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NO BOOZE NEWS

The Clean Underwear Caper

I DON'T REMEMBER my first kiss or my first drink, and I'm not quite sure whether the following qualifies as my first Twelfth Step experience.

To start at the end of my story (if you follow me, you're reading the right magazine), I was visiting a treatment facility and was surprised to see someone I knew from AA meetings. At this time, I was very green in sobriety, and this was a new situation. I felt inadequate, not knowing what to say to my friend. I wanted to help, to say and do the right thing so he might find his own path back to AA and live the full, rich life.

Words on my part weren't necessary. My friend was a talker, and how he did ramble! He talked and talked. I listened. Many times since, I've heard variations on his themes of denial, cop-out, bewilderment, and inability to stay sober. Today, I offer only three words of advice to a newcomer: "Meetings, meetings, meetings."

Anyway, everything he said went into my ears and when the patient would come up for air, I would nod or grunt. At the end of our one-way dialogue, he grabbed my hand and thanked me profusely.

"For what?" Truly, I hadn't spouted one word of wisdom. "You really helped me. It was your drunkalog. You know-the story you tell about your underwear . . ."

Now, to start at the beginning. When the world was much younger, my mother cautioned me every day to change my underwear. "Suppose you get run over by a car, sonny," my mother would admonish. "What would the doctor, the priest, the undertaker think?"

Never mind what I would think! For years, I carried a mental picture of row upon row of little boys standing at the pearly gates in spanking-white underwear, waiting for the roll to be called up yonder.

But the lesson learned at my mother's knee must have stayed with me. After my last drunk, my doctor ordered me to go to an alcoholism hospital. In my drunken fog, as I put my kit together, a voice from the past penetrated, and--you guessed it--I packed clean underwear. One set. I knew the end of my life was near, so why carry excess baggage? I was ready.

Now, back to my friend in the hospital. "This time my wife was so angry at me, she made me do everything myself," he said. "I had to call the hospital, arrange transportation. I even had to pack my own bag, and I remembered your story. I'm only staying a week, so I packed eight sets of clean underwear." His arithmetic escaped me, but he pumped my hand again.

I've carried the message many times in many ways since then; but on the drive home, I basked in a warm glow, knowing that words of mine had reached out and helped a sick and suffering alcoholic. Very early in my recovery, I learned to laugh again. Though I haven't seen my friend in years, I trust he is sober in the Fellowship--and wearing clean underwear.

-- T. S.

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Long Form of Tradition 12

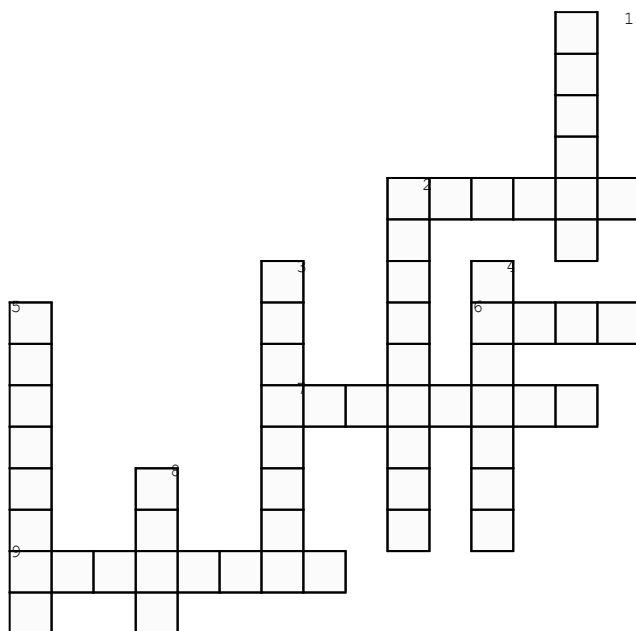
Twelve—And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

“**Anonymity** is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.” THE spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.'s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit—well symbolized by anonymity—is the foundation of them all. It is A.A.'s proved willingness to make these sacrifices that gives people their high confidence in our future. But in the beginning, anonymity was not born of confidence; it was the child of our early fears. Our first nameless groups of alcoholics were secret societies. New prospects could find us only through a few trusted friends. The bare hint of publicity, even for our work, shocked us. Though ex-drinkers, we still thought we had to hide from public distrust and contempt...

...These experiences taught us that anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity. We are sure that humility, expressed by anonymity, is the greatest safeguard that Alcoholics Anonymous can ever have.

From the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

This and That



Across

2. Step two offers restoration to this.
6. Bill Wilson's better half.
7. An alcoholic in his cups is this type of creature.
9. "One is too many and a ... is never enough."

Down

1. It is suggested to newcomers to attend this number of meetings in the same amount of days.
2. He gave his medical opinion at the beginning of the book.
3. A hopeful chapter: There is a ...
4. Those of us who cannot drink with impunity are believed to have this 'condition' regarding alcohol.
5. A short, yet powerful prayer that is said by many in recovery.
8. We are not this type of "lot".

And, The Number Is... Answer Key

Across

- 1- tradition two
- 4- first
- 6-third
- 7-eight
- 8-eleven
- 10-second step
- 11-eleventh
- 12-three

Down

- 2-two
- 3-tradition seven
- 5-step twelve
- 9-sixty two



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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

AZ SECULAR A.A. CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 9

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(TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY)

28TH RIVER ROUNDUP

JANUARY 11 ~ 14

LAUGHLIN NV
(RIVERSIDE RESORT)



MIRACLES IN THE DESERT

FEBRUARY 23 ~ 25

2020 S AVENUE 8E, YUMA AZ.
(AZ WESTERN COLLEGE)

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

APRIL 13 ~ 15

VERDE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS
COTTONWOOD AZ.



Mesa Roundup Presents

A NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

6101 S River Dr.

Tempe AZ. 85283

6:30pm - Eat, Meet & Greet

8:00pm - Speaker

(Babysitting available during meeting)

9:30pm - Dance till next year

SRI Christmas Alcahthon

12pm, December 24th to 12pm, December 25th

1915 W Thunderbird Rd. Phoenix AZ

(American Royal Palace Banquet Hall)

Agua Fria New Years Eve

Saturday, December 31st 2017

Catered Dinner and Speaker Meeting

9502 W Hutton Dr.

Sun City, AZ



Area 03

2018 Pre Conference Assembly

April 6th - 8th, 2018

Tucson, AZ

PRAASA 2018

March 2 - 4 2018

1100 Nugget Ave,

Sparks NV 89431

(Nugget Casino Resort)

1-800-648-1177

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Name	Date	Days
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Patricia C.	12/31/1975	15341
Steve C.	12/23/1981	13149
Ken H.	12/13/1982	12784
Mike S.	12/17/1984	12053
Gary P.	12/18/1984	12053
Lee N.	12/8/1986	11323
Shelly P.	12/21/1986	11323
Sue M.	12/31/1987	10958
Thomas M.	12/27/1988	10592
Augie L.	12/13/1989	10227
Tom P.	12/18/1989	10227
Joe D.	12/28/1989	10227
Joe C.	12/1/1990	9862
Carrie H.	12/2/1990	9862
Lois L.	12/3/1991	9497
Scott K.	12/10/1995	8046
Michael E.	12/20/1995	8046
Karen N.	12/12/1996	7670
Phylis S.	12/6/1997	7305
Bridgitte L.	12/25/1997	7305
Jacob H.	12/9/2001	5844
Maria D.	12/13/2001	5844
Justin G.	12/4/2002	5479
Paul P.	12/19/2002	5479
Terry B.	12/20/2002	5479
Jared H.	12/13/2004	4748
Robert J.	12/20/2004	4748
Sharon A.	12/4/2008	3287
Lars S.	12/26/2008	3287
Sheila H.	12/7/2009	2922
Jim T.	12/27/2009	2922
Corie R.	12/29/2009	2922
Andrea M.	12/4/2011	2192
Jeff R.	12/5/2011	2192
Jan N.	12/26/2011	2192
George R.	12/7/2012	1826
Susan B.	12/19/2012	1826
Christi K.	12/31/2012	1826
Jeremiah N.	12/1/2013	1461
Fred M.	12/12/2013	1461
Jeff B.	12/18/2013	1461
Erik J.	12/25/2013	1461
John S.	12/20/2014	1096
Victor V.	12/1/2015	731
Bob R.	12/5/2015	731

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.

Happy Holidays

Step Twelve~ Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition Twelve~ Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept Twelve~ The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

At Wit's End***Will the Real Drunk Please Stand Up?***

One evening at about seven o'clock, during our group's month for telephone-answering and Twelfth Step duty, I fielded a phone call from a woman at the answering service. She said she had a man on the line who was having some problems.

Well, John Doe came on the line and said that he sure needed some help. He was at the local bus depot and indicated that a ride to the VA hospital would be great. I told John to rest easy and he'd have his ride in about fifteen minutes.

A good AA pal went along with me on the call. We spotted John easily enough--unkempt hair, four days' growth of beard, bleary eyes, and disheveled clothing.

A short ride found us at the VA hospital. I had called ahead, so they were expecting us. Since John was a bit unsure of his balance, my pal and I supported him between us. As we presented ourselves to the admitting desk, the receptionist looked up and asked, "Which one of you is Mr. Doe?"

My pal decided that we should dress a bit better on Twelfth Step calls.

-- J. A. From the December 1979 magazine



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

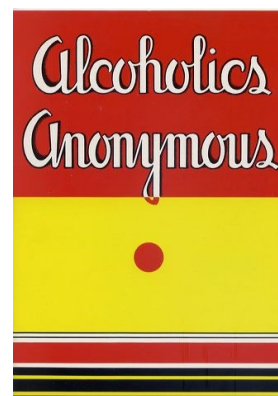
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

January 6th - TBD

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

December 1st - Society

January 5th - TBD

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

November 17, 2017

Welcome home to all our Winter Members, it is good to have you back. Many of you have called or stopped by to say hello and volunteer for service work during the winter months. Thanks to all of you for your commitment to service and sobriety.

We received 497 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 124 calls were for meeting info, 143 were office visitors and 9 resulted in a 12 step calls. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for October were 8,900 views, 182 went to our website and 23 called.

Literature orders have been received from both AAWS and Grapevine. We now have a complete selection of all AA produced literature, including the new Grapevine books, for your holiday needs.

I attended the ICOAA (Intergroup, Central Office, AAWS and AAGV) seminar in Northern Virginia September 4th to the 8th. Seminar Report Part II: I served as Secretary for a workshop on financial audits, office audits and group inventories. Some of the large Central Offices have annual financial audits that cost thousands of dollars and are done by outside agencies. Some have an annual financial compilation that is usually a few hundred dollars and are done by an accountant. It seemed most offices used financial software that provided adequate reporting for the fellowship and other entities requiring annual reporting (IRS, Corporation Commission, etc.). Some offices do an annual procedures review to update operations, policy and bylaws.

I received a call from the facilities manager here at Antioch Church. It seems there have been some extremely inconsiderate smokers. Butts have been found all over the campus. He said if it happened again we would not be invited back, immediately.

We are in the process of making a Holiday Event Schedule again this year for the phone volunteers and anyone interested in sober festivities. If your group is planning an Alcathon or any other special schedule changes for the holidays, please let me know so we can share that information with the Fellowship.

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

.....	Oct.	2017
Meeting Information Calls	124	1,199
General Information	98	983
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4	81
Referred to Al-Anon.....	17	136
Referred to Community Info.....	1	8
12th Step Calls.....	9	84
Business Calls.....	101	1,107
Office Visitors.....	143	1,414
Meeting lists printed.....	800	10,400
Info request via E-mail.....	44	501
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	20/ 3/ 2	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	1860hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 39,484 YTD 262,275
Google Searches last 30 days 8,900

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:

Grateful Girlfriends 20913 E Ocotillo Rd Queen Creek is now at 6:00pm O

Not A Glum Lot **Now Meeting At:** 1365 E Elliot Rd. Tempe MO 9:00am W,BB,C

Happy Hour 1432 N Scottsdale Rd. Valley Alano, Tempe MO-SA 5:30pm O

Deletions:

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

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Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
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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	Oct.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$200.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$1,050.00
24 Hours A Day		\$50.00
A Vision For You Group	\$102.50	\$571.78
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday	\$50.00	\$250.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$410.91
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,550.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$1,289.20
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$75.18
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$150.00	\$1,050.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$60.00
Basic II	\$150.00	\$300.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$500.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$500.00
Breakfast Club		\$150.00
Busted Ego		\$480.00
By The Book	\$122.81	\$438.27
Chandler Men's Stag Group	\$30.92	\$30.92
Chandler Noon Group	\$110.00	\$986.60
Chandler Women's Big Book Group	\$329.37	\$1,245.62
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		\$1,050.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$888.70
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group		\$200.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting	\$35.25	\$65.25
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$119.00
Get It Together	\$386.76	\$3,404.26
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		\$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	\$52.00	\$585.00
Life In The Big Book	\$318.25	\$909.66
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$100.00
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	\$50.00	\$495.00
New Hope Group		\$20.00
New Spirit Group	\$300.00	\$900.00
No Name AA Group		\$300.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$320.00
Page A Day Group	\$671.71	\$3,726.73

GROUP	Oct.	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$130.00
Price Is Right		\$371.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group	\$125.00	\$517.00
Prime Time		\$75.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection	\$40.00	\$40.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$80.74
Re-Awakening Group	\$200.00	\$400.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit		\$900.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$741.15
Road To Recovery		\$4,440.37
Second Chance Group	\$363.00	\$1,010.77
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe		\$150.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$50.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$216.00
Sobriety Is Gold	\$100.00	\$300.00
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		\$387.50
Step By Step Group		\$44.00
Stepping Stones		\$410.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$475.05
Sun Lakes Women		\$80.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$186.50
Sunset Group	\$15.00	\$605.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$375.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$495.00
The Library	\$78.00	\$208.00
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		\$500.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$526.70
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home	\$300.00	\$400.00
West Chandler Men's		\$120.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$250.00
Women in Gratitude	\$71.00	\$388.00
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 08-818	\$546.66
Mesa Round Up	\$0.00
Group Totals	\$4,883.10
EVI Committees	\$73.00
Individual Contributions	\$38.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,9947.10

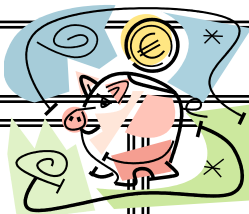
(*Group contribution with no group name listed)

\$49,311.68

\$964.77

\$2,086.90

\$52,363.25



BALANCE SHEET October 31, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	5,930.61
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	23,570.22
Accounts Receivable	1,125.85
Inventory Asset	23,401.15
Undeposited Funds	

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$54,077.83**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	3,241.25
Payroll taxes	959.53

Total Liabilities **\$4,200.78**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	5,951.84

Total Equity **\$49,877.05**

Total Liability & Equity **\$54,077.83**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT October 2017

30 Group contributions totaling	\$4,853.10
1 Individual contributions totaling	\$38.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$73.00

Total Contributions **\$4,964.10**

Total Income **\$10,784.64**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$4,460.48**

Gross Profit **\$6,324.16**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,398.47**

Net Oct. Loss **(\$74.31)**

YTD 2017 Gain **\$5,951.84**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$23,570.22
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

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

November 17, 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. -SNBBSS; 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

Sponsorship Workshop: Gail – Sponsorship workshop calendar has three open slots for 2018, January- Open, September -Open, November – Open

Ken C- Sunset will take January

Newsletter Editor – NP**Literature - NP****LIASION REPORTS**

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary – Winter Extravaganza was huge success; Thank you for the support! Will serve as liaison another year.

H&I Liaison: Roxanne – H&I spent \$2k+ on literature last month, Awareness Day went well, about 120 people; Treatment Center Coordinator needs chairs and co-chairs, please see Roxanne for contact info. Corrections conference is March 2018 in Tucson. To take meeting Maricopa Jail you can get a gate pass with another person who has a badge; Suggests trying it and see if you like, you can have felony and get badged; Maricopa County has about 100 Badged volunteers and only about 20 people are going in. If you have a badge, please use it! All facilities need meetings; Bridge the Gap is looking for people- next meeting at Hob Nob Café, see Roxanne for information; H&I elections next month, Please make sure your group reps show up and participates, it's really important to be involved if your group wants to see things change.

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Not much to report but life is good!

Sub District 08-818: -Aaron – Asked for show if hands asking of they know what sub district they belong to? Explained how districts are divided, new DCM elected and officers, Treasure is still open, 2nd Tuesday of Dec is meeting at Bloopers.

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Election last month, Jason S. New DCM, all other positions were filled; GSO State elections are also complete as Tom mentioned; If interest in what is going on in district, attend meeting at Gloria Day at Tuesday 7PM

Sub District 08-820: Mary – Meeting is First Monday of every month at Epiphany Church; Carol W is new DCM, Adrian B is alternate

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget- Ed asked for vote on Budget for 2018? Any questions from the floor? No

Gary L. motioned to approve budget as presents, Chuck 2nd, all in favor- motioned passed

NEW BUSINESS:**Elections:**

Vice Chair- Gary L nominates Chuck E. Chuck is willing to stand, Chuck qualified explaining experience with intergroups, grateful for chance to be of service. Vote- All in favor!! YAYA! Congratulations!!!

Secretary- Roxanne nominated Andrea, Andrea is willing to stand, no need to qualify since already doing position; Vote- All in favor, except one- Ken C.- who just wanted to be the one person who said no and get his name in the minutes.

SC Advisor to PI/CPC – Any interested? Mark not here and might be willing to service full term. Ed will find out.

SC Advisor to Phones- Any interest? Andrea explained there is someone interested but not able to be here tonight. Will let him know position is open.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Group Problems & Solutions: none

Close Meeting: 8:08 PM with Statement of Responsibility



SOBER for several years, comfortable, sometimes feeling satisfied--then bang, my Higher Power threw a Twelfth Step call into my lap. I couldn't refuse, ignore, or forget about this alcoholic. He was my twenty-three-year-old son Pete (not his real name). When I say "threw into my lap," I mean it almost literally. It happened right in our kitchen. He was bombed out of his mind, sick, shaking, not able to stand, not remembering how he'd got home (from another state where he'd been living), broke, scared, and saying, "I don't need help!"

In a flashback, I saw in him what I'd been like: scared, needing help but refusing it, needing love but refusing it. He had held me down in this very same kitchen when I was in DTs. I relived a few more things and realized I was not grateful enough for the sobriety I'd found in AA.

After we got him into a hospital, I wanted to wash my hands of him. Hadn't he caused me enough pain? Also, I felt I was to blame for his problem. A wise AA friend said, "Even if you feel this way, help him." I couldn't or wouldn't go see him, but his good old Al-Anon dad hung in there, went to see him, and went to the family meetings.

Finally, Pete forced my hand, and thank God he did. He began to write me letters, lots of letters. I had so much to learn about forgiveness, about my own surfacing feelings of doubt and fear. But this boy wanted and needed my help. Where did I begin? First, I had to become willing. It had been different talking to newcomers I didn't know. But this was Pete, my son, the kid who had been with me throughout my drinking and getting sober. I couldn't bluff, lie, pass him on, or pretend I didn't know how to get sober.

I prayed for help, and it came. I could honestly share with Pete. I realized that I was learning again all the things I needed to know about this program, the Steps, and the Big Book. I mentioned the promises to Pete, and he wanted to discuss them. Had they come true for me? When? Was it hard for me to ask for help? How long did I wait before taking the Fourth Step? How did I know when I was ready? Did I feel better after I took the Third Step? How do I keep my conscious contact?

This mom did some soul-searching to answer those questions. I found myself admitting things about myself to Pete, not as a mother, but as one alcoholic to another. The wall of ice I had built between us began to melt, and the resentment I had felt for years began to disappear. I felt love for this kid, love I'd said I didn't have. It was a gift from my Higher Power.

Pete was so eager to learn about living sober, he began to give it his full attention. I, on the other hand, had gotten so comfortable and busy, I had lost some of my early enthusiasm for the program. Thanks to my Higher Power, I got questioned back into being alive in AA. I asked myself: Had the promises come true for me? Were they still being fulfilled for me? Yes, as never before!

I shall never forget the first closed AA meeting we attended together. When Pete spoke up, I listened--not as a sober authority to criticize him, not as a mom to cuddle him, but as an alcoholic to learn from him. This has helped me listen and learn from many other newcomers and from old-timers as well.

Pete lives in another city now, and--you guessed it--he and I write each other many letters. He's still asking questions, and I'm still trying to learn the answers. One night, he called me. I said, jokingly, "Boy, are you still sober?"

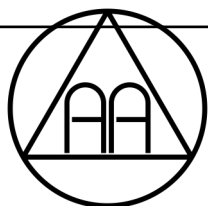
He said, "Yep. Are you?"

"I'm working on it."

I remember hearing at a meeting long ago: "As an alcoholic, if I stop learning, I stop growing. If I stop growing, I'll start drinking. And if I start drinking, I'll die or go insane. Lord, keep me teachable."

-- M. E., Huntsville, Alabama

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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!