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NO BOOZE NEWS

A Spiritual Experience

From the Sept 2016 NBN

Sober just a couple of months, I attended the 2015 Area 3 annual convention in Pinetop, AZ. I looked forward to escaping the Phoenix heat and partaking in my first AA convention in the cool pines of the Arizona mountains. I went by myself, but a couple from my home group was planning to attend, so chances were good that I would see at least one familiar face.

A new term jumped out at me from the convention program: "marathon meeting". Wanting to experience this new thing, I met up with an old timer from my home group and we went together. The topic of the morning meeting was about having a spiritual experience in sobriety.

Of the roughly 30 people in the meeting, I noticed a perhaps familiar face on a man who came in the room with his friends. He sat at a table across from me such that we were facing each other. I could not place the face, but thought maybe I recognized him. From television? A bus-stop ad? I did not think much of it, except for the fact that this guy was looking at me like he, too, saw in me a familiar face.

Toward the close of the meeting I took a turn to share my spiritual experience from a couple of months before. My experience of Goodness filling the void left by a departing force - the obsession to drink - was still very fresh in my memory. When I finished sharing, the meeting leader started his closing remarks, but he was stopped by this familiar face across from me. "May I share quickly?", the stranger interrupted. The leader allowed him to continue. "During the weeks before I got sober I was housesitting for a friend of mine and his wife. It was in that house that several things happened. One, I came face to face with my powerlessness over alcohol. Second, I bought 20 feet of rope with which to hang myself at this friend's house -the first time I finally acted on my despair. Third, I had my last drink there. And that was YOUR house, wasn't it, Tom?". I slowly nodded my head as I recognized who this guy was. Relieved at the confirmation, he continued, "I was staying at that house when, having been mandated to go to AA after a DUI, while at a meeting I "had my blinders removed" in a moment and completely accepted that I was an alcoholic... and I celebrated 21 years of sobriety this last week." "No way!", I blurted out loud. My eyes were opened and I recognized Scott, an old friend and drinking partner from Tucson that I had not seen for 20 years. The room was filled with puzzled faces and several gasps. After the meeting and a big hug, Scott explained to me that he hit bottom while house-sitting for me while I was out of town on vacation. He recalled for me how he had considered committing suicide in my

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

It is most clearly apparent that, even here at the very center of A.A., there can only exist a center of service--custodians, editors, secretaries and the like--each, to be sure, with a special vital function, but none of them with any authority to govern Alcoholics Anonymous.

- Bill W.—Jan. 1947

A Spiritual Experience (Cont'd)

house. Fortunately, he was unable to find my pistol (I took it with me on our trip), or a suitable branch on the trees in my yard for his rope. This failure bought him just enough time to have his eyes opened.

After hitting bottom in my living room Scott began his new, sober life about the same time my wife and I moved to from Tucson to Phoenix. Back then, I had no idea what a "bottom" was or that Scott had hit his in my house. My own bottom was 2 decades and 200 miles away.

Turns out that Scott's attendance at the Area 3 convention was a last-minute decision. And, at just a few months sober, my own attendance was a bit unusual. Whether mere coincidence or divine intervention, my re-kindled friendship with Scott has become yet another gift to me from God in AA. Scott shares with me his experience, strength and hope from his years of sobriety. An old friend became a blessing to this newcomer.

Tom J., Chandler, Arizona

Chain Reaction In the Pacific

From the October 1951 Grapevine

WE ARE GROWING here in Okinawa and have a very interested and interesting group. We are finally emerging from a rut of self-complacency, following the advice of some of the "older heads" in AA by taking some action. "Action is the magic word." I've heard it quoted many times.

We've acquired four new members since I last wrote, three of which I'm reasonably sure are going to "stay stopped." We are angling for a new meeting place--a building of our own--with furniture, plumbing and heat. Heat is necessary here too during our "winter" (December, January and February). During this rainy season it's quite damp. The actual temperature has never dipped any lower than 45°--but 45° here goes right through you, especially if you're a nervous, confused, frightened and sick newcomer.

We have contacted the various commanders, chaplains and doctors and are having some success. Any advancement, of course, is better than standing still. We have a "kitty" started and in the not too distant future will order two or three Big Books for group use only. The new man needs this "medication" almost immediately and our continual turnover--peculiar to the Armed Services--causes our privately owned books to rotate back to the states or elsewhere.

Our activity must be steadily maintained to compensate for this turnover, since the newcomer doesn't usually come in until he has been here a while and managed to get into enough trouble and accumulate the eventual despair that accompanies his entry. It is my opinion that most overseas stations (and particularly the Far East) are breeding spots for alcoholics. At least it brings out the addiction a little sooner as it is more difficult to hide or be covered for. The eventual downfall is then rapid and conclusive. It is then and only then that an AA organization can help. My tour over here has been extended and I hope to extend it again.

At present I am due to go home in February of 1959. By then we hope to have a sort of chain reaction which will provide continuous aid. It is my firm conviction that AA certainly has come of age, as the latest book implies, and I intend to demonstrate this in every way possible to the authorities here.

We are trying to live by the "love and service" code to the very best of our ability. We cannot afford to be complacent as we not only endanger our own sobriety but we become inoperative and lose our effectiveness in helping others.

The psychiatric ward here, where I have been both patient and visitor, may appall some AA veterans--the services have no time to segregate the many types of mentally disturbed, and the understanding the alcoholic needs is not forthcoming since the vast number of patients and the limited facilities do not permit. Our little group, therefore, can be a salvation to those who really want it. Time and patience is short in the military and the individual is often given the boot by the military as well as social ostracism by his compatriots much too soon. Most of these have given the best years of their lives to their country, but that too is forgotten. AA overseas, therefore, is comparable (for me) to the missionary--even more important.

Humility, understanding and dispensing with false pride to aid others, as we were aided is the least we can do, and our sobriety is the only "pay" we need.

BY: JOHN D. | OKINAWA

Words From the Big Book

We don't use this as an excuse for shying away from the subject of God. When it will serve any good purpose, we are willing to announce our convictions with tact and common sense. The question of how to approach the man we hated will arise. It may be he has done us more harm than we have done him and, though we may have acquired a better attitude toward him, we are still not too keen about admitting our faults. Nevertheless, with a person we dislike, we take the bit in our teeth. It is harder to go to an enemy than to a friend, but we find it much more beneficial to us. We go to him in a helpful and forgiving spirit, confessing our former ill feeling and expressing our regret.

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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

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 30 - NOV.1
JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

TRAIL TO SERENITY, HAVASU STYLE

NOVEMBER 12 ~ 15, 2020
LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK
699 LONDON BRIDGE RD, LAKE HAVASU, AZ 86403
TRAILTOSerenity.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 18 ~ 21, 2021
CHARLOTTE NC
INTERNATIONALWOMENSCONFERENCE.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.



SEPTEMBER 1953 Grapevine Editorial

This is our September song. . .sincerity and simplicity for
steady success.

In the spirit of this harvest month's new sounding school bells,
let us humbly be scholars again. . .studying anew the sug-
gested steps for our bettered living. . .translating in higher
degree the words of our program into the tune of our living.
Let us matriculate with meaning, cram our curriculum with
kindness, and prepare for the daily exams of example.

For we are, and must always be, learners. The worthwhile
product of real education in AA is not learned men. . .but
learning men. Men and women who will know what it is that
they do not know; why it is important to know it; and how to
go about knowing and using new things (and proven old
things) to solve the problems that will confront them in the
course of this chosen new way of life.

AA is, fortunately, a simple school. We do not have to be
smart to make good marks in it, to latch on to the easy princi-
ples. The veriest dunce of us has learned to read and under-
stand and use at least some of the Twelve Steps.

But we do have to want to be smart. We have to be willing to
work, and work hard, for real progress and growth and sober
maturity that will serve us equally well in prosperity and in
adversity. . .in the easy summer and the stern winter. Life will
be real and earnest for us in AA if we are real and earnest
about our being AAs. . .and doing things for AA.

Depending on how we stick to our AA lessons. . .on how we
face life. . .life will be high new adventure. . .or the same old
hopelessness of defeat. We can learn to be free to face life
well. We can learn to be well to face life free!



2020 AZ State Virtual Convention

September 4th to the 6th

Labor Day Weekend

Workshops

Speakers

Entertainment

Happy Hour Rooms

Al-Anon Workshops

Spanish Meetings

Golf Tournament

Registration opens August 1st

Visit area03.org



Name	Date	Days
Greg W.....	9/10/1979.....	14976
Anne V.....	9/8/1982.....	13880
Ramona P.....	9/30/1982.....	13880
Mickey A.....	9/14/1984.....	13149
Barbara M.....	9/27/1984.....	13149
Beth H.....	9/29/1985.....	12784
Tisha N.....	9/12/1986.....	12419
David P.....	9/8/1987.....	12054
Denis S.....	9/21/1988.....	11688
Ron S.....	9/16/1989.....	11323
Guff W.....	9/30/1989.....	11323
Gary L.....	9/5/1990.....	10958
Roy B.....	9/2/1991.....	10593
Tom A.....	9/10/1995.....	9132
Michael S.....	9/19/1995.....	9132
Lauren B.....	9/21/1997.....	8401
Terri B.....	9/12/1998.....	8036
Mike W.....	9/22/1999.....	7671
Mike G.....	9/22/2003.....	6210
Debbie C.....	9/22/2004.....	5835
Amanda B.....	9/13/2005.....	5479
Barbara C.....	9/23/2005.....	5479
Don D.....	9/18/2006.....	5114
Aaron C.....	9/24/2006.....	5114
Brett A.....	9/4/2007.....	4749
Carol L.....	9/5/2007.....	4749
James L.....	9/9/2010.....	3653
Michael M.....	9/20/2010.....	3653
Margaret B.....	9/26/2010.....	3653
Nick V.....	9/28/2010.....	3653
Virgil F.....	9/30/2010.....	3653
Steve P.....	9/11/2011.....	3288
Mike H.....	9/8/2012.....	2917
Adrian B.....	9/26/2013.....	2557
Mark E.....	9/1/2014.....	2192
Linda O.....	9/18/2014.....	2192
Terry F.....	9/26/2014.....	2192
Dana P.....	9/2/2015.....	1827
Linda L.....	9/7/2015.....	1827
Mike M.....	9/24/2015.....	1827
Judy W.....	9/30/2015.....	1827
Madilaine B.....	9/14/2016.....	1461
Denise V.....	9/20/2016.....	1461
Christel A.....	9/25/2016.....	1461
Lorenzo L.....	9/8/2018.....	731
Noah G.....	9/9/2018.....	731

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

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

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

Drunk rushing up to a bartender: "Was Joe in here an hour ago?"

At Wits End

Bartender: "Yes, why?"

Drunk: "Was I with him?"

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he isn't and a sense of humor provided to console him for what he is.

You take a drink and it makes a new man of you. . .then the new man wants a drink.



Things We Can Not Change

Clancy J. a long time member of our Fellowship and cofounder of the Pacifica Group in California has passed from this world . His life and sobriety touched many, he will be missed.



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

1855 E Southern Ave #103

(EVI Office) and on Zoom

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 or visit our website

aamesaaz.org

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)**

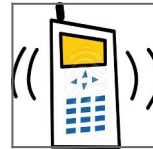
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Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Beth H

480 827-1905

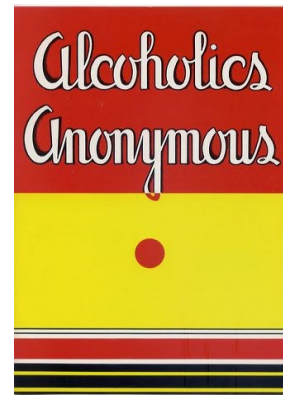
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Jerry C. 480 827-1905

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

September 5th ~ 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

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

contact: 480 827-1905

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of Every Month

Meeting Now At 7:30pm

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

September 4th ~ Sunset Group

October 2nd ~ The Society

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

**Office Volunteers &
EVI Hot Line Phones**

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific
times and days.

480 827-1905

***** Regular Shifts Available *****

Central Office Manager's Report

August 21 2020

Our website directory is now being updated weekly as new information is provided. Online and Zoom meetings are now being listed along with the in-person meetings and can be sorted by meeting type "online". This also updates the Meeting Guide app with the online meetings. Please check your meetings listing and if it is not correct let me know.

Central Office managers from the US and Canada have been meeting weekly on Zoom to share challenges and solutions in our current social climate. Many are just now reopening "in person" meetings after month of being shut down. The Baltimore Intergroup issued this statement reminding Groups and members that A.A. does not operate outside of the law. "To protect A.A., groups should be mindful of the Traditions. Tradition 1 tells us *"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."* When making group decisions, we say, *"Each group is autonomous."* However, the second part of Tradition 4 is just as important: *"except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole."* **These traditions remind us that we must ensure that our group decisions do not negatively impact our fellow members or A.A. as a whole, and that we as individuals act in ways that ensure our common welfare.** Traditions 1 and 4 are important now more than ever. We have to consider the health and well-being of other A.A. members, and we need to protect the positive reputation and goodwill of A.A. in the community. A.A. must abide by the mandates of local jurisdictions where our groups meet. As an organization and as individuals, we are not exempt from the law." Please follow all local ordinances regarding safety mandates so as not to expose our Fellowship to public controversy.

Extended thru August, the 2020 International Convention will come alive online to provide a new experience that includes A.A. speakers; a digital "Carrying the Message Pavilion"; 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. Please stay tuned for updates on aa.org.

If you are signed up for 12 step service, please try to be available if called.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim Watkins

Central Office Manager

East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	July	.....	2020
Meeting Information Calls	.....	129	..... 1079
General Information	.....	101	..... 786
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	.....	5	..... 42
Referred to Al-Anon	.....	10	..... 69
Referred to Community Info	.....	0	..... 0
12th Step Calls	.....	10	..... 90
Business Calls	.....	94	..... 702
Office Visitors	.....	114	..... 760
Meeting lists printed	.....	400	..... 2700
Info request via E-mail	.....	72	..... 594
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None	.....	24/ 12/ 4	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD	.....		616hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 24,351 YTD 240,436

Google Searches last 30 days 4,205

Meeting List Updates...

Our website (aamesaaz.org) is being updated weekly. 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.

New Meetings:

Happy Destiny	5764 E Hunt Hwy. San Tan Valley	TU 6:00p	O
	(American Legion Community Center)		
Serenity Now	655 S Crismon Rd. Mesa	SU, MO, WE 9:30a	O
	(Skyline Park N of RR)		
The Patio Group	4040 W Ray Rd. Chandler	Every Day 7:00a	O

Changes:

Deletions:

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Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
PO Box 20404
Mesa, AZ 85277

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

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

Example of Group Contributions to A.A.

Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities

10% to District 10% to Area

30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	July	YTD
11th Step Candlelight.....		\$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	\$400.00
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$500.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$100.61	\$436.50
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$103.06
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$200.00	\$800.00
As Bill Sees It QC.....	\$310.33	\$310.33
As You Wake Up	\$25.00	\$25.00
Attitude Adjustment CG.....		\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II.....		\$200.00
BBookworms	\$10.00	\$20.00
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	\$162.00	\$1,258.40
Chandler Women's Big Book Group.....	\$262.50	\$262.50
Common Solution.....		\$500.00
Common Thread		\$787.04
Copper Basin Group		\$0.00
Courage To Change.....		\$0.00
Depth and Weight.....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$164.00	\$634.00
East Valley Veterans.....		\$20.00
Easy Does It Group	\$177.74	\$177.74
Eye Opener Group		\$600.00
Fae Pack.....		\$375.25
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank.....		\$325.39
Firehouse Meeting.....	\$150.00	\$350.00
Florence Group		\$70.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study		\$454.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$115.00
Get It Together.....		\$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	\$200.00
Gratitude Group.....		\$575.00
Great Start.....		\$450.00
Gut Level.....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....	\$150.00	\$150.00
How It Works.....		\$40.00
Keepin It Real Ladies.....		\$424.30
Last Resort.....		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book		\$253.00
Livin Life.....		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$40.00
Maricopa Group.....	\$75.00	\$100.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$200.00
Monday Night Madness		\$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	\$500.00	\$750.00
No Name AA Group	\$25.00	\$100.00
Not A Glum Lot.....		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$200.00
Page A Day.....	\$1,018.07	\$2,007.27

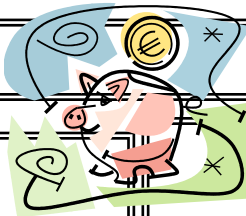
GROUP	July	YTD
Pioneer Group.....	\$94.60	\$370.60
Price Is Right		\$55.75
Primary Purpose Group		\$300.00
Prime Time		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion.....		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$948.81
Re-Awakening Group.....		\$20.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$250.00
Rising Spirit	\$207.61	\$523.01
Road To Recovery	\$50.00	\$4,101.22
Rock Solid.....		\$130.00
San Tan Men's.....		\$100.00
Second Chance Group		\$296.00
Serenity Now	\$152.50	\$340.00
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	\$75.00	\$175.00
Southeast Valley Stag	\$138.13	\$588.13
Spirited Women		\$87.75
Step By Step Group		\$117.16
Stepping Stones.....	\$254.00	\$583.50
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		\$205.00
Tempe Nooners.....	\$125.00	\$325.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library.....		\$0.00
The Real Thing.....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$1196.00	\$621.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$200.00
Tuesday's Trudgers.....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$400.00	\$651.36
Upon Awakening.....		\$1450.00
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
West Chandler Men's.....		\$0.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?.....		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$50.00
Women in Gratitude.....		\$0.00
Women in Solution		\$30.00
Women in Touch		\$168.55
Wonder Women		\$200.00
*Anonymous Groups.....	\$25.00	\$339.00

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	\$5,348.09	\$33,740.47
EVI Committees	\$27.00	\$310.39
Individual Contributions.....	\$1,428.80	\$6,288.80
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$6,803.89	\$40,339.66

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET July 31, 2020

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	6,598.16
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	24,779.98
Accounts Receivable	1,040.15
Inventory Asset	23,445.19
Undeposited Funds	10.75

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$60,958.70**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	32.45
Payroll taxes	97.72

Total Liabilities **\$130.17**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	24,503.74
Net Income	-7,454.15

Total Equity **\$60,828.53**

Total Liability & Equity **\$60,958.70**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT July 2020

38 Group contributions totaling	\$5,348.09
32 Individual contributions totaling	\$1,428.80
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$27.00

Total Contributions **\$6,803.89**

Total Income **\$11,191.57**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$3,405.78**

Gross Profit **\$7,785.79**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,264.67**

Net July Gain **\$1,521.12**

YTD 2020 Loss **(\$7,454.15)**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$24,779.98
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 Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

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

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2020

Meeting Opened at 7PM via Zoom

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by Kim W.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Intergroup Representatives: Tom N - EVI Chair, Kim W - EVI Office Mgr, Ron S. - EVI Treasurer, Denise D. - Chandler Noon Group, Susan G. - Women In Gratitude-Alt., Eddie - Boot Straps, Rose M - Happy Hour Sunbird Chandler, Katie S - Alt DCM 819, Maria D - EVI Secretary, Marge M - Spanish Liaison, Tim H - Busted Ego, DJ - EASY DOES IT GROUP, Debbie C - ALT-DCM 08-820, Aaron Vasquez, Travis M - Serenity Now, Shari- Sobriety Is Gold, Tom C - PI/CPC Chair, Bill - GIT, Corie R. - Chandler Womens BB, Lauren F - We Agnostics, Sharon B - Stepping Stones, Ken C. - Sunset Group, Dave K - Unity Comm. Chair, JASON H - East Phx. Men's, Laura K - Patio Group, Vicki B - Co-chair phones, Beth Houck - Phone Committee, Larry S - EVI Advisor Phones, Mary D, John

(This list was compiled from the names each rep typed into their Zoom screen.)

New Reps: Aaron V - Jason H.-East Valley Men's Staggs, Tim H-Busted Ego, Lauren F-We Agnostics, Mary B.-Women in Gratitude, Shari-Sobriety is Gold, Bill-Get It together, Susan G-Alternate for Women in Gratitude, Katie S- Alt DCM for 819, Travis M-Serenity Now, Grant L-417 group, John H.-SASTO, Laura K-The Patio Group

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

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	NP	Office Manager	NP	H&I Liaison	Open
V. Chair	Wesley	Chair- Special E.	JJ	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Treasurer	Ron S	Chair- PI/CPC	Tom	Al-anon Liaison	N/P
Secretary	NP	Chair- Phones	Beth	DCM 08-818	Tearsa
Advisor- Special E.	Gary L	Chair- Unity	Dave K	DCM 08-819	Lois L
Advisor- PI/CPC	VACANT	Chair- Sponsorship	Jerry	DCM 08-820	Bill
Advisor- Phones	Larry S	No Booze News	N/P	ZONYPAA	NP
Advisor- Unity	NP	Literature	N/P		

Tom from to be Secre- peruse Correc- accept K., Mo- Treas- shared for Jan-

announces Gabi stepped down secretary position. New secretary addressed in new business.

tary's Report: Tom asks all to the meeting minutes from July. tion to rep name noted. Motion to by Katie S, Seconded by Marilyn tion passed.

urer's Report: Ron S. Report on screen. Visual graphs posted uary 2018 through July 2020.

Mail has been going to previous mailbox. Our new address is

We found about \$2600 that was in the old mailbox. That makes us about break even for the last two months.

Remember to mark your group in the comment line of the check.

Thank you for donations. We are still below prudent reserve about \$3000.

Groups - check your donations on the treasurer's Report to make sure your group's donation was recorded.

Contributions can be made by PayPal. Include your group name in memo section.

Motion to accept - Katie S Alt. DCM 819. Second Dave SNBBSS. Motion passed.

7th Tradition: The link for EVI is posted, please consider making contributions to GSO or EVI via the links. Thank you.

Chairperson's Report: Tom N. No written report.

Vice Chair's Report: Wesley

No written report. Was able to attend a couple meetings. Hope to attend the State Convention.

Office Manager: Kim W.

See report on page 7.

Tom C - Thank you for keeping the Website Meeting list up to date.

Wed. Aug 26 at 9am is Service day at the office. All are welcome.

AAMesaaz.org is our website with online meeting list.

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

Minutes of our meeting are in the report. Tom recapped.

Second monthly meeting held at the new EVI office plus Zoom meeting hybrid.

Area 03 will put on a CPC workshop monthly.

CPC held a Zoom meeting with members of the Spanish committee regarding cooperation.

Slow time for service activities. Getting organized. Actively working with clergy, sending out letters. We are getting responses.

Discussion of courts regarding AA as religious. Beth recommends letting attorneys know secular meetings are available.

Special Events: Jay J.

Ahwatukee Men's group hosted monthly EVI speaker meeting.

Sunset group will be hosting in September.

Phone committee: Beth H.

Phone committee is doing well. We are doing more trainings since going to Zoom meetings.

Updating phone volunteer list.

We have fewer groups and individuals who are taking monthly commitments. Please go to your group and ask if anyone is willing to take on a regular commitment. One year sobriety suggested and an email address are needed.

Contact me if you want us to set up a training with your group via Zoom.

Unity Committee: Dave K.

We have been calling groups getting their status. Please let Kim know if your group is changing from online to brick and mortar

If you are a new group or have not been contacted by the Unity committee, please contact me.

Sponsorship Workshop: Jerry C. September workshop is cancelled. Zoom meeting will be held in November.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Rick N/P – not present. Rick is totally committed to NBN and will begin providing a regular report – per Tom. Rick's contact info is posted in the NBN. Submit your articles.

Literature: N/P – Eric.

LIASON REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Not present.

H&I Liaison: Position Open. This involves going to the monthly H&I meeting.

Spanish Liaison Marge

Attending women's Spanish meetings in Phoenix. Zoom meeting-First time I've seen the AA English community (CPC) get together with the Spanish representatives just to carry the message.

Zonypaa Liaison: N/P – Meagan.

Sub District 08-818: Tearsa C.

Meetings have been on Zoom. Starting next month will be a hybrid meeting.

August assembly was held last weekend.

Subdistrict has a Bylaws committee to update the bylaws.

We also have a workshop committee.

818, 819, 820 will be working together on post conference assembly.

Sub District 08-819: Katie for Lois L.- Held first hybrid meeting. Still trying to figure out how to disburse money.

Sub District 08-820: Bill - Next meeting will be held on Labor Day. We will contact Wesley regarding our next meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom appoints Maria D. (me) to the position of EVI secretary. I told you all about my service history. Voted in. Yay!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom C. announces that if you are interested in PCP service, please contact him.

Ron S.- 26th annual Trail to Serenity in November is still being planned at this time. It's a great time. Contact Ron with questions.

Larry S., advisor to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is short an advisor to the PICPC committee. Please announce in your group that this position is available. Have them contact Tom C.

I am responsible. When anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Maria Davis

The Eye-Opener

From A Grapevine Online Exclusive

A bright and early meeting where all comers are met with a message of hope—and a good cup of coffee

I wanted to share a story about a special group of our fellowship that meets 365 days a year at 6:45 every morning. The group is “The Eye Opener” and is held in Casa Grande, Arizona. The recognition I wanted to offer in writing this, however, is to the three most service driven, welcoming female sobriety all-stars who keep the coffee brewing all year round.

I am a firm believer in building my life from A.A. out and found that the nearby town of Casa Grande had an early morning meeting 365 days a year. This is an open meeting and the nearby treatment centers bring in sufferers of every kind. There are sometimes close to 90 members, all there bright and early in the morning waiting for that cup of coffee and message of hope. At my first introduction I was greeted by one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met in my life—one of those people who have that wonderful glow emanating from their entire being. She was chairing that meeting and was so helpful in getting me involved in the group and attending the upcoming business meeting.

Thanks to her approach, which was attraction rather than promotion, I decided to make the group my new home group and was asked soon after if I would be interested in chairing on Saturdays, which I still do to this day. Another woman got me over to the

coordinator of the church so I could get a key to open as well and maybe help the them open when I was able. They also hold service commitments to the group, attend all business meetings and sponsor numerous alcoholics. As a newer member myself and not having very good luck with male sponsorship in the area, I recently asked one of these three to be my sponsor.

Even though it is suggested that we each work with a member of the same gender, she was the one who had the sobriety I wanted.

Ironically enough, she was sponsored by a male member, but I didn’t get hung up on the messenger, I was listening for the message. She said things like “doing together what I could never do alone” and “saying please in the morning and thank you at night.” That’s what I was looking for, not someone who worked the Steps some time in the past, but someone who was living this marvelous program right before my eyes. When we work together, we talk of living Steps 10,11 and 12 daily, thus growing in understanding and effectiveness. She and the other two members I spoke of are such an integral part in keeping the light of hope shining at 6:45 every morning in Casa Grande. I just thought in writing this I might express a fraction of the gratitude and respect I have for each of these devoted members. Thank you ladies for all that you are and all that you do to carry the message of hope to so many sufferers.

BY: MARK. M. | CASA GRANDE, ARIZ.



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