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Happy Together in Recovery

They Learned a lot of Lessons Along the Way.

By the time I arrived in AA, I had been burnt in all of my relationships (although I admit I lit the flame myself a few times), and I wasn't interested in ever dating again. At four years sober, I did start dating again, both in and out of the program, but I still wasn't very interested. One friend from my home group, twenty years my senior and recently divorced, used to join me for breakfast once or twice a week before our meeting, and we'd share our funny dating tales. Did we laugh! You know, after several months of this, we realized that our friendship could develop into something else. We began dating each other, and tried to take it slowly. We're still together, very happily, nearly nine years later.

We learned a lot of lessons along the way. We learned that we couldn't belong to the same home group, and that only occasionally could we go to meetings together. We each needed to maintain our own program, and when we were in an AA meeting, our focus needed to be on the meeting itself. When we were a new couple, we were too focused on each other to get anything out of a meeting. We learned that in the relationship, our friendship was the most valuable thing we had, and that our romantic inclinations were secondary to the friendship. We learned not to call one another's sponsor. We learned not to try to sponsor one another. We learned to pray together. We learned to be honest with one another. We learned to cherish one another.

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Quote of the Month

-And they both laughed very heartily and said, "That's better than you've been doing, isn't it?" Which of course was true. They said, "We've got some bad news for you. It was bad news for us, and it will probably be bad news for you. Whether you quit six days, months, or years, if you go out and take a drink or two, you'll end up in this hospital tied down, just like you have been in these past six months. You are an alcoholic."

-AA Number Three -pg. 187

-Continued from page 1. (Happy Together...)

In AA, we find lives we never could have imagined. I also found the kind of relationship I didn't know I could have. I think that if two people in the Fellowship keep their recovery primary and central in their lives, and have some solid recovery time behind them, they *can* date each other without disaster unfolding. While it is true that we are in AA because we have a disease that can wreak complete havoc in our lives, it is also true that we are working on a solution. As long as the solution, rather than our relationship, is central in our lives, we can achieve true partnership.

Sober at Ground Zero

A courageous sober doctor fights the good fight in the COVID-19 wards of a hospital near Wuhan China.

At the end of 2019, the outbreak of coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, the largest city in central China. Wuhan is just two hours from the city where I work as a physician.

Many medical staff I knew who had close contact with the infected patients were infected themselves. At the time, I didn't pay much attention to this developing situation in Wuhan. I thought the new infection was being exaggerated in the press for eye-catching headlines. I told my family about my opinion over dinner, but my mother was worried and warned me to be careful.

My daily routine at work continued. I arrived at the hospital at 8 a.m. I treated patients as usual. I also worked at a respiratory disease clinic every Tuesday. We were extremely busy during late winter and early spring, working for more than 10 hours a day without taking weekends or holidays off.

In the evening, I often joined an AA meeting through YY channel, an interactive live app used in China. Since there are only three local AA members in our city and we live far away from each other, YY channel was the most convenient platform to hold an AA meeting. It allowed us to communicate with each other at a distance. My life was busy but fulfilling. Then everything changed. In late January of 2020, Chinese authorities escalated the alarm level, activating the top-level emergency response as the novel coronavirus epidemic spread quickly. It looked like this new and bigger outbreak of respiratory disease might be far worse than the 2002 SARS crisis. I panicked because the virus is an infectious disease of the respiratory system and I am a respiratory specialist. It only takes two hours to travel from my city to the epicenter of the epidemic, which meant that the ongoing coronavirus outbreak would soon be affecting my city, my hospital and me. At home, I spoke to my mother calmly, but she was very upset. Nine months earlier I had been drinking all day long, lying on the floor and taking a lot of sedatives before I went to work to deal with hangovers. She didn't want me to go back to that.

Knowing the truth of what was coming our way, that night I tucked my 4-year-old son in after a bedtime story and felt awful that I'd been addicted to alcohol for so many years. I missed all the precious time that I should have spent with him. I felt ashamed that I hadn't been a great father. My boy was almost asleep but suddenly I wanted to hear him call me Dad again. I whispered into his ear and asked for him to call me Dad one more time. He said the word I needed to hear and then fell asleep.

From the Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions

So **Step Six**—"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character"—is A.A.'s way of stating the best possible attitude one can take in order to make a beginning on this lifetime job. This does not mean that we expect all our character defects to be lifted out of us as the drive to drink was. A few of them may be, but with most of them we shall have to be content with patient improvement. The key words "entirely ready" underline the fact that we want to aim at the very best we know or can learn.

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

We always need volunteers for our 12th Step call list. 12th Step work can be very challenging yet spiritually rewarding. If you have one year of continual sobriety and are willing and available to the alcoholic who reaches out, be sure to complete the form below and return to EVI Central Office via fax, mail, e-mail or drop off in-person.

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

KIABAB LAKE ROUNDUP

JULY 1 ~ 3

WILLIAMS AZ

PROMISES IN THE PINES

AUGUST 19 ~ 21

SHOW LOW AZ

PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

AUGUST 26 ~ 28, 2022

PRESCOTT RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

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

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM

LIVE !!!

SEPTEMBER 16 ~ 18, 2022

75 W TEMPLE ST.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

(MARIOTT DOWNTOWN)

**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

**Subdistrict 08-820 Quarterly
Potluck and Speaker Meeting**

July 16, 2022 5pm to 7pm

1050 W Superstition Blvd.

(Epiphany Lutheran Church)

Hosted By - The Way Out Group

VALLEYWIDE H & I

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP, 11AM JUNE 11, 2022

ZOOM ID: 967 6993 2179 PASSCODE: 552877

TREATMENT CENTER WORKSHOP, 11AM JULY 16, 2022

ZOOM ID: 967 6993 2179 PASSCODE: 552877

Area 03

Hybrid Post Conference Assembly

Live and on Zoom

June 25, 2022

Area03.org for more information

Area 03 - Virtual Workshops

12 X 12 X 12

Steps, Traditions and Concepts

Every 4th Thursday at 7pm

Meeting ID: 843 7907 2144

Passcode: 523310

2022 Area 03

Arizona State Convention - Live

August 26 ~ 28

5655 W Valencia Rd. Tucson AZ

(Casino Del Sol)

With AI-Anon participation.

Name	Date	Days
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Alcoholics Anonymous	6/10/1935	31777
Ralph H.	6/24/1974	17532
James M.	6/30/1977	16436
Rodger G.	6/8/1980	15340
Diana C.	6/19/1980	15340
Kim W.	6/4/1987	12419
Paula K.	6/24/1987	12784
Steve D.	6/10/1990	11688
Tom M.	6/2/1991	11323
Andrew L.	6/2/1995	9862
Ken C.	6/2/1998	8766
Lori K.	6/11/1999	8401
Angela P.	6/21/2000	8035
Stacey S.	6/7/2001	7670
Tom T.	6/1/2003	6940
Nicole K.	6/6/2003	6940
Bill B.	6/1/2004	6574
Tracy Z.	6/18/2004	6574
Tim Q.	6/28/2004	6574
Michael M.	6/1/2005	6209
Ruth M.	6/18/2005	6209
Segrid S.	6/28/2005	6209
Jenee K.	6/29/2006	5844
Mike F.	6/5/2008	5113
Terri O.	6/8/2008	5113
Melissa N.	6/19/2008	5113
Melissa W.	6/1/2010	4383
Sharon B.	6/7/2010	4383
Ross S.	6/30/2010	4383
Larry J.	6/9/2012	3652
Crystal W.	6/16/2014	2922
Linda N.	6/16/2015	2557
Michael G.	6/22/2016	2191
Brenda P.	6/12/2017	1826
Jake J.	6/24/2017	1826
Laura R.	6/20/2018	1461
Sue S.	6/20/2018	1461
Courtney W.	6/29/2018	1461
Susan M.	6/2/2019	1096
Tiffany T.	6/1/2020	730
Jim T.	6/20/2020	365
Julie P.	6/4/2021	365

At Wits End

Night Class

A man is stopped by the cops around 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at that time of night.

The man replies, "*I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the body, as well as smoking and staying out late.*"

"Really?" the officer asks. "*Who's giving that at this time of night?*"

The man replies, "*That would be my wife.*"

—Jeanne K., Willits, Calif.

Road to Recovery Group has moved.

They are now meeting at:

6134 E Main St. Suite 102

(next to the Goodwill store)

Changing the things we can.

Please share with us at

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

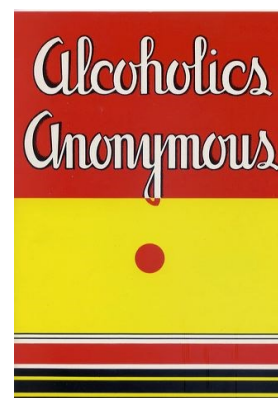
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Ken H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

July 2 ~ Easy Does It

Join the

EVI Unity Committee**Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday**Check aamesaaz.org for location information**aamesaaz.org****Contact 480 827-1905****EVI Special Events Committee**

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

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*****June 3 ~ Women in Gratitude!!!!**

July 1 ~ The Society

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

May 20, 2022

In April we received 419 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 116 calls were for meeting info, 108 were office visitors and 17 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 22,621 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google totals for March were 3,815 views. Of those 430 went to our website, 71 requested directions and 76 gave us a call.

We will be having a booth with literature and information at the upcoming Founders Day celebration. All Grapevine books will be sold at the discounted price of \$10 each for this event. If your group would like to place a literature order to pick up just call the office and we will have it there for you. The Literature Chair position is currently open. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding service.

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 on our website, 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

..... April 2022
 Meeting Information Calls..... 116 467
 General Information 89 404
 Referred to Salt River Intergroup 6 19
 Referred to Al-Anon..... 12 47
 Referred to Community Info..... 0
 12th Step Calls 17 73
 Business Calls 71 337
 Office Visitors 108 454
 Meeting lists printed..... 800 3200
 Info request via E-mail 41 152
 Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None..... 32/ 3/ 1
 Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. 400hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 22,621, YTD 114,684
 Google Searches last 30 days 3,815

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:

Fe Y Esperanza 145 E 1st Ave. Mesa SA 9:00a O, Spanish
 Superstition Sunrise 702 S Meridian Rd. Apache Junction SU 1:00p Open

Changes:

Road to Recovery Has moved to: 6134 E Main St. Mesa
 Tempe Nooners is now meeting at 8:30am

Deletions:

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

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	April	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$200.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
417 Group		\$200.00
A Vision For You Group		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$161.16
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	476.94	\$759.58
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$600.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment Ahw.		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$500.00
Basic II	\$100.00	\$100.00
BBookworms	\$360.00	\$720.00
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$125.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Breakfast Club	\$250.00	\$500.00
Busted Ego		\$0.00
By The Book	\$175.00	\$467.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$212.00	\$687.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread	\$487.47	\$937.94
Courage To Change	\$400.00	\$400.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$200.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$0.00
East Valley Veterans		\$302.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$355.48
Eye Opener Group		\$200.00
Family Recovery Group		\$200.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank	\$200.00	\$383.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$75.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friday Night BB	\$250.00	\$250.00
Get It Together	\$317.44	\$740.08
Gilbert Group		\$232.42
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$200.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$25.00
Grateful Dames		\$0.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$263.00
Great Start		\$300.00
Gut Level		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$150.00	\$150.00
Hope For Today		\$41.22
How It Works		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$50.00
Last Resort		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book	\$117.50	\$336.50
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$120.00	\$120.00
Maricopa Group		\$145.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$500.00
Miracle House		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness		\$0.00
Morning After		\$0.00
Name In The Hat		\$600.00
New Beginnings	\$200.00	\$200.00
New Spirit Group		\$406.00
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$150.00
No Name AA Group		\$0.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$200.00
Page A Day	\$955.02	\$2,354.27

GROUP	April	YTD
Patio Group	\$1,279.20	\$1,279.20
Pioneer Group		\$316.36
Price Is Right		\$50.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Province Group	\$67.00	\$67.00
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	\$387.02	\$1,900.93
Rock Solid		\$50.00
San Tan Men's		\$0.00
Second Chance Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
Serenity Now	\$41.30	\$283.55
Shade Tree		\$300.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks		\$0.00
Society Group	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$250.00
Southeast Valley Stag	\$800.00	\$800.00
Spirited Women		\$200.00
Step By Step Group		\$99.97
Steppers	\$110.00	\$110.00
Stepping Stones	\$60.00	\$120.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$236.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$259.75
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$200.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$437.50
The Library		\$44.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group		\$303.89
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out	\$80.00	\$180.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.00
Upon Awakening		\$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	\$85.00	\$256.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
Wonder Women-disbanded		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$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	\$9,144.76
EVI Committees	\$63.85
Individual Contributions ...	\$1,513.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$10,721.61

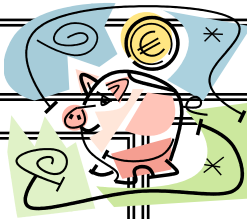
*Group contribution with no group name listed

\$28,582.77

\$306.35

\$2,875.00

\$31,764.12



BALANCE SHEET April 30, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	9,696.85
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,398.80
Accounts Receivable	975.10
Inventory Asset	27,339.37
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$85,478.38**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	110.00

Total Liabilities **\$110.00**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,242.68
Net Income	8,346.76

Total Equity **\$85,368.38**

Total Liability & Equity **\$85,478.38**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT April, 2022

35 Group contributions totaling	\$9,144.76
10 Individual contributions totaling	\$1,513.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$63.85

Total Contributions **\$10,721.61**

Total Income **\$13,722.61**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$1,986.88**

Gross Profit **\$13,074.69**

Less total Expenses of **\$11,735.73**

Net April Gain **\$4,986.71**

YTD 2022 Gain **\$8,346.76**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,398.80

The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2022 in the range of \$36,760 - \$44,112.

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

Grateful to be of service,
Joseph M. EVI Treasurer

Traditions Checklist

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1) Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?

2) Is it good for a group to lease a small building?

3) Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?

4) Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?

5) Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2022

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

Attendees:

Ahwatukee Bookworm –Shauna H, Ahwatukee Group – Kara, Ahwatukee Men's – Adam, Bloopers – Cris, Bootstrap Men's – Rob, Bottom of the Bottle-Kyle, Dr.'s Nightmare- Darius, East Valley Men's Stag – Charlie, Easy Does It-Marge, Gold Canyon Firehouse – CJ, Good Orderly Direction – Ronnie, Happy Hour, Morning After – Rose, Life in the Big Book – Nina, Page a Day – Jon, Patio Group-Tim, , Queen Creek BB Study-Kerry, Rising Spirit – AJ & Elizabeth, Road to Recovery – Regina & Jerry, Sobriety is Gold-Shari, Society-Fay, Southeast Valley Stag-Gary, Step by Step – Richard & Tony, Steppers-Tom, Stepping Stones-Monica, Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers – Deb, Sunday Night BB Step Study – Dave, Sunset Group – Ken, Tempe Group – Susan, Tempe Nooners – Shap, The Real Thing-Roxanne, The Way Out – Michael, Tumbleweeds – Scott, Upon Awakening – Tom, Women in Gratitude – Susan.

Welcome to the New Reps:

Darius – Dr. Bob's Nightmare; Tanner – Over the Influence

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		Spanish Liaison	Natalie	X
Treasurer	Joseph M	X	Chair- PI/CPC	Andrea	X	Al-anon Liaison	Vicki B.	
Secretary	Lois L.		Chair- Phones	Lisa		DCM 08-818	Tim G	
Advisor- Special E	Sharon		Chair- Unity	Ben R	X	DCM 08-819	Robert S	
Advisor- PI/CPC	Regan	X	Chair- Sponsorship	Ken C	X	DCM 08-820	Wayne S	x
Advisor- Phones	Gary L.		No Booze News	x	X	ALT DCM 08-	Carol	X
Advisor- Unity	Cole L.	X	Chair - Literature	open				

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

Secretary's Report: Lois L. – Not Presented, report in packet. Wayne made motion to accept – Charlie 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. Ken made motion to accept – Aaron 2nd. Motion passed

7th Tradition: \$ 41. 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 several meetings 08-818 and 08-819 Sub District meetings.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. –. Kim went over highlights from written report in packet. EVI will have booth at upcoming Founder's Day event. Will be selling Grapevine books will be sold at the discounted rate of \$10. Reviewed charges for using Paypal. Will bring exact number of transaction cost next month. Best way to send contribution online is bill pay from bank account (old school but no fees). Kim fielded question about Special Event budget money- explained by removing the Special Events income and expenses it will not inflate the prudent reserve. Need literature chair. Folding Day is Wednesday, May 25th at 9am – donuts, coffee, and fellowship.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Andrea M. – reviewed report in packet. Many opportunities for service work. Please send tell homegroups, sponsees. We meet the first Monday of the month, 7PM at EVI office.

Special Events: not present – Report in packet.

Phone committee: Not Present

Unity Committee: Ben – This committee reaches out to “dark” meetings in the East Valley (meetings without an EVI rep). We can use some more volunteers on the committee.

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. Easy Does It group will host the July 2nd workshop. 10AM at the EVI office. 2022 Calendar is full – good job!!!

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Not Present

Literature: position open. Contact EVI Chairperson, J. Johnson if interested

LIASION REPORTS

AI-anon Liaison: Not Present

H&I Liaison: Dave T. – working with treatment centers and jails to bring the A.A. message.

Spanish Liaison: Natalie – no updates at this time.

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

Sub District 08-819: Robert S. – not present

Sub District 08-820: Wayne – July 18th is next Quarterly Potluck- Hosted by The Way Out, Ron S. is speaker.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Founders Day is June 11th at 2121 S. Rural, starts at 10AM – 4PM www.azfoundersday.org

-Rocky Point Round Up is happening in October, asked for Round Up committee to update website.

7:33 pm Ken - Motion to close meeting. Monica - Seconded. Passed. Meeting Closed with Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Andrea M.



What's an AA Group?

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The group conscience of AA in the U.S. and Canada seems to have agreed upon six points that define an AA group:

- 1) All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.
- 2) As a group, they are fully self-supporting.
- 3) A group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.
- 4) As a group, they have no outside affiliation.
- 5) As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.
- 6) As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, and film.

Sober at Ground Zero continued...

As the head doctor of the febrile outpatient clinic, I was in charge of diagnosis and treatment of fever patients. Before we saw each patient, we were very careful about washing hands and other measures. We wore protective suits, safety goggles and surgical masks. However the masks were uncomfortable and too tight. They stuck to my skin. The suits prevented me from drinking too much water. I would have to undo everything to go to the bathroom. My breathing fogged the lenses of my goggles and blocked my vision. It was very difficult work, especially without any rest.

More medical staff were urgently needed, and medical supplies were running low. Some of my colleagues were quarantined due to close contact with infected patients. I felt anxious and worried before I stepped into the clinic every day, afraid I would be sick soon.

When I could, I called my sponsor before I started a shift at work to keep grounded and focused. I prayed the Serenity Prayer and tried very hard to turn everything over to God. My sponsor was a big help. I felt enormous relief after every call. Those calls meant a lot to me.

Soon my city was put in lockdown. There were no public transportation services and restaurants and shops closed. Cars and pedestrians in the city dwindled, which reminded me of a scene in a horror movie.

I woke up every morning and prayed for this disease to be cured soon. I prayed to God to remove every single defect of character that stood in my way—fear, anger and resentment. Prayer helped me feel relaxed in a very difficult situation. According to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the soldiers during World War II who were in AA were just as capable of endurance and valor as any other soldiers. And so was I. I knew that I was as good as any other respiratory doctor. Maybe I was even better because I live with sobriety and serenity.

I was able to join an AA meeting every night online. Although group activities were restricted, I could still share my stories with other AA members all over the country. As an AA member and as a doctor, I knew we would fight this virus together. I felt satisfied and fulfilled through the Fellowship and I sensed the presence of God in our work. I'm proud that I am a recovering alcoholic who is still useful in my community and in the Fellowship. Through the Twelve Steps, I had an incredible spiritual experience. I felt it was an honor to be able to put on my headphones and whistle to music like a child on my way to work every day where I helped people who were struggling with the disease.

Today, I feel love from God and I'm so grateful that I have a loving family, healthy children, a nice house and plenty of food. Also, I have my confidence as a doctor and a father back, thanks to AA. God has granted me serenity through sobriety that I could never get from alcohol.