

# August

## 2019

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# NO BOOZE NEWS

## Single and happy

**She turned 40 and her date stood her up. That's just fine with her.**

I had a date scheduled for this past Friday night. It was a first date; we had met through an internet dating website. When I say we "met," I mean that we had exchanged a few emails, talked on the phone a couple of times and agreed to meet face-to-face to see if there was a connection. Turns out he canceled at the last minute via text message, saying he wasn't feeling well. Whether or not that's true, or another version of the story I made up in my head is the case, I'm OK. And I'm really excited about being OK today.

This week I will have 12 years and nine months without a drink. I love how I count months—as if I were a kid who wants so much to be a grownup. Actually, I just turned 40. I have had my share of experiences with dating in sobriety—some would say more than my share if they knew the details. The fact that I'm OK with a canceled date tells me I'm healing, I'm growing, and I'm learning to love myself for who I am today. And that, my friends, is a gift of sobriety.

In my active alcoholism I was promiscuous, and most of my interactions with men had been all about getting attention and feeling good. By the grace of my Higher Power, I somehow managed to avoid getting a disease, pregnant or physically hurt. At the same time I also avoided any long-term relationships, except for one that ended because he didn't drink enough.

When I got to AA I was full of self-loathing for who I had become. I was angry that I ended up in the rooms, and dating was not even on the radar for me. In meetings I heard the suggestion of "no relationships for a year," and that was a relief since I really didn't want to have anything to do with men at that time.

Don't get me wrong. I discovered men in AA who were kind, happy, and practiced integrity and honesty—quite different from anything I had experienced in the recent past.

## Quote of the Month

Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path. . .and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own.

Without some tolerance we might tend to become a bit smug or superior. . . No one of us wishes to do anything which might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another--and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance. . .often promotes an open-mindedness which is. . .a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

-- Dr. Bob

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My admiration of these qualities has fed a long series of crushes. To this day there may be occasional flirting, maybe even a cup of coffee to explore if a date should follow, but AA has remained a safe place for me. I have learned how to have boundaries with people in general.

But around two years sober I started participating in online dating, since my secret wish of a boyfriend at 366 days did not come true. I had good intentions for a while, but at some point my motives changed and it evolved into another addiction. I liked the attention and the excitement, and I found a way to feel good. I told myself and concerned friends that it was OK since I wasn't drinking, and these men were not in AA.

Eventually my self-loathing returned with a vengeance, and I was making dates a higher priority than going to meetings. I can tell you now that having a service position at my home group saved my life and gave me a reason to keep showing up. I was on my way out; I reached a bottom in sobriety that led me to my knees. I got rigorously honest with my sponsor and myself. Coincidentally, a slew of sponsees showed up in my life to keep me out of my head and out of trouble.

The promise that, "No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others" has come true, and I have been able to share my experience when it's been called for.

A few years ago I thought I had fallen in love. He was not a member of AA, but on paper we looked good together. I was convinced he was "the one" and was determined to marry him; but it turns out that my will was not aligned with God's at all. I'm so grateful that God did for me what I couldn't do for myself, and I didn't get married. Nevertheless, I was hurt in a way that removed my ability to trust for a while.

I knew that this too would pass, as everything does, and after some forgiveness and time, I was back online looking for the love of my life. Today I'm clearer than ever about who I am and what I want in a partner. I have developed nurturing friendships with men who respect me (yet another gift of sobriety). A few years ago I had the privilege of being the maid of honor for a friend I got sober with, and she has since started a family. I've watched many friends in AA find and lose love.

Meanwhile, I've come to the conclusion that I'd rather be single and happy than with someone who's not right for me. Today I understand that if someone doesn't want to date me it's not because I'm not good enough; it's because we don't fit.

Once in a while that line in the "Twelve and Twelve" that talks about alcoholics and "our total inability to form a true partnership with another human being" still stings a little. But the truth is, being single has allowed me to have countless fun adventures and provided opportunities to be of service to AA that I would have missed if things were different. I'm not anywhere close to being done growing and learning, and I have hope that someday my Higher Power will think I'm ready to form a partnership. On my way there, I intend to continue trudging the road of happy destiny and insisting on enjoying life.

-- Angela M. Scottsdale, Arizona Reprinted with permission from the August 2013 Grapevine.

Our friend Dorset was not able to submit a review for the month of August. If you would like to submit a review for your favorite meeting in the East valley, please submit around 150 words and the meeting name/address to [info@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)—thank you!

**Meeting of the Month**

## **Words From the Big Book**

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*.

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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**

**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

**JEROME ROUNDUP**

NOVEMBER 1 ~ 3

260 HULL AVE

JEROME AZ



**APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT**

NOVEMBER 8 ~ 10

APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RESORT

**Drunks Like Us**

Presented by Sub- Districts 08-818 & 820

Saturday, August 24th

7pm Social Hour, 8pm Speaker

393 W Warner Rd. Chandler

(Get It Together Group)

**Sponsorship Workshop**

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

**Queen Creek Meeting House**

19729 E San Tan Blvd, Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Call Rick T with questions

**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)

**Meal And A Message**

**Saturday, October 5th**

Doors Open at 5:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ

(Love of Christ Church)

**2019 Arizona Area State Convention**

September 13 ~ 15

Riverside Resort

Laughlin NV

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



## Name Date Days

Charles R. ....	8/21/1969 .....	18262
Dave W. ....	8/1/1981 .....	13879
Craig B. ....	8/8/1982 .....	13514
Jon B. ....	8/18/1982 .....	13514
Kelly G. ....	8/23/1985 .....	12418
Kathy M. ....	8/3/1986 .....	12053
Kathy K. ....	8/3/1986 .....	12053
Brad R. ....	8/10/1986 .....	12053
Beth L. ....	8/11/1986 .....	12053
Bernard B. ....	8/1/1987 .....	11688
Dale W. ....	8/23/1987 .....	11688
Maggie L. ....	8/12/1988 .....	11322
John S. ....	8/15/1988 .....	11322
Pam S. ....	8/17/1988 .....	11322
Dee P. ....	8/21/1988 .....	11322
Sally M. ....	8/13/1989 .....	10957
Gwen N. ....	8/20/1989 .....	10957
Denise P. ....	8/24/1989 .....	10957
Jason J. ....	8/8/1990 .....	10592
Karin H. ....	8/22/1992 .....	9861
Rodney S. ....	8/18/1993 .....	9496
Madeline L. ....	8/17/1994 .....	9131
Dana N. ....	8/1/1995 .....	8766
Carol M. ....	8/15/1995 .....	8766
Gary M. ....	8/17/1995 .....	8766
Fred P. ....	8/23/1995 .....	8766
Grant A. ....	8/11/1996 .....	8400
Cheryl G. ....	8/18/1996 .....	8400
Matt R. ....	8/15/1997 .....	8035
Lani D. ....	8/16/1997 .....	8035
Sherri P. ....	8/29/1997 .....	8035
Steve L. ....	8/30/2000 .....	6939
Heidi C. ....	8/21/2001 .....	6574
Shelley R. ....	8/27/2004 .....	5478
Janet T. ....	8/10/2005 .....	5113
Mickey E. ....	8/10/2005 .....	5113
Rosemary R. ....	8/21/2005 .....	5113
Victor S. ....	8/26/2005 .....	5113
Jimmy R. ....	8/14/2006 .....	4748
Merrill P. ....	8/23/2006 .....	4748
J.T. K. ....	8/28/2006 .....	4748
Stephen W. ....	8/28/2006 .....	4748
Rodney W. ....	8/3/2007 .....	4383
Celeste M. ....	8/23/2007 .....	4383
Delona B. ....	8/16/2008 .....	4017
Julie S. ....	8/24/2009 .....	3652
Patrick G. ....	8/9/2010 .....	3287
Ashley O. ....	8/13/2010 .....	3287
Alana R. ....	8/28/2012 .....	2556
Bev W. ....	8/19/2013 .....	2191
Denise H. ....	8/23/2013 .....	2191
Wyat S. ....	8/6/2014 .....	1826
Andrew C. ....	8/25/2014 .....	1826
Ron C. ....	8/26/2014 .....	1826
Nancy S. ....	8/4/2016 .....	1095
Dani H. ....	85/18/2016 .....	1095
Jose A. ....	8/25/2016 .....	1095

**Step Eight** ~ Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

**Tradition Eight** ~ Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

**Concept Eight** ~ The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

### At Wits End

Can't sleep here

Concrete became much harder since I got sober.

-Tom B. Pine, Ariz.

### The hitchhiker

A slick city man, who was driving past a small town, picked up a drunken hitchhiker. As they were driving along, the drunk noticed a brown paper bag on the dashboard and inquired as to its contents. The city man replied, "It's a bottle of wine. I got it for my wife." The drunk, looking pensively down the road, nodded his head solemnly and said, "Good trade."

—Brad U

### Heard at a Meeting

"When I was drinking I drank to celebrate things that hadn't happened yet."

- Kay K.



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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

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

Or

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

For more information

Call Beth H

**480 827-1905****EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

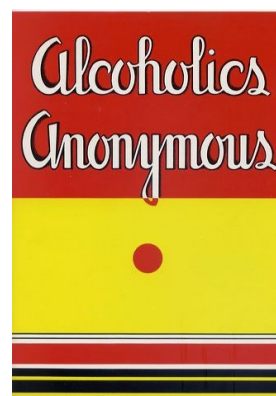
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

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

Contact 480 827-1905

**EVI Special Events Committee**

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

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

contact: 480 827-1905

***EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting****1st Friday of Every Month***Meeting Now At 7:30pm****2222 S Price Rd. Tempe****(Church of the Epiphany)****Aug. 2nd ~ TBD**

Sep. 6th ~ Sunset Group

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

July 19, 2019

June activity at the office was on par for this time of year. We received 478 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 133 calls were for meeting info and 137 were office visitors. Our website stayed busy too. It had 57,710 visits in the last 30 days. And Google reports 9,802 views on our profile, 261 visited our website, 45 gave us a call and 35 asked for directions. Taxes have been filed. We reported \$122,808 in total receipts for 2018. Our next door accountant has taken a position with another firm and has sold his business to an accounting firm in Scottsdale.

Our liability insurance policy has been issued. We are now with Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co. Our agent has sent the new certificates of liability to the leaseholders of the additionally insured location on the Intergroup policy. If your group participates in the Intergroup policy and your landlord has not received their copy please contact me with a mailing address where our agent should send them and it will be mailed to them. Many of the Groups in the East Valley participate in this coverage and we greatly appreciate those who contribute to help offset this annual expense.

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

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,  
Love and Service  
Kim W. Central Office Manager  
East Valley Intergroup

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	June	2019
Meeting Information Calls.....	133	789
General Information .....	88	543
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	3	27
Referred to Al-Anon.....	13	63
Referred to Community Info.....	2	4
12th Step Calls .....	9	60
Business Calls .....	93	575
Office Visitors .....	137	864
Meeting lists printed.....	800	5,000
Info request via E-mail .....	42	269
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 6/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		180hrs
<b>Web Stats</b>		
Website Visits last 30 days	57,710 YTD	258,360
Google Searches last 30 days	9,802	

## Meeting List Updates...

### New Meetings:

Sometimes Quickly..	2140 E Broadway Rd. Tempe	TU	5:30p	O
Natural High	761 S Horne St. Mesa	TU	7:00p	O,D

### Changes:

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
Into Action <b>Moved to:</b>	2700 E Southern Ave. Mesa	MO	6:00p	O
Women in Gratitude	6101 E Virginia St. Mesa	<b>New Day</b> FR	6:00p	O

### Deletions:

Jaywalkers	2325 W Guadalupe Rd. # 107 Gilbert	SU	5:00p	O,T
Courage to Change	805 N Country Club Dr. Mesa	TU	7:00p	M,C

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New York, NY 10163

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Area 03 Treasurer  
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Tucson, AZ 85371  
\*Make Check To: AZ Area Committee\*

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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	June	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 .....	\$81.15	\$735.81
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$61.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....	\$300.00	\$1,800.00
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
Breakfast Club .....		\$0.00
Busted Ego .....		\$120.00
By The Book .....		\$0.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....		\$256.00
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$107.72	\$734.72
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....		\$695.16
Cold Coffee Group .....		\$195.00
Common Solution .....		\$0.00
Common Thread .....		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group .....		\$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	\$533.22
Eye Opener Group .....	\$100.00	\$250.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions .....	\$243.15	\$243.15
Fill in the Blank .....		\$443.75
Firehouse Meeting .....	\$55.00	\$110.00
Florence Group .....		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W. ....		\$100.00
Get It Together .....		\$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
Grateful Dames .....		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....		\$0.00
Gratitude Group .....	\$215.00	\$427.00
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 .....		\$409.50
Last Resort .....		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book .....	\$130.00	\$610.65
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$80.00
Maricopa Group .....	\$50.00	\$215.00
Mid-Morning Group .....		\$100.00
Monday Night Madness .....		\$0.00
Morning After Group .....		\$380.00
Name In The Hat .....		\$737.00
New Beginnings .....		\$310.00
New Hope Group .....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$150.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$75.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$100.00
Page A Day .....		\$919.34

GROUP	June	YTD
Pioneer Group .....	\$58.00	\$187.20
Price Is Right .....		\$176.68
Primary Purpose Group .....		\$223.14
Prime Time .....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion .....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$1,116.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....		\$1,099.59
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$20.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit .....		\$150.00
Rising Spirit .....		\$504.45
Road To Recovery .....	\$50.00	\$3,924.74
Rock Solid .....		\$0.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$47.50
Second Chance Group .....		\$611.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe disbanded .....		\$160.00
Serenity At Six .....		\$0.00
Shade Tree .....		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions .....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold .....	\$100.00	\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks .....		\$172.92
Society Group .....		\$1,000.00
Solutions Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....	\$100.00	\$300.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$500.00
Spirited Women .....		\$356.07
Step By Step Group .....		\$321.87
Stepping Stones .....		\$669.50
Sunday Afternoon Step .....		\$300.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker .....	\$125.00	\$321.50
Sunland Serenity Seekers .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$25.00	\$150.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....		\$0.00
Tempe Young People .....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$147.00
The Real Thing .....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group .....	\$150.00	\$675.00
Thursday Night Step Group .....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$120.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....	\$40.00	\$290.00
Upon Awakening .....		\$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 .....	\$70.00	\$70.00
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 .....		\$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>\$2,089.29</b>	<b>\$37,496.16</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$164.75</b>	<b>\$626.75</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$888.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$2,254.04</b>	<b>\$39,010.91</b>

(\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2019

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	2,572.00
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	29,873.65
Accounts Receivable	563.70
Inventory Asset	25,930.89
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$64,019.23**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	2,905.76
Payroll taxes	0.00

**Total Liabilities** **\$2,905.76**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	6,731.99
Net Income	10,602.54

**Total Equity** **\$61,113.47**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$64,019.23**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT June 2019

21 Group contributions totaling	\$2,089.29
0 Individual contributions totaling	\$0.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$164.75

**Total Contributions** **\$2,254.04**

**Total Income** **\$5,802.91**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$2,834.77**

**Gross Profit** **\$2,968.14**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$7,312.57**

**Net June Loss** **(\$4,344.48)**

**YTD 2019 Gain** **\$10,602.54**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$29,873.65  
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**  
fullflight@cox.net

## Traditions Checklist

***Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but  
our service centers may employ special workers.***

- 1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?***
- 2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?***
- 3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?***
- 4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?***
- 5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?***
- 6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?***
- 7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?***

## East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2019

**Meeting Opened at 7:03 PM by Tom. Welcomed everyone to new facility. We will normally meet in the Parish Hall, but the air-conditioning went out this week; therefore, we are meeting in the sanctuary.**

**12 Traditions ready by – Nancy**

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

**Intergroup Representatives:**

**New Reps:** Chrissy ABC Group, Alicia Upon Awakening, Rodney S. Page-a-Day (Alt), Angela S. LiBB, Sherry Sobriety is Gold, Dallas Spirited Women

*Dave M. 417, Heidi G. Ahwatukee Group, Mike G. Ahwatukee Saturday Men's, Nancy O. Ahwatukee Women's, Thom S. Arbor Group, Elizabeth C. Bloopers, Eddie M. Bootstraps Men's, Gary L. Chandler Noon, Phil F. Easy Does It, Ron M. Gratitude Group, Ed F. Great Start, Rose M. Happy Hour SunBird, Deana E. LiBB, Gary L. Maricopa Group, M. Monday Night Madness, Vicki R. New Spirit Group, Matt J. Primary Purpose, Brenda P. Queen Creek Nooners, Jon S. Reawakening Group, Matt R. Second Chances, BethAnn T. Sisterhood of Solutions, Mindy S. The Society, Dallas F. Spirited Women, Dave T. SNBBSS, David K. Sunday Serenity Seekers, Ken C. Sunset Group (2<sup>nd</sup> Alt), Pat C. The Way Out, Alicia W. Upon Awakening, Jim M. WADY, Dean J. Welcome Home, Ramona P. Women in Touch*

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Tom N	Office Manager	Kim S.	H&I Liaison	Mike G.
V.Chair	N/P	Chair- Special E.	J.J	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Treasurer	Ron S	Chair- PI/CPC	Tom Alt	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary
Secretary	N/P	Chair- Phones		DCM 08-818	Tersa Alt
Advisor- Special E.	N/P	Chair- Unity	Bill B	DCM 08-819	Jason
Advisor- PI/CPC	N/P	Chair- Sponsorship	N/P	DCM 08-820	Carol
Advisor- Phones	N/P	No Booze News	N/P		
Advisor- Unity	Barb M.	Literature	N/P		

**Secretary's Report:** Andrea M, Report in packet, Thank you to Ken, Kim, and Chuck for filling in while I was out. Please direct question to Ken. Welcome all new reps! Please check sign in sheet to assure contact information is correct. motion- Gary L, Second- Mike, approved- all

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron S., Report in Packet, June \$2,254.04 in group contributions, down from June, Net Income \$(4,344.43). Prudent Reserve is 5K over goal after transfer at end of May, Thanked groups for helping keeping office going and phone line available, We are discussing new location for office, selling more books than ever, maybe we'll talk about this in new business, have been at current location for 18 years, seems like it time since we are running out of space, possible location close to freeway.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$80.00**

**Chairperson's Report:** Tom, We are happy to be in our new location. We plan to be here indefinitely at this point. This is where the monthly speaker meeting will be held on the first Friday of each month.

**Vice Chair's Report:** N/P, report in packet.

**Office Manager:** Kim, Report in Packet, We received 478 requests for information. Website reported 57,710 visitors. Taxes have been filed, Liability Insurance policy has been issued by Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co., If your group participates in the Intergroup policy and your landlord has not received their copy, then please contact the office with the mailing address where the agent needs to send document. Service Day at office is Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Flyer in back for ICOAA Seminar at Marriott Mesa. There will be a speaker meeting open to all on Thursday night. Jeff W. Form NY is speaker. Ken C. is committee chair for service commitments. This event will host 125 -150 ppl.

Ken C.- service opportunities for the Hospitality Room. Will pass around sign up sheet. Will need groups to provide heavy snacks and dinner. There is space on Committee as well!

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PI/CPC:** Tom C (Alt), report in packet. First Monday meeting at Gilbert Presbyterian- Come check out what we do!

**Special Events:** J, Bowlathon is coming up on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you need tickets come find me after the meeting. Life in the Big Book will be hosting August Monthly Speaker Meeting on August 2. Day of Service is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this on your radar. Tom- Do we know location for Day of Service. J- to be determined.

**Phone Committee:** Vicki, Phone training at Life in the Big book on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. There will also be phone training before the monthly speaker meeting here at Epiphany Church, 2222. S Price, Tempe, AZ.

Thank you,

**Unity Committee:** Bill- committee working hard, come join us!

**Sponsorship Workshop:** N/P, Tom- Flyer in back, next workshop on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, will be hosted by Gilbert Group.

**Newsletter Editor:** N/P, Tom- if you're information is updated on the sign-in sheet, then you will receive one of these in the mail and to your inbox. We would love for you to share your stories or group histories.

**Literature:** N/P, **Tom-** we have many pieces of literature for purchase at cost. Come down to the office and get some literature for your group, come to the day of service. Dave- Does As Bill Sees It still have binding issue? Kim- They work with different printer, so problem is solved.

### **LIASION REPORTS**

**Alanon Liaison:** Rosemary, Big event currently going on this weekend in Oro Valley! Info on Alanon website. Family Recovery night is July 27<sup>th</sup>. Flyers in the back. Ron- What is location for Family Recovery Night? St. Peter on Dana St. in Mesa

**H&I Liaison:** Mike, Maricopa County Sherriff's Office does not want badging dates published. If you have questions, contact [mcsso\\_liaison@vwwhi.org](mailto:mcsso_liaison@vwwhi.org), Sherry- where do donations go? Tom- if you're talking about the Pink can donation, then most money goes to purchase literature.

**Spanish Liaison:** Marge, will attend meeting next Friday.

**Sub District 08-818:** Tirsa (Alt), Drunks Like Us quarterly meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup> at GIT! Flyers in the back!!

**Sub District 08-819:** Jason S., Grab a Save the Date for the Eat, Meet, and Greet Event coming up on Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, food at 530 PM, Delegate report at 630PM.

**Sub District 08-820:** Carol B, Last week our sub-districted hosted quarterly potluck, thanked Dan for hosting, Next one is coming up in October held at Epiphany Christ Church in Apache Junction. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> we are hosting a service workshop with speakers from area. Hoping to generate service opportunities for General Service

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mindy- October 5<sup>th</sup> is next Meal and a Message, tickets are being printed now, tickets are \$15.00 each, only 400 seats, tickets go fast so see me for interest in tickets

Ron- Apache Lake Campout flyers on back table

Andrea- Now that you know how to find this place, please come visit Sunset Group on Tuesday or Thursday at 6PM here at this location.

Tom- less than a year the next International Convention in Detroit. 85<sup>th</sup> B-day of AA next year! On front page of Box 459.

**Group Problems & Solutions:** none

**Close Meeting: Motion to close - ALL!!**

## What's an AA Group?

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The group conscience of AA in the U.S. and Canada seems to have agreed upon six points that define an AA group:

- 1) All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.
- 2) As a group, they are fully self-supporting.
- 3) A group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.
- 4) As a group, they have no outside affiliation.
- 5) As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.
- 6) As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the

# Growing Pains

## Are we ready for this new surge of acceptance?

*From the August 1972 magazine.*

THE FELLOWSHIP of Alcoholics Anonymous is now undergoing one of the greatest growing-pains tests in its history. We are experiencing problems with our friends, both professional and nonprofessional, in the field of alcoholism. "Cooperation without affiliation" has not proved to be a simple task to perform.

It may be well to reflect on our program since its birth in 1935, and the evolution that has taken place. In reality, we are a very young movement. The years that have gone by since the beginning do not mean full maturity. For example, the Twelve Concepts were not accepted until 1962.

In years past, problems were numerous with outside agencies and professionals. Hospitals, jails, courts, institutions, doctors, etc. were not too receptive to the program of AA. Frustrating and futile attempts were made to have our program included in the therapy for the suffering alcoholic. Many old-timers will remember the discouragement associated with the attempts to convince these people of our value and our willingness to help our fellow alcoholics. The breakthrough was a painfully slow process, but we did not give up.

Now we are experiencing an overwhelming surge of acceptance from all those who once turned deaf ears when we approached. This trend can only grow even faster, with our newfound friends as our allies in combating alcoholism.

Unfortunately, we hear among our own members a new voice that says to these friends, "*Don't* use our program. The program is *ours*. *We* are the only ones who can carry the message."

It seems ironic. First, we labor to convince all the world that we have a way out, and we recommend the therapy for the alcoholic patient. Then, after we have succeeded, and it is generally recognized that our Twelve Steps are effective, the voice says to the AA working in the field, "No! You are *using* AA."

I hope we can make up our minds what we really want. Our Eighth Tradition tells us that we should not professionalize AA--but I don't believe that a person telling someone about the Twelve Steps of AA, *and not his or her own story*, is "using" AA. There is a difference.

Most professional programs talk about and recommend the program of Alcoholics Anonymous as a sustaining force for contented sobriety. Usually, new patients are in the therapist's care for approximately two to four weeks, which is only a start. Where do they go after that? As far as I can determine, eventually many of them enter our Fellowship as members.

Let's ask ourselves: "Are we following up as sponsors? Are we fulfilling our responsibility? Is the hand of AA there when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help?"

Let's take our own inventory, and let's not hide our light under a bushel.

-- G. G.  
Phoenix, Arizona

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