

# March

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# NO BOOZE NEWS

## Welcome to the tattoo convention

### How an amends for a little white lie led to a surprising encounter with Arizona AA history

OCTOBER 2018 Grapevine

Last year, during our state's Young People's convention, an elegant woman in one of the elevators made positive comments about my tattoos and we engaged in discussion. Eventually, she saw my YPAA (Young People in AA) badge and asked what kind of convention was being held at the hotel.

Always mindful of breaking the anonymity of everyone wearing a badge, I thought about saying "spiritually like-minded people." Then I remembered the inside joke that some of us YPAAs call ourselves: a tattoo convention. So, that's what I told her. We were a tattoo convention.

I felt pretty satisfied with my answer until the next morning when this woman and I were seated at adjacent tables in the restaurant for breakfast, both waiting for the rest of our parties. She politely engaged me in conversation. She asked me to consult with her on some ideas for a tattoo she wanted to have done. While I could have offered opinions, I am not a tattoo artist and was forced to admit my lie. By then, some of my friends showed up and encouraged me to tell her the truth.

So, we told her that we generally don't admit to being AA members in public places because of the multiple reasons for personal anonymity, such as staying humble, not looking for recognition for something we should be doing anyway, and not influencing another's perception of AA based on the activities of any one member or any group of members.

I acknowledged that while I thought my intentions were noble, I hadn't been honest or honorable and I had treated her with disrespect. I said I regretted my actions, not because I got caught, but because I was wrong. She accepted my amends, agreed not to judge the rest of AA based on my misconduct, and said she'd keep the true meaning of the badges from her friends also staying in the hotel.

Then she shared something with me. She knew nothing of AA, what it was about or what we do, but she knew of its existence because her grandfather was a sober member of AA in the 1940s. He moved to that city from the East Coast and her grandparents wrote letters to AA in New York so they could locate AA meetings in Arizona.

Later that day, our area archivist made a small presentation in a side room where she showed us letters from the first AA members in our state. These were people who started AA in Arizona when they moved to Phoenix from the

"In my opinion the definition of sobriety is the ability to live comfortably, peacefully and joyously with me... Sobriety is physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Four parts of the same thing and it adds up to the ability to live comfortably, peacefully and joyously with me."

- Chuck "C", A new Pair of Glasses

East Coast and asked the AA foundation in New York to help them find people in Arizona to get sober.

That's how I learned I had been speaking to the granddaughter of the woman who wrote the letters that brought AA to my city and sobered up the people who created the Fellowship that saved my life. And thanks to that woman, I also learned a valuable lesson about integrity.

**BY: TERRA V. | TEMPE, ARIZONA**

## Comment from the Convention

### Among Those Present. . .

NOVEMBER 1960 Grapevine

AND now it is over and I feel again that sorrow I have felt so often when I have taken leave of old friends. Flying away from Long Beach, I experienced that euphoria that is peculiar to AA conventions and the nostalgia for the ones who did not make it. Truly we are lucky guys and dolls.

These meetings were truly inspirational, and of course the climactic Sunday morning spiritual meeting was worth the trip all by itself. . . When Sam topped one strong point with another. . . And when Rigor turned to me and said, "It looks like he's going to pitch a no-hitter!" These are moments I do not want to forget.

. . . When Al S. looked at the sea of faces at a meeting and said, "I've spoken to large groups at meetings, but this is ridiculous!"

. . . The gal on the stand, Jo Ann, who hollered up, "Aren't you Ed D.?" The same Jo Ann I sponsored thirteen years before and had not seen for ten.

. . . The closed meeting on the bus to the airport (Arizona, Texas, Washington, Oregon, Massachusetts, Vancouver, B. C., all represented); the meetings at the coffee bars in the Los Angeles International Airport; and then--*au revoir* from a guy in his twentieth grateful year of sobriety--free even of urges--twenty miraculous years.

**BY: E. D. | WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

## IN MARCH 1946

Phoenix, Ariz., *Arizona Republic*: "King Alcohol, with his satellites, beer, wine, and whiskey, is the largest single source of federal revenue, if the income tax be excluded.

"Last year, government taxes from this source totaled \$2,300,000,000."

## Coming About

MARCH 2003, GRAPEVINE

### Step Three

The water glittered in the sun like a million antique mirrors. My friend Harry and I skimmed the surface, delighting in the spray of brine, the sweep of breeze. We were sailing Harry's Sunfish in the Gulf of California, and it was my first time so far from shore. In spite of the beauty of the moment, I began to fear capsizing. After all, the boat was quite small and the bay was as big as the sea. We were no more than specks. The more I thought about it, the more I worried. The shore became a thin suggestion of a line. I asked, in what I hoped sounded like a nonchalant tone (but Harry knows me well), "What would happen if we did lose control and fall in?" Harry reassured me, saying there was nothing at all to worry about. If he felt he was losing control, he demonstrated, he would simply let go. And the moment he did that, over we went! The warm water embraced us, and we bobbed there, laughing. It was a real lesson in letting go and turning it over!

**BY: DIANA S. | TUCSON, ARIZONA**

### Words From the Big Book

Our description of the alcoholic, the chapter to the agnostic, and our personal adventures before and after make clear three pertinent ideas:

- (a) That we were alcoholic and could not manage our own lives.
- (b) That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism.
- (c) That God could and would if He were sought.

Being convinced, we were at Step Three, which is that we decided to turn our will and our life over to God as we understood Him. Just what do we mean by that, and just what do we do?

The first requirement is that we be convinced that any life run on self-will can hardly be a success. On that basis we are almost always in collision with something or somebody, even though our motives are good. **PG. 60**

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

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#### 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**

**WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP**

MARCH 20 - 22, 2020

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK

**EASY DOES IT CAMPOUT**

MARCH 26 - 29, 2020

ROOSEVELT LAKE AZ.



**VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP**

APRIL 24 - 26, 2020

JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

**ROCKY POINT SPRING ROUNDUP**

APRIL 24 - 26, 2020

EL MIRADOR VILLAGE HOTEL

ROCKY POINT, MEXICO

**TRI-STATE ROUNDUP**

MAY 14 - 17, 2020

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

**EVI 41th Anniversary**

**“2020 A Vision For You”**

**Spring Fling**

**Dinner and Speaker**

**Saturday, March 14th, 2018**

**Doors Open At 5:30pm**

**Dinner At 6:15pm**

**Speaker At 8:00pm**

**2716 N Dobson Rd. Chandler**

**(St Katherine Greek Orthodox Church)**

**Tickets not available at the door.**

**See your EVI rep or  
stop by the office for tickets, \$20 each.  
-Service Opportunities are Available-**

**Monthly Campfire Meeting**

**Last Saturday of the Month @7:30pm**

**2757 E Guadalupe Rd.**

**Gilbert AZ**

**Riparian Preserve and Water Park**



**Meal and a Message**

**Saturday, April 25th**

**Doors Open At 5:30pm**

**Speaker At 7:30pm**

**1525 N Power Rd. Mesa**

**(Love Of Christ Lutheran Church)**

**Area 03 Corrections Conference**

**March 20 -21, 2020**

**9502 W Hutton Dr.**

**Sun City AZ.**

**\$18 Registration**

**Area 03 Pre-Conference Assembly**

**April 3 - 5, 2020**

**2532 W Peoria Ave, Phoenix**

**(Sheraton Four Points North)**

**PRASA**

**(Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)**

**Save the Date**

**March 6 - 8, 2020**

**Tucson AZ**

## Sobriety Anniversaries



Name	Date	Days
Blair P. ....	3/13/1980 .....	14610
George C. ....	3/5/1981 .....	14245
Mike B. ....	3/6/1982 .....	13880
Howard C. ....	3/7/1983 .....	13515
Michael S. ....	3/4/1985 .....	12784
Edward C. ....	3/15/1985 .....	12784
Linda C. ....	3/18/1987 .....	12054
Jeff L. ....	3/15/1988 .....	11688
Dennis H. ....	3/18/1988 .....	11688
Jim D. ....	3/1/1989 .....	11323
Michael D. ....	3/21/1990 .....	10958
Gabrielle C. ....	3/9/1991 .....	10593
Joyce G. ....	3/7/1992 .....	10227
Tracy N. ....	3/17/1992 .....	10227
Kate H. ....	3/27/1994 .....	9497
Suzann B. ....	3/18/1996 .....	8766
Bill J. ....	3/15/1996 .....	8766
Ramona B. ....	3/31/1996 .....	8766
Matt D. ....	3/13/1997 .....	8401
Rose D. ....	3/15/1997 .....	8401
Eddie Y. ....	3/5/1998 .....	8036
Aaron S. ....	3/27/2001 .....	6940
Gail B. ....	3/7/2002 .....	6575
Laura S. ....	3/11/2002 .....	6575
Don A. ....	3/17/2003 .....	6210
Chris Anne H. ....	3/10/2006 .....	5114
Sydney V. ....	3/25/2006 .....	5114
Richard C. ....	3/11/2007 .....	4749
Kristin A. ....	3/20/2007 .....	4749
Kira N. ....	3/24/2007 .....	4749
Kristina M. ....	3/3/2008 .....	4383
Tom S. ....	3/1/2010 .....	3653
Marge M. ....	3/18/2011 .....	3288
Deborah C. ....	3/21/2011 .....	3288
Marissa S. ....	3/25/2011 .....	3288
Michelle M. ....	3/31/2012 .....	2922
Linzzy Z. ....	3/2/2013 .....	2557
Rob K. ....	3/10/2014 .....	2192
Barbara M. ....	3/15/2014 .....	2192
Theresa C. ....	3/15/2015 .....	1839
Jessica T. ....	3/28/2015 .....	1827
Tom G. ....	3/12/2016 .....	1461
Josh K. ....	3/15/2016 .....	1461
Danielle D. ....	3/30/2016 .....	1461
Leah Z. ....	3/1/2017 .....	1096
J. J. ....	3/2/2017 .....	1096
Aaron V. ....	3/19/2017 .....	1096
Kaine H. ....	3/3/2018 .....	731
Allison T. ....	3/5/2018 .....	731
Tami C. ....	3/5/2019 .....	366

***Step Three~ Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.***

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

***Concept Three~ To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”***

*At Wits End*

"The more i work the Steps the nicer everyone gets!"

**VIVIAN W. | TUCSON, ARIZONA**

Topic: Would you still go to AA if a pill was created that cured alcoholism? Speaker: "Yes, I would. I have a feeling I'd want more of them."

**A.M. | SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

**A STUDY WAS PUBLISHED** by one of the many research companies. This group has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that people will drink more in pubs with mirrors. Evidently, drunks enjoy drinking in company.

**ANONYMOUS**

An alcoholic sought help about his drinking from his doctor. The doctor's advice was, "Whenever you feel like taking a drink, have an apple instead."

The drunk protested, "Who could eat that many apples?"

**ANONYMOUS**



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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

Contact Beth H

**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

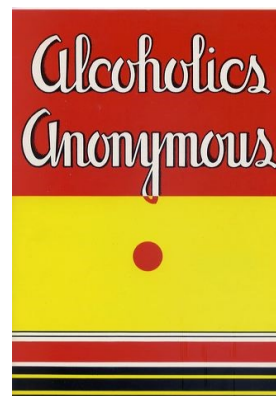
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Jerry C.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**March 7th ~ The Society 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)

**March 6th ~Step By Step**

April 3rd ~ We Agnostics

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Office Volunteers &  
EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Contact Roxanne for specific  
times and days.

**\*\*\* Fill In spots available \*\*\***



# Central Office Manager's Report

February 21, 2020

January set the year off to a good start. We received several calls from people concerned about theirs or a loved one's drinking. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings close to them was provided.

In January we received 571 requests for information and assistance. Of those 161 calls were for meeting info, 157 were office visitors and 13 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for January were 13,117 views, of those 361 visited our website and 49 asked for directions. Our website stays busy too. It had 39,150 visits in the last 30 days.

Good connections of the month: We were able to assist a Spanish speaking email contact thru the use of Google translate. We received a call from the Gila county probation department and was able to connect them with a local A.A. contact in Globe.

There are copies of the 2019 Year End Activity Report of your Central Office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often asked question "What do you do at the office?"

Our hacked website and email issue has been resolved with new security software. The office refrigerator quit working but has been replaced with another donated by a member. The new computer has arrived. Life is good.

Don't forget the EVI 41<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Speaker Meeting March 14<sup>th</sup> at St Katharine's Greek Orthodox Church 2712 N Dobson Rd. Chandler AZ 85224. **Tickets available from your group rep and at your Central Office.**

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

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....Jan.....	2020
Meeting Information Calls.....	161 ..... 161
General Information.....	114 ..... 114
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	8 ..... 8
Referred to Al-Anon.....	16 ..... 16
Referred to Community Info.....	0 ..... 0
12th Step Calls.....	13 ..... 13
Business Calls.....	102 ..... 102
Office Visitors.....	157 ..... 157
Meeting lists printed.....	800 ..... 800
Info request via E-mail.....	62 ..... 62
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	27/ 4/ 1
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....	160hrs

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 51,274 YTD 51,274  
Google Searches last 30 days 13,117

## Meeting List Updates...

### New Meetings:

Junkyard Dogs	1565 E Warner Rd. Tempe	MO 7:00p M,C
No Big Deals	6400 W Del Rio St. Chandler	FR 6:30a BB,O
Living Life	1050 W Superstition Blvd. Apache Junction	WE 7:00p W,O
The Tribe	3208 S. Fair Lane, Tempe	MO 6:30p W,O

### Changes:

Busted Ego 739 W Erie St. Chandler MO & TH now meeting at 7:00p  
The Way Out **Moving Dec. 12 to:** 1534 N Recker Rd. TH 7:00p C  
Valley Alano Club **Moved to:** 2310 N 56th St. Bldg A Phoenix - All Meetings

### Deletions:

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Mesa, AZ 85204

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New York, NY 10163

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Gilbert AZ 85299  
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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	Jan.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight.....		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
417 Group .....	\$184.29	\$184.29
A Vision For You Group .....		\$0.00
ABC Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$148.11	\$148.11
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$300.00	\$300.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG.....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Attitude of Gratitude.....		\$0.00
Basic II.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Bloopers.....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Both Books.....		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle .....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club .....		\$0.00
Busted Ego .....		\$0.00
By The Book.....	\$122.43	\$122.43
Chandler Men's Stag Group.....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group.....	\$71.00	\$71.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group.....		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group.....		\$0.00
Common Solution.....	\$500.00	\$500.00
Common Thread .....		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group .....		\$0.00
Courage To Change .....		\$0.00
Depth and Weight .....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....	\$175.00	\$175.00
East Valley Veterans .....		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group.....	\$88.87	\$88.87
Eye Opener Group.....	\$100.00	\$400.00
Family Recovery Group.....		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions .....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank .....	\$129.00	\$129.00
Firehouse Meeting .....		\$0.00
Florence Group.....	\$70.00	\$70.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study.....	\$454.00	\$454.00
Friends Of Bill W. ....		\$0.00
Get It Together.....	\$244.00	\$244.00
Gilbert Gals.....		\$0.00
Gilbert Group.....		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group .....	\$102.96	\$102.96
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....		\$0.00
Grateful Dames .....		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....		\$0.00
Gratitude Group .....	\$300.00	\$300.00
Great Start .....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Gut Level.....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....		\$0.00
How It Works .....	\$40.00	\$40.00
Keepin It Real Ladies.....	\$165.00	\$165.00
Last Resort .....		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book.....		\$0.00
Livin Life.....		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$0.00
Maricopa Group.....	\$25.00	\$415.00
Mid-Morning Group .....		\$0.00
Morning After Group.....		\$0.00
Name In The Hat.....		\$0.00
New Beginnings.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
New Hope Group .....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$0.00
No Name AA Group.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Page A Day.....	\$322.78	\$322.78

GROUP	Jan.	YTD
Pioneer Group .....	\$80.00	\$80.00
Price Is Right.....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group .....		\$0.00
Prime Time .....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners.....	\$390.00	\$390.00
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$0.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit.....		\$0.00
Rising Spirit .....		\$0.00
Road To Recovery .....	\$523.90	\$523.90
Rock Solid.....		\$0.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$0.00
Second Chance Group.....		\$0.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe disbanded.....		\$0.00
Serenity At Six.....		\$0.00
Shade Tree.....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions.....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold .....	\$400.00	\$400.00
Sobriety Rocks .....		\$0.00
Society Group .....		\$0.00
Solutions Group.....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Southeast Valley Stag.....		\$0.00
Spirited Women .....	\$62.75	\$62.75
Step By Step Group .....	\$117.16	\$117.16
Stepping Stones .....		\$0.00
Sunday Afternoon Step .....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tempe Nooners.....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....		\$0.00
Tempe Young People .....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$0.00
The Real Thing .....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group.....		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group .....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....		\$0.00
Upon Awakening.....		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet .....		\$0.00
We Agnostics .....		\$0.00
We Can Group .....		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step .....		\$0.00
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 .....		\$0.00
Women in Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Women in Solution .....		\$0.00
Women in Touch .....		\$0.00
Wonder Women.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
*Anonymous Groups .....	\$200.00	\$200.00

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout.....	\$0.00
54th International Women's Conf.....	\$0.00
Dist 08-818 .....	\$0.00
Dist 08-819 .....	\$0.00
ASCYPAA.....	\$0.00

<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$6,421.75</b>	<b>\$6,421.75</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$79.00</b>	<b>\$79.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$6,635.55</b>	<b>\$75,533.59</b>

(\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2020

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	4,605.41
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	33,418.39
Accounts Receivable	1,968.65
Inventory Asset	25,772.77
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$70,847.18**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	11.98
Payroll taxes	97.72

**Total Liabilities** **\$109.70**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	24,503.74
Net Income	2,454.80

**Total Equity** **\$70,737.48**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$70,847.18**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January 2020

41 Group contributions totaling	\$6,421.55
3 Individual contributions totaling	\$135.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$79.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,635.55</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,045.28</b>
<b>Less total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$4,915.66</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$8,129.62</b>
<b>Less total Expenses of</b>	<b>\$5,674.82</b>
<b><u>Net Jan. Gain</u></b>	<b>\$2,454.80</b>
<b><u>YTD 2020 Gain</u></b>	<b>\$2,454.80</b>

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$33,418.39  
The Prudent Reserve has been  
established for 2020 in the amount of \$27,817.34

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 Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

## East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2020

**Meeting Opened at 7:10 PM by Ron with a moment of silence and serenity prayer. \*Church event in hall tonight, IG met in sanctuary**

**12 Traditions ready by – Noah**

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

**Intergroup Representatives:**

**New Reps:** Jeff P. Upon Awakening, Jessica SASTO, Tracy Sisterhood of Solutions, Kurt Ahwatukee Group, James, Ahwatukee Group (alt), Blair Primary Purpose, Mike RTR (alt), Denise Chandler Noon, Marilyn Tempe Nooners, Heather The Real Thing, Brant 417

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	N/P	Office Manager	Kim	H&I Liaison	Open
V.Chair	Wesley	Chair- Special E.	J.J	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Treasurer	Ron S	Chair- PI/CPC	Tom	Alanon Liaison	N/P
Secretary	N/P	Chair- Phones	Beth	DCM 08-818	Tearsa
Advisor- Special E.	N/P	Chair- Unity	Dave	DCM 08-819	N/P
Advisor- PI/CPC	N/P	Chair- Sponsorship	N/P	DCM 08-820	Dan
Advisor- Phones	Larry S	No Booze News	N/P	ZONYPAA	Shea
Advisor- Unity	Barb	Literature	N/P		

**Secretary's Report:** Report in Packet – Motion – Brenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sheri, minutes passed

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron S. - Report in Packet.

Net Income for Jan \$2454.80

Kim - second Balance Sheet in packet is corrected Year-end Report for 2019

Motion to accept – Ken C., 2<sup>nd</sup> - Noah, report passed

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$58.39**

**Chairperson's Report:** N/P- Ron covered report. Not much for this month, office information will be in old business

**Vice Chair's Report:** Wesley –

Report in packet - Eat, Meet, and Greet Speaker meeting hosted by Easy Does It on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 805 N. Country Club

**Office Manager:** Kim –

January really busy. We love seeing office activity picking up! 571 requests for information, 161 calls, 157 office visitors, 13 good ole-fashion 12 step calls. Used Google Translate to connect an email contact to Spanish IG. Yeah Technology!

Connected Gila County Probation with local AA contact. Website and email hack is resolved. 2019 Year End Report in packet

Refrigerator quit, but new one was donated by a member. Service day is Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – come on down, starts at 9AM!

Please take Gratitude of Service form back to groups!

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PI/CPC:** Tom – New Chair

Paul P. needed to step down

Flyer on table, please take back to groups

New Secretary – Andrea

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Literature Packet Assembly pizza party. Contact Tom for more information

Education – Looking for any contact with counselors or social workers at schools and Universities

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Community Services will attend Save the Family Resource and Employment Fair

**Special Events:** J –

Anniversary Dinner at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox on March 14<sup>th</sup> Italian Dinner, Speaker, See EVI Rep for tickets

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Will send mass text to reps asking for number of total tickets sold in order to give number to caterer.

Tickets are available for the Anniversary Dinner, please see J after the meeting! Turn in money after the meeting, please.

Monthly Speaker is the First Friday of the Month at Epiphany Church, 2222 S. Price Rd. Tempe, AZ

**Phone Committee:** Beth – All going well

Always could use more volunteers for the hotline, please consider signing up

**Unity Committee:** Dave

Try to reach out to dark meetings. Dark Meetings are meeting that do not attend IG Business meeting

We need people on the committee to go out and attend these meetings.

Committee meets before the IG Business at 6:15PM

**Sponsorship Workshop:** Jerry -

The Society is hosting on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10AM – 11:30AM at Gilbert Presbyterian Church, 235 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert, AZ

**Newsletter Editor:** N/P – no report

**Literature:** N/P – Position Open!

**LIASION REPORTS**

**Alanon Liaison:** N/P

**H&I Liaison:** Position Open

**Spanish Liaison:** Marge –

Buenos Noches, Familia!

New Spanish Speaking Women's meeting in Chandler at 54 Erie Ave.

**Zonypaa Liaison:** Shea – (filling in for Megan)

Interesting in helping to bring the State Committee to Phoenix? ASKYPAA Bid committee for State Convention is March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12PM @

New City Church (Phx)

**Sub District 08-818:** N/P

**Sub District 08-819:** N/P

**Sub District 08-820:** Bill

Quarterly potluck in January was a big success and well attended

PRASAA is in two weeks!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Office Move

Possible new location at Gilbert and Southern

Completed walkthrough and received sample lease

Will meet on Tuesday, Feb 25 to sign lease

Location meets all criteria

Approx. 1100 Sq.Ft. (compared to office now – approx.. 600 Sq. Ft.)

Would have about 30 days for build out

Approx. Rent at new location will be \$1134 for first 3 years with utilities included

Computer

New computer arrived

Will be set up this next week

**NEW BUSINESS:**

none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Group Problems & Solutions:** none

**Announcements:**

Easy Does It hosting Round Up March 27-30, look out for flyer!

**Close Meeting: 8:21PM , Motion to close - ALL!!**

Thank you,

Andrea M



## **The Longest Twelfth-step Call**

OCTOBER 2004 Grapevine

### **On the road from Yuma to Biloxi**

The longest Twelfth Step call I ever went on occurred in July 1958, when I was sober only seven months.

When I first called AA, two men responded. Woody and Bill came to my house, picked me up, and took me to Gulfport, Mississippi, home of the only AA group--at that time--on the Mississippi Gulf Coast between Mobile, Alabama and New Orleans, Louisiana. These two men looked out for me and shared their experience, strength, and hope with me during these early critical months. I was twenty-six and they were in their forties.

One day in early June, Bill took drunk and disappeared. His parents were quite concerned about him, as were the rest of us. We all prayed and waited until the call came in mid July. Bill was holed up in a motel in Yuma, Arizona. He was sick and unable to care for himself. Bill's parents asked me if I would be willing to make the trip to bring their son home.

I was on active duty in the United States Air Force at the time. I went to my commanding officer and explained the deal to him. He happened to have had a good friend in AA and understood the situation. He placed me on what he called an Ordinary Emergency leave (figure that one out). So there I was, newly sober, not sure of myself, and listening to these people willing to give me several hundred dollars, an airline ticket, and a credit card, and send me 2,000 miles to pick up a very sick man and drive him across the country. I was expected to do this and stay sober all the while. I was married at the time and my wife thought the whole bunch of us were crazy.

We located an AA group in Yuma and called them. I cannot recall the man's name but he agreed to meet me at the airport in Yuma. Woody and Bill's dad drove me to the airport in New Orleans. I arrived in the early evening. As I was walking across the tarmac, a man approached me and said, "You must be Leo." "Yes, I am. But how did you know?" I replied. He said, "You were the only one smiling, so I guessed you must be the guy I am looking for."

Let me tell you, folks, it was hot in Yuma. They were undergoing a heat wave with eight straight days of over one hundred degree temperature. Bill was in bed in a cheap motel with no air conditioning. We talked and I rested somewhat. At 9:00 P.M., with the temperature still over one hundred degrees, we set off in Bill's old dilapidated car, which had no air conditioning either. I purchased a cooler, some ice, two six packs of beer, a case of root beer for me, and headed east. Bill was unable to drive, so our plan was for me to drive as far as I could and find a motel (preferably one with air conditioning), spend the day, and then press on.

Bill was not the most pleasant company when he was in this condition, so I had to listen to a lot of guff along the way. On occasion, we had to stop along the road so Bill could throw up.

By the time we got halfway across Texas, Bill was on his second set of six packs, and I was on my second case of root beer. Bill kept asking me, "How in the world can you drink so much of that swill?"

What sustained me during the journey was the knowledge that this man had been there for me when I asked for help. Also, I knew that his parents had faith in me and trusted me with money, credit cards, and their son. They believed that I would stay sober and bring Bill safely back to them. Woody had faith in me and he was the one who suggested that I be entrusted with this venture. My commanding officer had faith in AA through his experience with his friend. There was no way I could let myself or any of these people down. I was given the opportunity to twelfth-step one of the men who had twelfth-stepped me.

It took Bill some time to recover from that adventure. He had a little more trouble but stayed home during these times, and eventually he got sober and stayed sober the rest of his life. Over the past forty-six years I have been on a lot of Twelfth Step calls, but none to equal the one from Biloxi, Mississippi to Yuma, Arizona and back.

**BY: LEO R. | PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA**

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