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NO BOOZE NEWS

Thank God, The Nightmare is Over My Life Has Meaning at Last

It was 9 AM and I was just waking up with a terrible hangover and, for some reason, my brain was telling me that I was going to die prematurely if I didn't do something about my drinking, BUT WHAT was I supposed to do, that was the question.

I was leading a *meaningless life/existence* and the only thing that meant anything to me was the ability to promote enough money to support my drinking habit. I was running out of options, and of friends that wanted to help me. I was desperately rummaging around my apartment to find something to drink, and for the first time, that I could remember, I couldn't find a drop of alcohol in the place. An hour later I was sitting in the grass on the front lawn of a small yellow house where they held A.A. meetings.

Three sober members of A.A. greeted me with compassion and understanding and two minutes later, I laid back in the grass, covered my eyes with my forearm, and said to myself, "*Thank God, the nightmare is over;*" and it was. That was on Oct. 15, 1969 and I haven't had, nor wanted, a drink since that very moment.

What happened to me that day? I have been an avid member of the program from that day until now, I have always strived to understand what took place at that exact moment, and as best I can describe it, I had *a profound change of perception*. Some will call it spiritual awakening but that's where, I believe, we have our most difficult challenge when we try to clarify the word spiritual. I find two definitions that show the different ways we are conditioned to understand spirituality.

- *Of, or relating to, or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things.*
- *Of, or relating to religion or religious belief.*

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

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Neither definition refers to anything of a material nature. I've resided in my current community for the last 40 years and I attend 8 or 9 meetings weekly and have seen the comings and goings of thousands of A.A. members, and I seem to recognize a difference in the sharing of two groups of people. One will share about material problems or their drinking escapades, and the other will share about things of the inner self, the immaterial or the unseen things such as *guilt, fear, shame, pride, trust, and conscience*.

We all have these things, to one degree or another and the sooner we recognize the value of being *right in spirit*, the more we distance ourselves from the useless, meaningless thinking of the past. My heart goes out to those who haven't experienced that spiritual awakening and if they haven't, they may not even know that they haven't. I wish there was a simple way to induce a spiritual awakening in someone but, without the desperation, I may never have experienced it myself.

I believe that the futile effort to find alcohol in my apartment that morning, and being unsuccessful, was my bottom and immediately searching out A.A. was like a slingshot for me and I was launched into the program, desperately searching for answers. Until my *desperation outweighed my denial*, my alcoholic thinking had been the only thing I could rely on, for my decision making. Now all my decisions are based on spiritual (unselfish) principles and most of those material problems are but distant memories. It didn't happen overnight, but it did happen.

We all come to A.A. with material problems and we must give them due diligence until those issues are resolved. We learn from our past mistakes and find better ways of doing things. If we dedicate ourselves to *understanding the spirit of the things we learn in the program, and not settle for the letter of the law*, so to speak, we can outdistance the failed ideas of yesterday.

We will find peace; happiness and *life will have meaning at last. A profound change of perception (spiritual awakening)* will make it so.

— Rick R. Poway, CA.

Meeting of the Month—September 2019

The “Attitude Adjustment” Group

If an Attitude Adjustment is what you need, this is where you will find it. Never before have I seen a group of individuals so intent on laughing and living the program at a 6:30AM meeting.

It is just a fun meeting, full of good people and good sobriety. A newcomer has no choice but to feel welcome, and can easily find a real sponsor.

The format of the meeting is that a discussion leader reads the thought, meditation and prayer from the 24 Hours a Day book, then speaks on the topic. The discussion leader then passes to someone they don't know and it continues until the conclusion of the meeting.

This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

**The “Attitude Adjustment”
Group meets every Friday
at 6:30AM at the Mt. View
Lutheran Church
11002 S. 48th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85044**

— Reviewed by Dorset

Words From the Big Book

The alcoholic is like a tornado roaring his way through the lives of others. Hearts are broken. Sweet relationships are dead. Affections have been uprooted. Selfish and inconsiderate habits have kept the home in turmoil. We feel a man is unthinking when he says that sobriety is enough. He is like the farmer who came up out of his cyclone cellar to find his home ruined. To his wife, he remarked, "Don't see anything the matter here, Ma. Ain't it grand the wind stopped blowin'?"

Yes, there is a long period of reconstruction ahead. We must take the lead. A remorseful mumbling that we are sorry won't fill the bill at all. We ought to sit down with the family and frankly analyze the past as we now see it, being very careful not to criticize them. Their defects may be glaring, but the chances are that our own actions are partly responsible. So we clean house with the family, asking each morning in meditation that our Creator show us the way of patience, tolerance, kindness and love. - Page 82, 83

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

HUALAPAI MT. ROUNDUP

SEPTEMBER 20 ~ 22

KINGMAN AZ



ROCKY POINT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 18 ~ 20, 2019

SONORAN SEA RESORT

ROCKY POINT MX

LAKE PLEASANT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 26 ~ 28, 2019

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK

PEORIA AZ.

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

**2020 Alcoholics Anonymous
International Convention**

July 2nd - 5th

Detroit MI

Online registration opens September 9th 2019

Once you have registered for the Convention, you
will be able to sign up for housing.

More information is available at

aa.org

ICOAA 2019 Seminar

(Intergroups and Central Offices)

September 26th to 28th

Open Speaker Meeting Thursday 8pm

200 N Centennial Way, Mesa AZ

Delta Hotels by Marriott

Meal And A Message

Saturday, October 5th

Doors Open at 5:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ

(Love of Christ Church)

**08-819 and Page-A-Day
Eat, Greet and Speaker Meeting
Saturday 5:30pm 8:30pm
September 7th, 2019
805 N Country Club Dr.**

2019 Arizona Area State Convention

September 13 ~ 15

Riverside Resort

Laughlin NV

More info at area03.org



Name	Date	Days
Greg W.....	9/10/1979	14610
Anne V.....	9/8/1982	13514
Ramona P.....	9/30/1982	13514
Mickey A.....	9/14/1984	12783
Barbara M.....	9/27/1984	12783
Mary B.....	9/11/1985	12418
Beth H.....	9/29/1985	12418
Tisha N.....	9/12/1986	12053
David P.....	9/8/1987	11688
Denis S.....	9/21/1988	11322
Ron S.....	9/16/1989	10957
Guff W.....	9/30/1989	10957
Roy B.....	9/2/1991	10227
Tom A.....	9/10/1995	8766
Michael S.....	9/19/1995	8766
Lauren B.....	9/21/1997	8035
Terri B.....	9/12/1998	7670
Mike W.....	9/22/1999	7305
Bill B.....	9/24/2000	6939
Mike G.....	9/22/2003	5844
Alex B.....	9/13/2005	5113
Amanda B.....	9/13/2005	5113
Barbara C.....	9/23/2005	5113
Don D.....	9/18/2006	4748
Aaron C.....	9/24/2006	4748
Brett A.....	9/4/2007	4383
Carol L.....	9/5/2007	4383
James L.....	9/9/2010	3287
Michael M.....	9/20/2010	3287
Margaret B.....	9/26/2010	3287
Nick V.....	9/28/2010	3287
Virgil F.....	9/30/2010	3287
Mike H.....	9/8/2012	2551
Adrian B.....	9/26/2013	2191
Mark E.....	9/1/2014	1826
Linda O.....	9/18/2014	1826
Terry F.....	9/26/2014	1826
Dana P.....	9/2/2015	1461
Linda L.....	9/7/2015	1461
Mike M.....	9/24/2015	1461
Judy W.....	9/30/2015	1461
Madilaine B.....	9/14/2016	1095
Denise V.....	9/20/2016	1095
Christel A.....	9/25/2016	1095

Step Nine~ Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine~ A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept Nine~ Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

At Wits End

A man is sitting in the coach section of a flight, biting his fingernails and sweating profusely. Noticing his disturbed expression, a flight attendant says, "Sir, can I get you something from the bar to calm you down?"

The man nods yes while shaking terribly. Seconds later she comes back with a drink. He downs it quickly and seems to calm down.

Ten minutes later, the flight attendant sees him biting his nails again. She brings him another drink, which he gulps down. A half hour later she returns to see him shaking uncontrollably and almost in tears.

"My goodness," the flight attendant says, "I've never seen someone so afraid to fly."

"I'm not afraid of flying," says the man.

"Then what's the matter?"

"I'm trying to give up drinking."

-- DAVE C.

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I am a triangle inside an infinite circle of Love with three points of contact unity service and recovery

Lawrence C
AA Member
Mesa, Az



PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

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

For more information contact:

480 827-1905

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm
Before the monthly business meeting at

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

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

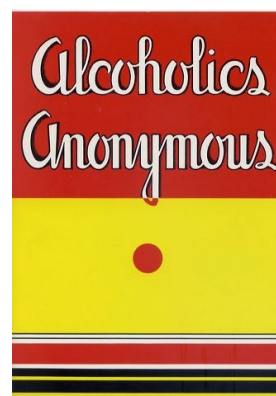
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 7th - Gilbert Group

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)

Sep. 6th ~ Sunset Group

Oct. 4th ~ Courage to Change

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Office Volunteers &
EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific
times and days.

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

Central Office Manager's Report

August 16, 2019

We received 512 requests for information and assistance in July. Of those 141 calls were for meeting info, 144 were office visitors and 11 resulted in a 12 step call. Our website stays busy too. It had 54,266 visits in the last 30 days.

2020 Detroit online registration will open September 9th. Registration is \$115 per person, \$140 after April 15, 2020. Go to aa.org for more details.

We were contacted by a coffee shop/cafe business offering meeting space in the Alma School and Southern area of Mesa. If anyone is interested, give me a call at the office for contact information.

Several Groups have moved in the last few months. The largest being the Valley Alano Club. They have moved to 2310 N 56th St. Phoenix. I have removed them from the East Valley directory as they have moved so far away from our area. Please use current directories when looking up meeting information.

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

.....	July	.....	2019
Meeting Information Calls.....	141	.....	930
General Information	102	.....	645
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	6	.....	33
Referred to Al-Anon.....	11	.....	74
Referred to Community Info.....	0	.....	4
12th Step Calls	11	.....	71
Business Calls	97	.....	672
Office Visitors	144	.....	1008
Meeting lists printed.....	800	.....	5,800
Info request via E-mail	56	.....	325
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 8/ 2		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		.....	220hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 54,266 YTD 312,626
Google Searches last 30 days 9,857

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

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

Changes:

Women in Gratitude **Moved to:** 2936 N Power Rd. Mesa TU 7:00p W,O

Valley Alano Club **Moved to** 2310 N 56th St. Bldg A Phoenix - All Meetings

Chandler Women's BB **Moved to:** 1900 S Arrowhead Dr. SA 9:30a W,O

How It Works **Moved to:** 15303 S Gilbert Rd. Gilbert SU 7:00p BB,C

Life in the BB **Moved Again to:** 1800 E Libra Dr. Tempe TH 5:30p C,BB

Deletions:

Putting God First 2540 W Baseline Rd. Mesa SA 7:00p O

How It Works 19609 S McQueen Rd. Chandler FR 7:00p C

Natural High 761 S Horne St. Mesa TU 7:00p O,D

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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	July	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$100.00	\$200.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day	\$125.00	\$125.00
A Vision For You Group	\$92.00	\$203.58
ABC Group		\$300.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$67.08
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$300.00	\$959.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$41.78	\$777.59
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$61.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$300.00	\$2,100.00
As Bill Sees It		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$40.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$70.00	\$2022.00
Basic II		\$50.00
Bloopers		\$110.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$905.00
Both Books		\$82.00
Breakfast Club	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Busted Ego	\$250.00	\$370.00
By The Book	\$337.14	\$337.14
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$256.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$18.00	\$752.72
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$695.16
Cold Coffee Group		\$195.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group	\$52.85	\$167.55
Courage To Change		\$150.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$0.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$150.00	\$450.00
Easy Does It Group	\$1,406.71	\$1,939.93
Eye Opener Group		\$250.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$243.15
Fill in the Blank		\$443.75
Firehouse Meeting		\$110.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.	\$100.00	\$200.00
Get It Together	\$369.46	\$1691.37
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group	\$95.00	\$326.78
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$400.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$427.00
Great Start		\$600.00
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		\$610.65
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$80.00
Maricopa Group		\$215.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$100.00
Monday Night Madness		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$380.00
Name In The Hat	\$520.71	\$1,257.71
New Beginnings		\$310.00
New Hope Group		\$0.00
New Spirit Group	\$250.00	\$400.00
No Name AA Group		\$75.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$100.00
Page A Day	\$485.50	\$1,404.92

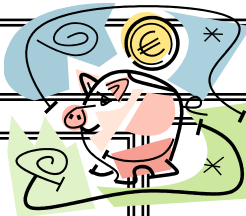
GROUP	July	YTD
Pioneer Group	\$19.80	\$207.00
Price Is Right	\$46.62	\$269.76
Primary Purpose Group		\$223.14
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion	\$150.00	\$150.00
Putting God First		\$1,116.00
Queen Creek Nooners	\$868.12	\$1,967.71
Re-Awakening Group	\$20.00	\$40.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$150.00
Rising Spirit		\$504.45
Road To Recovery	\$770.32	\$4,695.06
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$47.50
Second Chance Group		\$611.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe disbanded		\$160.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$0.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$200.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$172.92
Society Group		\$1,000.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$300.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$500.00
Spirited Women		\$356.07
Step By Step Group		\$321.87
Stepping Stones	\$230.50	\$900.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$300.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$321.50
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners	\$25.00	\$175.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$147.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$75.00	\$750.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$120.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$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
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude	\$200.00	\$482.00
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
Dist 08-818	\$300.00
Dist 08-819	\$500.00
Meal and a Message	\$0.00

Group Totals	\$9,269.59	\$46,765.75
EVI Committees	\$90.00	\$716.75
Individual Contributions	\$135.14	\$1,023.14
GRAND TOTALS	\$9,494.73	\$48,505.64

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET July 31, 2019

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	6,239.83
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	29,891.41
Accounts Receivable	778.40
Inventory Asset	26,228.22
Undeposited Funds	331.20

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$68,548.48**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	3,687.98
Payroll taxes	97.72

Total Liabilities **\$3,785.70**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	6,731.99
Net Income	14,251.85

Total Equity **\$64,762.78**

Total Liability & Equity **\$68,548.48**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT July 2019

35 Group contributions totaling	\$9,269.59
1 Individual contributions totaling	\$135.14
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$90.00

Total Contributions **\$9,494.73**

Total Income **\$15,302.17**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$4,398.11**

Gross Profit **\$10,904.06**

Less total Expenses of **\$7,254.75**

Net June Gain **\$3,649.31**

YTD 2019 Gain **\$14,251.85**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$29,891.41
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 Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2019

Meeting Opened at 7:09 PM by Tom with a moment of silence and serenity prayer. Welcome everyone to the new facility!

12 Traditions ready by – Denis

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

Intergroup Representatives:

New Reps: Lisa H. GIT, Megan GIT, Bridget Grateful Girlfriends, Shirley Gilbert Gals, Kurt Ahwatukee Groups, Shay Sometimes Quickly Sometimes Slowly

Dave M. 417, Heidi G. Ahwatukee Group, Mike G. Ahwatukee Saturday Men's, Thom S. Arbor Group, Elizabeth C. Bloopers, Gabi N. Both Books, Eddie M. Bootstraps Men's, Jim L. Breakfast Club, Molly G. By the Book, Denise D. Chandler Noon (Alt), Elizabeth G. Chandler Women's BB, Josh K. Common Thread (Alt), Scott F. East Valley Men's Stag, Phil F. Easy Does It, Denis W. Friends of Bill W., Shirley M. Gilbert Gals, Lisa H. GIT, Meghan L. GIT (Alt), Bridget S. Grateful Girlfriends, Ron M. Gratitude Group, Ed F. Great Start, Rose M. Happy Hour SunBird, Angela S. LIBB, John H. No Name Group, Ashley S. Price is Right, Matt J. Primary Purpose, Angie S. Rising Spirit, Shari L. Sobriety is Gold, Mindy S. The Society, Katelyn B. Step by Step, Jeremy V. Sunset Group, Ken C. Sunset (Alt), Beth H. Tempe Sunrisers, Pat C. The Way Out, Harry B. Tuesday Trudgers, Alisha W. Upon Awakening, Deborah B. Women in Gratitude (Alt)

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Tom N	Office Manager	N/P	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	Andrea M.	Chair- Phones	Beth	DCM 08-818	n/p
Advisor- Special E.	Segrid	Chair- Unity	Bill B	DCM 08-819	n/p
Advisor- PI/CPC	Mark	Chair- Sponsorship	N/P	DCM 08-820	n/p
Advisor- Phones	Dave	No Booze News	N/P		
Advisor- Unity	Barry W.	Interstate	N/P		

Secretary's Report: Andrea M, Report in packet and Steering Committee Minutes on separate piece of paper. Welcomed new reps and Matt- Motion to accept, Bridget- 2nd, All in favor, minutes pass as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Ron S. Denis- accepted report as explained, Matt- 2nd, all in favor, report passes

7th Tradition: \$86.00

Chairperson's Report: Tom – no written report, Many Intergroup activities happening recently. Thank you for everyone's patience while we met in the sanctuary last month.

Vice Chair's Report: N/P, no report this month, Tom- Chuck has attended area and sub district meetings recently. He is currently in Flagstaff for August Assembly

Office Manager: N/P, report in packet – please review, Service Day is Tuesday, August 27th. Please come have some fun at the office! Many service opportunities, please grab a Gratitude in Service form and get your group signed up

Ken- Central Office Convention is coming up in Mesa. We need volunteers to help with hospitality for this very important weekend. The intergroup needs your help! I asked last month for you to go back to your groups and ask about signing up for a commitment. Now, pass this clipboard and sign up your groups for this great service opportunity!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Paul- Thanked committee for being of service and keeping meetings. Many service opportunities available on committee, Tom (Education) was contacted by ASU counseling department for possible meeting. Moved upcoming September 2nd meeting due to Labor Day to September 9th

Special Events: J, Bowlathon in August was well attended! We planned on 50 bowlers and ended up with \$52! Thanked Ken for making raffle happen. Thanks to everyone for all the fun! Sept 6th Speaker meeting is hosted by Sunset group! Special Events will meet at 6:15PM on Sept 6th. WE NEED PEOPLE ON THIS COMMITTEE! We are running on a skeleton crew and really would love to have some people help plan these fun events! Will pass around 2020 Speaker Meeting Sign Up Group! Please get your group signed up now! NYE event is still in the works.

Phone Committee: Beth- Phone committee is going great! The new flyer has made a positive impact for getting people trained. Remember being trained does not mean you have to be on the calendar every month. The calendar sign up gets sent out and people reply back with the dates they want!

Unity Committee: Caine- We are moving in the right direction! We have two groups here tonight that the committee went out to visit.

Sponsorship Workshop: N/P, Sept 7 at Gilbert Presbyterian @ 10AM, host group is Gilbert Group.

Newsletter Editor: N/P

Literature: N/P

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Rosemary- August 24th is Family Recovery Night at St. Pete in Mesa. Starts at 530PM, Food, Bingo, Speakers! Flyer in back

H&I Liaison: Mike- no report

Spanish Liaison: Marge – Attended meeting, There is a Spanish PSA for Intergroup playing on local stations.

Sub District 08-818: N/P

Sub District 08-819: N/P

Sub District 08-820: N/P

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ZONYPAA Liaison (Arizona Young People's Liaison) – Steering Committee had guest from ZONYPAA asking to have liaison attend our monthly business meeting. Steering committee voted to add the liaison to our committee. Under Liaison reports will we add ZONYPAA. The new Rep is here tonight – Megan! Megan- Thank you and we are really excited to be here at EVI. I am just learning ropes but I am happy to be here. We are excited to help Young People to get involved with service opportunities.

2. Caitlyn- Do we have a list open service commitment? Can we add a place on the website for listing open positions? Tom – Yes, we do not have a central location for service commitments, but at this meeting people announce open commitments and there contact information is listed.

Ron- We do have service day, can always go to the office and ask for service.

Paul- PI/CPC does give Kim report each month, I can include what positions are vacant and what we need.

3. Ken – The Prudent Reserve is past goal, we are talking about an office move, should we set up an office move account?

Tom- yes, we are outgrowing this office. We have been there for 20 years and simply outgrowing the space. We did discuss setting aside a fund for a move but nothing formal yet. In September, the budget for 2020 will be presented to committee. Ken- yes, but we will have new Steering Committee in 2020, can we get this moving? Ron- You are the Intergroup, if the office moves, the groups pay for it. We would like you to go back to your groups and ask what they think about the office moving. Please bring back to meeting next month.

Tom- Please take this back to homegroups because we would like to hear from the groups on the move.

Lisa- What do you want us to ask our groups? If they are willing to pay for an office move

Andrea- Please let me clarify what is being asked, I know everyone wants to get of here but this important and we do not want communication to be unclear. What is being asked is to go back to the groups and discuss the possibility of the office moving to a larger location. First, the steering committee feels we have outgrown our current location. Ultimately, we need to hear from the groups because the groups are the ones who support and pay for the operations of the office. We are not sure if a new space will have higher rent, but it is likely moving could bring a higher monthly rent payment. Again, we need the groups to provide feedback regarding their perspective of moving to a new location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angela – Life in the Big Book is moving to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, McClintock and Guadalupe next Thursday!

Group Problems & Solutions: none

Close Meeting: Motion to close - ALL!!

Thank you,

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READING THROUGH some of the earliest issues of the Grapevine, we wondered whether those "six ink-stained wretches" who started the magazine had much of a sense of humor. For the first year and a half of publication, we found no humor section at all. We don't know why that was, but we were glad to see that in December 1945, the editors wised up and began asking readers for their favorite jokes and quips, and put together the first humor column, entitled "!!!Barleycorn!!!" Here are some jokes that appeared in that early forerunner of Ham on Wry:

LET'S END with one we've heard many times, which can't be said too often: Count yourself again, old man, you ain't so many.



## Free Coffee!

*From the September 1998 Grapevine.*

My story begins when I was four years old and had my first taste of alcohol. My uncle was mixing up his "brew" and I wanted a taste. My sister didn't want hers, so I downed her glass and mine. That was the start of my drinking! I continued to drink all through school and was drinking a lot by the time I reached high school.

When I was thirty-one years old I went into a bar just looking for a fight. I had a few drinks under my belt and sat down on a bar stool. I had taken the bar stool that belonged to another patron and when he came back from the bathroom, he wanted his seat back. Without saying anything to him, I just knocked him down on the floor. When the police came, I was mopping up the parking lot with his body. Of course, there was an ugly scene of being arrested, booked into jail, and arraigned for my trial.

The trial was set and I was convicted of assault with intent to do bodily harm. I served three and a half years of the five-year sentence, and during the prison time, I joined AA. When you worked in the prison system back then you were paid five dollars a month. A jar of instant coffee was three dollars and that wouldn't last a month, so I joined the AA meetings for the coffee and donuts. That way I could save my coffee for later. I didn't miss a meeting and eventually I wanted to be there, and not just for the free coffee.

When I was released and got to go home, I continued going to AA meetings and finally convinced my wife to join also. My wife was also drinking quite a bit at the time. She had gone to the next town to buy some tropical fish and had been drinking most of the day. She was on her way back from buying the fish when she heard a clunk, clunk, clunk sound on the side of the car. She realized that it was the car hitting the guard rail. She regained her composure and started on the rest of the way home. She did not recognize the lights of her hometown when she got there. Events like these helped her finally decide to take my advice and join AA with me. She had twenty years of sobriety when she died of cancer.

I now have over twenty-seven years of sobriety. And I take it one day at a time. It does work! I work the Twelve Steps, work the AA program, attend meetings, and learn to live one day at a time.

-- Dale D. Kingman, Arizona

## Carrying the Message

*From the September 1965 Grapevine.*

I, too, have been unable to maintain the sobriety I would wish and pray for myself. I don't believe I will ever give up trying and I do believe God, as I understand Him, has a job for me to do in AA.

Many men and women in the past fifteen years have said I helped them. Only it wasn't me; I was just a sober channel at a particular time and place.

My weeks and sometimes months (five to nine several times) have not been easy for me, but I am very grateful for these times, so I will ask all who read this to pray for more and longer periods of sobriety for me.

Thank God for AA.

-- B. W. Superior, Arizona

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