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NO BOOZE NEWS

Bill's Wife Remembers When He and She and the First A.A.s Were Very Young

As the wife of an early A.A., some of our experiences and my reactions to my husband's changed life may be interesting to other wives. Bill was an alcoholic, I believe, from the first drink he ever took, just a few months before our marriage. From then on, for seventeen years, I did everything I could think of to keep him away from liquor.

I will tell a little of our life before A.A. to help explain some of my later emotions. Bill and I had no children, so I soon felt that my job in life was to help Bill straighten himself out. As time went on, he earnestly tried to stop drinking. He was always very remorseful and perplexed the mornings-after. We would then resolve to lick this liquor situation together, launching off on some new tack.

As his drinking got worse, all decision and responsibility had to be taken by me. It was lucky that we were companionable, for gradually as our social contacts were broken we were thrust back on each other for company. In order to get away from alcohol over the week ends, I used to engineer some sort of outing, as we both loved the outdoors. If our pocketbook was flat, we might take the subway to the Dyckman Street ferry and hike along the Palisades to some scenic spot where we would nibble our sandwiches and gaze at the view. Or we might ferry to Staten Island and walk there; perhaps broiling a steak over a campfire. We have hired a rowboat at Yonkers and, using a bath towel as a sail, floated up the Hudson, to a spit of land near Nyack, where we camped and tried to sleep. We once went so far to get away from alcohol that we both gave up our jobs and took a whole year off. This we spent motorcycling and camping over half the United States.

These trips, although good for Bill's health, did nothing towards his permanent sobriety. In fact, his alcoholism grew steadily more serious. He lost job after job until I became entirely hopeless about him.

And then suddenly and finally Bill straightened out through the help of an old friend. At once I was convinced of his complete change and was of course extremely happy. Bill began to go to religious meetings and to work feverishly with alcoholics. I would go to meetings too and would try to share his newfound enthusiasms. He always had some drunk in tow and would work all night or get up in the middle of the night to go to the suburbs if one called him. We had drunks all over the house; sometimes as many as five lived there at one time.

One drunk committed suicide in the house after having sold about 700 dollars worth of our clothes and luggage. Another slid down the coal chute from the street to the cellar when we refused him the front door. Two others took to fighting, and one chased the other all around the house with a carving knife. The intended victim was saved by a third drunk, who delivered the knife-minded one a knockout blow. An alcoholic who was living in the basement was invited up for a pancake breakfast. After eating his share, he suddenly put on his hat and started out of the door remarking that he was going to Childs for PLENTY of pancakes.

Bill had found himself a job about this time; and it used to take him away from home a great deal and I was left with one or more alcoholics to look after. Once one of these boys lay in the

vestibule all night and screamed invectives at me because I would not let him in. He was so loud the passers-by all stopped, looked and listened. Another time it was 4 a.m. before I succeeded in towing a drunk home. He was anxious to be at his job the next morning and we had gone out around midnight to look for a doctor, having been unable to get one to come to the house at that hour. I helped

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his shaky steps up and down stoops, lit his cigarettes for him and finally, when we could not rouse a doctor, held a drink to his lips in a bar. When I asked him how he then felt he said, "Well, a bird can't fly on one wing." After a few more drinks I managed to get him home, but he did not get to his job the next morning. I was once suddenly taken sick, and when my sister arrived to nurse me she found five men milling around in the living room, one of them muttering, "One woman can look after five drunks but five drunks cannot look after one woman."

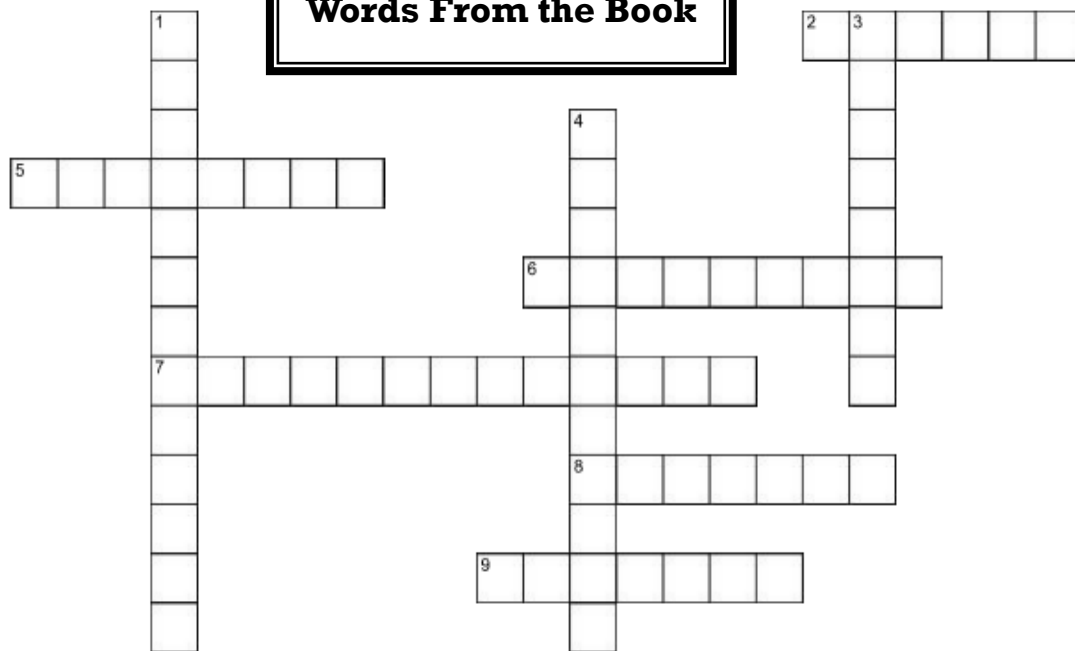
Now to describe my reactions to it all. When Bill first sobered up I was terribly happy but soon, without my realizing it, I began to resent the fact that Bill and I never spent any time together any more. I stayed at home while he went off somewhere scouting up new drunks or working with old ones. My life's job of sobering up Bill with all its former responsibilities was suddenly taken away from me. I had not yet found anything to fill the void. And then there was the feeling of being on the outside of a very tight little clique of alcoholics into which no mere wife could possibly enter. I did not understand what was going on within myself until one Sunday, Bill asked me to go with him to a meeting. To my own surprise as well as his I burst forth with, "Damn all your meetings," and threw my shoe at him as hard as I could.

This bad display of temper woke me up. I realized that I had been wallowing in self pity; that Bill's change was simply miraculous; that his feverish activity with alcoholics was absolutely necessary to his sobriety; and that if I did not want to be left way behind I had better jump on the bandwagon, too!

-- Bill W.'s wife, Lois Wilson

From the December 1944 Magazine

Words From the Book



From January Newsletter

Across

1. higherpower
6. freedom
7. inventory
8. insidious
9. discontent
10. allergy
11. desperation

Down

2. obsession
3. spiritual
4. fellowship
5. principles

Across

- 2 How Forty-Two Alcoholics Recovered from their
- 5 A.A. #3's Home State
- 6 Here Lies a Hampshire
- 7 On the basis of
- 8 This thought brings us to
- 9 Conscious

Down

- 1 From steerage to
- 3 We avoid retaliation or
- 4 I spend a great deal of time passin on what I learned to others who want it and need it badly. I do it for



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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

YUMA ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 22 ~ 24 2019
1440 W DESERT HILLS DR.
YUMA AZ

WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP

MARCH 15 ~ 17, 2019
41835 N. CASTLE HOT SPRINGS RD.
PEORIA, AZ



PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

AUGUST 30 ~ SEPTEMBER 1
1500 AZ-69 PRESCOTT AZ
PRESCOTT RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

EVI 40th Anniversary

"We Are Not Saints"

Mardi Gras

Costume Contest

Dinner and Speaker

Saturday, March 9th, 2018

Doors Open At 5:30pm

Dinner At 6:15pm

Speaker At 8:00pm

2716 N Dobson Rd. Chandler

(St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church)

Tickets not available at the door.

**See your EVI rep or
stop by the office for tickets, \$20 each.**

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)



Meal and a Message

Saturday, April 27th

Doors Open At 5:30pm

Speaker At 7:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa

(Love Of Christ Lutheran Church)

55th International Women's Conference

**February 7th ~ 10th, 2019
404 S Figueroa St. Los Angeles CA
(The Westin Bonaventure)**

Happy Valentine's Day



Sub-District 08-818 presents:

Dunks Like Us

7pm. Saturday April 20, 2019
393 W Warner Rd. Chandler AZ
Social hour followed by a speaker.

2019 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5 ~ 7, 2019

1500 AZ-69

Prescott AZ

(Prescott Resort and Conference Center)



Name	Date	Days
Judy A.	2/15/1976.....	15706
Donna H.	2/4/1981.....	13879
Stephen P.	2/21/1982.....	13514
James C.	2/1/1983.....	13149
Pat W.	2/2/1985.....	12418
Kathy K.	2/27/1985.....	12418
Monica G.	2/23/1990.....	10592
Mathew D.	2/14/1991.....	10227
Jan L.	2/15/1993.....	9496
Rob W.	2/28/1993.....	9496
Brian G.	2/28/1993.....	9496
Jackie E.	2/21/1995.....	8766
Bev M.	2/26/1996.....	8401
Buddy M.	2/19/1996.....	8401
Linda S.	2/28/1996.....	8401
Rosemarie R.	2/27/1997.....	8035
Fred R.	2/14/1999.....	7305
Robert B.	2/14/2001.....	6574
Phil H.	2/4/2002.....	6209
Steve S.	2/4/2002.....	6209
Frank G.	2/7/2005.....	5113
Chera Y.	2/15/2005.....	5113
Mindy B.	2/20/2005.....	5113
Judy K.	2/11/2006.....	4748
Jason T.	2/17/2007.....	4383
Michael K.	2/14/2008.....	4018
Tyler K.	2/24/2008.....	4018
Lauren K.	2/14/2009.....	3652
Jason C.	2/17/2009.....	3652
Ralph C.	2/17/2009.....	3652
Alex B.	2/1/2010.....	3287
Kirsten J.	2/2/2010.....	3287
Mathew D.	2/5/2010.....	3287
Joel (JJ) G.	2/17/2010.....	3287
Mathew F.	2/18/2010.....	3287
Devran B.	2/11/2011.....	2922
Norman H.	2/11/2012.....	2557
Brad B.	2/21/2012.....	2557
Dewey D.	2/22/2012.....	2557
Grace A.	2/10/2013.....	2191
Scott H.	2/10/2014.....	1826
John K.	2/9/2015.....	1461
Delia S.	2/12/2015.....	1461
Chad C.	2/15/2016.....	1096
Barbara E.	2/22/2016.....	1096



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

Step Two~ Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition Two~ For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as

He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but

trusted servants; they do not govern.

Concept Two~ The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every

practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society

in its world affairs.

At Wit's End..

"You know you're an alcoholic when you misplace things ... like a decade." — **Paul W.**

"AA isn't a program from which you can graduate. The highest you can go is sober. If you get any higher than that, you have to start over." -- **Bob B.**

I don't want my ego to be the first thing people see when I walk into a room. -- **Shawn**

AT A RECENT AA MEETING, a long-winded speaker began describing every detail of his drinking. After an hour, when the meeting was supposed to end, half the audience got up and left. However, the speaker just kept talking. So half an hour later, several more people left. The speaker kept right on talking. Half an hour later, everyone else in the audience got up and left--everyone except one woman.

At last, the speaker wrapped it up. "Oh, my gosh!" he said, looking at his audience. "Where did everybody go?"

"You talked so long that they left," the woman replied.

"That's terrible! I had no idea I was going on so long," the speaker exclaimed. "But tell me, why did you stay?"

"I'm the next speaker," she replied.

-- **Anonymous** **Manhattan, New York**

PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Come help carry the message at the public level and to professional groups who have contact with alcoholics.

For more information contact:

480 827-1905

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Antioch Community Church

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

March 2 ~ Easy Does It**LOCATION CHANGE**

For

EVI Events Committee

And Speaker Meeting

This Month Only

**EVI Special Events Committee**

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

St. Kathrine Greek Orthodox Church

2716 North Dobson Road, Chandler

Join the
EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

Contact 480 827-1905

**Office Volunteers &
EVI Hot Line Phones**

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific
times and days.

***** Fill In shifts available now*******EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting**

1st Friday of Every Month

Meeting Now At 7:30pm

St. Kathrine Greek Orthodox Church

2716 North Dobson Road, Chandler

February 1st ~ We Agnostics

March 1st ~ Easy Does It

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Central Office Manager's Report

January 19, 2019

Happy New Year. Welcome to all the new Intergroup Reps, Steering and Service Committee Members. Your Central office has started the year with a slight increase in activity. The phones are ringing more this month with the curious and concerned looking for information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

Activity at the office has been up for the holiday season. We received 516 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 128 calls were for meeting info, 135 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stays busy too. It had 46,969 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic 6,733 people found us on Google. Of those 267 went to our website, 38 got directions to the office and 38 gave us a call.

The year-end inventory went well thanks to some very helpful volunteers. Our discrepancy was -\$50.56, with a total retail inventory value of \$18,757.32. We received a literature order earlier this month and will be placing another to insure stock levels are adequate for Group needs.

It's still the season for 12 step calls. 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 the members to volunteer. The life you save may be your own.

If your Group has recently had a rotation of officers, please take a Group Update form to your next Group Conscious meeting. Have the new officers fill it out completely and return it to the office or bring it to next month's meeting. It is our policy to have complete contact information for at least 2 officers of each group listed in our directories. Thanks for your help with this, it is important to keep this information up to date.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim W. Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Dec	2018
Meeting Information Calls.....	128	1532
General Information	88	1150
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	2	57
Referred to Al-Anon.....	16	146
Referred to Community Info.....	0	7
12th Step Calls	15	131
Business Calls	132	1165
Office Visitors	135	1680
Meeting lists printed.....	1,000	9600
Info request via E-mail.....	62	615
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 8/ 1	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.		1696hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 46,969 YTD 574,653
Google Searches last 30 days 6,733

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd TU & TH 11:00a CW
417 Group 6289 S Greenfield Rd. Gilbert (Light of Christ) TH 7:00p O

Changes:

Common Thread **Moving To:** 139 E Alameda Dr. Tempe TU 7:30p M,O
Arbor Sisterhood 612 S Ellsworth Rd. Mesa TH 10am **Moving to FR 10am**
The Society 9333 E Main St. Mesa SA 8pm Speaker is **Now at 7pm**

Deletions:

Today's 24 Hours 1 9729 E San Tan Blvd (QC Meeting House) FR 6:30a
For Whom The Bell Tolls 2601 E Thunderhill Place Ahwatukee
Sobriety and Beyond 931 E Southern Ave. Mesa TH 3:00p O
Seniors In Sobriety 2121 S Rural Rd. Tempe SA 3:00p O

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General Service Office
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New York, NY 10163

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Area 03 Treasurer
PO Box 18765
Tucson, AZ 85371

Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

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

District 08-818
PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

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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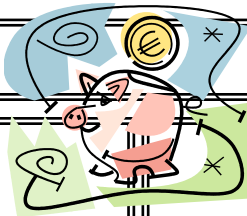
GROUP	Dec	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$200.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day	\$80.00	\$80.00
A Vision For You Group		\$864.41
ABC Group		\$150.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$100.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$287.92
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$950.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....		\$1,520.52
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$132.13
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$350.00	\$2,750.00
As Bill Sees It.....		\$92.41
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee.....		\$187.75
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$70.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$225.00
Basic II		\$50.00
Bloopers		\$710.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$500.00
Breakfast Club		\$1,700.00
Busted Ego.....		\$640.00
By The Book		\$507.29
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$455.36
Chandler Noon Group	\$109.00	\$1,364.60
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution.....		\$70.00
Common Thread.....		\$150.00
Copper Basin Group.....	\$202.58	\$202.58
Courage To Change.....		\$900.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$440.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$1,066.44
Eye Opener Group	\$150.00	\$1,705.47
Family Recovery Group		\$100.00
Feelings & Solutions.....		\$75.00
Firehouse Meeting.....	\$50.00	\$250.00
Florence Group	\$70.00	\$70.00
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.....		\$184.00
Get It Together.....		\$3,732.71
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$383.56
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$400.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$70.00
Gratitude Group		\$824.00
Great Start.....		\$1,120.00
Cut Level		\$256.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$632.74
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$0.00
Into Action		\$225.00
Inwardly Reorganized.....		\$150.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$451.00
Life In The Big Book	\$108.50	\$1,295.40
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$200.00
Maricopa Group	\$50.00	\$200.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$220.00
Monday Night Madness		\$85.00
Morning After Group		\$335.00
Name In The Hat.....		\$306.83
New Beginnings.....	\$100.00	\$680.00
New Hope Group		\$110.00
New Spirit Group	\$100.00	\$400.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$100.00
Page A Day		\$1,416.37
Pioneer Group	\$27.00	\$337.20

GROUP	Dec	YTD
Price Is Right		\$60.00
Primary Purpose Group	\$250.00	\$490.00
Prime Time.....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion.....		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$950.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$451.00
Re-Awakening Group	\$20.00	\$35.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit.....		\$650.00
Rising Spirit.....		\$1,026.10
Road To Recovery	\$50.00	\$1,042.54
Rock Solid	\$30.00	\$125.50
San Tan Men's		\$35.50
Second Chance Group		\$700.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe.....		\$72.00
Serenity At Six.....		\$0.00
Shade Tree.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions	\$164.36	\$454.36
Sobriety is Gold	\$100.00	\$400.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$74.47	\$287.85
Society Group		\$500.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$250.00
Spirited Women		\$221.00
Step By Step Group		\$40.24
Stepping Stones		\$60.00
Sunday Morning Women.....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$521.52
Sun Lakes Women.....		\$192.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers.....		\$183.00
Sunset Group		\$340.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$200.00
Tempe Sunrisers	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tempe Young People.....		\$0.00
The Library		\$113.00
The Real Thing		\$66.81
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$1,100.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$270.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$220.00	\$640.00
Upon Awakening.....		\$2,800.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$182.50
We Agnostics		\$440.00
We Can Group.....	\$43.00	\$172.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$300.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home	\$274.50	\$772.65
West Chandler Men's.....		\$130.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?.....		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group.....		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude.....	\$250.00	\$589.00
Women in Solution.....		\$207.63
Women in Touch		\$123.00
Wonder Women.....		\$120.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$648.15

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout.....		\$102.02
VALYPAA		\$62.00
AZ AA Womens Conference.....		\$0.00
Dist 08-818		\$61.84
Meal and a Message.....		\$750.00
Group Totals	\$2,867.28	\$52,069.90
EVI Committees	\$180.49	\$1,179.17
Individual Contributions	\$208.00	\$3,232.67
GRAND TOTALS	\$3,255.77	\$56,481.74

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2018

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	1,313.08
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	23,908.69
Accounts Receivable	614.95
Inventory Asset	18,757.32
Undeposited Funds	738.75

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$50,409.28**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	547.50
Visa Credit Card	56.95
Payroll taxes	0.00

Total Liabilities **\$604.45**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	4,975.38
Net Income	1050.51

Total Equity **\$49,804.83**

Total Liability & Equity **\$50,409.28**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT December 2018

26 Group contributions totaling	\$2,867.28
3 Individual contributions totaling	\$208.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$180.49
Total Contributions	\$3,255.77
Total Income	\$6,920.11
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$2,680.60
Gross Profit	\$4,239.51
Less total Expenses of	\$5,593.74
Net December Loss	(\$1,354.23)
YTD 2018 Gain	\$1,050.51

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$23,908.69
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 Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**January 18, 2018**

Meeting Opened at 7:16PM by with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer *Delayed start due to last minute location change*

(Tom explained late notice from Antioch Church about room not being available. He explained the change to St. Katherine as temporary for tonight and for February Speaker Meeting on Feb 1st. He thanked Kim for finding location and Andrea for sending out email to reps. Tom stated the committee is looking into new location for EVI business and Speaker meeting. Asked for groups to forward ideas for an location. EVI is looking for a centralized location and must hold up to 100 people.)

12 Traditions ready by – Jason

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

Intergroup Representatives:

Tom: Thanked new reps and explained their service role as EVI group reps. Tom will provide mini orientation during his chair report.

New Reps: *Gail Sunset, Mindy Society, Debra Women in Gratitude Alt, Shawn Wolfpack, Lydia, Nancy Ahwatukee, Ramona Women in Touch, Ari Ahwatukee's Mens, Alex No Name Alt, John No Name, Patrick Welcome Home, Rose Sun Lakes, Harry Tuesday Trudgers, Ed Great Start, Brain Inwardly Reorganized*

Arne R. Ahwatukee Men's (Alt), Nancy O. Ahwatukee Women's, Elizabeth L Basic II, Julia Bloopers (Alt), Jim L Breakfast Club, Gary L Chandler Noon, Elizabeth G. Chandler Women's BB, Tom O Common Thread, Josh K. Common Thread (Alt), Scott F EV Men's Stag, Ed D East Valley Vets, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Debbie G. GIT, Julie H. GIT (Alt), Ed F. Great Start, Buddy M Gratitude Group, Rose M. Happy Hour Sun Lakes, Brian V. Inwardly Reorganized, Deana E LIBB, Gary L. Maricopa Group, Beth M. Monday Night Madness, John H. No Name Group, Alex B. No Name Group (Alt), Matt J. Primary Purpose, T. S. Putting God First, Barb M. Queen Creek Nooners, Mindy S. Society, Jim D. The Steps We Took, Tom M Southeast Valley Stag, Peg D Spirited Women, Katelyn B Step by Step, Kimberly K Stepping Stones, Mena P SNBBSS, Gail W. Sunset Group, Ken C. Sunset Group (Alt), Beth H. Tempe Sunrisers (Alt), Cat M. The Real Thing, Pat C. The Way Out, Harry B. Tuesday Trudgers, Troy S. Tumbleweeds Group, Lonnie M. Upon Awakening, Beth H. We Agnostics, Patrick M. Welcome Home, Shawn M. Wolf Pack, Deborah B. Women in Gratitude (Alt), Ramona Women in Touch

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

Secretary's Report: Andrea: Welcome to new reps, Please sign in and update info, New Rep packets available, Motion to accept – Denis, 2nd – Buddy

Treasurer's Report: Report in Packet: Ron, Report in Packet, Net Income for December at a loss \$(1,354.23). YTD Net Income is \$1,050.51. Thanked Lois (previous Treasurer) for a wonderful job since the YTD ended at just \$1000 over budget. Prudent Reserve will be lowered for next budget. Will discussed next month with finalized numbers, Motion to accept – Gary, 2nd – Barb.

7th Tradition: \$75.00

Chairperson's Report: Tom- no report, reviewed pamphlet "How Intergroup Carries the Message" for the benefit of the new reps. Reviewed No Booze News (monthly newsletter), Special Events coming up and committee needs help, Looking for Unity Committee Chair and Advisor, will talk more about this in new business, Literature and Meeting lists are available at EVI Office, Kim (Office Manager) does outstanding job keeping literature and website up to date, Intergroup also offers insurance for groups if needed for location. Intergroup is here to service YOU (the groups)!

Vice Chair's Report: Chuck E- Report in packet, explained what EVI should rep to report back to the home, when reps receive packets at meetings this information should be reported back to group. Share the highlights and share important information, reminded groups that money is needed to function, explained where to review group contributions and encouraged reps to talk to group about what their group contributed last year to the Intergroup. Reviewed Area meetings, questions?

Tom – explained role of Vice Chair and where he obtains his reports information. The General service structure side is made up of three sub-districts, explained the difference between GSR and Intergroup, read from General service structure pamphlet to clarify any questions about difference in role for new reps or anyone with questions.

Office Manager: See full report on page 7.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PICPC: Paul – report in packet, 9 people joined committee last month, still have 6 open positions, would like to pass on the work Tom C is doing for Education committee, Tom had table at Gilbert High during lunches to pass out information, contacted by Governor's office regarding substance abuse initiatives, contacted by MPowered- Teen Addition Anonymous group, will have more information next month. Discussed seasonal places and trying to get meetings in these places for seniors, SWIHA contacted about possibly having a meeting. Rose- mentions Chandler Senior Center has spot for pamphlet,

Special Events: J – This year marks 40 years for EVI!!! We will be celebrating on March 9th at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox. Tickets are \$20 and will not be sold at the door, Please **pick up your tickets TONIGHT and grab flyer** to take back to your group, The theme is "We are not saints..." We need groups to sign up for service jobs for anniversary dinner, will send around clipboard and PLEASE get your group signed up for this wonderful celebration!!!

Tom- Thanked J for great job and Deana (previous chair) for wonderful term. Encourage everyone to get signed up for commitment!

Phone Committee: Beth- Phones are going well. Did train two groups this evening. If you would like to get your group signed up for phone training, then please contact. We do need people on the 12 Step call list, please fill out a gratitude of service form. Tom- Beth is continuing phone chair, thanked her for outstanding job

Unity Committee: Tom- looking to fill vacancy for chair and steering committee advisor, please see steering committee member if you would like role, we also need to take this back to your groups and help try to find people for these wonderful roles. As Beth mentioned, please fill out a gratitude of service form. Question? Do you need to have serviced at

Sponsorship Workshop: N/P , Tom explained Workshop and reviewed flyer for next one .

Newsletter Editor: N/P

Literature: N/P

Tom- any questions about these reports?

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary- Jan 26th at St. Peter is next AL/AA event. It will be a lunch with speakers and games. Flyer on back table.

Tom- thanked Rosemary for continuing in her role as Alanon Liaison.

H&I Liaison: Mike- was not able to attend meeting, no new information.

Tom- Explained Mike is a few months into his commitment. Thanked Mike for service.

Spanish Liaison: Marge- attending meetings, nothing to report.

Tom- thanked Marge for service and appreciate her commitment.

Tom- Explained DCM's are invited and encouraged to participate in EVI meetings. General Service structure is separate from Intergroup.

Sub District 08-818: N/P

Sub District 08-819: Jason – Please contact if interested in getting group involved with general service. Meet at St. Peter Lutheran the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Sub District 08-820: Carol – Quarterly Potluck is next Saturday (Jan.26) at Epiphany Church in Apache Junction. Sponsored by No Name Group and Women in Gratitude. Dinner is at 6, Speaker is at 7. Very excited for 08-820 as there are three new reps here tonight!!

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom- We need Unity Chair and Unity Steering Committee Advisor!! Please help us get these positions filled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ken- Club houses need to pick up posters for anniversary dinner after meeting!

Ramona- Seniors in Sobriety is no longer meeting.

Patrick- Does it need to be mailed? Kim explained electronic version is emailed out to reps, if there are extra copies she does bring to this business meeting.

Group Problems & Solutions: Ramona-Explained issue at recent potluck where someone took pictures and posted on social media, but the person did not ask permission for photo to be shared. Would like to know if others have dealt with this issue or how the group should handle situation? Others asked if this was a private page? Ramona explained that some created a group FB page.

Tom- explained that who sees page is dependent on privacy settings. Explained GSO did produce a guideline for anonymity and social media. Advised to search on www.aa.org for anonymous guidelines. Suggested to search for social media on site as well.

Close Meeting: Motion to close- All!!

Thank you, Andrea M.

From the December 2012 Magazine

December 2012: Stopped by the Cops

An Encounter at the mall changes three peoples' lives forever

STEP TWELVE: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

I am a handicapped man who uses a wheelchair. I'm also an alcoholic. In March 2010, I took a public bus to the mall to see a movie. As I got off the bus to cross the street, I saw a police car waiting to make a left turn. I've always had a destructive hatred toward anyone in a position of authority—especially the police. The two officers in the vehicle stared at me intently, so I got very uncomfortable. I felt that they were gawking at me. When I was in my early 20s (I am 58 now), it was the police who always handcuffed me when I was arrested. I was arrogant, conceited and very proud then, which got me into a lot of trouble. I was sent to a penitentiary once for four years, and I thought the problem was the judge. And, of course, I blamed the rest on the jail guard. After I was released, I had an attitude of revenge.

As I made my way across the mall parking lot, the squad car was right behind me. I thought I was being followed. To get away from them, I decided to go into a fast food joint. As I went to open the door, the police officers got out of their car and came from behind me, and one said, "Here, let me help you with the door." The other one said, "Let me push you in." Then, just as I was getting ready to pay, one of the officers said, "No, we'll get this."

Well, I was utterly astonished. Then they asked me if I would eat with them! (I now believe that it was my Higher Power directing me toward these officers.) So we ate together, and we talked. We found out some personal stuff about each other. I actually had a great time with these persons of authority. They asked me why I had this great attitude toward life, being in a wheelchair. They said they had been staring at me because I was so full of positive energy, and it seemed to radiate from me.

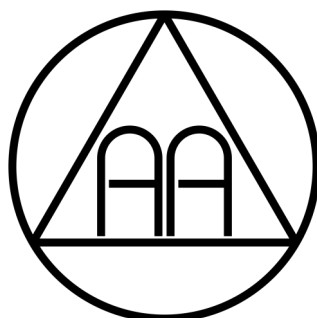
I told them that I was in a Twelve Step program called Alcoholics Anonymous. They said they were familiar with it; that they had sent alcoholics to the program. Then they told me that they had "a friend" who could use help, and asked for my telephone number. I gave it to them, and off they went to do their jobs.

About three days later, I got a call from one of the officers telling me that she was an alcoholic and she could not stop drinking. She said she wanted what I had. Two days later the other officer called me too and asked if I could help her because she couldn't stop drinking. I was totally stunned that they wanted my help; that they wanted what I had—especially since I still had this resentment toward the police!

That's when my personal feelings of getting even all of a sudden disappeared. I was astounded. I really believe that no amount of outside therapy could have solved this resentment of mine. AA has taught me to be compassionate, kind and considerate to the alcoholic who suffers this powerful disease. The Twelfth Step is very important to me: It tells me to practice these AA principles in all of my affairs. I now know that I have to give back the hope that was so freely given to me—even if it is to the police. Now I pray for them and salute them any time I see them. God bless our protectors.

-- **Guillermo C. Tucson, Arizona**

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