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NO BOOZE NEWS

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*happy
joyous
& free*

Being new hasn't stopped him from jumping in.

It's the Third Friday Evening of the Month... What Should I Do?

Ah, Friday evening. The end of the work week for many and time to kick back, relax and do something fun and restorative! What will it be: A movie? A meal at a favorite restaurant? A concert?

Nope – something even more fun and restorative! Attend the monthly EVI Business Meeting!

I'm new. New to AA and new to EVI. January 21st was my first business meeting as the newly appointed EVI Rep. of Tempe Sunrisers.

Though new to The Program, I'm no Spring Chicken (72) and have attended many business meetings over the years for a variety of organizations. These are almost always events accompanied by a sense of dreary obligation, drudgery and even cynicism.

I expected Friday night's meeting to be more of the same. Not so! What I saw and felt was happy dedication vs. dreary obligation, delight vs. drudgery and optimism vs. cynicism! Definitely "no glum lot" but folks who are "happy, joyous and free" and anxious to share that feeling with others. What a wonderful revelation!

Moreover, I was blown away by the scope of EVI's work! Like the typically uninformed I was clueless as to the many initiatives underway and the number of dedicated souls working hard to bring them to fruition. It's very inspiring!

I am so pleased to be of service to this effort, grateful to be a part of this awesome team and thankful for fun, rewarding Friday evenings every month in the future!

Jerry A.
Tempe Sunrisers

Willingness

"When I am willing to do the right thing I am rewarded with an inner peace no amount of liquor could ever provide."

Three years ago we had to bury my boy, and I'm still broken. By God's grace I have not had a drink during all this. These little kindnesses show me life is worth living.

Three years ago we had to bury my boy, and I'm still broken. At 28 years sober my disease kicked in (the rage), and I knew I had to write my story.

My uncle told me to do a family tree after my boy died. I wrote him that, to me, our family tree would look like a bunch of raggedy bushes, all different shapes and sizes with unparalleled meaninglessness. This particular uncle could always push my buttons. At every opportunity he would unsparingly remind me of my shortcomings, making me feel worthless. I still get tongue-tied in his presence.

But as I write, something is happening to me. It's a good thing. The family tree I'm concentrating on instead is a little three-foot real tree which started to grow from a flower arrangement given to me from my family.

My family is poor in most respects. I love the line in the "Twelve and Twelve" that says, "...we have some members who never seem to get on their feet moneywise, and still others who encounter heavy financial reverses." Well, that's us.

With AA, it's true I have a pretty decent attitude about things most of the time. When my gratitude lags, I remember that I have these great tools now. But not always—that old punishing God of my uncle can still tell me I'm getting just what I deserve when things go wrong. It happens sometimes.

My boy is irreplaceable. He didn't like that our family had to struggle so. But we usually kept a pretty good sense of humor. We've always been generous with one another, sharing with whichever one of us was in worse shape. Together we could make fun out of nothingness—a gift from God, for sure. Twelve Step programs are a design for living though, and so it goes. By God's grace I have not had a drink during all this.

Our family tree is planted just outside my fenced-in porch. One day I placed some little stones around the tree and propped it up with a couple of sticks. A couple of kids sent some flowers for a birthday; then along came some mini rose bushes. I put them there too. Another boy brought a little mica-speckled oval flat stone by and we placed it beneath the tree. These things grew and flowered, small but sweet.

These little kindnesses show me life is worth living. There's no such thing as unparalleled meaninglessness after all.

From the 12 X 12

Step 2 *"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."*

"What can we believe in? A.A. does not demand belief; Twelve Steps are only suggestions. Importance of an open mind. Variety of ways to faith. Substitution of A.A. as Higher Power. Plight of the disillusioned. Roadblocks of indifference and prejudice. Lost faith found in A.A. Problems of intellectuality and self-sufficiency. Negative and positive thinking. Self-righteousness. Defiance is an outstanding characteristic of alcoholics. Step Two is a rallying point to sanity. Right relation to God.

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

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

Volunteer Service Options

Check only those you are willing to commit time to

12th Step List Volunteer

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weekdays**

Phones Night & Weekend

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Office Phone Volunteer**

☐ **Other Office Help**

Committees of Interest

Check only those you are willing to serve on

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

☐ **Special Events**

☐ **Literature**

☐ **Newsletter (*No Booze News*)**

☐ **Unity Committee**

☐ **Deliver A Meeting**

ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

YUMA ROUNDUP
FEBRUARY 10 ~ 12, 2023
YUMA CIVIC CENTER
1440 W DESERT HILLS DR. YUMA AZ



PRAASA 2023

Hosted By Area 05 Southern California
March 3 - 5, 2023
Save the date
More info to come
Area03.org



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 44th Anniversary Dinner

May 6th , 2023
1525 N. Power Rd. Mesa.
Love of Christ Church
Dinner and a Speaker
Need Home Group to make baskets for raffle
Save the date. More info to come.

SRI 80th Anniversary of

A.A. in the Valley

April 15th, 2023
4455 E Lincoln Dr.
Paradise Valley



New Monthly Speaker Event
Southeast Valley Speaker Meeting

1st Saturday of each month at 7pm
1825 S Alma School Rd. Chandler
(Compass Point Church)

**PRINCIPLES
BEFORE
PERSONALITIES**

Name	Date
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Thomas T	2/15/1975	17532
Judy A.	2/15/1976	17167
Stephen P.	2/21/1982	14975
Jerry L.	2/24/1983	14610
Pat W.	2/2/1985	13879
Kathy K.	2/27/1985	13879
Monica G.	2/23/1990	12053
Rob W.	2/28/1993	10957
Brian G.	2/28/1993	10957
Del S.	2/15/1995	10227
Buddy M.	2/19/1996	9862
Linda S.	2/28/1996	9862
Bev M.	2/26/1996	9862
Rosemarie R.	2/27/1997	9496
Robert B.	2/14/2001	8035
Phil H.	2/4/2002	7670
Frank G.	2/7/2005	6574
Judy K.	2/11/2006	6209
Jason T.	2/17/2007	5844
Michael K.	2/14/2008	5479
Jason C.	2/17/2009	5113
Ralph C.	2/17/2009	5113
Alex B.	2/1/2010	4748
Kirsten J.	2/2/2010	4748
Mathew D.	2/5/2010	4748
Joel (JJ) G.	2/17/2010	4748
Brad B.	2/21/2012	4018
Dewey D.	2/22/2012	4018
Scott H.	2/10/2014	3287
Jerry T.	2/12/2014	3287
John K.	2/9/2015	2922
Mike J.	2/12/2015	2922
Delia S.	2/12/2015	2922
Joe M.	2/18/2015	2922
Chad C.	2/15/2016	2557
Barbara E.	2/22/2016	2557
Alissa A.	2/17/2018	1826
Troy D.	2/21/2018	1826
Rebecca S.	2/28/2019	1461
Alesha D.	2/28/2019	1461
Doug H.	2/2/2020	1096
Jackie S.	2/16/2021	730

Some Good Old-Timers Wisdom...



- *I suffer from alcoholism not alcohol was-ism...*
- *Hang around a barber shop long enough and you're going to get a haircut.*
- *I don't think much of myself, but I am all I think about.*
- *Get your butt out of my chair...*

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.

- **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 Eat Valley Schools and Educational Services.
- **Volunteer** to help committee members with outreach to Media (print, radio, television) to run free Public Service Announcements.

Questions? Email: picpc@aamesaaz.org

Step Two~ "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Tradition Two~ "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Concept Two~ "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs."

PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

1st Mondays at 7pm.

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

February 4 ~ Page A Day

Tell us all about it and contribute:

aamesaaz.org/contact/

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

February 3 ~East Valley Men's

March 3rd ~ Upon Awakening

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 and Regular Shifts Available *****

Central Office Manager's Report

January 20, 2022

Happy New Year, welcome to 2023. In December we received 451 requests for information and assistance. Of those 106 calls were for meeting info, 137 were office visitors and, 12 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 26,937 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing received 3,256 views in December with 75 giving us a call, 417 visiting our website and 100 requesting directions to the office.

I have been working with the District 12(Casa Grande, Florence, Maricopa, etc.) webmaster. They have a new website, aapinalcounty.org. and an updated meeting directory. Britt has been a great help in linking the meetings we both list. This keeps the listings consistent and eliminates duplicate listings in Meeting Guide app. A big thanks for all your help, Britt.

Literature has been ordered from AAWS. Books that were out of stock at the warehouse are now available but some pamphlets are not. Hardcover Big Books and 12 and 12s now have no dust covers, the covers are now printed on the books themselves. We have a complete selection of all AA produced literature, including the new Grapevine books, here at the office. Please support your local Intergroup by purchasing A.A. produced literature from local A.A. sources. We are your most affordable source for A.A. literature.

Along with the new year comes our usual spike in calls from those who may be having a hard time with those resolutions to quit drinking. Please consider signing up for the 12 step list and be a hand of AA. Service opportunities are available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage the 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

.....	Dec.	2022
Meeting Information Calls.....	106	1293
General Information	116	1201
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	1	50
Referred to Al-Anon.....	7	115
Referred to Community Info.....	0	4
12th Step Calls.....	12	197
Business Calls.....	72	930
Office Visitors	137	1359
Meeting lists printed.....	800	9600
Info request via E-mail	55	475
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	22/ 7/5	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.		1620hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 26,937 YTD 290,521
Google Searches last 30 days 3,256

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:

T.G.I.F.	20164 S Sossaman Rd. Queen Creek	FR 6:00pm	O
Beyond the Horizon	424 E Butte Ave. Florence	WE 5:30pm	O
Starlight Ranch	3140 N Arizona Ave. #101, Chandler	TU 7:00pm	O
Hungry Ghost	2222 S Price Rd. Tempe	WE 6:30pm	M,O
Road to Recovery	6135 e Main #102. Mesa	Daly 9:00pm	O
Easy Does It	1933 E University Dr #24, Mesa	MO thru FR 6:30am	O

Changes:

Ahwatukee Nooners moved to 2601 E Thunderbird Pl. (Esperanza Church)

Deletions:

Road to Recovery has discontinued all 8pm and 10pm meetings.

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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
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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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight	\$150.00	\$450.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
417 Group		\$200.00
A Vision For You		\$510.00
ABC Group	\$100.00	\$250.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$422.69
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$458.09
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$252.16	\$2,165.61
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$400.00	\$2,400.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$220.00
Attitude Adjustment CG	\$315.00	\$1,365.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$59.00	\$59.00
Basic II		\$100.00
BBookworms	\$330.00	\$1,242.00
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$125.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle	\$165.00	\$441.30
Breakfast Club		\$1,000.00
Busted Ego		\$425.00
By The Book		\$754.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group		\$959.74
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$452.38
Common Solution		\$0.00
Common Thread		\$1,968.54
Courage To Change		\$400.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$200.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$436.37
East Valley Veterans		\$392.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$1,066.44
Eye Opener Group		\$300.00
Family Recovery Group		\$200.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$750.00
Fill in the Blank		\$764.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$460.00
Florence Group		\$0.00
Friday Night BB		\$402.30
Get In The Car		\$100.00
Get It Together		\$3,115.75
Gilbert Gals		\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$232.42
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$400.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$65.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$699.82
Gratitude Group		\$513.00
Great Start		\$800.00
Gut Level		\$100.00
Happy Destiny		\$50.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$400.00
Hope For Today		\$220.60
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$150.00
Last Resort		\$89.36
Life In The Big Book		\$747.79
Livin Life Women		\$150.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$280.00
Maricopa Group		\$145.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$500.00
Miracle House		\$403.40
Monday Night Madness		\$130.00
Morning After		\$93.00
Name In The Hat		\$3,118.18
New Beginnings		\$200.00
New Spirit Group		\$1,140.00
No Big Deals	\$50.00	\$395.00
No Name AA Group	\$40.00	\$190.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$400.00
Page A Day		\$3,880.81

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Patio Group		\$1,279.20
Pioneer Group	\$34.20	\$489.76
Price Is Right		\$150.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$172.40
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Province Group		\$182.00
Putting God First		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$1,035.37
Re-Awakening Group		\$50.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$500.00
Rising Spirit		\$0.00
Road To Recovery	\$1,081.25	\$3,332.18
Rock Solid	\$50.00	\$100.00
San Tan Group		\$80.00
San Tan Men's		\$180.00
Second Chance Group		\$486.00
Serenity Now		\$530.40
Serenity Sisters		\$100.00
Shade Tree		\$300.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks		\$179.00
Society Group	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$650.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$800.00
Spirited Women		\$200.00
Step By Step Group	\$80.00	\$2,836.17
Steppers		\$210.00
Stepping Stones		\$430.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$236.00
Sundowners		\$300.20
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$696.75
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$200.00
Tempe Nooners		\$500.00
Tempe Sunrises		\$437.50
The Library		\$127.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Way Out Group		\$678.89
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$230.00
Tuesday's Trudgers		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$593.50
Upon Awakening		\$2,500.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$386.25
We Agnostics		\$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	\$136.97	\$738.10
Women in Solution		\$0.00
Women in Touch		\$0.00
Wonder Women-disbanded		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$38.00	\$595.11

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf.		\$501.00
Mesa Roundup		\$50.00
Dist 08-813		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$3,881.45	\$67,070.97
EVI Committees	\$70.00	\$875.95
Individual Contributions	\$698.62	\$6,650.07
GRAND TOTALS	\$,547.25	\$74,067.49

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	3,826.49
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,470.06
Accounts Receivable	622.30
Inventory Asset	23,776.76
Undeposited Funds	3,390.80

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$79,158.05**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,460.00
Visa Credit Card	300.00
Payroll taxes	220.00

Total Liabilities **\$1,760.00**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,242.68
Net Income	376.42

Total Equity **\$79,085.28**

Total Liability & Equity **\$79,158.05**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT December, 2022

22 Group contributions totaling	\$3,881.45
14 Individual contributions totaling	\$698.62
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$70.00

Total Contributions **\$4,650.07**

Total Income **\$16,165.77**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$3,368.09**

Gross Profit **\$12,797.68**

Less total Expenses of **\$14,484.35**

Net December Loss **(\$1,686.67)**

YTD 2022 Gain **\$376.99**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,470.06

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

Tradition Two Checklist

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes January 20, 2023

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

Attendees: In person:

A Vision for You – Bradley L Ahwatukee Group - John S Ahwatukee Women's - Andrea A Bloopers - Mike C Chandler Women's BB - Judith H Common Thread - Thomas C Courage to Change - Kathy H Dr.'s Nightmare - Josh S East Phx Men's Stag - Austin H Easy Does It - Cece A Friday Night BB Study - Al W Gold Canyon Firehouse Grp - CJ M Good Orderly Direction - Ronnie C Opportunity Knocks - Paul Z Over Tha Influence - Tony B Page a Day - Jon D Patio Group - David P Patio Group - Tim R Price is Right - Christopher T Primary Purpose Group - Marissa C Rising Spirit - Linda Road to Recovery - Kathleen D Southeast Valley Stag - Gary M Starlight Ranch Group - Maya K Step by Step - Tom M & Tony G Steppers - Tom E Stepping Stones - Monica SE Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers - Deb R Sun Night BB Step Study - Dave T Sunset Group - Branden A Tempe Group - Susan M Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A The Tribe - Jannette K The Way Out - Dee P Women In Gratitude - Deb B

Online:

Ahwatukee Men's - Charles B Bootstrap Men's - Rob F Busted Ego - Mike K By the Book - Tracey Feelings & Solutions - Tracy L Gratitude Group - Buddy Happy Hour Sunbird - Rose M Men's Shade Tree - Mike F New Spirit - Tom B Sobriety is Gold - Shari The Real Thing - Roxanne B The Society - Beth N Upon Awakening - Tom B We Agnostics - Andrew N West - Doug Welcome to the New Reps: Ahwatukee Group - John S Ahwatukee Women's - Andrea A Chandler Women's BB - Judith H Common Thread Men's - Thomas D Dr's Nightmare - Joshua E. Phx Men's Stag - Austin H Price Is Right - Chris Rising Spirit - Linda C Starlight Ranch Group - Maya K Step by Step - Sonny G Sunday Men's Shade Tree - Michael F Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A Sunset Group - Branden A The Way Out - Dee P 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 open Chair- Special Events Roberta X Spanish Liaison open Treasurer Joseph M X Chair- PI/CPC Andrea Al-anon Liaison Rebecca X Secretary Lois L. X Chair- Phones Tom S DCM 08-818 Tim G Advisor- Special E Sharon X Chair- Unity Ben R X Alt. DCM 08-818 Gary L X Advisor- PI/CPC open Chair- Sponsorship Ken C X DCM 08-819 Robert S X Advisor- Phones Gary L. X No Booze News Mike K. X DCM 08-820 Wayne S Advisor- Unity Cole L. Chair - Literature Monica S X Alt. DCM 08-820 Carol M

J welcomes everyone. Linda read the 12 Traditions. Introduction of new reps.

Secretary's Report: Lois L. – December EVI business meeting minutes and January Steering Committee minutes in packet. No questions from the floor. David P made motion to accept. John D-2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. No questions from the floor. Tony G made motion to accept – Jeanette K 2nd. Motion passed

7th Tradition: \$64.00. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website www.aamesaaz.org Chairperson's Report: J J. – No written report. EVI Vice-Chair position is open – to finish out the 2022/2023 term. Steering Committee discussed this position & we realized that this position does not have to attend all the General Service meetings that the East Valley groups are part of - just to be a Liaison to General Service. Two other positions open as well: Advisor to PI/CPC and Spanish Liaison. Contact J

Vice Chairperson Report: position open; anyone stepping in would end rotation in December 2023.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. Folding day is January 26th starting 9am at the office. Come for donuts, coffee, fellowship, service work. District 12 has a new website: aapinalcounty.org Kim is gathering oldtimers sayings after hearing some folks chatting in the office. Send Kim any ideas you may have on this to: aamesaaz.org

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Events: Roberta - New Year's event was great. Do not have final finance report yet. Comments were: food was good, need 2 lines for food – too long to wait. Anniversary dinner will be May 6th at Love of Christ Church, 1525 N. Power Rd. Mesa. Home Group can make baskets for raffle – take to the EVI office by April 30th. Committee has a new Co Chair & Secretary. Tickets for EVI events may be available online soon – looking into ways that will work for us.

Phone committee: Tom S. – 20 days on the job – hand-off complete... software and backup files. February calendar had 12 slots open, they filled up in 2 days!!! Bailey is Co-chair. Completed 1st phone training tonight.

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. In person OR Zoom.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. – Sponsorship Workshop are held on even months – next one will be February 4th at 10am. Page A Day will host. Workshop is moving to a farm house on the grounds of Church of the Epiphany 2222 S. Price Rd. Tempe. June is the next opening – contact Ken.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Mike – Welcome to all the new Reps here tonight. We encourage stories about 300 words long - Submit stories to info@aamesaaz.org

Literature: Monica S.E. – Will be happy to set up table at group events with EVI literature.

LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Rebecca – not present.

H&I Liaison: Dave T. – not present. Debbie VWHI Secretary reported –Need volunteers to go into State Prisons – need women for Perryville. Multiple Co-ordinator positions available to coordinate who goes into the meetings. MCSO would like to allow meeting but don't have enough guards at this time. VWHI passed the budget. If any questions contact Debbie at: secretary@vwhi.org

Spanish Liaison: position open.

Sub District 08-818: Gary L. new alt. DCM – SD Voted to have a workshop – how to do a Group Inventory – Pamphlet “The A.A. Group” – maybe with 08-819. Reaching out to dark meetings to let them know how to connect with their Sub- District- only have 13 to 15 GSR's attend from 54 meetings. If no GSR – no vote on General Service Conference matters.

Sub District 08-819: Robert S. – Ditto what Gary said – Meet the 2nd Thursday every month at the EVI office at 7pm. Had some new GSR's this month. EDI will host the Eat Meet and Greet Speaker meeting 1st quarter 2023.

Sub District 08-820: Wayne – not present. Debbie announced: Quarterly pot luck/speaker meeting will be on January 22nd in Apache Junction.

OLD BUSINESS: Advisor to PI/CPC and Vice-Chair positions open.

NEW BUSINESS:

2nd Motion from Steering Committee to increase budget line items for the yearly Bowlathon from \$2,500 to \$3,000 (Income) and from \$2,200 to \$3,000 (Expense). This is to include the cost of pizza and soda for the event. We used to include pizza and soda. Tickets will cost \$25.00. Reps will take this back to their groups.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dee announced that our Area 03 Treasurer, John N., passed away recently. Past Treasurer, Tina M., will finish out the Area 03 Treasurer position for this year.

8:12pm Tony made a motion to close. Gary and various folks– 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Lois L. EVI Secretary

Live and let live



I understand and appreciate that AA is not about religion. It's about sobriety. My choice of a Higher Power is up to me, not AA or its members.

In June of 2007, I was out wandering the streets at 7 a.m., still drunk. Eventually I found myself on the doorstep of a homeless shelter. I realized the people inside followed a certain religion. I was not a fan of religion, having had a few bad experiences with it in the past.

Alcohol had dragged me so far from spirituality. God was an entity I rarely acknowledged. Out of desperation, I gave their God a chance—and AA. I said a few 911-type prayers and managed to get and stay sober. For the first few years of sobriety, along with living the AA program, I also attended church regularly. Slowly I became deeply involved with the intricacies of that particular church. At some point, the church leadership began to crumble and I moved away from the area.

I always harbored resentments for the things I did not understand about religion. AA, being a spiritual program, thankfully does not push any specific view of God. However, I've noticed that sometimes some members do push their beliefs. I tune out when people begin preaching in AA. If I want to hear about religion, I'll go to church. I go to AA to maintain my sobriety.

I've been studying various religions and archaeology and have come to my own conclusion about the identity of God. My conclusion is that there is no concrete conclusion. A Higher Power exists but its name remains a mystery to me. My conclusions about religion will keep me from going to certain churches but will certainly not keep me from AA.

When I first got sober, I considered the word “spiritual” synonymous with the word “religious” and ignored the phrase, “It's a spiritual, not a religious, program.” Eleven years later, I've finally realized the importance of each word's definition. I understand and appreciate that AA is not about religion. It's about sobriety. My choice of a Higher Power is up to me, not AA or its members.