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to Rick T. info@aamesaaz.org

NO BOOZE NEWS

A Trip to the Bakery

Desperate to not drink on day one, a newcomer gets on her bicycle and takes her first suggestion

APRIL 2015 Grapevine

One Friday morning in March, I was lying on the sofa, shaking while holding the phone. I was listening to an AA named Mike and he was Twelfth-Stepping me. It would be many months before I realized that Mike had done, over the phone, a by-the-book Chapter Seven pitch. What I heard were words of hope and substance. I grabbed onto them with an intensity I didn't know I was capable of. In fact, I had not allowed anything other than my own thoughts to penetrate my mind in years.

I heard him say, "Can you keep from taking a drink until you get a phone call from someone who can take you to a meeting?" He planned to have a woman from AA call me. My thought was, I want you to take me to a meeting. I didn't even know about the 13th step, but my instincts sure did. Luckily Mike had enough experience to know better. Plus I was married and he knew that.

Through the fog, I heard, "Karen, you have to want it. Otherwise, you're just playing games." The truth of those words struck home. I knew they applied to me. From force of habit or experience, I was going to attempt to manipulate to get my way, although I did not recognize that intention until Mike called me on it. From deep down, I reached out of my fog as if pushing aside a very heavy weight. I made a choice in that moment. I laid aside the games and accepted the desperately needed directions. I agreed I would refrain from a drink until the call came. I was about to take Step One. I asked Mike, "So what should I drink today?"

"Orange juice or 7-Up," he answered. Even after many years, orange juice conjured up memories of Harvey Wallbangers. But 7-Up sounded strangely tasty. I didn't argue. Mike also suggested eating bread with honey. That sounded tasty too. Hope was awakened. Mike hung up by saying, "easy does it." I stored that saying in my new treasure chest.

A little while later, clad in a nylon windshirt and new courage, I got my bike out of the garage. My destination was a bakery that offered customers thick slices of freshly baked bread with a choice of honey or butter. Delighted with the permission just granted by my new Higher Power, I was determined to fill the prescription. Muttering, "easy does it," under my breath, I pedaled off.

It was a slow and shaky ride, but I reached the bakery safely. After a curbside meal of bread and honey, I got back on my bike and

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I did not understand what was going on within myself until one Sunday, Bill asked me to go with him to a meeting. To my own surprise as well as his I burst forth with, "Damn all your meetings," and threw my shoe at him as hard as I could.

- Lois W. 1944

hurried off, completely forgetting my first AA lesson—"Easy Does It." The wheels trembled under my quivering arms and legs as I crossed the busy intersection. Feeling safer on the sidewalk, I navigated a sharp right turn. While swerving around light poles and signposts, I crashed into a retaining wall and down I went. Thoroughly shaken and embarrassed, I surveyed the damage: minor scratches and a tear in my nylon windshirt. I felt very humbled that my physical condition was so poor that I couldn't even ride my bike without falling over. But as I got back on, this time I remembered "Easy Does It." I believed that the power of Mike's blessing was with me on the way to the bakery, but I forgot to make use of it on the way back. That was a glimpse of Step Two.

I count that as my first day in Alcoholics Anonymous: I had accepted that I was powerless over alcohol and my life had become unmanageable. I came to recognize the wonderful gift Mike gave me that day—to have the courage to get honest and accept that I needed help. I love AA, the gift of sobriety, and the power of God to keep me sober and seated on my bike. Today, I enjoy riding it frequently and I still keep that nylon windshirt—with the tear in it.

BY: K.F. | ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

FEBRUARY 1945

Letters to the Grapevine. . .

Dear Grapevine: It seems to me it is quite important to stress the danger to an A.A. in taking medicines containing the minutest quantity of alcohol. Some are susceptible, as I am, to the "poison" in these medicines, no matter how tiny the dose may be, as it sweeps insidiously through the blood stream to the brain. For many years I have been a periodic drunk. Years ago a physician, endeavoring to "cure" me, remarked that I should never touch aromatic spirits of ammonia, tonics, or any medicine containing alcohol.

It is an amazing fact, to me, since joining A.A., that six months before this occurrence I had not had the slightest craving for the old stuff. I contracted a severe cold, followed by a stubborn cough which was a pippin. So I dosed myself with two bottles of a well-known cough mixture. I noticed it said on the bottle 14 per cent alcohol, but forgetting what the physician had told me ages past, I dismissed that from my mind entirely. One night alone in my apartment, nothing annoying or worrying me, a sudden compulsion for a drink overcame me. It seemed to take complete possession of my bewildered brain. "Go out and get a drink or two. . .you need it. . .you must have it," a voice seemed to whisper over and over again. I was frightened, and began to fight that first drink we all know is so fatal.

Again the voice, "Oh you can do it, just take one or two and come straight home. . .hurry up and get dressed." Then I thought of the little black address book with the names of many A.A. members. What good did that do? I had no telephone and did I go out to phone might I not take a drink? I sat transfixed in my chair for one hour. I tried to smother old John B. with the steps of our program, the shame I'd feel in the eyes of the members I loved, if I let him beat me up. I prayed. Finally I could wrench myself from the chair to get to the kitchen for a glass of milk I did not want.

I had won the battle. It was short and tough. It was the following day. I thought: Could that have been alcohol in my medicine? I knew it was. I don't want that to happen to others, like myself, who are struggling for a new and better life.

BY: MARIE B. | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Words From the Big Book

Despite all we can say, many who are real alcoholics are not going to believe they are in that class. By every form of self-deception and experimentation, they will try to prove themselves exceptions to the rule, therefore nonalcoholic. If anyone who is showing inability to control his drinking can do the rightabout-face and drink like a gentleman, our hats are off to him. Heaven knows, we have tried hard enough and long enough to drink like other people !

Here are some of the methods we have tried: Drinking beer only, limiting the number of drinks, never drinking alone, never drinking in the morning, drinking only at home, never having it in the house, never drinking during business hours, drinking only at parties, switching from scotch to brandy, drinking only natural wines, agreeing to resign if ever drunk on the job, taking a trip, not taking a trip, swearing off forever (with and without a solemn oath), taking more physical exercise, reading inspirational books, going to health farms and sanitariums, accepting voluntary commitment to asylums—we could increase the list ad infinitum.

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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 9/020

Return to: 1855 E Southern Ave. #103 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

NEW YEARS DAY OUTING
WITH THE SUNSET GROUP
12 NOON TO 8PM, JANUARY 1
LOST DUTCHMAN STATE PARK
CHOLLA DAY USE AREA

RIVER ROUNDUP
JANUARY 7 ~ 9
RIVERSIDE RESORT
LAUGHLIN NV

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 18 ~ 21, 2021
VIRTUAL, HOSTED BY CHARLOTTE NC
INTERNATIONALWOMENSCONFERENCE.ORG

East Valley Intergroup Presents
A Virtual New Years Alcañon
12 noon Thursday 12/31/2020
To
12 noon Saturday 1/2/2021
Zoom ID: 294 255 1209
Passcode: Gratitude
Come help us ring in the New Year

The Mysterious Concepts

Presentation with Q & A
Hosted by Sub-District 08-819
10am January 30, 2021
Zoom ID: 92876475405
Passcode: mystcon21

2021 Pre Conference Assembly

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY.
Hosted by Sub-district 02-201.
March 26-28, 2021
Register at area03.org

Looks like most events are shut down
or going to online formats.
Check the events page on our website
periodically. We will post information
as it becomes available.



AA is here to help

From AA Around the World

The extraordinary effort taking place across our Fellowship is heartening in this truly difficult time: AA groups are unable to gather, yet virtual meetings have provided alcoholics the ability to connect with one another. Local Intergroups and Central Offices are also providing support to help members navigate the needed technology.

The General Service Office (GSO) continues to provide services to the Fellowship. Members can download AA literature and service material from the aa.org website. We respond to nearly 200 letters a week from members in correctional facilities. We are also working around the clock to field the steady stream of media requests. To help, AA Grapevine has provided free access to many of its 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues and more at aa-grapevine.org.

Our Seventh Tradition is especially crucial now. It ensures that groups sustain good relationships with their landlords so that they have a place to meet once we can gather again, and it ensures that AA's vital services continue. Intergroups, Central Offices and area service structures have added information to their websites about digital contributions.

For contributions to GSO, members can access the online contributions link on aa.org. You may also continue to send checks via standard USPS mail. Subscriptions to Grapevine and La Viña are available on the aagrapevine.org website, along with their books and other materials.

Together, our shared efforts can ensure that the hand of AA will always be there.



Name	Date	Days
Richard B.	1/4/1968	19359
Joe A.	1/21/1979	15341
Sandra M.	1/30/1984	13510
Susan C.	1/1/1985	13149
Rachel L.	1/7/1985	13149
Anne Elizabeth H.	1/1/1988	12054
Douglas F.	1/4/1989	11688
Jane R.	1/11/1989	11688
Jane B.	1/11/1989	11688
Jerry F.	1/27/1989	11688
Gerry B.	1/20/1990	11323
Rhonda S.	1/18/1992	10593
Ron H.	1/17/1993	10227
Dottie D.	1/20/1993	10227
Barbara L.	1/13/1994	9862
Becky C.	1/29/1995	9497
Craig W.	1/20/1996	9132
Roy N.	1/23/1996	9132
Becky K.	1/13/1997	8766
Melissa L.	1/20/1997	8766
Ame F.	1/16/1999	8036
Terry P.	1/29/1999	8036
Rodger L.	1/30/1999	8036
Collin K.	1/24/2000	7671
Brenda B.	1/14/2001	7305
Matt P.	1/26/2001	7305
Lisa H.	1/28/2001	7305
Norman H.	1/1/2005	5844
Sam V.	1/1/2005	5844
Will P.	1/5/2006	5479
Lee Z.	1/9/2006	5479
Brent B.	1/17/2007	5114
Chandler	1/1/2008	4749
Jene V.	1/1/2008	4749
Kevin B.	1/21/2008	4749
Andrea N.	1/29/2009	4383
Paul T.	1/24/2010	4018
Jim M.	1/27/2010	4018
David T.	1/2/2011	3653
Elizabeth T.	1/23/2012	3288
Bethann T.	1/4/2013	2922
Steve S.	1/10/2013	2922
Tamara L.	1/11/2013	2922
Jocelyn G.	1/16/2013	2922
Marylyn W.	1/18/2013	2922
Stephanie.	1/17/2014	2557
Leonard B.	1/1/2015	2192
Jessica L.	1/2/2018	1096

Step One~ We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition One~ Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Concept One~ Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship

At Wits End

DECEMBER 1964

The Anecdote Bin

Dedicated to the lighter side of our common problem

EDDIE McD. of South Gate, California, sends us the story about the firewater-addicted Indian who did so much lying, cheating, stealing and wandering into the wrong tepees, that the chiefs called a council and decided to throw the young buck off the reservation. He went.

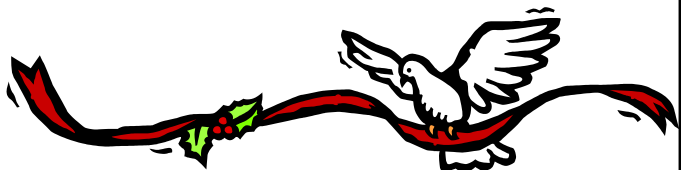
Three years later he returned, nicely dressed, driving a new car containing a lovely young squaw with pa-poose, and looking so well and happy that the chiefs hardly recognized him. Anyway, one of them raised his hand and gave the traditional greeting: "How!" The young buck smiled and shouted, "Chapter Five!"



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HAPPY
New Year



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 email picpc@aamesaaz.orgaamesaaz.org**EVI Phone Workshop**

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

On ZOOM

aamesaaz.org

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call the office

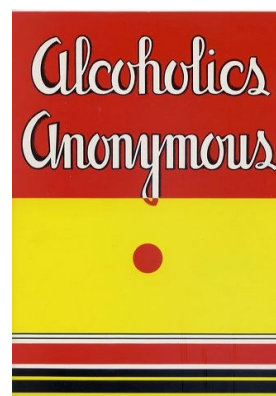
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Jerry C.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

January 2nd ~ TBD

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

On ZOOM

aamesaaz.org

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**December 4th ~ The Way Out**

January 1st ~ TBD

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

December 18, 2020

In November we received 468 requests for information and assistance. Of those 136 calls were for meeting info, 119 were office visitors and 11 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for November are 5,314 searches resulting in 357 visits to our website and 49 phone calls. Our website stays busy too with 28,322 visits in the last 30 days. We are seeing a few events popping up in the future both live and virtual. Keep checking the Events page at aamesaaz.org.

The 2020 East Valley Holiday Event schedule is ready. It is available at the office or on our website. Many groups are planning Alca-thons or special events for the holidays both live and virtual. Please share this information with your groups or anyone who may need it. There is no need to be alone this year if you don't want to.

A.A.W.S. has offered an additional 15% discount on literature for the month of December. We have placed an order and will be going into 2021 well stocked. There is also a new book coming in February titled "A Visual History of A.A." We have placed a preorder for those insur-ing us an early delivery.

Good connections: We received an email from a visitor to our area who was so happy with the help he received and the warm wel-come at the meetings he attended that he wanted to send a thank you to us all.

I have been invited to share our intergroups experience this past year at a panel discussion on Intergroups/Central Offices at the Virtu-al Western US/Canada Forum on December 19, 2020. The theme is "2020: Experience, Strength and Hope – What it was like, what happened and what it's like now." Registration is free at aa.org.

We are still setting up record numbers of 12 step connections and there are regular spots available for the office front desk. Please discuss with your group the service opportunities that are available thru your East Valley Intergroup. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage them to volunteer. The life you save may be your own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim Watkins

Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Oct	2020
Meeting Information Calls.....	148	1498
General Information	108	1093
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	6	58
Referred to Al-Anon.....	13	107
Referred to Community Info.....	1	2
12th Step Calls	15	128
Business Calls	94	969
Office Visitors	136	1118
Meeting lists printed.....	200	3500
Info request via E-mail	66	808
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	21/ 12/ 6	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.		1096hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 25,433 YTD 313,165

Google Searches last 30 days 5,040

Meeting List Updates...

Our website (aamesaaz.org) is being updated weekly. Check it out for the latest on which groups are meeting and how.

New Meetings:

2's and 3's and 5's	3450 W Ray Rd. Chandler	MO 7:15pm O
Florence Men's	225 E Butte Ave. Florence	WE 7:00pm O
Good Orderly Direction	241 Queen Anne Dr. Queen Valley	MO 7:00p O
	(Queen Valley Baptist Church)	
Serenity Now	655 S Crismon Rd. Mesa	SU, MO, WE 9:30a O
	(Skyline Park N of RR)	

Changes: ~Too many to mention.~

Deletions:

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1855 E Southern Ave. Suite # 103
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General Service Office
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Area 03 Treasurer
PO Box 3691
Gilbert AZ 85299

Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820 ** NEW **
PO Box 1901
Queen Creek, AZ 85142-9998

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

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

District 08-818
PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

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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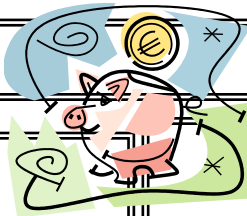
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	Nov.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$185.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day	\$40.00	\$40.00
417 Group	\$200.00	\$724.29
A Vision For You Group		\$150.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group	\$361.66	\$761.66
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$525.57
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$454.06
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$1,20.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$310.33
As You Wake Up		\$25.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$360.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$200.00
BBookworms		\$40.00
Bloopers		\$50.00
Bootstrap Men's	\$500.00	\$800.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego		\$250.00
By The Book		\$122.43
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$440.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$130.00	\$1,814.40
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$690.28
Common Solution		\$500.00
Common Thread	\$600.77	\$1,387.81
Copper Basin Group		\$0.00
Courage To Change		\$150.00
Dog Tired		\$300.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$35.00	\$1,222.00
East Valley Veterans		\$20.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$977.57
Eye Opener Group		\$600.00
Fae Pack		\$375.25
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank		\$325.39
Firehouse Meeting		\$550.00
Florence Group		\$70.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study		\$454.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$115.00
Get It Together	\$1,623.55	\$2,622.34
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		\$200.00
Gratitude Group		\$950.00
Great Start		\$950.00
Gut Level		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$150.00	\$300.00
How It Works		\$40.00
Into Action		\$210.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$424.30
Last Resort		\$60.00
Life In The Big Book	\$50.00	\$503.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$80.00
Maricopa Group		\$200.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$200.00
Monday Night Madness		\$200.00
Name In The Hat		\$488.20
New Beginnings		\$100.00
New Spirit Group		\$1,050.00
No Big Deals	\$10.00	\$195.00
No Name AA Group	\$50.00	\$200.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$300.00
Page A Day		\$2,916.77

GROUP	Nov.	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$503.60
Price Is Right		\$156.95
Primary Purpose Group		\$300.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion	\$32.00	\$32.00
Putting God First		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$1,111.33
Re-Awakening Group		\$20.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$250.00
Rising Spirit		\$926.21
Road To Recovery	\$502.65	\$6,605.19
Rock Solid		\$130.00
San Tan Men's	\$150.00	\$25.00
Second Chance Group		\$376.00
Serenity Now	\$385.15	\$1,056.65
Shade Tree		\$150.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions	\$25.00	\$176.68
Sobriety is Gold		\$400.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group	\$1,000.00	\$2,050.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$225.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$450.00
Spirited Women		\$87.75
Step By Step Group		\$255.29
Stepping Stones		\$583.50
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$200.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$343.50
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$250.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunset Group	\$120.00	\$270.00
Tempe Group		\$205.00
Tempe Nooners	\$100.00	\$475.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library	\$50.00	\$50.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$1,171.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$222.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$600.00	\$1,371.36
Upon Awakening	\$700.00	\$2,850.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$115.00
We Agnostics		\$406.59
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step	\$430.00	\$430.00
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	\$150.00	\$350.00
Women in Gratitude		\$43.00
Women in Solution		\$30.00
Women in Touch		\$168.55
Wonder Women		\$200.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$339.00
OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES		
Apache Lake Campout	\$319.17	\$319.17
AZ AA Women's Conf		\$500.00
District 08		\$500.00
Dist 08-818		\$0.00
Dist 08-819		\$1,750.00
Meal and a Message		\$500.00
Group Totals	\$9,053.82	\$59,353.80
EVI Committees	\$43.00	\$437.39
Individual Contributions	\$1,066.88	\$10,487.88
GRAND TOTALS	\$10,163.70	\$70,279.07
(*Group contribution with no group name listed)		



BALANCE SHEET November 30, 2020

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	7,070.91
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	27,797.78
Accounts Receivable	794.70
Inventory Asset	26,989.73
Undeposited Funds	50.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$67,763.07**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	204.00

Total Liabilities **\$204.00**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	24,503.74
Net Income	-723.61

Total Equity **\$67,559.07**

Total Liability & Equity **\$67,763.07**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT November 2020

38 Group contributions totaling	\$9,053.82
20 Individual contributions totaling	\$1,066.88
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$43.00

Total Contributions **\$10,163.70**

Total Income **\$14,051.22**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$2,990.53**

Gross Profit **\$11,060.69**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,926.65**

Net Nov. Gain **\$4,134.04**

YTD 2020 Loss **(\$723.61)**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$27,797.78
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 One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**December 18, 2020**

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read

Attendees: Tom N - EVI Chair, Tom C – PI/CPC Chair and PAD rep., Ron S – EVI treasurer, Kim W – Office Manager, Dave K – Unity Committee Chair, Jerry C – Sponsorship Workshop Coordinator, Gary L - Advisor to Special Events, Larry S -Advisor to Phone committee, Maria S – EVI Secretary, Barb M- Advisor to Unity Committee, Beth H –Phone Chair, Dave – Advisor to CPC, J – Special Events Chair, Lisa – New EVI phone Coordinator, Lois L - DCM 08-819, Vicki – phone co-chair, Wendy H– H&I Liaison

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

New Reps: Dave P.– The Society, Kaine – The Way Out, Lisa – New EVI phone chair

Tom welcomes everyone.

Secretary's Report: Tom shared on screen minutes from last month's business and Steering Committee Minutes from past week. Motion to accept as amended by Travis, seconded by Noah. Report accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Ron S. Report shared on screen. 38 group contributions received, 20 individual contributions. Best month ever, thank you all for your support of EVI. We are \$20 shy of our prudent reserve. Wow! Motion to accept report as presented – Mary (WIG), seconded by Dave (Society), report is accepted as presented.

7th Tradition: You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website. www.aamesaaz.org

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

Vice Chairperson Report: Wesley – Not present

Office Manager Report: Kim W. - report in packet

5314 searches on Google. Holiday events schedule in packet. Lots going on; live and virtual.

Placed a large book order, well stocked.

We received a "thank you" from a visitor to the Valley for helping him make connections.

With holidays being difficult, we have an increase in 12 step calls.

Tuesday Dec. 22 is the folding date at the office. Come on down.

Kim will be speaking tomorrow at 11:20am at the Virtual Forum

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Tom C.

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community

The new flyer from PI/CPC was displayed on the screen

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

Special Events: Jay J.

Thanks to The Way Out group for hosting the EVI Speaker Meeting

The EVI Thanksgiving Alcahthon was a success.

We will be doing a New Year's Alcahthon. Your group can still sign up to host a 4 hour slot. Dec 31 at noon until January 2nd at noon.

Monthly Speaker will be held on Dec. 1st in the New Year's Alcahthon

Monthly speaker meetings are on the first Friday of the month. Tom emailed the Google Sheet link for groups to sign up to host.

The Upon Awakening Group will be hosting the Sponsorship Workshop on that Saturday during the Alcahthon.

January 2nd at 11am will be the last speaker of the Alcahthon and we have a speaker from New Zealand that will close out the Alcahthon.

Check out the Holiday Events page on the Website and in the packet

Phone committee: Beth H. and Vicki H. – Thank you for your service!!!

Lisa will be taking over

About 70 new people have been trained to answer the phones

Unity Committee: Dave K.

Planning on Zoom presentations.

Let us know if you'd like to volunteer.

Meet at 6:15pm right before this meeting every month.

Sponsorship Workshop: Jerry C.

January is covered, but we need groups to host in all of 2021.

An online sign-up sheet could be available, Tom will work with Jerry.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Rick – Not present.

Interested in someone to share story who started sobriety during Covid-19/Quarantine.

Literature: Position open.**LIASION REPORTS****Al-anon Liaison:** Warren E. – Not present.**H&I Liaison:** Wendy H. –

About \$8000 over prudent reserve

Large order of books recently

Service opportunities available for people to go into hospitals and institutions. See the website.

Coordinator elections held, 5 positions still open.

Question and discussion about for profit and nonprofit facilities and if H&I gives books to people in for profit facilities. Kim noted that the sales of Literature by EVI to treatment Centers has tripled in the past few months. Wendy will report back.

Spanish Liaison N/P – Marge M.

Visiting a group in El Mirage tonight

Spanish Women's Workshop for Dec 2021 committee is formed and getting to work

Zonypaa Liaison: Megan P. - Not present.**Sub District 08-818:** Tearsa C. – Not present.**Sub District 08-819:** Lois L.

Jan 30th 10am to 2pm will be a presentation on the Concepts. Flyer will be given to the EVI office.

Sub District 08-820: Debbie C.

Passed budget for 2021

Meetings still on Zoom

OLD BUSINESS:

EVI Policy and Procedure Manual updated. Revisions presented last month. Vote – 14 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstained. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opportunities for groups to be of service; EVI speaker meeting hosts, Sponsorship workshop host, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Saturday January 30th. Zoom presentation called "The Mysterious Concepts. 4 speakers - past GSB Trustees and past Delegates.

10am to 2pm. Zoom id: 9287 6475 405 Passcode: mystcon21

The Sunset group event at Lost Dutchman State Park on New Years Day has a revision. The potluck will be at 2:00 and the campfire meeting at 4:00, \$6-7 per carload.

Jan 9th 10-11:30am – Stepping into virtual sobriety. Sub District 08-809.810.811 presents a Zoom event. Zoom ID: 902-390-681 Pass-word 1939 January 9th from 10am - 11:30am Info about zoom A.A. meetings Happy Holidays!

Kaine motions to close, Dave seconded, passed.

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 Stanley



I Let It Be Known

MAY 1971

WHEN I saw J. at that AA meeting some months ago, I was not surprised. He used to arrive at the office with the shakes, looking gravely spent. One day, I walked with him a way and told him a little about the drinking I had done and that I was an alcoholic. He was interested and said he wouldn't mind looking at the literature I said I would get for him if he wished. The next day I sent him a meeting list and the pamphlet "Is AA for You?," with the twelve questions. After receiving them, he thanked me as we passed in the hall--and never spoke to me again. A few months later, he was fired. Soon after that, I saw him at the meeting.

Not many people in my office know I am in the program. When I first got sober, I didn't want anyone to know. It seemed at that time vitally important for me to keep it a private matter. I explained the change people noticed in me (from the department fool to a relatively stable and pleasant person) by saying that I didn't drink any more because it made me sick. After three months, I told a few close friends, because making up near falsehoods to explain my absence from lunches and parties became too difficult.

After I had been sober a couple of years, I heard that an acquaintance, a woman in another department, was in the hospital with cirrhosis of the liver complicated by malnutrition. I went to a mutual friend, who told me that she had been drinking heavily for some time. He said that the head of personnel had called AA about her problem, but had not been able to get the person who answered the phone to help him with it. When I told my friend that I was a recovering alcoholic and a member of AA, he suggested that I might help someone else if I told the head of the personnel department. (The woman in the hospital was beyond help, he said; she was expected to die.)

I told my sponsor and a few other people in the program about this suggestion. In no way, I was assured, would I be breaking my anonymity as it is understood in the AA Tradition. So I called for an appointment with the personnel director. We talked for fifteen minutes, and I explained a little bit about what it had been like when I drank and more about how my life had changed since I joined AA. He was interested in the Steps and the nature of the meetings I attended. But I felt sort of nervous sitting there, and I can't say that he seemed to comprehend much. He did seem to understand when I offered any help I could give to any other employee who had a problem with alcohol. When I left, he said that our conversation would be confidential.

Once in a while after that meeting, I saw him in passing, and he was always very cordial. A year ago, he left the firm for a better job. I was one of the people he sought out to say goodbye to, and in his conversation then he didn't mention my talk with him. I suppose he had forgotten about it, as I had at the moment.

Two weeks ago, after I attended an AA meeting during which anonymity was discussed, I remembered the experience. It occurred to me that the new personnel director of the company had been around for a year and that I might let him, too, know that I was an alcoholic. Again, I was a little nervous when I spoke to him about it, but he was interested in the program. He asked whether there was anything that the company could do about the problem of alcoholism, and whether I could suggest any reading matter that would help the company understand the nature of the problem. I told him that I wanted to act only on a one-to-one basis--that if he knew someone with an alcohol problem who was asking for help, I would be willing to talk to that person. I said I could not really discuss alcoholism as a company problem, and suggested that he could get such information from the AA General Service Office.

It may be that nothing will result from this conversation. Somehow, I feel that no active alcoholic would go to a personnel director for help. I certainly would not have done so! But I have a feeling I did the right thing anyway.

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