

2022

NO BOOZE NEWS

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Winnipeg to Nashville

AUGUST 2014 GRAPEVINE

On a recent trip to Winnipeg, I stopped at an AA meeting at the Central Office. It was a textbook AA meeting: most of the chairs were filled with people of every description and ethnicity, and the coffee was nasty. People realized that I wasn't a regular and started up conversations with me. One gentleman with a thick Irish accent asked me what prayer we used to start the meetings in Washington. (This meeting in Winnipeg started up the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.)

I told him that my regular meetings started with the AA Preamble and closed with both the Lord's Prayer and the Serenity Prayer. Everyone thought this was odd. I think it's easy to forget that each group is autonomous.

You never know what kind of traditions a meeting will have when you go to it the first time. I've been to meetings in which people counted out loud when "How It Works" was read, and meetings in which each person introduced themselves by first name and sobriety date. I've been to meetings that read the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, some others that read the Responsibility Statement, and even some others that read the beginnings of one of the chapters in the Big Book.

The first time I ever heard lots of "oohing" and "aahhing" and clapping at a meeting, I knew they were doing it wrong. AA is supposed to be a bunch of boring, old sticks in the mud. But that meeting showed me that enthusiasm and joy can be a part of recovery.

The Northside Group and some other meetings in Eau Claire always read the Twelve Traditions and "The A.A. Tradition" found at the beginning of Appendix I in the back of the book (Page 561 in the Fourth Edition). When I'm out traveling and hear that at a meeting, I almost feel like I've come home.

A few years ago, I was fortunate enough to go to a meeting in Nashville, Tenn. called the "Back Room Group." It was a Twelve and Twelve group. As I walked in, I saw that most people had brought their own Twelve and Twelve books, pencils, pens and highlighters. I knew immediately it was going to be a good meeting for me. Sometimes I bring my own highlighter and book to meetings and people get upset because they assume I'm writing in the group's book.

Each group can do its own thing and I've seen lots of different things out there. However, if the heart of the meetings is based on helping other alcoholics and carrying the message in ways that don't affect other groups or AA as a whole, then all is well.

Quote of the Month

Through my experiences in general service, A.A. has shown me how widespread and diverse the program is. I have traveled throughout the United States and even went to Israel for several months a few years ago. While there, I attended meetings and was the secretary to a meeting located in a bomb shelter.

Like everyone else I have good days and bad days. Unlike my attitude while I was still drinking, however, I rarely dread what is going to happen to me today. I have even had the chance to see my father come into A.A.

We have been to numerous A.A. conventions together and have shared more with each other in the past few years than we ever had before. I think we are both at peace with our pasts and comfortable with the present.

A message from our PI/CPC Committee:

The usual response when we tell others “I’m on the PI/CPC committee” is - what? What does PI/CPC mean? **PI** stands for Public Information. **CPC** stands for Cooperation with the Professional Community. However, understanding the acronyms doesn’t necessarily correlate to understanding the service work the committee performs on behalf of EVI. To help with understanding of the PI/CPC committee, let’s start with the first part of the acronym – *Public Information* and a brief history of public information.

The beginning of **Public Information** requires us to think about the first available information for the still-suffering alcoholic. What was that? You guessed it - the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Published in 1939, this is the first public outreach to the still-suffering alcoholic. In 1941, articles in national publications helped encourage the understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous. As Alcoholic Anonymous grew, the need for public information grew. In 1956, the first **Public Information Committee** formed of the General Service Board. Therefore, some say **PI** is the original service work!

These are the responsibilities of the Public Information committee members:

- To carry the message of recovery from alcoholism to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the public about Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - To be available to provide A.A. information and make presentations about A.A. upon request.
- To get in touch with and respond to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

Now, what is **CPC**? You’ll have to wait until next month. If you can’t wait to learn more, then come join us at the EVI office on the first Monday of the month at 7PM.

Step Four: Was I Ready? 1, 2, 3, AND OUT –Rick R.

When I attended my first Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meeting, I had no idea what any of the steps, entailed but at that meeting I heard the things that were read, and sharing about steps and, I now realize that I came away from that meeting a different man. My life took a 180% turn, and I have never been the same since. For the first time in my life, I saw a refreshing, new approach to living and all I had to do, was to show up and listen. That may have been the taking of step 1, but I did not know it at the time. I realize that, from that day on, I have had a huge *change of perception* and I have learned to recognize faulty thinking and to find the answers to life issues as they were articulated by the collective sharing in that meeting.

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From the Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions

It all went on a little card about golf-score size. The cover read: "Middleton Group #1. Rule #62." Once the card was unfolded, a single pungent sentence leaped to the eye: "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."

Thus it was that under Tradition Four an A.A. group had exercised its right to be wrong. Moreover, it had performed a great service for Alcoholics Anonymous, because it had been humbly willing to apply the lessons it learned. It had picked itself up with a laugh and gone on to better things. Even the chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream, could laugh at himself—and that is the very acme of humility. -pg. 149

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

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

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

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

(480) 827-1905

e-mail: info@aamesaaz.org

www.aamesaaz.org

Date _____ *First Name _____ Last _____

Address _____ *Phone _____

*City _____ *ST _____ *Zip _____ *Gender _____

*Sobriety Date _____ Home Group _____

e-mail address _____ Alt Phone _____

* = required for listing in 12th Step List

☐ **No Booze News Subscription / Renewal** (\$18.00 annual subscription fee enclosed)

Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weekdays**

Phones Night & Weekend

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Office Phone Volunteer**

☐ **Other Office Help**

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

☐ **Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community**

☐ **Special Events**

☐ **Literature**

☐ **Newsletter (*No Booze News*)**

☐ **Unity Committee**

☐ **Deliver A Meeting**



ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

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.**



EVIC Family Recovery Night and Speaker Meeting

March 26th Church of the Epiphany
2222 S. Price Rd. Tempe
5:30 Potluck, 7:00 AA, Speaker
7:30 Al-Anon Speaker Tricia

DISTRICT 08/820 ANNUAL

**POTLUCK/SPEAKER
MEETING**

APRIL 16, 2022

5PM-9PM

**1050 W SUPERSTITION BLVD
APACHE JUNCTION**

Area 03

2022 Pre Conference Assembly

Virtual

**April 1st-3rd
Sub-District 08-800
more info @ area03.org**

SATURDAY APRIL 2ND

MEAL AND A MESSAGE HOSTS AN EVENING
OF UNITY, FELLOWSHIP AND RECOVERY
LOVE OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1525 N. POWER RD. MESA

TICKET REQUIRED

EMAIL: MEALANDMESSAGE@GMAIL.COM

MESA ROUNDUP PRESENTS

SPRING FLING 2022

CINCO NO DRINKO !

APRIL 30TH, 2022

PIONEER PARK 11 AM—3 PM

VALLEY OF THE SUN AA FOUNDERS DAY

CELEBRATION 2022

SATURDAY JUNE 11, 10AM - 4PM

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CHURCH

2121 S. RURAL RD. TEMPE

REGISTER FOR FREE WWW.AZFOUNDERSDAY.ORG

Al Anon - Picnic in the Park, District 11 Invites ALL

April 3rd 11:30AM - 2:00 PM

Freestone Park Playground Ramada

1045 E. Juniper, Gilbert AZ

Zoom the message of AA to Alcoholics in Hospitals, Prisons and Institutions

Saturday, April 9, 2022 11am - 1pm ID: 967 6993 2179 passcode 552877

Questions? co_chairperson@vwhi.org

Name	Date	Days
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Dan H.	4/2/1973	17897
Richard C.	4/23/1979	15706
Harry R.	4/17/1980	15340
Frank B.	4/20/1980	15340
Bill O.	4/19/1982	14610
Carol H.	4/22/1983	14245
Rita H.	4/21/1984	13879
Ken L.	4/6/1986	13149
Martin F.	4/1/1987	12784
James C.	4/1/1988	12418
Willard K.	4/4/1988	12418
Kevin F.	4/4/1988	12418
Melanie M.	4/15/1988	12418
Sam W.	4/28/1988	12418
Shawn B.	4/1/1989	12057
Erica W.	4/5/1989	12053
Dave L.	4/7/1989	12053
Larry C.	4/15/1989	12053
Tim M.	4/4/1991	11323
Larry S.	4/7/1993	10592
Dave C.	4/28/1993	10592
Peggy H.	4/15/1996	9496
Eddie O.	4/10/1997	9131
Tom C.	4/22/1997	9131
Michael R.	4/9/1999	8401
Michael F.	4/8/2000	8035
Scott C.	4/2/2001	7670
Sharon K.	4/6/2001	7670
Jeff H.	4/4/2002	7305
John J.	4/5/2002	7305
John B.	4/10/2002	7305
Gail H.	4/25/2002	7305
Bart M.	4/1/2004	6574
Chris K.	4/22/2006	5844
Rhonda C.	4/10/2008	5113
Paul T.	4/11/2009	4748
Warren S.	4/21/2009	4748
Maegan W.	4/24/2009	4748
Maureen V.	4/6/2010	4383
Marna W.	4/8/2010	4383
Frank V.	4/30/2010	4383
Guy S.	4/29/2011	4018
Jen B.	4/30/2011	4018
Heidi W.	4/6/2012	4018
Jason H.	4/22/2012	3652
Mary W.	4/17/2014	2922
Hailey T.	4/22/2014	2922
Tom J.	4/4/2015	2557
Angie S.	4/6/2015	2557
Molly M.	4/14/2015	2557
Craig P.	4/23/2015	2557
Donald S.	4/23/2015	2557
Thura J.	4/12/2016	2191
Gamaliel B.	4/11/2018	1461
Andrew P.	4/20/2018	1461
Michael W.	4/20/2018	1461
Eddie M.	4/7/2019	1096
Linnea P.	4/7/2020	730
MaryBeth T.	4/15/2020	730
Luisa B.	4/13/2021	365

At Wits End

Early Bird Prayer

I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help! Amen.

—John H., Council Bluffs, Iowa

Oldie But a Goodie

After pondering the question for about a tenth of a second, her husband said, "Of course I'd still love you. I'd miss you, but I'd still love you!"

—Richard M., Golden, Colo.

Mistaken Identity

"Get this," said a guy to his friends. "Last night, while I was down here at the bar with you guys, a burglar broke into my house."

"Did he get anything?" his friends asked.

"Yeah, a broken jaw, six teeth knocked out, and a pair of broken ribs. Nancy thought it was me coming home drunk."

—Bob M., Green Valley, Arizona

Contribute !

Send your observations, jokes, puns and wits to mike k.
...he needs em...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.orgaamesaaz.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

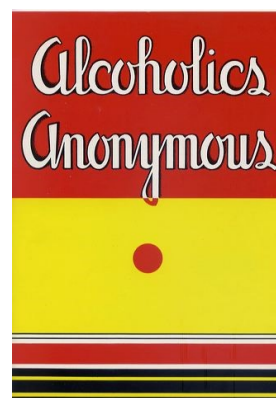
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Ken H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

May 7 ~ Courage to Change

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Check aamesaaz.org for location informationaamesaaz.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***

April 1 ~ East Valley Men's Stag

May 6 ~ Courage to Change

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.

***** Fill in Shifts Available *****

Central Office Manager's Report

March 18, 2022

February was a busy short month. We assisted 393 people at the office with 9 of those resulting in 12 step calls. Our website stayed busy too. It had 30,749 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for February were 3,060 views, of those 322 visited our website and 23 asked for directions.

We have received the hard cover Big Books that were on back order. All AA titles are now available at GSO and your local Service Office.

We have been cordially invited to have a literature table at the Founders Day event. We hope to be able to participate but will first need to find a Literature Committee Chair. The position is currently open.

The weather is warming up and along with it comes the Campout and Roundup season. We have information available on most of the upcoming A.A. events in AZ and surrounding states at the office and in the No Booze News. Please share your IGR newsletter copy with your group and encourage them to subscribe for home delivery.

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. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage members to volunteer. The life you save may be your own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim Watkins Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....Feb. 2022	
Meeting Information Calls..... 102	228
General Information 91	204
Referred to Salt River Intergroup 3	7
Referred to Al-Anon..... 9	23
Referred to Community Info..... 0	
12th Step Calls..... 9	26
Business Calls..... 79	172
Office Visitors 100	225
Meeting lists printed..... 800	1600
Info request via E-mail 32	79
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None..... 32/ 4/ 2	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. 320 hrs	
Web Stats	
Website Visits last 30 days 30,749, YTD 68,444	
Google Searches last 30 days 3,060	

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:

Happy Destiny	28300 N Main St. San Tan Valley	FR 1:30p	C
FAF	1730 W Guadalupe Rd. Mesa	WE Noon	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
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Alcoholics Anonymous - Contributions
PO Box 2407

James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

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

Area 03 Treasurer ** NEW **
PO Box 2065
Green Valley, AZ 85622
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
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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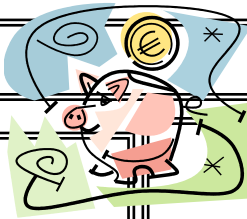
GROUP	Feb.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$200.00	\$200.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
417 Group		\$0.00
A Vision For You Group		\$0.00
ABC Group	\$100.00	\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group	\$161.16	\$161.16
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$184.93	\$282.64
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$400.00	\$400.00
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
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$250.00
Busted Ego		\$0.00
By The Book	\$292.00	\$292.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$347.00	\$347.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread		\$450.47
Courage To Change		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$200.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$0.00
East Valley Veterans	\$50.00	\$50.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$177.74
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank	\$183.00	\$183.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$0.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Get It Together	\$354.32	\$354.32
Gilbert Group		\$232.42
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics	\$200.00	\$200.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$0.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group	\$263.00	\$263.00
Great Start	\$300.00	\$300.00
Gut Level		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$0.00
Hope For Today	\$41.22	\$41.22
How It Works		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch	\$50.00	\$50.00
Last Resort		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book	\$25.00	\$25.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$0.00
Maricopa Group	\$145.00	\$145.00
Mid-Morning Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
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	\$45.00	\$100.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$200.00
Page A Day	\$1399.25	\$0.00

GROUP	Feb.	YTD
Patio Group		\$0.00
Pioneer Group		\$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
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$0.00
Road To Recovery	\$533.02	\$1,146.82
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$0.00
Second Chance Group		\$0.00
Serenity Now	\$77.00	\$77.00
Shade Tree		\$300.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$150.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women		\$200.00
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Steppers		\$0.00
Stepping Stones		\$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	\$100.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$128.06
Tempe Young People		\$0.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group	\$303.89	\$303.89
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$100.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.00
Upon Awakening	\$900.00	\$900.00
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
Women in Gratitude		\$171.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
Wonder Women-disbanded		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$100.00	\$100.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf		\$300.00
District 08		\$0.00
Dist 08-813		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$6,968.66	\$14,029.52
EVI Committees	\$85.50	\$157.50
Individual Contributions	\$835.00	\$1,170.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$7,889.16	\$15,357.02

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET February 28, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	5,624.00
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	39,885.37
Accounts Receivable	722.40
Inventory Asset	30,062.06
Undeposited Funds	5.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$81,366.25**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,787.80
Visa Credit Card	-3,750.72
Payroll taxes	220.00

Total Liabilities **-\$1,742.92**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,242.68
Net Income	6,087.55

Total Equity **\$83,109.17**

Total Liability & Equity **\$81,366.25**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT February, 2022

38 Group contributions totaling	\$6,968.66
8 Individual contributions totaling	\$835.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$85.50
Total Contributions	\$7,889.16
Total Income	\$12,734.52
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$2,618.14
Gross Profit	\$10,722.97
Less total Expenses of	\$10,116.38
<u>Net February Gain</u>	\$3,578.98
<u>YTD 2022 Gain</u>	\$6,087.55

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$39,885.37
The Prudent Reserve has been
established for 2022 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

Traditions Checklist

**Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters effecting other groups
or AA as a whole.**

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

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2022

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

Attendees:

Ahwatukee Group – Kara, Ahwatukee Men's – Adam, Bloopers – Cris, Bootstrap Men's – Rob, Busted Ego - Mike
Chandler Noon Grp – Wally, Common Thread – Russell, East Valley Men's Stag – Charlie, GIT – Melissa, Gold Canyon Firehouse – CJ, Good Orderly Direction – Ronnie, Gratitude Group – Buddy Happy Hour, Morning After – Rose, Life in the Big Book – Nina, Living Life WG – Robin, Maricopa Group – ... Men's Shade Tree – Morgan & Jeff, Opportunity Knocks – Peggy, Page a Day – Jon, Price is Right – Teresa, Primary Purpose Group – Juanita, Rising Spirit – Elizabeth, Road to Recovery – Regina, Santan Men's – Cannon, SASTO – Dominique, Step by Step – Tony, Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers – Deb, Sunday Afternoon Step Study – Hayden, Sunday Night BB Step Study – Dave, Sunset Group – Ken, Tempe Group – Susan, The Tribe – Candice, The Way Out – Ryan, Tumbleweeds – Scott, Upon Awakening – Tom, Women in Gratitude – Erika, Niccol H.

Welcome to the New Reps:

Gold Canyon Firehouse – CJ, Good Orderly Direction – Ronnie, Maricopa Group – ..., Men's Shade Tree – Jeff, SASTO – Dominique, Step by Step – Tony, The Way Out – Ryan

Committee and other Trusted Servants:

Service Position	Name	Present	Service Position	Name	Present	Service Position	Name	Present
Chair	J J.	X	Office Manager	Kim W		H&I Liaison	Dave T	X
V. Chair	Barb M	X	Chair- Special Events	Mindy S		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	X	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.		Chair - Literature	open				

J welcomes everyone. Natalie 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.

7th Tradition: \$56 in person. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website. www.aamesaaz.org

Chairperson's Report: J J. – Nothing new to report.

Vice Chairperson Report: Barb M.- Attended the Sub-District meetings, EVI business meeting, and District 08 mtg. Attended some panels at PRAASA – very interesting, and registered for the 2022 Pre-Conference Assembly.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Kim not present. Written report in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Andrea M. – Arranging radio time for A.A. Public Service Announcements on a radio station in the East Valley

Special Events: Cannon – The Mad Hatter Anniversary Dinner is tomorrow! Tickets are still available and we will be selling some at the door this year. We will have a raffle, 50/50, Speaker is Monica S. Reps – please turn in tickets and money from sold tickets.

Phone committee: Gary L (Advisor) – All March phone slots are covered. Lisa is filling out the April calendar. Phone training happens every month at 6:15pm just before this meeting. You group members are welcome to come to the training – must go thru training before you can take a slot on the calendar.

Unity Committee: Ben – 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 1st Saturday of all odd months (every 2 months). Bring 3 – 6 people to share their experience with being a sponsor or being a sponsee. Courage to Change group will host the May 7th workshop. 10AM at the EVI office.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Mike K. – Received some submissions – Committees please review page 6 of the Newsletter to make sure the information is up to date.

Literature: position open

LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Vicki B. – Two events coming up: March 26th EVIC Family Recovery Night & Speaker meeting, April 3rd – Picnic in the Park. 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.vvwhi.org and much more. H&I has approx. \$20,000 on hand, just ordered literature for approx. \$23,000. Some Treatment centers are looking to bring meetings in – if you or your group members are interested, please contact Dave. Many prison meetings are in session. EVI Secretary will email out the upcoming event flyers.

Spanish Liaison: Natalie – New to position, nothing new to report right now.

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

Sub District 08-819: Robert S. – We are holding our monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm – We meet at the EVI office – in-person and on zoom (hybrid). Attendance is way down – please encourage your groups to send a GSR to represent you. We are dealing with motions right now that will be taken to the General Service Conference by our Delegate in April.

Sub District 08-820: Wayne S. – On April 16th Society will be hosting a Potluck/Speaker meeting at Church of the Epiphany 1050 W. Superstition Blvd. Apache Junction. EVI Secretary will email flyers to you on events. Reiterated what Robert said to please ask your groups to send a GSR to Sub-District meetings. There was a question on just what are the boundaries for the Sub-Districts in the East Valley. Lois answered that question.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Seconded motion came from the Steering Committee to adjust our Prudent Reserve. Lots of discussion, questions and answers. Reps will take back to their group – to vote on this next month.

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

Was I Ready ...continued

I have heard people in the program, when attending a *structured* step study meeting, say that there may be as many as 35 people at the meeting when they started on step 1, but by the time they got to step 4 they might be down to 12 or 13 people left in the room, and they say it is like, 1. 2. 3. And out. There seems to be something in step 4 that their ego would not let them address at the time. Like myself, I had things that I thought I would take to the grave with me. When this happens, I believe that they may not be ready for this step yet, and if they are hurried into it, they may start to search for an easier softer way. If they stay on that softer path for long, they may end up having a *half measures* approach, which avails them nothing and they may waste precious years, or worse, they may relapse and do irreparable damage that cannot be undone. When I hear of a person who has a relapse after having long term sobriety I often wonder if it was due to skimping on steps 4 and 5, which leads to a much more superficial approach to the remaining steps. Thoroughness is the watchword when taking these steps.

I use the 4th step in the 12&12 to illustrate what I mean when I try to describe the way reading and hearing the things that they describe in step 4, are things that we live with every day of our lives. Each time we read them again, we realize that we have addressed some of these issues without being aware of it. I have heard people who *have not* taken step 4 yet, using terms such as, "restraint *of pen and tongue*, or *remove the word blame from my speech and thought*" and, without realizing it, they are reducing their problems as the result of this different mindset. If they are honest, about not being ready to take step 4 and 5 it leaves the door opened for the time when they are more confident, and they will be able to revisit this step and make a clean slate of it without feeling guilty or being in denial about it.

I believe that the main reason why they wrote and published the 12&12 was because they did not want to establish a precedent of editing the A.A.(Big Book), and they wanted to give amplifying information and examples of how to navigate the twelve steps.(a road map if you like) We can tell stories and drunkalogues of our drinking days and that's fine, but if we don't go through a meaningful process of addressing the causes and solutions to our problems, we will be selling ourselves short, and life is too precious to waste. The question is: If this applies to me, am I strong enough to revisit step 4 and 5.