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NO BOOZE NEWS

Spending time with God

No matter where she is, she has conscious contact

From the November 2016 Grapevine.

For the first year of my sobriety, I could only whisper a short, "Please help me stay sober today" and finish my day with a simple "Thank you." On days when I was feeling especially powerless over my alcoholism, I resorted to begging God to help me not drink for the next five minutes, hour, or afternoon. I often said emergency prayers and tried using God to save the day. I said a lot of prayers that really were orders in disguise for God to give me what I wanted or thought I needed and deserved.

While some old-timers said I needed to "try harder to talk to God," this was all I could muster at the time. I lived in fear and rolled my eyes at the members who spoke of their "deep conversations with God." What a joke, I thought. All the while, a pit in my stomach longed for a more direct linkage and connection to something greater.

I'm grateful it was suggested that I take the Steps in order. This allowed me to begin to understand what I needed in a Higher Power and what that could look like. Initially, God was very limited in my finite mind to a spirit that could simply love me unconditionally and keep me safe. As I progressed through the Steps, I began to trust in something outside of myself. I began to have a book of God moments and God signs that made it harder to doubt that there was something else out there.

One of my biggest dilemmas the first time through the Steps was how afraid I was of prayer and meditation. I had long been a perfectionist, which worked quite well when I was in the world of academia. But this long-standing personality trait (or defect) was keeping up a high wall between the God of my understanding and me. I had immense fear that I would pray "incorrectly" and God would not be able to hear me. I truly believed that other AA members had access to some sort of secret prayer and meditation manual that instructed them how to properly pray, meditate, talk to and hear direction straight from God. My ego interfered with my ability to ask questions of how other members performed Step Eleven in their daily lives. And I was afraid to share with my friends what prayer and meditation looked

Quote of the Month

"Our first duty, as a Society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activity. An AA group, as such, cannot take on *all* the personal problems of its members, let alone the problems of the whole world.

". . . Very effective answers to problems other than freedom from alcohol have always been found through special purpose groups, some of them operating within AA and some on the outside. . .

"In AA, the group has strict limitations, but the individual has scarcely any. Remembering to observe the Traditions of anonymity and nonendorsement, the AA member can carry AA's message into every troubled area of this very troubled world." -- Bill W.

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like for me—in case I was doing it “wrong.”

The best part about Step Eleven is that there is no wrong way to do it. Step Eleven encourages me to speak to God through prayer and listen to God via meditation. There is no magical formula, book or equation on how to achieve this. I've found a way that works for me, and in return I'm able to find God no matter where am in my day. God and I have frequent chats, apart from a formal recitation of prayers or elaborate readings from my meditation books. Instead, it's just a conversation about my fears, my excitement, my concerns and my stories that take place while walking into coffee shops, driving my car, sitting on my bed, or swimming laps. I've had to make God bigger over the years, so that he could be more involved and enter into all areas of my life.

I've learned that I cannot just ask God to reveal his will to me, but I also have to listen closely to hear the answer. Today, I'm able to ask God to use me how he wants. Prayer is no longer about trying to get God to change his will to make me happy. Rather, it's about finding out what his will is so that I can align myself with his purpose for me in the world. I now have a deep trust and faith in my Higher Power. It gives me great comfort in knowing that for today, I'll be provided with everything I need. - **Emily G. Paradise Valley, Ariz.**

PO Box 1980

Dollars and sense

The article "The Meaning of Money" in the July 2004 issue hit the nail on the head for me. I really liked how the author included service positions in the concept of the Seventh Tradition.

I used to get extremely angry over people who would go out, eventually come back, but say that they had ruined their finances so much that they couldn't contribute when the basket was being passed. It seems to me that this attitude keeps such people in charge and not willing to fully participate. In other words, they are back to doing recovery their own way and have not surrendered. Better to trust God and pray.

- **Mike L. Phoenix, Arizona**

Message: Here is a story from an inmate in Florence Prison - he asked that I get this to you. Thanks, Lois L.

It is every day while practicing the principles of A.A. and staying sober that I grow. I also realize that as I grow, all those phrases I've heard in the fellowship come true. This at times is frustrating because I had found the solution many years ago but was skeptical. I did not believe what I heard, in that what had happened to them could happen also for me, it just was not possible. So, I decided to go off and suffer some more in my alcoholism until it finally beat me into submission. Many years later, after countless arrests and incessant agony and suffering, I was licked. So I started attending A.A. meetings at my prison and became open and willing. I got a sponsor and really did the work. Then, wouldn't you believe, the most remarkable things began to happen. I used to hear in meetings "eventually you will look forward to meetings"; they were right. "Help other alcoholics, it will feel good and keep you sober"; they were right. Finally I was told the promises would come true; they were definitely right.

I may not have believed the possibilities my first times in the rooms, but that's why we say "keep coming back, it works if you work it". I am so fortunate that I returned to A.A. because this month (October) I will be three years sober. I am active in our prison A.A. group, I sponsor others and I have service commitments. I do very much enjoy hearing my sponsees tell me "they were right", because I too find myself repeating that at meetings. I am forever grateful for this fellowship and all the things I've heard in these rooms because today, I thank my Higher Power that they were right.

- **Kyle C. Florence, Arizona**

Words From the Big Book

On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest or self-seeking motives. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while.

— PG 86

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

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

LAKE PLEASANT ROUNDUP

NOVEMBER 8 ~ 10
LAKE PLEASANT AZ



RIVER ROUNDUP

JANUARY 9 ~ 12
RIVERSIDE RESORT
LAUGHLIN NV

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

2019 EVI

Thanksgiving Alcahthon

12pm Wednesday, November 26

12pm Friday, November 28

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

(Church of the Epiphany)

Meetings, Fun

Food

Fellowship and Recovery



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

2019 Winter Extravaganza

Saturday, November 9

4:30pm ~ 9:30pm

1844 E Dana Ave. Mesa

Bake and Craft Sale

AA and Alanon Speakers



Name Date Days

Marilyn M.	11/29/1978	14975
Laure K.	11/6/1982	13514
Tom S.	11/13/1983	13149
Terry S.	11/22/1984	12783
Geoff G.	11/17/1985	12418
Richard W.	11/22/1985	12418
Roxanne B.	11/8/1986	12053
Lance N.	11/2/1987	11688
Vance C.	11/9/1987	11688
Ann Marie E.	11/23/1988	11322
Pam Y.	11/25/1988	11322
Candace R.	11/17/1989	10957
Kay R.	11/21/1989	10957
Bob C.	11/1/1993	9496
Gordon G.	11/7/1993	9496
Brandon B.	11/7/1995	8766
Vicki B.	11/29/1995	8766
Rose M.	11/1/1996	8400
Jay Z.	11/14/1996	8400
Mary D.	11/30/1996	8400
John G.	11/26/1998	7670
Clark L.	11/28/2000	6939
Jamie F.	11/3/2001	6574
Mark F.	11/5/2001	6574
Ed B.	11/10/2001	6574
Jim N.	11/17/2001	6574
Melissa H.	11/1/2002	6209
Jennifer M.	11/26/2005	5113
Vera M.	11/26/2005	5113
Maggie S.	11/29/2009	5113
Steve R.	11/1/2006	4748
Tara E.	11/11/2006	4748
Don S.	11/26/2006	4748
Kristina M.	11/10/2007	4383
Dawn H.	11/18/2007	4383
Bob C.	11/9/2008	4017
Meredith J.	11/9/2008	4017
Bob C.	11/9/2008	4017
Linda F.	11/19/2008	4017
Cristy F.	11/6/2009	3652
Aaron B.	11/26/2009	3652
Shawn W.	11/5/2010	3287
Brad W.	11/8/2010	3287
Abby A.	11/25/2010	3287
Brad R.	11/27/2011	2922
Karen S.	11/27/2011	2922
Peter U.	11/11/2012	2556
Patti T.	11/1/2013	2191
Darrell S.	11/10/2013	2191
Joshua E.	11/15/2015	1461
Matthew J.	11/28/2015	1461
Gavin R.	11/26/2016	1097

Step Eleven~ Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition Eleven~ Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Concept Eleven~ The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

At Wits End

Joke#1: Why did the alcoholic wear his watch in the shower?
...to get some clean time

Joke #2: Why should the newcomer bring a jacket to his first A.A. meeting?
...because he's getting so-brrrrrr

— Kyle C.
Florence, Arizona

Q: Where does an alcoholic go on vacation?
A: A different bar!

— BOB M.
Green Valley, Ariz.

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"Pardon me, is this where I get the message?"



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

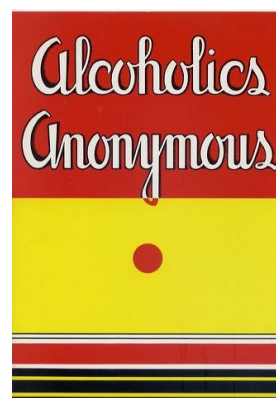
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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)

Nov. 1st. ~ Upon Awakening

Dec. 6th ~ TBD

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Office Volunteers &
EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific
times and days.

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

Central Office Manager's Report

October 18, 2019

We received 495 requests for information and assistance in September. Of those 131 calls were for meeting info, 140 were office visitors and 8 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Google reported 9,614 viewed our info page. Of those, 26 got directions to the office, 35 called and 217 went to our website. Our website stays busy too. It had 45,326 visits in the last 30 days.

2020 Detroit news: Registration is open, \$115 per person, \$140 after April 15, 2020. There is still housing available. The dormitory housing option is still to be announced. Go to aa.org for more details. If your group would like to nominate someone to be a speaker or chairperson at the International, contact me at the office before November 15.

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.

The ICOAA2019 seminar was held last month, right here in Mesa AZ. It was hosted jointly by Salt River, Agua Fria, Phoenix Intergrupal Hispania and EVI. There were 140 people registered from as far away as Hawaii and Nova Scotia. It was an amazing event with incredible participation and support from our local A.A. community. I can't thank everyone enough for all that was done to make this such a successful event.

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

..... Sep.	2019
Meeting Information Calls.....	131 1198
General Information	100 856
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	5 41
Referred to Al-Anon.....	14 94
Referred to Community Info.....	0 4
12th Step Calls	8 88
Business Calls	97 767
Office Visitors	140 1307
Meeting lists printed.....	800 7,400
Info request via E-mail	62 459
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	29/ 8/ 4
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	220hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 45,326 YTD 413,576

Google Searches last 30 days 9,614

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

The Tribe	3208 S. Fair Lane, Tempe	MO 6:30p W,O
Coolidge Group	210 W Central Ave. Coolidge	6:00p SA -OS & SU -O
		7:00p MO- T, WE,-BB, FR-O

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

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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New York, NY 10163

*** NEW ***
Area 03 Treasurer
PO Box 18765
Tucson, AZ 85371
Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

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	Sep.	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		\$553.58
ABC Group	\$100.00	\$400.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$67.08
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$959.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$72.29	\$979.92
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$61.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$300.00	\$2,700.00
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	\$100.00
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	\$62.00	\$898.72
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$695.16
Cold Coffee Group		\$195.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread	\$313.98	\$313.98
Copper Basin Group		\$167.55
Courage To Change		\$150.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$450.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$2,117.67
Eye Opener Group	\$50.00	\$300.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$243.15
Fill in the Blank		\$443.75
Firehouse Meeting	\$55.00	\$165.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study	\$628.00	\$628.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$200.00
Get It Together	\$164.90	\$2,256.45
Gilbert Gals	\$280.00	\$280.00
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		\$287.48
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$509.08
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$519.32
Last Resort		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book		\$610.65
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$80.00
Maricopa Group	\$25.00	\$340.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$100.00
Monday Night Madness		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$380.00
Name In The Hat		\$1,257.71
New Beginnings		\$525.00
New Hope Group		\$0.00
New Spirit Group	\$175.00	\$575.00
No Name AA Group		\$75.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$100.00
Page A Day		\$1,404.92

GROUP	Sep.	YTD
Pioneer Group	\$45.60	\$252.60
Price Is Right	\$213.68	\$483.44
Primary Purpose Group		\$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		\$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	\$500.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$500.00
Spirited Women		\$503.57
Step By Step Group		\$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
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$225.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$147.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group		\$800.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$120.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$325.00	\$615.00
Upon Awakening		\$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
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
Women in Touch		\$120.00
Wonder Women		\$130.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$100.00	\$369.92

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
ASCYPAA		\$140.63
Group Totals	\$3,174.32	\$56,044.20
EVI Committees	\$66.00	\$883.75
Individual Contributions	\$50.00	\$1,373.14
GRAND TOTALS	\$3,290.32	\$58,301.09

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET September 30, 2019

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	5,225.41
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	33,348.16
Accounts Receivable	524.60
Inventory Asset	21,542.78
Undeposited Funds	46.40

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$65,717.61**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	483.77
Payroll taxes	0.00

Total Liabilities **\$483.77**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	6,731.99
Net Income	14,772.91

Total Equity **\$65,283.84**

Total Liability & Equity **\$65,767.61**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT September 2019

23 Group contributions totaling	\$3,174.32
1 Individual contributions totaling	\$50.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$66.00

Total Contributions **\$3,290.32**

Total Income **\$8,336.94**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$3,930.89**

Gross Profit **\$4,405.05**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,523.00**

Net Aug. Loss **(\$2,116.95)**

YTD 2019 Gain **\$14,772.91**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$33,348.16
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 Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?



East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2019

Meeting Opened at 7:02 PM by Tom with a moment of silence and serenity prayer.

12 Traditions ready by – Ryan

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

Intergroup Representatives:

New Reps: Don – Men's Shade Tree QC, Burt – Family Recovery

Dave M. 417, Nancy O. Ahwatukee Women's Group, Thom S. Arbor Group, Elizabeth C. Bloopers, Gabi N. Both Books, Eddie M. Bootstraps Men's, Gary L. Chandler Noon, Lori K. Courage to Change, Ryan D. Dr's Nightmare, Scott F. East Valley Men's Stag, Ed Daniels East Valley Vets, Phil F. Easy Does It, Bert L. Family Recovery Group, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Shirley M. Gilbert Gals, Mallory E. Grateful Dames, Buddy M. Gratitude Group, Rose M. Happy Hour SunBird, Brian V. Inwardly Reorganized, Angela S. LIJB, Don M. Men's Shade Tree Group, Vicki B. New Spirit Group, Ashley S. Price is Right, Matt J. Primary Purpose, Brenda P. QC Nooners, Angie S. Rising Spirit, Judy A. Sun Lakes Women's Serenity Seekers, Monica S. Sun Lakes Women's Serenity Seekers, BethAnn T. Sisterhood of Solutions, Shari L. Sobriety is Gold, Mindy S. The Society, Tom M. Southeast Valley Stag, Dallas F. Spirited Women, Katelyn B. Step by Step, Dave T. SNBBSS, Ken C. Sunset (Alt), Pat C. The Way Out, Troy S. Tumbleweeds Group, Jim M. WADY, Deborah B. Women in Gratitude (Alt)

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

Secretary's Report: in er the please check contact accept, pass as Treas- Packet. down. tions sure year.	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
	Chair	Tom N	Office Manager	N/P	H&I Liaison	N/P
	V.Chair	Chuck	Chair- Special E.	J.J	Spanish Liaison	Marge
	Treasurer	Ron S	Chair- PI/CPC	Tom Alt	Alanon Liaison	/Rosemary
	Secretary	Andrea M.	Chair- Phones	Vicki (Alt)	DCM 08-818	n/p
	Advisor- Special E.	N/P	Chair- Unity	Bill B	DCM 08-819	Jason
	Advisor- PI/CPC	N/P	Chair- Sponsorship	N/P	DCM 08-820	Carol
	Advisor- Phones	Dave	No Booze News	N/P		
	Advisor- Unity	N/P	Literature	N/P		

Secretary's Report: Andrea M, Report packet. Thank you Ken C for covlast month. If you did not receive email notice about this meeting, check your spam/junk folder and the sign in sheet to assure correct information. Denis- Motion to Ryan - 2nd, All in favor, minutes presented.

Treasurer's Report: Ron S. - Report in Net Income for Sept is a loss \$(2,116.95). Net Income YTD is \$14,772.91. Donations went Please check you group contribution and ask your treasurer to make the number is correct for the

year. Ken- accepted report as explained, Gary- 2nd, all in favor, report passes

7th Tradition: \$76.00

Chairperson's Report: Tom – no written report, Steering Committee agreed to purchase PA system from ICOAA committee for \$300, they paid \$500. This is the same system we used last month and we are using tonight. Attended the ICOAA seminar last month. Kim and host committee did a fantastic job. The workshops and discussion meetings were great. The committee and volunteers were awesome. My one take away was how fortunate we are in AZ that we have such strong communication between General Service and Intergroups. I feel grateful we have that relationship. IG Steering Committee Elections are next month! All SC positions will rotate out. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting next month and votes. Questions? Katelyn- who on the steering committee is running so I can tell my group. Tom- All positions are open, so this means all qualified nominees should be here next month. The entire committee is rotating out.

Vice Chair's Report: Chuck – Report in Packet. Also attended the ICOAA seminar last month and I can't thank the host committee and volunteers enough. I heard over and over that this was the best seminar people attended. I believe this was because you couldn't walk 10 feet without a volunteers there to help or provide directions. Great job to Kim and all!

Office Manager: Kim – Report in Packet. Office has been busy! 495 request for information in September. 131 calls were for meeting info, 140 were office visitors, 8 calls resulted in a good old fashion 12 step call.

2020 International Convention News: Registration is open. \$115 per person. \$140 after April 15, 2020. There is still housing available. The dormitory housing option is still to be announced. (Local University provides dorm rooms). Pay attention to website for more information.

If your group would like to nominate someone to be a speaker or chairperson for a meeting, contact the office before NOV 15th. This is great opportunity!

ICOAA 2019 seminar was hosted by all valley Intergroups: Salt River, Agua Fria, Phoenix Intergruppa Hispania, and EVI. There were 140 people registered and from as far away as Hawaii and Nova Scotia. Can't thank everyone enough for the support.

Nancy- Wondering if you could put the office monthly call numbers into context like over last year? Or show trends to help us understand volume.

Kim- we do produce an end of year report with comparison for past two years.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Tom C. – representing Paul tonight!, Report in Packet

Special Events: J – Three big events coming up!

Day of Service – Flyers are in the back. Event is Oct. 26th at First Christian Church, 805 N. Country Club

Thanksgiving Alcolthon – Wednesday 26 thru Friday 28 until noon. Event will be held here at Epiphany. Flyers to come, be on the look out! Check the website!

New Year's Eve Dance and Dinner – will be held here at Epiphany, 2222 S. Price Rd! We don't have all the details, so this would be a great opportunity for you to come join the Special Events committee and help us nail down the details for this event.

Phone Committee: Vicki (Alt) – Phones are good!

Unity Committee: Bill - making great progress hitting those groups out there. We are planting lots of seeds! We could use more volunteers. We will be presenting information at Day of Service. Please spread the word about the great things that EVI is doing for the groups.

Sponsorship Workshop: N/P, Next Workshop is Oct 26th at Day of Service!! The Sponsorship workshop will be at 330PM.

Newsletter Editor: N/P

Literature: N/P

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary – Oct 26th we are calling all Chili Cooks!! We will have Family Recovery night. Nov 9th is the Winter Extravaganza is at 530PM and speaker at 7PM . Please check out the flyer on the alanon.org or EVI website. It is at St. Peter in Mesa. Pulled Pork Dinner and all are welcome!

H&I Liaison: N/P

Spanish Liaison: N/P

Zonypaa Liaison: Megan - Very excited for upcoming camp out in Sedona on Oct 25-27. Check out the website for registration info! Kim asked for flyers to put on website. Megan will email. Question from the floor – is this meeting or are you a committee? Megan – we are not a meeting, Zonypaa is a standing service committee.

Sub District 08-818: N/P

Sub District 08-819: Jason – If you don't have GSR, please see me after the meeting. We would like to see your group represented at the meeting. Elections are next month. DCM and Alt DCM will be voted next month.

Sub District 08-820: Carol – If you are involved with a group in 820, and you have someone interested in GSR position, then please send have them contact me. There are lots of opportunities and service to carry the message. Tomorrow night is Potluck Speaker meeting at Epiphany Christ Lutheran church in Apache Junction. Doors are at 530, dinner at 6PM, Belinda is speaker at 7PM. Main dish is chicken. If you can bring a dish to pass, then wonderful, but just come!!

OLD BUSINESS: Tom – no old business. We don't have any updates for possible office move.

NEW BUSINESS:

2020 Budget: Ron S. - Thank you to the groups. Without you coming and supporting we wouldn't be here. The donations have been phenomenal. Kim and I crunched numbers. We helped each other get this done. It was pretty good experience for me. Bottomline numbers for income was calculated from \$82,000. In 2019. We took 82000/9 (months), then multiplied by 12 which resulted in 2020 proposed income number. We did lower that number by about 6/7% . The 2020 proposed income is \$94,000. We will be voting next month. I am happy to come to your group to answer any questions.

Jim- no expense category for the move?

Tom- we don't have all research or exploratory done. AS we learn more, we will communicate.

Ron- The number proposed form income is increased because expenses like rent is projected higher due to possible move. The office manager wage has the 4% for potential increase.

Tom-Please take back to groups and discuss. We will vote next month.

Elections: Tom – In November the entire Steering Committee is up for election!! Please review nomination form!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Katelyn- Mesa Round Up is Oct 27th! Grab a flyer! We are having Game Night instead of dance.

Group Problems & Solutions: none

Close Meeting: Motion to close - ALL!!

Thank you,



A Thanksgiving to Remember

In a Colorado prison, a mysterious delivery of unexpected treats helps brighten these alcoholics' day

From the November 2017 Grapevine.

Shortly after I was one year sober, I was in my apartment when the sounds of a head-on collision tore up my serenity. A drunk driver had wandered across the center stripe of a nearby highway. It killed him and the two husbands in the other car, and crippled their two wives in the backseat.

Two days earlier the drunk had been released from jail after serving a year for drunk driving. He left the facility, went to a bar and drank himself into a blackout and never came out of it.

I was curious, so I set out to ask about AA meetings in that jail. It turned out that the sheriff's program director didn't allow outside AAs into the facility. Steamed up, I went to my home group and made a super-righteous lecture.

Some members of our group do not like to do Twelfth Step work in correctional facilities. They believe in "let the bum find us." But I had been Twelfth-Stepped when I was drunk and I was grateful for that. Those guys in my home group just might have let me die. So I voiced my disapproval strongly. Right then my sponsor's sponsor interrupted me, "OK then, so what are you going to do about it?"

Later that day I discovered that the sheriff's policy was ironclad, but the next day I was allowed to begin volunteer training at a different jail. That began an 11-year run in which I eventually carried more than 500 meetings into four jails and several Colorado state prisons.

Even though I had never done time, I felt I was doing God's work, and the inmate attendance in our meetings was strong. Many rewarding experiences came to me from this work, but one particular night stands tall.

One Thanksgiving Day, I took a meeting into the Larimer County jail. My sons came home from school the night before, so I took them with me. A deputy cleared us, and we entered the secured area. About 20 inmates were there waiting for us. Things went along as usual for about 30 minutes. Then a trustee came in pushing a food cart with an urn of fruit drinks, some cups, and a basket of saltines. Wow. We had never received refreshments before! I was so impressed. Was this a showing of AA Higher Power on Thanksgiving?

Several days later, I was back at the jail for another AA meeting and I saw the trustee in the hallway, so I thanked him. He blushed and said the staff almost canceled his trustee privileges because he'd taken the cart to the wrong room. He should have delivered it to the Catholic Mass for their Eucharist.

I have quit trying to figure out the whys and hows of God's grace on Thanksgiving or on any other day. It's enough for me to simply say that I'm grateful to be sober, sane and alive through a power greater than me.

-- Tom A. Colorado, USA

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