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# NO BOOZE NEWS

## ...Wherever Possible

FEBRUARY 1987 Grapevine

I have been working on the Ninth M, Step of AA off and on during the four and a half years I have been a member of this Fellowship. At first it was impossible for me to make amends to certain people. Some amends were easy to make, others were much harder.

During the first year of my sobriety I made an all-out effort to make amends to someone I had injured in an automobile accident three years before joining AA. I had been driving down the wrong side of the road in an alcoholic blackout when I ran into another car head on. A woman who was a passenger in the other car flew through the windshield and landed in the street. The windshield cut her from the middle of her forehead up to her scalp. She needed eighty stitches to sew up the cut and she was off work for about a week. Her boyfriend who was driving the car cracked three ribs on the steering wheel. Her nine-year-old daughter, who was sitting in the back seat, injured her knee. Both cars were totaled and I had a broken nose, a fractured face, and a big cut running from my lip up into my nose. I had no insurance, either medical insurance or car insurance. After a plastic surgeon put my face back together I was left with a slight scar, which is almost completely covered by my moustache. The lady I hit, however, was left with a bigger, more obvious scar going in a circular shape from the middle of her forehead to the top of her head. Fortunately she was able to grow bangs which completely covered the scar.

I was an undergraduate student at the time of the accident and had very little money. I was able to settle all claims from the other couple for \$350. That included their car, medical expenses, and time off work. I never lost my driver's license, but I did have to serve one day in jail. In short, I got out of my responsibility for that accident incredibly cheaply.

For three more years after the accident I tried to control my drinking. After the accident I told myself that I wouldn't drink and drive anymore, but within a couple of weeks of buying another car, I was drinking and driving again. I finally joined AA in 1980. Once I experienced the wonderful release that comes with moving from denial to acceptance, I started actively working the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. When I came to the Ninth Step, the first person I wanted to make amends to was the lady I had sent flying through the windshield. I wanted to tell her that I had joined AA, I had finally quit drinking and driving, and I wanted to apologize for the damage I had done and to offer to pay her for her loss of wages for the week she was off work. (I had recently started at

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When, therefore, we AAs look to the future, we must always ask ourselves if the **spirit** which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. .

.Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials.

For examples, the Twelve Steps of our AA program are not crammed down anybody's throat. They are not sustained by any human authority. Yet we powerfully unite around them because the truth they contain has saved our lives, has opened the door to a new world. -- **Bill W.**

the first full-time job I had held since my drinking days.) I tried to reach her in person, by phone, and by mail, and nothing worked. I also tried to reach her sister, her boyfriend, and the witnesses to our settlement and release agreement, but this also failed. Regretfully, this amends has had to remain unmade.

Later, I decided to make good on a bounced check I had written for a car repair back in my drinking days, about five years before I joined AA. I had paid half of the \$200 bill for a valve job before skipping out to a new address. I had told myself for years that the station owner had probably overcharged me anyway. Finally I came face-to-face with the fact that he had done a perfectly good job and I had simply cheated him out of a hundred dollars.

When I pulled into the gas station asked for him by name they told me that he had sold the station four years ago and bought an automobile parts store about a mile down the road. When I walked into the auto parts store there were no customers present. The man and his wife were working behind the counter. They were somewhat shocked to learn that I had come to make amends and not to complain about repair work done on my car. They quickly caught on, however, and kindly and graciously accepted payment for the rest of the bad check. They wanted to know all about me. I never did mention AA, because these people never knew I had a drinking problem anyway. They could tell that I had experienced some kind of a spiritual rebirth and they were gratified by my amends. I told them that I was getting married and that I would have three stepchildren. They told me that they had two adopted daughters, both of whom were orphans. I thanked God that I had grown to the point that I was able to make amends to these people.

The amends I made to my parents were more difficult. Unlike the gas station owner, they knew me well and knew of some of the problems created by my drinking and drugging career. They were so intimately aware of my shortcomings that it was hard to contemplate making amends to them. The first time I started to work on Ninth Step amends early in my sobriety, I was so full of grudges, resentments, and false pride that I repeatedly did the opposite of the Ninth Step--instead of making amends to my parents I was blaming them for past wrongs they had done to me, and I was blaming them in a big way. This went on for a year or more. I was really blasting them and accusing them like I had never done before. Eventually I said every angry thing I had been saving up for years. Nothing had really been resolved, but my parents wanted to reestablish a friendly relationship. After so many years of harboring resentments I finally reached a point of wanting to make amends. At last I was willing to sweep away the wreckage of the past and start living like an adult in the present.

When my dad visited here last spring I planned to make amends to him. I tried calling his motel room one afternoon when he was out. Somehow I never got around to making amends. The time was never quite right, it seemed.

Finally I took my new family up to Colorado Springs one summer to visit Mom and Dad. I went to the Alano Clubhouse there and talked to a member about the trouble I had had in finding the right time to make amends to my parents. This member pointed out to me that the Ninth Step doesn't say "made direct amends to such people whenever possible." it says "made direct amends to such people *wherever* possible." Finally, I got it through my thick skull what had to be done. I had come to the right place to make amends: I no longer had to wait for the right time. I went back to the motel, and finding everyone else asleep, I went into the bathroom and turned on the light so I could write a simple amends that would say exactly what I wanted it to say and nothing else. The gist of it was that I was sure I had said and done things that had hurt them in the past and that I was truly sorry for this. I also said that I had tended to blame them for my own shortcomings and that I really do love them.

I made my amends to Dad first. He said he felt I had basically already silent amends by leading a new life and dropping the angry tone. I was glad to hear him say that, and I was glad that I was finally man enough to go ahead and apologize anyway. I could feel a burden being lifted.

Next I made amends to my mom. Like Dad, she was moved by what I had to say. It was easier to see that she was moved than it was with Dad, who tends to guard his feelings. In the conversation that followed, she started to express resentments for another member of the family. I told her immediately that I didn't appreciate it and didn't want to hear any more about it, and she dropped the subject. I felt good because I had "cleared off my side of the street," and that is what the Ninth Step is all about. The only person I have the power to change is myself. I can do this by diligently working on all Twelve Steps in the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

BY: R. S. | TEMPE, ARIZONA

## Words From the Big Book

To one who feels he is an atheist or agnostic such an experience seems impossible, but to continue as he is means disaster, especially if he is an alcoholic of the hopeless variety. To be doomed to an alcoholic death or to live on a spiritual basis are not always easy alternatives to face.

But it isn't so difficult. About half our original fellowship were of exactly that type. At first some of us tried to avoid the issue, hoping against hope we were not true alcoholics. But after a while we had to face the fact that we must find a spiritual basis of life—or else. Perhaps it is going to be that way with you. But cheer up, something like half of us thought we were atheists or agnostics. Our experience shows that you need not be disconcerted.

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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](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

**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.**



**2021 Pre Conference Assembly**

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY.  
Hosted by Sub-district 02-201.  
March 26-28, 2021  
Register at [area03.org](http://area03.org)

**PRAASA 2021, A Virtual Online Event**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN.**

<https://www.praasa.org/home>

March 5,6,& 7.  
Hosted by Area 93  
Central California

**2021 Post Conference Assembly**

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY.  
Hosted by sub-district 08-818, 819, 820.  
June 5, 2021

## EVI 42nd Anniversary “2021 A Virtual Celebration”

Live, Laugh, Love

Speaker and

Wheel of Sobriety

Saturday, March 13th, 2021

Room Open At 6:00pm

Game Show At 6:30pm

Speaker At 7:45ish

Zoom ID: 996 0322 5439

Passcode: 491309

### Empty slogans

MAY 2010

I HAVE been a sober, active member of AA since I was 30. I am now 60. This program has saved my life, and I am grateful.

There is one particular development in the program that concerns me. I have heard many able-bodied people in various meetings around the country say that they can't change anything other than themselves. Sometimes they say this in the form of a chant or a jingle. These people are clearly capable of changing a diaper, repairing a flat tire or changing the landscape around them in a variety of ways.

Why do they emphatically repeat a statement that is not true? Doesn't this dilute the effectiveness of their message about their message about their own miraculous recovery from alcoholism?

Slogans are a means of sharing and remembering core messages about AA-style recovery. A few have helped me over the years. "The only drink I have to avoid is the first one." "You don't ever have to drink again if you don't want to." "There is a solution." I am here because I need your help. I need to hear and share a message of hope, not false slogans.

**BY: ROD S. | PRESCOTT, ARIZ.**



## Name Date Days

|                    |                 |       |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Blair P. ....      | 3/13/1980 ..... | 14975 |
| George C. ....     | 3/5/1981 .....  | 14610 |
| Howard C. ....     | 3/7/1983 .....  | 13880 |
| Michael S. ....    | 3/4/1985 .....  | 13149 |
| Edward C. ....     | 3/15/1985 ..... | 13149 |
| Linda C. ....      | 3/18/1987 ..... | 12419 |
| Jeff L. ....       | 3/15/1988 ..... | 12053 |
| Jim D. ....        | 3/1/1989 .....  | 11688 |
| Gabrielle C. ....  | 3/9/1991 .....  | 10958 |
| Tracy N. ....      | 3/17/1992 ..... | 10592 |
| Kate H. ....       | 3/27/1994 ..... | 9862  |
| Suzann B. ....     | 3/18/1996 ..... | 9131  |
| Rose D. ....       | 3/15/1997 ..... | 8766  |
| Eddie Y. ....      | 3/5/1998 .....  | 8401  |
| Aaron S. ....      | 3/27/2001 ..... | 7305  |
| Gail B. ....       | 3/7/2002 .....  | 6940  |
| Laura S. ....      | 3/11/2002 ..... | 6940  |
| Don A. ....        | 3/17/2003 ..... | 6575  |
| Chris Anne H. .... | 3/10/2006 ..... | 5479  |
| Sydney V. ....     | 3/25/2006 ..... | 5479  |
| Richard C. ....    | 3/11/2007 ..... | 5114  |
| Kristin A. ....    | 3/20/2007 ..... | 5114  |
| Kristina M. ....   | 3/3/2008 .....  | 4748  |
| Kerry K. ....      | 3/13/2009 ..... | 4379  |
| Tom S. ....        | 3/1/2010 .....  | 4018  |
| Marge M. ....      | 3/18/2011 ..... | 3653  |
| Deborah C. ....    | 3/21/2011 ..... | 3653  |
| Marissa S. ....    | 3/25/2011 ..... | 3653  |
| Michelle M. ....   | 3/31/2012 ..... | 3287  |
| Rob K. ....        | 3/10/2014 ..... | 2557  |
| Barbara M. ....    | 3/15/2014 ..... | 2557  |
| Jessica T. ....    | 3/28/2015 ..... | 2192  |
| Tom G. ....        | 3/12/2016 ..... | 1826  |
| Josh K. ....       | 3/15/2016 ..... | 1826  |
| Danielle D. ....   | 3/30/2016 ..... | 1826  |
| Leah Z. ....       | 3/1/2017 .....  | 1461  |
| J. J. ....         | 3/2/2017 .....  | 1461  |
| Aaron V. ....      | 3/19/2017 ..... | 1461  |
| Kaine H. ....      | 3/3/2018 .....  | 1096  |
| Allison T. ....    | 3/5/2018 .....  | 1096  |
| Tami C. ....       | 3/5/2019 .....  | 731   |
| Kathy H. ....      | 3/9/2020 .....  | 365   |

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

*understood Him.*

**Tradition Three**~ Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our

service centers may employ special workers.

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

## At Wits End

Incidentally, the word

“pigeon”—as applied to an

A.A. newcomer or prospect—was probably coined by Dr. Bob himself. “He used that word,” said Smitty, and one A.A. recalled that Doc would often announce at a meeting, “There’s a pigeon in Room so-and-so who needs some attention.” Or he might refer to the patient as “a cookie.”)

— Ed Nyland, Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers

**YOU'RE PROBABLY AN ALCOHOLIC** if you spell Alcohol with a capital letter out of respect. -- Dave S.

**I know I'm getting better. I try to save my best arguments for when someone else is in the room.** -- David F.

**"Drinking didn't drown my problems, it irrigated them."**

-- Dick L

**"When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm."**

-- Susan C.



## Things We Can Not Change

Geoff G.

*A long time member of our Fellowship has passed from this world. His life and sobriety has helped many. He will be missed and lovingly remembered.*

## Get Published!

Send your articles, jokes, poems and artwork to Rick T. [info@aamesaaz.org](mailto: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

Zoom ID: 984 4383 7353

Passcode: 061035

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.org](mailto:picpc@aamesaaz.org)**EVI Phone Workshop**

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

**On ZOOM****[aamesaaz.org](http://aamesaaz.org)**

Or

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

For more information

Call Lisa V.

480 827-1905

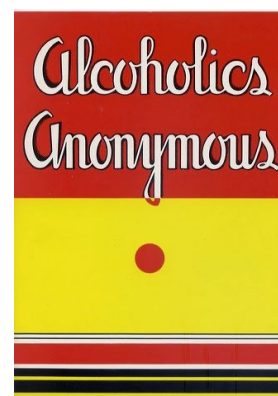
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

Contact: Jerry C.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**March 6 ~ TBD**

Join the

**EVI Unity Committee**

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

**On ZOOM****[aamesaaz.org](http://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](http://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](http://aamesaaz.org) for location information**March 5th ~ Price Is Right**

April 2nd ~ Road To Recovery

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

February 19, 2020

January has set the year off to a good start. We received several calls from people concerned about their drinking. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings was provided. We received 544 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 217 calls were for meeting info, 117 were office visitors and 13 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 45,752 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for January were 8,949 views. Of those 534 went to our website, 54 requested directions and 62 gave us a call. We are seeing a few events popping up in the future both live and virtual. Keep checking the Events page at aamesaaz.org.

The year-end inventory went well thanks to some very helpful volunteers. Our discrepancy was -\$51.11, with a total retail inventory value of \$26,747.03. We received a literature order earlier this month and will be placing another to ensure stock levels are adequate for Group needs.

The 2020 year-end report is available. It was a crazy year with many locations closing, groups moving or going to online meetings and many of our members going into a semi quarantine state. Sales naturally dropped but individual contributions rose by almost \$10,000 and Group support remained strong with 70% of the groups providing financial support. Most importantly, 12 step calls hit a new high at 158 coordinated during office hours and many more after hours I'm sure.

The new book, "A Visual History of A.A." is here. We had placed a preorder for these, insuring us an early delivery. They are \$12 each and we have plenty in stock

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

|  |          |         |
|--|----------|---------|
|  | Jan      | 2021    |
| Meeting Information Calls.....         | 217      | 217     |
| General Information .....              | 93       | 93      |
| Referred to Salt River Intergroup .... | 4        | 4       |
| Referred to Al-Anon.....               | 10       | 10      |
| Referred to Community Info.....        | 2        | 2       |
| 12th Step Calls .....                  | 13       | 13      |
| Business Calls .....                   | 88       | 88      |
| Office Visitors .....                  | 117      | 117     |
| Meeting lists printed.....             | 300      | 300     |
| Info request via E-mail .....          | 42       | 42      |
| Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....      | 22/ 8/ 8 |         |
| Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....      |          | 1096hrs |

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 27,953 YTD 27,953

Google Searches last 30 days 8,949

## 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:

|                               |                                   |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Steppers                      | 25601 S Sun Lakes Blvd. Sun Lakes | WE 5:30pm T,C |
| 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) |                                   |               |

**Changes:** ~Too many to mention.~

**Deletions:**

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Tempe, AZ 85284

**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

**Alcoholicos Anonimos - Oficina**  
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Phoenix AZ 85016

**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

# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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| GROUP                                 | Jan      | YTD      |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 11th Step Candlelight .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| 2121 Beginner Workshop .....          |          | \$0.00   |
| 24 Hours A Day .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| 417 Group .....                       |          | \$0.00   |
| A Vision For You Group .....          | \$260.00 | \$260.00 |
| ABC Group .....                       |          | \$0.00   |
| Ahwatukee Group .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Ahwatukee Nooners .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Ahwatukee Saturday Men's .....        | \$128.88 | \$128.88 |
| Ahwatukee Women's Group .....         | \$78.60  | \$78.60  |
| Arbor Daily Noon Group .....          | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| As Bill Sees It QC .....              | \$90.36  | \$90.36  |
| As You Wake Up .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| Attitude Adjustment CG .....          | \$100    | \$100.00 |
| Attitude of Gratitude .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| Basic II .....                        |          | \$0.00   |
| BBookworms .....                      |          | \$0.00   |
| Bloopers .....                        |          | \$0.00   |
| Bootstrap Men's .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Both Books .....                      |          | \$0.00   |
| Breakfast Club .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| Busted Ego .....                      |          | \$0.00   |
| By The Book .....                     | \$20.00  | \$20.00  |
| Chandler Men's Stag Group .....       |          | \$0.00   |
| Chandler Noon Group .....             | \$130.00 | \$130.00 |
| Chandler Women's Big Book Group ..... |          | \$0.00   |
| Common Solution .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Common Thread .....                   |          | \$0.00   |
| Courage To Change .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Dog Tired .....                       |          | \$0.00   |
| East Valley Men's Stag .....          |          | \$0.00   |
| East Valley Veterans .....            |          | \$0.00   |
| Easy Does It Group .....              | \$88.87  | \$88.87  |
| Eye Opener Group .....                |          | \$0.00   |
| Fae Pack .....                        |          | \$0.00   |
| Family Recovery Group .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| Fill in the Blank .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Firehouse Meeting .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Florence Group .....                  | \$90.00  | \$90.00  |
| Friday Night BB, Step Study .....     |          | \$0.00   |
| Friends Of Bill W. ....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Get It Together .....                 | \$470.50 | \$470.50 |
| Gilbert Group .....                   |          | \$0.00   |
| Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group .....       |          | \$0.00   |
| Good Ol' Back to Basics .....         |          | \$0.00   |
| Grateful Dames .....                  | \$138.53 | \$138.53 |
| Grateful Girlfriends .....            |          | \$0.00   |
| Gratitude Group .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Great Start .....                     |          | \$0.00   |
| Gut Level .....                       |          | \$0.00   |
| Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....            |          | \$0.00   |
| How It Works .....                    | \$77.00  | \$77.00  |
| Into Action .....                     |          | \$0.00   |
| Keepin It Real Ladies .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| Last Resort .....                     |          | \$0.00   |
| Life In The Big Book .....            | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| Maricopa 12 X 12 .....                |          | \$0.00   |
| Maricopa Group .....                  | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| Mid-Morning Group .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Monday Night Madness .....            |          | \$0.00   |
| Morning After .....                   |          | \$0.00   |
| Name In The Hat .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| New Beginnings .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| New Spirit Group .....                | \$375.00 | \$375.00 |
| No Big Deals .....                    | \$60.00  | \$60.00  |
| No Name AA Group .....                | \$125.00 | \$125.00 |
| Opportunity Knocks .....              |          | \$0.00   |
| Page A Day .....                      | \$910.55 | \$910.55 |
| Patio Group .....                     | \$560.00 | \$560.00 |

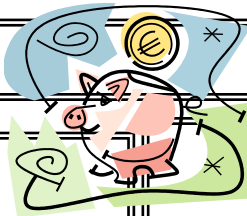
| GROUP                                 | Jan      | YTD      |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Pioneer Group .....                   | \$58.40  | \$58.40  |
| Price Is Right .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| Primary Purpose Group .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| Progress Rather Than Perfektion ..... |          | \$0.00   |
| Putting God First .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Queen Creek Nooners .....             | \$293.50 | \$293.50 |
| Re-Awakening Group .....              |          | \$0.00   |
| Remember When .....                   | \$350.00 | \$350.00 |
| Renewed Spirit .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| Rising Spirit .....                   |          | \$0.00   |
| Road To Recovery .....                | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| Rock Solid .....                      |          | \$0.00   |
| San Tan Men's .....                   |          | \$0.00   |
| Second Chance Group .....             |          | \$0.00   |
| Serenity Now .....                    |          | \$0.00   |
| Shade Tree .....                      |          | \$0.00   |
| Sisterhood Of Solutions .....         |          | \$0.00   |
| Sobriety is Gold .....                |          | \$0.00   |
| Sobriety Rocks .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| Society Group .....                   |          | \$0.00   |
| Some Are Sicker Than Others .....     | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| Southeast Valley Stag .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| Spirited Women .....                  | \$135.55 | \$135.55 |
| Step By Step Group .....              |          | \$0.00   |
| Stepping Stones .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Sunday Afternoon Step .....           |          | \$0.00   |
| Sunday Night BB Step Study .....      |          | \$0.00   |
| Sunday Serenity Seekers .....         | \$162.19 | \$162.19 |
| Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker ..... |          | \$250.00 |
| Sunland Serenity Seekers .....        |          | \$0.00   |
| Sunset Group .....                    |          | \$0.00   |
| Tempe Group .....                     | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Tempe Nooners .....                   | \$55.00  | \$55.00  |
| Tempe Sunrisers .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Tempe Young People .....              |          | \$0.00   |
| The Library .....                     |          | \$0.00   |
| The Real Thing .....                  | \$25.00  | \$25.00  |
| The Way Out Group .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Thursday Night Step Group .....       |          | \$0.00   |
| Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....       |          | \$0.00   |
| Tuesday's Trudgers .....              |          | \$0.00   |
| Tumbleweeds Group .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Upon Awakening .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| We Ain't Dead Yet .....               | \$120.00 | \$120.00 |
| We Agnostics .....                    |          | \$0.00   |
| We Can Group .....                    |          | \$0.00   |
| Wednesday Night Step .....            |          | \$0.00   |
| Wednesday Night Winners .....         |          | \$0.00   |
| Welcome Home .....                    |          | \$0.00   |
| West Chandler Men's .....             |          | \$0.00   |
| Who's Driving Your Bus? .....         |          | \$0.00   |
| Wolf Pack Group .....                 |          | \$0.00   |
| Women in Gratitude .....              |          | \$0.00   |
| Women in Solution .....               |          | \$0.00   |
| Women in Touch .....                  |          | \$0.00   |
| Wonder Women .....                    |          | \$0.00   |
| *Anonymous Groups .....               |          | \$0.00   |

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

|                                       |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Apache Lake Campout .....             |                   | \$0.00            |
| AZ AA Women's Conf. ....              |                   | \$0.00            |
| District 08 .....                     |                   | \$0.00            |
| Dist 08-813 .....                     |                   | \$125.00          |
| Dist 08-819 .....                     |                   | \$0.00            |
| Meal and a Message .....              |                   | \$0.00            |
| <b>Group Totals .....</b>             | <b>\$5,527.96</b> | <b>\$5,527.93</b> |
| <b>EVI Committees .....</b>           | <b>\$12.00</b>    | <b>\$12.00</b>    |
| <b>Individual Contributions .....</b> | <b>\$461.00</b>   | <b>\$461.00</b>   |
| <b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>             | <b>\$6,000.93</b> | <b>\$6,000.93</b> |

\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2021

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Checking                  | 7,101.54  |
| Prudent Reserve (Savings) | 30,808.40 |
| Accounts Receivable       | 2,135.90  |
| Inventory Asset           | 26,747.03 |
| Undeposited Funds         | 0.00      |

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$71,854.88**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Accounts Payable | 0.00    |
| Visa Credit Card | -213.00 |
| Payroll taxes    | 102.00  |

**Total Liabilities** **-\$111.00**

##### Equity

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Opening Balance Equity | 43,778.94 |
| Retained Earnings      | 27,480.81 |
| Net Income             | 706.13    |

**Total Equity** **\$71,965.88**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$71,854.88**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January 2021

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| 36 Group contributions totaling                                    | \$5,527.93 |
| 14 Individual contributions totaling                               | \$461.00   |
| Intergroup Business Meeting &<br>Service Committee's 7th Tradition | \$12.00    |

**Total Contributions** **\$6,000.93**

**Total Income** **\$10,271.53**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$3,749.36**

**Gross Profit** **\$6,522.17**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$5,816.04**

**Net Jan. Gain** **\$706.13**

**YTD 2021 Gain** **\$706.13**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$30,808.40  
The Prudent Reserve has been  
established for 2021 in the amount of \$28,862.38

Please call me with any questions or comments  
regarding the financial statements.

Grateful to be of service,  
**Ron S. EVI Treasurer**  
fullflight@cox.net

## Traditions Checklist

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

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

## East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2021

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Opened with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions read by Dave

**Attendees:** Cole L. – Easy Does It, Cris H. – Bloopers, Inez Y. – Serenity Now, Jerry C. – Sponsorship Wkshp, Kaine – The Way Out, Tommy M – Southeast Valley Stag, Gary M. – Southeast Valley Stag, Chris – Big Bookworms, Buddy M – Gratitude Group, Jose – Upon Awakening, Glenn – Primary Purpose, Larry R. – Basic 2, Phil H. – AMG Saturday Mens, Laura K. – Patio Group, Josh S. – Tempe We Agnostics, Tom C. – Page A Day, Susan G. – WIG, Shari – Sobriety is Gold, Monica S-E IR Women Serenity Seekers, Tracey C. – By the Book, Jason – Common Thread, Dave T. – SNBBSS, Bri – Courage to Change, Jim M. – WADY, Scott C. – Tumbleweeds, Vicki B. – New Spirit, Sharon B. – Stepping Stones, Ken C. – Sunset Group, Brandon – Society, Bill – GIT, Richard H. – Step by Step Mesa Alano, Stacy G. – Sometimes Quickly, Sometimes Slowly, Katy W. – VWHI Chairperson, Jennifer – Sunday Serenity Seekers, Ashley – Price is Right, Daryl – Both Books Step Study, Debbie C. – Alt. DCM 08-820, Jim M. – WADY, Vicki B – New Spirit, AJ G – Rising Spirit, Marilyn K – Tempe Nooners, Shirley M.?

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

**New Reps:** Inez Y – Serenity Now, Joshua Steward – We Agnostics, Rebecca P – Ahwatukee Group, Jennifer M. – Sunday Serenity Seekers, Joshua S. – Tempe We Agnostics, Jose G – Upon Awakening, Glenn S. – Primary Purpose, Gary M – SE valley stag Tommy M – SE valley stag, Larry R – Basic 2, Scott – Opportunity Knox

### Committee and other Trusted Servants:

| Service Position    | Name     | Present | Service Position      | Name    | Present | Service Position | Name     | Present |
|---------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|---------|
| Chair               | Tom N    | X       | Office Manager        | Kim W   | X       | H&I Liaison      | Wendy H  | X       |
| V. Chair            | Wesley H | X       | Chair- Special Events | Mindy S | X       | Spanish Liaison  | Marge M  |         |
| Treasurer           | Ron S    | X       | Chair- PI/CPC         | Tom C   | X       | Al-anon Liaison  | Warren E |         |
| Secretary           | Maria S  | X       | Chair- Phones         | Lisa V  | X       | DCM 08-818       | Tearsa C | X       |
| Advisor- Special E. | Gary L   | X       | Chair- Unity          | Dave K  | X       | DCM 08-819       | Lois L   | X       |
| Advisor- PI/CPC     | Dave M   | X       | Chair- Sponsorship    | Jerry C | X       | DCM 08-820       | Bill B   | X       |
| Advisor- Phones     | Larry S  | X       | No Booze News         | Rick S  |         | ZONYPAA          | Megan P  |         |
| Advisor- Unity      | Barb M   | X       | Literature            | open    |         |                  |          |         |

Tom welcomes everyone. Introduces Committee Members. Procedural note: As you vote, silence will imply a yay vote. If you are opposed to the vote, call out Nay.

**Secretary's Report:** Tom shared on screen minutes from last month's business and Steering Committee Minutes from past week. Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron S.- Report shared on screen. Ron gave a recap. Motion to accept report as presented – Ken (Sunset Group), seconded by Brandon (Society), report is accepted as presented.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** You can make a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution on the EVI website. [www.aamesaaz.org](http://www.aamesaaz.org)

**Chairperson's Report:** Tom N. – no report

**Vice Chairperson Report:** Wesley H. - no report

**Office Manager Report:** Kim W. - report in packet

Highlights: 544 requests for information and assistance, 13 12 step calls set up.

More meetings coming back to in person. Conducted physical inventory

Received the new book from GSO; lots of pictures, lots of history.

Feb. 24 is the folding date at the office, beginning at 9am. Come on down. Need volunteers. Donuts.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PI/CPC:** (Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community) Tom C.

Meet on the first Monday of each month – Zoom meeting id and passcode are published in the calendar on the website.

Minutes of our meeting are in the report. Tom recapped, emphasizing the need for unity.

**Special Events:** Mindy S.

Newly appointed, Mindy shared her service resume with the group.

Upcoming Anniversary event – Virtual event March 13 starting at 6pm, Wheel of Sobriety at 6:30.

First Friday of each month at 6pm (before this meeting) – Monthly Committee Meeting

**Phone committee:** Brandon B. (co-chair) Lisa V.

First phone training tonight went well.

Thanks, Brandon, for stepping up!

**Unity Committee:** Dave K.

Could use more support, the group is doing a lot. Meet at 6:15pm right before this meeting every month.

**Sponsorship Workshop:** Jerry C.

Needs a group to sign up for March 6<sup>th</sup> Sponsorship workshop

We need groups to host in all of 2021. Please use the link under new business in the Agenda to reach the online signup sheet.

**No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor:** Rick – Not present.**Literature:** Position open.**LIASION REPORTS****Al-anon Liaison:** Warren E. – Not present.**H&I Liaison:** Wendy H. – written report:

H&I Treasurer's report- Current balance \$14,167.13

Contributions: \$5,131.29      Outgoing: \$4,756.62

Prudent reserve still high due to covid.

Literature - Book order cut off 25th of every month. About a 2week turn around from order to delivery.

Awareness day-to-day Two events per year Spring/Fall. Next event April 10. Zoom or in person TBD at next meeting which is this Sunday Feb 21 11-12pm info on [vwhi.org](http://vwhi.org)

Corrections- Some state facilities allowing googlemeets meeting to be brought in by those who are already badged. Waiting on sobriety chip cards for those who want them for sober birthdays.

New Service Liason is forming a committee to reach out to homegroups with literature and info about H&I.

2 open coordinator positions- Bridging the Gap and Federal Corrections.

Treatment chair looking to fill a need for an 8pm Friday women's meeting at Salvation Army, Phoenix. Info at [treatment\\_chair@vwhi.org](mailto:treatment_chair@vwhi.org)

I will be moving out of state in June so H&I Liason position will be open, my last meeting will be in May.

**Spanish Liaison:** Marge M. – Not present. Submitted written report:

I have been attending different Spanish mtgs, promoting the 6th Annual Hispanic Women's Workshop that will held Dec. 4th. We have found a location for it to be held at. Casa de Oracion in Tempe. There will be "save the date" flyers coming out soon which I will drop off at the intergroup office. There are two Spanish women mtgs; one in Chandler at 77 W. Chicago St. Meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM and the other in Phoenix 309 W. Mohave St Phoenix 85003 meets Saturdays at 7:30.

**Zonypaa Liaison:** Megan P. - Not present.**Sub District 08-818:** Tearsa C.      Meets on the second Tuesday at 7pm each month

PRAASA in March. Preconference assembly in March

Part of the post conference assembly host committee in June with other east valley subdistricts

**Sub District 08-819:** Lois L. – not present**Sub District 08-820:** Bill B. Nothing new going on**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion and vote; "EVI office to offer 20% discount on all Big Book sold in the month of March 2021". 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Motion passed.

Tom shared some background information regarding the floor motion from last month; "EVI to stock and sell sobriety chips and medallions of one basic type". Discussion included wanting to sell chips at cost and not to make money. Question to Kim W. about how much workload this would add to office work. Kim responds we will do what the groups want. She states that almost every day someone calls the office asking about chips.

Considered rewording the motion to state chips for sale at no profit. Policy and procedures would need to be updated. Several vendors available to purchase chips. Steering Committee will discuss policy and procedure changes. Larry R. made motion to table, Glenn seconds. Motion is tabled to a later date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

Kaine motions to close, Ken seconds, motion 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*



## The sweet side of the mountain

JANUARY 2019 | STORIES FOR DAY COUNTERS!

Way up in the lofty peaks of Colorado high country, was a meeting two city gals won't soon forget. One summer, my girlfriend and I went on a relaxing, serenity-filled week for a much-needed retreat to a bed-and-breakfast in the backcountry mountains of Colorado. The aspen and snow-covered mountain peaks surrounded this secluded forest getaway. It was a lovely time for us, just what we needed from our busy city lives, away from phones and computers. Both being in AA, we needed to find a meeting where we were staying.

We heard of a meeting in a nearby mining town about 20 minutes away. It was a tiny town that consisted of a railroad track with a couple of blocks of run-down storefronts and a few dirt roads off the main drag that paralleled the railroad tracks.

The street names had long ago blown away in the harsh winter gales. This town is known to have the lowest winter temperatures and worst weather in the Colorado high country. It was barren on its plateau, surrounded by lofty peaks. The winds would bluster through this place with such force that only the toughest mountain men and miners could stand to live there.

We turned down a road that was lined with small, weather-beaten homes huddled down the street in disarray. On the porch of one of the houses, we saw a group of huge, tough-looking men, all smoking and glaring at us as we slowly passed trying to find an address for the AA meeting. Having traveled before, I knew that if you go toward the smell of cigarette smoke, you will probably find an AA meeting. Cigarette smoke is AA incense, if you will.

My friend was not too keen on stopping, much less getting out to inquire if we were close to the AA meeting. "We don't need a meeting that bad," she said, hoping I would agree with her. But I heard the voice of my sponsor echoing in my head, saying we need to be "willing to go to any lengths."

"Come on, I think this is the meeting address," I said with a gulp, trying to be brave by making a joke. "And they can only kill us."

I parked on the other side of the dirt road and we slowly emerged from the car, staying close to the open doors for a quick retreat if needed. I decided to go for it. I yelled across the street, "Do you have any alcoholics over there?" One of the biggest and grizzliest men chimed back, "Only us drunks." And we all began to laugh.

My friend and I relaxed. We had a wonderful meeting with those hardened-looking soft guys. They made us city gals feel welcome, offering us their cookies and coffee, huddled around the potbelly stove with the Twelve Steps hanging on the wall.

We asked how it was to attend meetings in the winter there. They shared that each member had a key to assure someone would make their way through sub-freezing temperatures and blinding blizzard winter nights to start a fire and get the coffee started so the doors would always be open for anyone who wanted or needed an AA meeting. They laughed, telling us that at those meetings it seemed that everyone would show up with the same AA mission.

They explained that when a winter meeting was over, they would shovel and tow each other from the snowdrifts that had accumulated during that hour, sending each on their way with a promise to call each other to make sure they all got safely home. If someone hadn't heard from one of the group, the closest one would head out again to help, as needed, to rescue the one who may have gotten stuck. They were a tough and tight bunch of mountain men and offered an open hand to the next newcomer or visitor who stepped across their threshold.

My friend and I over the years have talked about that amazing mountain retreat. We don't remember the name of the bed-and-breakfast, but we remember vividly, and tell the story with fondness and awe, about how our Higher Power led us to that Rocky Mountain meeting and those tough-looking, dedicated alcoholics on the Continental Divide.

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