

# JULY

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to Rick T. info@aamesaaz.org

# NO BOOZE NEWS

## AA Superstar

From the AA Grapevine

With two months in AA, he was on a mission to save the world. It didn't quite turn out that way. In April 1989, my new therapist would only see me if I attended AA. At the time, I thought my plan of only drinking wine on Saturday night would work out quite well. It didn't take long for my new friends in AA to set me straight. I became amazed, that for whatever reason, AA was working. I hadn't had a drink in 60 whole days! Imagine that. At the age of 48, this was the longest period of time I had ever gone without a drink.

The way I looked at it, I was surely an "AA superstar." It was now time for me to spread the message and get every alcoholic on the planet sober. How I reached that ridiculous conclusion is anyone's guess, but I did. After all, 60 days sober (dry) made me an experienced AA'er. Right? I had started "thinking" about getting an AA sponsor (it took me months to actually get one). I made a few phone calls to several guys, set up the chairs at one meeting and even read the 12 Steps over a weekend. "Steve's" AA program was completed when Roger, a new AA friend, gave me my AA nickname, "Definitely Steve." I was now a walking Jewish AA apostle.

Here are some examples of this AA superstar in action:

- In front of my favorite coffee shop, every day, he sat in his wheelchair, a bottle of cheap booze in one hand, and a cup begging for money in the other. But now that I was "sober," I was going to save this guy's life. Walking up to him, I said: "Instead of me putting a dollar into your cup today, I'm going to treat you to breakfast, and show you that only God and AA can save you from your obviously terrible existence." He looked at me, paused, jumped out of his wheelchair, his paralyzed legs miraculously functioned quite well, and with his cane in one hand and a bottle of his favorite booze in the other, screaming "Are you crazy?" he chased me down the block. The next morning, I got my coffee at Dunkin Donuts.
- She was having a tough time staying sober. So, I decided that the best way to help her out was to offer her a job. Her first day in my office was her last. She never returned.
- He was broke. "Of course, I'll lend you some money." After all, he was in AA, a program of honesty, and he promised to pay me back "at the next meeting." I never saw the guy again.

As much as I sometimes try, I can't get or keep anyone sober. It's totally up to them and God. When I finally got a sponsor, he had two

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When reflecting on these things, why should not each of us tell himself: "Yes, we AAs were once a burden on everybody. We were 'takers.' Now that we are sober, and by the grace of God have become responsible citizens of the world, why shouldn't we now about-face and become 'thankful givers'! Yes, it is high time we did!"

- Bill W.

rules:

- He would not call me. I had to call him.
- He would never tell me what to do, just what worked and didn't work for him. And then it was up to me.

His rules are just as good today as they were 29 years ago, when I had my last drink.

BY: DEFINITELY STEVE

## The Center Line of Life

Deeper rooted emotional problems

By Rick R.

We are all born with a Conscience and an Ego. We all have instincts. We, as human beings are also born with the Use of Practical Reasoning, and that separates us from the animals, who, for the most part, live by their instincts. Most normal people make mistakes in their lives and that is normal since no one is perfect. Most Alcoholics, however, take their life to the brink of destruction before they are desperate enough to surrender and enter the program of Alcoholics Anonymous looking for answers. "Yet these instincts, so necessary for our existence, often far exceed their proper function. "(12x12 Step 4) Most Alcoholics have deeper rooted emotional problems that far exceeds the normal range. Some of these troubles can be rectified simply by acknowledging that they exist and being willing to change our motives and behavioral habits.

Unfortunately, A certain percentage of our fellowship have deeper rooted problems that are permanent and cannot be cured simply by practicing A.A. principles alone. They are often masked by the use of alcohol and when a person stops drinking and starts dealing with their behavioral problems, these things rise to the surface in the form of: O.C.D; A.D.D; Bipolar Disorder; P.T.S.D; A.D.H.D. and many others that can only be subdued by the use of medications that, in some cases, dulls the mind of the patient to the extent that they would resist taking the medication and would sooner live with the symptoms. Not knowing this we sometimes misunderstand the people stricken by these deeper-rooted mental conditions and believe, by their sharing, that they are arrogant or egotistical when displaying behaviors that the average person is not afflicted with. These conditions are not always at the extreme levels and each of us, being Alcoholics, have a degree or behavioral problems that are outside of the normal range else why would we need to attend AA meetings. Let us consider the normal range to be 5 degrees on either side of the center line.

The extremes of the abnormal behavioral problems extend out to 50% on either side of the centerline. Let us take Fear as an example. Some people are so fearful they are afraid to leave their home, while others are so fearless that they may walk in front of a bus. These are the extremes, and we all fall somewhere in between. Those of us who are fortunate enough not to be afflicted by those pre-mentioned medical disorders are fortunate In the sense that, practicing the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous, can bring us back towards the center line and we can lead a somewhat normal life. For those unfortunate ones afflicted by those conditions, they can stay sober, but the behaviors are still apparent to us and we sometimes misunderstand and think that person is being Arrogant or Egotistical.

Until we replace the habit of judging other people, by their outward behavior, we are still on this extreme, and when we replace the habit of being judgmental with the habits of compassion and empathy we are somewhat closer to the center line. We can change all those alcoholic behaviors when we recognize them, simply by looking deeper into our motives for all the defects pointed out in the A.A. program. Steps six and Seven begins this process of recognizing our defects of character, based on our thinking, and changing the shortcomings or actions, that result from those thoughts. "There are those too who suffer from grave emotional and mental disorders but many of them do recover if they have the capacity to be honest." (BB pg. 58) My question is, do we have the capacity to be accepting when we recognize that some of us have these, uncontrollable deeper-rooted issues and that we cannot compare them to ourselves and be judgmental about these difficulties. Love, Compassion and Empathy are the center line positions in these cases. Who are we to Judge?

## **Words From the Big Book**

My schoolmate visited me, and I fully acquainted him with my problems and deficiencies. We made a list of people I had hurt or toward whom I felt resentment. I expressed my entire willingness to approach these individuals, admitting my wrong. Never was I to be critical of them. I was to right all such matters to the utmost of my ability.

I was to test my thinking by the new God-consciousness within. Common sense would thus become uncommon sense. I was to sit quietly when in doubt, asking only for direction and strength to meet my problems as He would have me. Never was I to pray for myself, except as my requests bore on my usefulness to others. Then only might I expect to receive. But that would be in great measure.

My friend promised when these things were done I would enter upon a new relationship with my Creator

**- Bill's Story Page 13**

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

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

#### **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

### 27TH ANNUAL PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 28 ~ 30

SLIM JIM CAMPSITE #2

FOREST LAKES

### VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

POSTPONED TILL

OCTOBER 30 - NOV.1

JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

## Virtual 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous – July 2020

@aa.org

FROM: Julio Espallat, 2020 International Convention Coordinator. 2020 International Convention Virtual Site - Coming Soon! Throughout the month of July, the 2020 International Convention will come alive online to provide a new experience that includes A.A. speakers; a digital "Carrying the Message Pavilion"; sharing from nonalcoholic friends of A.A. and special guests linked to our history; a presentation of the 40 millionth Big Book; a new Archives video on the history of A.A.; an AA Grapevine video created for the Convention, and more. We will be up and running on aa.org by July 1, 2020, to coincide as closely as possible with the original Convention date, and the site will be available throughout the entire month of July. Please stay tuned for updates on aa.org.

Looks like most events are shut down  
or going to online formats.

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



### Things Started Working for Me When:

1. My Desperation Outweighed My Denial.
  2. My Conscience Outweighed My EGO.
  3. My Compassion Outweighed My Resentments.
  4. My Giving Outweighed My Taking.
  5. My Faith Outweighed My Fear.
  6. My Unselfishness Outweighed My Greed.
  7. My Service Outweighed My Neglect.
  8. My Acceptance outweighed My Criticism.
  9. My Caring Outweighed My Indifference.
  10. My Empathy Outweighed My Contempt.
  11. My Perspective Outweighed My Opinion.
  12. My Smiles Outweighed My Smirks.
  13. My Calmness Outweighed My Rage.
  14. My Understanding Outweighed My Confusion.
  15. My Virtues Outweighed My Faults.
  16. My Hope Outweighed My Distrust.
  17. My Gratitude Outweighed My Dismay.
  18. My Kindness Outweighed My Spite.
  19. My Principles Outweighed My Delusions.
  20. My Happiness Outweighed My Pain.
  21. My Confidence Outweighed My Insecurity
  22. My Maturity Outweighed My Childishness
  23. My Quiet Discipline Outweighed My Gossip.
- I Could Go on Forever...



## Sobriety Anniversaries



Name	Date	Days
Sandy T.....	7/24/1978.....	15341
Paul S. ....	7/18/1983.....	13515
Sandy S. ....	7/23/1984.....	13149
Pat J.....	7/31/1984.....	13149
Kathy K. ....	7/26/1986.....	12419
Tim H. ....	7/12/1987.....	12054
Joann E.....	7/16/1987.....	12054
Gail J.....	7/5/1988.....	11688
Chris P.....	7/20/1989.....	11323
Sandy S. ....	7/25/1989.....	11323
Shelley M.....	7/15/1990.....	10958
Bill R. ....	7/28/1992.....	10227
Beth F. ....	7/9/1993.....	9862
Pam W. ....	7/31/1993.....	9862
Mary S. ....	7/4/1995.....	9132
Craig M. ....	7/21/1996.....	8766
Steve C. ....	7/14/1998.....	8036
Kelli W.....	7/21/2000.....	7305
Mercer C.....	7/2/2001.....	6940
Eileen K.....	7/11/2001.....	6940
Becky S.....	7/25/2002.....	6575
Jerry S.....	7/8/2004.....	5844
Steve W.....	7/13/2005.....	5479
Anita B. ....	7/5/2006.....	5114
Mary L.....	7/14/2006.....	5114
Deana E.....	7/23/2007.....	4749
Anne H.....	7/28/2007.....	4749
Arne R.....	7/14/2008.....	4383
Matt V. ....	7/30/2008.....	4383
Jim H.....	7/10/2009.....	4018
Steve S. ....	7/21/2009.....	4018
Marcus U.....	7/30/2009.....	4018
Sam N.....	7/11/2010.....	3653
Michael W.....	7/15/2010.....	3653
John R.....	7/23/2010.....	3653
Lindsay R.....	7/24/2010.....	3653
Justin H.....	7/1/2011.....	3288
Kerry R.....	7/17/2011.....	3288
David K. ....	7/27/2011.....	3288
Zach.....	7/30/2011.....	3288
Vincent B.....	7/31/2014.....	2192
Pam R.....	7/24/2015.....	1827
Katelyn B.....	7/5/2016.....	1461
Rick T.....	7/8/2016.....	1461
Bertha E.....	7/15/2016.....	1461
Jade S.....	7/21/2016.....	1461

### Signs You Have A Drinking Problem...

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...

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

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

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

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

### *At Wits End*

I HAD MAJOR SURGERY a couple of years ago," writes Tommy P. of Weston, Mississippi, "and when I missed a major AA event in my area, the speculation began. First, I was seriously ill. Then I had had emergency surgery.

Finally, I had died, the rumors had it. "Well, recently I had more surgery, and this time someone started the rumor that I'd gotten drunk.

"Now, I've known several individuals who have gone back out and died drunk, but I must be the first one to have died first and got drunk after!"

THIS LITTLE BIT OF ADVICE comes from Al R., of South Easton, Massachusetts, and goes like this:

"Not long ago the way I think was that the first drunk never got me drunk, until a speaker took the time to explain that when standing in front of an oncoming train, it's not the caboose you have to dread; being struck by the engine is what smacks you dead."



### Get Published!

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**PI / CPC**

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

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

For more information contact:

480 827-1905

**EVI Phone Workshop**

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

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

Or

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

For more information

Call Beth H

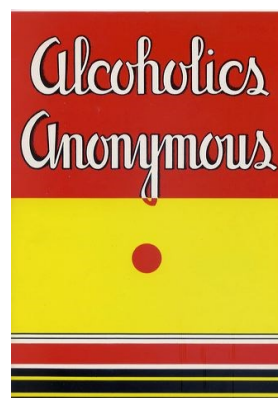
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check [aamesaaz.org](http://aamesaaz.org) for location information

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**Check [aamesaaz.org](http://aamesaaz.org) for location information**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

June 19 2020

In May we received 447 requests for information and assistance. See activity report below for details.

Our website directory is still being updated daily as new information is provided. This also updates the Meeting Guide app. Things are still changing frequently and groups need to remember to inform us of these changes. We have also provided Salt River Intergroup with a current listing of east valley meetings in a format that they can import into their Valleywide meeting directory. This should eliminate the duplicate and incorrect listings on Meeting Guide for our area. Please check your meetings listing and if it is not correct let me know.

The liability insurance will renew at the end of June. The price has gone up a bit. The total for 2020/2021 policies will be \$2,432.00. Our agent will send updated certificates of insurance to additionally insured locations leaseholders. Many of the Groups in the East Valley participate in this coverage and we greatly appreciate those who contribute to help offset this cost.

We were contacted by the Queen Creek American Legion with an offer of available meeting space. If anyone is interested in starting or moving a meeting to their location give me a call for contact information.

We have a few openings for front desk volunteers at the office. We need people for both regular shifts and fill in spots. We would like to have a full schedule before I will be going on vacation. Yes vacation! I plan on being gone July 16 to 26 but I may be able to attend the IGR meeting via Zoom from Alaska.

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

.....	May	.....	2020
Meeting Information Calls	.....	133	..... 831
General Information	.....	94	..... 572
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	.....	6	..... 31
Referred to Al-Anon	.....	11	..... 53
Referred to Community Info	.....	0	..... 0
12th Step Calls	.....	14	..... 66
Business Calls	.....	98	..... 529
Office Visitors	.....	91	..... 552
Meeting lists printed	.....	100	..... 2100
Info request via E-mail	.....	97	..... 440
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	.....	24/ 10/ 6	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD	.....		456hrs

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 28,486 YTD 185,988

Google Searches last 30 days 3,953

## 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.

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Mesa, AZ 85211

**District 08-820**  
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Mesa, AZ 85277

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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	May	YTD
11th Step Candlelight.....	\$145.00	\$145.00
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	\$500.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$19.59	\$253.06
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$103.06
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....		\$600.00
Attitude Adjustment CG.....		\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Basic II.....		\$200.00
BBookworms .....		\$10.00
Bloopers .....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Both Books.....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club.....		\$0.00
Busted Ego .....		\$250.00
By The Book .....		\$122.43
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....		\$240.00
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$300.00	\$871.40
Chandler Women's Big Book Group.....		\$0.00
Cold Coffee Group .....		\$0.00
Common Solution.....		\$500.00
Common Thread.....		\$312.54
Copper Basin Group .....		\$0.00
Courage To Change.....		\$0.00
Depth and Weight.....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....		\$295.00
East Valley Veterans.....		\$20.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$444.35
Eye Opener Group .....		\$600.00
Fae Pack.....	\$375.25	\$375.25
Family Recovery Group.....		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions.....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank.....		\$325.39
Firehouse Meeting.....		\$200.00
Florence Group .....		\$70.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study .....		\$454.00
Friends Of Bill W. ....	\$115.00	\$115.00
Get It Together.....	\$372.01	\$998.79
Gilbert Gals .....		\$0.00
Gilbert Group .....		\$150.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group.....		\$102.96
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....		\$300.00
Grateful Girlfriends.....		\$100.00
Gratitude Group.....	\$225.00	\$575.00
Great Start.....		\$450.00
Gut Level.....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$0.00
How It Works.....		\$40.00
Keepin It Real Ladies.....		\$424.30
Last Resort.....		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book .....	\$60.00	\$228.00
Livin Life.....		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$40.00
Maricopa Group.....		\$415.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$200.00
Monday Night Madness .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Morning After Group .....		\$0.00
Name In The Hat.....		\$488.20
New Beginnings .....		\$100.00
New Hope Group .....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$250.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$75.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$200.00
Page A Day.....		\$989.20

GROUP	May	YTD
Pioneer Group.....	\$90.00	\$276.00
Price Is Right .....	\$55.75	\$55.75
Primary Purpose Group .....		\$300.00
Prime Time .....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion.....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....		\$948.81
Re-Awakening Group.....		\$20.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit .....		\$250.00
Rising Spirit .....	\$100.00	\$315.40
Road To Recovery .....	\$50.00	\$2,691.11
Rock Solid.....		\$130.00
San Tan Men's.....		\$100.00
Second Chance Group.....		\$296.00
Serenity Now .....	\$48.00	\$48.00
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.....		\$200.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....		\$0.00
Tempe Young People .....		\$0.00
The Library.....		\$0.00
The Real Thing.....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group .....	\$100.00	\$325.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers.....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....	\$251.36	\$251.36
Upon Awakening.....	\$730.00	\$1430.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$65.00
We Agnostics .....		\$328.65
We Can Group .....		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step.....		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Winners .....		\$0.00
Welcome Home .....	\$450.00	\$450.00
West Chandler Men's.....		\$0.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?.....		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Women in Gratitude.....		\$0.00
Women in Solution .....		\$0.00
Women in Touch .....		\$168.55
Wonder Women .....	\$100.00	\$200.00
*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
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$4,225.83</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions.....</b>	<b>\$1,288.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS.....</b>	<b>\$5,513.83</b>

(\*Group contribution with no group name listed)

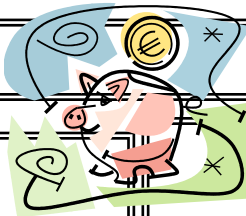
**\$25,461.59**

**\$265.39**

**\$4,093.00**

**\$29,774.98**





### BALANCE SHEET May 31, 2020

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	7,253.40
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	27,766.64
Accounts Receivable	1,106.50
Inventory Asset	22,206.95
Undeposited Funds	139.07

##### Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets \$63,556.19

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	19.47
Payroll taxes	195.44

Total Liabilities \$214.91

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	24,503.74
Net Income	-4,941.40

Total Equity \$63,341.28

Total Liability & Equity \$63,556.19

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May 2020

29 Group contributions totaling	\$4,225.83
25 Individual contributions totaling	\$1,288.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$45.00

Total Contributions \$5,558.83

Total Income \$8,096.94

Less total Cost Of Sales \$1,989.74

Gross Profit \$6,107.20

Less total Expenses of \$6,744.96

Net May Loss (\$637.76)

YTD 2020 Loss (\$4,941.40)

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$27,766.64  
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

## Traditions Checklist

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

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

**East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes****June 16, 2020****Meeting Opened at 7PM via Zoom****Tom N. opened with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions ready by Beth****INTRODUCTIONS:** *Your attendance and participation are appreciated, and visitors are always welcome! Meeting via Zoom.***Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** Daryl P Both Books Step Study, Philip R. Busted Ego, Tom K. (filling in) We Agnostics Pigeon Coup. Welcome to the new EVI reps! We are glad you are here!**Committee and other Trusted Servants:** \*\* Attendance available upon request. Edited for space.**Secretary's Report:** Report in Packet – Motion – Ken., 2<sup>nd</sup> Noah , all in favor, minutes passed.**Treasurer's Report:** Ron S. - Report in Packet. Packet on screen for all to review. Motion to accept Marna, Second Brenda. All in favor, accepted.**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** The link for EVI is posted, please consider making contributions to GSO or EVI via the links in chat. Thank you.**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. Gary L made a motion to have a hybrid Zoom meeting for June and Wesley seconded the motion. Shortly after that meeting we were notified by the Church of the Epiphany of the protocols in place for meeting at the church. After reviewing the requirements and bringing it back to the Steering Committee for review, Gary L. amended his motion and made a new motion to have a Zoom EVI business meeting in June in light of the new information, Wesley also amended his second for the original motion and seconded the new motion. The majority agreed to have a Zoom business meeting in June, motion passed. See the attached Amendment to the Steering Committee vote for June hybrid meeting.

**\*Amendment**

*Following the Steering Committee Meeting, Tom discussed with the Church of the Epiphany their guidelines for having a live meeting and the requirements needing to be met by the group for the church. Masks needed to be worn, social distancing protocols, extra cleaning and sanitizing protocols needed to be done before and after the meeting. He brought this information back to the steering committee via email. Gary amended his motion to have a hybrid meeting and proposed having a Zoom meeting only for the month of June. Wesley revised his second for having a hybrid meeting and seconded Gary's motion for a Zoom only meeting in June. Amended motion for Zoom meeting only passed via email with 5 for and 3 abstentions.*

**Vice Chair's Report:** Wesley -No written report. Still planning on August bowl a thon, pending COVID situation.**Office Manager:** Kim

Link to AWS virtual International Convention on website. I will be on vacation next month but present for business meeting.

A question was brought to me whether or not EVI can carry medallions at the office for sale. It would be up to the groups to make a motion and vote on that. We are approved to carry AA approved literature, medallions are not included in that approval so it would be a process to it get changed, but we are here to for the groups so a motion could be made and entertained.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PI/CPC:** Tom C.

No written report

Low operations right now due to COVID.

We are contacting 108 religious institutions to provide information for them re: AA, also radio and tv stations for PSAs as they may be more receptive right now due to current state of events.

Deana stepped down as committee advisor, so we need a new advisor to the steering committee

We will be holding our business meetings at the EVI office starting in July, they are open to all who would like to attend.

**Special Events:** Jay

Not a lot to report

Cannot reach the contact person for this month's speaker meeting so no update on whether it will be running.

July Tempe Bloopers will host the monthly speaker meeting, more to follow.

Bowing in going forward for August, more to follow as we get closer.

**Phone Committee:** Beth

11 people tonight for training before this meeting!

Phones are going well, adjusting to the new system.

We are getting more volunteers, that's great! Thank you!

**Unity Committee:** Dave

Met tonight before this meeting via Zoom.

Thank you to Ron for suggesting we reach out to the meeting EVI reps via telephone to update whether or not they are meeting live, on Zoom, or not meeting. We will also find out if they are on Zoom if they want to be published on the website. We will find out what we can and give to Kim to update on the website.

We could use volunteers for the Unity Committee! Contact me at 602-920-7417

**Sponsorship Workshop:** Jerry C -We had to cancel May workshop. Our facility will not be available until probably September, I am currently looking into other places. We have done 2 workshops this year so far. Tom N "if anyone has any ideas for Jerry re: putting on an online workshop please contact Jerry or the EVI office and we can put you in touch with Jerry"

**Newsletter Editor:** Rick N/P – not present

Tom N. " the No Booze News" has been published successfully and Kim has been mailing it out monthly. If you are interested in submitting an article or stories for the No Booze News please reach out to Jerry, his number is in the No Booze News."

**Literature:** Eric N/P Tom N. we plenty of literature available at the office, all AA World Services publications are available for purchase.

### **LIASION REPORTS**

**Alanon Liaison:** Warren N/P

**H&I Liaison:** Position Open!

Tom N. "I spoke with Katie who is the H&I chair and was told they may have someone interested. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know is interested please let us know."

### **Spanish Liaison Marge**

**Marge was having technical difficulties and sent the following email after the Zoom meeting to Tom N.:**

"Hi Tom just wanted to let you know that I was listening to the Intergroup meeting on Zoom on Friday but could not sign in and you could not hear me will have to see what I did wrong to join in the up coming ones. So I am sending you this email with some information about the Spanish group's. I don't have Gabby's email address so that is why I am sending you this information. Also I have not received any information from the Intergroup meetings or any minutes not sure if I am supposed to be getting them or not because I am a liaison. Let me know either way you have my email address now for the future. Spanish meetings are going on as regular. I have not attended their Intergroup MTG since the covid-19 started I will try to make one when I get back from my trip in August. I have attended the Spanish woman's meeting on Wednesday nights at 7 in Chandler group name La Libricion they have also moved to a new location not too far from the old location will give Kim the new address. Attendance has been low not sure if it's because of the covid-19 but meetings have been good. There is an event coming up to SAVE THE DATE it is the 5th Hispanic woman's Workshop hosted by area 93 it will be coming up December 5th it will be held in California. One of the Spanish reps from the sub District 16163 wants to get some information from our PICPC on places to drop off their information. I am working on trying to find away to that language barriers. That is about all for now. Feliz 24 Marge"

**Zonypaa Liaison:** Meagan N/P

**Sub District 08-818:** Tearsa -We are currently still meeting monthly via Zoom. We have AD HOC committees working on bi-laws and a quarterly workshop. The first workshop will probably be via Zoom. We are part of the Post Conference 2020 and are happy to be part of that! We will keep you posted.

**Sub District 08-819:** Lois -our next meeting will be on July 9<sup>th</sup> and it will be a hybrid meeting. Our delegate will be giving a report via Zoom on 7/18, I can get you information on how to log into that if you are interested contact me.

**Sub District 08-820:** Bill

There is not much to add. In July we will not be having our quarterly potluck and speaker meeting. We will keep doing Zoom meeting through August.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We have a seconded motion from the steering committee regarding the office managers review. We the officers of the steering committee have been meeting over the past few months regarding the office managers review. We are now taking the seconded motion to the body so you can take the information back to your groups and at the next business meeting we will receive any input and take it to a vote.

Tom N. (provided background)

*"The Officers met with Kim last evening to go over her Annual Performance Review. This has been especially challenging this year in light of the events of the past 3 months and the surrounding uncertainty. That said, we all agreed that Kim has done an outstanding job managing the office over the past year, going above & beyond with respect to the office move, ICOAA Seminar, and COVID-19 challenges. As with any meaningful performance review, we also discussed some areas of improvement, such as reporting time off to the Steering Committee more consistently, delegating some responsibilities to various committees, and cleaning-up the meeting list (this last item was self-imposed).*

*The bottom line is that considering the current situation with the world today, we all (including Kim) felt it best to take a conservative approach to the pay raise and arrived at a 2% increase for this year, with the possibility of a higher increase next year taking this year's performance into consideration as well.*

*We would like to take this to the body during next week's Business Meeting as a seconded motion, which requires your approval as well. Can you please send me your vote, as well as any commentary you would like to express on the subject by the end of this week? Please*

**Business Meeting Minutes Continued**

*feel free to call me, Kim, and/or any of the officers with any questions, comments, or concerns."*

Louise L- "That is an increase of \$80/month, is that correct?"

Ron- "66.61/mo. Is roughly what we are looking at at 40k/year."

Tom N. "Please note that the pay raise is retroactive from March 2020.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Larry S. -We want to encourage our groups to make motions to convey what your groups want your Central Office to do for you. Bring your motions to the business meeting.

Larry S. -Meal and a Message will be canceled, and tickets will be refunded. If you want to contact them [mealandmes-sag@gmail.com](mailto:mealandmes-sag@gmail.com) or who you bought your ticket from to get a refund.

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

Tom motion to close, Denise second. All in favor.

Thank you! Gabi N.

**Tradition Twelve**

**BY: BILL W.**

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. **(from the November 1948 Grapevine)**

One may say that anonymity is the spiritual base, the sure key to all the rest of our Traditions. It has come to stand for prudence and, most importantly, for self-effacement. True consideration for the newcomer if he desires to be nameless; vital protection against misuse of the name Alcoholics Anonymous at the public level; and to each of us a constant reminder that principles come before personal interest--such is the wide scope of this all-embracing principle. In it we see the cornerstone of our security as a movement; at a deeper spiritual level it points us to still greater self-renunciation.

A glance at the Twelve Traditions will instantly assure anyone that "giving up" is the essential idea of them all. In each Tradition, the individual or the group is asked to give up something for our general welfare. Tradition One asks us to place the common good ahead of personal desire. Tradition Two asks us to listen to God as he may speak in the group conscience. Tradition Three requires that we exclude *no* alcoholic from AA membership. Tradition Four implies that we abandon all idea of centralized human authority or government. But each group is enjoined to consult widely in matters affecting us all. Tradition Five restricts the AA group to a single purpose, carrying our message to other alcoholics.

Tradition Six points at the corroding influence of money, property, and personal authority; it begs that we keep these influences at a minimum by separate incorporation and management of our special services. It also warns against the natural temptation to make alliances or give endorsements. Tradition Seven states that we had best pay our own bills; that large contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public solicitation using the name Alcoholics Anonymous is positively dangerous. Tradition Eight forswears professionalizing our Twelfth Step work but it does guarantee our few paid service workers an unquestioned amateur status. Tradition Nine asks that we give up all idea of expensive organization; enough is needed to permit effective work by our special services--and no more.

This Tradition breathes democracy; our leadership is one of service and it is rotating; our few titles never clothe their holders with arbitrary personal authority; they hold authorizations *to serve, never to govern*. Tradition Ten is an emphatic restraint of serious controversy; it implores each of us to take care against committing AA to the fires of reform, political or religious dissension. Tradition Eleven asks, in our public relations, that we be alert against sensationalism and it declares there is never need to praise ourselves. Personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film is urgently required, thus avoiding the pitfall of vanity, and the temptation through broken anonymity to link AA to other causes.

Tradition Twelve, in its mood of humble anonymity, plainly enough comprehends the preceding eleven. The Twelve Points of Tradition are little else than a specific application of the spirit of the Twelve Steps of recovery to our group life and to our relations with society in general. The recovery Steps would make each individual AA whole and one with God; the Twelve Points of Tradition would make us one with each other and whole with the world about us. Unity is our aim.

Our AA Traditions are, we trust, securely anchored in those wise precepts: charity, gratitude, and humility. Nor have we forgotten *prudence*. May these virtues ever stand clear before us in our meditations; may Alcoholics Anonymous serve God in happy unison for so long as he may need us.