

# JULY

## 2019

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# NO BOOZE NEWS

## The Lost Navajo

He had to find himself all over again in jail.

From the July 2002 Grapevine

My name is Leonard F., and I am a Navajo Indian. I was raised by my grandmother on the Navajo Reservation. I lost my mother to alcohol, so I never got to know her or what she looked like.

I took my first drink of alcohol when I was about twelve years old, and after that first drink, I became an alcoholic. I don't remember what I did. All I remember is my grandmother getting mad at me.

I started school on the reservation but never finished. I took alcohol with me when I went to school and it got me kicked out.

When my grandmother passed on, my drinking got worse. Alcohol was like water to me. It made me a monster. I couldn't stop drinking. I didn't know who I was or why I was put here on Mother Earth. I was a lost Navajo on the reservation; I didn't know where to turn for help, and I turned away from everyone who loved me.

So I thought to myself, "I have to get off the reservation and get a job somewhere." I started working in Utah. I ran away from alcohol, trying to hide from it. But it caught up with me. Even at work, I had a bottle of alcohol in my hand.

When I went home again and met a lady, I thought I had gotten away from alcohol. She became my girlfriend, but the alcohol stayed with me. She told me to stop drinking, but I didn't want to. Alcohol became my girlfriend instead of her.

Then I got into trouble with the law. That is when my life started to come back to me. Jail is where I had to find myself all over again. At first, I didn't want to know who I was. But when I went to AA in jail, I started putting myself back together. Now when I look back at my life, I ask, "What did alcohol give me?" Nothing. "What has sobriety given me?" Everything.

*Akot' éego.* (And this is my story.) Thank you, AA.

—Leonard F. Kayenta, Arizona

### Quote of the Month

"I took my leave of Dr. Bob, knowing that he was to undergo a serious operation. The old, broad smile was still on his face as he said almost jokingly, 'Remember, Bill, let's not louse this thing up. Let's keep it simple!' I turned away unable to say a word. That was the last time I ever saw him.

-- AA Comes of Age , page 214

### Get Published!

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

## From the Editor—July 2019

As a fellow Alcoholic, I celebrate milestones in my sobriety. July is always a special month for me, and to quote a friend in the program, "It just keeps getting better".

I find myself working more and more with newcomers, and it is a blessing. To quote another friend in the program, "The opportunity to take someone through the steps, well, that *is* where its at".

I will never forget how I felt after 30, 60, even 90 days of real continuous sobriety, and every so often I get to work with someone new and I get to see what I experienced all over again. Here are just a few quotes from newcomers that have recently celebrated these important milestones:

"Thanks bro, it feels awesome being sober, I wouldn't trade it back." - Johnny D. in Gilbert

"Happy father's day to you too, my son is coming to visit for two weeks, I can't wait." - Nick in QC

"Going for a hike this morning, can't remember the last time I did that." - Will in Gilbert

"Now what do I do?" - An anonymous friend.

Nothing profound, but still powerful. It is the sound of the program quietly working its magic. Sometimes it is easy to see the gratitude, other times the fear and uncertainty are still there.

As we contemplate freedom in the month of July, let us embrace the newcomer and treat their 24 hour or 30 day chip like we wanted to be treated when we picked them up for ourselves. Personally, it is far more powerful for me to see a newcomer that is truly broken and ready to make their beginning than to see my long term friends pick up their heavy metal. - The Editor

## Meeting of the Month - July 2019

### "The Ahwatukee Nooners"

A lunch meeting hits the spot, and if you work near the Ahwatukee area the "Ahwatukee Nooners" Group is a perfect recipe for any weekday.

Just off of Elliot and I-10 road, the Nooners are all about giving everyone the chance to share. The format of the meeting is the chairperson, or an AA anniversary person shares for about 10 minutes, then picks a topic. The group breaks into several smaller groups so that everyone gets the opportunity to speak on the topic. The smaller group format also allows for the meeting to end a few minutes before 1PM, so that those working have enough time to get back to their job.

Newcomers are always welcome (I was a newcomer at this meeting myself once), and there are a lot of local retirees living in the area with long term sobriety, a great place to find a sponsor.

- Reviewed by Dorset

**The Ahwatukee Nooners  
meet every weekday at  
NOON at the Mt. View  
Lutheran Church  
11002 S. 48th Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85044**

## Words From the Big Book

When ready, we say something like this: "My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen." We have then completed Step Seven.

Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead." Let's look at Steps Eight and Nine. We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol.

— Page 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](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)

[www.aamesaaz.org](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> Step List

#### Volunteer Service Options

*Check only those you are willing to commit time to*

#### 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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



**APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT**

NOVEMBER 8 ~ 10

APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RESORT



**Sponsorship Workshop**

Focus entirely on the instructions from the BB!

**Sunday August 4th 1:30-4:30PM**

**Queen Creek Meeting House**

**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

Raffle and Prizes

Tickets available from your Intergroup Rep or

At your Central Office

**30th SRI Summer Roundup**

**August 9, 10 & 11**

5401 N Scottsdale Rd.

(Doubletree Resort by Hilton)

Register at [sriroundup.org](http://sriroundup.org)

**4rd Arizona A.A. Women's Conference**

July 12th - 14th

Tubac Golf Resort and Spa

1 Avenida de Otero Rd. Tubac, AZ

[azaawc.org](http://azaawc.org) for more information

**2019 Arizona Area State Convention**

September 13 ~ 15

Riverside Resort

Laughlin NV

More info at [area03.org](http://area03.org)



Name	Date	Days
Sandy T.....	7/24/1978.....	14975
Kathy L.....	7/4/1982.....	13514
Paul S.....	7/18/1983.....	13149
Sandy S.....	7/23/1984.....	12783
Pat J.....	7/31/1984.....	12783
Kathy K.....	7/26/1986.....	12053
Tim H.....	7/12/1987.....	11688
Gail J.....	7/5/1989.....	11322
Chris P.....	7/20/1989.....	10957
Sandy S.....	7/25/1989.....	10957
Shelley M.....	7/15/1990.....	10592
Bill R.....	7/28/1992.....	9861
Beth F.....	7/9/1993.....	9496
Pam W.....	7/31/1993.....	9496
Mary S.....	7/4/1995.....	8766
Craig M.....	7/21/1996.....	8400
Steve C.....	7/14/1998.....	7670
Kelli W.....	7/21/2000.....	6939
Mercer C.....	7/2/2001.....	6574
Eileen K.....	7/11/2001.....	6574
Becky S.....	7/25/2002.....	6209
Jerry S.....	7/8/2004.....	5478
Steve W.....	7/13/2005.....	5113
Anita B.....	7/5/2006.....	4748
Mary L.....	7/14/2006.....	4748
Kara P.....	7/25/2006.....	4748
Anne H.....	7/28/2007.....	4383
Arne R.....	7/14/2008.....	4017
Matt V.....	7/30/2008.....	4017
Jim H.....	7/10/2009.....	3652
Steve S.....	7/21/2009.....	3652
Marcus U.....	7/30/2009.....	3652
Sam N.....	7/11/2010.....	3287
Michael W.....	7/15/2010.....	3287
John R.....	7/23/2010.....	3287
Lindsay R.....	7/24/2010.....	3287
Justin H.....	7/1/2011.....	2922
Kerry R.....	7/17/2011.....	2922
David K.....	7/27/2011.....	2922
Zach.....	7/30/2011.....	2895
Vincent B.....	7/31/2014.....	1826
Robbie T.....	7/2/2013.....	1461
Pam R.....	7/24/2015.....	1461
Katelyn B.....	7/5/2016.....	1095
Rick T.....	7/8/2016.....	1095
Heather A.....	7/9/2016.....	1095
Bertha E.....	7/15/2016.....	1095
Erland H.....	7/18/2016.....	1095
Jade S.....	7/21/2016.....	1095
Michael F.....	7/28/2016.....	1095

**Step Seven~ Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**

**Tradition Seven~ Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

**Concept Seven~ The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.**

### *At Wits End*

"I live in a dysfunctional household," the drunk told the bartender, "and it's really becoming a problem, since I live alone."

-- **BOB M.** Green Valley, Ariz

"I asked my sponsor to tell me about God. He looked at me kindly and said, 'All you need to know about God is this: You are the problem, and God is the solution.'"

-- **Samuel D.** Tucson, Arizona

A FRIEND WRITES:

"I was sitting in a meeting one day and was reminded of my friend Nick L., who once told us how his broken washing machine taught him one of the principles of AA. It seems that the solenoid wasn't working, and the machine wouldn't change from cycle to cycle in the correct manner. Nick said the washer didn't seem to know whether to 'pause or agitate when doubtful!' "[<sup>1</sup>]

<sup>1</sup>Check page 87 of the Big Book if you don't get this right away.

-- **Jim T.** Tucson, Arizona

### **It Is So Hot -**

I went outside for a smoke and the cigarette lit itself.  
The change in my purse melted into a medallion.  
My Reese's peanut butter cups turned into peanut butter shooters... I drank them anyway.  
Your seat belt buckle is now a branding iron.  
I got a loaf of bread and before I got home it was toast.



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**PI / CPC**

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

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

For more information contact:

480 827-1905

**EVI Phone Workshop**

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Antioch Community Church

Or

**Workshops can be done at your Group !**

For more information

Call Beth H

480-827-1905

**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

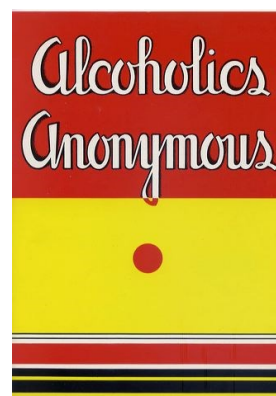
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H. 480-827-1905

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**July 6th ~ Upon Awakening**

Join the

**EVI Unity Committee**

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

Contact 480 827-1905

**EVI Special Events Committee**

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

contact: 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

**July 5th ~ Page A Day**

Aug. 2nd ~ 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.

480-827-1905

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

# Central Office Manager's Report

June 21, 2019

May activity at the office was on par for this time of year. We received 513 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 151 calls were for meeting info and 145 were office visitors. Our website stayed busy too. It had 54,443 visits in the last 30 days. And Google reports 9,828 views on our profile, 319 visited our website, 37 gave us a call and 48 asked for directions.

The semiannual inventory has been completed. There was a \$69.95 adjustment for shrinkage. Most of the adjusted items relieved from inventory were obsolete or outdated. Total inventory assets were \$23,924.06.

The liability and WC insurance will renew at the end of June. Our agent will send updated certificates of insurance to additionally insured locations leaseholders. Many of the Groups in the East Valley participate in this coverage and we greatly appreciate those who contribute to help offset this cost.

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

	May	2019
Meeting Information Calls.....	151	656
General Information .....	92	455
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	5	24
Referred to Al-Anon.....	11	50
Referred to Community Info.....	0	2
12th Step Calls .....	10	51
Business Calls .....	99	482
Office Visitors .....	145	727
Meeting lists printed.....	800	4,200
Info request via E-mail .....	48	227
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 8/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		144hrs

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 54,443 YTD 200,650  
Google Searches last 30 days 9,828

## Meeting List Updates...

### New Meetings:

Sometimes Quickly..	2140 E Broadway Rd. Tempe	TU	5:30p	O
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:

AJ BB Study	1050 W Superstition Blvd. AJ	<b>Now Meeting S</b>	6:30p	BB,O
West Chandler Men's	<b>Moved to:</b> 1900 S Arrowhead Dr.	SA	8:00p	M,C
Life in the BB	<b>Moved to:</b> 1565 E Warner Rd. Tempe	TH	5:30p	C,BB
Grateful Girlfriends	20913 E Ocotillo Rd.	<b>Now Closed</b>	SA	7:30p W,C

### 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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New York, NY 10163

\*\*\* NEW \*\*\*

*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	May	YTD
11th Step Candlelight .....		\$100.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day .....		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group .....		\$111.58
ABC Group .....		\$300.00
Ahwatukee Group .....		\$67.08
Ahwatukee Nooners .....		\$659.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's .....	\$93.55	\$654.66
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$61.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
As Bill Sees It .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG .....		\$40.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....		\$132.00
Basic II .....		\$50.00
Bloopers .....		\$110.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$905.00
Both Books .....	\$82.00	\$82.00
Breakfast Club .....		\$0.00
Busted Ego .....		\$120.00
By The Book .....		\$0.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....	\$170.00	\$256.00
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$94.00	\$627.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....	\$267.38	\$695.16
Cold Coffee Group .....		\$195.00
Common Solution .....		\$0.00
Common Thread .....		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group .....		\$114.70
Courage To Change .....		\$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	\$444.35
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 .....	\$147.30	\$1,322.27
Gilbert Gals .....		\$0.00
Gilbert Group .....		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group .....		\$231.78
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....	\$400.00	\$400.00
Grateful Dames .....		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....		\$0.00
Gratitude Group .....		\$212.00
Great Start .....		\$600.00
Cut Level .....		\$136.36
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....		\$268.95
Heard It Thru The Grapevine .....		\$0.00
Into Action .....		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized .....		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies .....	\$249.00	\$409.50
Last Resort .....		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book .....		\$479.65
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....	\$40.00	\$80.00
Maricopa Group .....	\$25.00	\$165.00
Mid-Morning Group .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Monday Night Madness .....		\$0.00
Morning After Group .....	\$180.00	\$380.00
Name In The Hat .....		\$737.00
New Beginnings .....	\$210.00	\$310.00
New Hope Group .....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$150.00
No Name AA Group .....	\$25.00	\$75.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$100.00
Page A Day .....	\$484.10	\$919.34

GROUP	May	YTD
Pioneer Group .....		\$129.20
Price Is Right .....		\$176.68
Primary Purpose Group .....	\$46.46	\$223.14
Prime Time .....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$1,116.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....	\$655.67	\$1,099.59
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$20.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit .....		\$150.00
Rising Spirit .....		\$504.45
Road To Recovery .....	\$435.34	\$3,874.74
Rock Solid .....		\$0.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$47.50
Second Chance Group .....	\$294.00	\$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 .....		\$100.00
Sobriety Rocks .....	\$172.92	\$172.92
Society Group .....		\$1,000.00
Solutions Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....	\$100.00	\$200.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$500.00
Spirited Women .....	\$142.50	\$356.07
Step By Step Group .....	\$127.97	\$321.87
Stepping Stones .....		\$669.50
Sunday Afternoon Step .....		\$300.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker .....		\$196.50
Sunland Serenity Seekers .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$25.00	\$125.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....		\$0.00
Tempe Young People .....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$147.00
The Real Thing .....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group .....	\$50.00	\$525.00
Thursday Night Step Group .....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$120.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....		\$250.00
Upon Awakening .....	\$700.00	\$1,400.00
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 .....		\$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
Women in Solution .....		\$0.00
Women in Touch .....		\$120.00
Wonder Women .....	\$60.00	\$130.00
*Anonymous Groups .....		\$269.92

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout .....		\$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

<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$5,281.94</b>	<b>\$35,406.87</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$83.00</b>	<b>\$462.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$398.00</b>	<b>\$888.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$5,762.94</b>	<b>\$36,756.87</b>

(\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET May 31, 2019

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	6,922.83
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	29,856.94
Accounts Receivable	568.05
Inventory Asset	23,924.06
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$66,350.46**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	702.80
Payroll taxes	189.76

**Total Liabilities** **\$892.56**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	6,731.99
Net Income	14,946.97

**Total Equity** **\$65,457.90**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$66,350.46**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May 2019

31 Group contributions totaling	\$5,281.94
4 Individual contributions totaling	\$398.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$83.00

**Total Contributions** **\$5,762.94**

**Total Income** **\$12,351.62**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$5,218.85**

**Gross Profit** **\$7,132.77**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$5855.10**

**Net May Gain** **\$1,277.67**

**YTD 2019 Gain** **\$14,946.97**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$29,856.94  
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 Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

1. **Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?**
2. **Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?**
3. **If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?**
4. **Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?**
5. **Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?**
6. **How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?**

**East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes****May 17, 2019**

EVI Business Meeting

June 21, 2019

7:03, Traditions read by Steve W.

New Rep introductions

Introductions

Chair opening (Tom)

Have a lot to cover tonight so please be concise in your reports

Have a couple votes for later so please make sure you have a voting card

Secretary Report (Ken)

New reps sign up lgibly in the back

Gary Motioned approved, Steve seconded

Ron pointed out Steering Committee notes line 5 needs to have "Only a few dollars above goal" stricken

Gary and Steve repeated motions and seconds, voted approved.

Treasury Report (Ron)

Report is in the packet

Highlighted key points

Denis motioned approval, Tom seconded.

\$79.00 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Chair report (Tom)

In the interest of preserving time, nothing to report.

Vice Chair report (Chuck)

Report in the packet

District 8 voted to have PICPC liaison and they are seeking a volunteer

Also looking for a Corrections Co-ordinator

Dee P. will be presenting the results of GSO trip at the Assembly in Casa Grande

Office Manager (Kim)

Report is in the packet

Liability insurance is transferred to Philadelphia Insurance,

Locations will have certificates sent directly to them.

PICPC Report (Mark)

Report is in the packet

Working through the high schools

Could always use help.

Special Events (Jay)

Page a day is hosting this month's speaker meeting

Bowlathon tickets are available

It is \$20.00 per individual for 2 hours of bowling and shoes

Question about scholarships, none are planned.

Phones (Vickie?)

All is well

Held a pot luck training in Gilbert

Unity (Bill)

So far so good, still could use help

Sponsorship Workshop (Gail) Not Present

Next workshop is July 6<sup>th</sup> sponsored by: Upon Awakening

No Booze News (Rick), Not present

Literature (Erick) Not Present

Alanon (Rosemary)

Have fliers for the next Family Recovery Night

Special Guest Mary with Alateen

Working to expand Alateen, if you have a child 7-17 that could benefit, please contact the office

If you would like to host a group also contact the office

The kids have a great time together and do lots of activities

H&I (Mike)

They are working on the bylaws with no expected completion date

They held the awareness day which was a success

MCSO has asked to hold off announcing badging dates, they became overwhelmed

Spanish Liaison (Marge)

New group coming to Gilbert soon

Sub District 818: Not Present

Sub District 819: Not Present

Sub District 820 (Carol)

July 13 is the monthly potluck at Epiphany of Christ in AJ

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month is the sub district meeting also at Epiphany of Christ this month at 5:30

OLD BUSINESS

New Location effective August 1<sup>st</sup> (or sooner if possible)

We have a new location for the monthly speaker meeting and the monthly business meeting

It is the Church of the Epiphany at 2222 S. Price Rd.

Motion on by law changes on limiting funds

What happens to overage in the prudent reserve?

May do PSA's during the Holidays

Also considering relocating the office

Read both old and new verbiage

Vote was 36 for 0 against, 0 abstentions

Vote on Office Manager pay increase.

Question on health insurance premium increases? There is no plan in place other than the HAS

What if a group wanted a larger increase, Discussion of the procedures and points of clarity?

Went to vote 36 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Group problems and solutions

None

Motion to close

Adios

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## *To Lift his Spirits*

**After an AA mom's son lands in jail for drunken driving, she learns to stay sober and let go**

From the July 2014 Grapevine

After many years of living as a dry drunk, I found my way back into the rooms of AA. I had been working the program vigilantly for almost a year and a half when my sobriety was tested in ways I never imagined. My brother was diagnosed with cancer, and two days later our father, who had been ill for many years, committed suicide. The final blow came eight weeks later when my only child was sentenced to two years in prison for another DUI. In my grief and pain I couldn't imagine any punishment worse than a prison sentence for Daniel (I've changed his name to protect his anonymity). I was devastated and didn't know how he or I would be able to endure that fate. How could I help Daniel or lift his spirits for the next two years, when I felt so despondent myself?

After Daniel had been in prison for two months, he sent me a letter telling me that I had been approved for visitation; he added that he hoped I would come to see him soon. I was nervous. As Daniel's drinking had escalated, we'd had very little contact over the past few years. Before I went to visit my son I prayed and also asked my home group to pray for my Higher Power to give me wisdom. I also asked God to go in with me to the prison and direct my thoughts and words. I was really scared.

What happened on that first visit cemented my faith in a Higher Power that has stayed with me to this day. I call it a miracle. Daniel told me how, when he was in a holding area, he picked up a Big Book. As he began to read the chapter "The Doctor's Opinion," he saw himself described on the pages. When he got to the prison where he was to serve his sentence, he found that his counselor was a man who had more than 20 years in AA recovery. Furthermore, he was the only counselor there who was in recovery. This counselor took Daniel through the first six Steps and encouraged him to attend the AA meetings offered in the prison. I immediately sent Daniel a Big Book, the "Twelve and Twelve," and almost all of the AA-approved books, plus some CDs of AA speakers. I also got him a subscription to Grapevine, which I learned means so much to the prisoners here. They look forward to it each month and devour it immediately. Their only complaint is that it isn't longer.

I go to visit Daniel every two or three weeks and look forward to the time we spend together talking about the rewards of a sober life. Daniel admitted to me once, "Strange as it may sound, this is probably the best thing that could've happened to me." He has also said that he looks forward to getting released from jail, finding a sponsor, working the rest of the Steps and attending AA meetings on the outside.

Daniel has three months of his sentence left to serve. Well-intentioned people often ask me, "What's Daniel going to do when he gets out? With his prison record, will he be able to find work? Do you think he'll stay sober?" My answer is, "I don't know." But what I do know is that God is still in charge and has provided what we needed all along. My trust in a Higher Power has grown, and the Promises are coming true for my son and me. I've no doubt that God will continue to watch over us. All I can do is pray for his will to be done in Daniel's life, and then let go and let God.

-- V.J. Chandler, Arizona

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