

August  
2021

*East Valley  
Intergroup, Inc.  
1855 E Southern,  
Suite 103  
Mesa, AZ 85204  
480-834-9033  
Fax: 480-964-4639  
info@aamesaaz.org  
www.aamesaaz.org*

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

It might have been the time	1
Quote of the month	1
Those Friends..	2
Step Seven from Keith	2
Words from the Book	3
Gratitude Service Form	3
Announcements	4
Anniversaries	5
At Wit's End	5
Got Service?	6
Managers Report	7
Group Contributions	8
Treasurer's Report	9
EVI Minutes	10, 11
Twelve on 12	12



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

# NO BOOZE NEWS

## ...It Might Have Been the Time...

BY: LOIS Wilson  
February, 1950

I too needed spiritual development. It is hard to say just when Alcoholics Anonymous began. It may have been at the time a friend came to see my husband, Bill. Or it may have been at the moment of Bill's spiritual experience. Most AAs feel it is the time six months later when he met Dr. Bob in Akron and, together, they started to help other alcoholics who wanted to be rid of their addiction.

But for me it was the day I first saw the released expression on my husband's face. We had been married 17 years, and were compatible and companionable. Our interests were similar and we both deeply desired and strove for the other's welfare. The only, but considerable block to our happiness was Bill's uncontrolled drinking. In the early years he said that he could stop when he wanted and I thought I'd soon be able to make life so complete for him that he would wish to quit drinking entirely. Much later when he really did want to stop, he was absolutely unable to do so, and we both then became terribly confused and frustrated. Oddly enough he had been in other matters a person of strong will power, but his will seemed to melt away where alcohol was concerned. In his remorse and disappointment he was a tragic and heart breaking figure. I too felt myself a failure, for despite every endeavor, I had not been able to help him in time, nor could I aid him in the least in his final struggle for freedom.

TODAY I can talk and write about these intimate details of our life together. While Bill was drinking, I dared not even speak to my family about it and tried to hide the fact of his alcoholism in every way possible. Now that I have learned that Bill was actually a very sick man, that awful feeling of disgrace has left me. I have also learned how much help the telling of such experiences can be to those who are going through similar ones. After fifteen years in AA the old trying times are so far away and foreign to Bill's and my present way of life that it seems like the experience of someone else.

AFTER Bill left the hospital for the last time, he began to think of the thousands of alcoholics who wanted to be rid of their malady. If they could be made to feel desperate enough, they might have a releasing experience just like his. He would hold before them the medical verdict that alcoholism was hopeless. So tirelessly, day and night, we worked. Our home was filled with alcoholics in various stages of sobriety. As many as five of them lived with us at one time. But none of them stayed sober for long. Then started a long process of trial and error, certain ideas were retained, but many discarded.

It was in June 1935 that Bill went to Akron, Ohio on a business trip. The venture

### Quote of the Month

Since these first elemental problems of communication were solved, AA has taken on and has successfully communicated with every single area of life and living where alcoholics dwell.

In the beginning, for instance, it was four whole years before AA brought permanent sobriety to even one alcoholic woman. Like the high bottoms the women said they were different; AA couldn't be for them. But as the communication was perfected, mostly by the women themselves, the picture changed. Spread all over the globe, our sister AAs must be thirty-thousand strong by now.

In like manner, this process of identification and transmission has gone on and on. The skid rower said he was different. Even more loudly the socialite (or Park Avenue stumble bum) said the same--so did the arts and the professions, the rich, the poor, the religious, the agnostics, the Indians and the Eskimos, the veterans, and the prisoners.

Bill W.—1959

failed. He finally contacted Dr. Bob, an Akron surgeon soon to become cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bob too wanted above all to stop drinking. He and his wife, Anne, had done everything they could. SOMETHING passed between these two men. There was real mutuality this time. By example they showed how it worked. Thus AA spread like a chain letter.

Bill had learned a great deal. At first he had tried to put every alcoholic he met in the way of a spiritual experience just like his own. As AA grew, he realized that what had come to him in a few dramatic minutes usually dawns on others in months or years. Sometimes the alcoholic himself does not even realize his own development, though his words and actions soon speak for him, for he is doing now what, of himself, he was unable to do before. He is staying sober and helping other people as never before. He is gaining a serenity, a joy in living.

WATCHING Bill and the other men at the meetings, I noticed many of them had begun to grow by leaps and bounds. This made me look at myself. I had been given a sound religious upbringing and felt I had done for Bill all a good wife could do, although this was strangely mixed with a sense of failure. At first it never occurred to me that I too needed spiritual development. I did not realize that by living such an abnormal life I might have become twisted, losing a sense of true values. After awhile I saw that unless I jumped on the bandwagon too, I would be left way behind. The AA Program I found could be most helpful to the non-alcoholic as well, a fact thousands of alcoholics' relatives and friends now apply to their own lives.

Those Clinton Street days are full of memories. Some of them are humorous, some tragic. But most of them bring back a warm glow of hope and courage, of friendship and rebirth. For the fellowship in AA is unique. Ties are made overnight that it would take years to develop elsewhere. No one needs a false front. All barriers are down. Some who have felt outcasts all their lives, now know they really belong. From feeling as if they were dragging anchor through life, they suddenly sail free before the wind. For now they can be of tremendous and peculiar use to others having a dire need like their own.

#### **Step 7: "Humble ask Him to Remove Our Shortcomings."**

My Shortcomings grow best in the Dark. Upon entering Alcoholics Anonymous I experienced a light of Hope. Working Steps One through Six prepared and developed my ability to ask with certainty for God to relieve all destructive foibles in my personality. Thus beginning my journey towards meekness, or humility. I was at a turning point. This did not make life what it should be, rather better than when I arrived. The question remained would God come into the mess manifested by my self will? I've come to believe God resides with those whose spirits are contrite and humbled. Those seeking restoration from crushed spirits and repentant hearts! After eleven years of active participation in Alcoholics Anonymous I struggle from time to time with deeply rooted defects. I need daily willingness, courage, open mindedness, and our fellowship to make it one day at a time. I don't have the opportunity to freely attend meetings. So I capture all I can get twice a week when volunteers enter into my world. There are still moments I want control on my terms. This is why Humility is such an important part of this Step. Pride born of hurt can only hold me back from the help gained in our fellowship. Serving time has brought me to a place of surrendering my prideful self sufficiency. Time and experience are not the same. I've gained much experience through time and working the A.A. program. The only place success comes before work is in the Dictionary!

One of the many gifts received in A.A. has been understanding it does not matter about your walk in life. It's the humbled heart that opens the door to God's forgiveness and mercy. Humility is the agent for change. We convert into Recovered Alcoholics struggling day to day living life on life's terms behind the walls and outside the walls. We embark upon the Divinely Appointed Path. No two exactly alike. We learn to live by principles, develop integrity, maintain responsibilities and obey the laws of the land. Much more are essentials found in Humility. A destination seeking long term Recovery, Spirituality, and a chance at becoming truly happy. A whole life geared towards self-centeredness can't be reversed at once. Trials, tribulations, and life's pains from trying again and again are balanced against complacency and penalties from failure to persevere. I've experienced some measure of release from the bondage of self. Although incarcerated, I've begun to appreciate real peace of mind, body, and soul. I was in a self-imposed prison on the street. I stand accountable and responsible for past actions. Active Alcoholism was the price paid for starting my new life.

**Keith – Florence State Prison**

### **Words From the Big Book**

When ready, we say something like this: "My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen." We have then completed Step Seven.

Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead." Let's look at Steps Eight and Nine. We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning

Page 76

Please use the **Gratitude With Service** form below to volunteer for any of EVI's Standing Committees, such as **PI/CPC (Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community)**, **Special Events**, **Literature**, **Unity**, or **Phone Volunteers**.

We are still in need of more volunteers for the 12th Step call list. Finding someone willing and available to do a 12th Step call can sometimes be very challenging. If you have at least one year of continued sobriety and are willing to make yourself available to the alcoholic who still suffers, please be sure to complete the form provided below and return to the EVI Central Office via fax, mail, e-mail or in person as soon as possible.

### **EAST VALLEY INTERGROUP – Gratitude With Service form** *revised 9/020*

**Return to: 1855 E Southern Ave. #103 Mesa, AZ 85204**

**(480) 827-1905**

**e-mail [info@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)**

**[www.aamesaaz.org](http://www.aamesaaz.org)**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*ST \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gender \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* = required for listing in 12<sup>th</sup> Step List

#### **Volunteer Service Options**

*Check only those you are willing to commit time to*

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Step List Volunteer**

☐ Weeknights

☐ Weekends

☐ Weekdays

#### **Phones Night & Weekend**

☐ Weekends

☐ Weeknights

☐ Office Phone Volunteer

☐ Other Office Help

#### **Committees of Interest**

*Check only those you are willing to serve on*

☐ Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community

☐ Special Events

☐ Literature

☐ Newsletter (*No Booze News*)

☐ Unity Committee

☐ Deliver A Meeting



**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. 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**

**Seniors in Sobriety International**

**October 24 ~ 27, 2021**

**998 W Mission Bay Dr. San Diego, CA**

**Bahia Hotel**

**Register at seniorsinsobriety.com**

**Salt River Intergroup**

**31st Annual Summer Round-up**

**August 13 ~ 15, 2021**

**5401 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale AZ**

**Doubletree Resort by Hilton**

**Step Eight~ Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.**

**Tradition Eight ~ Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**

**Concept Seven~ The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.**

## August Sobriety Anniversaries

Name	Date	Days
------	------	------

Charles R. ....	8/21/1969 .....	18993
Dave W. ....	8/1/1981 .....	14610
Craig B. ....	8/8/1982 .....	14245
Jon B. ....	8/18/1982 .....	14245
Kelly G. ....	8/23/1985 .....	13149
Kathy M. ....	8/3/1986 .....	12784
Kathy K. ....	8/3/1986 .....	12784
Brad R. ....	8/10/1986 .....	12784
Beth L. ....	8/11/1986 .....	12784
Monica S. ....	8/29/1986 .....	12784
Bernard B. ....	8/1/1987 .....	12419
Dale W. ....	8/23/1987 .....	12419
Maggie L. ....	8/12/1988 .....	12053
John S. ....	8/15/1988 .....	12053
Pam S. ....	8/17/1988 .....	12053
Dee P. ....	8/21/1988 .....	12053
Sally M. ....	8/13/1989 .....	11688
Gwen N. ....	8/20/1989 .....	11688
Denise P. ....	8/24/1989 .....	11688
Karin H. ....	8/22/1992 .....	10592
Rodney S. ....	8/18/1993 .....	10227
Madeline L. ....	8/17/1994 .....	9862
Dana N. ....	8/1/1995 .....	9497
Carol M. ....	8/15/1995 .....	9497
Gary M. ....	8/17/1995 .....	9497
Fred P. ....	8/23/1995 .....	9498
Grant A. ....	8/11/1996 .....	9131
Cheryl G. ....	8/18/1996 .....	9131
Matt R. ....	8/15/1997 .....	8766
Lani D. ....	8/16/1997 .....	8766
Sherri P. ....	8/29/1997 .....	8766
Steve L. ....	8/30/2000 .....	7670
Shelley R. ....	8/27/2004 .....	6209
Janet T. ....	8/10/2005 .....	5844
Mickey E. ....	8/10/2005 .....	5844
Rosemary R. ....	8/21/2005 .....	5844
Victor S. ....	8/26/2005 .....	5844
Jimmy R. ....	8/14/2006 .....	5479
Merrill P. ....	8/23/2006 .....	5479
J.T. K. ....	8/28/2006 .....	5479
Stephen W. ....	8/28/2006 .....	5479
Katy W. ....	8/20/2008 .....	4748
Kathy M. ....	8/19/2009 .....	4383
Patrick G. ....	8/9/2010 .....	4018
Ashley O. ....	8/13/2010 .....	4018
Alana R. ....	8/28/2012 .....	3287
Bev W. ....	8/19/2013 .....	2922
Denise H. ....	8/23/2013 .....	2922
Wyatt S. ....	8/6/2014 .....	2557
Kellie P. ....	8/20/2014 .....	2557
Andrew C. ....	8/25/2014 .....	2557
Nancy S. ....	8/4/2016 .....	1826
Jose A. ....	8/25/2016 .....	1826
Inez Y. ....	8/27/2017 .....	1461
Nick T. ....	8/2/2018 .....	1096
Randi J. ....	8/8/2018 .....	1096
Kelly H. ....	8/13/2018 .....	1096
Angela T. ....	8/17/2018 .....	1096
Peter R. ....	8/29/2019 .....	731
Al L. ....	8/31/2019 .....	731

## At Wits End

An AA who had just spent time with his family for the holidays was back at his

home group. He shared that a relative had told him that she liked him better when he was drinking. He'd responded, "Yeah? I liked you better when I was drinking, too!"

—

AT A RECENT AA MEETING, a long-winded speaker began describing every detail of his drinking. After an hour, when the meeting was supposed to end, half the audience got up and left. However, the speaker just kept talking. So half an hour later, several more people left. The speaker kept right on talking. Half an hour later, everyone else in the audience got up and left --everyone except one woman.

At last, the speaker wrapped it up. "Oh, my gosh!" he said, looking at his audience. "Where did everybody go?"

"You talked so long that they left," the woman replied.

"That's terrible! I had no idea I was going on so long," the speaker exclaimed. "But tell me, why did you stay?"

"I'm the next speaker,"

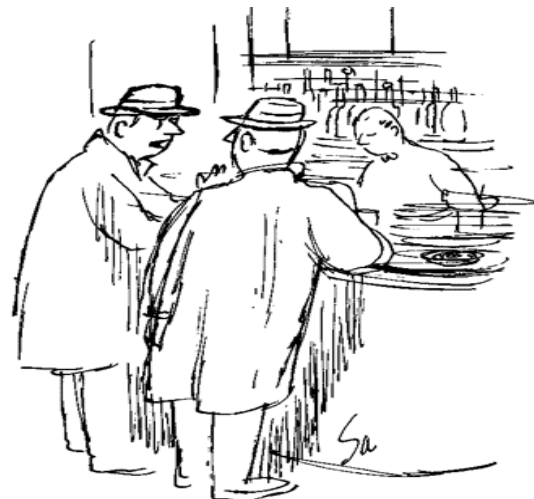
—

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."



*"I'm a problem drinker. Every time I have a problem, I drink."*

**PI / CPC**

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

1855 E Southern Ave #103

(EVI Office) and on Zoom

Zoom ID: 984 4383 7353

Passcode: 061035

Come help carry the message at the public level and to professional groups who have contact with alcoholics.

For more information contact:

480 827-1905 or email [picpc@aamesaaz.org](mailto:picpc@aamesaaz.org)**EVI Phone Workshop**

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

On ZOOM

[aamesaaz.org](http://aamesaaz.org)

Or

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

For more information

Call Lisa V.

480 827-1905

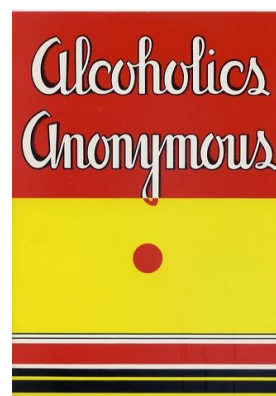
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

Contact: Jerry C. 480 834-9033

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**Sept. 4 ~ Ahwatukee Men's**

Join the

**EVI Unity Committee**

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

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

Contact 480 827-1905

**EVI Special Events Committee**

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

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 only, no more ZOOM\*****August 6th ~ Easy Does It**

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

July 16, 2021

In June we received 515 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 134 calls were for meeting info, 131 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 30,164 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing received had 8,563 views in June with 54 giving us a call, 576 visiting our website and 60 requesting directions to the office. I am currently updating the website every Wednesday and the printed directory every month as changes have slowed somewhat. Please drop me an email at the office if you need an update to a meeting in the directory.

We have renewed our liability insurance for the 2021/2022 period. All updated and corrected certificates should have been sent out by now to the leaseholders of participating groups. There was quite a bit of relocation going on as some spaces reopened and some delayed but I think we have those requesting it covered at the correct locations. If your leasors did not receive a renewed certificate give, call me at the office

We received a request from the 2025 International Convention for theme suggestions for the next upcoming convention in Vancouver B.C. Ideas should be sent before October 15, 2021 to:

International Convention Assignments

PO Box 459 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

The annual Office Managers seminar will again be virtual this year. It is being hosted by the Rhode Island Central Service from **September 29th through Sunday, October 3rd**. There will be a \$25 registration fee to cover the technology expenses but no travel costs.

Service opportunities are always available on all EVI committees and the 12<sup>th</sup> step list. Gratitude with Service forms are now available on our website. Please encourage your Group members to volunteer for a service position. The life they save may be their own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim Watkins

Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	June	.....	2021
Meeting Information Calls.....	134	.....	853
General Information .....	125	.....	645
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	5	.....	29
Referred to Al-Anon.....	12	.....	73
Referred to Community Info.....	2	.....	5
12th Step Calls .....	15	.....	77
Business Calls .....	91	.....	556
Office Visitors .....	131	.....	806
Meeting lists printed.....	500	.....	2600
Info request via E-mail .....	47	.....	241
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	20/ 12/ 6		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....	760 hrs		

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 30,164 YTD 184,099

Google Searches last 30 days 8,563

## 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

**Changes:** ~Still too many to mention.~

**Deletions:** SASTO 145 E. 1st Ave. Mesa

SU 7:30p

**East Valley Intergroup \*\* NEW \*\***  
1855 E Southern Ave. Suite # 103  
Mesa, AZ 85204

**General Service Office**  
PO Box 459, Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

**Area 03 Treasurer**  
PO Box 3691  
Gilbert AZ 85299

**\*Make Check To: AZ Area Committee\***

**District 08-818**  
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



Page 8

GROUP	June	YTD
11th Step Candlelight .....		\$40.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day .....		\$0.00
417 Group .....	\$187.00	\$187.00
A Vision For You Group .....	\$883.98	\$1,143.00
ABC Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group .....	\$250.00	\$500.00
Ahwatukee Nooners .....		\$520.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's .....	\$174.00	\$1,093.10
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$236.60
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....	\$600.00	\$1,400.00
As Bill Sees It QC .....	\$50.00	\$140.36
As You Wake Up .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahw. ....		\$160.20
Attitude Adjustment CG .....		\$130.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Basic II .....		\$100.00
BBookworms .....		\$534.00
Bloopers .....		\$1,720.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Both Books .....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club .....		\$0.00
Busted Ego .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
By The Book .....		\$111.87
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$108.00	\$890.50
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....	\$353.50	\$653.50
Common Solution .....		\$0.00
Common Thread .....		\$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	\$533.22
Eye Opener Group .....		\$300.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank .....		\$125.00
Firehouse Meeting .....		\$75.00
Florence Group .....		\$90.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study .....		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W. ....		\$0.00
Get It Together .....	\$575.20	\$1,809.49
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 .....	\$100.00	\$319.00
Great Start .....		\$250.00
Gut Level .....		\$45.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....		\$150.00
How It Works .....		\$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 .....	\$40.00	\$160.00
Maricopa Group .....	\$75.00	\$175.00
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	\$250.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$250.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$100.00
Page A Day .....		\$1,754.61

GROUP	June	YTD
Patio Group .....		\$560.00
Pioneer Group .....	\$62.00	\$178.40
Price Is Right .....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group .....		\$462.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....	\$288.53	\$582.03
Re-Awakening Group .....	\$636.27	\$636.27
Remember When .....		\$350.00
Renewed Spirit .....		\$200.00
Rising Spirit .....	\$489.15	\$1,213.65
Road To Recovery .....	\$50.00	\$1,557.83
Rock Solid .....		\$50.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$310.00
Second Chance Group .....		\$178.00
Serenity Now .....	\$37.40	\$208.55
Shade Tree .....		\$280.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions .....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold .....		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks .....	\$20.00	\$40.00
Society Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....		\$100.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$0.00
Spirited Women .....		\$135.55
Step By Step Group .....	\$100.23	\$100.23
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
Tempe Group .....		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$50.00	\$305.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....		\$40.00
Tempe Young People .....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$0.00
The Real Thing .....		\$25.00
The Way Out Group .....	\$150.00	\$398.50
Thursday Night Step Group .....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$180.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$25.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....	\$350.55	\$700.55
Upon Awakening .....		\$1,700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet .....		\$120.00
We Agnostics .....	\$181.31	\$181.31
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
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$6,082.49</b>	<b>\$32,137.67</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>	<b>\$96.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$853.84</b>	<b>\$6,725.64</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$6,988.33</b>	<b>\$38,959.31</b>

\*Group contribution with no group name listed)



### BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2021

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	7,090.31
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	34,835.37
Accounts Receivable	121.95
Inventory Asset	29,357.39
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$76,469.09**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	0.00

**Total Liabilities** **\$0.00**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	27,480.81
Net Income	5,209.34

**Total Equity** **\$76,469.09**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$76,469.09**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT June 2021

31 Group contributions totaling	\$6,082.49
10 Individual contributions totaling	\$853.84
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$52.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$6,988.33</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,790.69</b>
<b>Less total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$2,215.03</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$7,575.66</b>
<b>Less total Expenses of</b>	<b>\$8,484.75</b>
<b>Net June Loss</b>	<b>-\$909.09</b>
<b>YTD 2021 Gain</b>	<b>\$5,209.34</b>

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$34,835.37  
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 Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.***

- 1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?***
- 2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?***
- 3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?***
- 4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?***
- 5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?***
- 6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?***
- 7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?***

## East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2021

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

**Attendees:** \*V = Virtual Attendance

**Welcome to the New Reps:** Samantha V- We Agnostics, Rosie – Florence Group V, Robin – Livin' Life, Susan – Tempe Group

**Committee and other Trusted Servants:** \*Edited for space, available on request.\*

Adam – Ahwatukee Men's Group	Jason C. – Common Thread	Richard H – Step By Step
AJ G – Rising Spirit V	Joseph M – Sunday Night BB Step	Rosie M. – Florence Group V
Angie – Patio Group	Study	Rose – Sunbird Happy Hour V
Ashley – Price is Right V	Josh S – We Agnostics V	Samantha S – We Agnostics V
Brandon – Society V	Kaine H. – The Way Out	Scott C. – Tumbleweeds
Bri H – Courage to Change V	Ken C. – Sunset Group	Sharon B. – Steppers V
Cole – Easy Does It V	Mike – Busted Ego V?	Star – Chandler Women's BB V
Cris H. – Bloopers V	Ned F A – V ?	Thom S – Arbor Noon Group
Ed – East Valley Vets	Ramon W. – Mesa Alano breakfast	Tom C. - PAD
Fiona H. – Life in the BB	club V	Tracey C. – By the Book V
Glen S. – Primary Purpose V	Rebecca P – Ahwatukee Group V	Vicki – New Spirit Group

Tom welcomes everyone. Lois reads the 12 Traditions. Introduction of new reps, both in person and virtual.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed. Note – Steering Committee meeting minutes had a correction specifying that the Thanksgiving Alcahthon is proposed to be at the C

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron S.- reviewed report from the packet. Motion to accept report as presented by Josh – We Agnostics. Seconded by Ken C. – Sunset Group. Report is accepted as presented.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$52 in person. You can make a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution on the EVI website. [www.aamesaaz.org](http://www.aamesaaz.org)

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

**Vice Chairperson Report:** Barb M. (virtual)

Attended sub district meetings. Next week I will be attending Maricopa County Service meeting next month.

**Office Manager Report:** Kim W. (virtual from Alaska!)

- Reviewed report from packet.

## 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).

**Special Events:** Mindy S.

- ☐ **Aug 14** at Mesa Lanes is the Bowlathon, \$20 per ticket. Plenty of tickets are available.
- ☐ Dance of the Decade is coming in **Sat. September 18.**
- ☐ Upcoming: 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:** Larry for Brandon

- ☐ Larry did the training tonight with 2 people in the room and 2 people on Zoom. The last 10 minutes of training people had trouble hearing the training on Zoom as people came into the room.

**Unity Committee:** Dave K.

☐ We visited one live new meeting this month and did a presentation. 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)

- ☐ We had to cancel this month's workshop as we did not have a host.
- ☐ **September 4th at 10am at the EVI office** is covered by Ahwatukee Men's group.
- ☐ Please use the link in the email to reach the online signup sheet.

**No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor:** Rick – Not present. Rick will be moving on, Anyone interested in position?

**Literature:** Mike K.

- "Have Pamphlets, will travel". Going through our current archive office material right now.

### LIASION REPORTS

**AI-anon Liaison:** Vicki B. – Annual Convention to was held this summer in Tucson. Upcoming events.

**H&I Liaison:** Dave T. – I attended the H&I meeting last Wednesday. Some highlights; Still virtual, maybe in person next month.

Prudent reserve was lowered due to COVID and they have not purchased books as much. Volunteers began to enter prisons in June.

Pink can labels available. They have a service liaison available to come to your group and tell about H&I.

**Spanish Liaison:** Marge M. – Not present. Written report:

We are still working on the women's workshop event. Visiting other groups informing them of the event and getting their support. I will be attending La Vina event on July 23-25 and being of service where ever needed woo hoo looking forward to it. We will be going to Colorado on Aug 13-15 to an event that we were invited to speak on the Women's workshop event. We have been asked to bring a women's mtg to Crossroads for the Spanish women that don't speak English. We had our first mtg on Monday the 12th woo hoo it was awesome. I will be attending the Spanish Intergroup mtg tonight and will be asking for BB donations for this mtg. Thank you for letting me of service. Feliz 24

**Zonypaa Liaison:** Megan P. - Not present.

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

**Sub District 08-819:** Lois L. – Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. District 08 will be having a quarterly meeting next Tuesday at 5:30 on Zoom where the Delegate will be giving his report.

**Sub District 08-820:** Debbie C. – (virtual) Will be having an upcoming potluck. Met in person this month.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- ☐ Point of Sale system; still gathering quotes.
- ☐ Seconded motion to sell literature at cost: **Motion to sell all literature at cost for the months of August and September.**

\*Some discussion before vote.

Votes in person - 13 for, 3 against, 0 abstain, Votes on Zoom - 8 for, 5 against, 3 abstain Motion passes.

Minority opinion – none given

- ☐ Floor motion from 6/18: "Amend EVI Policy and Procedure Manual for Unity Committee members from '...shall have one year of continuous sobriety' to '...are suggested to have 6 months or more of continuous sobriety.'

Votes in person - 14 for, 2 against, 0 abstain, Votes on Zoom - 10 for, 0 against, 2 abstain Motion passes.

Minority opinion – none given

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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*

## Open and Honest

FEBRUARY 1980 Grapevine

A FEW MONTHS after coming into the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and solely under the motivation of fear, I compiled a list of those people to whom I judged I owed amends. At that stage of dryness, I felt compelled to do what the Steps suggested, lest I lose my precious sobriety. In retrospect, I find that attitude perfectly reasonable at that point.

On the list was a young woman, a professional colleague, who had been hurt by an action executed by me. She was unsure of the identity of the offender.

At every Eighth and Ninth Step meeting attended during the following three years, I became increasingly aware that I must someday summon the courage to become honest and reveal my transgression to Lynne. Projection, a formerly favorite preoccupation, told me I undoubtedly would lose her companionship. False dependence told me I needed her as a friend. (Wanting is one thing; needing, quite another.)

Lynne continued to be a good friend--especially generous with her invitations to social outings, her help, and her support whenever I permitted. Recently, when I knew she was about to perform yet one more act of affection, I became intensely uncomfortable. After thirty-six hours, I knew action was required to rid me of the pain. I became willing to take the risk of losing her friendship. For my own good, I had to take Step Nine.

During the past eight months, I have become aware of the need to start liking myself. I realized that all other areas of my life hinged on the concept of self-worth. After repeated practice, I did progress in the direction of this goal. But I have learned in this challenging program that one is never finished. Sure enough, a dear friend drew to my attention that it was time to start loving myself. My original aversion to this idea has been removed, and I daily practice this new discipline.

It was through this mental exercise that I came to realize I had to be good to myself and stop dragging the past with me whenever I encountered Lynne. The friendship seemed doomed unless it could become a *now* relationship.

An empty conference room at nine on a Friday morning provided the setting for my revelation. Fortunately, the amends were graciously accepted. But curiously, tears from Lynne followed. She explained that she had been deeply hurt, not by my disclosure, but by my earlier withholding of the news that I was an alcoholic, had stopped drinking, and had embarked on a new life through AA.

I had held back, failing to share with her. The fear that Lynne might find the news repulsive and reject me as a friend caused my procrastination. She had not been able to discern why our conversations were short and lacking in meaning. Among other things, how does one explain traveling several evenings throughout each month around the state with various men if one's friend is unaware of AA speakers' commitments?

Can it be that, at numerous discussion meetings, I actually told my group I was *not* a procrastinator and had *no* fears? Thank God, this is a program of mental growth and deepening awareness of self. Thank God, my eyes can open wider. Thank God, it is a gradual process. Thank God--acting through Bill W. and associates--for Steps Eight and Nine, which have healed wounds in an important relationship and have strengthened and enriched it.

How delightful to be open and honest! How delightful to be able to look Lynne squarely in the eyes and not feel that all-consuming, paralyzing guilt!

How delightful to grow up a little more! I almost called my sponsor to ask whether I should go ahead with the amends, but I knew the answer. I could use my sober mind and the pain in order to act as a mature woman and move in the direction my Higher Power was leading. I *believed* the leader of a recent meeting when he said that the intent of working Step Nine was to benefit me, not the other person, and that it would enable me to have a freer spirit as I continue to live my life. Now I *know* it. There is a difference.

**BY: B. F. | MEYERSVILLE, NEW JERSEY**

### Get Published!

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