



# NO BOOZE NEWS

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## As We Understood, Whatever

When I first came into Alcoholics Anonymous, I was put off by all the God stuff. I wouldn't even say the word at the beginning of the Serenity Prayer. I went to an Atheists and Agnostics AA meeting that focused on the book Living Sober, but the meeting lacked something, and I didn't go back. Gradually the words "as we understood Him" began to sink

in. It didn't have to be "his" God or "her" God or some church's God. And it could be "her" or "them" or "it" as well as "him."

What I had to remember is that there is a Higher Power and I'm not it! I shouldn't have had that much trouble with a Higher Power. Alcohol was certainly a power greater than myself: just look how many times I said, "I'm not going to drink today," and then drank. And out in nature I felt right-sized, a part of a much-larger whole.

It took two years and reworking the Steps with my sponsor to get me rigorously honest enough to have that spiritual awakening the Steps are designed to take us to. It happened up in the mountains, crying my eyes out as the sun rose at 14,000 feet. Letting go of stuff that needed letting go of. I came down connected to the human race for the first time in my 50-odd years.

I didn't get religion. I don't go to any church, I tend to secularize my prayers, but I don't have to be terminally unique either. What helped me was M. Scott Peck's non-AA book, *The Road Less Traveled*, where he discusses eminence (outside) and immanence (inside). Instead of some big old guy up in the heavens making decisions for me, I could appreciate the holiness in each and every one of us, and in all things.

I'm living my last years out in the Sonoran Desert which is definitely a power greater than myself. If I go to the desert on my terms I get hurt! I talk to the birds and bunnies and lizards, get a gentle stroke from a tombstone rose tendril, respect the jumping cholla, view ancient petroglyphs with awe, and go to AA meetings with people of all kinds of beliefs. The Twelve Steps brought me to a connection with people, and with the world I live in.

And that is a gift I will always treasure, the gift of joy. I like Anne L's simple three prayers: Help. Thanks. Wow!

Al L. | Tucson

## Decisions, decisions...

-If you have already made a decision, and an inventory of your grosser handicaps, you have made a good beginning.

### **Coincidentally Sober**

Once someone posted on their social media page, "GOD EXISTS." I felt compelled to reply, "Where's your proof?" The response back was, "Coincidences—there are too many to be accidental." My reply was, "I guess I just haven't experienced enough to be convinced."

I have experienced coincidences since I started in AA. The first one occurred when I opened a meeting directory, after finally admitting to myself that I had a problem and needed help. I found a meeting called We Agnostics, located directly across the street from the liquor store that I would walk to at night when I wanted more booze. It was at that meeting that I was able to find a sponsor who I was fairly certain would not be forcing God down my throat. The mere fact that a meeting called We Agnostics existed gave me hope.

The next coincidence occurred after I had read a bit of AA literature. I became concerned about whether I'd be able to stay sober for the long haul since I find it impossible to believe in a god. Would the Fellowship as a Higher Power be enough? That's when a Grapevine magazine arrived in the mail (via a subscription that I had—coincidentally—won in a raffle). In that Grapevine was an article that mentioned a woman who had remained sober for 40 years using the Fellowship as her Higher Power. Forty years! I was relieved to know that indeed you can be an atheist and stay sober for the long haul, that atheism is not a barrier to sobriety.

And here's another coincidence: I volunteered to become a General Services Representative (GSR) for my We Agnostics home group with the hope that I could figure out how I could advocate for the creation of a pamphlet aimed at alcoholics who had a problem with the preponderance of God in AA literature. And the very first GSR-related event I attended was a "Concepts" workshop. And on one of the tables there was a pamphlet titled, "Many Paths to Spirituality," which was pretty much everything that I would have advocated for.

Now, if I were one of those folks who believed that coincidences are proof of the existence of God, I would be thinking that God was OK with me being an atheist. I believe God just wants me to get sober, whether I believe in him or not. But since I'm not one who believes that coincidences prove God exists, I'm thinking that the reason there was an agnostic meeting, the reason there was a Grapevine article and the reason there was a pamphlet is because enough frustrated atheist and agnostic members in AA spoke up. And I am so grateful they did because I probably wouldn't be here if they hadn't.

From the book Alcoholics Anonymous

**Step 3** *"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him .*

"There I humbly offered myself to God, as I then understood Him, to do with me as He would. I placed myself unreservedly under His care and direction. I admitted for the first time that of myself I was nothing; that without Him I was lost. I ruthlessly faced my sins and became willing to have my new-found Friend take them away, root and branch. I have not had a drink since."

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](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)**

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ \*ST \_\_\_\_\_ \*Zip \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gender \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sobriety Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\* = required for listing in 12<sup>th</sup> Step List

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

**Volunteer Service Options**

*Check only those you are willing to commit time to*

**12<sup>th</sup> Step List Volunteer**

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weekdays**

**Phones Night & Weekend**

☐ **Weekends**

☐ **Weeknights**

☐ **Office Phone Volunteer**

☐ **Other Office Help**

**Committees of Interest**

*Check only those you are willing to serve on*

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

☐ **Special Events**

☐ **Literature**

☐ **Newsletter (*No Booze News*)**

☐ **Unity Committee**

☐ **Deliver A Meeting**

ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

**TRI-STATE ROUNDUP**

MAY 18 ~ 20

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

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



**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 Groups 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



**08-819 Eat, Meet and Greet Meeting**

**Hosted By - Easy Does It Group**

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Doors open at 4:30

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa

(Love of Christ Church)

**08-820 Quarterly Potluck / Speaker**

Saturday, April 15, 2023

5:00pm - 8:30pm.

1050 W Superstition Blvd. Apache Junction

(Epiphany Lutheran Church)

\*Bring a dish.

Name	Date
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Toni S.	3/3/1973	18262
Shirly M.	3/1/1976	17166
Blair P.	3/13/1980	15705
George C.	3/5/1981	15340
Howard C.	3/7/1983	14610
Michael S.	3/4/1985	13879
Edward C.	3/15/1985	13879
Ginger R.	3/4/1987	13149
Linda C.	3/18/1987	13149
Jeff L.	3/15/1988	12783
Gabrielle C.	3/9/1991	11688
Tracy N.	3/17/1992	11322
Kate H.	3/27/1994	10592
Stephanie J.	3/9/1995	10227
Suzann B.	3/18/1996	9861
Rose D.	3/15/1997	9496
Eddie Y.	3/5/1998	9131
Aaron S.	3/27/2001	8035
Gail B.	3/7/2002	7670
Laura S.	3/11/2002	7670
Don A.	3/17/2003	7305
Chris Anne H.	3/10/2006	6209
Kristin A.	3/20/2007	5844
Kristina M.	3/3/2008	5478
Kerry K.	3/13/2009	5109
Tom S.	3/1/2010	4748
Marge M.	3/18/2011	4383
Marissa S.	3/25/2011	4383
Michelle M.	3/31/2012	4017
Rob K.	3/10/2014	3287
Barbara M.	3/15/2014	3287
Jordan R.	3/15/2015	2922
Jessica T.	3/28/2015	2922
Tom G.	3/12/2016	2556
Josh K.	3/15/2016	2556
Danielle D.	3/30/2016	2556
Leah Z.	3/1/2017	2191
J. J.	3/2/2017	2191
Aaron V.	3/19/2017	2191
Kaine H.	3/3/2018	1826
Allison T.	3/5/2018	1826
Tami C.	3/5/2019	1461
Kathy H.	3/9/2020	1094
Kathy P.	3/11/2021	730
Rob F.	3/24/2021	730

### Some Good Old-Timers Wisdom...



- *Where ever you go, there you are.*
- *You don't have to go out to come back.*
- *Don't get too many years and not enough days.*
- *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](mailto:picpc@aamesaaz.org)**

**Step Three** -"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

**Tradition Three** -"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

**Concept Three** -"To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

## 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](mailto:picpc@aamesaaz.org)

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



## EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting  
at

**On ZOOM**

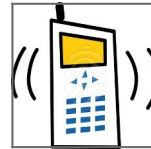
**[aamesaaz.org](http://aamesaaz.org)**

Or

**Workshops can be done at your Group !**

For more information

Call Tom S.



## **EVI Sponsorship Workshop**

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

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

Contact: Ken H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

**April 1~ Feelings and Solutions**

*Get Involved:*

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

Join the

## **EVI Unity Committee**

**Meeting at 6:15pm Every 3rd Friday**

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

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

**Contact 480 827-1905**

## **EVI Special Events Committee**

Meeting held before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of the month

2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

contact: 480 827-1905

## **EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting**

**1st Friday of Every Month**

**2222 S Price Rd. Tempe**

**(Church of the Epiphany)**

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

**\*Now Live only, no more ZOOM\***

**March 3rd ~ Upon Awakening**

April 7th ~ Easy Does It

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

February 17, 2022

January set the year off to a good start. We received several calls from people concerned about theirs or a loved one's drinking. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings close to them was provided. We received 420 requests for information and assistance. Of those 112 calls were for meeting info, 119 were office visitors and, 7 resulted in a 12- step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 23,171 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing received 3,320 views in January with 36 giving us a call, 464 visiting our website and 60 requesting directions to the office.

There are copies of the 2022 Year End Activity Report of your Central Office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often-asked question "What does the Intergroup Office do?"

The year-end inventory went well thanks to some very helpful volunteers. Our discrepancy was - \$206.47, with a total retail inventory value of \$23,776.76. We received a literature order that included the new "unjacketed" Big Books and 12 X 12's. Most titles are now available at AAWS with a few pamphlets still out of stock.

Word has it there is a price increase in the near future at AAWS. I will stock up a bit at the old prices and give us some time before we have to raise ours. The W-2 has been distributed and W-3 filed with Social Security. Monthly taxes have been deposited with the IRS.

Service opportunities are always available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Gratitude with Service forms are now available on our website. Please encourage your Group members to volunteer for a service position. The life they save may be their own

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim W Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

## EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Jan.	2023
Meeting Information Calls.....	112	112
General Information .....	84	84
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	4	4
Referred to Al-Anon.....	13	13
Referred to Community Info.....	0	4
12th Step Calls.....	7	7
Business Calls.....	81	81
Office Visitors .....	119	119
Meeting lists printed.....	600	600
Info request via E-mail .....	52	52
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	22/ 7/5	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		140hrs

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 23,171 YTD 23,171  
Google Searches last 30 days 3,320 YTD 3,320

## 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:

Any Lengths 145 E 1st Ave. Mesa TH 4:00pm BB  
Recovery Thru The Maze 1880 N Longmore Rd. Scottsdale MO 7:00pm S  
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

### 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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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 5629  
Scottsdale, AZ 85261  
\*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

### GSO 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>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight .....		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$0.00
417 Group .....		\$0.00
A Vision For You .....		\$0.00
ABC Group .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group .....	\$182.77	\$182.77
Ahwatukee Nooners .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's .....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....	\$72.42	\$72.42
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....		\$0.00
As Bill Sees It QC .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG .....		\$0.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Basic II .....		\$0.00
BBookworms .....	\$164.00	\$164.00
Bloopers .....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Both Books .....		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle .....		\$0.00
Breakfast Club .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
Busted Ego .....		\$0.00
By The Book .....	\$167.25	\$167.25
Chandler Men's Stag Group .....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group .....		\$959.74
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....		\$452.38
Common Thread .....	\$297.07	\$297.07
Courage To Change .....		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's .....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag .....		\$0.00
East Valley Veterans .....		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$88.87
Eye Opener Group .....		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions .....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank .....		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting .....	\$152.00	\$152.00
Florence Group .....		\$0.00
Friday Night BB .....	\$348.87	\$348.87
Get In The Car .....		\$0.00
Get It Together .....		\$0.00
Gilbert Gals .....		\$0.00
Gilbert Group .....		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics .....		\$0.00
Good Orderly Direction .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....	\$107.00	\$107.00
Gratitude Group .....		\$0.00
Great Start .....		\$0.00
Gut Level .....	\$201.00	\$201.00
Happy Destiny .....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Hope For Today .....		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch .....		\$0.00
Last Resort .....		\$00.00
Life In The Big Book .....	\$184.00	\$184.00
Livin Life Women .....	\$157.50	\$157.50
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$0.00
Maricopa Group .....		\$0.00
Mid-Morning Group .....		\$0.00
Miracle House .....		\$0.00
Monday Night Madness .....		\$0.00
Morning After .....		\$0.00
Name In The Hat .....		\$0.00
New Beginnings .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
New Spirit Group .....	\$849.85	\$849.85
No Big Deals .....	\$25.00	\$25.00
No Name AA Group .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$0.00
Page A Day .....		\$0.00
Path Less Traveled .....	\$50.00	\$50.00

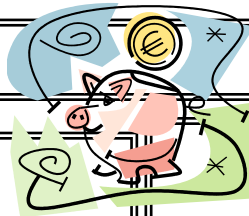
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Patio Group .....		\$0.00
Pioneer Group .....		\$0.00
Price Is Right .....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group .....		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Province Group .....		\$0.00
Putting God First .....	\$147.00	\$147.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....	\$99.89	\$99.89
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$50.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit .....		\$500.00
Rising Spirit .....		\$0.00
Road To Recovery .....	\$1,199.06	\$1,199.06
Rock Solid .....		\$0.00
San Tan Group .....		\$0.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$0.00
Second Chance Group .....		\$0.00
Serenity Now .....	\$190.00	\$190.00
Serenity Sisters .....		\$0.00
Shade Tree .....	\$270.00	\$270.00
Sobriety is Gold .....		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks .....		\$179.00
Society Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....	\$450.00	\$450.00
Spirited Women .....		\$0.00
Step By Step Group .....		\$0.00
Steppers .....	\$74.00	\$74.00
Stepping Stones .....		\$0.00
Sunday Afternoon Step .....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers .....	\$138.00	\$138.00
Sundowners .....		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$0.00
Tempe Group .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tempe Nooners .....		\$0.00
Tempe Sunrises .....		\$0.00
The Library .....		\$0.00
The Real Thing .....		\$0.00
The Way Out Group .....		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group .....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out .....		\$0.00
Tuesday's Trudgers .....		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....	\$233.00	\$233.00
Upon Awakening .....	\$800.00	\$800.00
We Ain't Dead Yet .....		\$0.00
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 .....		\$0.00
Women in Gratitude .....		\$0.00
Women in Solution .....		\$0.00
Women in Touch .....		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups .....		\$0.00

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout .....		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf .....		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup .....		\$0.00
Dist 08-813 .....		\$0.00
Dist 08-820 .....		\$0.00
Meal and a Message .....		\$0.00
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$7,578.55</b>	<b>\$7,578.55</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$74.00</b>	<b>\$74.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$263.62</b>	<b>\$263.62</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$7,916.17</b>	<b>\$7,916.17</b>

\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2022

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	9,001.79
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,484.49
Accounts Receivable	850.70
Inventory Asset	25,955.66
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$83,364.71**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	3,840.15
Payroll taxes	110.00

**Total Liabilities** **\$3,950.15**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	2,016.51

**Total Equity** **\$79,414.56**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$83,364.71**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January, 2023

36 Group contributions totaling	\$7,578.55
8 Individual contributions totaling	\$263.62
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$74.00

**Total Contributions** **\$7,916.17**

**Total Income** **\$12,583.13**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$3,641.98**

**Gross Profit** **\$8,941.15**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$6,924.64**

**Net January Gain** **\$2,016.51**

**YTD 2023 Gain** **\$2,016.51**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,484.49

The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2023 in the range of \$35,703.95 - \$42,844.20

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

Grateful to be of service,  
Joseph M. EVI Treasurer

### Tradition Three Checklist

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

**East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes****February 17, 2023**

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

**Attendees:**

Al W – Fri Night BB Study  
 Amy H - Big Book Worms  
 Andrea A – Ahwatukee Women's  
 Anne H – GIT  
 Bradley L – A Vision for You  
 Brandon A – Sunset Group  
 C.J. M – Gold Canyon Firehouse  
 CeCe A – Easy Does It  
 Charlie R – East Valley Men's  
 Chris M – Putting God First  
 Dave T – Sun Night BB Step Study  
 David S – Santan Men's

Fay J - Society

Welcome to the New Reps:  
 Amy – Big Book Worms  
 Dana M – Life in the Big Book  
 Deb B – Women in Gratitude  
 Deb R – Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers  
 Dee P. – The Way Out  
 Erika C. – Women in Gratitude  
 Gary M. – SE Valley Stag  
 Jannette K – The Tribe  
 Jerry A. – Tempe Sunrises  
 John S. – Ahwatukee Group  
 Jon D. – Page a Day  
 Josh S. – Dr.'s Nightmare  
 Kathleen D. – Road to Recovery  
 Kerry L. – QC Sun Night BB Study  
 Gail H – New Spirit  
 George M – Ahwatukee Men's

Josh V - Tuesday Trudgers  
 Rita K –  
 Rose M – Happy Hour  
 Jose – EV Men's Stag  
 Mike W. – E. Phoenix Men's Stag  
 Marissa C – Primary Purpose  
 Maya K. – Starlight Ranch Group  
 Mike C. – Bloopers  
 Mike W. East Phx Men's Stag  
 Paul Z. – Opportunity Knocks  
 Ronnie C. – Good Orderly Direction  
 Sarah F. – The Tribe  
 Susan M. – Tempe Group  
 Tom E. – Steppers  
 Tony G. – Step by Step

**Online:**

Alexandria R – Living Life  
 Andrew N – We Agnostics  
 Beth N – Society  
 Dominique – SASTO

**Committee and other Trusted Servants:**

Chair J J. X  
 V. Chair open  
 Treasurer Joseph M X

Office Manager Kim W X  
 Chair- Special Events Roberta X  
 Chair- PI/CPC open

H&I Liaison Dave T X  
 Spanish Liaison open  
 Al-anon Liaison Rebecca X

Secretary Lois L. X  
 Advisor- Special E Sharon X  
 Advisor- PI/CPC open  
 Advisor- Phones Gary L. X  
 Advisor- Unity Cole L. X

Chair- Phones Tom S. X  
 Chair- Unity Ben R Alt.  
 Chair- Sponsorship Ken C X  
 No Booze News Mike K.  
 Chair - Literature Monica S Alt.

DCM 08-818 Tim G  
 DCM 08-818 Gary L X  
 DCM 08-819 Robert S X  
 DCM 08-820 Wayne S X  
 DCM 08-820 Carol M X

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

Secretary's Report: Lois L. – presented January EVI business mtg report and February EVI Steering Committee report. Dave made a motion to accept, Tony 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. No questions from the floor. Gary made motion to accept –Tony 2nd. Motion passed. 7th Tradition: \$102.00. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website [www.aamesaaz.org](http://www.aamesaaz.org)

Chairperson's Report: J J. – There are lots of opportunities to be of service in the East Valley right now – please reach out if you want more info and please announce at your groups. More on this in Old business.

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

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. Lots of requests for help came into the office in January. Year-end inventory went well – we only had a discrepancy of \$206.47 from \$23,776.00 worth of inventory. GSO has announced a price increase of 20% on books and 30% on pamphlets starting April 3rd. We will place a large order for inventory before the price increase and sell at the old prices while those supplies last. Big Book price going up to \$12.00. March 23rd is folding day – come for fellowship, donuts, coffee, and service. Office opens at 9am.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PI/CPC: position is open. Written report is in the packet from the Committee.

Phone committee: Tom – Our job is to make sure the phones get answered after office hours. We have 40 shifts for phones / 1000 alcoholics per year. We will come to your group to train if you want. All shifts are being filled every mo.

Unity Committee: Cole (Advisor), 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 meetings.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. –We just had our first workshop at the new location – very nice, roomy –clean. They moved us to a classroom – Farmhouse might have been too small. We now meet at Church of the Epiphany 2222 S. Price Rd. Tempe. Next workshop will be hosted by Feelings & Solutions – Saturday April 1st 10am to noon. This workshop has 4 to 6 people sharing their experience with being a sponsor and being a sponsee.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Mike –not present. Submit stories to [info@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)  
Literature: Monica S.E. - Written report in packet.

#### LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Rebecca – Family Recovery Night will be Sat, February 25th. 5:30pm potluck, 7pm A.A. speaker Tom W.

7:30pm Al-Anon speaker Raquel L. At Church of the Epiphany and on zoom. Zoom 816 3652 6544 Passcode 643586

H&I Liaison: Dave T. – Attended February 8th meeting. Training for badged volunteers coming up for Maricopa County Sherriff's facilities on Saturdays in April. Many volunteer positions open. Also need Bridging the Gap volunteers. These folks help the incarcerated get connected to A.A. upon release.

Spanish Liaison: position open

Sub District 08-818: Gary L. Alt. DCM – holding off for now on workshop – how to do a Group Inventory / Pamphlet “The A.A. Group”. Reach ing out to dark meetings to let them know how to connect with their Sub-District.

Sub District 08-819: Robert S. – Marge announced EDI will host the Eat Meet and Greet Speaker meeting next month.

Sub District 08-820: Wayne – Spring into Sobriety quarterly potluck/speaker meeting will be held on April 15th. Flyers at the EVI office and will be in the EVI packet next mo. More upcoming workshop information to come.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Advisor to PI/CPC open, Vice Chair position open. Austin H. volunteered for Vice Chair position. No other volunteers.

After Austin gave his service resume – with no objections – Austin was accepted.....Spanish Liaison position open.

Zoom thoughts from reps - Kathleen said her group felt that zoom was engendered by the pandemic and now we should do away with zoom. Jeanette's group said they are for zoom (Andrew at the Coop could give us Tech help if we need).

Roxanne's group wants to keep zoom. Dee's group voted 7 Yes 8 No and 5 don't care about keeping zoom. Need more info to discuss further. It was asked and answered that the number of people attending our business mtg on zoom was 22 in December 20 in January and 18 tonight. Tony's group said they are ok if we keep zoom as long as we do not incur any extra cost. CeCe's group voted for zoom service position. Paul's group voted we keep zoom as long as only the folks on zoom were on camera and no-one from the in-person meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee on business insurance – no report yet. Have not met. Steering Committee forwarded some question so them that may help get them going regarding what our needs are.

Special Events motion to increase budget for the Bowlathon – motion was presented – no comments – Andrew made a motion to vote, Tony 2nd that motion. All in favor of voting. Vote was 39 in favor - 1 vote no. No minority opinion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: EVI Treasurer and EVI PI/CPC Chair position are available.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dee suggested that our PI/CPC committee structure may need revamping. The current committee may not be following the committee guidelines –thus hindering their ability to serve us well.

Dee announced our Founders Day celebration will be on June 10th this year at Love of Christ Church. District and Intergroups will be invited to give a history on their offices/committees. Committee meeting 2nd Sat every month.

8:08pm Gary made a motion to close. John – 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Lois L. EVI Secretary [loislaatsch@yahoo.com](mailto:loislaatsch@yahoo.com)

*From...* **51 Years of Peeling the Onion | Longtimer Stories**

At first, I believed that abstinence and service were all I needed to stay sober, so I made the decision to concentrate on the first half of the First Step: “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol.”

When I was a year sober I got married and found out that I was terrified of intimacy. The only place where I felt safe was at AA meetings, so I went to five or six of them a week. She and I and her son were living in Hawaii then.

When I had about five years sober, I noticed that although I would come home from work at 4:30 P.M. my wife would always be at our neighbor’s house, and she’d stay there until about 7:00. I kept asking her why she was always over there and after about six months she finally told me. “The neighbors appreciate me as a person and you don’t,” she said. “They enjoy my sense of humor and you’re threatened by it. The neighbors let me have the last word and you never do.” Then she got to the heavier matters. “I thought you would learn to love me, but the only thing you love is yourself,” she added. “And if I weren’t on this island, I would leave you because I’m getting nothing from you.”

I had no smart comeback to that. What went through my mind was the second half of the First Step. My life was unmanageable—drunk or sober. That got my attention. Right away I asked a person who lived and breathed the Steps to be my sponsor. I joined a Step study group, became a daily meeting-goer and started rereading the Big Book. I was struck by the chapter to the agnostic: “Deep down in every man, woman and child is the fundamental idea of God. It may be obscured by calamity, by pomp and by worship of other things, but in some form or other it is there.”

Once I began trying not to use calamity, pomp and worship of other things to make me feel good, a sense of peace came over me. I heard that still small voice I had say, “There is nothing wrong with you. Let me take care of you—and you try to take care of others.” For the first time in sobriety, my skin seemed to fit. This sense of peace allowed me to take the Second and Third Steps on the spot.