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An Old Timer Speaks

I do not let my 35 years of sobriety get ahead of doing the deal. They told me "Don't let your years get ahead of your days." I still do the same things they taught me to do when I sobered up. I make my bed in the morning because they told me to. I pray and meditate daily because they wanted me to build my relationship with God to stay sober and get that peace they had. I go to meetings regularly because they shared "if I stop, I get drunk." I don't drink One Day at a Time because they told me it worked for them.

At times, I get tired of seeing the sickness and want to walk away. I wonder, did they get tired of me? They did not walk away but patiently tolerated me until I was ready, rather hurt bad enough. They told me, "When the pain gets worse than the fear, you'll do something about it." I see newcomers with starry eyes holding hands with their new lover hoping it will fill them and solve all their problems. We will be there when it breaks up to walk you through the steps, where the answers lie, as they did for me.

I have those who call me their Sponsor and do not call. When the student is ready the teacher will appear. We will be there for you when it all falls apart, as they were for me. I hear Emotional Dumpers spewing at meetings. We will be there when you're ready to work on it, as they were for me. They watched me grow, as we will rejoice in watching you grow.

Sometimes I outgrow people and meetings and need a change of scenery. They told me to try other meetings. They told me, "You can't keep it unless you give it away and to pass it on," as they did for me. One thing I know is: AA doesn't need me, I need AA. So, I continue to suit up and show up as they still do for me. *In Gratitude, Sherri B.*

Quote of the Month

All changes made over the years in the Big Book (A.A. members' fond nickname for this volume) have had the same purpose: to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics. If you have a drinking problem, we hope that you may pause in reading one of the forty-two personal stories and think: "Yes, that happened to me"; or, more important, "Yes, I've felt like that"; or, most important, "Yes, I believe this program can work for me too."

-Preface to the 4th Edition

Sanity Restored

Sobriety means more than a lengthy string of days.

This November I will have seven years continuous sobriety. Seven years of doing the right thing. Seven years of not letting myself use alcohol as a way to cope with life. It seems like a lot of time, yet staying sober is more than an accomplishment memorialized by a chip and cake at my home group.

Sobriety for the sake of long-lasting sobriety, or a large amount of time sober, has never been my focus. I've simply stayed sober one day at a time, while knowing the most important time in my recovery is my current 24 hours. I have to say I'm not as impressed as I thought I might be with the lengthier amount of time I've accumulated. Yet I am in wonder and awe at what continuous sobriety represents—the restoration of sanity.

In the Big Book Chapter "A Vision For You," I have seen myself. I am the proverbial "corker" the head nurse talked about when Bill and Dr. Bob enquired about "a first-class alcoholic prospect." I truly had no idea how long I stayed in my alcoholic insanity. I simply woke up in August 2013 in an emergency room, irritated because of all the shouting coming from some insane person. As I came out of a major blackout, I realized the insane person causing me so much irritation was, in fact, me. I was tied down to a gurney and had several IVs going. A cop came into the room and told me I very nearly died of alcohol poisoning. I felt such a profound sense of shame for being such a burden on society that I sought help and found that help in Alcoholics Anonymous.

I thought all I needed to do was stay sober and the rest would come. Nine months later, I relapsed. And in that relapse, I finally found the desperation and bottom needed to set me on a course out of insanity. Alcohol, it seemed, was not my problem. It had merely become a symptom of my insanity, and that insanity started long before I ever took my first drink. Therefore, I find that my continuous sobriety is simply a marker on a calendar revealing to me the time spent restoring myself to sanity.

The first seed of sanity came when I realized my powerlessness over alcohol and the unmanageability of even the simplest things in life. Sanity grew as I relied on an external power to bring balance to my life. Sanity blossomed even further after I let go of the idea that I could become sane on my own. Each step of the process of regaining my humanity also bought me a little more sanity.

Moral bankruptcy turned into moral equity, hidden horrors became total transparency, self-hate turned into forgiveness and removal of defects of character, arrogance gave way to humility, blaming others was traded for personal accountability, selfishness gave way to seeking justice for others other than myself, procrastination was squelched with prompt appraisal of my behavior, dwelling in morbid thought became meditation on higher ideals and spiritual ruin was replaced with an awakening of spirit of the "educational variety," as the Big Book says. And all the sanity I gained, I freely share with those in need.

My sober date is just a number that indicates how long I've worked on my sanity. If I remain happy, joyful and free of the insanity lurking in the background, waiting for the opportunity to imprison me yet again through an alcoholic stupor, I just may be blessed with an opportunity to pass on my newfound sanity to one that still suffers. When that day comes, I will embrace it as the very good day it will be. And remember that I got there one day at a time.

—Michael P.

From the Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions

Tradition Nine - "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

WHEN Tradition Nine was first written, it said that "Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization." In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today, we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous—A.A. as a whole—should never be organized at all. Then, in seeming contradiction, we proceed to create special service boards and committees which in themselves are organized.

-pg. 172

Please use the **Gratitude With Service** form below to volunteer for any of EVI's Standing Committees, such as **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

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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

46TH GREAT OUTDOOR BEAVER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1 ~ 4, 2022

BEAVER UT

ROCKY POINT ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 14 ~ 16

SONORAN SEA RESORT

PUERTO PENASCO, MEXICO

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2021

2025 RESERVATION LOOP RD.

JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE AZ

MIRACLE ON THE RIVER

NOVEMBER 4 ~ 6

100 PARK AVE.

LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ

APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 11 ~ 13

APACHE LAKE MARINA AND RESORT

APACHE LAKE, AZ

**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)

PRAASA 2023

Save the Date

March 3 ~ 5, 2023

Los Angeles, CA

**East Valley Intergroup
Unity Day**

October 29th, 2022

9am to 2pm

**2222 S Price Rd. Tempe AZ
(Church of the Epiphany)**

***Come check out service opportunities
at your Intergroup. Presentations
from all the service committees.***

***Free lunch at 11:30 and Speaker at
12:30pm.***

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

Arizona Area 03

November Assembly

November 5th

425 S Power Rd. Mesa AZ

National A.A. Technology Workshop

September 9 - 11, 2022

Attend in-person or online.

Information and registration at

NAATW.org

Name	Date	
Anne V.	9/8/1982	14610
Ramona P.	9/30/1982	14610
Mickey A.	9/14/1984	13879
Beth H.	9/29/1985	13514
Tisha N.	9/12/1986	13149
Denis S.	9/21/1988	12418
Ron S.	9/16/1989	12053
Guff W.	9/30/1989	12053
Gary L.	9/5/1990	11688
Roy B.	9/2/1991	10958
Lauren B.	9/21/1997	9131
Terri B.	9/12/1998	8766
Dallas F.	9/5/2001	7670
Chrystal L.	9/13/2002	7305
Debbie C.	9/22/2004	6565
Charlene R.	9/9/2005	6209
Amanda B.	9/13/2005	6209
Barbara C.	9/23/2005	6209
Don D.	9/18/2006	5844
Brett A.	9/4/2007	5479
James L.	9/9/2010	4383
Michael M.	9/20/2010	4383
Margaret B.	9/26/2010	4383
Nick V.	9/28/2010	4383
Virgil F.	9/30/2010	4383
Steve P.	9/11/2011	4018
Lee Ann W.	9/19/2011	4018
Ted P.	9/2/2012	3652
Mike H.	9/8/2012	3652
Adrian B.	9/26/2013	3287
Mark E.	9/1/2014	2922
Linda O.	9/18/2014	2922
Terry F.	9/26/2014	2922
Dana P.	9/2/2015	2557
Mike R.	9/28/2015	2557
Judy W.	9/30/2015	2557
Denise V.	9/20/2016	2191
Christel A.	9/25/2016	2191
Ryan M.	9/5/2017	1861
Lorenzo L.	9/8/2018	1461
Noah G.	9/9/2018	1461

Feeling UN-connected in AA?

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (*PICPC*) is a great place to plug back in.

How can you help?

Create a new service position in your homegroup for a **PICPC rep.**

Several groups in the East Valley send a representative to the monthly committee meeting. This person will share specific service opportunities back to their homegroup. For example, *Ahwatukee Men's Group* created a specific committee of homegroup members to help with outreach to East Valley Faith Leaders. The homegroup members have a unified approach to service commitments!

- Volunteer to take meeting lists to RV Parks and Seasonal Parks in the East Valley.
- Volunteer to help committee members with outreach to East Valley Veteran Services and other Government programs.
- Volunteer to help committee members with outreach to East Valley Schools and Educational Services.
- Volunteer to help committee members with outreach to Media (print, radio, television) to run free Public Service Announcements.

These are only a few examples how to be of service through the PICPC committee. Outreach might mean sending an email (*we have templates*) or attempting phone calls (*we have scripts*).

Questions? Email: picpc@aamesaaz.org



Step Nine~ Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine~ A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept Nine~ Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

**** This Sept Committee meeting is on ****

Tues, Sept 6th due to Labor Day.

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.

480 827-1905 or email picpc@aamesaaz.org

aamesaaz.org



EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at

On ZOOM

aamesaaz.org

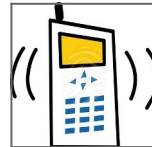
Or

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

September 3 ~ East Valley Men's Stag



"Pardon me, is this where I get the message?"

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

September 2 ~ Sunset Group

October 7 ~ We Agnostics

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

July 15, 2022

I want to start this report with a big "Thank You" for your vote of confidence and the additional 2% salary increase at last month's intergroup meeting. It truly is an honor and a privilege to work for Alcoholics Anonymous and it is good to know that my efforts are noticed and appreciated. I do feel the love and am grateful for it.

In July we received 360 requests for information and assistance during office hours. Of those 87 calls were for meeting info, 97 were office visitors and 15 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy with 20,718 visits. And our Google totals for July were 3,775 views. Of those 414 went to our website, 74 requested directions and 60 gave us a call.

All **Big Books are back in stock.** We will be increasing our inventory levels a bit until AAWS resolves their availability challenges. Currently there are good stock levels of all the AAWS titles at your Central Office.

If you're Service Committee or Group is planning an event, please remember to send a flier to the office. They will be made available in the office and on the website as well as being listed in the No Booze News. We want to help make your events and service endeavors a success and to share information with our local fellowship. Our high capacity copier is also available for your use. We just ask that you cover the cost of supplies if making several copies. The 100, 60 and 40 cup coffee pots at the office are also available for Group events. Just call the office to reserve them in advance.

The ICOAA seminar is being held September 1 to 5 2022 in Denver CO. I have registered and made reservations. I currently serve on the Site Committee and as Alt Secretary for this group as well as a past host. This will be our first live seminar since we hosted it here in Mesa with the other Intergroups of the valley in 2019.

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

..... July	2022
Meeting Information Calls.....	87 773
General Information	87 704
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	2 26
Referred to Al-Anon.....	6 74
Referred to Community Info.....	0
12th Step Calls.....	15 127
Business Calls.....	66 546
Office Visitors	97 789
Meeting lists printed.....	800 5600
Info request via E-mail	42 252
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	30/ 4/ 2
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	820hrs
Web Stats	
Website Visits last 30 days	20,718 YTD 159,825
Google Searches last 30 days	3,775

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:

Easy Does It	1933 E University Dr #24, Mesa	MO & WE 6:30am O
The Society	9333 E. Main St. Mesa	SU 6:30am C, Meditation
Femme Fatal Freethinkers	4415 S Rural Rd. Tempe	SA 4:30pm W, Secular

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
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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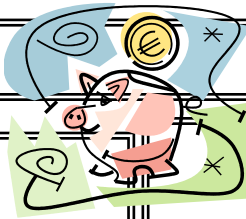
GROUP	July	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$300.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
24 Hours A Day		\$0.00
417 Group		\$200.00
A Vision For You Group		\$0.00
ABC Group	\$50.00	\$150.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$422.69
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$225.77	\$1,558.31
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$500.00
Basic II		\$100.00
BBookworms	\$192.00	\$912.00
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$125.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$60.30
Breakfast Club		\$500.00
Busted Ego		\$0.00
By The Book		\$467.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group		\$889.74
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread	\$531.36	\$1,469.30
Courage To Change		\$400.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$200.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$0.00
East Valley Veterans		\$392.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$622.09
Eye Opener Group		\$300.00
Family Recovery Group		\$200.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$750.00
Fill in the Blank	\$181.00	\$564.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$310.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friday Night BB		\$250.00
Get In The Car	\$100.00	\$100.00
Get It Together	\$14.29	\$2,143.61
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
Gratitude Group		\$263.00
Great Start		\$800.00
Gut Level		\$100.00
Happy Destiny		\$50.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$150.00
Hope For Today		\$157.22
Keepin It Real Ladies		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$50.00
Last Resort		\$42.81
Life In The Big Book		\$612.10
Livin Life Women	\$150.00	\$150.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$200.00
Maricopa Group		\$145.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$500.00
Miracle House	\$46.12	\$386.95
Morning After		\$93.00
Name In The Hat		\$600.00
New Beginnings		\$200.00
New Spirit Group	\$346.00	\$752.00
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$245.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$200.00
Page A Day	\$586.75	\$2,941.02

GROUP	July	YTD
Patio Group		\$1,279.20
Pioneer Group		\$404.36
Price Is Right		\$50.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$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	\$20.00	\$20.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$250.00
Rising Spirit		\$0.00
Road To Recovery	\$50.00	\$2,050.93
Rock Solid		\$50.00
San Tan Men's		\$180.00
Second Chance Group		\$200.00
Serenity Now	\$17.85	\$348.00
Shade Tree		\$300.00
Sisterhood Of Solutions		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks	\$5.00	\$5.00
Society Group		\$1,000.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$450.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$800.00
Spirited Women		\$200.00
Step By Step Group		\$214.67
Steppers		\$110.00
Stepping Stones	\$50.00	\$280.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$236.00
Sundowners		\$286.20
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker	\$75.00	\$484.75
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group	\$100.00	\$200.00
Tempe Nooners	\$50.00	\$350.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$437.50
The Library	\$38.00	\$82.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group		\$403.89
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out	\$50.00	\$230.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$89.00	\$264.00
Upon Awakening		\$1,700.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$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	\$235.52	\$491.52
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	\$3,672.53	\$41,556.80
EVI Committees	\$89.50	\$526.95
Individual Contributions	\$763.42	\$4,201.47
GRAND TOTALS	\$4,525.45	\$46,285.22

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET Junly 31, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	6,979.15
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,421.98
Accounts Receivable	1,346.45
Inventory Asset	26,596.32
Undeposited Funds	0.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$82,413.43**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	110.00

Total Liabilities **\$0.00**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,242.68
Net Income	5,281.81

Total Equity **\$82,303.43**

Total Liability & Equity **\$82,413.43**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT July, 2022

27 Group contributions totaling	\$3,379.44
15 Individual contributions totaling	\$763.42
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$89.50
Total Contributions	\$4,525.45
Total Income	\$10,449.34
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$4,028.07
Gross Profit	\$6,421.27
Less total Expenses of	\$7,574.26
Net July Loss	(\$1,152.99)
YTD 2022 Gain	\$5,281.81

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,421.98

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

Trad's Checklist

Tradition Nine: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

- 1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?**
- 2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?**
- 3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?**
- 4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?**
- 5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?**
- 6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?**
- 7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully-and profit thereby-when the time comes?**
- 8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?**

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes August 19, 2022

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

Attendees:

AJ G – Rising Spirit, Ashlee St. – Price is Right, Beth N – The Society, Blake, Cannon G – Santan Men's, Charles B – Ahwatukee Men's, Charlie R – East Valley Men's Stag, Chris M – Putting God First, CJ – Gold Canyon Firehouse group, Cris H – Bloopers, Danielle H – Sunset Group, Dave T – Sunday Night BB Step Study, Deb – Sun Lakes Women's, Debbie C, Elizabeth L – Rising Spirit, Erika – Alt WIG, Jannette K – The Tribe, Jon D – Page A Day, Kara P – Ahwatukee Group, Kevin M, Marge M – Easy Does It, Michael M – The Way Out, Mike K – Busted Ego, Nina – Life in the Big Book, Regina S, Richard H – Step By Step, Rob F – Bootstrap Men's, Robin F – LLWG, Rose M – Happy Hour, Scott C – Tumbleweed, Shauna – Ahwatukee BBW, Susan G – WIG, Tehan H – Putting God First, Tim R – Patio Group, Tom C – Upon Awakening, Tracey C – By the Book, Tracy L – Feelings & Solutions, Wally E. – Chandler Noon Group

Welcome to the New Reps:

Jannette K, Tracy – Feelings and Solutions

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	X	H&I Liaison	Dave T	X
V. Chair	Barb M	X	Chair- Special Events	Roberta	X	Spanish Liaison	Natalie	
Treasurer	Joseph M	X	Chair- PI/CPC	Andrea	X	Al-anon Liaison	Rebecca	
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	
Advisor- PI/CPC	Regan		Chair- Sponsorship	Ken C	X	DCM 08-820	Wayne S	
Advisor- Phones	Gary L.	X	No Booze News	Mike K.	X			
Advisor- Unity	Cole L.	X	Chair - Literature	Monica S				

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tary's Report: Lois L. – presented report. Ashley made motion to accept – CJ 2nd. Motion passed.

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

7th Tradition: \$38. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website www.aamesaaz.org

Chairperson's Report: J J. – Monica S. is our new Literature Chair, Roberta E. is our new Special Events Chair. Mary Beth T. is our Ad-Hoc Committee Chair for chat/website.

Vice Chairperson Report: Barb M. - Review SC minute for VC activities. Attended Post-Conference Assembly, and 08-820 potluck/speaker meeting, well attended.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. Zooming in from Durango. Thank you all for your vote last month, humbled and appreciate vote of confidence. Will try to live up to it!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Andrea M. – reviewed report in packet. Thanks especially to the Ahwatukee Men's group – reaching out to several Mosques – met with leaders – one Imam attended an A.A. meeting and wanted more literature. Groups can volunteer to get involved in any area of PI/CPC that may interest them. Lots of service work available. Many ways to reach out to the public to help folks learn what A.A. is and what it isn't. Our work runs parallel to H&I. Committee usually meets the 1st Monday of every month, in September will meet on Tuesday, September 6th due to holiday on September 5th (Labor Day).

Special Events: Roberta – Bowling was a great success – 114 bowlers!! 33 folks bought tickets at the venue. Will have a sign-up sheet next month for the Thanksgiving Alcahthon and 2023 Speaker Meetings. Flyer for upcoming Unity Day event is in the packet that was emailed to us all.

Phone committee: Gary – all slots are full for August. Position of Co-chair is open.

Unity Committee: Ben– This committee reaches out to “dark” meetings in the East Valley (meetings without an EVI rep). We can use some volunteers – asking folks to go out to ONE extra meeting this coming month to let them know what EVI is and how they can connect. We have a script you can use.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. – The next Sponsorship Workshop will be September 3rd at 10am hosted by the East Valley Men’s Stag. Coffee and snacks are served. They have been meeting at the EVI office but the room is getting full!! Looking for other rooms to meet in. Will bring sign-up sheet next month for 2023. Sign your group up to host.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Mike –Received some story submissions last week – thanks. Mike turns them in to the office on Mondays – printing is done on Wednesdays. Not too late to submit a story tonight!

Literature: Monica S.E. – not present

Ad-Hoc Committee (chat/website): Mary Beth T. – not present

LIASION REPORTS

AI-anon Liaison: Rebecca – not present

H&I Liaison: Dave T. – Attended July 10th meeting – \$10,059 rec’d last month in contributions, Balance now is \$42,244.56. If you need Big Books or 12x12’s for an institution meeting, you can order via the link on the website: www.vwhi.org Looking for people to get badged to go into Lewis Prison and Perryville Prison. International Corrections Conference coming up – have approved \$400 to send a rep.

Spanish Liaison: Natalie – not present

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

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

Sub District 08-820: Wayne – not present.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

7:48pm Timothy - Motion to close. Marge – 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Lois L

EVI Secretary

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.

The Motley Crew: Young and Sober -Katie N. -Sept 2021

I didn't really want to drive across town, but I eventually ended up carting a bunch of AAs in my car over to the restaurant. Man, did we have fun.

The Young People's Group (YPG) of Citrus County started in December 2015 when a group of young recovering alcoholics noticed there was not a meeting specifically geared toward younger newcomers in our area of Florida. The Nature Coast is known for attracting retirees. And as much as we love our seasoned neighbors, a few of us felt there was a need for a sober gathering place that might be attractive to young people seeking sobriety.

With the help of a wise AA member who had experience in setting up meetings, we learned the basics of starting a new one. We asked a pastor of a local church who had never before hosted any AA meetings to let us use the church's space and he welcomed us in.

The meeting started with a handful of 20- and 30-somethings and quickly grew to be a sober landing spot for folks of all ages. Many older people who happened into our meeting would comment, "But I'm not a young person." We would laugh and explain that YPG is just a name and that folks of all ages were welcome.

This was one of the first places where I experienced the "meeting after the meeting." One day, a few of us decided to grab dinner after our meeting. I didn't really want to drive across town to a waterfront restaurant, but I eventually agreed to go and ended up carting a bunch of AAs in my car over to the restaurant. Once there, we were seated outside on a windy evening. Our group included a property developer with a designer hand bag, a high school sexual-education teacher, a man who ran a car-detailing business, a college student, a stay-at-home mom, a full-time college student and an ex-bartender. We were a motley crew, but man, did we have fun. There's a photo from that night, our hair windswept and our smiles wide. It was my first real experience of friendship in recovery.

Since then, our group has shifted and changed. Many friendships have formed and lasted through moves, babies, graduations, job promotions, family deaths and relapses. Our meeting place has since moved across the street to an upstairs room in a different church. The soft lighting and comfy couches are there to catch anyone who needs a place to vent, to heal or to just listen. The Steps and Traditions hang on the back wall, ever reminding each of us who we are, what we are and why we're here. We come to meetings not just for the fellowship and the hugs and the support, though these are indeed bright spots in our lives. We attend meetings to help the newcomer, the fragile soul who's stumbling into what many refer to as the "last house on the block." Once settled into this recovery network, an alcoholic can realize the sweet and gracious deal that is sobriety.

Our YPG aims to be a bridge from the street to the Steps, where freedom rings every Friday night at 8 pm. All visitors Welcome.