



2018

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NO BOOZE NEWS

As We Understand Him

I came into A.A. Bankrupt in every department. When I started to work the steps, my first big challenge was to find a power greater than myself that could solve my problems. What an order for a guy who they describe in step two in the 12x12 as the one who had tried religion and found it wanting. I could see the examples of people around me that seemed to have it figured out and I became a nuisance trying to corner them to get them to explain to Me how they do it and they had as much trouble explaining it as I did. One day I confronted my friend, Jim, and asked him to let me in on the secret. Frustrated, He asked, "Do you want to drink right now"? My answer was "NO". He then asked me, "Did you want to drink a year ago"? And my answer was "YES". Next he asked me "what made the difference"? My answer was that I was influenced by the A.A. program. His next question was, "Do you have any Problem calling that God? WOW! What a concept.

I have never wanted a drink since I entered the program and the only answer I could come up with was the influence of A.A in my life. For a guy who couldn't conceive of a day without alcohol, to a guy that has never wanted a drink since, was all I needed to know about God. I wish I could tell you who or what God is but I can't. I can, however tell you what God does for me but I'll get to that later.

The 2nd appendage in the big book, Spiritual Experience, implies that there are as many examples of spiritual experiences as there people who have had them, and they come in different forms. They can be of the burning bush variety or a psychic change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism. Or, as I like to believe, my spiritual experience came in the form of a "change of perception". When it occurred to me that all of my thinking was flawed and that I was finally in an environment where I could, with the help of the group, start to follow simple unselfish guidelines that would restore my self esteem and put me at peace with myself and others, I started this wonderful journey and I've never had it so good. These universal truths are common in all philosophies and I must seek them out if I want to heal.

I pray to God every day, even though I don't know who or what God is. My mind is not sophisticated enough to understand God and I'm not sure that God hears my prayers, but I HEAR MY PRAYERS and that puts me in the best possible attitude I can have about the issue I pray for. My prayers are always the same. I pray for knowledge of his will for me and strength to carry it out. I.e. God, Please show me what to do and give me the strength to do it, I don't do to well on my own. I often knew what to do, but wasn't always strong enough to do what was right. Today I'm stronger.

Who or what is God? I'm not sure anyone can define God anymore than they can answer a few simple questions, such as: 1) where does space end and what is beyond that? 2) When does time end and what comes after that? My simple mind may never know the answers to these questions but I do know what God does. When I ask for guidance, I become a better receiver and I hear the answers that used to pass right over my head when I Thought I had all the answers. Thank God for an open mind.

Rick R.

Dear Readers and Contributors to the No Booze News,

Great News! Our little newsletter is apparently reaching far beyond the Valley. We've had more than one request to reprint some of our local articles in their own AA newsletters. So, please, write an article! Then know that it may be reprinted.

Sincerely, Your No Booze News Newsletter Editor, Maria D.



It took me a long time to realize that the pain I was enduring while I was using and drinking was self-inflicted.... I say that, to make the point that when I was in my misery, I was always blaming some person, place or thing for my misery. It took many years to find out that I was the only one to blame for the pain and misery that I was experiencing when I was in the cycle of active addiction and alcoholism...

I have been sober for a few years now, and I can still drift into self-pity every once in a while. Usually because I am comparing myself to others by looking at what they have and what I do not have. . . Some have significant others or more money, or some other material/trivial item that I do not have. . . Meanwhile, I then am reminded of a photo that hangs in the AA meeting hall at my home group.... It reads:

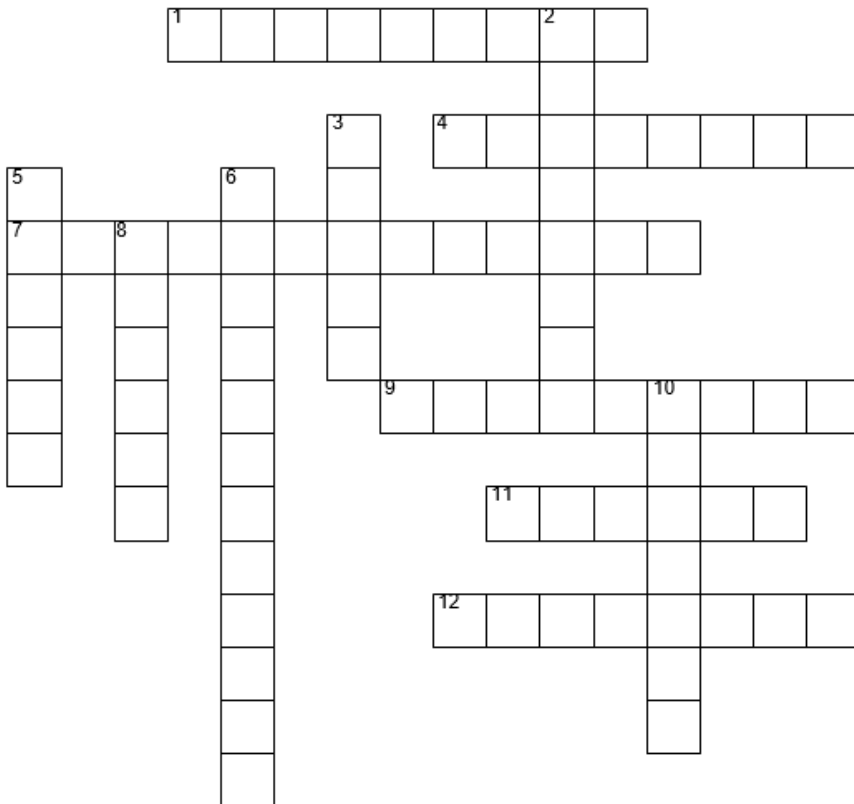
"SHOULD I FORGET THE MISERY AND PAIN OF WHERE I'VE BEEN, PLEASE GOD, REMIND ME SO I MIGHT NOT RETURN THERE AGAIN"

I am then able to open the door on the past, just for a moment and compare it to today. Then I am able to see the true blessings that I have today.... My experience is that I cannot put a price tag on the peace of mind that I have today that comes from being a grateful recovering member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

MB, Mesa, Az

AA Acronyms and Cliches

Words That Help



Steps and Traditions

April Newsletter

Across

1. third
3. stepone
4. twelve
6. eight
8. stepeleven
9. stepten

Down

1. thetwelvesteps
2. ten
3. stepeight
5. seventh
7. eleven

ACROSS

- 1 ".....to become victorious".
- 4 Sobriety lost it's.....
- 7 Knowing that we only have to do this
ODAAT brings comfort to many of us.
- 9 Good orderly.....is sometimes
used as an acronym for God.
- 11 "The easier softer was is one thru.....".
- 12 "There is no.....solution to a spiritual problem".

DOWN

- 2 You're.....too!
- 3 "The will of God will never take you where the..... of God will not protect you".
- 5 The L in HALT
- 6 "The elevator to sobriety is broken, so.....".
- 8 EGO stand for: out God.
- 10 "When you do all the....., you only learn what you already know".

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

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

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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

TRI STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 17 ~ 20

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

JUNE 1 ~ 3

MORMON LAKE LODGE

FLAGSTAFF AZ



LEWIS CANYON CAMPOUT

JULY 27 ~ 29

LEWIS CANYON CAMPGROUND

PINEDALE AZ



PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

AUGUST 31 ~ SEPTEMBER 2

PRESCOTT RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

PRESCOTT AZ

EVI Summer Bowl -A-Thon

Saturday, August 4th

3:00pm to 5:00pm

AMF Mesa Lanes

2115 E. Southern Ave., Mesa, Arizona 85204

2 hours of bowling

Shoes included

Raffle and Prizes

(Check back for more info)

Valley of the Sun Founders' Day 2018

June 9th, 2018

9:45am to 5:00pm

2121 S Rural Rd. Tempe AZ

Free Lunch

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)

2018 Area 03 August Assembly

August 17 - 19

425 S Power Rd.

Mesa AZ

(AZ Golf Resort)

2018 Area 03

Post Conference Assembly

June 16th, 2018

Tombstone, AZ

Delegates report from the 2018 GSC





| Name | Date | Days |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| Richard C. | 5/23/1976 | 15340 |
| Gary C. | 5/1/1980 | 13879 |
| Mike C. | 5/1/1981 | 13514 |
| Bud K. | 5/23/1982 | 13148 |
| Jon C. | 5/6/1984 | 12418 |
| Becky C. | 5/9/1984 | 12418 |
| Ken H. | 5/19/1986 | 11688 |
| Stephan O. | 5/13/1987 | 11323 |
| Beth H. | 5/29/1988 | 10956 |
| Joel M. | 5/15/1989 | 10592 |
| Bryan T. | 5/3/1990 | 10231 |
| Christopher B. | 5/10/1990 | 10231 |
| Hallie G. | 5/5/1991 | 9862 |
| Mike S. | 5/1/1991 | 9862 |
| Hallie G. | 5/5/1991 | 9862 |
| Louis S. | 5/28/1991 | 9862 |
| Christine T. | 5/5/1992 | 9496 |
| Regan G. | 5/1/1992 | 9496 |
| Roy M. | 5/1/1994 | 8766 |
| Jack G. | 5/23/1996 | 8035 |
| Deborah W. | 5/7/1998 | 7305 |
| Heidi H. | 5/23/1999 | 6940 |
| Mickey W. | 5/1/2003 | 5479 |
| Debbie G. | 5/16/2003 | 5479 |
| Kathy T. | 5/15/2005 | 4748 |
| Larry S. | 5/23/2007 | 4018 |
| Pat C. | 5/27/2007 | 3979 |
| Ginny F. | 5/15/2008 | 3652 |
| Neil H. | 5/23/2008 | 3652 |
| Frank P. | 5/26/2008 | 3652 |
| Steve B. | 5/11/2009 | 3287 |
| Gail N. | 5/15/2009 | 3287 |
| Lyndadiane L. | 5/29/2010 | 2922 |
| Michelle M. | 5/25/2010 | 2922 |
| Eric F. | 5/6/2011 | 2557 |
| Ben P. | 5/24/2011 | 2557 |
| Shawna D. | 5/2/2012 | 2173 |
| Danielle R. | 5/6/2013 | 1826 |
| Denise P. | 5/12/2014 | 1461 |
| Maureen D. | 5/5/2014 | 1461 |
| Christopher T. | 5/5/2015 | 1096 |
| Jean C. | 5/15/2016 | 730 |
| Jennifer P. | 5/15/2016 | 730 |

Step Five~ Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition Five~ Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept Five~ Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.



At Wit's End

My Ideal

After 10 years of sobriety it was suggested by my sponsor that I start dating. He asked me what I was looking for in a woman, and so I thought about it ...

"Well," I said, "she has to be pretty, must be. And like me, a little whacky. Also, she has to be strong and assertive. Hmm ... I guess I'm looking for a woman who's stunning, baffling and powerful!"

David B.

Tucson, Ariz.

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Things We Can Not Change

Murphy C. a long time member of our fellowship passed from this world on Sunday, April Fifteenth. His life and sobriety touched many and he will be missed.



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

480 827-1905

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

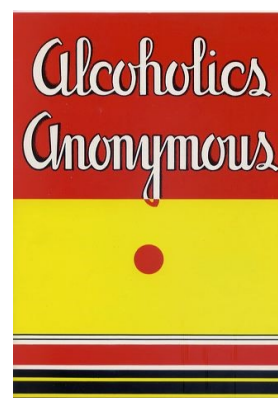
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

May 5 ~ Upon Awakening

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

Contact 480 827-1905

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. 480 827-1905

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

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

May 4th ~ Women in Gratitude

June 1st ~ Page A Day

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.

480 827-1905

*** Fill In shifts available now***



Central Office Manager's Report

January 19, 2018

March was another active month at the office. We received 515 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 138 calls were for meeting info and 153 were office visitors. Google reported 11,950 views with 311 going to our website, 82 getting directions to the office and 44 calling. And our website reports 44,321 visits in the last 30 days.

We have upgraded the credit card terminal at the office. The new equipment supports EMV/chip reader and accepts credit, PIN debit and gift cards. The new terminal cost \$200 but our service provider was offering a \$200 Costco gift card as incentive to upgrade. So we are now up to date with the latest security for electronic transactions at no cost.

The ICOAA seminar will be held in Mesa 9/25/2019 to 9/29/2019. It may sound far into the future but we do need to start forming a committee for this event. We will need people to coordinate a day trip on Thursday the 26th, staff a registration and information table and a hospitality room. Please contact me if you would like to help with this event.

If you're Group or service committee is planning an event, please remember to send a flier to the office. We try hard to have complete event information available in the office and on our website for our local members.

Service opportunities are available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage them to volunteer. The life you save may be your own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim W.
Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

| | |
|--|----------------|
| April 2017 | |
| Meeting Information Calls..... | 138 545 |
| General Information | 104 393 |
| Referred to Salt River Intergroup | 6 44 |
| Referred to Al-Anon..... | 8 52 |
| Referred to Community Info..... | 0 5 |
| 12th Step Calls | 8 32 |
| Business Calls | 98 401 |
| Office Visitors | 153 573 |
| Meeting lists printed..... | 800 2800 |
| Info request via E-mail..... | 52 210 |
| Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None..... | 31/ 6/ 3 |
| Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. | 800 hrs |

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 44,321 YTD 176,813
Google Searches last 30 days 11,950

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Welcome Home 1900 S Arrowhead Dr. Rm#4 **Saturday 7:00p O**
San Tan Men's 35244 N Trica Rd. (One Community Church) **WE 5:30p M,C**

Changes:

Road To Recovery **Has Moved To:** 5641 E Albany St. Mesa
Arbor Group **Has Moved To:** 612 S Ellsworth Rd. Mesa
Women In Gratitude **Has Moved To:** 6458 E Broadway Rd. Mesa **TU 7:00p O**
Grateful Dames 215 E University Dr. Tempe **TH Now Meeting At: 6:00pm**

Deletions:

East Valley Intergroup
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 | March | YTD |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 11th Step Candlelight | | \$0.00 |
| 2121 Beginner Workshop | | \$0.00 |
| 24 Hours A Day | | \$0.00 |
| A Vision For You Group | \$160.00 | \$271.00 |
| ABC Group | | \$0.00 |
| AHA! It's Monday | | \$100.00 |
| Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity | | \$0.00 |
| Ahwatukee Group | | \$0.00 |
| Ahwatukee Nooners | \$450.00 | \$600.00 |
| Ahwatukee Saturday Men's | \$321.69 | \$532.93 |
| Ahwatukee Women's Group | | \$132.13 |
| Arbor Daily Noon Group | | \$400.00 |
| As You Wake Up | | \$0.00 |
| Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee | \$187.75 | \$187.75 |
| Attitude Adjustment CG | | \$50.00 |
| Attitude of Gratitude | | \$0.00 |
| Basic II | | \$0.00 |
| Bloopers | | \$60.00 |
| Bootstrap Men's | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Breakfast Club | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Busted Ego | | \$160.00 |
| By The Book | | \$79.31 |
| Chandler Men's Stag Group | \$143.00 | \$223.00 |
| Chandler Noon Group | | \$220.80 |
| 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 | \$40.00 | \$190.00 |
| Easy Does It Group | \$88.87 | \$266.61 |
| Eye Opener Group | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Family Recovery Group | | \$0.00 |
| Feelings & Solutions | | \$75.00 |
| Firehouse Meeting | | \$50.00 |
| Florence Group | | \$0.00 |
| Friday Night Big Book Study | | \$0.00 |
| Friends Of Bill W. | | \$0.00 |
| Get It Together | \$129.75 | \$743.98 |
| Gilbert Gals | | \$0.00 |
| Gilbert Group | | \$0.00 |
| Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group | | \$0.00 |
| Good Ol' Back to Basics | | \$400.00 |
| Grateful Dames | | \$0.00 |
| Grateful Girlfriends | | \$70.00 |
| Gratitude Group | | \$0.00 |
| Great Start | | \$200.00 |
| Cut Level | | \$96.00 |
| Happy Hour @ Sunbird | | \$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 | \$178.00 | \$178.00 |
| Life In The Big Book | \$123.20 | \$205.80 |
| Maricopa 12 X 12 | \$20.00 | \$40.00 |
| Maricopa Group | | \$0.00 |
| Mid-Morning Group | | \$0.00 |
| Monday Night Madness | | \$35.00 |
| Morning After Group | | \$150.00 |
| Name In The Hat | \$306.83 | \$306.83 |
| New Beginnings | | \$200.00 |
| New Hope Group | | \$60.00 |
| New Spirit Group | | \$300.00 |
| No Name AA Group | | \$0.00 |
| Not A Glum Lot | | \$100.00 |
| Pioneer Group | \$173.00 | \$173.00 |

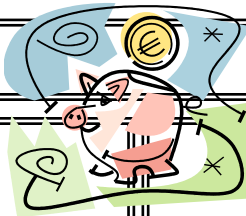
| GROUP | March | YTD |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Price Is Right | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Primary Purpose BB Study | | \$0.00 |
| Primary Purpose Group | | \$0.00 |
| Prime Time | | \$0.00 |
| Progress Rather Than Perfection | | \$0.00 |
| Puttin' Sober East | | \$0.00 |
| Putting God First | | \$950.00 |
| 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 | \$488.61 | \$488.61 |
| Road To Recovery | | \$942.54 |
| Rock Solid | | \$25.00 |
| 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 |
| Sobriety is Gold | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Sobriety Rocks | | \$0.00 |
| Society Group | | \$0.00 |
| Solutions Group | | \$0.00 |
| Some Are Sicker Than Others | | \$0.00 |
| Southeast Valley Stag | | \$250.00 |
| Spirited Women | | \$112.50 |
| Step By Step Group | | \$0.00 |
| Stepping Stones | | \$60.00 |
| Sunday Morning Women | | \$0.00 |
| Sunday Night BB Step Study | \$38.56 | \$118.34 |
| Sun Lakes Women | | \$92.00 |
| Sunland Serenity Seekers | | \$117.00 |
| Sunset Group | \$265.00 | \$295.00 |
| Tempe Group | | \$100.00 |
| Tempe Nooners | \$25.00 | \$100.00 |
| Tempe Sunrises | | \$0.00 |
| Tempe Young People | | \$0.00 |
| The Library | \$113.00 | \$113.00 |
| The Real Thing | | \$0.00 |
| The Way Out Group | \$150.00 | \$4550.00 |
| Thursday Night Step Group | | \$0.00 |
| Tuesday Night Steppin Out | \$140.00 | \$140.00 |
| Tuesday's Trudgers | | \$0.00 |
| Tumbleweeds Group | | \$0.00 |
| Upon Awakening | | \$700.00 |
| We Ain't Dead Yet | | \$0.00 |
| We Agnostics | | \$200.00 |
| We Can Group | | \$66.00 |
| Wednesday Night Step | | \$0.00 |
| Wednesday Night Winners | | \$0.00 |
| Welcome Home | | \$0.00 |
| West Chandler Men's | | \$40.00 |
| Who's Driving Your Bus? | | \$0.00 |
| Wolf Pack Group | | \$50.00 |
| Women In Gratitude | | \$105.00 |
| Women In Solution | | \$139.63 |
| Women In Touch | | \$53.00 |
| *Anonymous Groups | \$315.50 | \$415.50 |

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Apache Lake Campout | \$102.02 |
| SWACYPA | \$0.00 |
| AZ AA Womens Conference | \$500.00 |
| Dist 08-818 | \$546.66 |
| Mesa Round Up | \$0.00 |
| Group Totals | \$4,477.76 |
| EVI Committees | \$65.00 |
| Individual Contributions | \$0.00 |
| GRAND TOTALS | \$4,542.76 |

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)

\$14,764.97
\$268.65
\$534.00
\$15,567.62



BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2018

Assets

Current Assets

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Checking | 7,485.03 |
| Prudent Reserve (Savings) | 24,633.23 |
| Accounts Receivable | 715.15 |
| Inventory Asset | 20,384.85 |
| Undeposited Funds | |

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$54,718.56**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Accounts Payable | 0.00 |
| Visa Credit Card | 150.34 |
| Payroll taxes | 1,114.84 |

Total Liabilities **\$1,265.18**

Equity

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Opening Balance Equity | 43,778.94 |
| Retained Earnings | 5,703.22 |
| Net Income | 3,971.22 |

Total Equity **\$53,453.38**

Total Liability & Equity **\$54,718.56**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT March 2018

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| 32 Group contributions totaling | \$4,477.76 |
| 0 Individual contributions totaling | \$0.00 |
| Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition | \$65.00 |
| Total Contributions | \$4,542.76 |
| Total Income | \$11,942.94 |
| Less total Cost Of Sales | \$4,210.97 |
| Gross Profit | \$7,731.97 |
| Less total Expenses of | \$10,284.19 |
| Net March. Loss | (\$2,552.22) |
| YTD 2018 Gain | \$3,971.22 |

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$24,633.23
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 Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

- 1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?***
- 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?***
- 3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?***
- 4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?***
- 5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?***
- 6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help***

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**April 20, 2018****Meeting Opened by Ed at 7:00 PM with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer****12 Traditions ready by –****INTRODUCTIONS:** *Your attendance and participation are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** Dave T SNBBS, Jason Common Thread

Buddy M. Aha It's Monday, Jim D Arbor Group, Larry R. Basic II, Teresa M. Both Books Step Study, Pete S. Breakfast Club, Molly G. By the Book, Segrid Chandler Women's BB, Jason W. Common Thread, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Wendy W. Gilbert Group, Anne H. GIT, Mallory S. Grateful Dames, Mary M. LIBB, Larry S. No Name Group (Alt), Vance C. Out of the Dark, Sherry B. PAD, Patrick T. Price is Right, Robin H. Putting God First, Barb M. QC Nooners, Andrea M. Serenity Sisters, Inez Y. The Society, Mallory G. SASTO, Tom M. Southeast Valley Stag, Peg D. Spirited Women, Katelyn B. Step by Step, Kimberly K. Steppin Stones, Mena P. SNBBS, Dave K. Sunset Group, Ken C. Sunset Group (Alt), Beth H Tempe Sunrisers (Alt), Ron N. Tuesday Truggers, Paul B. Tuesday Night Stepping Out, Troy S. Tumbleweeds, Brenda P. Vision for You, Gary L. Welcome Home

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

Chair - Ed B, Advisor - Unity Eddie, Phone Chair -Beth, Vice Chair - Chuck E. Office Manager -Kim, H&I Liaison -Amy, Treasurer -Lois L. Unity Chair -Tom, Spanish Liaison -Marge, Secretary -Andrea M, PI/CPC Chair -Victor, Alanon Liaison -Rosemary B. Advisor Special Events - Steve, Special Events Chair -Deana, DCM 08-818 -Michelle, Advisor - PICPC -Mark, Sponsorship Workshop -Gail, DCM 08-819 -Jason S. Advisor Phones -Dave, No Booze News -Maria, DCM 08-820 -Carol.

Secretary's Report: In packet; motion to accept- Denis, 2nd-Gary L.**Treasurer's Report:** In packet; March Net Income (\$-2552.22) , YTD Net \$3971.22. Profit Loss statement explains loss in net income. Lois explained anniversary dinner brings in income before event due to ticket sales, after event we have expenses! Keep in mind Anniversary dinner is non-profit event and this year came close to breaking even.

Kaitlin – Has group contributions from Anniversary Dinner Ticket sales! Will give to Kim after meeting \$140

Motion to accept- Buddy, 2nd - Jim. 7th Tradition: \$83.25**Chairperson's Report:** Ed B – no report, will discuss new business later in meeting**Vice Chair's Report:** Chuck E.- reviewed reports in packet; was very busy this month attending GSC, Reviewed topics and listed in report; discussed PRASSA report regarding the Navajo translation of Big Book, After 28 years of effort, the translation is complete and will be available on compact disc for \$9.10 available on GSO website, it will be discounted to \$7 through end of June 2018. Area 03 delegate received request to submit bid for 2030 International Convention, unfortunately we will not be able to proceed with bid because Phoenix Dept. of Tourism would not commit to number of hotel rooms needed. The bid requested 12K rooms and Dept. of Tourism could only commit to 5K citing concern with 12 years length until commitment and popularity of Phoenix as destination for travelers.**Office Manager: Kim-** report in packet; reviewed activity at office, increase of people walking into the office looking to get help with their drinking, Kim requested people fill out gratitude of service form to get on 12 step call list! Updated credit card machine at office; Service day at office is 4/24, Meeting schedule changed, brought some new meeting lists, had 65 new locations this month due to meetings moving, website is also updated, contact Kim if groups are interested in service commitments for ICOAA seminar in Mesa 9/25/19 – 9/29/19.**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PICPC:** Victor- next meeting May 7th at Gilbert Presbyterian, Had speaker like Larry s and Kathy. Positive meetings learning the roots of PI/CPC. We need people to be involved and could use more help.**Special Events:** Deana- Meeting is First Friday of month, flyer in back, next event is Bowlathon Aug 4th**Phone Committee:** Beth- Phones have been covered and thanked all for service, Reminded groups that anyone that anyone who takes phones for groups needs to have completed the phone training. ck**Unity Committee:** Tom- Reported high activity in the last month, reminded of objective to reach groups that are not participating in Intergroup, Committee meets on 3rd Friday of the month before this business meeting.**Sponsorship Workshop:** Gail- Attendance is up at Sponsorship workshops, May 5th is next workshop at Gilbert Presbyterian, flyer available in ba**Newsletter Editor – Maria-** reminded meeting of humor column in newsletter! Crossword puzzle was more difficult due to missing 5 down! Oops! Very happy about of local stories being submitted. Keep it up! We are receiving request from other intergroups for our local stories!**Literature-** Eric- is here, nothing to report.**LIASION REPORTS****Alanon Liaison:** Rosemary- great aa speaker at last event, join for next event, flyer in back!**H&I Liaison:** Amy- Awareness Day needs volunteers for May 19th event at Kiwanis Park. Speakers, bands, and workshops planned for the moment. Mosaic Correctional Health Services looking for volunteers, need to be badged, contact Amy for more information.**Spanish Liaison:** Marge- not much to report, Day in the Park on April 29th at Encanto Park in Phoenix, Spanish Meeting did start at Tempe Bloopers on Tuesdays at 7PM (except last Tuesday of month). Please mention at your groups!**Sub District 08-818:** Michelle- Busy attending meetings and 818 is busy. First meet and greet "Drunks Like Us" tomorrow night at GIT, will have snacks and great speaker Meagan W.

Sub District 08-819: Jason- If your group doesn't have a GSR, please grab a packet in back and get involved. Your group does have voice! We need participation. Meets 2nd Thursday at 7PM, St. Peter Mesa

Sub District 08-820: Carol- Saturday, April 21st Potluck Speaker Meeting at Epiphany Church in Apache Junction, Main dish provided, Speaker at 7PM. The Society is hosting tomorrow night and Meagan W is the speaker! Go out for great night!

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to consider: Ed reminded that motion was brought to table last month and should have been taken back to the groups to discuss and vote tonight. Ed read the motion- (motion is printed in packet).

Opened floor for discuss:

Larry R- Group is opposed to this motion because this a structure change and do not want bylaws circumvented.

Peg D.- Group opposed due to concern about lack of experience on committee

Kim -Group 100% in favor of spirit of rotation, been talking about this for 7 years- let's do it!

Larry S.- Group opposed with several concerns; believes there should be an election of officers if change is made and not have officers hold 3 year terms. If passes, then the By Laws must change. In favor of the spirit of motion, but opposes the way it is written.

Call for Vote: 31 eligible voters, All in Favor- 14, Opposed- 14, Abstained- 3

Motion does not pass, need 2/3 majority.

Call for Minority Opinion:

Interjections-

Kim-What is the problem? Do you want a more precise motion?

Victor- Group had active discussion, we wanted more continuity of officers

Anne H. -GTT felt there would be no experience on committee turned over, also did not like circumvent of By Laws

Call for Minority Opinion (2nd time):

Gary L. - Shared in all his years of service has never seen a board change all people and lose any experience, his group is 100% in favor

Mark- Addressed those concerned with experience on committee and reminded that By Laws state the past chair is required to attend the Steering Committee meetings.

Tom N.- Reminded that the Officer Manager is on the Steering Committee and would be a source of experience, reminded group this is a unusual way to elect as all other service structure use the spirit of rotation for elections, Shared his personal experience as Vice Chair and was not able to then run as Chair although he would have loved to after serving as Vice.

(People left room during discussion)

Ed- Motion is dead and can be brought back to floor if people want to rewrite

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed- Discussed proposed raise for Office Manager. Steering Committee completed review, please review steering committee minutes. Discussed Officer Manager received Outstanding review in all categories, Reviewed Year End Office Report for 2017 (copies of report in back) and explained tremendous growth in East Valley, Explained Officer Manager has not received salary increase for 2 years, last year she was given 3 extra vacation days in lieu of wage increase. Please take back to groups and be ready to vote next meeting

Andrea- Reminded groups that in August 2017 groups voiced concern about vacation days and not having a budget line item for raise, groups advised steering committee that they want to see a solution in budget and not a band-aid like vacation days, In November 2017, the budget was presented with line item for 4% potential increase if Officer Manager's review deems raise. The Steering Committee took this in consideration and also the amount of increased office activity (see Year end Office Report), hence the Steering Committee agreed to an additional percent to raise making it 5% increase. Please contact Andrea if any previous minutes are requested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were some but did not get them written down. Sorry!

Group Problems & Solutions: none

Close Meeting: Motion to close- Denis, Second- All! Close with Statement of Responsibility at 8:27PM

Thank you,

Andrea M.



She made a deal with her Higher Power, and her sobriety finally clicked.

I grew up in an alcoholic family. Life was unpredictable and, at times, volatile. I learned at a very young age that if I acted a certain way, I wouldn't get into trouble. It was a difficult combination to figure out. Sometimes my father would be jovial, and I could let down my guard. But most of the time, I had to figure out how to be invisible.

I used the same strategy throughout school. I tried to get the right combination of doing as little homework as possible while still getting good grades. I also tried to figure out the right combination for fitting in socially. That's when alcohol came into my life.

One night, I snuck some vodka out of my parents' liquor cabinet. It was the first time I ever drank, and I had a blackout. I woke up the next morning in my bed with vomit all over me. I had thrown up on myself while sitting in my father's favorite chair. If I had been lying down, I could have drowned. Obviously that was the wrong combination.

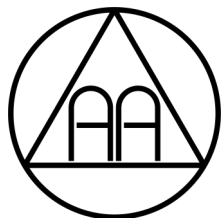
For the next twenty-three years, I attempted to get the right combination of alcohol into my system, so I could feel comfortable in my own skin. A few times I was able to find it, but not often. I used to pride myself in saying that I'd had only one blackout. Now, I realize that I'd had hundreds of "pass outs."

I had been institutionalized two times in four years. At the last treatment center, I was told I was an alcoholic. But once again, I thought I had the right combination: I was educated and well-informed about the disease and knew I would never become one, for I knew what to do when it got bad--again.

When I finally decided I had had enough, I came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. I thought I knew what I had to do to stay sober. Again, I thought I had the right combination. I was miserable. Sure, I went to meetings once or twice a week, and I had a sponsor whom I called when I had time. And I did pray, when I was in a real jam. I don't know how I stayed sober the first two years.

I was ready to commit suicide. I didn't know what to do. So I asked my Higher Power for help. I bought a meeting book and discovered there was a meeting five minutes away that met daily. I made a deal with my Higher Power and committed myself to go to a meeting every day. It helped; it really did. I started praying every day. Then I started reading the Big Book and the "Twelve and Twelve." I started to call my sponsor even when there was no crisis in my life. I worked the Steps. I became involved in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. I started sponsoring people. So far, the combination of not drinking, going to meetings, asking for help, praying and meditating, doing service, working with others, and reading AA materials (including the Grapevine), has worked for me. I look back now with gratitude for the people who were there for me in my best and worst times. I think I have a great combination that works for me.

-- Leslie J. W.
Scottsdale, Arizona



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@aamesaaz.org THANKS!