

June
2019

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NO BOOZE NEWS

Not a river in Egypt

Even in sobriety, denial ruled his life. But Step Six and a cool Higher Power helped him begin to accept reality and lift his head out of the sand

"Your daughter has something in her lung," the doctor said. "She needs to have it removed and it needs to be today."

My daughter was 18 months old when she inhaled a popcorn seed deep into her left lung. It was a big deal and had to be surgically removed. When the doctor used words like "probability of death" and said, "She could incur permanent damage," well, let's just say that I handled the news like I usually handle anything that scares me.

"This doctor is nuts," I said to my wife. "We should get a second opinion." And some vodka, I thought to myself.

Denial. We all live with it. It's the first of the five stages of grief. Denial not only presents itself in my life when someone dies, but whenever anything happens that involves having to accept any kind of change that scares me. I go into denial at work, over finances, with my kids, my wife, my sponsor. Doesn't matter. If something is about to happen and I don't want it to happen, then it didn't happen. Denial is one of my defects of character. It is the first aggressive angle I take to say no to reality.

As an alcoholic, I use denial as a weapon because I really, really want things to go on as they were. People tend to retreat when I get snide and cocky. I'm really good at it and I'm even better at it when I'm hammered.

When it came to my drinking, my denial was unbreakable. There wasn't a spouse, a parent, a therapist, a friend or a religion that could convince me that I had a problem. And even when alcohol stopped working for me physically, mentally, spiritually and socially, I still wanted it in my life. That's how powerful the obsession was for me. I did not want to stop drinking.

So when I got to AA and accidentally got a sponsor, I did what any upstanding drunk would do when it came to Step One: I faked it. "Oh, yes. I am an alcoholic," I said. "I am powerless over alcohol. Sure, my life is unmanageable." I'm ready for Step Two, suckers!

But as I faked it, even though I was staying sober, my life got worse. My wife asked for a divorce after I got sober; my relationship with my kids broke after I got sober; I saw my financial situation failing after I got sober;

Quote of the Month

In the years ahead we shall, of course, make mistakes. Experience has taught us that we need have no fear of doing this, providing that we always remain willing to confess our faults and to correct them promptly. Our growth as individuals has depended upon this healthy process of trial and error. So will our growth as a fellowship. Let us always remember that any society of men and women that cannot freely correct its own faults must surely fall into decay if not into collapse. Such is the universal penalty for the failure to go on growing. Just as each AA must continue to take his moral inventory and act upon it, so must our whole society do if we are to survive and if we are to serve usefully and well.

-- AA Comes of Age



I realized I had no friends after ... shall I go on? My life really was unmanageable. It's amazing what a few weeks of "undrunkness" will show a person. I was in serious denial over all of it.

I have said in meetings many, many times: the only thing that alcohol has ever given me was the gift of desperation. Desperation drove me to try a couple of new things that were foreign to me—honesty and God.

I was terrible at honesty when I got to AA. I lied and distorted everything for personal gain and to avoid confrontation. Even when I could tell the truth, I lied. Just a little tweak here and a little fake there and I looked like an even bigger hero, or a much more generous person, or a martyr or just an all-around great guy.

It took a lot for me to go to a meeting and finally admit that I used alcohol to fix my life and that I didn't want to stop, that I was scared, unhappy and alone. But from that moment on, my life has not been the same.

That was my first lesson in true acceptance, and it is acceptance that eventually overcomes denial in my life. I don't have to be OK with a situation that develops. I just have to stop denying that the situation is there. If I work an honest program, acceptance soon follows.

I did get to make one choice as an alcoholic. I got to pick a cool Higher Power, and that Higher Power will exist as long as I try to give him my life and connect with him every single day.

Every now and then, the old version of me pops in for a sneak attack, but it only takes over temporarily, thanks to the Steps and all the other resources that AA has given me: meetings, a good sponsor, literature, good conversation with other alcoholics and some service work equals acceptance. It is all wrapped up in the power of my God.

I pray for the newcomer and for anyone who is starting over in this program to get a good sponsor to take them through honest Step work, so that they can ultimately seek and find a Higher Power to manage their daily lives.

God was there for my daughter during her surgery. Even though I didn't know him very well at the time, he was there. He was always around, actually. With the help of AA, I can see him in my life now and it is amazing.

For today, I feel that AA is and always will be a part of my life. God willing, I'm not in denial about that.

-- R.T.
Queen Creek, Arizona

Meeting of the Month - June 2019

The Saturday 7AM "Southeast Valley Stag"—Chandler, Arizona

A friend in the program once suggested to me that, it was important to have a men's meeting in my rotation, that it was important for women as well, to find a good women's meeting as part of their recovery.

I took his advice and found the "Southeast Valley Stag". A men's AA meeting dedicated to the principles of honesty and integrity.

This is a closed meeting (desire to stop drinking only) that meets every Saturday morning at 7AM at Hope Covenant Church in Chandler, AZ.

The format is a discussion leader reads from the Hazelden "24 hour a day" and shares on the topics of the reading. Raffle tickets are handed out to every attendee and the chairperson randomly draws participants for sharing.

This is a great meeting for new men in the program to find sponsors with real recovery.

- Reviewed by Dorset

The "Southeast Valley Stag" is a CLOSED MEETING and meets 7AM every Saturday Hope Covenant Church
1770 South Dobson Road
Chandler, AZ 85286

Words From the Big Book

Returning home we find a place where we can be quiet for an hour, carefully reviewing what we have done. We thank God from the bottom of our heart that we know Him better. Taking this book down from our shelf we turn to the page which contains the twelve steps. Carefully reading the first five proposals we ask if we have omitted anything, for we are building an arch through which we shall walk a free man at last. Is our work solid so far? Are the stones properly in place? Have we skimmed on the cement put into the foundation? Have we tried to make mortar without sand?

If we can answer to our satisfaction, we then look at *Step Six*. We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all - every one? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.

— Pages 75 and 76

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

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2019
FT. TUTHILL CAMPGROUND

PROMISES IN THE PINES

JULY 26 ~ 28, 2019
LEWIS CANYON CAMPGROUND
SHOW LOW AZ



26TH ANNUAL PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 23 ~ 25
SLIM JIM CAMPSITE #2
FOREST LAKES

PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

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

MIRACLE ON THE RIVER

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



EVI Summer Bowl -A-Thon

Saturday, August 3th
3:00pm to 5:00pm

AMF Mesa Lanes
2115 E. Southern Ave., Mesa, Arizona 85204

\$20 for 2 hours of bowling
Shoes included

**Valley of the Sun
Founder's Day 2019**

Saturday, June 8, 2019
10am to 5pm

New Location

1844 E Dana Ave. Mesa AZ
(St. Peters Lutheran Church)

4rd Arizona A.A. Women's Conference

July 12th - 14th
Tubac Golf Resort and Spa
1 Avenida de Otero Rd. Tubac, AZ
azaawc.org for more information

2019 Arizona Area State Convention

September 13 ~ 15
Riverside Resort
Laughlin NV
More info at area03.org

2019 Post-Conference Assembly

June 29, 2019
702 E Cottonwood Lane
Casa Grande AZ
(1st Presbyterian Church)



Name Date Days

Alcoholics Anonymous	6/10/1935	30681
Ralph H.	6/24/1974	16436
Carol S.	6/5/1977	15340
James M.	6/30/1977	15340
Rodier D.	6/8/1986	12053
Kim W.	6/4/1987	11688
Paula K.	6/24/1987	11688
Joe H.	6/6/1990	10592
Steve D.	6/10/1990	10592
Tom M.	6/2/1991	10227
Andrew L.	6/2/1995	8766
Ken C.	6/2/1998	7670
Angela P.	6/21/2000	6939
Stacey S.	6/7/2001	6574
Tom T.	6/1/2003	5844
Nicole K.	6/6/2003	5844
Bill B.	6/1/2004	5478
Timothy Q.	6/1/2004	5478
Michael M.	6/1/2005	5113
Segrid S.	6/28/2005	5113
Jenee K.	6/29/2006	4748
Emily B.	6/5/2007	4383
Mike F.	6/5/2008	4017
Terri O.	6/8/2008	4017
Morgan R.	6/16/2008	4017
Melissa N.	6/19/2008	4017
Kevin L.	6/22/2008	4017
Melissa W.	6/1/2010	3287
Ross S.	6/30/2010	3287
Matthew M.	6/1/2012	2556
Larry J.	6/9/2012	2556
Shawn R.	6/6/2013	2191
Crystal W.	6/16/2014	1826
Michael G.	6/22/2016	1095
Jake J.	6/24/2017	730
Jeremy R.	6/28/2017	730

Step Six~ *Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.*

Tradition Six~ *An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.*

Concept Six~ *The conference recognizes that the chief initiative an active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.*

At Wits End

Members of our Fellowship are prone to spend hours of meeting time debating the precise meaning of words in the Steps and Traditions.

When co-founder Bill W. was asked why he said "defects of character" in Step Six and "shortcomings" in Step Seven, he replied:

"I just didn't want to use the same word twice."

- From the July 1977 Grapevine

Q: What's the difference between a mosquito and an alcoholic?

A: The mosquito quits drinking when you slap him!

- Jean S.

Robert and his buddy Fred were getting drunk at their favorite bar. Joe walked in and joined them. Right away, Joe began chugging down one drink after another. In just a short time, Joe passed out and fell on the floor. As he lay there all sprawled out, Robert said to Fred, "That's what I like about Joe. He always knows when to quit."

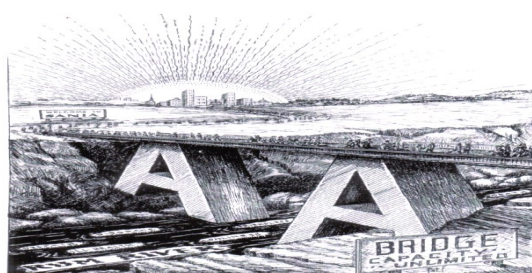
- Dusty B

Things We Can Not Change

Lonnie M. a long time member of our fellowship has passed from this world. His life touched many and he will be missed.

Get Published!

Send your articles, jokes, poems and artwork to Rick T. info@aamesaz.org



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

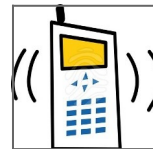
Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Antioch Community Church

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Contact Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

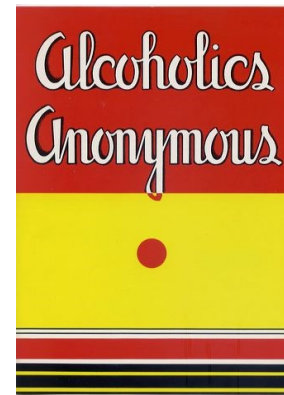
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

July 6th ~ TBD

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

Contact 480 827-1905

EVI Special Events Committee

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

contact: 480 827-1905

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

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

June 7 ~ Bloopers

July 5th ~ Page A Day

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Office Volunteers &
EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific
times and days.

***** Fill In shifts available now*****

Central Office Manager's Report

May 17, 2019

April activity was a little slower as our winter members are migrating to their summer homes. We received 478 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 133 calls were for meeting info and 145 were office visitors. Our website stays busy too. It had 52,841 visits in the last 30 days and the most popular page on the site is the meeting list. Google reports 8,393 views on our profile, 218 went to our website, 42 asked for directions and 32 gave us a call.

There is a new book from A.A.W.S. "Our Great Responsibility", a selection of Bill W's general service talks is now at the office for \$10. Grapevine also has a new book, "Take Me To Your Sponsor", a collection of cartoons and jokes from the magazine. We have several on order and should be available for purchase next week.

The office managers from Salt River and Agua Fria Intergroups and I were able to find time to have lunch this month. It is not easy to find a day we are all available. Everything seems to be going well for all of us.

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

.....	April	2019
Meeting Information Calls	133	505
General Information.....	77	363
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	6	19
Referred to Al-Anon.....	12	39
Referred to Community Info	0	2
12th Step Calls	8	41
Business Calls	97	383
Office Visitors	145	582
Meeting lists printed.....	800	3,400
Info request via E-mail.....	47	179
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.	33/ 8/ 1	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.....	144hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 52,074 YTD 146,207
Google Searches last 30 days 11,344

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

How It Works	19609 S McQueen Rd. Chandler	FR & SU 7:00p	C
Jaywalkers	2325 W Guadalupe Rd. # 107 Gilbert	SU 5:00p	O,T
Natural High	761 S Horne St. Mesa	TU 7:00p	O,D

Changes:

Step By Step	145 E 1st Ave. Mesa	Format Changed to:	SU 5:30 O
Sobriety Is Gold	Moved to: 5301 S Kings Ranch Rd.	Gold Canyon	WE & SA
Life in the BB	Moved to: 1565 E Warner Rd. Tempe	TH 5:30p	C,BB
Carry The Message	4415 S Rural Rd. Tempe	Now At	SA 7:30p O,S

Deletions:

We Agnostics	161 N Mesa Dr. Mesa	FR 6:00p	O
Out of the Dark	19609 S McQueen Rd. Chandler	TH 7:30p	O

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Mesa, AZ 85204

General Service Office
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

*** NEW ***
Area 03 Treasurer
PO Box 18765
Tucson, AZ 85371
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	April	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$100.00	\$100.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group		\$111.58
ABC Group	\$100.00	\$300.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$67.08
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$300.00	\$659.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$561.11
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$61.00	\$61.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$300.00	\$1,200.00
As Bill Sees It		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$40.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$132.00	\$132.00
Basic II		\$50.00
Bloopers		\$110.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$905.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego		\$120.00
By The Book		\$0.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$86.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$150.00	\$533.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$427.78
Cold Coffee Group		\$195.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group	\$114.70	\$114.70
Courage To Change	\$150.00	\$150.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$300.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$355.48
Eye Opener Group		\$150.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank		\$443.75
Firehouse Meeting		\$55.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$100.00
Get It Together		\$1,174.97
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group	\$145.00	\$231.78
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$0.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$212.00
Great Start	\$200.00	\$600.00
Gut Level		\$136.36
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$268.95	\$268.95
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$0.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$160.50
Last Resort		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book	\$55.30	\$479.65
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$40.00
Maricopa Group		\$140.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$200.00
Name In The Hat		\$737.00
New Beginnings		\$100.00
New Hope Group		\$0.00
New Spirit Group	\$150.00	\$150.00
No Name AA Group	\$25.00	\$50.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$100.00
Page A Day	\$484.10	\$919.34

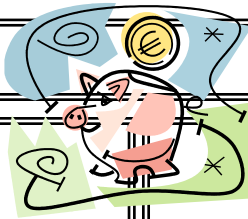
GROUP	April	YTD
Pioneer Group	\$46.00	\$129.20
Price Is Right	\$51.94	\$176.68
Primary Purpose Group		\$575.00
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion		\$0.00
Putting God First	\$1,116.00	\$1,116.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$443.92
Re-Awakening Group		\$20.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit	\$150.00	\$150.00
Rising Spirit	\$61.15	\$504.45
Road To Recovery	\$1,352.29	\$3,439.40
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$47.50
Second Chance Group		\$317.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe disbanded		\$160.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$100.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group		\$1,000.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$100.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$500.00
Spirited Women		\$213.57
Step By Step Group		\$193.90
Stepping Stones	\$269.50	\$669.50
Sunday Afternoon Step	\$300.00	\$300.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women		\$0.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$196.50
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$100.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$147.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$475.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$120.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$250.00	\$250.00
Upon Awakening		\$700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$50.00
We Agnostics	\$87.20	\$224.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step	\$150.00	\$150.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$0.00
West Chandler Men's		\$0.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude	\$282.00	\$282.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch	\$120.00	\$120.00
Wonder Women		\$70.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$48.00	\$269.92

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout	\$126.36	\$126.36
54th International Women's Conf		\$3,080.00
AZ AA Womens Conference		\$0.00
Dist 08-819		\$500.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00

Group Totals	\$7,234.00	\$30,124.93
EVI Committees	\$91.00	\$379.00
Individual Contributions	\$100.00	\$490.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$7,425.00	\$30,993.93

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET April 30, 2019

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	9,614.51
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	24,846.39
Accounts Receivable	700.35
Inventory Asset	23,627.36
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$64,275.11**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	94.88

Total Liabilities **\$94.88**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	6,731.99
Net Income	13,669.30

Total Equity **\$64,180.23**

Total Liability & Equity **\$64,275.11**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT April 2019

35 Group contributions totaling	\$7,234.00
0 Individual contributions totaling	\$100.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$91.00
Total Contributions	\$7,425.00
Total Income	\$13,218.32
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$4,572.25
Gross Profit	\$8,646.07
Less total Expenses of	\$5,404.85
<u>Net April Gain</u>	\$3,241.22
<u>YTD 2019 Gain</u>	\$13,669.30

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$24,846.39
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 Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**May 17, 2019****Meeting Opened at 7:00PM****12 Traditions ready by – Caine****INTRODUCTIONS:** *Your attendance and participation are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** *Jill We Agnostics*

Dave M. 417, Heidi G. Ahwatukee Group, Kurt K. Ahwatukee Group (Alt), Mike G. Ahwatukee Saturday Men's, Nancy O. Ahwatukee Women's, Thom S. Arbor Group, Gabi N. Both Books, Jim L. Breakfast Club, Gary L. Chandler Noon, Elizabeth G. Chandler Women's BB, Tom O. Common Thread, Scott F. East Valley Men's Stag, Ed D. EV Vets, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Wendy W. Gilbert Group, Rose M. Gratitude Group (Alt), Rose M. Happy Hour SunBird, John H. No Name Group, Steve P. No Whining, Shery B Page a Day, Ashley St. Thomas Price is Right, Judy A. Serenity Seekers Sun Lakes, Jeri H. Sobriety Rocks, Christel A. Society (Alt), Katelyn B Step by Step, Brady D. Step by Step (Alt), Ken C. Sunset Group (2nd Alt), Pat C. The Way Out, Lonnie M. Upon Awakening, Jill S. We Agnostics, Patrick M. Welcome Home

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

Secretary's Report: Andrea: Welcome to new rep, Please sign in and make any necessary changes to contact. If anyone is interested in trying out Secretary role, then we need someone to fill in next month to take minutes. Just contact Andrea for details. Ken- Motion, 2nd- Gary, All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Report in Packet: Ron, Report in Packet, Net Income for April \$3241.22. Prudent Reserve is slightly over goal due to interest income. Thank your group for allowing us to serve the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Denis- What is your perspective on the motion for checking account. Tom- we will discuss in new business.

7th Tradition: \$69.00

Chairperson's Report: Tom- attended H&I Awareness Day and presented information on EVI. Discussed at Steering Committee possibility of moving office to larger space and more accessible. New book is available at office called *Our Great Responsibility*. The book are a collection of Bill W.'s GSR talks. We do have the book available here tonight- \$10.

Vice Chair's Report: Chuck E- Report in Packet. Visited Sub-District meeting this month.

Office Manager: N/P – Report in Packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Tom (Alt) – Report in Packet. Committee is becoming more active. Meeting with East Valley High Schools to provide information about AA, Also, made contact with ASU counseling department. Please join us for the meeting if you are interested in helping out.

Special Events: J – Final number for Anniversary are in! Event income- \$6398.80; Event expense - \$5535.75. Scheduled Bowl-a-thon for August 3rd at AMF Lanes in Mesa!

Phone Committee: Dave- Phones calendar filled easier for May. We appreciate the new support. As a reminder, even if you are on the phones list, you don't have to sign up for a slot every month.

Unity Committee: Bill – All going well, building the committee. Please join us if you are interested in helping build our outreach.

Sponsorship Workshop: N/P, **Newsletter Editor:** N/P, **Literature:** N/P

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary – Would love to see everyone at Family Recovery Night. We are looking for venue for event on 4th Friday of month. As soon as we found out, we will send to EVI Office.

H&I Liaison: Mike -attended H&I meeting last month. If you are taking a meeting or know anyone taking a meeting to a treatment, please come see me after the meeting. Badging Dates are May 22, June 5, June 26 at 330PM. 3250 W. Lower Buckeye Rd. Phoenix, AZ.

Spanish Liaison: N/P, Sent Report to Secretary. Attended the "Grupo un dia a la vez" 17th Anniversary celebration on April 20th. Great speakers, great food, great time!

Sub District 08-818: N/P

Sub District 08-819: Lois (Alt)- Please come to meeting if your group does not have rep. 1844 E. Dana Ave, Hosting upcoming event on 9/7 for delegate report.

Sub District 08-820: Dan (Alt) –, Next Potluck is July 13th hosted by Arbor Group, starts at 530PM

OLD BUSINESS: New Location for Intergroup Meeting??? – Still looking for suggestions for location. We looking for a place that could hold 80 -100 people. Two prospective locations are Church of Epiphany Church in Tempe (Sunset Group meets here) and First Christian Church (Courage to Change meets at this church).

Ken- what about a high school that rents their facilities? Tom- we haven't looked at any other locations outside of churches. Barb- what about a VFW hall or Elks Lodge? Tom- good suggestion! Lonnie- How much are we paying here? What costs are we looking for? Tom- we pay \$25 per meeting plus portion of 7th tradition. Ron- we hope to stay at the same price; but, we understand it might not be possible because we have to move by August 1st.

Special Events New Year's Event - Voting for tabled Motion

Tom- Voting procedure- Primary rep can vote, Alt Rep can vote if primary is not here, if you are a rep for numerous groups, you only get to vote on behalf of one group.

Untabling motion- (Discussion edited for space, KW)

Gary- Vote is to pursue doing the event? Jay- The motion read for special events to hold NYE

Call to vote – 13 yes, 11 no, 1 abstained

Minority opinion- Kaitlyn- Seek to combine event with another group.

NEW BUSINESS: Seconded Motion from Steering Committee:

The EVI Steering Committee proposes a motion to limit funds at the end of the monthly account period in the combined total of Regular Checking and Undeposited Cash accounts to not exceed one month of the previous year's average monthly expenses - any overage shall be transferred to the Prudent Reserve account. (Reps received printed copy)

-Tom reviewed the justification for updating this policy. The Steering Committee agreed to use the previous year's average monthly office expense for setting the end of month funds in Regular Checking and Undeposited Cash Account. The same type of calculation is used to establish the yearly Prudent Reserve amount. The amount will be recalculated at the beginning of each year. This will give us an automatically adjusted number to better reflect current conditions. For 2019, the end of month funds in Regular Checking and Undeposited Cash accounts shall not exceed \$6206.47.

Gary- Rather than having a fixed value for checking balance, we would use the annual average balance. Tom- Yes

Denis- Noticing on the explanation, there is volatility due to jumps in expenses in each month. Tom- the average should balance that out.

Ron- When he took over as Treasurer, the money was not being transferred per the policy. My opinion- when we threw rocks at it in the Steering Committee. It does seem like a decent amount to keep a working capital. Amount is based on a good idea of monthly expense. The reason I kept bringing this up at Steering Committee because we are 501c that needs that could be audited and we need to follow our policies and procedures.

Ed- Money markets might charge fee for moving more than 3 times. Dave- there are regulations, MMA/Reg D

Tom- We do need to take this into consideration

Ken- we do have money going in and out daily. Checking is fluid.

Lois- discussed this last year at Steering Committee. What this motion would be doing is directing the office manager on how to manage accounts. We can do that. We don't have to give her a specific amount. Consider to just trust her to do her job. June and July are coming up with larger expenses. If we go with average of last year's expenses, sometimes we will be over or under. We will be moving money back and forth. Tom- take this back to your groups and we will vote next month.

Office Manager's Evaluation Motion: The EVI Steering Committee recommends a 3% salary increase for the office manager's salary. (Reps received copy of motion)

Tom- Upon completion of the Office Manager's yearly review, the Steering Committee Officers recommend a 3% salary increase for the Office Manager. The evaluation is a review of duties and job performance of the Office Manager; this also includes a one-on-one meeting with the Office Manager and the Steering Committee Officers reviewing established yearly goals and objectives set in the areas of service, outreach, website, and office. The officers also consider SSI Cost of Living updates for 2019. The recommendation for 3% does fit into the guidelines of the established yearly budget. The budget deems up to 4% available for a potential salary increase after completion of the Office Manager review.

Ashley- why wouldn't you give her the 4% in the budget.

Tom- As with any evaluation, there opportunities for improvement. Please take this back to your groups. We will vote next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gary- There a new meeting on Sunday Nights at Victory Church in Chandler. It's going so well, we are adding a Friday night meeting.

Caine- The Way Out Group is celebrating their 10th anniversary! Come for Potluck and fun on 5/30 at Red Mountain Church!

Group Problems & Solutions: none. Close Meeting: Motion to close- 8:22PM

Thank you, Andrea M.

Will We Squander Our Inheritance?

From the June 1978 Grapevine

BILL W. WROTE to Dr. Bob in 1949: "The groups will eventually take over, and maybe they will squander their inheritance when they get it. It is probable, however, that they won't. Anyhow, they really have grown up; AA is theirs; let's give it to them."

As a sober member of AA for more than twenty-seven years, I see some disturbing differences between what I was taught in the beginning and what is happening now. What has happened to the pride we AAs have traditionally taken in saying, "I belong to the Guttersnipe Group"? To our feeling that each one of us takes part in the group's primary purpose--carrying the message? I see groups that regularly have thirty people at meetings, but only five active members. Who takes responsibility for the necessary jobs--group offices, sponsorship, coffee making? Is the AA group dying because of individual apathy?

The Responsibility Declaration is basic to AA thinking: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." Yet central offices seem to be having more and more difficulty finding sober AAs to make Twelfth Step calls. One of the first things I learned is that I need the newcomer as much as he needs me, yet some members feel they are doing new people a favor by getting in touch with them. Are we trying to hold on to sobriety now by *not* giving it away?

I wonder how many are lost because we don't have the time--or won't make the time--to share or care. What about the still-suffering drunk who calls AA and is told where the meeting is--and to go by himself? What of the newcomer who goes to a meeting and finds no one to talk to? Or is told to call other members but is given no names or numbers? When I was called on by an AA member, I joined a group and got a sponsor. The group gave me a list of members, with addresses and phone numbers, to use when needed. Today, there seems to be little follow-up, little caring, few phone calls.

How many alcoholics have we lost simply because they were never really accepted? Do sober members still say, "Hey, how are you doing? Call me if you get shook up, no matter what time it is. Remember, we need you"? Alcoholics may be getting sober, not because of us, but in spite of us.

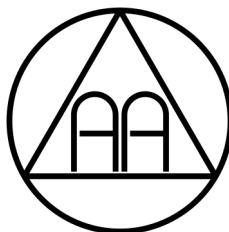
I have talked to many older members who feel as I do. Remember, AA is not going to preserve itself automatically. What are we, each one of us, doing with the gift of sobriety, so freely and lovingly given? Will we soon squander our magnificent inheritance?

Perhaps each one of us should hold on to these thoughts: "Keep me mindful of the responsibilities that accompany the blessings of freedom. The only time that wrong can prevail is when good people do nothing."

-- G. G.
Phoenix, Arizona

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