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NO BOOZE NEWS

My First Miracle

At thirty years old, I have just realized that I've never had faith. It certainly explains my feeling of never quite belonging, never connecting, not feeling like "one of the gang" for many years. It wasn't until recently, through my recovery and involvement with AA, that I started discovering faith and seeing what I've been missing all my life.

I will celebrate ninety days of sobriety this week, and I can't believe how much my life has changed in three short months. I've never been able to commit to anything for very long, except for drinking. I tried rollerblading, aerobics, swimming, and karate to make me feel healthy, but I always ended up with a glass of wine at the end of the day. I read self-help books and went to therapy, but still found myself resorting to alcohol. I used alcohol to take the edge off everything. It felt good at the time, but prevented me from actually having to deal with anything difficult.

My life had become one smoothed-over mess. I was divorced, depressed, and exhausted from running from reality for so long.

It could have been the toxic relationship I found myself in or the feeling of being so out of control that got me sober. Or maybe it was the sensation of constantly looking over my shoulder, waiting for someone to tell me that they had figured me out: they knew my secret; they knew I was a phony and a bad person. I wanted so much to settle down, get married, and have a family, but each drink brought me further and further away from that dream. And I couldn't understand why.

After all my attempts to quit didn't work, when antidepressants didn't work, when I began to have more weekends lost to blackouts than I could rationalize, I walked into the arms of AA. I completed an intensive outpatient program and attended AA meetings, slowly at first.

My faith developed gradually. One day I realized my faith was a powerful one. It wasn't an epiphany, but a series of subtle clues that led me to freedom. It began with the discovery that there was an AA meeting across the street from my office, which met three times a week. Then a friend referred me to a friend of hers in the

Fellowship, and we hit it off immediately. She became my sponsor.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Ebby had been enabled to bring me the gift of grace because he could reach me at depth through the language of the heart. He had pushed ajar that great gate through which all in AA have since passed to find their freedom under God."

-Bill W., AA Grapevine

The last and most powerful sign that I was opening up my heart and allowing something in to help me came only recently. I had just canceled my group therapy appointment to attend an AA meeting where my sponsor was to speak. But on my way there I started feeling like a kid who was cutting class and began thinking old, sneaky thoughts: "Maybe I can skip the meeting and go shopping. But what will I tell my sponsor? Lie? No, I can't. I'll get on the freeway and let the traffic decide. If it's not too bad, I'll keep heading to the mall. If it's crowded, I'll exit toward the meeting." Well, not three minutes into my freeway ride, I was slowed down by traffic and noticed the license-plate holder on the car in front of me. It said, "Alcoholics do it in groups." Decision made, I took the first exit toward the meeting without a second thought.

I listened to my sponsor speak and knew I was in the right place. I didn't know anyone except her, but I felt I was surrounded by friends. I was bursting with emotion and with a comfort and serenity I had never known. The principles, the Promises, the stories being told, the feelings being shared, meant something to me. For the first time in my life, I connected, I related, I belonged.

As I drove home after the meeting, I felt entranced. I was experiencing something I had only heard people talking about. I felt full, complete, safe, and secure. I felt this way from within, unlike the times when I seemed to get all my feelings from external sources. It was amazing. And I knew I was going to keep coming back for more.

BY: LAURA D. | PHOENIX, ARIZONA

T is for Texas and temporary, too

FROM THE APRIL 2001 GRAPEVINE

While I acknowledge that we all have opinions as well as autonomy, I disagree with this statement in the Texas Preamble printed in the January 2001: "AA is not interested in sobering up drunks who are seeking only temporary sobriety."

I was one of many who came in looking for something other than sobriety. Thank God, AA didn't let me settle for that. You welcomed me, talked to me about the First Step, and asked me back while I bounced in and out for several rough years.

I love this program as I have loved nothing else in my life. I won't let anyone out the door of my home group--or off the phone in the middle of the night--without informing them that they are welcome--as temps or long timers, drunk or sober. This deal is one day at a time, and if one day is all they want of this program, they are entitled to that day. They earned it.

BY: BOB M. | PHOENIX, ARIZONA

AA is Respected

December 2010 Grapevine

I've been to plenty of meetings where they shout your name, and some where they don't. I've been to meetings where they read for the first 20 minutes, and some where they read almost nothing but "How It Works." As for "being laughed at," I don't feel that most of the public views AA as a joke. In fact, I think most of the public respects AA quite a bit.

BY: D.C. | LOMBARD, ILL.

Words From the Big Book

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

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

We have then completed Step Seven.

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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

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

☐ **No Booze News** Subscription / Renewal (\$12.00 annual subscription fee enclosed)

Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weekdays**

Phones Night & Weekend

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Office Phone Volunteer**

☐ **Other Office Help**

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

☐ **Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community**

☐ **Special Events**

☐ **Literature**

☐ **Newsletter (*No Booze News*)**

☐ **Unity Committee**

☐ **Deliver A Meeting**



ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

CANCELED

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

POSTPONED TILL

OCTOBER 30 - NOV.1

JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

Looks like most events are shut down or postponed for awhile.

Check the events page on our website periodically. We will post information as it becomes available.

**The 2020 International Convention
scheduled for July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan,
has been cancelled.**



The spirit of sponsorship

From the December 2001 Grapevine

My sponsor of over twenty years died two years ago and although I couldn't be with her physically, I was there in thought and spirit.

What made her so special? Perhaps it was her enduring love and enthusiasm for the AA program. Or maybe it was her unshakable belief that all people are inherently good and contribute something positive to life. All I know is what this woman did for me as a frightened newcomer and what she continued to do for the next twenty years.

When I questioned the meaning of life's peaks and valleys, she told me that the secret of life was simply to live it. When I became resentful at someone in AA, she advised me to listen to the message, not the messenger. She taught me to look for miracles in unlikely places and to make myself available to appreciate them.

That's why I love a story her family told me when they returned from scattering her ashes on the sea. She loved the ocean and always said that after she died, she wanted to come back as a dolphin. When they released her ashes, her husband and children saw two dolphins swimming beside them.

"Look!" one of them shouted. "There goes Mom, and she already has a new sponsee."

BY: LYNN C. | SOUTH DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sobriety Anniversaries



Name	Date	Days
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	6/10/1935.....	31047
Ralph H.	6/24/1974.....	16802
Carol S.	6/5/1977	15706
James M.	6/30/1977.....	15706
Rodger G.	6/8/1980	14610
Rodier D.	6/8/1986	12419
Kim W.	6/4/1987	12054
Paula K.	6/24/1987.....	12054
Joe H.	6/6/1990	10958
Steve D.	6/10/1990.....	10958
Tom M.	6/2/1991	10593
Andrew L.	6/2/1995	9132
Ken C.	6/2/1998	8036
Angela P.	6/21/2000.....	7305
Stacey S.	6/7/2001	6940
Tom T.	6/1/2003	6210
Nicole K.	6/6/2003	6210
Bill B.	6/1/2004	5844
Tim Q.	6/28/2004.....	5844
Michael M.	6/1/2005	5479
Segrid S.	6/28/2005.....	5479
Jenee K.	6/29/2006.....	5114
Emily B.	6/5/2007	4749
Mike F.	6/5/2008	4383
Terri O.	6/8/2008	4383
Morgan R.	6/16/2008.....	4383
Melissa N.	6/19/2008.....	4383
Kevin L.	6/22/2008.....	4383
Melissa W.	6/1/2010	3653
Ross S.	6/30/2010.....	3653
Matthew M.	6/1/2012	2922
Larry J.	6/9/2012	2922
Shawn R.	6/6/2013	2557
Crystal W.	6/16/2014.....	2192
Linda N.	6/16/2015.....	1827
Michael G.	6/22/2016.....	1461
Jake J.	6/24/2017.....	1096
Jeremy R.	6/28/2017.....	1096
Sue S.	6/20/2018.....	731
Susan M.	6/2/2019	366

Signs You Have A Drinking Problem...

A police officer pulls you over and informs you your headlights are not on and you reply, "It's OK, I can't see anyway."

Alcoa aluminum inquires about the mineral rights to your beer cans in your backyard

At AA meeting you begin: "Hi, my name is... uh..."

Bar advertises 'all you can drink' for \$5, you order \$10 worth.

Because you're not as think you are drunk I am...

Beer: it's not just for breakfast anymore.

Don't recognize wife unless seen through bottom of glass.

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

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

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

At Wits End

HOW ABOUT sending in some jokes, you jokers?
We're getting a mental breakdown from trying to (a) find our own or (b) make them up!

A DRUNK FROM QUEENS WALKS INTO A BAR in Manhattan and orders a drink. As the bartender serves him, the fellow says, "Say, I heard a good joke about Brooklynites. Do you want to hear it?"

The bartender says, "Well, as it happens, I'm from Brooklyn. That guy at the table is from Brooklyn. And those three guys at the end of the bar? They're all from Brooklyn. Are you sure you want to tell that joke?"

The drunk says, "Naw. I wouldn't want to have to explain it five times.

- Mick K.



Get Published!

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

PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

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

For more information contact:

480 827-1905

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

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**

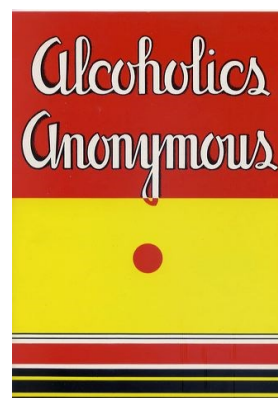
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Jerry C.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

July 4th ~ TBD

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)

June 5 ~ Upon Awakening

July 3 ~ Bloopers

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 *****

Central Office Manager's Report

May 15, 2020

In April we received 436 requests for information and assistance. Of those 143 calls were for meeting info, only 52 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for April are 4,432 searches resulting in 474 visits to our website and 50 calls. Our website stays busy too. It had 28,371 visits in the last 30 days.

Our biggest challenge is still to provide an accurate meeting directory. Our website directory is updated daily as new information is provided. This updates the Meeting Guide app also keeping it up to date. Things are still changing on a daily basis and groups need to remember to inform us of these changes. We have added a list of online meetings to the website as well as other helpful information on set up and security for electronic meetings. We have also tagged meetings that we believe to be temporarily suspended, this will also update the Meeting Finder app. Please check your meetings listing and if it is not correct let me know.

We now have PayPal available on our website for contributions. If you use PayPal for a Group Contribution please state that in the notes section so we can record it correctly. Many thanks to those who have been sending Individual and Group contributions recently, it is much appreciated.

Good connections of the month: There were many and they are still going on. Sales, office visits and calls have started to pick back up a bit. People are needing to connect by whatever means they are comfortable with, and we are here to help them do that.

AAWS has new pricing on many items effective April 15. This is not an increase or decrease but rather an averaging adjustment or normalized pricing. We haven't had to order literature in the last month as our sales are all but nonexistent. We will update our pricing when we place our next order.

If you are signed up for 12 step service, please try to be available if called. We have received several calls from those who are afraid for their sobriety and the availability of fellowship support. A simple phone call to remind someone they are not alone could make all the difference.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim Watkins, Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

..... April.....	2020
Meeting Information Calls	143 698
General Information	113 468
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	3 25
Referred to Al-Anon	9 42
Referred to Community Info	0 0
12th Step Calls.....	15 52
Business Calls.....	101 431
Office Visitors.....	52 461
Meeting lists printed	100 2100
Info request via E-mail.....	115 343
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.	25/ 10/ 5
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.....	320hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 28,371 YTD 157,502

Google Searches last 30 days 4,432

Meeting List Updates...

Our website (aamesaaz.org) is being updated daily. Check it out for the latest on which groups are meeting, the clubs that are open, which groups have moved to a temporary location, which groups are meeting online, and which clubs/groups are not available until further notice.

East Valley Intergroup ** NEW **
1855 E Southern Ave. Suite # 103
Mesa, AZ 85204

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

Area 03 Treasurer ** NEW **
PO Box 3691
Gilbert AZ 85299
Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

District 08-818
PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
PO Box 20404
Mesa, AZ 85277

District 08 (Maricopa County)
PO Box 45066
Phoenix, AZ 85064

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

Example of Group Contributions to A.A.

Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities

10% to District 10% to Area

30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	April	YTD
11th Step Candlelight.....		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
417 Group		\$184.29
A Vision For You Group		\$0.00
ABC Group.....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group.....		\$200.00
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$250.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$39.80	\$264.62
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$103.06
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....		\$600.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahwatukee		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG.....	\$30.00	\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II.....		\$200.00
BBookworms	\$10.00	\$10.00
Bloopers.....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books.....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club.....		\$0.00
Busted Ego.....	\$250.00	\$250.00
By The Book		\$122.43
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$240.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$336.00	\$571.40
Chandler Women's Big Book Group.....		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution.....		\$500.00
Common Thread	\$312.54	\$312.54
Copper Basin Group		\$0.00
Courage To Change.....		\$0.00
Depth and Weight.....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....	\$120.00	\$295.00
East Valley Veterans.....		\$20.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$355.48
Eye Opener Group	\$200.00	\$600.00
Family Recovery Group.....		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions.....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank.....		\$325.39
Firehouse Meeting.....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Florence Group.....		\$70.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study		\$454.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together.....		\$626.78
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$150.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group.....		\$102.96
Good Ol' Back to Basics	\$300.00	\$300.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends.....		\$100.00
Gratitude Group.....	\$50.00	\$350.00
Great Start.....		\$450.00
Gut Level.....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$0.00
How It Works.....		\$40.00
Keepin It Real Ladies.....	\$259.30	\$424.30
Last Resort.....		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book		\$168.00
Livin Life		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$40.00
Maricopa Group.....		\$415.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$200.00
Morning After Group		\$0.00
Name In The Hat.....	\$488.20	\$488.20
New Beginnings		\$100.00
New Hope Group		\$0.00
New Spirit Group	\$150.00	\$250.00
No Name AA Group		\$75.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$200.00
Page A Day.....	\$666.42	\$989.20

GROUP	April	YTD
Pioneer Group.....		\$186.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$300.00
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion.....		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners	\$558.81	\$948.81
Re-Awakening Group.....		\$20.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit	\$250.00	\$250.00
Rising Spirit		\$215.40
Road To Recovery	\$828.36	\$2,641.11
Rock Solid.....	\$130.00	\$130.00
San Tan Men's.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Second Chance Group.....		\$296.00
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe disbanded		\$0.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$150.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$151.68
Sobriety is Gold.....		\$400.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group.....		\$50.00
Solutions Group.....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$100.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$450.00
Spirited Women		\$62.75
Step By Step Group		\$117.16
Stepping Stones.....		\$329.50
Sunday Afternoon Step.....		\$200.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers.....		\$343.50
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker.....		\$225.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunset Group.....		\$0.00
Tempe Group.....		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$200.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library.....		\$0.00
The Real Thing.....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group		\$225.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers.....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.00
Upon Awakening.....		\$700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$65.00
We Agnostics	\$328.65	\$328.65
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		\$168.55
Wonder Women		\$100.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$314.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout	\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf.	\$500.00
Dist 08-818.....	\$0.00
Dist 08-819.....	\$0.00
ASCYPAA	\$0.00
Group Totals	\$5,646.95
EVI Committees	\$0.00
Individual Contributions.....	\$1,445.00
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$7,091.95

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET April 30, 2020

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	5,587.33
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	27,757.21
Accounts Receivable	1,411.30
Inventory Asset	24,196.69
Undeposited Funds	70.50

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$64,106.23**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	29.47
Payroll taxes	97.72

Total Liabilities **\$127.19**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	24,503.74
Net Income	-4,303.64

Total Equity **\$63,979.04**

Total Liability & Equity **\$64,106.23**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT April 2020

25 Group contributions totaling	\$5,646.95
29 Individual contributions totaling	\$1,445.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$0.00

Total Contributions **\$7,091.95**

Total Income **\$9,140.28**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$1,631.76**

Gross Profit **\$7,508.52**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,428.39**

Net April Gain **\$1,080.13**

YTD 2020 Loss **(\$4,303.64)**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$27,757.21
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 Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

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

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**May 15, 2020****Meeting Opened at 7PM via Zoom****Tom N. opened with the Serenity Prayer****12 Traditions ready by Gabi N****INTRODUCTIONS: *Your attendance and participation are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome!*****Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** Brenda Remember When Group. Welcome to the new EVI reps! We are glad you are here!**Committee and other Trusted Servants: (N/P = Not Present)**

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Tom N.	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	Gabi N.	Chair- Phones	Beth	DCM 08-818	Tearsa
Advisor- Special E.	Gary L	Chair- Unity	Dave	DCM 08-819	N/P
Advisor- PI/CPC	Deana	Chair- Sponsorship	N/P	DCM 08-820	NP
Advisor- Phones	Larry S	No Booze News	N/P	ZONYPAA	NP
Advisor- Unity	Barb	Literature	N/P		

Secretary's Report: Report in Packet – Motion – Brenda C., 2nd Brian , all in favor minutes passed**Treasurer's Report:** Ron S. - Report in Packet.

Contribution are up! 25 groups 29 individuals! Thank you! 1080.13 in the black this month.

Questions? No. Motion to accept Brenda, Second Brian. All in favor, accepted.

7th Tradition: The link is posted, please consider making contributions to GSO or EVI via the links. Thank you. Tom-GSO sent out a notification today explaining that they are in a very difficult financial situation due to the current state of things so please consider them in your contributions.**Chairperson's Report:** Tom N.

No written report. Thank you for attending the Zoom meetings the past couple of months. Our steering committee had our first "hybrid meeting" this month, half Zoom and half live. We may consider this type of meeting format going forward in the current state of events, its early to say how all this will evolve but we do want to be as vigilant as possible and be accessible to as many as possible. In June we should be allowed to meet at our regular location. We know not everyone will feel comfortable meeting live so we try to get it all worked out for as many to attend as possible, more to come on that. Thank you again for your flexibility in attending these Zoom meetings.

Vice Chair's Report: Wesley

No written report.

Virtual assemble being planned. The date is June 2nd. There will be an MCSM workshop set for the 19th, not sure of the topic yet.**Office Manager:** Kim – Not present. See report on page 7**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PI/CPC:** Tom C.

No written report

Not currently doing personal outreach. We are exploring Zoom presentations. We are using this time to do some training among our committees to give us all an opportunity to get more familiar with what we are doing. We have drafted a postcard and sending them out to clergy to explain the different things we are doing. Next meeting will be on Zoom. Monday 6/1. Tom N. – "I will post the Zoom info on the EVI website."

Paul T sent an email with a press release from GSO, I will put the link in the chat. "Physically Distance but Digitally Connected". It is a description with what AA is doing re: our current experience with COVID-19.

Special Events: Jay

Not a lot to report. We are in the slow period for Special Events. No scheduled events until August for the Bowl A Thon, we do not have a date yet.

Easy Does It group decided not to hold a Zoom meeting for May.

June 5th is the next date for the monthly meeting, Upon Awakening is the group scheduled to host, I will reach out and find out if they

Phone Committee: Vicki -phone co-chair

Trained one person tonight via Zoom! The phones are doing fine, we will try to do a Zoom training next month as well. Next phone committee meeting is June 19th at 6:15pm

Larry S- The phones are automatically preprogrammed so 8am on Saturday morning the phone are automatically transferred to whomever is signed up. If the person who signed up is not the person answering the phone in your group, please make sure you let Kim or Beth know so it can be updated.

Unity Committee: Dave –

Zoom meeting before this meeting, there were 4 of us. We are on hold right now as we wait to see how this all unfolds. I will try to get the list updated with all the changes that have happened. We will wait until next month to meet and then target some meetings for late June, early July.

Sponsorship Workshop: Jerry - Not present.

Tom N-The first Saturday in July is the next scheduled meeting.

Newsletter Editor: Rick N/P – not present

If you are not receiving the No Booze News, then please make sure we have the correct email address.

Literature: N/P – Position Open!

Tom N. -GSO has adjusted the pricing on pamphlets so that the pricing is more uniform. The prices will be reflected after the new order goes in, until then, prices will be same. There are no significant changes and some of the pricing actually went down.

LIASION REPORTS

Alanon Liaison: Not present.

H&I Liaison: Position Open!

Spanish Liaison Marge not present

Zonypaa Liaison: Meagan not present

Sub District 08-818: Tearsa -Sub district is doing well. We met in May via Zoom. We are still working on a bi law revision and a virtual workshop.

Tom- if any Sub districts are doing workshops can you please send the info to Wesley (vice chair) as well as he is the GSO liaison for Steering Committee.

Sub District 08-819: Lois -we met last night via Zoom. We elected a new alternate DCM, Katie. We are updating guidelines still. We are gathering info and getting bid for assembly, more to follow.

Sub District 08-820: Bill

Met via Zoom in May. There is not much going on. We are waiting to see if our meeting place is ready for us to come back yet. The quarterly potluck is still up in the air, more to come.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office Move

Tom N. -SC has been working through the annual office managers review, it's been an odd time to be doing that. We will have more on that next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron S -We did get a conference table with 10 chairs. If PI/CPC wants to meet there monthly (or any other committees) it is an option, it's \$25/month -please contact Tom N. if you are interested. Tom N. "Please keep in mind it is not big enough for traditional AA meetings to be held there".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Larry S. -with the virtual assembly on June 6th-new GSRs or Alternates will not have an opportunity to register like usual, I will put the Registrar's email on the chat. Please contact the Registrar for the packets if you have received anything yet. Tom N. – "we will put that on the website as well".

Group Problems/Announcements- None.

Close Meeting: 8:07PM , Motion to close - ALL!!

Thank you,

Gabi N.



A Newcomer to the Rescue

From the JANUARY 2001 Grapevine

Shortly after I celebrated my first year of sobriety, you might say that my prayers were answered when my husband decided to join the program. He came to me drunk late one night and asked for help. I was speechless, but quickly jumped up and made a pot of coffee. We talked for a couple of hours, crying together. Then he fell asleep on my shoulder. My mind was racing: "Would he remember our conversation in the morning? Would he still want to go to a meeting?" I was excited at the thought of both of us being in recovery together and scared to death that my expectations would get the best of me.

The next day he did remember. It was the Fourth of July weekend, and my home group, Easy Does It, was having an Alcahthon with a meeting every two hours for the entire weekend. We headed to a noon meeting and met up with some old-timers and friends in the program who had met my husband and knew he was struggling. Their eyes just lit up when he announced himself as a newcomer not even twenty-four hours sober, and after the meeting, they embraced him with that special love I've witnessed only in AA. That night, we went back to a midnight candlelight meeting and my husband stood up and got his twenty-four-hour chip. I cried thankful tears and was filled once again with hope.

But that's not the real point of this story. The real point concerns something that happened about forty days later. It was an evening when this baffling disease was overwhelming me, an evening when the words of a newcomer would make all the difference. We had gone down to Tucson to visit our family, and I found myself struggling with crazy thoughts like, "Why me? Why do I have to be an alcoholic?" Blah, blah, blah, on my head went with the self-pity that gets me at the most unexpected times. I headed outside to walk our dog and to get some fresh air, when my husband came looking for me. He knew I was having a bad day. It was pretty obvious, since I was being quiet and irritable. He found me in the small courtyard in front of my dad's condo, sitting on the little brick wall under the olive tree. I must have looked sad, but he sat with me and listened as I cried, "Why did I have to be in this silly program anyway?" and on I went complaining.

Then my husband did something incredible. He took my hands in his and said, "Come on, let's have a little meeting." I looked up at him, completely puzzled, and replied, "What?"

He said, "Come on, let's have a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer."

I hung my head and started sobbing. He was quiet for a minute and then started the amazing little prayer: "God grant me the serenity. . ."

I found myself reciting it with him. Then he began to recite the AA Preamble.

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other. . ." He didn't know all the words, but I quickly joined in and we tried to remember them together. Before I knew it, I was laughing and shaking my head in amazement. We talked for about half an hour, and he shared how grateful he was for his sobriety and how lucky we were to have found the program. The confusing thoughts that had haunted me just minutes before began to melt away. My attitude was completely turned around, and for the first time I saw my husband for the fragile, yet incredible, newcomer that he was. Then after sharing and talking, he surprised me again and said, "Okay, let's close with the Lord's Prayer." We held hands and said the prayer together, closing the smallest, most powerful AA meeting I've ever attended.

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