



NO BOOZE NEWS

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Choosing Happiness

I was recently asked to tell my story at a speaker meeting, in my 7th year of sobriety. I agreed to do it, and in closing read the following, which I wrote after I got my first sponsee.

As we work this program, it kind of works us, in stages. The first stage is learning to not drink or use, learning how to accept and maneuver life on life's terms, feeling our feelings instead of numbing them. Only then, can we move into the second stage, where we use the skills we have learned and the advice of our sponsors to create and enjoy a purposeful and happy life. It may sound contradictory, but working this program for me has simultaneously both required, and created, faith.

I had been miserable and hopeless for so long that not having those feelings as constant companions took some getting used to. AA taught me that misery was not an unchangeable fact of my life. Instead, two things had created my misery: my choices and my focus up to that point in my life. My focus had been on self-destruction—though I would not have called it that then—and there was an alternative open to me in this program that was not open to me before. The questions I asked myself began to change:

Beginning to get sober takes courage, willingness and open-mindedness to believe good things are both possible and available to us. In this program I have watched others make that transition and have made it myself, a shift for which I am profoundly grateful and that I credit to the fact that I pray for guidance daily, take time to listen and watch for its arrival and ask to be given the willingness to follow it. Every day I choose to take the constructive, self-respecting actions I have learned in this program, every day I choose to focus on what is good in my life—good that is invariably there if I will just look for it—I build for myself a little more faith in God, a little more faith in this program, and a little more faith in humanity, none of which I had before.

Jane D. | Nashville

Q. of the Month

Tradition 4: 12x12

Every group manages its affairs as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened. Is such liberty dangerous? The group, like the individual, must eventually conform to principles that guarantee survival.

A New Employer

When I came into AA, I had a fulltime job as a lockbox clerk. This meant I spent eight hours a day photocopying and stapling. It was mindless work, but I didn't have much of a mind when I was new, so it was a good fit. Computers do all this now, but I'm so grateful that I was allowed to work that job at that point.

As the years of recovery progressed so did my career, by fits and starts—and occasional giant leaps—much like my recovery. By the grace of God, who can use my character defects of control and manipulation to his advantage, I eventually found myself in something my friend John describes as a “big-deal” job, making more money than this alcoholic ever dreamed would be possible.

Our literature says we drank in good times as well as bad; of course, with the money came additional responsibilities and stresses. Part of my job meant that I was dealing with senior-level management, and at times I was completely caught up in personalities before principles. To be clear, it was my personality, not theirs, which was the issue.

The Third Step in the Big Book was, and it still is, a source of comfort, solace and guidance. In “How It Works,” it reminds me that: “the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn't think so.” Over the years I've figured out that whenever I don't think I'm being that example of self-will run riot, I probably am. So it raises the hazy suspicion that I could be off the tracks again. It further reminds me that: “First of all, we had to quit playing God,” and that: “hereafter in this drama of life, God was going to be our Director.”

The line that really gets me, though, is on the next page: “We had a new Employer.” That's right—I don't work for the folks on the ninth floor; God is my real employer! So whenever I'm having alcoholic thoughts and feelings about those folks, I find myself back at this passage. It's not myself, or my bank account, or my future retirement that I'm working for. I'm working for my Higher Power. I only have to do the next right thing, treat others as I would like to be treated, listen for and do his will to the best of my ability, and let go.

It's so simple, so easy and so sane. This passage never fails to restore me to sanity, and I always leave it feeling so grateful that I don't have to run the show.

From the foreword to the 4th Edition

“While our literature has preserved the integrity of the A.A. message, sweeping changes in society, as a whole, are reflected in new customs and practices within the Fellowship. Taking advantage of technological advances, for example, A.A. members with computers can participate in meetings online, sharing with fellow alcoholics across the country or around the world. In any meeting, anywhere, A.A.’s share experience, strength, and hope with each other, in order to stay sober and help other alcoholics. Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, A.A.’s speak the language of the heart in all its power and simplicity.”

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

AGUA FRIA FAMILY CAMPOUT

APRIL 14 ~ 16

SOUTH COVE, BARTLETT LAKE

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 18 ~ 20

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

JUNE 1 ~ 4

FORT TUTTHILL, FLAGSTAFF AZ

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



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.

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

5:30pm to 9pm. May 6th , 2023

1525 N. Power Rd. Mesa.

Love of Christ Church

Dinner and a Speaker

Need Home Groups to make baskets for raffle

Please purchase tickets in advance.

SRI 80th Anniversary of

A.A. in the Valley

April 15th, 2023

4455 E Lincoln Dr.

Paradise Valley



Cinco No Drinko

4:30pm ~ 10:00pm Saturday, May 6th

Meeting, Dinner and Dance

805 N Country Club Dr., Mesa AZ.

(First Christian Church)

Meal and a Message

Saturday, April 15' 2023

Doors open at 5:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa

(Love of Christ Church)

Name

Date

Dan H.	4/2/1973	18262
Richard C.	4/23/1979	16071
Harry R.	4/17/1980	15705
Frank B.	4/20/1980	15705
Bill O.	4/19/1982	14975
Carol H.	4/22/1983	14610
Ken L.	4/6/1986	13514
James C.	4/1/1988	12783
Willard K.	4/4/1988	12783
Kevin F.	4/4/1988	12783
Melanie M.	4/15/1988	12783
Sam W.	4/28/1988	12418
Shawn B.	4/1/1989	12422
Erica W.	4/5/1989	12418
Dave L.	4/7/1989	12418
Larry C.	4/15/1989	12418
Tim M.	4/4/1991	11688
Larry S.	4/7/1993	10957
Dave C.	4/28/1993	10957
Peggy H.	4/15/1996	9861
Eddie O.	4/10/1997	9496
Tom C.	4/22/1997	9946
Michael R.	4/9/1999	8766
Michael F.	4/8/2000	8400
Scott C.	4/2/2001	8035
Sharon K.	4/6/2001	8035
Jeff H.	4/4/2002	7670
John J.	4/5/2002	7760
John B.	4/10/2002	7760
Jeane B.	4/15/2002	7760
Gail H.	4/25/2002	7760
Bart M.	4/1/2004	6939
Chris K.	4/22/2006	6209
Rhonda C.	4/10/2008	5478
Paul T.	4/11/2009	5113
Warren S.	4/21/2009	5113
Maegan W.	4/24/2009	5113
Maureen V.	4/6/2010	4748
Marna W.	4/8/2010	4748
Frank V.	4/30/2010	4748
Guy S.	4/29/2011	4383
Jason H.	4/22/2012	4017
Mary W.	4/17/2014	3287
Hailey T.	4/22/2014	3287
Tom J.	4/4/2015	2922
Angie S.	4/6/2015	2922
Molly M.	4/14/2015	2922
Donald S.	4/23/2015	2922
Thura J.	4/12/2016	2556
Gamaliel B.	4/11/2018	1826
Beth N.	4/16/2018	1826
Andrew P.	4/20/2018	1826
Michael W.	4/20/2018	1826
Edie M.	4/7/2019	1461
Jannette K.	4/14/2019	1461
Bailey L.	4/3/2020	1095
Linnea P.	4/7/2020	1095
MaryBeth T.	4/15/2020	1095
Luisa B.	4/13/2021	730
Carol Z.	4/9/2022	365
Deb B.	4/10/2022	365

Some Good Old-Timers Wisdom...



I would have lost money betting against you.

You cant fix your broken brain with your broken brain.

Poor me. Poor me. Pour me another drink.

Go count yourself, you aint that many.

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

**ONE
DAY
AT A
TIME**

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 Tom S.



EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Ken H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

April 1~ Feelings and Solutions

Get Involved:

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

April 7th ~ Easy Does It

May 5th ~ Common Thread

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

March 17, 2022

February was a busy short month. We assisted 825 people at the office with 20 of those resulting in 12 step calls. Our website stayed busy too. It had 30,749 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for February were 2,568 views, of those 312 visited our website and 81 asked for directions. Our website stayed busy too. It had 26,622 visits in the last 30 days.

We have renewed our bulk mailing permit for 2023. This is the permit used for mailing newsletters. It goes up a bit every year. This year it was \$290. Our Costco membership has also been renewed.

A large literature order has been placed before the price increase at AAWS goes into effect on April 3. This should allow us to hold the old pricing until June or July when we will need to restock at the higher price and pass that on.

The weather is warming up and along with it comes the Campout and Roundup season. We have information available on most of the upcoming A.A. events in AZ and surrounding states at the office and in the No Booze News. Please share your IGR newsletter copy with your group and encourage them to subscribe for home delivery.

There is a potential new, in-house pamphlet on "Tips On Attending Meetings" or "Meeting Etiquette". Please take a few copies back to your group for their input. Does your group think this may be an appropriate tool to help newcomers acclimate to the meeting environment? We will ask for feedback next month.

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

.....Feb.	2023
Meeting Information Calls.....	101 213
General Information	85 169
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4 8
Referred to Al-Anon.....	14 27
Referred to Community Info.....	0 4
12th Step Calls	13 20
Business Calls	75 156
Office Visitors	113 232
Meeting lists printed.....	600 1200
Info request via E-mail	42 94
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	21/ 7/10
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.	100hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 26,622 YTD 49,793
Google Searches last 30 days 2,568 YTD 5,888

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:

No Filter, No Whining 18160 N Maya Angelou Dr. Maricopa TH 5:30 M
Hyannis West 6400 W Del Rio St. Chandler TH 5:30pm BB,O 90min
(starts online 3/30 and hybrid/live 4/27)

Any Lenghts 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

Changes:

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

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 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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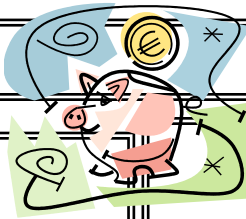
GROUP	February	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$150.00	\$150.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
417 Group		\$0.00
A Vision For You		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$182.77
Ahwatukee Nooners	\$446.00	\$446.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$66.12	\$66.12
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$72.42
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$200.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$0.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$0.00
BBookworms		\$164.00
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$0.00
Breakfast Club		\$250.00
Busted Ego		\$0.00
By The Book		\$167.25
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$143.00	\$143.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$452.38
Common Thread	\$202.90	\$499.97
Courage To Change		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag	\$375.84	\$375.84
East Valley Veterans		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$177.74
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank	\$207.00	\$207.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$152.00
Florence Group	\$310.00	\$310.00
Friday Night BB		\$348.87
Get In The Car		\$0.00
Get It Together		\$0.00
Gilbert Gals	\$210.00	\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$0.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$30.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$107.00
Gratitude Group		\$0.00
Great Start		\$0.00
Gut Level		\$201.00
Happy Destiny		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$150.00
Hope For Today		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$0.00
Last Resort		\$00.00
Life In The Big Book		\$184.00
Livin Life Women		\$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
New Spirit Group		\$849.85
No Big Deals	\$45.00	\$70.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$0.00
Page A Day	\$815.13	\$815.13
Path Less Traveled		\$50.00

GROUP	February	YTD
Patio Group		\$0.00
Pioneer Group	\$106.00	\$106.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group	\$54.59	\$54.59
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Province Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Putting God First		\$147.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$99.89
Re-Awakening Group		\$50.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$500.00
Rising Spirit	\$739.52	\$739.52
Road To Recovery	\$1,904.20	\$3,103.26
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's	\$75.00	\$75.00
Second Chance Group		\$0.00
Serenity Now		\$190.00
Serenity Sisters		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$270.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks		\$179.00
Society Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$50.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$450.00
Spirited Women		\$0.00
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Steppers		\$74.00
Stepping Stones	\$160.00	\$160.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$138.00
Sundowners		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$0.00
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$200.00
Tempe Nooners		\$0.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Library	\$65.00	\$65.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Tribe	\$463.39	\$469.39
The Way Out Group		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$233.00
Upon Awakening		\$800.00
We Ain't Dead Yet	\$100.00	\$100.00
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	\$287.11	\$287.11

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
Group Totals	\$7,264.67	\$14,329.83
EVI Committees	\$143.00	\$217.00
Individual Contributions	\$272.46	\$536.08
GRAND TOTALS	\$7,680.17	\$15,596.30

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET February 28, 2022

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	10,918.82
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,499.16
Accounts Receivable	1,150.30
Inventory Asset	21,811.03
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$81,451.77
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	220.00
Payroll taxes	220.00
Total Liabilities	\$220.15
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	3,833.72
Total Equity	\$81,231.77
Total Liability & Equity	\$81,451.77

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT February, 2023

28 Group contributions totaling	\$7,264.67
7 Individual contributions totaling	\$272.46.62
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$143.00
Total Contributions	\$7,680.13
Total Income	\$12,505.84
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$4,120.63
Gross Profit	\$8,385.21
Less total Expenses of	\$6,568.00
Net February Gain	\$1,817.21
YTD 2023 Gain	\$3,833.72
The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,499.16	
The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2023 in the range of \$35,703.95 - \$42,844.74	
Please call me with any questions or comments regarding the financial statements.	
Grateful to be of service, Joseph M. EVI Treasurer	

Tradition Four Checklist

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

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

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

Attendees:

John S – Ahwatukee Group	Dave T – Sunday Night BB Step Study	Debbie C – VWHI
John H – Ahwatukee Nooners	Branden A – Sunset Group	Jannette K – The Tribe
Andrea A – Ahwatukee Women's	Susan M – Tempe Group	John D – Page A Day
Tracey R – Breakfast Club	Jerry A – Tempe Sunrisers	Jose A – East Valley Men's Stag
Michael C – Bloopers	Tom C – Upon Awakening	Maggie H – Way Out Group
Al W – Friday Night BB Study	Doug W – We Ain't Dead Yet	
Anne H – GIT		John – Ahwatukee Nooners
C J – Gold Canyon Firehouse Grp	Online:	Linda – Rising Spirit
Ronnie C – Good Orderly Direction	Alexandria – Living Life Women's	Tom E – Steppers
Rose M – Happy Hour, Morning After	Amy H – Big Book Worms	Rita K – Sisterhood of Solutions
Tony B – Over Tha Influence	Andrew N – We Agnostics	Shari – Sobriety is Gold
Barb M – Path Less Traveled	Bradley L – Vision for You	Teghan H – Putting God First
David P – Patio Group	Buddy – Gratitude Group	Tom B – New Spirit
Christopher T – Price is Right	Cece – Easy Does It	Tracey – By the Book
Linda C – Rising Spirit	Charles B – Ahwatukee Men's	Tracy L – Feelings and Solutions
Doug W – Serious over Sobriety	Welcome to the New Reps:	
Beth N – Society	Maggie – Way Out Group (zoom)	
Gary M – Southeast Valley Stag	Tracy B – Breakfast Club	
Monica SE – Stepping Stones	Dana M – Life in the Big Book	
	Deb – Sun Lakes Women's	

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

Secretary's Report: Lois L. – presented February EVI business meeting report and March EVI Steering Committee report. Gary made a motion to accept, C.J. 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. No questions from the floor. David made motion to accept –Tom 2nd. Motion passed 7th Tradition: \$37.00. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website www.aamesaaz.org

Chairperson's Report: J J. – Sense of the body from last month is to continue these meetings hybrid – to use better equipment (projector etc) we would need a person to handle that – please contact J if interested. Appointed new PI/CPC Chair – Amber. All EVI Standing Committees work for you and your group – if you have any questions or ideas about these committees, you are welcome to attend any committee meeting or address your thoughts with committee chairs or Steering Committee members.

Vice Chairperson Report: Austin – not present

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. Our website has been very busy. Renewed our bulk mail permit and our Costco membership. Placed a large literature order before the April 3rd price increase. We will sell at the old prices until we need to restock. Folding day is March 23rd at 9am – come to the office for donuts, coffee, fellowship (and folding of literature). Potential new pamphlet on "Tips On Attending Meetings". Reps will take back to their groups tonight for input. Let us know what you think.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Amber – New and getting up to speed. Written report is in the packet.

Special Events: Mary Beth – Need to serve finger foods at the New Year's event to stay within budget. Tickets are available tonight for the Anniversary Dinner/Speaker. We will stop selling tickets 11 days prior to the event (Chair J commented that we will be extending that to about 4 days prior to the event per Steering Committee discussion – that's all the time caterers generally need). If your group would like to donate raffle baskets for the Anniversary event – please take them to the EVI office by April 29th. Marge is still arranging for a caterer –down to 3 caterers.

Phone committee: Tom – Thanks to Bailey for doing the training tonight. We had 36 shifts in March – no calls went unanswered. We have 4 shifts available in April – email Tom if interested. Been refreshing the list of volunteers. We average 40 shifts per month. Want to expand training – can do this at a Home Group in person or on Zoom.

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 meetings. John asked if anyone can volunteer or just EVI reps – Ben said yes anyone – only need is 6 months of sobriety.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. was sick – Tom gave report - 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. Flyer is in on the table in back of room. Slots are full thru 2023.

No Booze News (NBN) Newsletter Editor: Mike –not present. Submit stories to info@aamesaaz.org

Literature: Monica S.E. – Sold a few books this month – let Monica know if you need any. Monica will have a table at the Founders Day celebration – come join if you want.

LIASION REPORTS

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

7:30pm Al-Anon speaker Patty K. at Church of the Epiphany and on zoom. Al-Anon Assembly on March 25th also.

H&I Liaison: Dave T. – Training for badged volunteers coming up for Maricopa County Sherriff’s facilities on Saturdays in April. Many volunteer positions open. Debbie reported that Phoenix West and Florence need Coordinators.

Spanish Liaison: position open

Sub District 08-818: Gary L. Alt. DCM – Busy getting ready for Area 03 Pre-Conference Assembly. Covered 2 of the 5

topics assigned to 08-818 – the busiest ones. We have an active committee.

Sub District 08-819: Robert S. –EDI will host the Eat Meet and Greet Speaker meeting March 18th at Love of Christ Church. Doors open at 4:30pm. Flyer in the packet and on the back table. 08-819 boundaries are Salt River south to county line, and Alma School east to Val Vista. Getting ready for March 31st Assembly in Tucson.

Sub District 08-820: Wayne – not present

OLD BUSINESS:

Advisor to PI/CPC and Spanish Liaison positions are still open. We have a new PI/CPC Chair and new EVI Vice-Chair.

Ad-Hoc committee for insurance – Steering Committee discussed this – no input from Ad-Hoc – have asked our Office

Manager to get some quotes - she is the person who deals directly with our insurance needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nikki L. standing for PI/CPC Advisor. Nikki qualified and was voted in unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

7:57pm Tom E. made a motion to close. David – 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Lois L. EVI Secretary loislaatsch@yahoo.com

Honesty at Its Best

By Rick R.

Life wasn't going well for me when I showed upon the scene

But I was ready for the change, whatever that would mean.

The life I'd lead was scandalous, I think you get the gist,

And getting rigorously honest, was the first thing on my list.

When practicing this principle, I was brutal from the start,

But it sometimes caused reactions, and it wasn't very smart.

My wife asked me a question, while trying on some jeans

Did they make her look extended? Well, you know what I mean.

That put me in a quandary and, I knew I had to lie,

If life must be that rigorous, well, I guess I'm gonna die.

I told a friend about it, and he said, "you got it right".

Kindness trumps the *rigorous* clause, and you've got to keep it light.

He gave a definition and for our purpose, I believe

Kind honesty is *Devoid of all motives to deceive.*

It gives a little wiggle room and, I think God wouldn't mind

If self-righteousness takes a Back seat, *if only to be kind.*

I've learned there are few absolutes, and my conscience is my guide

And I must put self-honesty first, when, *these things I must decide.*

Our Fourth Step, Tradition and Concept

Step 4. -Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4. -Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept IV. -At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.