



# 2018

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# NO BOOZE NEWS

## I GET TO DO THE HOLIDAYS!!

When I was a young girl growing up in my family, the holiday season was avidly celebrated with all members of our family coming together from far and wide. It was a festive time of year full of love, joy lots of wonderful gifts, festive decorations, food and anticipation of wonderful things to come in the New Year. As a child, I absolutely loved the holiday season at our house!

I was in my mid-teens when my alcoholism got me basically kicked out of my home. For the next 13 years, my alcoholism progressed and my drinking grew worse. When I think back on the last four or five holiday seasons before I got sober, they were excruciating mental and emotional torture. My family no longer invited me to the celebrations, and if they had, I would not have been eager to attend. I had nobody else to celebrate with. I was filled with anger, self pity and intense, shame, guilt for the behaviors caused by my drinking, and I blamed my family for much of the pain and problems in my life. I blamed others for the rest.. Never myself!

So, I pretty much ignored the holidays, trying not to think of the fun I was missing out on. Instead I would find myself in some, greasy spoon, bar or flop house with people I either didn't know or didn't like or both, staying with them anyway just so I didn't have to be alone, and because I had nowhere else to go. I would drink very hard for many days to drown my sorrows. I grew to absolutely dread the holidays. I could not stand it when some happy, smiling, cheerful person wished me Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Bah Humbug! There was nothing Merry or Happy about it as far as I was concerned.

After I got sober, I still did not look forward to having to go through the holidays. True, my family had eventually begun inviting me to family celebrations again, and that was good. But I still dreaded the holidays. I wasn't able to let go of the old pain and self pity. I was stuck in the "I Hate Holidays" mind set. Then one day I overheard my sponsor talking to someone else who was also having trouble getting into the holiday spirit. I heard my sponsor say that she realized she no longer HAS to do the holidays. Now she GETS to do the holidays. That simple statement made all the difference to me. It was like a light bulb went on! I realized all I needed was an attitude adjustment. I can *choose* how I want to feel and act. I can *choose* to hate the holidays, be grumpy and feel sorry for myself, or I can *choose* to get involved and celebrate and have fun! I decided from that moment on I would choose to enjoy and celebrate the holidays! I have had wonderful holiday seasons ever since!

Regan G

Mesa, AZ



Use the AA Slogans to deal with Holiday stress:

First things  
First

Live  
and Let  
Live

But for the  
grace of God

Don't leave before the  
miracle happens.

Don't drink  
and go to  
Meetings.

Let go and Let  
God

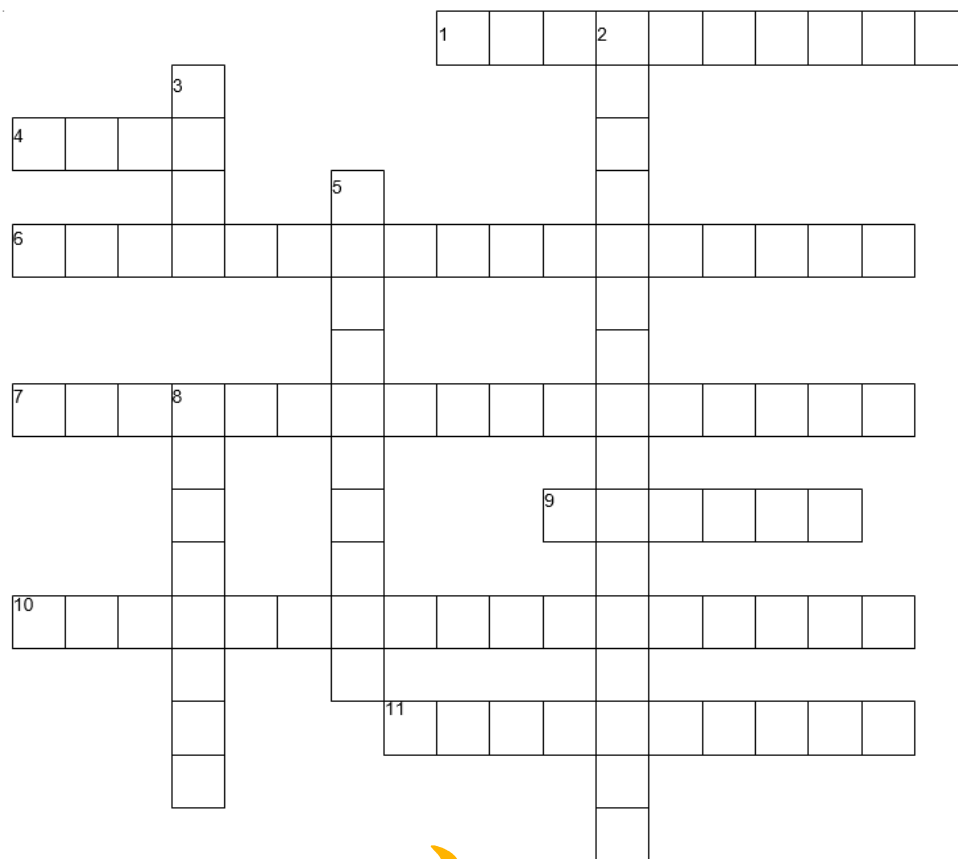
One Day  
at a Time

Act as if...

This too  
shall  
pass



### AA By the Numbers



#### ACROSS

- 1 How many more personal stories were added to the current edition of the Big Book?
- 4 How many years of sobriety did Ebby T. have when he died?
- 6 When was the first issue of the Grapevine published?
- 7 The year Bill W. died.
- 9 In early sobriety, it is highly suggested to attend this number of meetings in the same amount of days?
- 10 What year did the first edition of the Big Book come out?
- 11 How many years of sobriety did Bill W. have when he died?

#### DOWN

- 2 What year was the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions published?
- 3 How many children did Bill and Lois Wilson have?
- 5 Dr. Bob Smith lived to be.....years old?
- 8 How many times is "will" written in AA's Promises?

#### Our Big Book Nov. Newsletter

##### Across

5. howitworks
7. thedoctorsopinion
8. avisionforyou
9. weagnostics
10. thereisasolution
11. forwardtothe firstedition

##### Down

1. intoaction
2. billsstory
3. towives
4. moreaboutalcohol
6. workingwithothers

## EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!!

Subscriptions are only \$12 a year...we'd love your support!!!



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## Attitude of Gratitude

If you are grateful for your sobriety and would like to give back to the program that has so freely given to you, please use the Gratitude With Service form below to volunteer for any of EVI's Standing Committees, such as PI/CPC (Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community), Special Events, Literature, Unity, or Phone Volunteers. Participating in any of these committees can be a great way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the rooms.

As an ongoing reminder, we are still in need of more volunteers for the 12th Step call list. Although we are great at making sure the phones are answered day or night, finding someone willing and available to do a 12th Step call can sometimes be very challenging, and often times it's hit or miss depending on the time of day. If you have at least one year of continued sobriety and are willing to make yourself available to the alcoholic reaching out to AA for help from time to time, please be sure to complete the form provided below and return to the EVI Central Office via fax, mail, e-mail or in person as soon as possible. Who knows — the life you save could be your own....

### EAST VALLEY INTERGROUP – Gratitude With Service form *revised 2/09*

Return to: 1320 E. Broadway Rd., Suite 105 Mesa, AZ 85204

(480) 827-1905

e-mail: [info@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)

[www.aamesaaz.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

##### 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**RIVER ROUNDUP**

JANUARY 10 ~ 13 2019

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

**YUMA ROUNDUP**

FEBRUARY 22 ~ 24 2019

1440 W DESERT HILLS DR.

YUMA AZ



**FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT**

JANUARY 25 ~ 27 2019

POCO DIABLO RESORT

SEDONA AZ



**55th International Women's Conference**

February 7th ~ 10th, 2019

404 S Figueroa St. Los Angeles CA

(The Westin Bonaventure)

**SR1 Christmas Alcahthon**

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

1915 W Thunderbird Rd. Phoenix AZ

(American Royal Palace Banquet Hall)

**Agua Fria Christmas Alcahthon**

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

9824 W Camelback Rd. Glendale AZ

**Agua Fria New Years Eve**

Saturday, December 31st 2017

Speaker Meeting and Masquerade Ball

9502 W Hutton Dr.

Sun City, AZ



**Sub-District 08-819 Presents:**

**Eat & Greet Speaker Meeting**

4:00pm Dec. 1, 2018

805 N Country Club Dr. Mesa AZ

Social hour, Spaghetti dinner

Followed by a speaker.

**Monthly Campfire Meeting**

Last Saturday of the Month @7:30pm

2757 E Guadalupe Rd.

Gilbert AZ

Riparian Preserve and Water Park

(take Cattail Crawl Trail to Honey Bee Point)



**Sub-District 08-818 presents:**

**Drunks Like Us**

7pm. Saturday Jan. 19, 2019

393 W Warner Rd. Chandler AZ

Social hour followed by a speaker.

**2019 Pre-Conference Assembly**

April 5 ~ 7, 2019

1500 AZ-69

Prescott AZ

(Prescott Resort and Conference Center)



Name	Date	Days
Patricia C.....	12/31/1975	15706
Steve C.....	12/23/1981	13514
Mike S. ....	12/17/1984	12418
Gary P. ....	12/18/1984	12418
Lee N.....	12/8/1986	11688
Shelly P. ....	12/21/1986	11688
Thomas M. ....	12/27/1988	10957
Augie L. ....	12/13/1989	10592
Tom P.....	12/18/1989	10592
Joe D.....	12/28/1989	10592
Joe C.....	12/1/1990	10227
Carrie H. ....	12/2/1990	10227
Lois L.....	12/3/1991	9862
Robin F.....	12/13/1993	9131
Scott K.....	12/10/1995	8411
Karen N. ....	12/12/1996	8035
Phyllis S. ....	12/6/1997	7670
Bridgitte L. ....	12/25/1997	7670
Paul P.....	12/19/2000	6574
Jacob H. ....	12/9/2001	6209
Maria D.....	12/13/2001	6209
Terry B.....	12/20/2002	5844
Jared H.....	12/13/2004	5113
Robert J.....	12/20/2004	5113
Sharon A. ....	12/4/2008	3652
Lars S.....	12/26/2008	3652
Sheila H.....	12/7/2009	3287
Jim T.....	12/27/2009	3287
Corie R. ....	12/29/2009	3287
Andrea M.....	12/4/2011	2557
Jeff R.....	12/5/2011	2557
Jan N.....	12/26/2011	2557
Susan B.....	12/19/2012	2191
Jeremiah N. ....	12/1/2013	1826
Fred M.....	12/12/2013	1826
Jeff B.....	12/18/2013	1826
Erik J.....	12/25/2013	1826
John S.....	12/20/2014	1461
Victor V.....	12/1/2015	1096

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

**Tradition 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 actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

**Concept Twelve** - General Warranties of the conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever per personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.

## At Wit's End

### Missteps of the Season

1. We admitted we were powerless over the holidays--that our bank balances had become unmanageable.
  2. Came to believe that paying attention to advertising would drive us insane.
  3. Made a decision to turn our will and our credit cards over to the care of shopping malls *as we understood them* from watching TV.
  4. Made a searching and fearless shopping list for our family and friends.
  5. Admitted to the bank and to ourselves the exact nature of our credit-rating.
  6. Were entirely ready to remove extravagant gifts from our shopping lists.
  7. Humbly asked for a diet that would remove ten pounds by the New Year.
  8. Made a list of all persons we had bought the wrong sizes and colors for and became willing to make exchanges for them all.
  9. Made direct returns to stores whenever possible, except when they had gone out of business.
  10. Continued to take personal grocery lists to the store and when we could use a coupon promptly cut it out.
  11. Sought through procrastination and couch-potatoing to improve our conscious contact with the home team, praying only for the health of the players and their power to carry the ball.
  12. Having had a rude awakening as the result of opening our credit card statements, we tried to eliminate shopping from our daily disciplines and to fill our time with more AA meetings.
- Pam H. Northfield, Illinois

**Consider**, if you will, the plight of the fellow who tottered into AA the day after Christmas. "What turned the trick?" asked a sympathetic old-timer. "What made you come to AA?"

"Well," said the shaking sot, "yesterday my mother-in-law came to dinner."

"Yes?" prompted the old-timer.

"Well, when I opened the door for her, I saw two of her!"

From the December 1971 magazine

From the December 1988 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:

480 827-1905

## 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

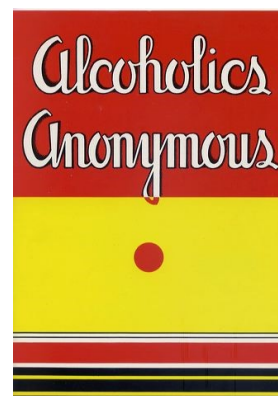
235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**January 8th ~ TBA**



Join the

## **EVI Unity Committee**

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

**Antioch Community Church**

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

Contact the office

## **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 7th ~ Easy Does It**

January 4th ~ Price Is Right

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 16, 2018

Welcome home to our winter members. Activity at the office is picking up as we head into our busier season. We received 562 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 135 calls were for meeting info, 153 were office visitors and 10 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stays busy too. It had 50,465 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic 6,944 people found us on Google. Of those 189 went to our website, 46 got directions to the office and 17 gave us a call.

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. The new Grapevine books make for great gift giving.

AAWS has licensed the Meeting Guide mobile app technology. They have also launched a You Tube channel that airs A.A. public service spots. Check it out at - [Youtube.com/c/alcoholicsanonymousworldservicesinc](https://www.youtube.com/c/alcoholicsanonymousworldservicesinc)

Seminar Report Part II, Grapevine Presentations. Jon W. Senior Editor. Grapevine receives 150 stories a month. All are read and usable stories are filed by topic for future publication. The Grapevine website has a story archive going back to 1944, a Quote of the Day app and audio stories. GV is self-supporting thru book and subscription sales and operates within the confines of our Traditions.

We are in the process of making the 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.

Tis the season for 12 step calls. Service opportunities are available on all EVI committees and the 12<sup>th</sup> 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  
East Valley Intergroup

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Oct.	2018
Meeting Information Calls.....	135	1455
General Information .....	123	1099
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	7	77
Referred to Al-Anon.....	18	137
Referred to Community Info.....	1	10
12th Step Calls .....	10	116
Business Calls .....	110	1073
Office Visitors .....	158	1548
Meeting lists printed.....	800	7600
Info request via E-mail .....	44	495
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	29/ 8/ 2	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		1536hrs

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 50,465 YTD 478,803  
Google Searches last 30 days 6,944

## Meeting List Updates...

### New Meetings:

QC Nooners 19729 E San Tan Blvd. QC New Meeting SA 12:00p O  
Sobriety and Beyond 931 E Southern Ave. Mesa TH 3:00p O  
417 Group 6289 S Greenfield Rd. Gilbert (Light of Christ) TH 7:00p O

### Changes:

Attitude Adjustment **Moved To:** 623 E Florence Blvd. Casa Grande All mtgs  
Out of the Dark 19609 S McQueen Rd. Chandler **Now Meeting At:** TH 7:30p  
Women in Gratitude **Moving to:** 6101 E Virginia St. Mesa TU 7:00p W,O

### Deletions:

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1320 E. Broadway Rd. # 105  
Mesa, AZ 85204

*General Service Office*  
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

\*\*\* NEW \*\*\*  
Area 03 Treasurer  
PO Box 18765  
Tucson, AZ 85371

\*\*\* NEW \*\*\*

*District 08-818*  
PO Box 12044  
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	Oct	YTD
11th Step Candlelight .....	\$100.00	\$200.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day .....		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group .....	\$257.25	\$864.41
ABC Group .....		\$150.00
AHA! It's Monday .....		\$100.00
Ahwatukee Group .....		\$265.47
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$950.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....		\$1,304.66
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$132.13
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$200.00	\$2,100.00
As Bill Sees It.....	\$92.41	\$92.41
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee.....		\$187.75
Attitude Adjustment CG .....		\$70.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....	\$75.00	\$225.00
Basic II .....		\$50.00
Bloopers .....		\$710.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$500.00
Breakfast Club .....	\$500.00	\$1,700.00
Busted Ego.....		\$480.00
By The Book .....	\$166.57	\$507.29
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....	\$64.36	\$455.36
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$86.00	\$1,147.60
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group .....		\$0.00
Common Solution.....		\$70.00
Common Thread.....		\$150.00
Copper Basin Group.....		\$0.00
Courage To Change.....		\$900.00
Daily Reflections Group .....		\$0.00
Day At A Timers .....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....	\$50.00	\$440.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$888.70
Eye Opener Group .....		\$1,555.47
Family Recovery Group .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Feelings & Solutions.....		\$75.00
Firehouse Meeting.....		\$200.00
Florence Group .....		\$0.00
Friday Night Big Book Study .....		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.....		\$184.00
Get It Together.....		\$3,034.70
Gilbert Gals .....		\$0.00
Gilbert Group .....		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group .....	\$300.00	\$383.56
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....		\$400.00
Grateful Dames .....		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....		\$70.00
Gratitude Group .....	\$500.00	\$824.00
Great Start.....		\$920.00
Cut Level .....		\$256.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$420.69
Heard It Thru The Grapevine .....		\$0.00
Into Action .....		\$150.00
Inwardly Reorganized.....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Keepin It Real Ladies .....	\$76.00	\$451.00
Life In The Big Book .....	\$228.00	\$1,068.25
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$160.00
Maricopa Group .....	\$50.00	\$150.00
Mid-Morning Group.....	\$120.00	\$220.00
Monday Night Madness .....		\$85.00
Morning After Group .....		\$335.00
Name In The Hat.....		\$306.83
New Beginnings .....		\$500.00
New Hope Group .....		\$110.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$300.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$100.00
Page A Day .....	\$515.77	\$1,416.37
Pioneer Group .....	\$9.80	\$250.20

GROUP	Oct	YTD
Price Is Right .....		\$60.00
Primary Purpose Group .....	\$250.00	\$490.00
Prime Time.....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion.....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$950.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....	\$451.00	\$451.00
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$15.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit.....	\$350.00	\$650.00
Rising Spirit.....	\$134.55	\$1,026.10
Road To Recovery .....		\$942.54
Rock Solid .....		\$95.50
San Tan Men's .....		\$35.50
Second Chance Group .....		\$700.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe.....		\$72.00
Serenity At Six.....		\$0.00
Shade Tree.....		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions .....		\$290.00
Sobriety is Gold .....		\$300.00
Sobriety Rocks .....		\$213.38
Society Group .....		\$500.00
Solutions Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$250.00
Spirited Women .....		\$221.00
Step By Step Group .....		\$40.24
Stepping Stones .....		\$60.00
Sunday Morning Women.....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$521.52
Sun Lakes Women.....		\$192.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers.....		\$183.00
Sunset Group .....		\$340.00
Tempe Group .....		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$25.00	\$150.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....		\$0.00
Tempe Young People.....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$113.00
The Real Thing .....		\$66.81
The Way Out Group .....	\$75.00	\$875.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....	\$65.00	\$270.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....		\$420.00
Upon Awakening.....		\$2,100.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$182.50
We Agnostics .....		\$440.00
We Can Group.....		\$129.00
Wednesday Night Step .....	\$300.00	\$300.00
Wednesday Night Winners .....		\$0.00
Welcome Home .....	\$309.50	\$498.15
West Chandler Men's.....	\$50.00	\$130.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?.....		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group.....		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude.....		\$339.00
Women in Solution.....		\$207.63
Women in Touch .....		\$123.00
Wonder Women.....	\$120.00	\$120.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$648.15
<b>OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES</b>		
Apache Lake Campout.....		\$102.02
VALYPAA .....		\$62.00
AZ AA Womens Conference.....		\$500.00
Dist 08-818 .....		\$61.84
Meal and a Message.....		\$750.00
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$5,860.08</b>	<b>\$45,653.73</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$137.49</b>	<b>\$925.68</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$193.00</b>	<b>\$2,724.67</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$6,190.57</b>	<b>\$49,304.08</b>
(*Group contribution with no group name listed)		
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### BALANCE SHEET October 31, 2018

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	1973.73
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	23,890.72
Accounts Receivable	649.64
Inventory Asset	21,264.63
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$52,196.49**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	547.50
Visa Credit Card	109.11
Payroll taxes	94.88

**Total Liabilities** **\$751.49**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	4,975.38
Net Income	2,690.68

**Total Equity** **\$51,445.00**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$52,196.49**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT October 2018

33 Group contributions totaling	<b>\$5,860.08</b>
4 Individual contributions totaling	<b>\$193.00</b>
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	<b>\$137.49</b>

**Total Contributions** **\$6,190.57**

**Total Income** **\$11,310.08**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$3,907.41**

**Gross Profit** **\$7,402.67**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$6,564.55**

**Net September Gain** **\$838.12**

**YTD 2018 Gain** **\$2,690.68**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$23,890.72  
The Prudent Reserve has been  
established for 2018 in the amount of \$25,895.52

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?

## ***EVI Business Meeting November 16, 2018***

**Meeting Opened by with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer**

**12 Traditions ready by – Mike**

**INTRODUCTIONS: Your attendance and participation are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome!**

**Intergroup Representatives:**

**New Reps:** Tony Putting God First, Mike Progress not Perfection, Julie GIT

*Dave M 417, Michale Gonzales Ahwahtukee Mens, Thom Spring Arbor Group, Vic Valli Bloopers, Segrid Chandler Women's BB, Tom O Common Thread, Scott F EV Men's Stag, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Wendy W. Gilbert Gals, Debbie G. GIT, Mallory S Grateful Dames, Buddy M Gratitude Group R. Sund Putting God First, Justin S Road to Recovery, Matt R Second Chances, Jeri H. Sobriety Rocks, Inez Y The Society, Mallory E, SASTO, Mena P. SNBBSS, Dave K. Sunset Group, Ken C. Sunset Group (Alt), Beth H. Alt Tempe Sunrisers, Ron S. The Way Out, Paul B. Tuesday Night Steppin' Out, Troy S Tumbleweeds, Upon Awakening Lonnie M, Jim M. WADY, Beth H. We Agnostics, Gary L. Welcome Home, Michelle O. Women in Gratitude*

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Ed	Office Manager	Kim	H&I Liaison	Mike
V.Chair	Chuck E.	Chair- Special E.	Deana	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Treasurer	Lois L.	Chair- PI/CPC	N/P	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary B.
Secretary	Andrea M.	Chair- Phones	Beth	DCM 08-818	Michelle
Advisor- Special E.	Steve W.	Chair- Unity	Tom	DCM 08-819	N/P
Advisor- PI/CPC	Mark	Chair- Sponsorship	N/P	DCM 08-820	N/P
Advisor- Phones	Dave K.	No Booze News	N/P		
Advisor- Unity	Eddie	Literature	N/P		

**Secretary's Report:** Andrea: Welcome to new reps, Please sign in and update info, New Rep packets available, see Andrea after meeting, Motion – Denis, -, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Victor

**Treasurer's Report: Report in Packet** Lois- report in packet, Net Income for October- \$838.12, Net Income YTD- \$2690.68, still in good shape for the year, Motion- Victor, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Dave

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$57.00**

**Chairperson's Report:** Ed- no report, will wait until elections

**Vice Chair's Report:** Chuck E- report in packet, attended Area Assembly in Lake Havasu cover budget and other state level business, motion was passed to start working on 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Big Book, it is only a formal request to start the work

**Office Manager:** Kim- Office activity has been picking up, received 562 request for information, 135 for meetings, 153 were office visits, 10 to 12 step calls were set up during office hours, website staying busy with over 50K hits, Literature has been received, two new Grapevine books are available- one for Military and one for Atheist and Agnostics.

AAWS has licensed a Meeting Finder APP called MEETING GUIDE. Go to your play store and download the app if interested.

AAWS has launched a Youtube channel at [www.youtube.com/c/alcoholicsanonymousworldservicesinc](http://www.youtube.com/c/alcoholicsanonymousworldservicesinc)

Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM is the first committee meeting for the Office Manager's convention. We need help for this large convention!

Come out find out how you and your sponsees can be of service!

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PICPC:** Victor- Np, Mark reported- committee presented this week at AT Stills University, need help on committee, they meet at 7PM the first Monday of the month at Gilbert Presbyterian.

**Special Events:** Deana – Thanksgiving Alcahthon start this Wednesday at NOON thru NOON on Friday at Antioch Church !! Please make sure when you here that you remind people of NO SMOKING at the Church!! All shifts are covers, please come at anytime. Friday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Easy Does It will be hosting the Monthly Speaker meeting. Service Commitment is up and we need someone to take over this committee!!

**Phone Committee:** Beth- Completed phone training at Women in Gratitude meeting, no trouble with covering phones, but could use some extra help. Please have group members fill out a gratitude of service form, if groups need training, phone chairs happy to come and give training. Beth and Vicki term is up, Willing to stay on unless someone would like to take over phones? Anyone? ....silence. Great job, Beth and Vicki!

**Unity Committee:** Tom- Unity is going strong, job is to go out and encourage groups to participate in the EVI business Meeting, Please make sure your signing your group in because the sign in sheet is how we find meetings to visit.

**Sponsorship Workshop:** N/P

**Newsletter Editor:** N/P

**Literature:** N/P

### **LIASION REPORTS**

**Alanon Liaison:** Rosemary-

**H&I Liaison:** Mike- Awareness day went well, Evi was invited to have a tent at the next H&I event, They would like to see representation at their events, literature was purchased- 820 books, interested in getting badged? February is next opportunity to get badged with Maricopa County, Elections for committees is next month

**Spanish Liaison:** Marge- going to meetings and not much happening,

**Sub District 08-818:** Michelle – Drunks Like Us is January 12<sup>th</sup>, will get out flyer next month

**Sub District 08-819:** Jason – Please send group GSR to visit the 819 meeting , it is 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month at St Peter Lutheran in Mesa, Eat and Gret Speaker Meeting Flyer in back -free event, Spaghetti Dinner, raffle, and speaker, First Christian Church at 805 N. Country Club on Dec 1st

**Sub District 08-820:** Carol NP

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2019 Budget Vote:**

26-yes, 0-opposed, 0-obstained, Budget passes

**2019 Election:**

**Chair-** Tom N. – nominate by Gary L and Steve W, Tom accepted nomination, Tom has been involved with EVI as group rep, vice Chair of Intergruop, DCM, presently is Unity Committee Chair for EVI, basically- he is highly qualified for position.

26-yes, 0-opposed, Congratulations, Tom! The new 2019 EVI CHAIR!

**Treasurer-** Ron S. – stood for position, Ron has been in EVI service for many years, previously held positions as Special Events chair, Chair, Rep and Alt Rep Chair,

26 - yes, 0- opposed, Congratulations, Ron! The new 2019 EVI Treasurer!

**Advisor to Steering Committee for Special Events-** Segrid -stood for position- would like to stay involved in EVI, served on Special Events Committee for several years in early sobriety

26- yes, 0-opposed, Congratulations, Segrid!! The new 2019 Advisor to the Steering Committee

Advisor to Steering Committee for PI/CPC- Mark stood for position,

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Group Problems & Solutions:** none

**Announcements:** none

**Close Meeting:** Motion to close- Ron S- 2<sup>nd</sup>- all !

Thank you,

Andrea M.



I read somewhere that attitudes are more important than facts. It sounds crazy doesn't it? But I've got news for you, it's the truth! The most important thing in my world is not what is really going on but how I feel about what is going on...I have learned that everyday life is not necessarily always a bowl of cherries and things like joy, fulfillment and happiness in general are like gold you must mine, not snowflakes falling on you from heaven.

I can speak for no one but myself but I did not naturally acquire the skills to find the happiness available to me every day and I did not learn them in school. For some people I'll bet self help books, religion, perhaps private counseling were keys to unlocking these life skills but for this alcoholic it was as simple as asking Ray to be my sponsor. At a certain point in my life I was humbled enough by my unhappiness to find the rooms of AA and my sponsor Ray W. I was prepared to listen and accept the fact that maybe, just maybe I belonged here.


Carpe Diem he would say "seize the day". "Start each day with a moment of silence, recite a gratitude list to yourself and then go out into the world and add to that list" he would tell me. I was never one for simplistic answers but I had to admit that my way of looking at and dealing with life had not been working well as of late. I decided to give myself over to Ray's simple teachings.

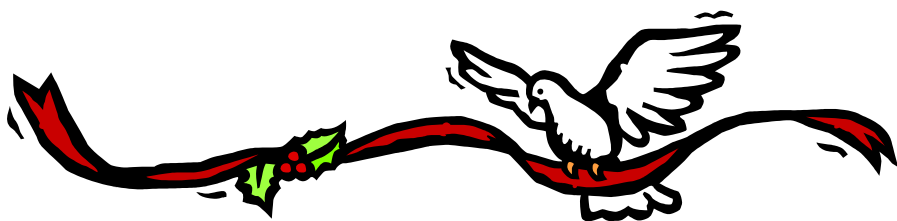
I started to set my alarm clock a few minutes early each day to allow myself a little quiet time for reflection and I discovered the first of many small miracles. By focusing on the positive aspects of my life no matter how routine they seemed to be (my good health, the love of my family, etc.) I was able to set a tone of joyful anticipation for each day. Some days I would be up early enough to catch a sunrise and bask in gratitude for the unparalleled show Mother Nature puts on for us each morning. Who would ever think to be grateful that the sun came up! Maybe I was changing. Maybe this was good stuff.

I was changing and in powerful ways. Sure life was still a struggle many days, my emotions would get the better of me and I would slip back into focusing on what I didn't have. My morning ritual however was my daily savior. I would call Ray every night for that first year (one of his requirements that I agreed to) and he was fond of telling me that I was almost at bedtime and only a nights' sleep away from reviewing my gratitude list so I was never really far away from "counting my blessings". This practice was changing my personality from one of negativity and ambivalence to one of positivity and enthusiasm (Oren theos' as he would remind me "with or of God"). I was also less fearful, more hopeful and realized he was leading me into a realm of "positive thinking".

The thought comes to mind that some would think this philosophy simplistic, even childish. Do I try to fool myself into thinking bad is good or failure is success? No. In the face of having to accept much about myself and the world around me that I find difficult, the gradual and persistent practice of Ray's simple philosophies have held me in good stead through many a hard circumstance and the very attitude of gratitude that he taught me to adopt demands that I share the story with whoever will listen.

Kevin ~ Reprinted from the Plain & Straight Newsletter  
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the quality of being thankful;  
readiness to show appreciation  
for and to return kindness.

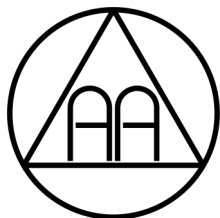


## AA Grapevine Daily Quote

**November 17, 2018**

"Few of us will ever be famous, but we can all be great because we serve each other."

This holiday season, as my dear friend says, "Be great!"



**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](mailto:info@aamesaz.org) THANKS!