of Recovery Expo with Beth; Gave out 10 literature packets at Expo, had 3 people sign up for outreach at numerous different facilities; Next event is March 3 at Queen Creek at faith-based event for homeless ; Tomorrow is Day Of Service and will give brief presentation; Working on Public Service Announcements for East Valley, usually newspaper will place if space is available; Public radio will put us in for free spots; Working with committee on ideas to approach and connect with groups about follow up contact after initial contact is made.

Beth asked about facilities interested- Paul explained Theros and Banner Health

Special Events: Ken (sub for Deana); Come for Day of Service tomorrow at 805 N. Country Club, Great Day! Great Fellowship! Great Dinner-Cook out (hamburger and hot dogs); Thanksgiving Day Alcathon is at Antioch Community Church, 1125 N.Dobson Rd, Starts Wednesday, Nov. 22 at Noon – Friday, Nov. 24 at Noon, Please sign up for 4 hour hosting commitment, sign up sheet passed around.**Phone Committee:** Beth; Doing sign by email but will also pass around calendar sign up for those that are used to signing up here at meeting; Making progress on updating 12-Step call list.**Unity Committee:** NP

Literature- Eric; Will be at Day of Service tomorrow!

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Oct 28th chili cook off!

H&I Liaison: Roxanne; Report passed out; Short meeting (only an hour); Nominations for Steering Committee in November; Elections in December; Literature Request for H&I Nov 3, Service day at South Mountain Park \$5 or Big Book, contact Roxanne; Coronado Recovery House, 19th and Peoria- need chairperson; orientation for badging Nov 7th and Nov 14th; See reports on counter or see Roxanne after meeting; Roxanne offered to attend homegroup meetings if the homegroup has no H&I rep.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Attended picnic; started at 7AM- great food and fellowship; \$3 for food; soccer game, enjoyed the day! Spanish Liaison doing interview on Spanish speaking radio.

Sub District 08-818: -Aaron – Glad misappropriation incident is behind the district; moving forward and nice to be a witness of traditions at work.

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Nov 4-5th Area Elections; District Elections on Nov 21st; Nov 9th St Pete's Lutheran for Local GSO Elections

Sub District 08-820: NP

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections Next Month- Vice Chair , Secretary , Advisor to PI/CPC, Advisor to Phones are up for elections; Ed read duties of upcoming positions;

Budget for 2018- Lois read proposal; also in packet; please take back to your groups and be ready to vote at November meeting, used QuickBooks to estimate budget by taking information from previous years; Lois and Kim took information and made some adjustments for larger line items; Due to group concern, line item was added for Office Manager Merit increase, Lois explained money is allotted for 4% salary increase dependent on yearly review results.

Shelly asked about internet proposed expense for 2018 and actual expense is replicating 2016, concerned this is incorrect; Tom explained internet/pager line is for website maintenance, not phone lines;

Shelly asked about Sales income line items of soda/coffee and other sales; Lois explained those are donations boxes at office;

Ken asked for clarification of Office Manager Salary, Lois explained line items for wage, employer medical, and employee expenses. Wages are GROSS + medical. The Proposed Budget includes the 4% merit increase (reminded again the 4% is based on yearly review - if Office Manager review deems increase, then the money is already in the budget!)

Lois explained she did do research on Office Manager salaries. Used online resources like Payscale, GlassDoor, and Zip Recruiter. Payscale had salaries for Office Manager's at \$33K - \$62K with median at \$42K, Glass door had Office Manager's salaries at \$34K - \$70K with median at \$47K, Zip Recruiter was at \$37K - \$44K. Pat asked how do you know what is comparable to Office Manager's job? Lois explained the sites could be detailed down to number of employee's managed, etc. It is hard to find exact match. Pat asked if Office Manager receives the money from line item- Employee Medical; Lois explained we provide medical insurance and the line item is the premium we pay.

Ed thanked everyone for this year and increasing group contributions!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AA Conference -Dec 9th, flyers in back

Shelly- Ahwatukee Group Annual Gratitude Dinner and Speaker Meeting. Nov 18th at St. John Basco, All welcome, Flyer in back

Motion to Close- Everyone?, Gary L. 2nd

Close Meeting: 8:10 PM with Statement of Responsibility



A few months ago, I began attending a Big Book Step meeting on Thursday evenings. This group had a lot of sobriety to share. The meeting ran like a well-oiled machine. Everyone was greeted upon arrival, the meeting started on time, announcements were made, chips were handed out and the meeting began. There was fresh coffee and treats at the back of the room. On the last Thursday of each month, members brought a cake to celebrate the AA anniversaries for that month. As a newcomer to this meeting and being somewhat shy, I did what I usually do. I tried to remain as unnoticed as possible while still soaking up as much wisdom in the room as I could.

One of the first people to greet me was a man in his 40s. Robert was bald and very thin. He had a spark of mischievousness and kindness about him. I liked him immediately. He was obviously well-liked by the group and he had a number of sponsees who seemed to have a lot of fun in recovery. I soon learned that Robert had stage-four cancer. I also found out that he was approaching his 16th AA anniversary in November. He had been the one to hand me my 6-year chip at the meeting.

One Thursday early in November, I was at the grocery store. When I was at the checkout counter, the store manager asked me if I wanted a free cake. The store was giving away an assortment of beautifully decorated cakes and he instructed me to pick one. My first thought was that I didn't need a cake at my house. I lived alone and was counting calories. Then I heard that inner voice telling me to take a cake to the meeting that night and to give it to Robert. Something told me to take the carrot cake (I would have chosen something with chocolate).

Standing there at the counter, I began to have an inner argument. My thoughts were running. I told myself, I can't do that. It's not the last meeting of the month. Surely, someone else must be assigned to bring a bigger cake for everyone. Robert will think I'm lame, or worse, that I have a crush on him. Others will wonder why they didn't get their own cake. That's not how it's done. But the thought that I should take the cake wouldn't leave me. So I thanked the manager and took the carrot cake home along with the rest of my groceries.

At one point, I actually put the cake in the freezer, thinking I would just take it to some other unforeseen future event. I was still wrestling with my thoughts, thinking it was a dumb idea. Yet I wasn't finding any peace with any idea other than taking the cake to Robert. I took the cake back out of the freezer. When it was time to leave for the meeting, I reluctantly brought the cake with me. I walked into the meeting and marched straight over to Robert, whose actual anniversary date was that very day. I felt embarrassed as I handed him the carrot cake and wished him a "sweet 16."

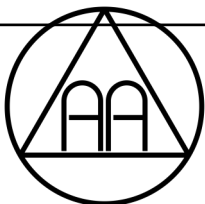
"How did you know that this was my favorite cake?" Robert asked. "Um, I didn't," I replied.

The last meeting of the month, where the group cake would have been served, was cancelled because the meeting room at a church was being used for a Thanksgiving event. Then, early in December, Robert contracted pneumonia and passed away suddenly, surrounded by his closest AA friends and family.

Recently, I heard an old-timer share in a meeting that "once you've completed the Twelve Steps, you need to start listening to that inner voice." I'm grateful that I listened to that inner voice that day at the grocery store. How did I know that carrot cake was Robert's favorite or that this would be the last chance for the AA group that he loved to celebrate with a cake just for him before he died?

I didn't know any of that. But I have a Higher Power who must have wanted Robert to feel special. I hope that I can learn to listen to that inner voice without such a battle next time, even when it doesn't make sense to me. I hope to get to the place where I can trust that even though I may not know the outcome, my Higher Power does.

-- Vida J., Chandler, Az.



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!