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NO BOOZE NEWS

When the Dirty Chips are Down

I've been around AA for years. I haven't been sober for nearly as long. For most people, the ratio of time spent in AA to time of continuous sobriety is not equal. I find it rare to meet someone in AA who got sober from their first meeting, but they are out there. Anything is possible in AA.

I came in thinking that just about everything was wrong with me, that I was not only a bad person but an unforgivable person that wasn't worth much at all. I was so sensitive to what people thought about me that I had to project an image of success at all times in order to feel safe and accepted. But the truth was, I had a marriage that was on its very last rung. I was in danger of never having a relationship with my children. I had a career that meant nothing to me.

I believe the worst thing I had going for me was the fact that I did not want to stop drinking. Drinking meant everything to me and I didn't even know it. I have a disease that is centered in the mind. It convinced me that my best and only option was to pretend to be sober. And that is what I did.

When it came to the choice between dying an alcoholic death or living life on a spiritual basis, I wanted both I guess. If I convinced everyone that I was ok, then I would keep the things in my life that mattered. And if I was careful, I would still drink whenever I could. Drinking was all I knew and it made sense.

For nearly four years I went out of my way to show the world that I was a happy and healthy recovered alcoholic. I took my chips, I chaired meetings, attended conferences, took service positions, tried sponsoring. I smiled and was always open for a hug. I even wrote a few articles for this publication, and although they were full of it, they occasionally spoke some truth, but not always.

But I still sought fulfilment in the planned weekend out of the city where I could be who I thought I wanted to be. My sprees were shorter than I had liked, so they became more concentrated, if that makes any sense. The book says, "It gets worse, never better." And even though I wasn't drinking daily as I used to, my binges were worse and more destructive than I had ever experienced in my years of open drinking. I found myself involved with people, places and things that I never imagined being a part of. I was powerless to all situations and outcomes when I drank.

All of this translates to an easier, softer way that, of course, would never work. In my opinion, one who pretends to be sober elevates their alcoholism to a whole new level. I lied to AA for years, and to me it was the worst form of betrayal. I was turning my back on the only thing that wouldn't judge me.

Most people fight and stumble a few times before they break. Some people stumble and never get up again. For me I was pretending to be standing tall, but on the inside, I was truly dying.

No human being is meant to live this way. And I am grateful that I lived long enough to reach the place where I realized I didn't want to live that way anymore.

It was the principle of honesty that took me to and through the steps. I learned other principles along the way, but it was the willingness to finally tell the truth about *anything* that brought me every gift that the twelve steps have to offer.

For any readers out there that are struggling with a similar situation, I know why you think you need to lie that way. I did it for a long time and even though it felt like the only option, life always felt lonely and wrong. My only suggestion is to find someone in the fellowship who has what you want and tell them the truth. I can't put it into words, but you will be amazed at what happens.

If you choose not to tell anyone, then you eventually will, when it finally breaks you. Or you might die miserable before you do. It is possible.

I haven't had a drink since and I am happy today. All of the people I thought I would lose are still there, pulling for me.

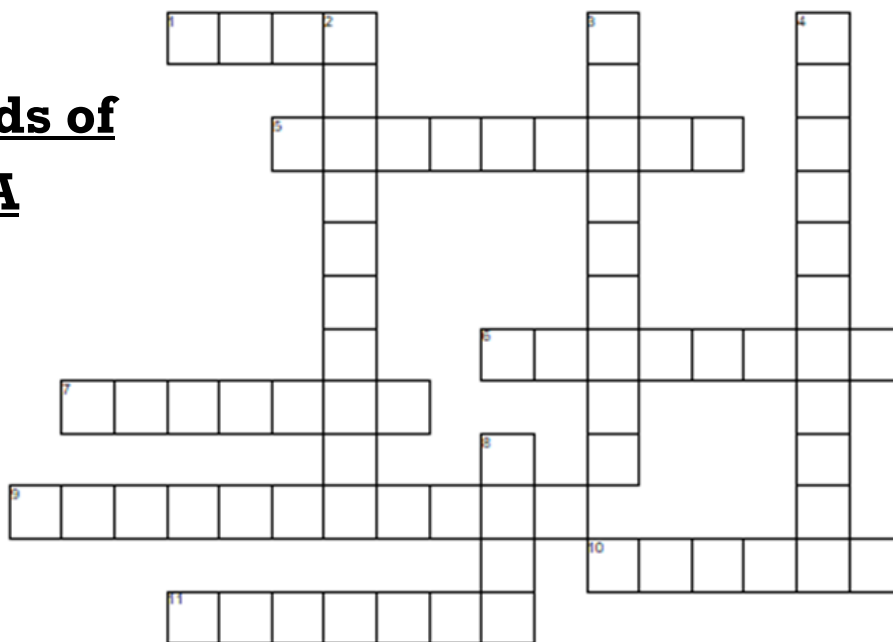
Rick T., Queen Creek, AZ.

Third Step prayer: *"God, I offer myself to Thee – to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of life. May I do Thy will always."* page 63

Seventh Step prayer: *"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen."* page 76

As far as we know, Bill wrote the Third and Seventh Step prayers himself. From the first typed manuscript, which Bill completed in 1938, these prayers contained the same wording they do in the book today. We don't know of the prayers' prior presence in any religious movement, though it is likely that their central message – if not their exact wording – might be from the Oxford Group. The Oxford Group was a popular Christian movement to which both Bill and Dr. Bob belonged, and many of A.A.'s spiritual principles were drawn from that movement.

Friends of AA



AA Stuff

February Newsletter

Across

1. resentment
5. onehour
6. drinking
7. eleven
8. basket
10. symptom

Down

2. service
3. enough
4. crosstalk
7. Ebby
9. sought

ACROSS

- 1 Wife of Bill W., co-founder of Al-Anon, and life long supporter of her husband and Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 5 Called the "little doctor who loved drunks". He made an indispensable contribution to the advent of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 6 Bill W. childhood friend who planted the seed of sobriety in his mind and heart, based on the tenets of the Oxford Group, which led to the 12 steps of recovery.
- 7 "little angel" of AA. Devoted her life to working with alcoholics at Cleveland's Charity Hospital.
- 9 A mainly non-alcoholic Christian fellowship which believed that the root of all problems were fear and selfishness.
- 10 Alcoholic and prominent businessman who was treated by Carl Jung and helped Ebby Thatcher find sobriety through the principles of the Oxford Group.
- 11 Non-alcoholic Catholic priest from St. Louis became Bill W. spiritual advisor.

DOWN

- 2 Active member of the Oxford Group, who led Dr. Bob Smith to Bill W, and later to his life of sobriety.
- 3 One of the first women in AA. Affluent and educated, she founded the National Council of Alcoholism.
- 4 Headed a board named "The Alcoholic Foundation", but wisely concluded that great sums of money might spoil the infant society.
- 8 World renowned psychiatrist whose insights influenced the spiritual emphasis of AA.

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Attitude of Gratitude

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

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

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

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

(480) 827-1905

e-mail: info@aamesaaz.org

www.aamesaaz.org

Date _____ *First Name _____ Last _____

Address _____ *Phone _____

*City _____ *ST _____ *Zip _____ *Gender _____

*Sobriety Date _____ Home Group _____

e-mail address _____ Alt Phone _____

* = required for listing in 12th Step List

☐ No Booze News Subscription / Renewal (\$12.00 annual subscription fee enclosed)

Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

☐ Weeknights

☐ Weekends

☐ Weekdays

Phones Night & Weekend

☐ Weekends

☐ Weeknights

☐ Office Phone Volunteer

☐ Other Office Help

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

☐ Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community

☐ Special Events

☐ Literature

☐ Newsletter (*No Booze News*)

☐ Unity Committee

☐ Deliver A Meeting



ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP

MARCH 16 ~ 18
LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK
PEORIA, AZ

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

APRIL 13 ~ 15
VERDE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS
COTTONWOOD AZ.



ROUNDUP IN ROCKY POINT

APRIL 27 ~ 29
GRANADA DEL MAR HOTEL
PUERTO PENASCO, MEXICO



Area 03

2018 Pre Conference Assembly

April 6th - 8th, 2018
7600 E Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ
(Hilton Tucson East)

2018 Post Conference Assembly

June 16th, 2018
Tombstone, AZ
Delegates report from the 2018 GSC

EVI 38th Anniversary

Italian Dinner and
Speaker Meeting

(Tim H.)

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Dinner is Served at 6:15pm

Speaker Starts at 8:00pm

2716 N Dobson Rd. Chandler
(Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church)

See your EVI Rep for tickets

Meal and a Message

Saturday, April 14th 2018

Dinner at 6:00pm

Speaker at 7:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa
(Love of Christ Lutheran Church)

Contact Fred P for tickets

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)

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
Murphy C.	3/7/1964	19723
Blair P.	3/13/1980	13879
Dave B.	3/5/1981	13514
George C.	3/5/1981	13514
Mike B.	3/6/1982	13149
Howard C.	3/7/1983	12784
Michael S.	3/4/1985	12053
Edward C.	3/15/1985	12053
Linda C.	3/18/1987	11323
Jeff L.	3/15/1988	10957
Dennis H.	3/18/1988	10957
Jim D.	3/1/1989	10592
Michael D.	3/21/1990	10227
Gabrielle C.	3/9/1991	9862
Joyce G.	3/7/1992	9496
Tracy N.	3/17/1992	9496
Kate H.	3/27/1994	8766
Suzann B.	3/18/1996	8035
Bill J.	3/15/1997	8035
Ramona B.	3/31/1996	8035
Matt D.	3/13/1997	7670
Rose D.	3/15/1997	7670
Eddie Y.	3/5/1998	7305
Aaron S.	3/27/2001	6209
Gail B.	3/7/2002	5844
Laura S.	3/11/2002	5844
Don A.	3/17/2003	5479
Traci W.	3/28/2005	4748
Sydney V.	3/25/2006	4383
Richard C.	3/11/2007	4018
Kristin A.	3/20/2007	4018
Kira N.	3/24/2007	4018
Kristina M.	3/3/2008	3652
Liz V.	3/1/2009	3287
Tom S.	3/1/2010	2922
Marge M.	3/18/2011	2557
Deborah C.	3/21/2011	2557
Marissa S.	3/25/2011	2557
Linzy Z.	3/2/2013	1826
Rob K.	3/10/2014	1461
Barbara M.	3/15/2014	1461
Theresa C.	3/15/2015	1108
Jessica T.	3/28/2015	1096
Beth M.	3/29/2015	1096
Josh K.	3/15/2016	730
Leah Z.	3/1/2017	365
Debbie R.	3/26/2017	365



Things We Can Not Change

Doug P. a long time member of our fellowship and the Easy Does It group has passed from this world. His life and sobriety helped many others and he will be missed.

Step Three~ Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition Three~ Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Concept Three~ To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

At Wit's End

Heavenly coffee

A guy dies and goes to heaven. Upon arrival, he meets Peter at the Golden Gates. Peter asks the fellow, “So, where do you belong?” The gentleman replies, “I don’t know.” Peter says, “Let’s look around and see if we can find where you fit in.”

Peter opens the first door and there are many people kneeling and repeating Hail Marys. “Who are they?” the gentleman asks. “Those are the Catholics,” Peter replies. “Hmm ... I don’t belong there,” says the man.

Peter opens up the second door and there are people praying on the ground. “Who are they?” asks the guy. Peter tells him they’re the Muslims. “No,” he repeats, “I don’t belong there either.”

Peter then opens up a third door. Smoke, the smell of coffee and laughter pour out of the room. “Who are they?” asks the man. Peter gives him a look and replies, “I don’t know. They won’t tell me!”

—Debbie M., Bend, Ore.



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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:

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

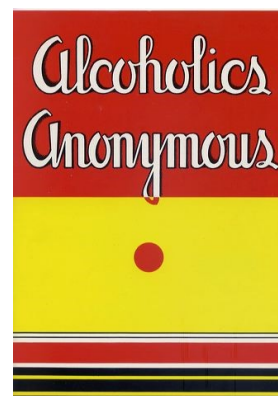
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

March 3rd - Breakfast Club

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

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.

Help Wanted

AA volunteer replacements needed for two separate meetings in Florence:

- 1) ADOC Florence South Unit 9:10 to 10:10 Saturdays
- 2) CoreCivic, Florence, 11:45 to 1:10 Mondays

Both meetings require every other week attendance. If interested contact Bud K. via the office.

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting*1st Friday of Every Month***Meeting Now At 7:30pm**

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

March 2nd - Upon Awakening

April 6th ~ Women in Gratitude

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Central Office Manager's Report

February 16, 2018

January has set the year off to a good start. We received several calls from people concerned about theirs or a loved one's drinking. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings close to them was provided. We received 498 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 142 calls were for meeting info, 152 were office visitors and 12 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 43,558 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for January were 12,314 views, of those 266 visited our website and 75 asked for directions.

There are copies of the 2017 Year End Activity Report of your Central Office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often asked question "What do you do at the office?" There are also copies of the final 2017 Group Contribution" report on the back table. There were some corrections made so please look it over and if something doesn't match your Group records, let me know.

Don't forget the EVI 39th Anniversary Dinner and Speaker Meeting March 10th at St Katharine's Greek Orthodox Church 2712 N Dobson Rd. Chandler AZ 85224. **Tickets available from your group rep and at your Central Office.**

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim W.
Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Jan.	2018
Meeting Information Calls	142	142
General Information	84	84
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	5	5
Referred to Al-Anon	10	10
Referred to Community Info	0	0
12th Step Calls	12	12
Business Calls	93	93
Office Visitors	152	152
Meeting lists printed	1000	1000
Info request via E-mail	44	44
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	20/ 2/ 1	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD	184 hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 43,558 YTD 43,558
Google Searches last 30 days 12,314 YTD 12,314

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Rock Solid 600 S Idaho Rd (Copper Room) Apache Junction TU 7:00p O
Sunset Sobriety 4444 E Havencrest Dr. Gilbert MO 5:30 BB, O
(Power Ranch Clubhouse)

Changes:

Grateful Girlfriends **Now Meeting At:** 22709 S Ellsworth Rd. Queen Creek
(Gateway Church) MO 6:00p W,O
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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General Service Office
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Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
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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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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group	\$111.00	\$111.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday	\$100.00	\$100.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$48.65	\$48.65
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG	\$50.00	\$50.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$0.00
Bloopers	\$60.00	\$60.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego	\$160.00	\$160.00
By The Book	\$79.31	\$79.31
Chandler Men's Stag Group	\$80.00	\$80.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$84.80	\$84.80
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$0.00
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$88.87
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group	\$150.00	\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions	\$75.00	\$75.00
Firehouse Meeting	\$50.00	\$50.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together		\$0.00
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics	\$400.00	\$400.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$0.00
Cut Level	\$96.00	\$96.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$251.69	\$251.69
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$0.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keep It Simple		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book	\$51.50	\$51.50
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$20.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness	\$35.00	\$35.00
Morning After Group	\$150.00	\$150.00
Name In The Hat		\$0.00
New Beginnings	\$140.00	\$140.00
New Hope Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
New Spirit Group	\$300.00	\$300.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot	\$100.00	\$100.00
Page A Day Group	\$436.00	\$436.00

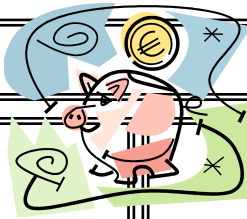
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pioneer Group		\$0.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First	\$950.00	\$950.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$0.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$0.00
Road To Recovery	\$176.96	\$176.96
Second Chance Group		\$0.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe		\$0.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions	\$125.00	\$125.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women	\$112.50	\$112.50
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones		\$0.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women		\$0.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunset Group	\$15.00	\$15.00
Tempe Group	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out	\$100.00	\$225.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$200.00	\$600.00
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics	\$200.00	\$200.00
We Can Group	\$66.00	\$66.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$0.00
West Chandler Men's	\$40.00	\$40.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Women in Gratitude	\$46.00	\$46.00
Women in Solution	\$139.63	\$139.63
Women in Touch	\$53.00	\$53.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$144.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout	\$102.02	\$102.02
SWACYPAA		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference		\$500.00
Dist 08-818		\$546.66
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00

Group Totals	\$5,793.53	\$5,793.53
EVI Committees	\$131.65	\$131.65
Individual Contributions	\$200.00	\$200.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$6,125.18	\$6,125.18

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2018

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	4,660.46
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	24,626.22
Accounts Receivable	883.30
Inventory Asset	21,502.72
Undeposited Funds	

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$52,339.60**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	65.36
Payroll taxes	86.92

Total Liabilities **\$152.28**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	5,703.22
Net Income	2,705.16

Total Equity **\$52,187.32**

Total Liability & Equity **\$52,339.60**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January 2018

43 Group contributions totaling	\$5,793.53
2 Individual contributions totaling	\$200.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$131.65
Total Contributions	\$6,125.18
Total Income	\$10,747.05
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$3,555.68
Gross Profit	\$7,191.37
Less total Expenses of	\$4,486.21
<u>Net Jan. Gain</u>	\$2,705.16
<u>YTD 2018 Gain</u>	\$2,705.16

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$24,826.22
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 Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2018

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

12 Traditions ready by – Mark

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

New Reps: Paul *Tuesday Night Steppin Out*, Barb *QC Nooners/QC Meeting Hall*, Michelle *Women In Purpose*, Jay *Easy Does It*
 Buddy M. *Aha, It's Monday*, Debbie Z. *Ahwahtukee Group*, Cris *Bloopers*, Pete S. *Breakfast Club*, Molly G. *By The Book*, Kara R. *Chandler*
Women's BB, J.J. *Easy Does It*, Denis W. *Friends of Bill W.*, Wendy W. *Gilbert Group*, Anne H. *GIT*, Bob B. *Gold Canyon 12x12*, Mary M.
Life in the BB, Ed B. *Maricopa Group*, Laura K. *New Spirit Group*, Robyn-Putting God First, Barb M. *QC Nooners*, Andrea M. *Serenity Sis-*
ters, Beth Ann T. *Sisterhood of Solutions*, Tim G. *SNBBSS*, Mallory E. *SOSTO*, Dave K. *Sunset Group*, Katie N. *The Real Thing*, Paul B. *Tues-*
day Night Stepping Out, Troy S. *Tumbleweeds*, Lonnie M. *Upon Awakenings*, Keith M. *Upon Awakening*, Jim M. *WADY*, Gary L. *Welcome*
Home, Michelle O. *Women in Touch*

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

Service Posi- tion	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Posi- tion	Name
Chair	Ed B	Advisor - Unity	NP	Phone Chair	NP
Vice Chair	Chuck E.	Office Manager	Kim	H&I Liaison	Amy S.
Treasurer	NP	Unity Chair	Tom N.	Spanish Liai- son	NP
Secretary	Andrea	PI/CPC Chair	Victor	Alanon Liaison	Rose- mary B.
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	Deana	DCM 08-818	Tim
Advisor - PICPC	Mark	Sponsorship Workshop	NP	DCM 08-819	Jason S.
Advisor - Phones	Dave K	No Booze News	Maria	DCM 08-820	NP

Secretary's Report: In packet; Andrea explained to new reps importance of completing all contact information on sign in sheet in order to receive No Booze News and other intergroup information.

*Disruption during report; man came into meeting room upset and asking to speak to people in charge. Several people stepped outside to speak with upset man. Man claimed someone called his girlfriend a name. Police were called. Man left and everyone was safe.

Treasurer's Report: Ed read report, in packet; Accepted

7th Tradition: \$52.00

Chairperson's Report: Ed B – Nothing to report

Vice Chair's Report: Chuck E.- Report in packet; attended sub-district meeting this past month, 818 is presenting the concepts in a skit format using "Cheers" format, Feb 20th is Service meeting for GSR reps, great orientation for new reps, all welcome.

Office Manager Report – Kim W – report in packet, please take year-end report back to groups, very interesting information, Folding newsletter in office on Tuesday, Feb 27- come by and have a good time folding and eating donuts! GSO Safety card is on back table for groups-great to keep in format book and discuss with your group.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC: Report in packet; Victor- Flyer in back for March event in cooperation with Sub-District- it is an education event,

Special Events: Deana- Join Special Events! March 2nd at 630PM, then speaker meeting at 730PM-Upo Awakening, Anniversary Dinner tickets still available, Looking forward to event!

Phone Committee: Dave K. reported, no concerns, contact Beth for any phone volunteer service

Unity Committee: Tom N.- Meetings are at 615PM on the third Friday at Antioch, 45 minutes before this meeting! Working with Kim to identify meetings that are not represented at business meeting, striving to reach meetings so that everyone has voice in the East Valley, great commitment and please consider joining!

Sponsorship Workshop: NP

Newsletter Editor – Maria- February issue cover article was from Florence Prison letter, wonderful response from groups with local sto-

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary- Family Recovery is last Saturday of every night, Lasagna Dinner with salad and bread provided, Flyer on back table.

H&I Liaison: Amy- Volleyball tourney at Rio De Vista park at 8AM in Peoria, Flyer in back; Bridging the Gap workshop, March 31st, Flyer in back; Badging renewal Workshops, RSVP Bridget for spot; If you are taking a meeting to prisons please be aware that shorts are no longer approved attire; Havens Seniors Horizons-location 1201 S. 7th Ave #200 is looking for 5 AA meetings- contact Erin if interested

Spanish Liaison – NP

Sub District 08-818: -Tim- flyer in back for Special Events, having Saturday night speaker meeting on April 21st! Maegan W is speaker. Food will be served! Grab a flyer, meeting held at GIT (Get It Together)

Sub District 08-819: Jason- Great turnout at past meeting, flyers in back, GSR pamphlets in back, would love to see you at the meetings so you can find out what is happening in General Service

Sub District 08-820: NP

OLD BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Group Problems & Solutions: Ed Bennett Maricopa Group: Group Conscience meeting concerns- group is holding to large amount of money and figuring out what to do with it is presenting conflict at group conscience meeting, has read pamphlets but looking for solutions from other groups or experience with similar issues, Kim shared about pamphlet called *The AA Group* explaining it gives a breakdown of how a group can contribute to different service structures, Kim reminded that ultimately it is up to the group.

Ken – Explained that man who disrupted meeting earlier was upset about his girlfriend being called a name. Ken stated he explained to him that this was not the case and assured him everyone in meeting is here to help. *

*Andrea spoke with the girlfriend before the intergroup meeting. She was looking for a NA meeting and was sent by her DCS counselor. After explaining the business meeting format, Andrea helped her find a meeting that she might be able to attend to fulfill her requirement from the counselor. Kim and Andrea referred her to the Pigeon Coop website. Andrea showed her a possible meeting to attend called “Tweakers Hope” and explained she might be able to meet others who can give her more information for NA.

Close Meeting: Motion to close-Victor, second by all, closed with Statement of Responsibility

Thank you,

Andrea M.



Friday night I brought my "last" meeting to Perryville, a womens' prison in Goodyear, Arizona. My badge expires this month, and in the spirit of rotation, I've chosen not to renew it after five years of service.

Back in the fall of 2008, my heart was terribly broken, so I jumped at the chance to be of service, desperately needing to get out of myself. This commitment very well may have saved my life and my sobriety at that time. Having never been arrested myself (by the grace of God) I'm so grateful I've been able to participate in this aspect of service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Despite the many obstacles that we may have as volunteers, I feel so fortunate that I got to bring a little experience, strength and hope inside those walls. There may be a tedious process for badging and seemingly endless hoops for us to jump through, but the women behind the walls don't get to pick and choose which meeting they go to. There are, without a doubt, some who can hardly wait for their one weekly meeting. I cannot express how much truth and gratitude they share for that hour: they are hungry for what we have.

I've been going to the San Carlos Unit for quite some time. At my last meeting, there were at least 20 women, including three attending the first time. One of them admitted it was the first time she had introduced herself as an alcoholic. Mind-blowing. Another one was being released in a few days and she was so excited to go back to her home group. Another, who is a regular attendee and is always enthusiastic about reading and sharing, expressed her current frustration and confusion regarding religion and spirituality. I've some experience with this and got to share it.

During the meeting we read the Big Book story "Keys to the Kingdom," about a woman with a low bottom in early AA who experienced inspiring love and growth in the Fellowship, and insisted on continuous action for a healthy sobriety. Many of the women expressed how much they enjoyed it and identified with it. I told the ladies that this was my last meeting, and they had a lot of questions and were very kind. I made sure they knew that I've another service commitment and that it's vital to my sobriety!

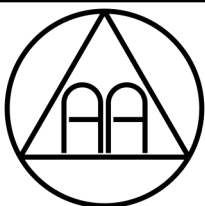
Here's another "odd or God" moment: This past Labor Day weekend I attended the Arizona State Convention in Tucson and, while perusing the archives display, I was approached by a woman who seemed to know me. She had attended the meeting I led in Perryville in July and had been released in August. I was so excited to see her attending an event celebrating sobriety, especially one that was more than 100 miles away.

Goodyear is a bit of a drive from where I live and work. Every month when the day came for me to go, I felt tired after having worked all day, and would've rather done about 20 other things. But every time I left the meeting and the heavy metal doors slammed shut behind me, I gained a little more freedom from alcohol. I've yet to experience another high that compares to walking out into the night air to my car and driving away from Perryville. Freedom from bondage is an extraordinary gift.

Thanks to each and every one of you who do this kind of service, or make it possible, and for allowing me to be a part of it.

Angela M., Scottsdale, AZ

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**Please send us your stories,
MAIL, EMAIL OR CALL IT IN!!**



I'd like to hear your story and put it in the No Booze News! Mail your story to the Intergroup office, or email it to me! Or call me and tell it to me and I'll write it down! Please include your name and phone number. We reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity.

Maria D. info@aamesaz.org THANKS!