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The A.A. Ripple Effect

In the beginning there were a number of people who warned me about doing what I was doing—hanging out with “those people.” But I couldn’t really hear them. As time went along, there were more warnings I ignored. Some came from within. Those were more difficult to wave off. The signs became more obvious as I progressed until I hit a wall, which got my attention.

Here in AA, we talk about the ripple effect, something we see often. You know, where one person touches another’s life and those people in turn touch more lives. My sponsor’s sponsor Bill D. was a very wise and beautiful man. A street drunk who sobered at 40 in 1959 and was diagnosed with TB and told he wouldn’t live a year. A homeless veteran washed up and wasted, he lived anyway and became a doctor in psychology and spent another 40 years helping others. Many of the stories he shared are still alive with my sponsor, myself and those whose lives he touched. These are the ripple effects.

I think that there is one person for each of us that can help make AA click. One person who turns up the volume so that we can hear all the rest of the things and the people we never could hear before. For me that person was Bob O., a speaker who opened my eyes and heart to the necessity to live by the Big Book. His impact on me was profound in the months before I met Bill D. and my sponsor. I often wonder if I would I have stayed sober without his message.

We often ask ourselves: “Why didn’t Jimmy make it? I thought he really had this, I thought he’d never drink again.” We in AA bury so many people we love. I have buried seven that have lived with me since I got sober and lost many more that were friends and acquaintances and there are those we never hear from again that we sometimes think about. And so I wonder is there another facet to this ripple effect we don’t realize? Where the one person whose message could’ve turned up the volume for Jimmy or Susan or whoever wasn’t there.

Bearing that thought helps me realize my obligation to stay sober and happy. To become a part of this solution. To attend meetings and reach out to newcomers and to make myself available. The funny thing is that even if it doesn’t help them, that’s okay because it always helps me stay centered—and a part of that ripple effect.

Dave R.

Quote of the Month

“No personal calamity is so crushing that something true and great can’t be made of it.”

-Bill W.

Thirty Minute Rule | Five dozen cookies scattered all over the floor!

I like to take cookies, lots of cookies, to our AA meetings. I take lots of cookies because the open speaker meetings in my area are well-attended.

On one occasion, as I was passing the cookie tin to the coffee person, the tin fell and the lid popped open. Five dozen cookies scattered all over the floor! People love my baking so panic ensued. I suggested we should just sweep them up for the garbage because of the “30-second rule.” One member jokingly said that for AA members, a “30-minute rule” is more appropriate. Another person only heard the word “sweep.” Very quickly the cookies were swept, yes, swept, onto a large platter from the church kitchen. There were some cookies still intact, many crumbs and a few dust bunnies arranged on the platter.

During the meeting I was asked to read something. When I got to the front of the room I took the opportunity to thank everyone for enjoying my cookies. The whole room exploded with laughter. This is what we do. We enjoy the moment. If we don’t laugh, we cry.

I recently read that laughter is the deepest form of freedom. What a wonderful thought. I’m so grateful to have the freedom to laugh and have fun in sobriety. I am so humbled and grateful for that positive experience with my fellow members that night.

After that meeting, I started taking my cookies in a basket that has a handle I can grip firmly. I now walk around greeting people as I offer a treat. Perfect solution. This way I get to chat with everybody in the room!

From pg.66 of How It Works

“If we were to live, we had to be free of anger. The grouch and the brainstorm were not for us. They may be the dubious luxury of normal men, but for alcoholics these things are poison. We turned back to the list, for it held the key to the future. We were prepared to look at it from an entirely different angle. We began to see that the world and its people really dominated us. In that state, the wrong-doing of others, fancied or real, had power to actually kill. How could we escape? We saw that these resentments must be mastered, but how? We could not wish them away any more than alcohol.”

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

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 18 ~ 20

RIVERSIDE RESORT

LAUGHLIN NV

FLAGSTAFF ROUNDUP

JUNE 1 ~ 4

FORT TUTTHILL, FLAGSTAFF AZ

PROMISES IN THE PINES

JULY 27 ~ 30

LEWIS CANYON CAMPGROUND

SHOW LOW AZ

PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 25 ~ 27

LOCATION TBD

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 27 ~ 29

LOCATION TBD



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.

2023 Post Conference Assembly

June 17

Lake Havasu City AZ

(Check area03.org for more information)



Cinco No Drinko

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

Meeting, Dinner and Dance

805 N Country Club Dr., Mesa AZ.

(First Christian Church)

2023 Arizona State Convention

Hosted by District 08

September 1 ~ 3 (Labor Day Weekend)

The Wigwam Resort

Litchfield Park AZ

Name	Date
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Mike C.	5/1/1981	15340
Bud K.	5/23/1982	14974
Jon C.	5/6/1984	14244
Becky C.	5/9/1984	14244
Ken H.	5/19/1986	13514
Rick J.	5/13/1987	13149
Chris M.	5/13/1987	13149
MaryEileen R.	5/8/1988	12783
Beth H.	5/29/1988	12783
Lynn S.	5/25/1989	12418
Mike S.	5/1/1991	11688
Hallie G.	5/5/1991	11688
Louis S.	5/28/1991	11688
Regan G.	5/1/1992	11322
Christine T.	5/5/1992	11322
Jack G.	5/23/1996	9861
Heidi H.	5/23/1999	8766
Denise A.	5/1/2002	7670
Mickey W.	5/1/2003	7305
Debbie G.	5/16/2003	7305
Kathy T.	5/15/2005	6574
Larry S.	5/23/2007	5844
Pat C.	5/27/2007	5805
Neil H.	5/23/2008	5478
Frank P.	5/26/2008	5478
Steve B.	5/11/2009	5113
Gail N.	5/15/2009	5113
Donna G.	5/27/2009	5113
Ken M.	5/19/2010	4748
Lyndadiane L.	5/29/2010	4748
Michelle M.	5/25/2010	4383
Ben P.	5/24/2011	4383
Shawna D.	5/2/2012	4017
Danielle R.	5/6/2013	3652
Denise M.	5/12/2014	3287
Christopher T.	5/5/2015	2922
Beth M.	5/6/2015	2922
Mike D.	5/10/2016	2556
Jean C.	5/15/2016	2556
Kathleen A.	5/17/2019	1461
Denise D.	5/18/2019	1461
Gail H.	5/26/2020	1095
Heather D.	5/2/2021	730
Susan R.	5/17/2022	365

Some Good Old-Timers Wisdom...



Keep the plug in the jug!

Are you feeding the good dog or the bad dog?

If you don't drink, you wont get drunk.

One is too many and a thousand is not enough.

Once you become a pickle you can never be a cucumber again.

You can't save your face and your butt at the same time.

The elevator to sobriety is broken, take the steps.

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

Contributions in the form of short, anonymous prayers, are always welcome at
@aamesaaz.org



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

June 3 ~ The Tribe

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

May 5th ~ Common Thread

June 2 ~ Rising Spirit

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

April 21, 2023

April activity was a little slower as our winter members are migrating to their summer homes. We assisted 468 people at the office with 13 of those resulting in 12 step calls. Our website stayed busy too. It had 23,661 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing also receives steady traffic. Our Google totals for February were 3,083 views, of those 445 visited our website and 56 asked for directions.

Our annual Arizona Corporation Commission filing has been submitted and paid. I have registered for the ICOAA Seminar this October in Cincinnati. Was able to use VISA points for the airline tickets. The large literature order we placed before the price increase has been received. We shouldn't have to place another order until June. We will update our pricing when we place an order at the increased rates.

If your group is planning an outing or special event, please let us know. We can put it in the newsletter and help spread the word. We also have several large coffee pots that groups can borrow, just call and reserve.

The feedback we have received so far concerning the proposed pamphlet on meeting etiquette has been very positive. We did get a few requests to add a note to limit or discourage profanity and that has been done.

We need office volunteers. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. Please discuss with your group all the service opportunities that are available thru your East Valley Intergroup. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage them 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

.....	March	.....	2023
Meeting Information Calls.....	110	.....	323
General Information	106	.....	275
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	5	.....	13
Referred to Al-Anon.....	14	.....	41
Referred to Community Info.....	0	.....	4
12th Step Calls.....	13	.....	33
Business Calls	88	.....	244
Office Visitors	132	.....	364
Meeting lists printed.....	600	.....	1800
Info request via E-mail	32	.....	126
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	23/ 7/10		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD. ....		.....	120hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 23,661 YTD 73,454
Google Searches last 30 days 3,083 YTD 8,971

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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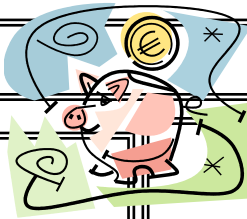
GROUP	March	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$150.00
2121 Beginner Workshop	\$1,166.82	\$1,166.82
417 Group		\$0.00
A Vision For You		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$182.77
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$446.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$193.42	\$259.54
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$72.42
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$400.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG	\$325.00	\$325.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$59.00	\$59.00
Basic II	\$100.00	\$100.00
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	\$300.00	\$300.00
By The Book		\$167.25
Chandler Noon Group	\$139.00	\$282.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$452.38
Common Thread		\$499.97
Courage To Change	\$250.00	\$250.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$375.84
East Valley Veterans	\$50.00	\$50.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$266.61
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank		\$207.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$152.00
Florence Group		\$310.00
Friday Night BB		\$348.87
Get In The Car		\$0.00
Get It Together		\$0.00
Gilbert Gals		\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$0.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$30.00
Grateful Girlfriends	\$193.00	\$300.00
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	\$40.00	\$40.00
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	\$25.00	\$95.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$0.00
Over The Influence	\$147.60	\$147.60
Page A Day		\$815.13
Path Less Traveled		\$50.00

GROUP	March	YTD
Patio Group		\$0.00
Pioneer Group		\$106.00
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$54.59
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Province Group		\$50.00
Putting God First		\$147.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$99.89
Re-Awakening Group		\$50.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit	\$100.00	\$100.00
Rising Spirit		\$739.52
Road To Recovery	\$768.88	\$3,872.14
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$75.00
Second Chance Group	\$247.33	\$247.33
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	\$100.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$450.00
Spirited Women		\$0.00
Step By Step Group		\$0.00
Steppers		\$74.00
Stepping Stones	\$80.00	\$240.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers	\$150.00	\$288.00
Sundowners		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$0.00
Sunset Group	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tempe Group		\$200.00
Tempe Nooners		\$0.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Library		\$65.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Tribe		\$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
We Agnostics	\$247.80	\$247.80
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	\$90.00	\$377.11

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup	\$50.00	\$50.00
Dist 08-813		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$5,161.72	\$19,284.95
EVI Committees	\$51.00	\$268.00
Individual Contributions	\$1,605.00	\$2,141.08
GRAND TOTALS	\$6,817.72	\$22,414.02

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2022

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	7,926.10
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	35,517.02
Accounts Receivable	829.65
Inventory Asset	32,828.32
Undeposited Funds	-215.80
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$81,958.18
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	4,560.13
Total Equity	\$81,958.18
Total Liability & Equity	\$81,958.18

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT March, 2023

27 Group contributions totaling	\$5,161.72
8 Individual contributions totaling	\$1,605.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$51.00
Total Contributions	\$6,817.72
Total Income	\$9,642.31
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$2,108.10
Gross Profit	\$7,534.21
Less total Expenses of	\$6,807.80
Net March Gain	\$726.41
YTD 2023 Gain	\$4,560.13
The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$35,517.02	
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 Five Checklist

Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step, the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2023

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

Attendees:

Ahwatukee Group- John S Ahwatukee Nooners- John H Bloopers- Mike C Breakfast Club- Treacey Courage to Change-Kathy H Friday Night BB Study Gold Canyon- Al W GIT – Anne H Good Orderly Direction – Ronnie C Happy Hour, Morning After–Rose M	Over Tha Influence – Tony B Page A Day – Jon D Patio Group – Tim R Patio Group – David P Rising Spirit – Linda C Rising Spirit – Gail S SL Serenity Seekers – Deb R Southeast Valley Stag – Gary M Starlight Ranch Group -Maya K Steppers – Tom E	Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers – Erika N Sunday Night BB Step Study – Dave T Sunset Group – Branden A Tempe Group – Susan M Tempe Sunrisers – Jerry A The Tribe – Jannette K The Tribe – Sarah F The Way Out – Dee P
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Online:

By the Book – Tracey Easy Does It – Cece Feelings and Solutions – Tracy L Gratitude Group – Buddy New Spirit – Tom B	Path Less Travelled – Barb Santan Men’s – David S. Sisterhood of Solutions -Rita Sun Lakes Women’s - Deb	We Ain’t Dead Yet – Doug W The Real Thing – Roxanne B Vision for You – Bradley L We Agnostics – Andrew N VWHI – Debbie C
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Welcome to the New Reps:

Erica – Sun Lakes Dell -Rising Group	Harold?? (couldn’t hear. Sorry!!) Stepping Stones – Monica SE
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J welcomes everyone. A friend read the 12 Traditions. Introduction of new reps.

Secretary’s Report: Lois L. – (Lois not present – Regan filling in) March EVI business meeting report and April EVI Steering Committee report is in the packet. Buddy made a motion to accept. Tom. 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. No questions from the floor. Monica S made motion to accept –Buddy 2nd. Motion passed.

7th Tradition: \$50.00. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website www.aamesaaz.org

Chairperson’s Report: J J. – Not much to report that isn’t going to be discussed later – grateful to be of service!

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 – Austin has no report tonight but will have something next month!

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. Kim will be attending the annual ICOAA (Intergroup/Central Office of Alcoholics Anonymous) Seminar in October and was able to purchase airfare using points from the EVI Visa card. The big order placed before the price increase has arrived so stock up! Office volunteers are needed. We have 4 openings, shifts are 4 hours, either morning or afternoon. Contact Roxanne B for information.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Amber – Written report in the packet. Always looking for committee volunteers! If interested see Amber!

Special Events: Tickets are still available for the Anniversary Dinner/Speaker. We will stop selling tickets about 4 days prior to the event per Steering Committee discussion. You can get them from your EVI Rep or call Kim at the office and they can hook you up! If your group would like to donate raffle baskets for the Anniversary event – please take them to the EVI office by April 29th. Lindsey is the new Co-Chair! Thanks Lindsey!

Phone committee: Tom – Working on filling shifts – Also training for taking the phones is available. In-person training is not well attended so we are looking to expand the online phone training. Encourage your new sponsees to take a shift on the phones to help them get their feet wet working with others!

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. Only need is 6 months of sobriety.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. Next workshop will be June 3rd at 10am in the class room at the Epiphany Church. Scheduled for 90 minutes and usually there is awesome discussion, and it runs over. Always the First Saturday of even months.

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

Literature: Monica S.E. – Sold quite a few books due to the coming price increase. June 10th is Founders Day! If anyone wants to volunteer to help sell literature, let Monica know!

LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Rebecca April Spring Fling April 22nd – Also the Al-anon Convention is coming up. If interested in registering, see Rebecca!

H&I Liaison: Dave T. –Attended the meeting on 4/12 – Forming a committee to review the by-laws. Took in \$1123.00 Training for badged volunteers coming up for Maricopa County Sherriff's facilities on Saturdays in April. It is currently taking 9 months to get the badge. Many volunteer positions open Phoenix West position was filled, but still need a Florence Coordinator. Bridge the Gap is also looking for volunteers. If interested go to Valley Wide H&I Website.

Spanish Liaison: position open

Sub District 08-818: Gary L. Alt. DCM – Nothing to report this month.

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

Sub District 08-820: Wayne –Not Present

OLD BUSINESS:

- EVI Spanish Liaison position still available

- Meeting space for Phone Committee

- The pamphlet on Meeting Etiquette is still in progress. Comments and suggestions always welcome- you can provide feedback via email to the EVI Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dee made a motion for the EVI Steering Committee to research the possibility of resurrecting the Unity Day Event to be hosted in partnership with all 3 other intergroups in the valley. 2nd by Timothy. Motion Carried with one opposed. – Position is that this should be decided by Special Events committee and not the steering committee.

Susan - Made a motion to: use space in the NBN to advertise for services from members. This does not align with Traditions of singleness of purpose, so we will not be able to move forward. Thank you for the suggestion!

Announcements.

- Founders Day coming up in June – with Bill and Bobs Excellent Adventure

- Workshop on May 6th Free Lunch at 1050 West Superstition Blvd

- AZ State Convention Sept 1 – 3 at the Wigwam

- Post Conference Assembly June 17th in Lake Havasu Featuring the Delegates report back from the General Service Conference June 17th.

8:00pm Tom made a motion to close. Monica – 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Regan G – filling in for EVI Secretary

Purrrfect Solution | Jim B.

When I was still drinking, having the responsibility of taking care of a pet was the last thing on my mind. I mean, really. Spending money on food and healthcare to keep a pet happy and healthy, when that money could be put to better use buying more liquor? Unthinkable! So I lived alone with my alcoholism.

When I came into AA, I initially got sober attending meetings held in a sober house. One of the “residents” there was a small cat that was friendly to everyone. He used to go from recovering alcoholic to recovering alcoholic seeking attention. He’d often end up in my lap because I would give him the attention he wanted.

I commented in our AA meeting how much serenity I got from just having this cat near me. One day, one of the other members approached me. She said that she and her husband were going to go on a long road trip and needed to find a home for their young female cat, Pennie. She wanted to know if I was willing to take the kitten for my own?

Taking on the responsibility of owning a cat was a lot different than just spending an hour or so with our sober house cat, especially since I was just four months into my sobriety. But I really wanted to see if I could be a good companion. So I accepted.

I’m so glad I did because it made my sobriety so much better. I’ve been sober now for more than seven years. I truly believe that that cat has helped keep me sober. Is it all roses and chocolate? No. Sometimes she can really get on my nerves, especially when I’m trying to type on my computer. The sound of the clicking keys seems to indicate to her that it is the perfect time to demand attention. But I need her. She keeps me focused on the fact that there are other things more important than myself.

Our Fifth Step, Tradition and Concept

Step 5. - “Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

Tradition 5. - “Each group has but one primary purpose —to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Concept V. - Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard, and personal grievances receive careful consideration.