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NO BOOZE NEWS

The Future of Our Virtual Fellowship?

The Hybrid meeting may not have been born by the COVID19 pandemic, but it certainly matured during it. Thousands of once thriving meetings were shuttered as meeting places were closed and a 30 day shutdown was affected which now is beyond a year. Alcoholics around the world scrambled to find a way to continue to meet as it is by sharing our experience strength and hope which is the lifeblood of our recovery.

So as not to endorse an outside entity I will refer to the most common virtual meeting platform as Boom. Around the world, Boom meeting codes and passwords were flying at the speed of light and within days, a network of Boom meetings was established. Millions were drawn to a new type of recovery.

As this was happening, others were seeking ways to have safe, in person or "live" meetings. New outdoor meetings were born as Churches and other landlords prohibited meetings within their facilities. Meetings moved into homes and back yards. They became what I often joked of as the AA Underground.

There are an awful lot of AA members who have compromised health condition. Years of abuse has taken its toll on our bodies and the slightest infection may be fatal. Alcoholics are also drama queens and experts at projecting the wreckage of the future. In either case, your personal comfort and safety must be paramount in the decision which type of meeting venue you choose for your recovery!

But there is an elephant in the room! Boom goers feel live meeting goers have been irresponsible, careless, and part of the problem spreading a deadly virus. Live meeting goers think Boom people are full of fear and have grown comfortable with armchair recovery in front of phony backdrops.

However, in both cases people have stayed sober and newcomers have found recovery in both formats. This pandemic will pass, they always do. Maybe not this season but eventually it will be a bitter memory. As we begin to open back up, what will become of our fellowship.

I personally believe Boom has proven to be a great alternative to live meetings and AA has a virtual future. Tens of thousands in remote areas can now attend multiple meetings a week. Homebound members can easily find

Quote of the Month

There are those who predict that Alcoholics Anonymous may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things they are both generous and sincere. But we of AA must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us--that is, if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of AA, and if we commenced to behave accordingly. Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose; the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody.

Bill W. 1963

recovery and who does not like dropping by a meeting on another continent? I personally love seeing members back in my homegroup who have moved away or are traveling.

But is it truly a “fellowship”? I started with Boom but missed the human touch. I missed the meeting before and after the meeting. I missed the laughter as I shared my plan because everyone was muted. I missed “seeing” how a friend was really doing as they entered and sat in a meeting. I missed the misery in the newcomers’ eyes who were off camera or the spring in their step when they get 30 days. These are experience I will not want to miss.

The intergroup I am a member of recently did a poll on when its monthly business meeting would go to a hybrid format. They wanted to see what level of support to expect in person. Eleven percent of the respondents voted “Never, I love Boom”. A tear formed in my eye.

KEN C.

Step Four :

Made a Searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

For many years I spent life in hiding, and running, living a double life drinking, and drugging to make me feel other than myself.

Working Step Four with my sponsor things were revealed one day at a time, during my return to sanity! The word hypocrite describes a person who pretends to have virtues or qualities they really do not have! My experience taking this inventory showed the real me coming out. I faced the truth. Making that inventory was a way to wash the inside with my tears! It was only by uncovering my hidden parts that my outer person changed! Many falter at the prospect of making an honest personal inventory.

Self-justifications, rationalizations, and excuses were long lasting defects of character. Like many alcoholics there is an enormous amount of sadness and we fear pain! Attending meetings soothes life's pains. Hearing others sharing their strengths, hopes, and experiences made me human again! Joy comes from recognizing, even celebrating, life in a community of people like me! Working with a sponsor is having a corner man in a championship fight! I learned to distinguish sustained talk from change talk!

My moral inventory included destructive habits, shortcomings, wrongs done to others, wrong choices with which I live. I needed to shift through my garbage causing internal spoilage in my life. This phase of recovery speaks volumes! Owning up and being truly sorry followed up with true confession separates the boys from the men! I do not regret the past nor do I shut the door upon it! I, like thousands before me, carry forward the message of recovery.

I am OK today talking about my former life in bondage. That is a part of my story. Each time I share I am taking responsibility for moving on to a better place for myself and family! While doing this step I constantly remember that this is a season for self-examination! Guard against blaming and examining the lives of others. There will be plenty of time in the future for helping others after taking responsibility for ourselves!

Submitted April 5,2021 by Keith N. - Alcoholic inmate at Florence State Prison.



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Words From the Big Book

When we decide who is to hear our story, we waste no time. We have a written inventory and we are prepared for a long talk. We explain to our partner what we are about to do and why we have to do it. He should realize that we are engaged upon a life-and-death errand. Most people approached in this way will be glad to help; they will be honored by our confidence. We pocket our pride and go to it, illuminating every twist of character, every dark cranny of the past. Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing, we are delighted. We can look the world in the eye. We can be alone at perfect peace and ease. Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator. We may have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience. The feeling that the drink problem has disappeared will often come strongly. We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe.

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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

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 13 ~ 16, 2019

LAUGHLIN NV

RIVERSIDE RESORT

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

EVI OPEN HOUSE

Come Check Out The New Office

Enjoy Hot Dogs, Fixings and Ice Cream

Saturday, May 8th 2021

From 11:00am to 3:00pm

1855 E Southern Ave. #103

(SW Corner of Oracle
and Southern)



Valley of the Sun Founders' Day 2021

Saturday, June 12th, 2021

10:00am to 4:00pm

2121 S Rural Rd. Tempe

(Our Lady of Mt. Carmel)

Step Five~ Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition Five~ Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept Five~ Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration

Bridge the Gap Workshop

Saturday, May 15th. 2021

12:00pm to ?

Zoom ID: 724 5408 8475

Passcode: BTGWW

Name	Date	Days
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Gary C.	5/1/1980	14975
Mike C.	5/1/1981	14610
Bud K.	5/23/1982	14244
Jon C.	5/6/1984	13514
Becky C.	5/9/1984	13514
Kristen T.	5/18/1986	12784
Ken H.	5/19/1986	12784
Chris M.	5/13/1987	12419
Stephan O.	5/13/1987	12419
Rick J.	5/13/1987	12419
Beth H.	5/29/1988	12052
Lynn S.	5/25/1989	11688
Mike S.	5/1/1991	10958
Hallie G.	5/5/1991	10958
Louis S.	5/28/1991	10958
Regan G.	5/1/1992	10227
Christine T.	5/5/1992	10588
Jack G.	5/23/1996	9131
Anthony G.	5/18/1997	8766
Heidi H.	5/23/1999	8036
Mickey W.	5/1/2003	6575
Debbie G.	5/16/2003	6575
Kathy T.	5/15/2005	5844
Larry S.	5/23/2007	5114
Pat C.	5/27/2007	5075
Ginny F.	5/15/2008	4748
Neil H.	5/23/2008	4748
Frank P.	5/26/2008	4748
Steve B.	5/11/2009	4748
Gail N.	5/15/2009	4383
Lyndadiane L.	5/29/2010	4018
Michelle M.	5/25/2010	4018
Ben P.	5/24/2011	3653
Shawna D.	5/2/2012	3287
Danielle R.	5/6/2013	2922
Denise M.	5/12/2014	2557
Christopher T. ...	5/5/2015	2192
Beth M.	5/6/2015	2154
Jean C.	5/15/2016	1826
Denise D.	5/18/2019	731

My Ideal

After 10 years of sobriety it was suggested by my sponsor that I start dating. He asked me what I was looking for in a woman, and so I thought about it ...

"Well," I said, "she has to be pretty, must be. And like me, a little whacky. Also, she has to be strong and assertive. Hmm ... I guess I'm looking for a woman who's stunning, baffling and powerful!"

David B. Tucson, Ariz.
From the 2018 Grapevine

NERVOUS ABOUT HEARING HIS FIRST FIFTH STEP, a young priest

asked an older priest to

sit in on the session. After the AA member had described a few of his experiences, the older priest motioned the young one to step out into the hall.

"Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand like this," the older priest directed him. The young priest tried it. "Good," said the older priest. "Try saying 'I see. Yes, go on.' And, 'I understand. How did you feel about that?'" The young priest complied. "Now don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, 'No way! What happened next?'"

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Nov. 2000

At Wits End

Outsmarting the Jersey Devil

FEBRUARY 2015 GRAPEVINE

I remember I had chiseled at it a little bit years ago when I first worked the Steps with a sponsor, leaving out the one thing I could never tell anyone, ever. My second year of sobriety, as a result, was nuts. I had a nervous tic in one eye and chronic neck pain, and dreamed I was in a plane that was crashing. I told another member of the Fellowship what was going on, and said I feared I was heading for a relapse. He said, "You've already had the relapse. You just haven't picked up the drink yet." I used all the tools available in and out of Alcoholics Anonymous, and I filled my sponsor in on what I had left out of my Fifth Step. He said, "You know, I don't remember your Fifth Step." Now that, I submit, is "ego deflation at depth!" I came out the other side of that changed, having had a spiritual awakening, and having a sense of connection to the human race and a Higher Power I had always felt estranged from.

Now sober 25 years, I continue to go to meetings, sponsor other recovering drunks, and try to apply the Steps to my daily life. Despite the aches and pains of age and infirmity, I still choose joy. The Jersey Devil that is my disease is still around, but, one day at a time, and with the help of the Fellowship and my Higher Power, I keep the monster at bay.

BY: ANONYMOUS

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

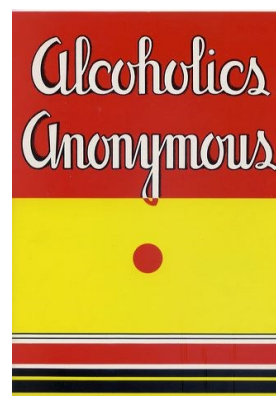
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

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**May 7th ~ TBD**

June 4th ~ 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

April 16, 2021

In March we received 551 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 131 calls were for meeting info, 156 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 26,575 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for March were 8,603 views. Of those 494 went to our website, 63 requested directions and 45 gave us a call.

As things are slowly opening back up we are seeing a few events popping up in the future, both live and virtual. The weather is warming up and along with it comes the Campout and Roundup season. We have information available on most of the upcoming A.A. events in AZ and surrounding states at the office, in the No Booze News and on the Events page at aamesaaz.org. Please share your IGR newsletter copy with your group and encourage them to submit stories and subscribe for home delivery. We also still have the event signs and large coffee pots available for group use. Just call and reserve.

The March 20% off sale on Big Books was a huge success. We sold 600 Big Books in various formats. Our average monthly sales of BB are around 250. We placed two book orders with AAWs. They are still working remotely and starting to have availability issues with some items. We currently have all titles in stock in all available formats.

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. Gratitude with Service forms are now available on our website. Please encourage your Group members 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

.....	May	.....	2021
Meeting Information Calls.....	131	.....	474
General Information	127	.....	311
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	6	.....	16
Referred to Al-Anon.....	10	.....	31
Referred to Community Info.....	1	.....	3
12th Step Calls	15	.....	43
Business Calls	105	.....	282
Office Visitors	156	.....	394
Meeting lists printed.....	400	.....	1100
Info request via E-mail	41	.....	115
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	20/ 10/ 8		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		.....	480hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 26,575 YTD 84,010

Google Searches last 30 days 8,603

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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New York, NY 10163

Area 03 Treasurer
PO Box 3691
Gilbert AZ 85299
Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

District 08-818
PO Box 12044
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
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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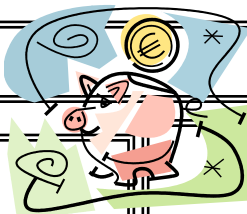
GROUP	March	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$40.00	\$40.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
417 Group		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group		\$260.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$250.00
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$120.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$329.68	\$626.20
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$158.00	\$236.60
Arbor Daily Noon Group		\$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
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	\$160.00	\$505.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group	\$300.00	\$300.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread		\$689.63
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Dog Tired		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's	\$683.00	\$683.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$350.00	\$350.00
East Valley Veterans		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$266.61
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Fae Pack		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank	\$125.00	\$125.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$0.00
Florence Group		\$90.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together	\$158.00	\$628.50
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
Life In The Big Book		\$50.00
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$40.00	\$80.00
Maricopa Group	\$25.00	\$75.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness	\$100.00	\$100.00
Morning After		\$0.00
Name In The Hat		\$0.00
New Beginnings		\$0.00
New Spirit Group		\$375.00
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$145.00
No Name AA Group	\$50.00	\$175.00
Opportunity Knocks	\$100.00	\$100.00
Page A Day		\$910.55

GROUP	March	YTD
Patio Group		\$560.00
Pioneer Group	\$58.00	\$116.40
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$462.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$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
Rising Spirit	\$724.50	\$724.50
Road To Recovery	\$445.06	\$817.84
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Men's	\$310.00	\$310.00
Second Chance Group	\$178.00	\$178.00
Serenity Now	\$45.00	\$80.00
Shade Tree		\$280.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$20.00	\$20.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$50.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women		\$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	\$155.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$25.00
The Way Out Group	\$143.50	\$143.50
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$25.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.00
Upon Awakening		\$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	\$4,706.61	\$14,181.26
EVI Committees	\$10.00	\$28.00
Individual Contributions...	\$2,992.00	\$3,733.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$7,708.61	\$17,942.26

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	7,115.02
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	34,018.32
Accounts Receivable	752.00
Inventory Asset	27,526.83
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$74,474.99**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	390.46
Payroll taxes	0.00

Total Liabilities **\$390.46**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	27,480.81
Net Income	2,824.78

Total Equity **\$74,084.53**

Total Liability & Equity **\$74,474.99**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT March 2021

30 Group contributions totaling	\$4,706.61
14 Individual contributions totaling	\$2,992.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$10.00

Total Contributions **\$7,708.61**

Total Income **\$14,232.66**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$6,158.28**

Gross Profit **\$8,074.38**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,486.95**

Net March Gain **\$1,588.43**

YTD 2021 Gain **\$1,588.43**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$34,018.32
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 Five: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

- 1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?***
- 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?***
- 3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?***
- 4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?***
- 5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?***
- 6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?***

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**April 16, 2020**

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Opened with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions read by Jerry C.

Attendees:

Bill – GIT, Brandon – Society, Bri – Courage to Change, Buddy M – Gratitude Group, Chris – Big Bookworms, Cole L. – Easy Does It
Glenn – Primary Purpose, Jennifer – Serenity Seekers, Jim M. - WADY, Joseph R. – San Tan Mens, Josh S. – Tempe We Agnostics
Kaine – The Way Out, Ken C. – Sunset Group, Laura K. – Patio Group, Mary D. – WIG, Mike K. – Busted Ego, Monica S-E - IR Women Serenity
Phil H. – AMG, Ramon W. – Alano Breakfast Club, Rebecca S. Ahwatukee Group, Rose – Sunbird Chandler Happy Hour, Rich H – Step By Step
Scott C. – Tumbleweeds, Shap W. – Tempe Nooners, Shari – Sobriety is Gold, Sharon B. – Stepping Stones, Starr S. - CWBB, Valentine – Step
By Step

Vicki B. – New Spirit, Welcome to the New Reps: Nedd- Alano Club: Breakfast Club Mtg., Joseph M Sunday Night Big Book Step Study,
Joe Santan Men's Group, Valentine – Mesa Alano/Step By Step

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. Transferred \$3200 to the prudent
reserve, making us around \$5,000 over. Thanks to the groups for your support. Motion to accept report as
presented by Mary – WIG. Seconded by Ken C, - Sunset Group. Report is accepted as presented.

PLEASE make sure your group has the new address to the office if you mail in your contributions:

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

Chairperson's Report: Tom N. – no report. Barb M. qualified with her experience. She was voted in as new Vice Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson Report: Barb M.

Attended all three subdistrict meetings this month. The state convention is coming up and they are looking to
fill some positions. The 3 subdistricts are planning on getting together to hear the Delegate's report.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. - report on page 7

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: (Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community) Tom C. Not present.

- Detailed report in the packet

Special Events: Mindy S.

- Welcome to the new reps!
- We have a couple spots open for the monthly EVI Speaker meeting. We had low attendance at the last meeting.
- Announcing the upcoming EVI Open House on Saturday, May 8th from 11-3. Having hotdogs and ice cream. Spread the word!
- First Friday of each month at 6pm (before this meeting) – Monthly Committee Meeting Phone committee: Lisa V.
- Phones are going great. We had 4 new people in the training.
- May has some shifts available.
- Groups can sign up for a regular dedicated day.
- Lisa is willing to put on phone trainings for groups outside the regular training time.

Unity Committee: Dave K.

- Our goal is to reach out to those not attending our EVI business meetings.
- In desperate need of help in the committee. Phone number is in the packet.
- Congrats to Barb. We now have an opening for an Advisor to the Unity Committee
- Meet at 6:15pm right before this meeting every month.

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: Happy to announce Mike K is our new literature Coordinator. Mike shared his experience, voted in.

LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Vicki B.

- Family Recovery Night – monthly virtual meeting. April 24th at 6pm. Tom N., our chairperson will be the speaker. They will have trivia and have speakers starting at 7pm.
- Area Alanon/Alateen Convention July 9th-11th in Tucson.

H&I Liaison: Wendy H. – not present. Position is now open. Tom reviewed her written report (not in the packet).

- H&I Awareness Day had 26 people attend on the Virtual meeting.
- SRI Summer round up will be held in person Aug. 13-15th at the Doubletree in Scottsdale.

Spanish Liaison: Marge M. – Not present

Zonypaa Liaison: Megan P. - Not present.

Sub District 08-818: Tearsa C. – Not present

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

Sub District 08-820: Debbie C. – Not present

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting in person???

Took an informal poll to see how many would likely attend an in-person meeting. Feedback indicates 41% would attend in person in May. Note, the church does have a mask requirement.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Consider having your group sign up to host the monthly sponsorship workshop.

Founder's Day will be held live on June 12th at 2121 S. Rural. Please register on the website. More info to come.

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,

Maria Stanley

Old-timer? You Can't Miss!

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OUR length of sobriety means only one thing. Insurance, through trying to the best of our ability to practice the twelve principles as suggested in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

We can only stand by and *live* program as we understand it, and through the example of our day to day sobriety, *perhaps* inspire someone else to try our way of life. If there were no old-timers, where or to whom would the new member look or have as a proof that this Program works? There is no one in this world who would deny the recovered alcoholic one day of sober living. We have had to earn it and it is ours by right of the Power Greater than ourselves working in and through us.

A so-called old-timer has a very deep responsibility to AA, not to act, say or do those things which he knows is not good for his fellow member's welfare. Since through our sober actions we can prove to the one coming into our Fellowship that we have risen above the misery, hopelessness, and bad repute, and that we have started on the road to recovery, through a spiritual and revitalizing force that is greater than we are.

We must of necessity for our own well being, live the life for the others who may come to us for help. We at long last do not wish to live any other kind of life than the good life as we have come to know it. We have begun to rid ourselves of our old ideas, and have come more and more to depend upon the God idea for us, (and if you cannot at this time accept the God idea, let us call it the Good idea.) We have learned through trial and error that love is the right way for all mankind.

The old-timer has learned to sit back and be teachable, for we begin to realize how much there is to learn. We realize that we will never be able to fully grasp the full extent of meaning contained in our Twelve Steps, because we are striving for spiritual progress, rather than spiritual perfection.

We begin to get a glimpse of understanding into the teachings of all the great spiritual teachers who have gone before, that until we have turned our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understand him, we will be at war with ourselves and those around us, and we will miss that inner peace that all men who have been able to be submissive to the will of God have found.

Only now am I beginning to understand what an old-timer really is. A day to day living example of one who is willing to let this Greater Power work through him, and that this Program really works for anyone who wants this new way of life, with no mental reservations. Then we become another spike driven into the structure of AA as a group of recovered alcoholics.

From the last drink I took six years ago, I give a little time each day to the reading of the book, praying each morning for guidance for the day and not forgetting to thank God for carrying me through another day of sober living. Another thing I do is to remember that *I am an alcoholic*, and that if I forget to live the principles suggested for my recovery, I will be right back where I started.

I am aware that if I take a drink today, it will be a short time when I am as sick as before I found AA because my malady has been arrested, but not cured. If I forget the lessons learned in these past six years, and take that first drink I have aroused the physical allergy that has been lying dormant all these years. Those who have tried some research tell me they are worse than before joining AA. It is a progressive disease. The meetings and the fellowship, the new-found friends have created in me a new mind and the obsession has left to desire a drink. *But* this has happened only because each day I have tried to live the life, faithfully following these precepts in the *Book*.

So, being an old-timer means that I have learned some truths about myself, that I have some insurance against that first drink, and there are principles to live by which shows me what I can and what I cannot do. If I follow this daily, hourly if needs be, I will have added another day of good living.

In closing the only thing that I can pass along to you is this:

If you continue your day to day living the Program to the best of your ability, you can't miss being an "Old-Timer."

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