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NO BOOZE NEWS

The Right Combination

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

From the October 2002 Grapevine.

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

Quote of the Month

Now and then all of us fall under heavy criticism. When we are angered and hurt, it's difficult not to retaliate in kind. Yet we can restrain ourselves and then probe ourselves, asking whether our critics were really right. If so, we can admit our defects to them. This usually clears the air for mutual understanding.

"Suppose our critics are being unfair. Then we can try calm persuasion. If they continue to rant, it is still possible for us--in our hearts--to forgive them. Maybe a sense of humor can be our saving grace--thus we can both forgive and forget."

-- As Bill Sees It, p. 184



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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

A novel approach

From the October 2003 Grapevine.

One day, I was reading a spy novel in which the main character was an alcoholic, though he never admitted it. (This was when I was still drinking, after completing four treatment programs and attending hundreds of AA meetings.) I could see how his drinking affected his behavior, and it occurred to me that I could get a better look at my own alcoholic behavior if I wrote a novel about a character with my character defects.

So I studied the art of writing fiction in earnest and began writing my first novel, formulating a plot in which the main character enters a treatment program after an intervention. I completed the first draft--a hefty tome of 700 pages--in four years and sent it to an editor for evaluation. The multipage response encouraged me, but also pointed out many glaring deficiencies. After four more years of rewriting, I sent the novel to another editor. This time the evaluation was even more encouraging, but revealed deficiencies that could be corrected only by clear thinking. I knew what I had to do. I stopped drinking, made the necessary revisions, and published it. I have been clean and sober for the past two years and nine months, and am well into a sequel.

-- Frederick W. Sun Lakes, Arizona

Meeting of the Month—October 2019

"THE COPPER BASIN" Group

On Occasion it is nice to attend a meeting that does it the way they did it back in the old days.

"The Copper Basin Group" honors the tradition of the podium, every Friday at the Queen Creek Meeting House.

The format starts as a step meeting, a discussion leader reads from a section of the Big Book and references a step. Recovered alcoholics are then asked to speak for 5-10 minutes at a time from the podium, sharing what it used to be like, what happened, and what its like now.

This meeting is a great opportunity for newcomers to hear real experience strength and hope and to be discovered by sponsor.

— Reviewed by Dorset

**"Copper Basin" Meets
every Friday at 5:30PM at
the Q.C. Meeting House**

**19729 E San Tan Blvd,
Queen Creek, AZ 85142**

Words From the Big Book

This thought brings us to Step Ten, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code.

— PG 84

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**.

We are still in need of more volunteers for the 12th Step call list. Finding someone willing and available to do a 12th Step call can sometimes be very challenging, If you have at least one year of continued sobriety and are willing to make yourself available to the alcoholic who still suffers, 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.

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

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

ROCKY POINT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 18 ~ 20, 2019
SONORAN SEA RESORT
ROCKY POINT MX



LAKE PLEASANT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 26 ~ 28, 2019
LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK
PEORIA AZ.

MIRACLE ON THE RIVER

NOVEMBER 1 ~ 3
1477 QUEENS BAY
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

JEROME ROUNDUP

NOVEMBER 1 ~ 3
260 HULL AVE
JEROME AZ

APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 8 ~ 10
APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RESORT



EVI Day of Service

2:00pm ~ 6:30pm
October 26, 2019
805 N Country Club Dr. Mesa AZ

A day of service opportunities,
speakers and food.
After Hours Phone Training
Sponsorship Workshop
Public Information and
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Unity Presentation

Come and see how your Intergroup
Serves the East Valley.

Meal And A Message

Saturday, October 5th

Doors Open at 5:30pm
1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ
(Love of Christ Church)

Area 03 November Assembly

November 2 - 3, 2019
2532 W Peoria Ave.
Phoenix AZ

PRASA

(Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)

Save the Date
March 6 - 8, 2020
Tucson AZ

**2020 Alcoholics Anonymous
International Convention**

July 2nd - 5th
Detroit MI
Online registration is now open
Housing is still available
More information is available at
aa.org



Name	Date	Days
Dick Y.....	10/3/1973.....	16801
Paul W.	10/14/1978.....	14975
Thomas S.....	10/17/1981.....	13879
Larry R.....	10/3/1983.....	13149
Lenay L.....	10/7/1984.....	12783
George D.	10/20/1984.....	12783
Louise G.....	10/25/1984.....	12783
Shap W.....	10/18/1985.....	12418
Harry L.....	10/28/1985.....	12415
Jim S.....	10/10/1986.....	12053
BJ W.....	10/27/1986.....	12053
Pat P.....	10/18/1987.....	11688
Shirley B.....	10/8/1988.....	11322
George P.....	10/2/1992.....	9861
Denis W.....	10/26/1992.....	9861
Lucy W.....	10/11/1995.....	8766
Juanita A.....	10/28/1995.....	8766
Terry T.....	10/6/1997.....	8035
Lisa B.....	10/13/1997.....	8035
Dave H.....	10/14/1998.....	7670
Dennis R.....	10/23/1998.....	7670
Dan D.....	10/18/1999.....	7305
Rebecka L.....	10/5/2000.....	6939
Dana T.....	10/16/2000.....	6939
Danny S.....	10/22/2001.....	6574
David R.....	10/3/2003.....	5844
Mike P.....	10/9/2003.....	5844
Kristina F.....	10/23/2004.....	5478
Shelby T.....	10/1/2005.....	5113
Diane B.....	10/7/2005.....	5113
Robin W.....	10/12/2005.....	5113
Archie T.....	10/10/2006.....	4748
Katie S.....	10/8/2008.....	4017
Robert S.....	10/13/2008.....	4017
Nathan U.....	10/20/2008.....	4017
Sherry B.....	10/21/2008.....	4017
Vida J.....	10/17/2009.....	3652
Peggy J.....	10/23/2009.....	3652
Skip P.....	10/10/2010.....	3287
Adrian M.....	10/21/2010.....	3287
Jerry C.....	10/25/2010.....	3287
Claire C.....	10/27/2010.....	3287
Jeff K.....	10/27/2010.....	3287
April T.....	10/28/2010.....	3287
Sasha M.....	10/2/2012.....	2556
Peggy K.....	10/21/2012.....	2556
Gussie O.....	10/27/2012.....	2556
Paul B.....	10/1/2013.....	2191
Penny N.....	10/3/2013.....	2191
Sue H.....	10/8/2013.....	2191
Jack B.....	10/10/2013.....	2191
Harry B.....	10/16/2014.....	1826
Richard E.....	10/8/2015.....	1461
Paige L.....	10/17/2015.....	1461
Adam K.....	10/19/2015.....	1461
Angie G.....	10/29/2015.....	1461
Katrina A.....	10/6/2016.....	1095
Andrew S.....	10/20/2016.....	1095
Brianna R.....	10/22/2016.....	1095
Maria W.....	10/29/2016.....	1095
Gail H.....	10/30/2018.....	365

Step Ten~ Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten~ Alcoholics Anonymous (and Al-Anon) has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept Ten~ Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description, or by appropriate charters and bylaws

They learn quickly

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit."

"And why not, darling?" he said.

She answered, "You know that you always have a headache the next morning after wearing that!"

-- BOB M.
Green Valley, Ariz.

At Wits End

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Things We Can Not Change

Jack B. a long time member of our fellowship and A.A. historian has passed from this world. 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

**2222 S Price Rd. Tempe
(Church of the Epiphany)**

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

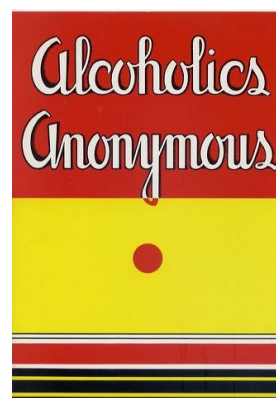
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

November 2 ~ Price Is Right

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

(Church of the Epiphany)

Contact 480 827-1905

EVI Special Events Committee

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

(Church of the Epiphany)

contact: 480 827-1905

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

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

(Church of the Epiphany)

Oct. 4th ~ Courage to Change

Nov. 1st. ~ Upon Awakening

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.

***** Regular shifts available now*****

Central Office Manager's Report

September 20, 2019

We received 533 requests for information and assistance in August. Of those 137 calls were for meeting info, 159 were office visitors and 9 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Google reported 9,377 viewed our info page. Of those, 36 got directions to the office, 35 called and 246 went to our website. Our website stays busy too. It had 55,624 visits in the last 30 days.

2020 Detroit online registration is now open. Registration is \$115 per person, \$140 after April 15, 2020. There is still housing available. Go to aa.org for more details.

There is an update available for the Meeting Guide app. It has an improved user interface, greater search capabilities, access to local contacts and Daily Reflections. The Meeting Guide is a free app licensed by Alcoholics Anonymous to help people find meetings and contacts near them.

Please discuss with your group the service opportunities that are available thru your East Valley Intergroup. Answer the A.A. hotline, go on an old fashioned 12 step call, take a meeting to a home bound member, share information about A.A. with the public and professional community, help put on an event, print and fold directories and newsletters or take a shift at the office. These are just a few of the services we provide and it takes hundreds of volunteers. 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

	Aug	2019
Meeting Information Calls.....	137	1067
General Information	111	756
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	3	36
Referred to Al-Anon.....	16	80
Referred to Community Info.....	0	4
12th Step Calls	9	80
Business Calls	98	770
Office Visitors	159	1167
Meeting lists printed.....	800	6,600
Info request via E-mail	72	397
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 8/ 3	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.		220hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 55,624 YTD 368,250
Google Searches last 30 days 9,377

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Changes:

Sunset Sobriety *now* Hope Seekers 4444 E Haven Crest Dr. Mesa MO 6:00p O
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 **Moved to:** 5301 S Kings Ranch Rd. MO 7:00p C
Women in Gratitude **Moved to:** 2936 N Power Rd. Mesa TU 7:00p W,O
Valley Alano Club **Moved to:** 2310 N 56th St. Bldg A Phoenix - All Meetings
Chandler Women's BB **Moved to:** 1900 S Arrowhead Dr. SA 9:30a W,O
How It Works **Moved to:** 15303 S Gilbert Rd. Gilbert SU 7:00p BB,C
Life in the BB **Moved Again to:** 1800 E Libra Dr. Tempe TH 5:30p C,BB

Deletions:

Putting God First 2540 W Baseline Rd. Mesa SA 7:00p O
Natural High 761 S Horne St. Mesa TU 7:00p O,D

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Tucson, AZ 85371
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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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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	Aug.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$200.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
417 Group		\$125.00
A Vision For You Group	\$350.00	\$553.58
ABC Group		\$300.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$67.08
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$959.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$130.04	\$907.63
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$61.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$300.00	\$2,400.00
As Bill Sees It		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$40.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$2022.00
Basic II		\$50.00
Bloopers		\$110.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$905.00
Both Books		\$82.00
Breakfast Club		\$1,500.00
Busted Ego		\$370.00
By The Book		\$337.14
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$256.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$84.00	\$836.72
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$695.16
Cold Coffee Group		\$195.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$167.55
Courage To Change		\$150.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$450.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$2,028.80
Eye Opener Group		\$250.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$243.15
Fill in the Blank		\$443.75
Firehouse Meeting		\$110.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$200.00
Get It Together	\$399.82	\$2,091.55
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$326.78
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$400.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$427.00
Great Start		\$600.00
Gut Level	\$151.12	\$287.48
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$240.13	\$509.08
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$0.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies	\$109.82	\$519.32
Last Resort		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book		\$610.65
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$80.00
Maricopa Group	\$100.00	\$315.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$100.00
Monday Night Madness		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$380.00
Name In The Hat		\$1,257.71
New Beginnings	\$215.00	\$525.00
New Hope Group		\$0.00
New Spirit Group		\$400.00
No Name AA Group		\$75.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$100.00
Page A Day		\$1,404.92

GROUP	Aug	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$207.00
Price Is Right		\$269.76
Primary Purpose Group	\$300.00	\$875.00
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion		\$150.00
Putting God First		\$1,116.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$1,967.71
Re-Awakening Group		\$40.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$150.00
Rising Spirit		\$504.45
Road To Recovery	\$310.82	\$5,005.88
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$47.50
Second Chance Group		\$611.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe disbanded		\$160.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$172.92
Society Group		\$1,000.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$100.00	\$400.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$500.00
Spirited Women	\$147.50	\$503.57
Step By Step Group	\$149.50	\$471.37
Stepping Stones		\$900.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$300.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$321.50
Sunland Serenity Seekers	\$105.00	\$105.00
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$200.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$147.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$50.00	\$800.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$120.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$290.00
Upon Awakening	\$700.00	\$2,100.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$50.00
We Agnostics		\$224.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$150.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home	\$300.00	\$300.00
West Chandler Men's		\$70.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude		\$482.00
Women in Solution	\$1,606.88	\$1,606.88
Women in Touch		\$120.00
Wonder Women		\$130.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$269.92

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$126.36
54th International Women's Conf.		\$3,080.00
Dist 08-818		\$300.00
Dist 08-819		\$500.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00

Group Totals	\$6,104.13	\$52,869.88
EVI Committees	\$101.00	\$817.75
Individual Contributions	\$300.00	\$1,323.14
GRAND TOTALS	\$6,505.13	\$55,010.77

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET August 31, 2019

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	9,623.70
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	29,909.18
Accounts Receivable	747.70
Inventory Asset	22,235.80
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$67,596.23**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	195.44

Total Liabilities **\$195.44**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	6,731.99
Net Income	16,889.86

Total Equity **\$67,400.79**

Total Liability & Equity **\$67,596.23**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT August 2019

25 Group contributions totaling	\$6,104.13
1 Individual contributions totaling	\$300.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$101.00

Total Contributions **\$6,505.13**

Total Income **\$12,539.73**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$3,975.78**

Gross Profit **\$8,563.95**

Less total Expenses of **\$5,925.94**

Net Aug. Gain **\$2,638.01**

YTD 2019 Gain **\$16,889.86**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$29,909.18
The Prudent Reserve has been
established for 2019 in the amount of \$24,825.87

Please call me with any questions or comments
regarding the financial statements.

Grateful to be of service,
Ron S. EVI Treasurer

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

EVI Business Meeting

September 20, 2019

7:08, Traditions read by Molly G.

New Rep introductions

Intergroup Representatives:

New Reps: Ryan D. Drs. Nightmare, Shirley M. Gilbert Gals, Lisa H. GIT, Ashley O. Serenity Sister, Deana E. Sunset Group, Sandeep M. Welcome Home, Shay V. Sometimes Quickly Sometimes Slowly.

Dave M. 417, Heidi G. Ahwatukee Group, Mike G. Ahwatukee Saturday Men's, Thom S. Arbor Group, Eddie M. Bootstraps Men's, Molly G. By the Book, Denise D. Chandler Noon (Alt), Josh K. Common Thread (Alt), Scott F. East Valley Men's Stag, Phil F. Shirley M. Gilbert Gals, Lisa H. GIT, Meghan L. GIT (Alt), Bridget S. Grateful Girlfriends, Ron M. Gratitude Group, Brian V. Inwardly Reorganized. Steve S. Men's Shade Tree, Ashley S. Price is Right, Brenda P. Queen Creek Nooners, Judy A. Serenity Seekers, BethAnn T. Sisterhood of Solutions, Shari L. Sobriety is Gold, Dallas F. Spirited Women, Ken C. Sunset (Alt), Beth H. Tempe Sunrisers, Pat C. The Way Out, Harry B. Tuesday Trudgers, Alisha W. Upon Awakening, Jim M. WADY, Beth H. We Agnostics, Deborah B. Women in Gratitude (Alt)

Chair opening (Tom)

Testing new sound system on loan from ACOAA Conference. May be available for purchase after the conference. Please go to the mic if you have a report or comment.

Secretary Report Andrea Not Present (Ken in her absence)

New reps sign up legibly in the back

Molly motioned to approve, Pat seconded, passed.

Ashly asked what the rep update process was as she had not been updated for Price is Right. Was told between group update form, crossing out old rep and adding new info, should cover it.

Treasury Report (Ron)

Report is in the packet

Gary Motioned approval, Pat seconded and passed

Highlighted key points

\$53.00 7th Tradition

Chair report (Tom)

Not much to report, Vice-chair has plenty

Vice Chair report (Chuck)

Report in the packet

2020 PRASA coming to Tucson, a great opportunity and being so close, should take advantage.

AA International registration for Detroit is open

It is election season at all levels of the service structure

Office Manager (Kim)

Not Present, Report is in the packet, Tom hit the highlights

PICPC Report (Mark)

Art of Recovery coming up and EVI will have a booth

Could always use help.

Special Events (Jay)

Day of Service is our next event, see the fliers

Passed a clipboard for service opportunities

Alcathon will be at Epiphany church (our new location)

Passed a clipboard service opportunities.

Courage to change hosting the next monthly speaker meeting

Phones (Beth)

Explained the training and restrictions
Had to go for a 3rd request e-mail so please sign up

Unity (Bill)

Met with 14 groups and still have about 100 or so to go
Going good so far but still could use help

Sponsorship Workshop (Gail) Not Present

Price is right is hosting

No Booze News (Rick), Not present

Literature (Erick) Not Present

Alanon (Rosemary)

Have fliers for the next Family Recovery Night

H&I (Mike)

Bylaws have been approved
\$5929.00 spent on books
Jamboree is coming up and the need a jamboree chairperson
MCSO has asked to not announce badging days in advance as it is subject to change.

Spanish Liaison (Marge) Not Present

Sub District 818: Not Present

Sub District 819: Not Present

Sub District 820

Service workshop is tomorrow at QC clubhouse
1st Monday of the month is the sub district meeting also at Epiphany of Christ this month at 5:30
October 19th is the quarterly pot luck

OLD BUSINESS

Group responses to the concept of the office moving
Question was asked if EVI is allowed to own property and if a committee was in place.
Reminded it was just the concept of moving yes or no that nothing is in the works
A feel of the group vote was taken and the concepts of a move was unanimously approved.

New Business

Tom explained the Zonipaa situation and stated that since a decision had been made by the Steering Committee and a courtesy, it will stick by it.
Gary L. Motioned to rescind the unauthorized the decision to allow Zonipaa an advisory position on the Evi committee.
Seconded by Rodney. No discussion given and moved right to a vote which failed.
Minority opinion expressed concern that any group of members be it Men, women, non-sectoral, can expect similar acceptance without the body approving it. Remember AA is an upside down triangle
Which bylaw does the Steering Committee believe allowed them to make the decision? None was referenced.
Minority opinion failed to alter any opinion so motion remains failed.

Announcements

Motion to close

Adios



Who's Responsible?

From the October 1980 Grapevine.

THE TIME was 7:30 PM; the date, August 27, 1969. I was sitting on a barstool waiting for a cab to take me to meet a guy who was to take me to my first AA meeting. That evening was the end of a five-week drunk, which was the end of a thirty-year drinking career. What had happened on that day to give me the one requirement for acceptance of this program of AA--a sincere desire to quit drinking--I do not know. Today, I give credit to a loving God as I understand Him.

When I got out of the cab, there was the guy to take me to my first meeting. I had been wearing the same clothes for a long time, and had been drunk for a long time, and had smelled for a long time; my problem was obvious. Eddie did not hesitate or ask any questions as he loaded me into his car and took me to the meeting. For that, I am grateful.

For the next ninety days or so, Eddie was always there to take me to a meeting. I was scared, shaking, sometimes angry; but it didn't bother him. I learned a lesson from him that I used for many years: No matter how sick or shaky a man may be, take him to a meeting.

I took a lot of drunks to meetings, because that's how I was treated when I came in. Several years ago, there started a trend that continues today. A large percentage of people coming into AA come from treatment centers, hospitals, rehab houses, etc. How they get here is not important; whether they stay is. Coming here from various facilities, to my way of thinking, has several disadvantages. They miss the one-to-one concept of one drunk helping another, which is how AA started, how it grew, and how it will survive. And they sometimes miss being taken by the hand and led through fellowship, meetings, and coffee afterward, to learn to share with one another.

Twelfth-stepping is a vital part of AA's program. Where does the responsibility lie? With the treatment center? With the intergroup? With the group? Or does the responsibility fall directly in my lap? I was twelfth-stepped into AA, many of my friends were.

The treatment centers do not twelfth-step, nor do they show people how. Are we old-timers passing the buck? I am guilty of this. I feel that, as an AA member and as a sponsor, I should share the experience of twelfth-stepping with the people I sponsor. How else are they going to acquire the knowledge, experience, and desire to twelfth-step on their own? I feel this is the time to get back to the basics of the program work the fundamentals that have been successful in the past will continue to work if we use them.

-- I. P.
Glendale, Ariz.

Whose job?

From the October 1993 Grapevine.

If your AA group does not have a greeter at the door, be it yourself. If they already have one maybe you can be an assistant greeter, if you want. There can never be too many. You can stand at the door at the end of a meeting, and ask people to come back. My group is not as friendly and warm as it should be, and I have been resentful for two years until today, when I thought of this solution.

-- R. B. Payson, Arizona

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