

2018

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NO BOOZE NEWS

Deal Me In

It wasn't who won or lost, it was about the stories the old-timers told

I got sober at a clubhouse in the San Fernando Valley called The Nest. At the time, when you entered The Nest the main AA meeting room was to your left and an overflow area and the kitchen were immediately ahead. The "Half Measures" game room with a pool table and card table was to the right.

Most times of the day, if there wasn't a meeting going on, several old-timers would be seated at the card table playing pinochle. I came from a pinochle-playing family and was immediately drawn to the game. I was an honorable kibitzer and I hoped I would be asked to play, but I was a newcomer and these were men and women with 10, 20, 30, or more years. I didn't really expect to get to play.

One day I came in and looked in the game room. I saw three old-timers sitting at the table. They played a game of double-deck partners, so they needed a fourth. One of them saw me and asked if I would like to join. They didn't have to ask twice. From that point on, I was one of the regulars, getting a fair share of playing time.

This story isn't about the fact that Tom finally got to play pinochle with the old-timers at The Nest. It's about what the players were doing while playing. They were talking. But they weren't just talking about AA. I don't remember a single conversation starting with, "Hey Dale, what do you think about the Seventh Step?" That just didn't happen.

Instead, they talked about what was going on in their lives. They were salesmen, businessmen, tradesmen, professionals. They might have been talking about the big deal they had just landed, or the one that got away. They might have been talking about how their business was going, or not going.

I remember one man speaking about how proud he was of his daughter. She had just graduated from high school and gotten a full scholarship to college. Another man talked about his teenage son, who had just been arrested for drunk driving.

They talked about living the kind of life that I had always dreamed of living, the "What it's like now" part of their stories. Some of these stories were truly dramatic. Looking back on it, I have to admit that more than anything else, the pinochle game at The Nest was the single biggest attraction to AA for me in those early months. I had a chance to hear about the kind of life that I could have in AA, if I followed the same principles that they did.

-- Tom S, Cottonwood, Arizona, USA

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The 'Page A Day' (PAD) group started in late 2001 as an opportunity to study the Big Book daily. At that time, the 'group' consisted of a few people who met at Tim and Beth H's home. It started with a pot of coffee, a couple of AA's and a drunk sleeping on their couch. As more people crowded their home a decision was made to extend this benefit to others. Thus, outreach was made to the Gilbert Presbyterian Church and with help from groups at the church like 'We Ain't Dead Yet' (WADY), PAD was born.

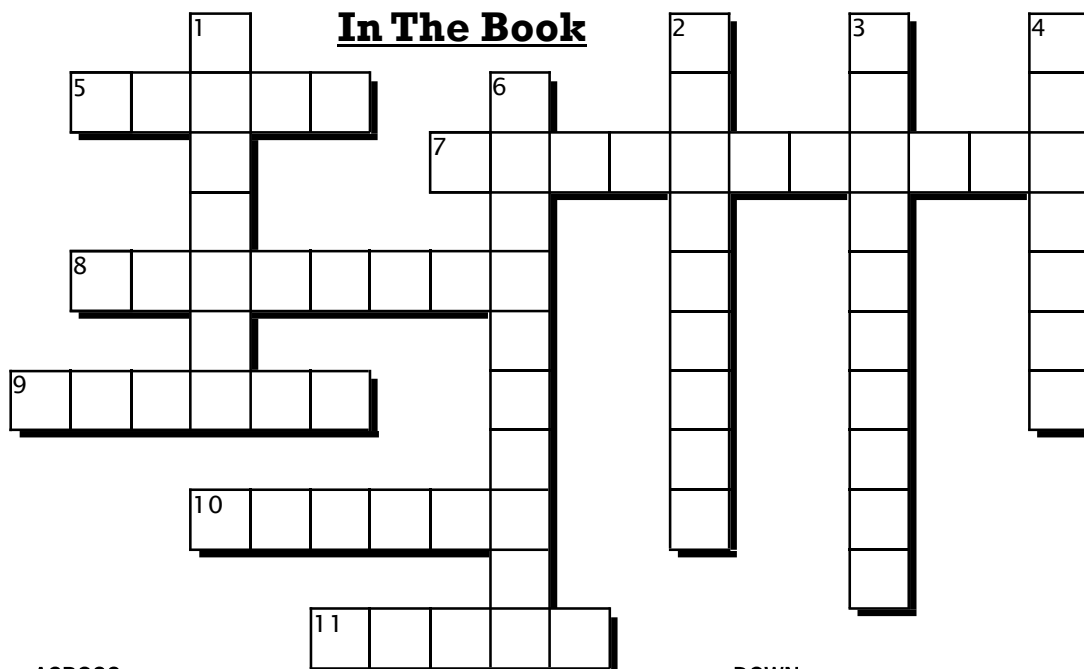
The group began building momentum through the support and generosity of WADY, which loaned them books, coffee and chips for only \$5.00 per month until the group became self-supporting. In 2002, the newly formed group had regular attendees, with a phone list that was then reflecting approximately 17 members. Over the course of the next few years, the group continued to develop and mold the structure and format of the meeting. The format was loose and informal (we were an open meeting at that time), sometimes we would read less than a page, and sometimes we would read 2-3 pages. In general, the format included serenity Prayer, AA Preamble, a reading from the BB, discussion of that reading (even double dip to fill the time), and a final close at the hour with the Lord's Prayer.

Once the group was comfortably established, service commitments and business meetings began occurring regularly. The group then agreed on a name and registered with the General Service Office (GSO), East Valley Intergroup and Area. As the group established themselves as a "Home Group" they elected trusted servants (GSR, EVI representative, H&I representative, etc.). They continued to meet regularly (every day except Sunday at 6:45AM). By 2006, the group had grown to a total headcount of 72 members.

Through attraction, commitment, and a dedication to principles and traditions, the group has been a veritable Ellis Island of AA. They have welcomed the poor, tired, huddled masses yearning to be free of alcoholism. They have been attended by alcoholics from all over the globe, have associate members who visit regularly, and have also buried many friends. As in any group they have experienced mixed personalities, differing opinions, and various other discussions which have always been left to the group conscience.

Today, in 2017, PAD is a closed meeting and maintains a phone list consisting of over 170 members. Attendance at PAD typically consists of 30-50 participants, always a mix of members and visitors. PAD has always been a strong presence of service and dedication to AA through Area, GSO, H&I and EVI. Their doors still remain open to the suffering Alcoholic as a closed meeting every day but Sunday at 6:45 AM.

In The Book



ACROSS

- 5 We, as alcoholics are without defense against the first.....?
- 7 This, we think, is the root of our troubles.
- 8 In order to heal we must clear away this from our past.
- 9 In Step 11, we should not be shy about this matter.
- 10 More than most people, the alcoholic leads this type of life.
- 11 A life based only on pure reason and not this, wouldn't be life at all.

DOWN

- 1 Call on him when he is still.....as he may be more receptive when depressed.
- 2 The.....life is not a theory. We have to live it.
- 3 To quickly diagnose yourself, step over to the nearest barroom and try this type of drinking.
- 4 One of the four hideous horsemen
- 6 The number one offender when working Step 4.

This and That

Answer Key from
December Newsletter

Across

- 2-sanity
- 6-Lois
- 7-unlovely
- 9-thousand

Down

- 1-ninety
- 2-silkworth
- 3-solution
- 4-allergy
- 5-serenity
- 8-glum



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Attitude of Gratitude

If you are grateful for your sobriety and would like to give back to the program that has so freely given to you, 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. Participating in any of these committees can be a great way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the rooms.

As an ongoing reminder, we are still in need of more volunteers for the 12th Step call list. Although we are great at making sure the phones are answered day or night, finding someone willing and available to do a 12th Step call can sometimes be very challenging, and often times it's hit or miss depending on the time of day. If you have at least one year of continued sobriety and are willing to make yourself available to the alcoholic reaching out to AA for help from time to time, 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. Who knows — the life you save could be your own....

EAST VALLEY INTERGROUP – Gratitude With Service form *revised 2/09*

Return to: 1320 E. Broadway Rd., Suite 105 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 (\$12.00 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

28TH RIVER ROUNDUP

JANUARY 11 ~ 14
LAUGHLIN NV
(RIVERSIDE RESORT)

MIRACLES IN THE DESERT

FEBRUARY 23 ~ 25
2020 S AVENUE 8E, YUMA AZ.
(AZ WESTERN COLLEGE)



WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP

MARCH 16 ~ 18
LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK
PEORIA, AZ



VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

APRIL 13 ~ 15
VERDE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS
COTTONWOOD AZ.

EVI 38th Anniversary

Dinner and Speaker
Saturday, March 10th, 2017

Save the Date

Monthly Campfire Meeting

Last Saturday of the Month @7:30pm

2757 E Guadalupe Rd.

Gilbert AZ


Riparian Preserve and Water Park
(take Cattail Crawl Trail to Honey Bee Point)



New Years Day 2017

6109 E Apache Trail, Apache Junction AZ
Lost Dutchman State Park, Cholla Day Use Center
(\$7 per car park fee)

All Day: Hiking, Biking and other Outdoor Activities
4:00pm Potluck
5:30pm Campfire Meeting

Recovery 
changes all things

Area 03

2018 Pre Conference Assembly

April 6th - 8th, 2018
7600 E Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, AZ
(Hilton Tucson East)

2018 Post Conference Assembly

June 16th, 2018
Tombstone, AZ
Delegates report from the 2018 GSC

PRAASA 2018

March 2 - 4 2018
1100 Nugget Ave,
Sparks NV 89431
(Nugget Casino Resort)
1-800-648-1177

A Solution for all Generations



Name	Date	Days
Tom D.	1/7/1972.....	16802
Joe A.	1/21/1979.....	14245
Cliff S.	1/1/1982.....	13149
Wayne O.	1/6/1982.....	13149
Alexandra B.....	1/19/1982.....	13149
Sandra M.	1/30/1984.....	12414
Rachel L.	1/7/1985.....	12053
Doug P.	1/9/1985.....	12053
Connie G.	1/24/1987.....	11323
Anne Elizabeth H.....	1/1/1988.....	10958
Douglas F.....	1/4/1989.....	10592
Jane R.....	1/11/1989.....	10592
Jerry F.....	1/27/1989.....	10592
Gerry B.....	1/20/1990.....	10227
Rhonda S.....	1/18/1992.....	9497
Ron H.....	1/17/1993.....	9131
Douglas P.	1/29/1992.....	9131
Ron H.....	1/17/1993.....	9131
Dottie D.....	1/20/1993.....	9131
Barbara L.....	1/13/1994.....	8766
Becky C.....	1/29/1995.....	8401
Mike O.....	1/6/1996.....	8036
Craig W.....	1/20/1996.....	8036
Roy N.....	1/23/1996.....	8036
Becky K.....	1/13/1997.....	7670
Melissa L.....	1/20/1997.....	7670
Tracie J.....	1/12/1999.....	6940
Ame F.....	1/16/1999.....	6940
Rodger L.....	1/30/1999.....	6940
Collin K.....	1/24/2000.....	6575
Lori M.....	1/10/2001.....	6209
Brenda B.....	1/14/2001.....	6209
Jason G.....	1/22/2001.....	6209
Matt P.....	1/26/2001.....	6209
Lisa H.....	1/28/2001.....	6209
Tom W.....	1/12/2004.....	5114
Norman H.....	1/1/2005.....	4748
Sam V.....	1/1/2005.....	4748
Will P.....	1/5/2006.....	4383
Lee Z.....	1/9/2006.....	4383
Christie D.....	1/22/2006.....	4383
Brent B.....	1/17/2007.....	4018
Jene V.....	1/1/2008.....	3653
Chandler.....	1/1/2008.....	3653
Kevin B.....	1/21/2008.....	3653
Andrea N.....	1/29/2009.....	3287
Paul T.....	1/24/2010.....	2922
Jim M.....	1/27/2010.....	2922
David T.....	1/2/2011.....	2557
Elizabeth T.....	1/23/2012.....	2192
Bethann T.....	1/4/2013.....	1826
Steve S.....	1/10/2013.....	1826
Tamara L.....	1/11/2013.....	1826
Marylyn W.....	1/18/2013.....	1826
Stephanie.....	1/17/2014.....	1461
April M.....	1/25/2017.....	365

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.



Step One~ We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition One~ Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Concept One~ Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

grat·i·tude:



the quality of being thankful;
readiness to show appreciation
for and to return kindness.

At Wit's End

Just Following Suggestions

A man walks into a saloon and orders 10 shots of whiskey. The bartender gladly sets up 10 shots.

The guy reaches for shot number two and downs it. He then knocks back shot number three, then four and so on, until he finishes shot number 10. He puts his money on the bar, thanks the bartender and starts to leave.

"Hey fella, you forgot one," the bartender says.

"Oh, no thanks," the guy replies. "I'm in AA. They told me never to pick up the first drink."

—Ron R., Cement City, Mich.

From the February 2016 magazine



PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

Meets 1st Monday's at 7:00pm

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

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

For more information contact the office.

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

1125 N Dobson Rd

Antioch Community Church

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Beth H

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

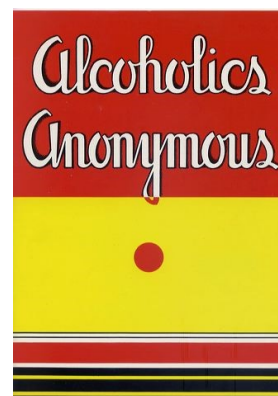
10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Gilbert Presbyterian Church)

Contact: Gail H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

January 6th - Sunset Group

Join the

EVI Unity Committee

Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday

Antioch Community Church

1125 N. Dobson Rd Chandler

EVI Special Events Committee

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

Antioch Community Church

1125 N Dobson Rd Chandler

contact: Deana E.

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting*1st Friday of Every Month***Meeting Now At 7:30pm**

Antioch Community Church

1125 North Dobson Road, Chandler

January 5th - SNBBSS

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 now*****

Central Office Manager's Report

December 15, 2017

Happy Holidays and a big Thank You to all who have volunteered their time and support this past year. You are too many to list in this limited space and I would surely not remember everyone but you know who you are. Thanks to you the hand of A.A. has been available for another year to those seeking help in the East Valley.

Business was about average for November with 415 requests for information and assistance last month. Of those 105 calls were for meeting info, 122 were office visitors and 6 resulted in a 12 step calls. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for November were 292 views, 241 went to our website and 51 mapped our location..

We have been upgrading some of the equipment at the office. We've purchased a new, 2 line phone for the front desk, a more professional paper cutter and had both of our copiers professionally cleaned and serviced. These upgrades have and a surge in office volunteers has enabled us to do more in house printing. We now have a "A.A. Meeting In A Pocket", "Daily Meditation Guide", "Tips For The Holidays" and EVI bookmarks available FREE until the end of the year. Please take as many as you want for your Group and them for all their support.

We have put together the East Valley Holiday Events list for the phone volunteers and anyone else who may want one. It will be posted on our website too. We've tried to be as complete as possible listing the Groups special schedules and events. Thanks to everyone who responded to our call for information.

Please take some Gratitude With Service forms back to your Home Group and encourage members to sign up for these vital service positions. The holidays are here and it is our busiest time of the year for 12 step calls. Who knows what good may happen if we just answer the call.

I hope you all have a very Happy and Sober Holiday season.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service

Kim W. Central Office Manager

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Nov.	2017
Meeting Information Calls	105	1,304
General Information	84	1,163
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	2	83
Referred to Al-Anon.....	13	149
Referred to Community Info.....	0	8
12th Step Calls.....	6	90
Business Calls.....	83	1,200
Office Visitors.....	122	1,536
Meeting lists printed.....	800	11,200
Info request via E-mail.....	55	556
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	20/ 3/ 1	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	2660hrs	

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 39,484 YTD 262,275
Google Searches last 30 days 292

Meeting List Updates...

New Meetings:

Both Books 1565 E Warner Rd. Rm 206A Tempe MO 5:45 C,BB,T
(starts Oct. 16th)
Serenity Seekers 4601 E Dolphin Ave Rm 14 Mesa TH 11:00am O
Great Start 19729 E San Tan Blvd (QC Meeting House) M-F 8:00a

Changes:

Grateful Girlfriends 20913 E Ocotillo Rd Queen Creek is now at 6:00pm O
Not A Glum Lot **Now Meeting At:** 1365 E Elliot Rd. Tempe MO 9:00am W,BB,C
Happy Hour 1432 N Scottsdale Rd. Valley Alano, Tempe MO-SA 5:30pm O

Deletions:

Tempe High Noon 1945 E Guadalupe Rd. MO, WE, FR 12 Noon

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District 08-819
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Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
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Mesa, AZ 85277

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

Valleywide H & I
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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



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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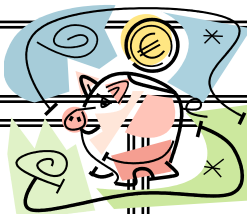
GROUP	Nov.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$200.00
12 X 12 @ 12		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$1,050.00
24 Hours A Day		\$50.00
A Vision For You Group		\$571.78
ABC Group		\$0.00
AHA! It's Monday		\$250.00
Ahwatukee Daybreak Serenity		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$410.91
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,550.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$272.92	\$1,562.12
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$75.18
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$100.00	\$1,150.00
ASCYPAA		\$0.00
As You Wake Up		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$60.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$60.00
Basic II		\$300.00
Bloopers	\$30.00	\$530.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$500.00
Breakfast Club		\$150.00
Busted Ego	\$240.00	\$720.00
By The Book		\$438.27
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$30.92
Chandler Noon Group	\$72.40	\$1,059.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$1,245.62
Cold Coffee Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Copper Basin Group		\$319.94
Courage To Change		\$100.00
Daily Reflections Group		\$75.00
Day At A Timers		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$1,050.00
Easy Does It Group		\$888.70
Experience, Strength and Hope		\$0.00
Eye Opener Group	\$100.00	\$300.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$65.25
Friday Night Big Book Study		\$0.00
Friends Of Bill W.	\$87.00	\$206.00
Get It Together	\$780.20	\$4,184.46
Gilbert Gals		\$525.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12 Group		\$0.00
Grateful Dames	\$210.00	\$210.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$47.00
Gratitude Group	\$157.00	\$390.00
Gut Level		\$104.40
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$605.55
Heard It Thru The Grapevine		\$100.00
Into Action		\$0.00
Inwardly Reorganized	\$100.00	\$100.00
Keep It Simple		\$203.00
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$585.00
Life In The Big Book		\$909.66
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$20.00	\$120.00
Maricopa Group		\$0.00
Mesa Group		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Morning After Group		\$394.00
Name In The Hat		\$400.00
New Beginnings	\$60.00	\$555.00
New Hope Group		\$20.00
New Spirit Group		\$900.00
No Name AA Group		\$300.00
Not A Glum Lot		\$320.00
Page A Day Group		\$3,726.73

GROUP	Nov.	YTD
Pioneer Group		\$130.00
Price Is Right	\$350.00	\$821.00
Primary Purpose BB Study		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$517.00
Prime Time		\$75.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$40.00
Puttin' Sober East		\$0.00
Putting God First		\$700.00
Queen Creek Saturday Speaker		\$80.74
Re-Awakening Group		\$400.00
Remember When		\$180.00
Renewed Spirit		\$900.00
Right Place Women's		\$0.00
Rising Spirit		\$741.15
Road To Recovery	\$137.88	\$4,578.25
Second Chance Group		\$1,010.77
Seniors In Sobriety-Tempe		\$150.00
Serenity At Six		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$50.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$216.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$300.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$259.17
Society Group		\$500.00
Solutions Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$0.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$0.00
Spirited Women		\$387.50
Step By Step Group		\$44.00
Stepping Stones	\$100.00	\$510.00
Sunday Morning Women		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study	\$448.90	\$923.95
Sun Lakes Women		\$80.00
Sunland Serenity Seekers		\$186.50
Sunset Group	\$15.00	\$630.00
Tempe Group		\$100.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$425.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$0.00
Tempe Young People	\$312.00	\$807.00
The Library		\$208.00
The Real Thing		\$59.69
The Way Out Group	\$100.00	\$800.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out	\$100.00	\$225.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$400.00
Upon Awakening	\$700.00	\$2,170.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$0.00
We Agnostics		\$500.00
We Can Group		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Step		\$526.70
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home	\$300.00	\$400.00
West Chandler Men's		\$120.00
Who's Driving Your Bus?		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$250.00
Women in Gratitude	\$71.00	\$388.00
Women in Solution		\$634.00
Women in Touch		\$511.00
*Anonymous Groups		\$144.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
SWACYPAA		\$0.00
AZ AA Womens Conference		\$500.00
Dist 08-818		\$546.66
Mesa Round Up		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$4,543.30	\$53,854.98
EVI Committees	\$97.00	\$1,061.77
Individual Contributions	\$452.00	\$2,538.90
GRAND TOTALS	\$5,092.30	\$57,455.65

(*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET November 30, 2017

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	4,736.60
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	24,822.25
Accounts Receivable	144.25
Inventory Asset	20,773.96
Undeposited Funds	

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$50,583.06**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	292.04
Payroll taxes	173.84

Total Liabilities **\$465.88**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	146.27
Net Income	6,191.97

Total Equity **\$50,117.18**

Total Liability & Equity **\$50,583.06**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT November 2017

26 Group contributions totaling	\$4,543.30
2 Individual contributions totaling	\$452.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$97.00

Total Contributions **\$5,092.30**

Total Income **\$9,556.08**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$3,144.44**

Gross Profit **\$6,411.64**

Less total Expenses of **\$6,210.46**

Net Nov. Gain **\$201.18**

YTD 2017 Gain **\$6,191.97**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$24,822.25
The Prudent Reserve has been
established for 2017 in the amount of \$24,859.46

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

Grateful to be of service,
Lois L. EVI Treasurer

Traditions Checklist

Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

December 15 , 2017

Meeting Opened by Ed at 7:00pm with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions ready by – meeting attendee

INTRODUCTIONS: *Your attendance and participation is appreciated and visitors are always welcome!***Intergroup Representatives:****New Reps:** Paul WADY, Keith Upon Awakening, Terri Saturday Morning Red Rocks, Nick Remember When, Barb Sisterhood Solution, Paul Gilbert Group, Kat Pigeon Coop, Justine*Shelly M. Ahwatukee Group, Larry R. Basic II, Vic V. Bloopers, Erin H. Chandler Women's BB, Connie G. Courage to Change, Larry C. East Valley Men's, Phil F. Easy Does It, Denis W. Friends of Bill W, Wendy W. Gilbert Group, James R. Gratitude Group, Brandon B. Life in the BB, Steven S. Men's Shade Tree, Peg D. Not A Glum Lot, Gail H. Page A Day, Matthew J. Primary Purpose, Robyn-Putting God First, Dani H. Real Thing, Dan S. Road to Recovery, Tim G. SNBBSS, Brandon L. Society, Tom M. Southeast Valley Stag, Peg D. Spirited Women, Kim M. Step By Step, Chuck E. Stepping Stones, Dave K. Sunset Group, Collin K. The Way Out, Ron N. Tuesday Trudgers, Troy S. Tumbleweeds, Larry C. Upon Awakening, Jim M. WADY, Jerry L. We Agnostics, Gary L. Welcome Home, John K. Who's Driving Your Bus? Regina S. Women In Gratitude.***Committee and other Trusted Servants: (N/P = Not Present)**

Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name	Service Position	Name
Chair	Ed B	Advisor - Unity	OPEN	Phone Chair	Beth
Vice Chair	Tom N	Office Manager	Kim	H&I Liaison	Roxanne
Treasurer	Lois L	Unity Chair	Larry	Spanish Liaison	Marge
Secretary	N/P	PICPC Chair	Paul	Alanon Liaison	Rosemary B.
Advisor Special	Steve	Special Events Chair	Deana	DCM 08-818	Aaron
Advisor - PICPC	Mark	Sponsorship WorkShop	Gail	DCM 08-819	Paul T
Advisor - Phones	Barbara	No Booze News	Maria	DCM 08-820	

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept- Victor, Second- Tommy**Treasurer's Report:** in packet; Motion to accept- Gary L, Second-Chuck7th Tradition:**Chairperson's Report:** Ed B – Met with church rep and was nicer in person. Rep pleased with signage at Alcathon and progress that has been made.**Vice Chair's Report:** Tom N. – Report in Packet**Office Manager Report** – Kim W —Report in packet.**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****PICPC:** Paul- AA's best practices by guidelines, wants to make sure to read what PI/CPC does from the guidebook, There is mandatory training, Homegroups can have more than 1 member, Lots of opportunities on committee.**Special Events:** Deana- Anniversary Dinner is March 10th, Needs HELP on Committee, please!**Phone Committee:** Beth- training available, Easy Does It Alcathon will have training at 2PM.**Unity Committee:** Larry- Works directly with groups to share what EVI does, Larry stepping down.**Sponsorship Workshop:** Workshops on 1st Saturday of odd months, Sunset Group hosting Jan 6th**Newsletter Editor** – Maria- crossword puzzle new addition to No Booze News, History of Homegroup features coming up**LIASION REPORTS****Alanon Liaison:** NP**H&I Liaison:** H&I had elections, \$6090.00 spent on Literature, Awareness day broke even, Rep went to National Corrections Conference,

Spanish Liaison – Marge – Attended monthly meeting, new events bulletin, H&I had elections, had a radio interview.

Sub District 08-818: -Aaron – Had elections and Potluck

Sub District 08-819: Paul – Elections and moving

Sub District 08-820: Adrian – Upcoming Rep, looking forward to position, correction workshop planned

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark – Stood for liaison -approved

Dave K. – stood for liaison- approved

Tom N. – appointed to Unity Chair

Eddy- Advisor to Unity Committee, approved

NEW BUSINESS:

Need H&I liaison

Bloopers have Spanish Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Group Problems & Solutions:

Close Meeting: Motion to close- Paul, 2nd-all, closed with Statement of Responsibility

Thank you, Ken C. for filling in as Secretary!

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“The Intergroup Association is the best insurance we can have that our life lines to the hundreds and thousands yet to come will never break or tangle. Let us always be generous. Let us always support Intergroup”.

Bill Wilson



**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.

We at GIT are lucky to have two members that are still around and can shed some light on the early years of the Get It Together Group. Although they were not at the start of the group they were members early enough to recall the stories of the founding of our group. GIT was founded in 1978 or 1979, we are not exactly sure. We have had a number of annual picnics! We have grown as a group and have moved several times since our inception as an AA group. Our members with the longest membership in the group are Warrene W. and Harry R., and these are some of their memories of the early years of GIT.

The founders of the Get It Together group were Val and his wife (name and last initial unknown), Joe H, Larry W. and Jim M. and when Warrene W. and Harry R. came around in 1980 it was a small but growing group. Some of the other members around when they came in were; Bob F. ( current member) Dugan and Mike from Wisconsin, Old George and Montana Jim, Jo, who always said she was a wino and her husband Harley who was a co- alcoholic, Cowboy Norm and Phyllis, aka the dragon Lady. The GIT group was an off shoot of an earlier Chandler meeting that met in a large house. No one knows what the resentment was that caused the break off but the other group is no longer in existence.

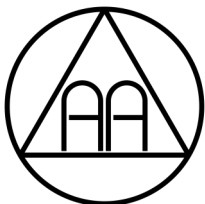
GIT used to have anniversary parties, very classy dinners at Williams field Air Force Base and a dinner dance at the Elks Lodge. There was a dinner party every year and at some point they began to have the anniversary dinner in the yard at the Smoke house with a potluck and an auction! This has evolved into our annual fall picnic! GIT also used to have a cake for each individual home group member on their birthday and we have become so large in members we can only do a monthly birthday meeting with cake these days.

The group started on Boston Street in downtown Chandler but no one recalls the address. During Warrene's first AA meeting they were talking about moving to a place on Arizona Avenue and the discussion was heated on whether the group could afford the added expense. Joe H. was very much in favor of the move and it turned out to be good for the group and they were there for many happy years! The types of meetings were very much like today's; open and closed, noon meetings, every night at 8pm, a women's meeting on Saturday morning, Men's Meeting and the Sunday 11th step meeting has always been a part of our schedule!

GIT has moved over the years. They were on Arizona Avenue for 7 to 8 years. They had to move from there because the attorney that owned the building wanted to do something else with it. We spent one year in the vacant old hospital on Chandler Blvd and then moved to the "Old smoke house" on Chandler Blvd. and were there about 8 years. GIT moved from there because there was a caretaker (an AA Member) living in the house and some felt that was a violation of AA principles. We tried then to become an Alano Club so we could keep the caretaker whom was needed to satisfy the lease and maintain the lawn. This issue caused so much dissension that we lost members over it during very heated discussions! We then made the move to Alma School and Ray location and were there for a few years! We eventually made the move to 393 W. Warner in around 1996 or 97. We moved to a larger Suite (105/106), next door, in July of 2012.

Today GIT is flourishing with an approximate membership of 400 or so recovering alcoholics! We really don't know because we keep no records of members. We have around 40 AA meetings per week and are committed to carrying out AA's primary purpose to "stay sober and help Alcoholics to achieve sobriety"! Put the plug in the jug and come see what we are about! We look forward to seeing you and helping you to stay sober!

Thanks to the groups for  
sending in their history!  
I Look forward to more  
submissions.



Please send us your stories,

MAIL, EMAIL OR CALL IT IN!!



I'd like to hear your story and put it in the No Booze News! Mail your story to the Intergroup office, or email it to me! Or call me and tell it to me and I'll write it down! Please include your name and phone number. We reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity.

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