



# NO BOOZE NEWS

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## The Magnificent Now

Now I am sober, sane and beautifully alive, and able to think and convey my thoughts in a medium I choose. Yes, I also have the power of choice in this new way of living and being.

Not too many twenty-four hours ago, in one of our past yesterdays, I had lost all these privileges through the disease of alcoholism. But through AA and its simple, suggested workable program I have found and accepted an entirely new attitude toward life.

"Each day is a new life to a wise man." This quotation went through my mind when I awoke this morning and meditated with my Higher Power, God, as I understand Him. I asked for His help and guidance throughout the day, to give me strength to do my work well and to try to keep harmonious relationships with my fellow-man in all my contacts; to make each moment count toward good living, and to keep my thinking in the right channels. And all of this, only to the best of my limited abilities.

How grateful I am now that the yesterdays I used to dwell upon are in their proper place--the past.

That is where they belong. There are a few ex-

ceptions because we must never forget how and why we came into AA. We can open the door, briefly look in and review what is necessary, then quickly close the door. The past is gone, and in its place is today, which we can, with our new values, keep bright and shining. Tomorrow is not here--it may or may not come for us--but we who live today, do not try to evaluate it until it does appear as another wonderful, present, *now*. **E. L. | PHOENIX, ARIZONA 10/62**

## Quote of the Month

**Most emphatically we wish to say that any alcoholic capable of honestly facing his problems in the light of our experience can recover, provided he does not close his mind to all spiritual concepts. He can only be defeated by an attitude of intolerance or belligerent denial. We find that no one need have difficulty with the spirituality of the program. Willingness, honesty and open mindedness are the essentials of recovery. But these are indispensable.**

*-Appendices II Spiritual Experience*

**Hardcover Big Books are back in stock.  
Our shipment has come in !**

## **They're Playing My Song**

In 1983, my wife left me because of my alcohol and drug addiction. I'd been trying to control it, but when she left, I moved into a small apartment and drank like there was no tomorrow. Two weeks later, I came out of a blackout one morning to realize that I'd fallen the night before and bruised my shoulder. I was afraid that next time I'd crack my head open and there would be no one there to find me. That afternoon I had lunch with a friend who told me her grandmother had died that way. I didn't drink for two days, but then someone offered me one and I took it.

That night I had dinner with another friend, and she told me that she was an alcoholic. She said that she believed that people were put in our lives for a reason, and that she was probably there to tell me about getting sober.

I had an old drinking buddy who'd stopped drinking two years earlier, and I decided to look him up. The next day, he walked into the university cafeteria. I hadn't seen him in six months and there he was. I was still afraid so I let him pass by, thinking I'd go to his office later. A few minutes later, he came back into the room. I got a lump in my throat and remembered my friend's words from the night before: "People are put in our lives for a reason." I figured that I was supposed to talk to Alex right then.

I swallowed my fear and pride and told him what I needed. He took me to a meeting and introduced me to the Fellowship of AA that night. It's been hard work but I haven't had a drink since then, and as a result my mind and heart are clear to hear many other "messages" that are sent my way.

Ten months after I stopped drinking, I went on an Easter picnic with sober friends. Many of them went for a hike, but I just poked around the campsite. In the desert sand, I found a little plastic box with a windup key--obviously the innards of a music box. Even though it had been sitting out in the desert for who knows how long, I wound it up.

It played "*How Dry I Am*."

It doesn't get any clearer than that for me--and God hasn't needed to give me such an obvious message since then.

**Jim T. Tucson, Arizona September 2001**

## From the Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions

So **Step Seven**—"Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings"—Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency. -pg. 70

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](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



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

46TH GREAT OUTDOOR BEAVER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1 ~ 4, 2022

BEAVER UT

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

**PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM**

**LIVE !!!**

SEPTEMBER 16 ~ 18, 2022

75 W TEMPLE ST.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

(MARIOTT DOWNTOWN)

**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

**EVI Bowlathon**

**Saturday, Aug. 13th**

**3pm to 5pm**

**AMF Mesa Lanes**

**2115 E Southern Ave. Mesa AZ**

**2 Hrs of bowling and shoe rental, \$20**

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



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

**2022 Area 03**

**Arizona State Convention - Live**

August 26 ~ 28

5655 W Valencia Rd. Tucson AZ

(Casino Del Sol)

With Al-Anon participation.

Name	Date	Days
Tom M. ....	7/31/1981	14975
Sandy S. ....	7/23/1984	13879
Pat J. ....	7/31/1984	13879
Kathy K. ....	7/26/1986	13149
Tim H. ....	7/12/1987	12784
Joann E. ....	7/16/1987	12784
Gail J. ....	7/5/1988	12418
Sandy S. ....	7/25/1989	12053
Shelley M. ....	7/15/1990	11688
Bill R. ....	7/28/1992	10957
Beth F. ....	7/9/1993	10592
Pam W. ....	7/31/1993	10592
Catherine C. ....	7/22/1994	10227
Mary S. ....	7/4/1995	9862
Craig M. ....	7/21/1996	9496
Steve C. ....	7/14/1998	8766
Mercer C. ....	7/2/2001	7670
Eileen K. ....	7/11/2001	7670
Becky S. ....	7/25/2002	7305
Jerry S. ....	7/8/2004	6574
Anita B. ....	7/5/2006	5844
Mary L. ....	7/14/2006	5844
Kristina B. ....	7/16/2006	5844
Deana E. ....	7/23/2007	5479
Anne H. ....	7/28/2007	5479
Arne R. ....	7/14/2008	5113
Matt V. ....	7/30/2008	5113
Jim H. ....	7/10/2009	4748
Michael W. ....	7/15/2010	4383
John R. ....	7/23/2010	4383
Aaron M. ....	7/24/2010	4383
Kerry R. ....	7/17/2011	4018
David K. ....	7/27/2011	4018
Raquel R. ....	7/14/2014	2922
Pam R. ....	7/24/2015	2557
Katelyn B. ....	7/5/2016	2191
Rick T. ....	7/8/2016	2191
Bertha E. ....	7/15/2016	2191
Jade S. ....	7/21/2016	2191
Wendy H. ....	7/16/2018	1461
Andrea S. ....	7/24/2018	1461
James R. ....	7/24/2018	1461
Benjamin R. ....	7/8/2019	1096
Lance S. ....	7/21/2019	1096
Jody G. ....	7/1/2020	730
Amber N. ....	7/1/2020	730

*Tell us about it*

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## *At Wits End*

**DESCRIBING** Her rocky road to our fellowship, the speaker recounted her several marriages, first to a rich man, then to an actor, a preacher, and finally an undertaker. "You know how it goes," she added, "One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go."

*Dr. Bill K. - June 1995*

**IT'S A SHAME** They no longer need elevator operators and street car conductors, because those would be excellent jobs for alcoholics. They could use their natural talent for telling people where to get off.

*James E. - July 2008*

*Easy Does It Group has moved.*

*After July 1 they will be meeting at:*

*1933 E University #24*

*(SW Corner of University and Gilbert, in the back side of the complex)*

*Changing the things we can.*

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

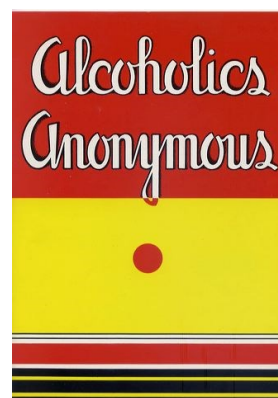
**EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

Contact: Ken H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**July 2 ~ Easy Does It**

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\*****July 1 ~ The Society****August 5 ~ SNBBS**

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

June 17, 2022

In May we received 427 requests for information and assistance. Of those 111 calls were for meeting info, 114 were office visitors and 20 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 21,321 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google totals for May were 3,786 views. Of those 483 went to our website, 73 requested directions and 39 gave us a call.

GSO is currently offering mixed title discounts, giving us the opportunity to stock up on the slower moving titles at full discount pricing. We hope to take advantage of this when AAWS has resolved their supply issues. There are currently 12 books out of stock at AAWS. **We are out of stock of HC and LP Big Books at the office but do have plenty soft cover BB.** AAWS has sent an email with information and expected ship dates for all of their currently unavailable items. **Big Books are due to ship next week.** We have good stock levels of all the other titles at you Central Office.

Our liability insurance for the 2022/2023 period will be renewing at the end of the month. All updated and corrected certificates will be sent to the leaseholders of participating groups. There was quite a bit of relocation going on as some spaces reopened and some delayed but I think we have those requesting it covered at the correct locations.

We have been receiving great support from the Groups we serve. Lately we have gotten a few contributions with no Group names listed. This is just a friendly reminder to please note your group name with any contributions made on the website or by check to the office. Please let me know if your Group's contributions are not recorded correctly, I will research and correct them.

The ICOAA seminar has been moved to September 1 to 5 2022 in Denver CO. I am looking forward to attending live for the first time since we held it here in Mesa 2019.

Service opportunities are always available on all EVI committees and the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 W Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

.....	May	.....	2022
Meeting Information Calls.....	111	.....	578
General Information .....	103	.....	507
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	1	.....	20
Referred to Al-Anon.....	9	.....	56
Referred to Community Info.....	0	.....	
12th Step Calls.....	20	.....	93
Business Calls.....	69	.....	406
Office Visitors .....	114	.....	568
Meeting lists printed.....	800	.....	4000
Info request via E-mail .....	33	.....	185
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 4/ 2	.....	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		.....	560hrs
<b>Web Stats</b>			
Website Visits last 30 days 24,423, YTD 139,107			
Google Searches last 30 days 3,786			

## 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:

Upon Awakening is moving July 1 to 3225 S Lindsay Rd. #101 Gilbert  
EV Men's Stag Is moving July 1 to 3225 S Lindsay Rd. #101 Gilbert  
Easy Does It Is moving July 1 to 1933 E University Dr. #24 Mesa  
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



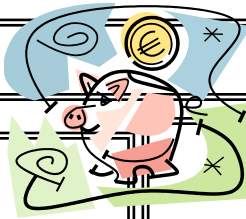
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GROUP	May	YTD
11th Step Candlelight .....	100.00	\$300.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day .....		\$0.00
417 Group .....		\$200.00
A Vision For You Group .....		\$0.00
ABC Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group .....		\$161.16
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's .....		\$759.58
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....	\$200.00	\$800.00
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
BBookworms .....		\$720.00
Bloopers .....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$125.00
Both Books .....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club .....		\$500.00
Busted Ego .....		\$0.00
By The Book .....		\$467.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$202.74	\$889.74
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....		\$0.00
Common Solution .....		\$0.00
Common Thread .....		\$937.94
Courage To Change .....		\$400.00
East Phoenix Men's .....		\$200.00
East Valley Men's Stag .....		\$0.00
East Valley Veterans .....	\$90.00	\$392.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$444.35
Eye Opener Group .....		\$200.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$200.00
Feelings and Solutions .....	\$750.00	\$750.00
Fill in the Blank .....		\$383.00
Firehouse Meeting .....		\$75.00
Florence Group .....		\$0.00
Friday Night BB .....		\$250.00
Get It Together .....	\$951.29	\$1,691.37
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 .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Gratitude Group .....		\$263.00
Great Start .....	\$500.00	\$800.00
Gut Level .....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....		\$150.00
Hope For Today .....	\$60.00	\$101.22
How It Works .....		\$0.00
Keepin It Real Ladies .....		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch .....		\$50.00
Last Resort .....	\$42.81	\$42.81
Life In The Big Book .....	\$134.00	\$470.50
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....	\$80.00	\$200.00
Maricopa Group .....		\$145.00
Mid-Morning Group .....		\$500.00
Miracle House .....		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness .....		\$0.00
Morning After .....	\$93.00	\$93.00
Name In The Hat .....		\$600.00
New Beginnings .....		\$200.00
New Spirit Group .....		\$406.00
No Big Deals .....	\$45.00	\$195.00
No Name AA Group .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$200.00
Page A Day .....		\$2,354.27

GROUP	May	YTD
Patio Group .....		\$1,279.20
Pioneer Group .....	\$88.00	\$404.36
Price Is Right .....		\$50.00
Primary Purpose Group .....	\$82.00	\$82.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Province Group .....		\$67.00
Putting God First .....		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....		\$1,035.37
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$0.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
Rising Spirit .....		\$0.00
Road To Recovery .....	\$50.00	\$1,950.93
Rock Solid .....		\$50.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$0.00
Second Chance Group .....		\$200.00
Serenity Now .....	\$27.20	\$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
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....	\$100.00	\$350.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....		\$800.00
Spirited Women .....		\$200.00
Step By Step Group .....	\$114.70	\$214.67
Steppers .....		\$110.00
Stepping Stones .....		\$120.00
Sunday Afternoon Step .....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers .....		\$236.00
Sundowners .....	\$286.20	\$286.20
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker .....	\$150.00	\$409.75
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group .....		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners .....	\$50.00	\$250.00
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 .....		\$180.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....	\$175.00	\$175.00
Upon Awakening .....	\$800.00	\$1,700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet .....	\$136.25	\$136.25
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 .....		\$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
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$9,144.76</b>	<b>\$28,582.77</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>	<b>\$382.45</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$343.05</b>	<b>\$3,218.05</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$6,341.21</b>	<b>\$38,105.33</b>
*Group contribution with no group name listed)		



### BALANCE SHEET May 31, 2022

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	13,104.61
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,406.00
Accounts Receivable	1,410.30
Inventory Asset	24,254.79
Undeposited Funds	210.90

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$86,455.29**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	16.23
Payroll taxes	220.00

**Total Liabilities** **\$236.23**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,242.68
Net Income	9,197.06

**Total Equity** **\$86,219.06**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$86,455.29**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May, 2022

33 Group contributions totaling	\$5,922.06
7 Individual contributions totaling	\$343.05
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$76.10

**Total Contributions** **\$6,341.21**

**Total Income** **\$11,101.94**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$3,598.13**

**Gross Profit** **\$7,503.81**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$6,652.73**

**Net May Gain** **\$851.08**

**YTD 2022 Gain** **\$9,197.84**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,406.00

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 Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

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

## East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

June 17, 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 and George, Bloopers – Cris, Bootstrap Men's – Rob, Bottom of the Bottle-Kyle, Breakfast Club – Jaxx, Mike K. – Busted Ego, Tracey – By the Book, Kathy – Courage to Change, East Valley Men's Stag – Charlie, Easy Does It-Marge, GIT – Melissa, Gold Canyon Firehouse – CJ, Good Orderly Direction – Ronnie, Happy Hour, Morning After – Rose, Life in the Big Book – Nina, Living Life WG – Robin, Men's Shade Tree – Morgan, New Spirit – Vicki, Opportunity Knox – Peggy, Over Tha Influence – Chris, Page a Day – Jon, Price is Right – Teresa, Putting God First – Teghan & Chris, Queen Creek BB Study-Kerry, Rising Spirit – AJ & Elizabeth, Road to Recovery – Regina & Jerry, Step by Step – Richard & Tony, Steppers-Tom, Stepping Stones-Monica, Sunday Night BB Step Study – Dave, Sunset Group – Dani, Tempe Group – Susan, The Real Thing-Roxanne, The Way Out – Ryan, Tumbleweeds – Scott, Upon Awakening – Tom, Women in Gratitude – Susan, Debbie, Erika.

### Welcome to the New Reps:

Chris – Putting God First, Jackson – Breakfast Club, George – Ahwatukee Men's

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

**Report:** Lois L. – presented report. Dave made motion to accept – Roxanne 2nd. Motion passed.

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

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** \$33. 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. – Nothing new to report.

**Vice Chairperson Report:** Barb M.- attended 08-818, 08-819, and 08-820 Sub District meetings, May District 08 MCSM, EVI Steering Committee and Business meetings. Going to Area 03 June Assembly. District 08 has an opening for an Accessibilities Coordinator.

**Office Manager Report:** Kim W. – Kim not present so J went over highlights from written report in packet. Just got notification today – Big Books have shipped from GSO!! Liability Insurance will renew end of June – new Insurance certificates will be sent out to all participating groups. Please notify EVI office if group changes have happened – send in a Group Update form. We still need a literature chair – great service opportunity. Folding Day is Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am – donuts, coffee, and fellowship.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

**Special Events:** Mindy – July 1<sup>st</sup> EVI monthly speaker meeting. Roberta – we have some positions open on the committee. Discussing New Year's event, Bowl-a-thon coming up – tickets available tonight! Thanksgiving and Unity day are in planning stages.

**Phone committee:** Gary – one slot still open in June (after the meeting a group signed up for that slot!)

**Unity Committee:** Ben – This committee reaches out to “dark” meetings in the East Valley (meetings without an EVI rep). We need some women volunteers to reach out to women’s meetings.

**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. Easy Does It group will host the July 2nd workshop. 10AM at the EVI office. 2022 Calendar is full – good job!!! Spread the word – we mostly get members of the host group attending.

**No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor:** Mike -Send stories to [info@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org) for the No Booze News.

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

### **LIASION REPORTS**

**AI-anon Liaison:** no Liaison at this time

**H&I Liaison:** Dave T. – Attended H&I business mtg June 8<sup>th</sup>. Committee needs a Secretary and a few other positions open. Doing well financially – problems getting books in stock. They have an online request form if your groups need literature to take into an institution [www.vwhi.org](http://www.vwhi.org) There are a couple facilities in Mesa who need us to bring in A.A. meetings – also need women volunteers to take meetings into Perryville Prison.

**Spanish Liaison:** Natalie – not present

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

**Sub District 08-819:** Robert S. – Attendance at Sub-District meeting has been steady at 3-4 reps. Restarted quarterly Eat, Meet, and Greet meeting– GIT hosted in May. Looking for groups to host August.

**Sub District 08-820:** Wayne – July 18<sup>th</sup> is next Quarterly Potluck- Hosted by The Way Out, Ron S. is speaker. Flyer is in the email packet and on the table.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Seconded motion comes from the Steering Committee – after annual review SC recommends a 4% raise for our Office Manager. Motion is included in the packet. Reps will take this to their groups.

Motion made by Roxanne to add a disclaimer to the EVI webpage that states there is a fee collected by PayPal if you use PayPal for contributions to EVI. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike K. PayPal charges 3.49% plus 49 cents per transaction. After discussion – reps will take to their groups.

Motion made by Regina to add a “chat help” option to our EVI webpage. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teghan. After discussion – reps will take to their groups.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

8pm Charlie - Motion to close. Marge – 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Lois Laatsch  
EVI Secretary



**A Good Sign : Making Amends** Helen E. -March 2021

I sat in the back of the musty church basement in Oregon in 1981, rigid arms crossed on my chest. A sullen sneer marred my face. The other meeting attendees sat on the metal folding chairs and seemed cheerful, happy to see one another. Their happiness revolted and separated me from all of them. Besides, I knew I was far too young to be an alcoholic.

I did not want to stop drinking. In fact, I refused to stop drinking. So how did this frightened, defiant woman come to be sitting in a meeting of AA? It would take a lifetime to find the answer.

Despite the disgusting cheerfulness, I returned to the same uncomfortable seat the following night. And again, the night after that. I returned for one reason only. There was something important to me in the words of a ghastly sign on the meeting's pale-yellow wall, obscured by decades of cigarette smoke. It read:

For ALL that has been, Thanks. For ALL that will be, Yes.

I missed much of what was said during those meetings because that sign and I were engaged in a tussle in my mind. For all? That means everything! Thank you for everything bad that has happened to me? I couldn't believe what I was reading. I was supposed to be thankful for the childhood trauma and thankful for not having enough of anything, not money, friendship, peace of mind? Thanks a lot for nothing, I achingly edited in my head.

Yet the following night I returned and sat right across from that sign. Yes for all that will be? Yeah, right. For the continuing pain, for the hangovers I knew would never end, for the messed up life I continued to live? Yes? I was outraged by that sign.

As you might guess, it would be many years before I could acknowledge that I participated in most of what went wrong in my life. It would take a long time for me to humble myself enough to ask my sponsor, a woman named Ruth, to take me through the Twelve Steps. I would engage in what would be a painful and humbling experience of self-examination before I could rise toward a healing experience that allowed me to see the role I played in most of my pain. I would need to face the people I had harmed. I would need to then do what I could to make the situation right and start living a life I was not ashamed to live.

It took a long time, and I am not done. God, whatever that means, is not done with me yet.

That stained and faded sign (not an official AA sign, I found out later) currently still hangs on that wall in Coos Bay, Oregon, where God blessed me with sobriety. Today I live far away from that old church basement. But deep in my heart, a sign with profound meaning can be found:

**For ALL that has been,**

**Thanks.**

**For ALL that will be,**

**Yes**