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Those Friends Thou Hast

Friends and Acquaintances
By Rick R.

Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, Grapple them unto thy soul with hoops of steel.

(William Shakespeare)

Every so often at an Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meeting I hear a newcomer share that most of his old friends stopped coming around and that he thought that he was losing them. Sometimes this may be distressful and may cause a person to question whether the sacrifice is worth the loss of those old acquaintances.

Sometimes the word friend is misunderstood. We often refer to people we are associated with as friends. Others will say that you can count on one hand the true friends you will have in a lifetime. So where do these associates/acquaintances come in?

I played golf for about 35 years and had many so-called golfer friends but when the round of golf was over, we put our clubs in the car and went our separate ways. Fishing was the same. When we finished fishing, we put the rods and tackle box in the car and went home.

With these acquaintances, the common denominator was the golf or the fishing. That is what bound us to each other. I quit playing golf about 15 years ago and when the common denominator was gone, I did not continue to go to the golf course to hang out with them. I seldom saw my old golfing friends except in passing where we exchanged pleasantries and again were on our separate ways.

Most of the, so called, friends I had before I got sober had only one thing in common with me and that was the drinking. Unlike the golf and the fishing, we could drink 24 hours a day if we wanted to. We did not need a boat or even a set of clubs to associate with each other. The bottle was all that was necessary and without it we had little in common. When the common denominator was gone, trying to hang out with them became awkward for them and for me. I had to accept that reality and let them be. If we have anything else in common, we will know it

Quote of the Month

At once I think of my own doctor, William Duncan Silkworth, and how he ministered to me with the language of the heart during the last shattering years of my alcoholism. Love was his magic, and with it he accomplished this wonder: he conveyed to the foggy mind of the drunk that here was a human being who understood, and who cared without limit.

He was one who would gladly walk the extra mile with us, and if necessary (as it often was) even the last mile of all. At that time he had already tried to help over twenty thousand drunks, and he had failed with nearly all. Only here and there had this dismal experience of futility been brightened by a genuine recovery.

People wondered how he could go on, how he could still believe in the possibility of help for chronic alcoholics. Yet he did believe with a faith that never faltered. He kept saying, "Someday we'll find the answer."

Bill W. 1960

and share that association with each other, but that was seldom the case except for family members or work associates.

We, in A.A. are fortunate indeed for we have a common denominator that has been likened to the survivors on a sinking ship, in a lifeboat, caring for each other. We associate at such a deep and intimate level that we develop true friendships that the average person seldom is exposed to. Understanding this can be a great comfort to those new members who may need to be prepared to move on with their lives.

If that new member is fortunate enough to adopt the A.A. program for the long haul, he may become the true friend that those old acquaintances in the bar room may need should they become a troubled alcoholic seeking help themselves. I cannot tell you how many true friends I have developed in the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, but *I have been grappling them unto my soul* for over 50 years now. Thank you for the advice Mr. Shakespeare.

Step Seven : "We humbly asked Him to remove our Shortcomings."

I'm at a turning point in my Recovery Process. Having worked the first Six Steps, Step Seven is the bridge crossed to working the remaining Five Steps!

I was not able to work on my outer life until tackling my inner issues. Because I work the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous does not change life on life's terms. It allowed my life to become tolerable and acceptable.

I'm aware of choice today and a way out of misery, something I could not fathom while active in drinking. No one could convince me an Alcoholic of hopelessness and helplessness, I could and would be restored a spirit contrite, humbled, and a heart full of repentance. Help began when crossing the threshold of the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. Witnessing folks like myself and admission that they to continue to struggle with shortcomings refreshed my soul. I was no longer alone!

I receive the courage needed to continue in my perseverance to stay sober and grow in recovery. Giving up control proved difficult. Any life programmed by self will rarely surrenders without a struggle. The delusion I could retain some shortcomings was relieved with the help of my Higher Power!

This is why Humility is such an important part of this Step! I did what my sponsor told me. Like in the Potter's story had to be crushed into a lump of clay again and started over! Just as the clay was in the hands of the Potter, I was in the palms of Alcoholics Anonymous. I can't ask for help once and be done with it. Intentions proceed actions! Persistence overcomes resistance!

I practice Step Seven this way, I'm assured my Higher Power will respond by giving me what's best and removing my shortcoming. My Higher Power's Mercy outweighs His Wrath! It doesn't matter where we fit in society. It is the Humbled Heart that opens the door to God's forgiveness. Putting forth the effort, I trust God to remove my Shortcomings moment by moment. I allow myself to become Anonymous, just another drunk struggling to stay sober one day at a time!

Keith N.—Inmate from Florence State Prison



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Words From the Big Book

Simple, but not easy; a price had to be paid. It meant destruction of self-centeredness. I must turn in all things to the Father of Light who presides over us all.

These were revolutionary and drastic proposals, but the moment I fully accepted them, the effect was electric. There was a sense of victory, followed by such a peace and serenity as I had never known. There was utter confidence. I felt lifted up, as though the great clean wind of a mountain top blew through and through. God comes to most men gradually, but His impact on me was sudden and profound.

For a moment I was alarmed, and called my friend, the doctor, to ask if I were still sane. He listened in wonder as I talked.

Finally he shook his head saying, "Something has happened to you I don't understand. But you had better hang on to it. Anything is better than the way you were." The good doctor now sees many men who have such experiences. He knows that they are real.

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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

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

PROMISES IN THE PINES

AUGUST 20 ~ 22, 2021
LEWIS CANYON CAMPGROUND
SHOW LOW AZ

PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 27 ~ 29
SLIM JIM CAMPSITE #2
FOREST LAKES, AZ

SERENITY SISTERS RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 10 ~ 12, 2021
ROUND VALLEY, AZ
REGISTER AT:
SERENITYSISTERSRV@GMAIL.COM

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 29 - 31, 2021
2025 RESERVATION LOOP RD.
JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 12 ~ 14
APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RESORT
APACHE LAKE, AZ

WooHoo. Live events are back up. Check the events page on our website periodically. We will post information as it becomes available.

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

EVI Bowlathon

Saturday, Aug. 14th

3pm to 5pm

AMF Mesa Lanes

2115 E Southern Ave. Mesa AZ

2 Hrs of bowling and shoe rental, \$20

**Tickets available from your
Group rep or at your EVI Office**

**EVI Monthly Speaker Meetings are
LIVE AGAIN ~ 1st Fridays**

July 2nd 2021

Hosted By - Bloopers Group

Doors open at 7pm

Speakers start at 7:30pm

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

(Church of the Epiphany)

Also on ZOOM

Zoom ID: 985 8168 0215

Passcode: 156314

Step Seven~ Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition Seven~ Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept Seven~ The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

Name	Date	Days
Tom M.	7/31/1981	14610
Sandy S.	7/23/1984	13514
Pat J.	7/31/1984	13514
Kathy K.	7/26/1986	12784
Tim H.	7/12/1987	12419
Joann E.	7/16/1987	12419
Gail J.	7/5/1988	12053
Chris P.	7/20/1989	11688
Sandy S.	7/25/1989	11688
Shelley M.	7/15/1990	11323
Bill R.	7/28/1992	10592
Beth F.	7/9/1993	10227
Pam W.	7/31/1993	10227
Catherine C.	7/22/1994	9862
Mary S.	7/4/1995	9497
Craig M.	7/21/1996	9131
Steve C.	7/14/1998	8401
Mercer C.	7/2/2001	7305
Eileen K.	7/11/2001	7305
Becky S.	7/25/2002	6940
Jerry S.	7/8/2004	6209
Steve W.	7/13/2005	5844
Anita B.	7/5/2006	5479
Mary L.	7/14/2006	5479
Kristina B.	7/16/2006	5479
Deana E.	7/23/2007	5114
Anne H.	7/28/2007	5114
Arne R.	7/14/2008	4748
Matt V.	7/30/2008	4748
Jim H.	7/10/2009	4383
Steve S.	7/21/2009	4383
Marcus U.	7/30/2009	4383
Michael W.	7/15/2010	4018
John R.	7/23/2010	4018
Justin H.	7/1/2011	3653
Kerry R.	7/17/2011	3653
David K.	7/27/2011	3653
Pam R.	7/24/2015	2192
Katelyn B.	7/5/2016	1826
Rick T.	7/8/2016	1826
Bertha E.	7/15/2016	1826
Jade S.	7/21/2016	1826
Wendy H.	7/16/2018	1096

At Wits End

At my home group's monthly Birthday Meeting, one of the speakers shared his first day walking into AA, how terrifying it was & how it felt like his life was over. It suddenly dawned on me; we really ARE backwards & different from most - we come together every year to celebrate the worst day of our lives!

Shawna D., Mesa

Margie, we'll call her, was a hard-drinking young woman who loved the men. And the men loved her. One night, after partying for hours in a Pittsburgh suburb, Margie and a couple of the guys decided to go skinny-dipping in the Allegheny River. They were caught, arrested, and spent the night in jail.

Years later, Margie told her story at an AA meeting in one of Pittsburgh's affluent suburbs. When the meeting was over, a sweet young thing approached Margie, shook her hand, and exclaimed: "I loved your story, Margie. But what is skinny-dipping?"

"I don't know what it is where you come from, honey," Margie replied, "but in my neighborhood it's thirty dollars or thirty days."

-- **Ken P.** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

A man walks into a saloon and orders 10 shots of whiskey. The bartender gladly sets up 10 shots.

The guy reaches for shot number two and downs it. He then knocks back shot number three, then four and so on, until he finishes shot number 10. He puts his money on the bar, thanks the bartender and starts to leave.

"Hey fella, you forgot one," the bartender says.

"Oh, no thanks," the guy replies. "I'm in AA. They told me never to pick up the first drink."

—**Ron R., Cement City, Mich.**

Things We Can Not Change

Big John G. a long time member of our fellowship has passed from this world. His life and sobriety touched many and he will be missed.

Debra C. Member of the Bloopers group for many years has also passed from this life. Her service and generosity will be 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

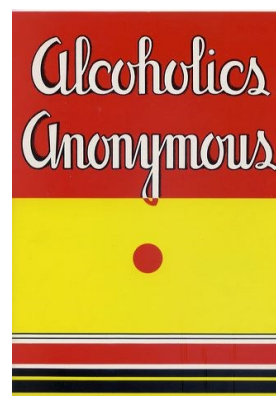
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Jerry C. 480 834-9033

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

July 4th ~ TBD

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Check aamesaaz.org for location information**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******2222 S Price Rd. Tempe******(Church of the Epiphany)*****Doors open at 7:00pm*****Now Live and on ZOOM***Check aamesaaz.org for ZOOM information**July 2nd ~ Bloopers****August 6th ~ Upon Awakening**

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

June 18, 2021

In May we received 471 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 131 calls were for meeting info, 121 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 29,593 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for May were 8,630 views. Of those 481 went to our website, 57 requested directions and 65 gave us a call.

Our Corporation Commission filing and annual report has been submitted for 2021. We have also renewed our Fire permit with the City of Mesa and our accountant is working on our 2020 tax filing.

Hard copies of Box 459, the newsletter from GSO, are no longer being mailed to unpaid subscribers. For \$12 we have ordered a bulk subscription of 20 issues quarterly to be available at the office.

Most of the usual summertime events are coming back. Be sure to check the events page on our website for all the AZ A.A. events that we know of. Please let me know of any upcoming events or meeting changes so we can keep our posted information accurate.

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 W

Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	May	.....	2021
Meeting Information Calls.....	131	.....	719
General Information	103	.....	520
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4	.....	24
Referred to Al-Anon.....	15	.....	61
Referred to Community Info.....	0	.....	3
12th Step Calls	15	.....	62
Business Calls	87	.....	465
Office Visitors	121	.....	675
Meeting lists printed.....	500	.....	2100
Info request via E-mail	42	.....	194
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	22/ 10/ 4		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....	.....	760 hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 29,593 YTD 153,935

Google Searches last 30 days 8,630

Meeting List Updates...

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

New Meetings:

Ladies Lunch Bunch	7335 E Broadway Rd. Mesa	MO Noon	W,C
Daily Reflections	45295 W Honeycutt Ave, Maricopa	SA 8:30am	O
The Promises	18160 N Maya Angelou Dr. Maricopa	WE Noon	O
Kitchen Table	18160 N Maya Angelou Dr. Maricopa	SA 10:00am	O,B
Over the Influence	2222 S Price Rd. Tempe	MO 6:30pm	O
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

Changes: ~Still too many to mention.~

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

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General Service Office
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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	May	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$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	\$100.00	\$520.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$261.99	\$919.10
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$236.60
Arbor Daily Noon Group		\$800.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$90.36
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahw.	\$160.20	\$160.20
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$130.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$100.00
BBookworms		\$534.00
Bloopers	\$1,720.00	\$1,720.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego		\$0.00
By The Book		\$111.87
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$119.50	\$782.50
Chandler Women's Big Book Group	\$353.50	\$653.50
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread	\$765.66	\$1,455.29
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Dog Tired		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$683.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$350.00
East Valley Veterans		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$444.35
Eye Opener Group		\$300.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank		\$125.00
Firehouse Meeting	\$75.00	\$75.00
Florence Group		\$90.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.		\$0.00
Get It Together	\$211.43	\$1,234.29
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		\$219.00
Great Start	\$250.00	\$250.00
Gut Level	\$45.00	\$45.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$150.00
How It Works	\$70.00	\$147.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$0.00
Last Resort		\$89.36
Life In The Big Book		\$433.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$120.00
Maricopa Group		\$100.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness		\$100.00
Morning After		\$0.00
Name In The Hat		\$0.00
New Beginnings		\$0.00
New Spirit Group		\$375.00
No Big Deals	\$35.00	\$215.00
No Name AA Group	\$50.00	\$250.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$100.00
Page A Day		\$1,754.61

GROUP	May	YTD
Patio Group		\$560.00
Pioneer Group		\$116.40
Price Is Right	\$89.00	\$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	\$200.00
Rising Spirit		\$724.50
Road To Recovery	\$639.99	\$1,507.83
Rock Solid		\$50.00
San Tan Men's		\$310.00
Second Chance Group		\$178.00
Serenity Now	\$43.15	\$171.15
Shade Tree		\$280.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$20.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$100.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women		\$135.55
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Stepping Stones		\$0.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$100.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$162.19
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$125.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunset Group	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$255.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$40.00
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$25.00
The Way Out Group		\$248.50
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$205.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$350.00
Upon Awakening	\$1000.00	\$1,700.00
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		\$100.00
Women in Gratitude		\$200.00
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	\$6,004.79	\$26,055.18
EVI Committees	\$10.00	\$44.00
Individual Contributions	\$714.00	\$5,871.80
GRAND TOTALS	\$6,728.79	\$31,970.98

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET May 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	7,147.93
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	38,829.12
Accounts Receivable	674.05
Inventory Asset	25,867.42
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets \$77,582.18

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	204.00

Total Liabilities \$204.00

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	27,480.81
Net Income	6,118.43

Total Equity \$77,378.18

Total Liability & Equity \$77,582.18

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May 2021

26 Group contributions totaling	\$6,004.79
16 Individual contributions totaling	\$714.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$10.00

Total Contributions \$6,728.79

Total Income \$12,247.50

Less total Cost Of Sales \$4,480.54

Gross Profit \$7,766.96

Less total Expenses of \$6,444.20

Net May Gain \$1,322.76

YTD 2021 Gain \$6,118.43

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$38,829.12
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 Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

1. **Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?**
2. **Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?**
3. **If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?**
4. **Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?**
5. **Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?**
6. **How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?**

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**May 21, 2021**

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Opened with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions read by Debbie C.

Attendees: *Edited for space, available upon request.

Welcome to the New Reps: Peggy – Opportunity Knocks, Fiona – Life in the Big Book, Rebecca H. – Alt. The Real Thing, Lydia - The Real Thing

Tom welcomes everyone and asks for introduction of new reps, both in persona and virtual.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ron S. - Prudent reserve is over almost \$10,000. We have some ways to spend that money. We had a literature order that came in just after this report which may take \$3,000-\$4,000 out of the \$10,000. Motion to accept report as presented by Ken C. – Sunset Group. Seconded by Larry R. – Basic 2. Report is accepted as presented.

7th Tradition: \$40 in person. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website. www.aamesaaz.org

Chairperson's Report: Tom N. – no written report. Great to be here in person and on Zoom.

Vice Chairperson Report: Barb M. (virtual)

Attended sub district meetings. Going well.

Office Manager Report: Kim W.

Set up 15 twelve step calls.

Accountant is working on our tax filing. We don't pay, but we do have to file.

Box 459 subscriptions are delivered on email. However, you can pay \$6 per subscription to get a hard copy. I ordered 2 subscriptions.

Thursday the 24th is the folding newsletter party.

We had some furniture donated to the office from a member in the building.

We had some archive contributions. We are going to set up a display.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Tom reviewed the minutes from the PICPC meeting (in the packet). Starting an outreach to clergy. Outreach cards are here in person.

Area03 is holding a virtual conference on Tuesday July 13 from 11-2. Contact PICPC@aamesaaz.org if you'd like to volunteer.

Special Events: Mindy S.

Big plans – Aug 14 is the Bowlathon, \$20 per ticket. Available from Mindy, Kaine or at the EVI office.

Dance of the Decade is coming in September, Unity Day (formerly Day of Service) in October, then New Years' Eve bash.

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

Phone committee: Brandon (virtual)

Brandon did the training tonight virtually for phones with 3 new people.

We still need volunteers to answer phones

Unity Committee: Dave K.

Our goal is to reach out to dark meetings (those not attending our EVI business meetings).

Need volunteers for the committee. You do not need to be an EVI rep. Phone number is in the packet and on the flyer.

We meet at 6pm right before the Business meeting.

Sponsorship Workshop: Jerry C. (virtual)

May 1st Sponsorship Workshop was cancelled with no groups stepping up to host.

Next open workshop needing a host group will be July 3rd. It will be held in person at the EVI office. Please use the link in the email to reach the online signup sheet. Or [To Sign-up Click Here!](#)

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

Literature: Mike K.

Literature was set up at Founders' Day event

Interest in Spanish Literature

LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Vicki B. – Event will be held June 26th at Los Dos Molinos as a fund raiser. Annual Convention to be held this summer in Tucson.

H&I Liaison: Dave T. willing to jump in to this position. Appointed by Tom N.

Spanish Liaison: Marge M. – Not present. Written report from Marge that she apologizes for missing intergroup meetings. She has left some flyers at EVI office regarding upcoming workshop on Dec. 4th in person and on Zoom.

Zonypaa Liaison: Megan P. - Not present.

Sub District 08-818: Tearsa C. – (v) Meets second Tuesday at Bloopers at 7pm as hybrid. Post conference assembly just completed. August Assembly is the next one. District 08 has \$11,000 or \$12,000 above prudent reserve. They want feedback from the groups on how to spend.

Sub District 08-819: Lois L. – Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. District 08 will be moving to a new church when they return live. Delegate created a condensed version of his Delegates' report, available on the website.

Sub District 08-820: Bill B./Debbie C.– (v) Will be meeting in person starting in July. All groups seem to be doing well financially except GSO.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marna W. appointed as the advisor to the Unity Committee. Welcome Marna!

Point of Sale system is necessary for the office. Kim will receive a quote next week. It should connect to Quick Books and allow us to scan bar codes.

(From last month) Ideas to spend this money:

Purchase time slots for Public Service Announcements

Office needs a Point of Sale System, we currently have an old cash register.

Offer literature at discount

Video conference equipment

Allocate more funds to committees

Events to support the fellowship

Any comments/questions/suggestions from the floor? Kain H. –(TWO) makes a **motion to start selling all literature at cost beginning in August**. Seconded by Larry R. – (Basic 2). Question from the floor of at what cap or end time? Motion revised to include only **August and September**. Treasurer noted that we are looking for a display case to purchase and we don't know the amount of the POS would be. Another question is would a scanning mobile piece be a part of the POS? We currently sell literature at the GSO published cost and we keep the bulk discount that we receive for ordering in bulk.

Motion tabled until July, for groups to have a chance to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

We have a seconded motion from the Steering committee regarding the Office Manager annual review. Motion: *"Based on the recent annual Office Manager's Evaluation, the EVI Steering Committee*

recommends a 4% pay increase for Kim W retroactive to her anniversary date". We recommend a 4% raise, particularly in light of the great job done in the middle of the pandemic, the office move, the change in phone answering system, etc. Last year we gave only a 2% cost of living raise considering the conditions. This will go back to the groups and be voted on next month.

Simple majority vote:

In person - 11 votes for, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions.

Virtual - 11 votes for, 0 votes against, 2 abstentions.

Total - 22 votes for, 0 votes against, 2 abstentions. Motion passes.

Kaine H. makes a motion that there is a 6 month sobriety requirement to join the Unity committee. Larry R. seconds. Discussion: We did not have sobriety requirements for two of our committees. Policy and Procedures currently says they should have 12 months. When manual was updated it was a cut and paste error. It was noted that some members are against a requirement for sobriety, changing it to a suggestion and a willingness to serve. This is to reach a broader amount of members such as including a 3 month sober person who wants to be on the committee. Kaine/Larry changes it to **Unity committee members should have a recommended 6 months of sobriety.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please help clean up after the meeting. Thank you.

Saturday June 26th speaker meeting at 5:30 pm at Chalice Church.

EVI speaker meeting monthly, here at The Church of the Epiphany

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

How Kind Is It?

Love and tolerance one misstep at a time.

A.A. Grapevine June 2007

When i was fairly new in the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous, I started to feel pretty sure of myself. I was in for a rude awakening, as so many of us are when we are new. One night, I was talking with a friend after the meeting and she mentioned a mutual friend who was having problems. She informed me that he only went to one meeting a week and she felt that this was the source of the difficulty. Would I be willing to have a quiet chat with him about it? Of course, I would! I made straight for the poor, unsuspecting newcomer and promptly told him what I thought of his attendance schedule. He shocked me when he seemed to be hurt by my intrusion. I felt badly when I never saw him again in a meeting. The problem was that I was trying to compel him to do something, instead of trying to be of service.

Some years later, I was sharing in a meeting when this newcomer kept interrupting. I gently informed him that the protocol of the meeting is that the person recognized by the leader has the floor and all others have to wait to be recognized. Once again, I saw the look of pain on another's face. The First Tradition does state that the "AA member has to conform to the principles of recovery" on page 130 of the "Twelve and Twelve," but just how does the newcomer learn these things? Was it my job to stop the meeting and inform them right then and there? Seems that my ego was getting in the way again. Unfortunately, I haven't seen him since.

I had been turned off when someone else tried to play the part of the big shot in a meeting, but was not so quick to see where I was doing the same thing. The Big Book says on page 89 that "to be helpful is our only aim." It also says in *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* on page 270 that the program is "one drunk talking to another, never down to another." I was demonstrating a shortage of tolerance.

I have been in meetings where someone gets out of line and someone else is quick to chime in with how the first person needs to change their behavior to the accepted standard. Sometimes that person gets mad and walks out, never to be seen again. I always felt bad for the person leaving. Wasn't there a better way to handle these situations? I began to feel drawn to those old-timers who had the smarts to wait until after the meeting to take these newcomers aside and explain how things work. I myself was the recipient of some pretty good advice handed out while washing coffee cups. I was glad that I wasn't getting the advice in front of the group. Maybe I should treat others as I enjoyed being treated myself?

I had been forgetting a great line in *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* on page 273, which says, "Without some tolerance, we might tend to become a bit smug or superior—which, of course, is not helpful to the person we are trying to help and might be quite painful or obnoxious to others."

My sponsor's advice was to say nothing that is not "true, necessary, and kind." Very similar to the words that Dr. Bob spoke in Cleveland in 1950 at his last talk, as quoted on page 338 of *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*: "Let us also remember to guard against that erring member the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance."

Great advice for someone like me who needs to remember that the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is one of attraction rather than promotion. We all fit in the same box as long as we remember to stay the right size. I once saw a slogan on a clubhouse wall which read, "Nobody act big, nobody act small, everybody act medium."



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