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NO BOOZE NEWS

It is unfortunately very rare when we receive articles and other submissions from local members of the fellowship. This month I am excited to announce that we have three.. All of them powerful in their own way. I hope this month's NBN encourages other local members to submit their stories of experience strength and hope. It is very humbling to be of service to EVI and all it represents. - **Rick T.**

US / Canada Forum West
Intergroup/Central Office
Panel Discussion
December 19, 2020

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

My name is Kim and I am an alcoholic. I am also the current Office Manager for the East Valley Intergroup's Central Office in Mesa AZ and have been employed here for the last 11 years.

The East Valley Intergroup covers the eastern portion of the Phoenix Valley and surrounding smaller towns. At the beginning of 2020 we were serving 128 registered groups with just over 600 meetings every week. Our local fellowship is very active in service and supportive of our local Central Office.

We had been operating our service center out of a very small office for several years and were rapidly outgrowing our space. 2019 had been our best financial year to date so the Steering Committee proposed a budget for 2020 that included upgrading our office space. The local fellowship approved overwhelmingly. We found a great place, signed a lease and planned our move for March/April 2020.

We had a Speaker/Dinner event coming up on March 14th. Plans for moving the office were moving forward on schedule. Things were going along fine until Friday, March 13. That was the day Arizona started to issue guidelines for operating during the COVID pandemic. Our annual anniversary dinner was scheduled for the next day. We decided to go ahead with the event as there were no mandates in place yet. Attendance was down a bit and we did take a loss on the event but at least it wasn't a huge one. Little did we know it would be the last in person event we would have for some time.

The move into the new office started to hit some bumps. A few volunteers went into self-quarantine to restrict their exposure. Others members stepped up to help out and we did get moved to our new location by April 1st and open for business. By then many meeting locations were shutting down. Groups were moving their meetings outside, online or suspending meeting entirely. About half of our live meetings were suspended at the height of the outbreak. The State of Arizona did mandate some businesses to be closed but A.A. was considered mental health care, an essential service and allowed to stay open.

The first two weeks in our new office we didn't have phone or internet service. The phone companies service departments were overwhelmed with a flood of new home offices being set up. We were able to transfer our 24-hour hotline to different volunteer's cell phones but for the second week of April the hotline was on my cell phone. While I wished I could have shared that job with others it was a labor of love manning the hotline that week. And the phone was ringing. It really kept me in touch with our local fellowship and their immediate concerns. People were calling for current meeting information and most were scared. They were afraid that Alcoholics Anonymous wouldn't be there to help them, they were afraid they would drink, many just felt alone. We also received calls from members wanting to know what they could do to help. I was blessed to have coordinated many connections and 12 step calls that week.

It was soon apparent that our top priority would be to provide updated information to our community. Our meeting directory was changing daily. It was impossible

to keep an accurate printed directory. Our website was quickly becoming our main link to the fellowship. We were updating it at least once a day with meeting changes. New local online meetings were popping up everywhere and we had to find a way to add this new type of meeting to our directory.

Office managers from Intergroups across the US and Canada started to meet weekly on Zoom to share information and experience. We were able to glean much useful information from other Intergroups who were farther along the technology learning curve. Some weeks I just needed to be able to connect with others facing the same challenges to preserve my sanity for a while longer.

Literature sales dropped off dramatically with the reduced foot traffic at the office but contributions started to go up. Groups were sending extra where they could. People attending online meetings where no basket was passed started to send in individual contributions. We added PayPal to our website to enable online contributions and members started to use that regularly too. Financially we only had to dip into our prudent reserve once and it was quickly replaced.

The most exciting thing to happen in the last year has been our increase in twelve step calls. They say no one gets here at the end of a winning streak and 2020 was far from a winner for most of us. We were getting calls from those barely nipped by the wringer to those who have lost everything, and all in between. Our idea of a 12th step call has been somewhat redefined. We don't think of "The Man on the Bed" situation as being the only 12th step opportunity. When a caller is new, returning or struggling in recovery we ask if they would like someone to give them a call. Many times they do and greatly benefit from a phone conversation, cup of coffee, a companion at their first meeting or a good old fashioned home visit from a couple of AAers. One drunk talking to another, the 12th step is alive and well.

The amount of support from so many has been overwhelming. I don't think I can adequately express my gratitude for it all. We were blessed with the most willing and capable Steering Committee to navigate the many changes. In hindsight HP had all the right people in place. From the local volunteers who are willing to do everything to the tech savvy members who have helped us learn all the new technology coming our way and the other managers sharing their tools and experience, thank you so very much. Thru it all there has been great support and I have never felt alone.

It has been a tough year and I wouldn't have asked for it but I do feel it has brought us together with new tools and connections that we might not have otherwise used. The ICOAA has a weekly Zoom meeting for Office Managers that I attend regularly now and it is a wealth of information and support. Zoom meetings are becoming common for service meetings making them more convenient and less costly to attend which increases accessibility and group participation. Groups and members are using their local service centers more as a clearing house of information and available service opportunities. We currently have 687 active meetings, 566 live and 121 online. Our live meetings are down by only 8% but we have gained 121 local online meetings. Our Intergroup is now more accessible than it has ever been. And I have renewed confidence that Alcoholics Anonymous will be around for a long, long time.

Kim W.

Office Manager

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Words From the Big Book

Though our decision was a vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So we had to get down to causes and conditions. Therefore, we started upon a personal inventory. This was Step Four. A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke. Taking a commercial inventory is a fact-finding and a fact-facing process. It is an effort to discover the truth about the stock-intrade. One object is to disclose damaged or unsalable goods, to get rid of them promptly and without regret. If the owner of the business is to be successful, he cannot fool himself about values. We did exactly the same thing with our lives. We took stock honestly. First, we searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self, manifested in various ways, was what had defeated us, we considered its common manifestations. Resentment is the "number one" offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else. From it stem all forms of spiritual disease, for we have been not only mentally and

physically ill, we have been spiritually sick. When the spiritual malady is overcome, we straighten out mentally and physically. In dealing with resentments, we set them on paper. We listed people, institutions or principles with whom we were angry. We asked ourselves why we were angry. In most cases it was found that our self-esteem, our pocketbooks, our ambitions, our personal relationships (including sex) were hurt or threatened. So we were sore. We were "burned up."

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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



LIVE AND IN PERSON

ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

MAY DAY MADNESS

APRIL 30 ~ MAY 2, 2021

LAKE HENSHAW

26439 HWY 76

SANTA YSABEL, CA

35TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF EAGLES

MAY 27 ~ 30, 2021

RENAISSANCE DALLAS

900 E LOOKOUT DR.

RICHARDSON TX.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

JUNE 11 ~ 13, 2021

HILTON FT. WORTH

815 MAIN ST.

FORT WORTH TX

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 29 - 31, 2021

2025 RESERVATION LOOP RD.

JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

2021 August Virtual Assembly

Hosted by District 11.

August 13-15, 2021

2021 Virtual State Convention

Host Committee: 08-820

September 10-12th

Area03.org for more information

2021 Post Conference Assembly

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY.

Hosted by sub-district 08-818, 819, 820.

June 5, 2021

Getting Sober During COVID

A letter from a local member of the fellowship.

I woke up to my second chance at life June 26th, 2020. Amongst the Covid-19 pandemic, I had spent the last twelve years of my life drowning in my heavy alcoholism. The stay at home ordered issued state by state was my own comical cosmic situation. For I was not only an introvert, but a completely isolated alcoholic. My comfort to stay at home and drink continuously was what seemed to be the downward spiral I was free falling through, but now being fully detained at home by the pandemic order, I drank the last of the nails in my coffin. I could not function without two 750 bottles of whiskey, or a handle of it was never enough, and as frightened as my self and the public was expressing about this new virus, I had to leave the house, to always get more.

The last four months of my alcoholism seemed to be drowse with the anxiety and fear of this new world of Covid-19. I was quickly on the fast track of killing myself, nightly oblivion black outs, waking with the empty apologies, or whatever may have taken place in the night before, jumping up to grab a piece of toast as quickly as I could because the shakes had already begun, and I needed a drink.

The last two weeks of my drinking had turned any and all family away. I drained all accounts to feed my disease, nearly destroyed my marriage and every remaining ounce of myself. When I'd blackout I was angry and violent to myself and those around me. I managed to cause many of injury to myself in the nightly blackout pattern, and on my last night of drinking I had fallen down the stairs, cracked ribs, bruised and broken beyond belief. That's when I felt it. That pure anguish, I had hit rock bottom.

The next morning, I woke in complete and utter surrender as I admitted to myself and everyone around me, I needed help. After some calling around that day, I found a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I limped in, head down, afraid, embarrassed, full within withdrawals. To my surprise, I was greeted with dozens of smiles, open arms, and a palpable loving presence that consumed me. That night I was giving a 24-hour chip and told, "You never have to drink again in this program, that can be your first and last 24-hour chip if you choose to stay". Leaving that night, I felt a sense of peace I haven't felt in over twelve years.

The first two weeks of my sobriety journey were a physical hell. I kept my nose in my big book, praying hour by hour it seemed, until I could experience the relief of the alcohol leaving my body. I went to at least one, most of the time two or three meetings a day. I had a strong inner knowing that if I didn't give 1000% of my heart and soul to the program, I would die. There is no if, this was a matter of life and death. The days started to show little blessings. I started to introduce myself, made myself a home group member, then I received my one-month chip! What a pleasantly shocking moment,

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Name	Date	Days
Dan H.	4/2/1973	17532
Richard C.	4/23/1979	15341
Harry R.	4/17/1980	14975
Frank B.	4/20/1980	14975
Bill O.	4/19/1982	14245
Carol H.	4/22/1983	13880
Rita H.	4/21/1984	13514
Ken L.	4/6/1986	12784
Jennifer B.	4/20/1986	12784
Martin F.	4/1/1987	12419
Willard K.	4/4/1988	12053
Kevin F.	4/4/1988	12053
Melanie M.	4/15/1988	12053
Sam W.	4/28/1988	12053
Erica W.	4/5/1989	11688
Dave L.	4/7/1989	11688
Larry C.	4/15/1989	11688
Tim M.	4/4/1991	10958
Larry S.	4/7/1993	10227
Dave C.	4/28/1993	10227
Peggy H.	4/15/1996	9131
Eddie O.	4/10/1997	8766
Tom C.	4/22/1997	8766
Tammy R.	4/24/1997	8766
Michael R.	4/9/1999	8036
Michael F.	4/8/2000	7670
Scott C.	4/2/2001	7305
Sharon K.	4/6/2001	7305
Jeff H.	4/4/2002	6940
John J.	4/5/2002	6940
John B.	4/10/2002	6940
Gail H.	4/25/2002	6940
Bart M.	4/1/2004	6209
Chris K.	4/22/2006	5479
Rhonda C.	4/10/2008	4748
Paul T.	4/11/2009	4383
Warren S.	4/21/2009	4383
Maegan W.	4/24/2009	4383
Maureen V.	4/6/2010	4016
Marna W.	4/8/2010	4016
Guy S.	4/29/2011	3653
Jen B.	4/30/2011	3653
Heidi W.	4/6/2012	3287
Jason H.	4/22/2012	3287
Hailey T.	4/22/2014	2557
Tom J.	4/4/2015	2192
Angie S.	4/6/2015	2192
Molly M.	4/14/2015	2192
Craig P.	4/23/2015	2192
Donald S.	4/23/2015	2192
Thura J.	4/12/2016	1826
Gamaliel B.	4/11/2018	1096
Andrew P.	4/20/2018	1096
Michael W.	4/20/2018	1096
Edie M.	4/7/2019	731
Linnea P.	4/7/2020	365

never would I have thought I could go an hour without drinking, now I have made it thirty days! From here, I started opening myself up to other group members and began friendships. Within these friendships it was made clear my next two right steps.

I found myself a sponsor, an incredible sponsor and began to work the steps honestly and thorough. Having the willingness to work these steps proved to be no easy feat, but I pushed through a lot of tears, pain, grief, remorse. In the fifth step I found such a healing I've only up until then had heard from other members sharing. Experiencing it though, was such a deep breath and a peace of "I'm going to be okay". The weight on my heart and soul from so many damaging years of trauma and addiction to alcohol seemed to be slowly lifting away, day by day. Having the healing of the combination of my higher power and working these steps one by one as it was suggested my first night, I was getting myself and my life back. Sixty days came and I felt as if I just finished a marathon. Putting in the spiritual work was exhausting, but oh so rewarding.

The promises became more apparent in my life, as I was able to mend my relationships, able to be present and a part of brought me such joy. Ninety days seemed to come so fast, as my healing gave me a true and our psychic change. I not only forgave myself, but was able to like and now love myself for the strong woman I am. I have become.

It is now December of 2020, and the world is still in chaos. The Covid-19 virus has taken many lives, destroyed many families, and the future seems uncertain. A few things are very certain though, by the grace of my higher power, and the fellowship and program of Alcoholics Anonymous, I am six months sober the day after Christmas. I am thriving in my sobriety, and recently have been able to provide service by chairing an evening meeting. I have multiple wonderful friendships, and an amazing life with my husband and family. I still take it one day at a time, and every day is a new blessing.

Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life. May all who read this story, have a blessed and sober holiday, and life! "Keep coming back".

Dee S. – A local member of the fellowship



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.

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**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 Lisa V.

480 827-1905

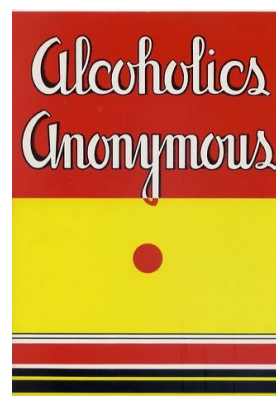
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Jerry C.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

May 1 ~ 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**April 2nd ~ Road To Recovery**

May 7th ~ 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

March 19, 2020

In February we received 459 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 126 calls were for meeting info, 121 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 29,482 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for February were 6,731 views. Of those 446 went to our website, 52 requested

directions and 43 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.

We have been in our new location for a year now, and what a crazy year it has been. Check out the April edition of the No Booze News for EVI 2020 story. It is a little piece I wrote to commemorate all the changes and challenges of the last year.

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.

If your Group has recently had a rotation of officers, please take a Group Update form to your next Group Conscious meeting. Have the new officers fill it out completely and return it to the office or bring it to next month's meeting. It is our policy to have complete contact information for at least 2 officers of each group listed in our directories. Thanks for your help with this, it is important to keep this information up to date. Service opportunities are always available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim Watkins

Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Feb	2021
Meeting Information Calls.....	126	343
General Information	91	184
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	6	10
Referred to Al-Anon.....	11	21
Referred to Community Info.....	0	2
12th Step Calls	15	28
Business Calls	89	177
Office Visitors	121	238
Meeting lists printed.....	400	700
Info request via E-mail	32	74
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	20/ 10/ 8	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.		320hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 29,482 YTD 57,435

Google Searches last 30 days 6,731

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: SASTO 145 E. 1st Ave. Mesa SU 7:30p

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District 08-819
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Mesa, AZ 85211

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

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

Alcoholicos Anonimos - Oficina
2720 E Thomas Rd. B#180
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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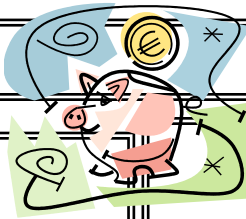
GROUP	Feb	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
417 Group		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group		\$260.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group	\$250.00	\$250.00
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$120.00	\$120.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$167.64	\$296.52
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$78.60
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$400.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$90.36
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$100.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II	\$100.00	\$100.00
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
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$215.00	\$345.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread	\$689.63	\$689.63
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	\$177.74
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
Friday Night BB, Step Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together		\$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
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
Into Action		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$0.00
Last Resort	\$40.80	\$40.80
Life In The Big Book		\$50.00
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$40.00	\$40.00
Maricopa Group		\$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
No Big Deals	\$60.00	\$120.00
No Name AA Group		\$125.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$0.00
Page A Day		\$910.55
Patio Group		\$560.00

GROUP	Feb	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$58.40
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group	\$462.00	\$462.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$293.50
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$350.00
Renewed Spirit	\$100.00	\$100.00
Rising Spirit		\$0.00
Road To Recovery	\$322.78	\$372.78
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$0.00
Second Chance Group		\$0.00
Serenity Now	\$35.00	\$35.00
Shade Tree	\$280.00	\$280.00
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
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
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$250.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$105.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$25.00
The Way Out Group		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers	\$25.00	\$25.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.00
Upon Awakening	\$700.00	\$700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$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
Group Totals	\$3,946.72	\$9,474.65
EVI Committees	\$6.00	\$18.00
Individual Contributions	\$280.00	\$741.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,232.72	\$10,233.65

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET February 28, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	6,077.03
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	30,813.09
Accounts Receivable	407.60
Inventory Asset	30,345.11
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$72,700.15**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.05
Payroll taxes	204.00

Total Liabilities **\$204.05**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	27,480.81
Net Income	1,236.35

Total Equity **\$72,496.10**

Total Liability & Equity **\$72,700.15**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT February 2021

22 Group contributions totaling	\$3,946.72
14 Individual contributions totaling	\$280.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$6.00
Total Contributions	\$4,232.72
Total Income	\$7,465.82
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$710.47
Gross Profit	\$6,755.35
Less total Expenses of	\$6,225.13
Net Feb. Gain	\$530.22
YTD 2021 Gain	\$1,236.25

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$30,813.09
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 Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

- 1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?**
- 2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?**
- 3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?**
- 4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?**
- 5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?**
- 6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?**

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**March 19, 2020**

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Opened with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions read by Dave

AJ G - Rising Spirit	Ken C. - Sunset Group	Scott C. - Tumbleweeds
Brandon - Society	Larry R. - Basic 2	Scott - Opportunity Knox
Buddy M - Gratitude Group	Laura K. - Patio Group	Shari - Sobriety is Gold
Cris H. - Bloopers	Marty - Tuesday Trudgers	Sharon B. - Stepping Stones
Debbie C. - Alt. DCM 08-820	Mary D. - WIG	Shawn R. - Alt rep GIT
Freeman - Alt rep Breakfast Club	Mary R. - Busted Ego	Starr S. - CWBB
Jason - Common Thread	Mike K. - Busted Ego	Steve B. - The Way Out
Jim M. - WADY	Monica S-E - IR Women Serenity	Sue S. - Ahwatukee Womens
Joseph M.	Rebecca S. Ahwatukee Group	Tom C. - Page A Day
Josh S. - Tempe We Agnostics	Rose - Sunbird Chandler Happy Hour	Tracey C. - By the Book
Joyce A.	Rich H - Step By Step	Vicki B. - New Spirit

Welcome to the New Reps: Sue S - Ahwatukee Women's, Shawn R. - Alt rep for GIT, Star S. - Chandler Women's Big Book, Mike K. - Busted Ego, Freeman - The Breakfast Club at Mesa Alano, Marty - Tuesday Trudgers (compiled from the chat in Zoom meeting)

Tom welcomes everyone and asks for introduction of new reps. 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. The cost of goods sold appear artificially low due to a discount provided to us from AAWS that was not applied to our account at the end of last year. The \$1800 credit was reported in February causing our profit to look inflated. Ron will be looking into reporting the cost of goods sold in a different manner for the remainder of the year. Motion to accept report as presented - Mary - WIG, seconded by Marty - Tuesday's Trudgers, 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 report

Vice Chairperson Report: Wesley is unable to fulfill his commitment as vice chair for the remainder of 2021. This position is open. The vice chair responsibilities include attendance at Subdistrict and District meetings as well as assemblies. If anyone is interested in filling this position, please message Tom N.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. - see page 7.

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.
- ☐ Working on a webpage on the website.
- ☐ Developing a business card.

Special Events: Mindy S.

- ☐ 42nd Anniversary event last Saturday - It was a lot of fun! We had 55plus attendees, played Wheel of Sobriety. Virtual event March 13 starting at 6pm, Wheel of Sobriety at 6:30.
- ☐ Need host groups for EVI Monthly Speaker meeting
- ☐ We are considering a picnic in the park for the month of May. If you have ideas, contact Mindy.
- ☐ First Friday of each month at 6pm (before this meeting) - Monthly Committee Meeting

Phone committee: Lisa V. ☐ Phones are covered. It's all going well!

Unity Committee: Dave K.

- ☐ Our goal is to reach out to those not attending our EVI business meetings.
- ☐ We have attended 13 groups and have 4 new reps as a result.
- ☐ Join our committee. Last month we had 35 reps attending this meeting.

Sponsorship Workshop: Jerry C. ☐ Next workshop will be May 1st

☐ 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

AI-anon Liaison: Vicki B. – Family Recovery Night – monthly virtual meeting. March 27 at 6pm. They will play Taboo and have speakers starting at 7pm.

H&I Liaison: Wendy H. – written report:

Awareness Day is Sat 4/10/21 12-4 all info and flyer on vwhi.org website. Bridging The Hope facility needs meetings brought in. They are an all male facility, but any gender can lead a meeting. They are looking to fill a wed and sun 7:30 pm meeting. They're at 59th and Camelback. They would like people with experience being incarcerated as this is a facility for parolees.

Online meetings w/inmates are becoming available with people who've been badged even if your badge has expired. Get ahold of Bootsie at BootsieMtzR@gmail.com for a meeting Sat 20th to discuss the details.

New Service Liaison, Katherine is looking for people to join her committee, they will be going to homegroups to spread the word about service work through H&I. Find her at Service_liason@vwhi.org 2 Coordinator positions open Bridging The Gap and Federal Corrections. Requirements are 2yrs sobriety and 1 yr H&I experience. H&I Liaison position open as of May 1st, 2021.

At Florence a volunteer writes a recovery letter once a week for distribution among the population. Weekly zoom meetings will start in 2 weeks on the Florence S Unit every Sunday at 1pm. Badge renewal applications for all 52 new volunteers have been sent in for approval. Oct 2, 2021 Area 03 Corrections Conference

Agua Fria Intergroup looking for volunteers to do Day in the Park via zoom aawestphoenix.org

Spanish Liaison: Marge M. – Not present

Zonypaa Liaison: Megan P. - Not present.

Sub District 08-818: Tearsa C.

☐ Virtual Assembly coming up

☐ Part of the post conference assembly host committee in June 2021 with other east valley subdistricts

Sub District 08-819: Lois L. – not present

Sub District 08-820: Debbie C. ☐ Nothing new going on, working on the June assembly host committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

☐ Gratitude in Service form available to complete on the EVI website.

☐ 20% discount on Big Books through end of March.

☐ Motion: "EVI to stock and sell sobriety chips and medallions of one basic type" was tabled last month. The Steering committee discussed that this is a floor motion from the groups and we should leave the decision with the groups. Motion to untable this motion by Josh S – We Agnostics. Ken C. Seconded. 3 opposed to untabling the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion:

Basic 2 group opposed as the motion is too vague, particularly what kind of chips to purchase

Marty, a member who currently volunteers at EVI office and is from Chicago area they get so many requests on the phone to buy chips.

Tom stated the motion is intended to let Kim as a trusted servant make decisions on chip purchases.

Buddy stated that there is a shop in Mesa who sells chips, and why would EVI sell them too?

Vote = 14 for, 9 opposed, 5 abstain. Motion failed. Some discussion of when we can bring the motion back. It may be 6 months.

Minority opinion (of those in favor) – Marty expressed this seems fair and the vote should be respected. It should be brought up again in the future. Motion stands.

NEW BUSINESS:

☐ We should look into possible EVI business hybrid meetings.

☐ AJ asked about groups who have returned in person, what the state of each group is? Many groups shared their status.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

☐ www.aamesaaz.org is our website that we work hard to keep up to date. Use this website.

Motion to close meeting. 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,

A letter from an Inmate

Keith N. Inmate @ AZDOC Florence

We are blessed and privilege to reflect upon Step Three: "We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him." I can't count how many times over and over I turned my will over to destructive powers.

Power is defined as: "one that has control or authority." This may be a person, place, or thing! I found shelter in destructive powers for more than forty years! A day came when there was no longer a choice! Having surrendered will and life to Alcoholism and Addiction, my life was in total desperation! There had to be more to my existence! I bottomed out! There was only up!

But how would I get there? What a puzzle and mystery? A beloved member of A.A., may God's grace and mercy be upon his soul, George H., persistently invited me to a meeting! Cleverly, he suggested I turn out to support the numbers required to keep the meeting alive in the prison! This proved to be a giant step in the right direction! I like many others was raised to believe in a punishing GOD! One who condemns souls to hell because of sin! I willingly removed the cotton from my ears placing it into my mouth. I took all the suggestions! Most important I heard "Find a God of my understanding and religion was not a requirement." Slowly, a door opened!

Reflecting over the last eleven years of growing up, I pieced together the God of my understanding from the fellowship! I admit that I plagiarized the thoughts and ideas of others! I faked it until making it! Little did I understand the meeting was a higher power in itself! I gained inspirations, motivations, clarifications, and identification with folks like myself! I was at home! It was there that I defined Allah in my life! I discovered Spirituality! It was suggested to try living by spiritual principles! With minimum efforts, my investments doubled! A.A. has worked for me just as it's worked for thousands of others! Step Three does not say: "We turned our will and our lives over to the care of God, it says; "We made a DECISION to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him." Only I could make this decision! For the first time in decades a decision was made which paid off bountifully! Alone, I would never succeed!

It was the unconditional love and self-sacrifice from others that is found only in the rooms! There was no compulsion only Tolerance and Patience. My faith developed by witnessing living testimonies. I discovered where I belonged and became a part of a living organism found throughout the world! Today, surrendering is second nature. I have learned energy never is destroyed, rather it's transferred into new forms! Prayer life today yields a plentiful harvest! My understanding of God remains a mystery. Faith works by turning things over to God my sponsor and during meetings! I have received open mindedness, honesty, trust, and a fellowship in which I never have to be alone again!

I have traded insanity for peace of mind! I am far from perfect, but profound changes have happened! Much which I simply can't explain. My Higher Power has exchanged a blameworthy life for a praiseworthy life! Thank You Lord for the Cloud You've made for me!

A BIG "Thank you!" to John H. for submitting this article on behalf of Keith N.

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