



# NO BOOZE NEWS

## Gadget Geek

SEPTEMBER 2015 GRAPEVINE

I admit it: I'm a gadget geek. I love new technology and all the promise it brings. I'm an enthusiast for technology in AA as well, mostly because I've seen it improve my ability to do face-to-face Twelfth Step work and service work. I think AA is better off today than when I got sober because of the things that are now available. I know some people in AA are concerned that using technology could harm the program. They worry about anonymity breaks or about technology replacing the connectedness of being together at a meeting. While these concerns are valid, my own experience over 25 years is that evolving technology has made it easier to stay sober and carry the message. Let me give you a few examples.

Today, young people don't know of a time when people didn't have their own personal phone. When I got sober, we didn't have cell phones. To talk to my sponsor on the phone, for example, I'd have to cup a hand over my mouth so my mom wouldn't overhear me as I whispered into the phone attached to the wall in the kitchen. Sharing a phone didn't give you privacy to make and receive AA calls. Even if your family had an answering machine at home, you'd have to listen to each message in order to find out if there was one message for you. Often messages would get erased on the old-style answering machines; it was horrible. Today, another member can easily leave me a message on my phone, and I get notified who left the message

## Quote of the Month

"The meetings gave me what my sponsor likes to call one of the most important words in the Big Book: A.A. put a "we" in my life. "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol. . . ." I no longer had to be alone. Fellowship and activity kept me coming back long enough to work the Twelve Steps. The more I did, the better I felt. I started hanging out with my sponsor and some active people at the meetings. They showed me how gratitude is something that is demonstrated, not talked about—gratitude is action. Starting out, I just wanted to keep the authorities off my back. I never bargained for this program's changing the course of my life or showing me the way to freedom and happiness."

**"Gutter Bravado" -pg.510 -BB.**

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and when. Also, AA members can text me to let me know where they are going for fellowship after the meeting. These things enhance my ability to get together with other AAs—they don't detract from it.

Twenty-five years ago, it was much harder to find meetings. For one thing, you had to rely on a printed meeting list that didn't get updated very often because it was costly and time-consuming to put it together. There was no way to look up a meeting on the web. You'd have to call a central office and go through a series of questions about when, where, what format, and time, just to find what you were looking for. Once you found a meeting to go to, you'd have to use paper maps to try to navigate to the meeting. Today, finding a meeting is much easier. Even when I'm traveling, I can search for meetings online. I use a variety of filters to find a meeting with the right time and format; then I use the GPS on my phone to navigate perfectly to the meeting—even in an unknown city. I'm sure today I go to more meetings in more places because technology helps me find them.

Today, I have a digital calendar that notifies me of AA events, and I get emails from service committees reminding me of district meetings and area assemblies. Back when I got sober, I tried to write things down on a calendar. However, if I didn't check the calendar, I'd often double-book things or worse, completely forget. Technology also allows me to meet with people who aren't even in my city. On different occasions, I've had the opportunity to be broadcast over a live video feed to a prison hundreds of miles away, I've participated in conference call meetings, and I've done a concept study using a video chat with people from four different states. None of that was possible when I first got sober.

When I first started doing service work it wasn't easy to stay up-to-date with the people doing the same types of work in my area. As area corrections chair, for example, the way I found out what people were doing was by attending committee meetings at our quarterly assemblies. Today, I get emails and even text updates about service happenings in my district, area, and even my region. All these modes of communication allow me much more frequent contact with AA. I'm also connected to people all over the country doing AA technology service by using many online tools. I'm able to quickly ask service questions and get answers. I don't have to reinvent the wheel every time, like I did when I developed the first AA website my area had. Now I can share with others all over the country about best practices and ways to scale and implement AA technology.

Over the years, as technology has improved, I've seen how its adoption throughout AA has made it easier and better to connect with AA. I get concerned when people bash the use of these tools and suggest that technology will take away or harm our meetings and interactions. My own experience has been that technology doesn't replace eyeball-to-eyeball recovery work, but it makes face-to-face interactions more possible and makes service opportunities more available. I can't wait to see what the next 25 years bring us.



## Words From the Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions

Maybe this all sounds mysterious and remote, something like Einstein's theory of relativity or a proposition in nuclear physics. It isn't at all. Let's look at how practical it actually is. Every man and woman who has joined A.A. and intends to stick has, without realizing it, made a beginning on Step Three. Isn't it true that in all matters touching upon alcohol, each of them has decided to turn his or her life over to the care, protection, and guidance of Alcoholics Anonymous?

Already a willingness has been achieved to cast out one's own will and one's own ideas about the alcohol problem in favor of those suggested by A.A. Any willing newcomer feels sure A.A. is the only safe harbor for the foundering vessel he has become. Now if this is not turning one's will and life over to a newfound Providence, then what is it?

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

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

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

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

(480) 827-1905

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### 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**

**EASY DOES IT CAMPOUT**

MARCH 17 ~ 21, 2022

ROOSEVELT LAKE

GRAPEVINE GROUP SITES GOOSE AND COOT

**TRI STATE ROUNDUP**

MAY 19 ~ 22

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

**KIABAB LAKE ROUNDUP**

JULY 1 ~ 3

WILLIAMS AZ

**PROMISES IN THE PINES**

AUGUST 19 ~ 21

SHOW LOW AZ

**Check the events page on our website. We will  
post information as it becomes available.**



**Area 03**

**2022 Pre Conference Assembly**

**Virtual**

April 1st-3rd

Sub-District 08-800

more info @ [area03.org](http://area03.org)



**EVI**

**43rd Anniversary**

**Mad Hatter Party**

**Saturday 5:30 ~ 9:00**

**March 19, 2022**

**2716 N Dobson Rd. Chandler**

**Saint Katherine Church**

**Dinner and Speaker Meeting**

**For tickets -**

**see your Intergroup Rep. or stop by the office. \$20 ea.**

**(Tickets not available at the door.)**

**PRAASA 2022**

**March 4 - 6, 2022**

**Save the date**

**More info to come**

**[Area03.org](http://Area03.org)**

***Step 3~Made a decision to turn our will and our  
lives over to the care of God, as we understood  
Him."***

***Tradition Three~ The only requirement for A.A.  
membership is a desire to stop drinking."***

***Concept Three~ To insure effective leadership,  
we should endow each element of A.A.—the Con-  
ference, the General Service Board and its ser-  
vice corporations, staffs, committees, and execu-  
tives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."***

Name	Date	Days
Blair P. ....	3/13/1980 .....	15340
George C. ....	3/5/1981 .....	14975
Howard C. ....	3/7/1983 .....	14245
Michael S. ....	3/4/1985 .....	13514
Edward C. ....	3/15/1985 .....	13514
Ginger R. ....	3/4/1987 .....	12784
Linda C. ....	3/18/1987 .....	12784
Jeff L. ....	3/15/1988 .....	12418
Jim D. ....	3/1/1989 .....	12053
Gabrielle C. ....	3/9/1991 .....	11323
Tracy N. ....	3/17/1992 .....	10957
Kate H. ....	3/27/1994 .....	10227
Stephanie J. ....	3/9/1995 .....	9862
Suzann B. ....	3/18/1996 .....	9496
Rose D. ....	3/15/1997 .....	9131
Eddie Y. ....	3/5/1998 .....	8766
Aaron S. ....	3/27/2001 .....	7670
Gail B. ....	3/7/2002 .....	7305
Laura S. ....	3/11/2002 .....	7305
Don A. ....	3/17/2003 .....	6940
Chris Anne H. ....	3/10/2006 .....	5844
Richard C. ....	3/11/2007 .....	5479
Kristin A. ....	3/20/2007 .....	5479
Kristina M. ....	3/3/2008 .....	5113
Kerry K. ....	3/13/2009 .....	4744
Tom S. ....	3/1/2010 .....	4383
Marge M. ....	3/18/2011 .....	4018
Marissa S. ....	3/25/2011 .....	4018
Michelle M. ....	3/31/2012 .....	3652
Rob K. ....	3/10/2014 .....	2922
Barbara M. ....	3/15/2014 .....	2922
Jordan R. ....	3/15/2015 .....	2557
Jessica T. ....	3/28/2015 .....	2557
Tom G. ....	3/12/2016 .....	2191
Josh K. ....	3/15/2016 .....	2191
Danielle D. ....	3/30/2016 .....	2191
Leah Z. ....	3/1/2017 .....	1826
J. J. ....	3/2/2017 .....	1826
Aaron V. ....	3/19/2017 .....	1826
Kaine H. ....	3/3/2018 .....	1461
Allison T. ....	3/5/2018 .....	1461
Tami C. ....	3/5/2019 .....	1096
Kathy H. ....	3/9/2020 .....	729
Rob F. ....	3/24/2021 .....	365



### Things We Can Not Change

*Ken P, long time member of our fellowship, has passed from this world. His life and sobriety touched many. He will be missed.*

## At Wits End

### Clear country skies

While meditating in the country, a poet noticed a farmer looking at him curiously.

"Ah," said the poet, "perhaps you, too, have seen the golden-red fingers of dawn speeding across the eastern sky, tethered stained superfluous islets floating in a lake of wine in the west, the ragged clouds at midnight, blotting out the shuddering moon?"

"Uh, no," replied the farmer, "not lately. I've been on the wagon for more than a year."

—Bob M., Green Valley, Ariz.

### Pigeon duty

I have 43 years in the program. On going through some of my old papers from 1975, I came across an old phone message from my 12-year-old daughter, Julie. I thought it was clever and wanted to share it.

The note said: "The AA office called. You're on duty for pigeons from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., so bring your binoculars and a bird cage. Love, Julie."

—Rae C., Oakville, Ontario

### The breathalyzer

When I first came around, I told my sponsor that I drank vodka because you couldn't smell it on my breath, and that I ate mints just in case.

My sponsor asked me if I knew what vodka and breath mints smelled like. I said, "No, what?" He said, "Vodka and breath mints."

—Ken K., Lowell, Mich.

### Get Published!

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info@aamesaaz.org

**PI / CPC**

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

1855 E Southern Ave #103

(EVI Office) and on Zoom

Zoom ID: 984 4383 7353

Passcode: 061035

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

For more information contact:

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

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

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

Or

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

For more information

Call Lisa V.

480 827-1905

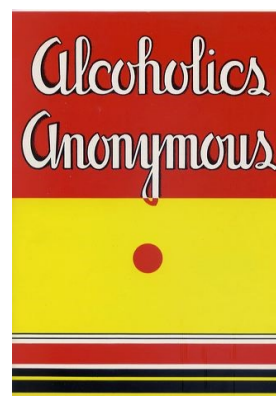
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

Contact: Ken C. 480 827-1905

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**March 5 ~ The Society**

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\***

March 4 ~ Primary Purpose

April 1 ~ East Valley Men's Stag

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

Office Volunteers &  
EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific  
times and days.

**\*\*\* Regular Shifts Available \*\*\***



# Central Office Manager's Report

February 18, 2021

January set the year off to a good start. We received several calls from people concerned about theirs or a loved one's drinking. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings close to them was provided. We received 492 requests for information and assistance. Of those 126 calls were for meeting info, 113 were office visitors and, 17 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 37,695 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing received 4,510 views in January with 36 giving us a call, 375 visiting our website and 57 requesting directions to the office.

The year-end inventory went well thanks to some very helpful volunteers. Our discrepancy was -\$160.87, with a total retail inventory value of \$28,544.10. We received a literature order earlier this month. Hard cover Big Books are still not available but World Services expects them to ship by the end of February. We do have plenty of Big Books in other formats, soft cover, large print etc.

The W-2 has been distributed and W-3 filed with Social Security. The 2 NSF checks and charges from last year have been covered by the submitter. All accounts have been reconciled and are correct to date.

There are copies of the 2019 Year End Activity Report of your Central Office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often-asked question "What do you do at the office?"

A health care facility in Ahwatukee has space for an A.A. meeting. If you are interested in starting a new meeting contact me at the office for their information.

Everyone loves the meeting room pictures. If you haven't sent us one yet, please do. Pics can be emailed to the office at [in-fo@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org) and we can print them here. Please, no people in the pictures.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service  
Kim W Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	Jan	.....	2022
Meeting Information Calls.....	126	.....	126
General Information .....	113	.....	113
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	4	.....	4
Referred to Al-Anon.....	14	.....	14
Referred to Community Info.....	0	.....	0
12th Step Calls .....	17	.....	17
Business Calls .....	93	.....	93
Office Visitors .....	125	.....	125
Meeting lists printed.....	800	.....	800
Info request via E-mail .....	47	.....	47
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	32 / 6 / 4	.....	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....	160 hrs	.....	
<b>Web Stats</b>			
Website Visits last 30 days	37,695, YTD	37,695	
Google Searches last 30 days	4,510		

## Meeting List Updates...

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

### New Meetings:

FAF	1730 W Guadalupe Rd. Mesa	WE Noon	C
Ladies Lunch Bunch	7335 E Broadway Rd. Mesa	MO Noon	W,C

### Changes:

New Beginings	has moved back to St Bridgets,		
	2213 N Lindsay #4 Mesa	SA10:00am	O
San Tan Men's	moved to 20164 S Sossaman Rd.	TU 6:00pm	M

### Deletions:

417 Group	6289 S Greenfield Rd. Gilbert	TH 7:00p	O
Junkyard Dogs	1565 E Warner Rd. Tempe	MO 7:00p	M.C

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

**District 08-818**  
PO Box 12044  
Tempe, AZ 85284

**Valleywide H & I**  
PO Box 80126  
Phoenix, AZ 85060

**Alcoholics Anonymous - Contributions**  
PO Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

**District 08-819**  
PO Box 594  
Mesa, AZ 85211

**District 08-820 \*\* NEW \*\***  
PO Box 1901  
Queen Creek, AZ 85142-9998

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

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

**Area 03 Treasurer \*\*NEW\*\***  
P.O. Box 2065  
Green Valley AZ 85622  
\*Make Check To: AZ Area Committee\*

**Alcoholicos Anonimos - Oficina**  
2720 E Thomas Rd. B#180  
Phoenix AZ 85016

### Example of Group Contributions to A.A.

#### Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities

10% to District 10% to Area  
30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup



# GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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GROUP	Jan.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight .....		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day .....		\$0.00
417 Group .....		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group .....		\$0.00
ABC Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$97.71	\$97.71
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....		\$0.00
As Bill Sees It QC .....		\$0.00
As You Wake Up .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahw. ....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG .....		\$0.00
Basic II .....		\$0.00
BBookworms .....	\$360.00	\$360.00
Bloopers .....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Both Books .....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
Busted Ego.....		\$0.00
By The Book .....		\$0.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group .....		\$0.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....		\$0.00
Common Solution.....		\$0.00
Common Thread.....	\$450.47	\$450.47
Courage To Change.....		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....		\$0.00
East Valley Veterans.....		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$88.87
Eye Opener Group .....		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions .....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank .....		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting.....		\$0.00
Florence Group .....		\$0.00
Friday Night BB, Step Study .....		\$0.00
Get It Together.....		\$0.00
Gilbert Group .....	\$232.42	\$232.42
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group .....		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....		\$0.00
Good Orderly Direction.....		\$0.00
Grateful Dames .....		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....		\$0.00
Gratitude Group .....		\$0.00
Great Start.....		\$0.00
Gut Level .....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$0.00
How It Works .....		\$0.00
Into Action .....		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies .....		\$0.00
Last Resort .....		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book .....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$0.00
Maricopa Group .....		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$0.00
Miracle House.....		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness .....		\$0.00
Morning After .....		\$0.00
Name In The Hat.....		\$0.00
New Beginnings.....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$0.00
No Big Deals .....	\$55.00	\$55.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks.....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Page A Day .....		\$0.00

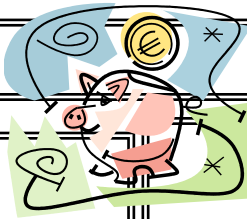
GROUP	Jan.	YTD
Patio Group .....		\$0.00
Pioneer Group .....	\$225.56	\$225.56
Price Is Right .....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group .....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection.....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....	\$1,035.37	\$1,035.37
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$0.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit.....		\$0.00
Rising Spirit.....		\$0.00
Road To Recovery .....	\$613.80	\$613.80
Rock Solid .....		\$0.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$0.00
Second Chance Group .....		\$0.00
Serenity Now.....		\$0.00
Shade Tree.....	\$300.00	\$300.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions .....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold .....	\$1,666.60	\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks .....		\$0.00
Society Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$0.00
Spirited Women .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Step By Step Group .....		\$0.00
Steppers.....		\$0.00
Stepping Stones .....	\$60.00	\$60.00
Sunday Afternoon Step.....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers.....		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tempe Sunrisers .....	\$128.06	\$128.06
Tempe Young People.....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$0.00
The Real Thing .....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group .....		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....		\$0.00
Upon Awakening.....		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$0.00
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	\$100.00
Women in Gratitude.....	\$171.00	\$171.00
Women in Solution.....		\$0.00
Women in Touch .....		\$0.00
Wonder Women-disbanded .....		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$0.00

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout.....		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf.....	\$300.00	\$300.00
District 08.....		\$0.00
Dist 08-813 .....		\$0.00
Dist 08-820 .....		\$0.00
Meal and a Message.....		\$0.00
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$7,060.86</b>	<b>\$64,214.03</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$7,467.86</b>	<b>\$7,467.86</b>

\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2022

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	5,890.71
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	39,879.25
Accounts Receivable	922.70
Inventory Asset	28,283.79
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$80,043.49**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Visa Credit Card	134.13
Payroll taxes	110.00

**Total Liabilities** **\$244.13**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,195.23
Net Income	2,825.19

**Total Equity** **\$79,799.36**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$80,043.49**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January 2022

30 Group contributions totaling	\$7,060.86
6 Individual contributions totaling	\$335.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$72.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$7,467.86</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,326.33</b>
<b>Less total Cost Of Sales</b>	<b>\$1,891.51</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$9,434.82</b>
<b>Less total Expenses of</b>	<b>\$6,609.63</b>
<b><u>Net January Gain</u></b>	<b>\$2,825.19</b>
<b><u>YTD 2022 Gain</u></b>	<b>\$2,825.19</b>

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$39,879.25  
The Prudent Reserve has been  
established for 2021 in the amount of \$32,667.70

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

Grateful to be of service,  
Joseph M. EVI Treasurer

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## Traditions Checklist

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

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

## East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2022

J opened the meeting at 7:00 PM in person and on Zoom with the Serenity Prayer.

**Attendees:**

A.A. member – Tom C.  
 Bloopers – Cris  
 By the Book – Tracey C.  
 Common Thread – Russ  
 Ahwatukee Group – Kara P.  
 Ahwatukee Men's – Adam  
 Bootstrap Men's – Rob  
 Busted Ego – Mike K.  
 Chandler Noon Group – Wally  
 Chandler Women's BB – Heidi G.  
 Common Thread- Russell  
 Easy Does It- Marge  
 EV Mens Stag- Charlie  
 Gratitude Group- Buddy  
 Happy Hour- Rose

Life in the Big Book - Nina  
 Livin' Life – Robin F.  
 New Spirit – Vicki B.  
 Opportunity Knocks- Peggy  
 Page A Day- Jon  
 Patio Group- Angie  
 Price Is Right- Ashley (Alt.)  
 Primary Purpose Group – Juanita  
 Queen Creek Mtg House – Kerry L.  
 Rising Spirit – Elizabeth  
 Rising Spirit – A.J.  
 Road to Recovery – Regina  
 SASTO – Dominique H.  
 Society – Doreen  
 Society – Fay  
 Step By Step – Richard

Steppers – Tom  
 Stepping Stones - Monica  
 Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers- Deb  
 Sunday Night BB Step Study – Dave  
 Sunset Group – Danielle  
 Tempe Group – Susan  
 The Real Thing – Roxanne  
 The Tribe – Candice  
 The Way Out – Michael  
 Tumbleweeds - Scott  
 Upon Awakening – Juanita  
 We Agnostics – Gary  
 Women In Gratitude – Erika

**Welcome to the New Reps:**

Common Thread – Russell, Life in the Big Book – Nina, Price is Right – Ashley, Primary Purpose – Juanita, Road to Recovery – Regina, SASTO – Dominique H., The Tribe – Candice, Upon Awakening – Juanita, We Agnostics - Gary

**Committee and other Trusted Servants:**

Service Position	Name	Present	Service Position	Name	Present	Service Posi-	Name	Present
Chair	J J.	X	Office Manager	Kim W	X	H&I Liaison	Dave T	X
V. Chair	Barb M	X	Chair- Special Events	Mindy S	X	Spanish Liaison	Natalie	X
Treasurer	Joseph M	X	Chair- PI/CPC	Andrea	X	Al-anon Liaison	Vicki B.	X
Secretary	Lois L.	X	Chair- Phones	Lisa V		DCM 08-818	Tim G	
Advisor- Special E	Sharon B	X	Chair- Unity	Ben R		DCM 08-819	Robert S	X
Advisor- PI/CPC	open		Chair- Sponsorship	Ken C	X	DCM 08-820	Wayne S	X
Advisor- Phones	Gary L.	X	No Booze News	Mike K	X			
Advisor- Unity	Cole L.	X	Chair - Literature	open				

J welcomes everyone. John read the 12 Traditions. Introduction of new reps, both in person and virtual.

**Secretary's Report:** Lois L. - Presented in packet. Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. Motion to accept and seconded. Motion passed.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$70.50 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:** J J. – A motion was made last month by a person who is not an EVI rep. The motion will be vacated and can be presented again by an eligible member.

**Vice Chairperson Report:** Barb M.

Attended the 08-820 and 08-819 Sub District meetings in January. Also attended the EVI Steering Committee meeting in February. Registered for PRAASA and the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly.

**Office Manager Report:** Kim W.

Reviewed written report in the packet. Some things of note:

Gave Andrea (PI/CPC Chair) contact info for a rehab center that wants a 12-step meeting. Filed W-2's and W-3's. NSF charges have been cleared up from last year – it shows up as a surplus in bank charges this year. Sub-District 08-819 is having their monthly business meeting at the EVI office now – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month - \$25/mo. CC statement reconciled – NY billing straightened out.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PI/CPC:** Andrea M. – written report distributed after meeting packet. Some things of note: Received request for presentation from Ahwatukee Health Center. Tom C. will follow up - Completed Save the Family presentation for Jan 12th on zoom for 50 staff members. Meetings/presentations are being arranged with schools, health fairs, etc. – more detail in written report. Lots of good work being done in the community!

**Special Events:** Mindy S. - Tickets are still available for the Gratitude Dinner. Plans are going well.

**Phone committee:** Gary L (Advisor) – All phone slots are covered. New volunteers coming to training sessions and some are coming to refresh. None at the in-person phone training tonight – a few did attend online.

**Unity Committee:** Cole (Advisor) – This committee reaches out to “dark” meetings in the East Valley (meetings without an EVI rep). We let them know who EVI is and what we offer and invite them to send a Rep to connect them with us. Good commitment for newer folks – 6 months min sobriety. Come check it out.

**Sponsorship Workshop:** Ken C. - We hold a Sponsorship Workshop on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of all odd months (every 2 months). Bring 3 – 6 people to share their experience with being a sponsor or being a sponsee. Society group will host the March workshop. Bring a newcomer to learn about sponsorship.

**No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor:** Mike K. – Thanks to the past Editor for passing on much help.

**Literature:** position open

**LIASION REPORTS**

**Al-anon Liaison:** Vicki B. – Saturday Family Recovery Night is Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm pot luck, 7pm A.A. & Al-Anon speakers. Question on how to find Al-Ateen meetings nearby: answer – [www.al-anoneastvalley.org](http://www.al-anoneastvalley.org)

**H&I Liaison:** Dave T. – ESH Workshop, Corrections Workshop, and Treatment Center Workshops coming up - details on the Valleywide H&I webpage: [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org) and much more. We have paid rent for our meeting room for one year – still deciding whether to meet in-person or zoom or hybrid – will vote in March.

**Spanish Liaison:** Marge M. – Going to many Spanish women's meetings – they are looking for Spanish speaking sponsors at Crossroads in Mesa. New Spanish Liaison introduced herself – Natalie. Welcome Natalie.

**Sub District 08-818:** Tim G.. – not present

**Sub District 08-819:** Robert S. – We are holding our monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm – now meeting at the EVI office – in-person and on zoom (hybrid).

**Sub District 08-820:** Wayne S. – On April 16<sup>th</sup> Society will be hosting a speaker meeting – we are starting the speaker meetings/ pot lucks again! Church of the Epiphany 1050 W. Superstition Blvd. Apache Junction.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion for addition to Secretary duties – need 2/3 vote. Passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jerry made a motion to place placard at bus stops around the East Valley – given to PI/CPC chair.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

Motion to close meeting. Seconded. 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,

Lois L

EVI Secretary



## **Goodbye Perryville: A woman in Arizona expresses gratitude for the time she spent in a nearby prison.**

From the December 2014 Grapevine

Friday night I brought my “last” meeting to Perryville, a womens’ prison in Goodyear, Arizona. My badge expires this month, and in the spirit of rotation, I’ve chosen not to renew it after five years of service.

Back in the fall of 2008, my heart was terribly broken, so I jumped at the chance to be of service, desperately needing to get out of myself. This commitment very well may have saved my life and my sobriety at that time. Having never been arrested myself (by the grace of God) I’m so grateful I’ve been able to participate in this aspect of service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Despite the many obstacles that we may have as volunteers, I feel so fortunate that I got to bring a little experience, strength and hope inside those walls. There may be a tedious process for badging and seemingly endless hoops for us to jump through, but the women behind the walls don’t get to pick and choose which meeting they go to. There are, without a doubt, some who can hardly wait for their one weekly meeting. I cannot express how much truth and gratitude they share for that hour: they are hungry for what we have.

I’ve been going to the San Carlos Unit for quite some time. At my last meeting, there were at least 20 women, including three attending the first time. One of them admitted it was the first time she had introduced herself as an alcoholic. Mind-blowing. Another one was being released in a few days and she was so excited to go back to her home group. Another, who is a regular attendee and is always enthusiastic about reading and sharing, expressed her current frustration and confusion regarding religion and spirituality. I’ve some experience with this and got to share it.

During the meeting we read the Big Book story “Keys to the Kingdom,” about a woman with a low bottom in early AA who experienced inspiring love and growth in the Fellowship, and insisted on continuous action for a healthy sobriety. Many of the women expressed how much they enjoyed it and identified with it. I told the ladies that this was my last meeting, and they had a lot of questions and were very kind. I made sure they knew that I’ve another service commitment and that it’s vital to my sobriety!

Here’s another “odd or God” moment: This past Labor Day weekend I attended the Arizona State Convention in Tucson and, while perusing the archives display, I was approached by a woman who seemed to know me. She had attended the meeting I led in Perryville in July and had been released in August. I was so excited to see her attending an event celebrating sobriety, especially one that was more than 100 miles away.

Goodyear is a bit of a drive from where I live and work. Every month when the day came for me to go, I felt tired after having worked all day, and would’ve rather done about 20 other things. But every time I left the meeting and the heavy metal doors slammed shut behind me, I gained a little more freedom from alcohol. I’ve yet to experience another high that compares to walking out into the night air to my car and driving away from Perryville. Freedom from bondage is an extraordinary gift.

Thanks to each and every one of you who do this kind of service, or make it possible, and for allowing me to be a part of it.

Angela M. Scottsdale, AZ.