

# JUNE

## 2023

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# NO BOOZE NEWS

## **Hidden Treasure: Sponsorship** **Mily T.**

While browsing in a small-town bookstore, I discovered a priceless treasure: someone's well-worn Big Book. It had a \$6 price tag.

Whenever I see an old Big Book, I can't help but wonder how it ended up on a lonely shelf away from our homes and meeting rooms. I like to rescue them and put them back out into circulation. Having a few extra books on hand is a great way to carry the message when a person expresses interest in learning more about AA.

This well-worn book looked like any other until I opened it and the magic spilled out. Underneath the traditional blue dust jacket was a beautifully embroidered book cover (pictured at left). It was unbelievably sweet. Multicolored flowers were hand-embroidered above the nickname of the former owner. At the top of the first page was written: "Purchased 9-30-83." It also had her full name. Bless her heart, she was 61 when she got sober. I would arrive in AA the following year at the age of 21.

In Chapter 2, we're reminded: "We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful." This has certainly been my experience.

### **Quote of the Month**

*"Lack of power, that was our dilemma. we had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a Power Greater Than Ourselves."*

*... continued on pg. 2*

On the front and back pages of the book are names and phone numbers with inscriptions with promises to keep in touch as they begin their new lives.

***"I feel so much happiness for having known you."***

***"If you ever need any help around the house, moving or just need someone to talk to I'll be there."***

***"Thank you for being my friend."***

***"I've never had the pleasure of meeting a woman of your caliber."***

***"Give me a call anytime you want to talk."***

***"You have given me something special ...hope that I can work my troubles out."***

***"Please feel free to call me if you're feeling down."***

***"God go with you."***

When I opened the book, I felt such a flood of emotions and thought, *"Oh sister, it's time for you to come home..."*

Because the owner had written her full name in the front of the book, I was easily able to find her obituary. She passed in 2014 at the age of 91. She had a doctoral degree from a prestigious university and had enjoyed an interesting career. In AA we seem to be separated by far fewer than "six degrees," so I was hardly surprised to learn that my former sponsee knew her.

I learned the owner of this well-loved Big Book had enjoyed long-term sobriety and carried the message to many. I heard she was a wise, kind and independent lady who stayed sober and sponsored many strong women.

Because I was looking for a Big Book to pass along, I was given this priceless gift from a woman with long-term sobriety. One day I will pass the book along to a younger woman. In the meantime, she will continue to carry the message to me.

**from FOREWARD TO SECOND EDITION**

“From this doctor [Dr. William D. Silkworth], the broker had learned the grave nature of alcoholism. Though he could not accept all the tenets of the Oxford Groups, he was convinced of the need for moral inventory, confession of personality defects, restitution to those harmed, helpfulness to others, and the necessity of belief in and dependence upon God.

Prior to his journey to Akron, the broker had worked hard with many alcoholics on the theory that only an alcoholic could help an alcoholic, but he had succeeded only in keeping sober himself.”

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

**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

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



**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

**VALLEY OF THE SUN  
FOUNDERS DAY**

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

10AM TO 4PM

1525 N POWER RD. MESA, AZ

(LOVE OF CHRIST CHURCH)

GREAT SPEAKERS

FREE LUNCH

REGISTER AT [AZFOUNDERSDAY.ORG](http://AZFOUNDERSDAY.ORG)

**2023 Post Conference Assembly**

**June 17**

**Lake Havasu City AZ**

(Check [area03.org](http://area03.org) for more information)



Sub District 08-819 Presents

**Eat, Meet and Greet**

Hosted by: Upon Awakening Group

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

**4pm to 8pm**

3225 S Lindsay Rd. Gilbert AZ

(Desert Cross Lutheran 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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Alcoholics Anonymous	6/10/1935	32142
Ralph H.	6/24/1974	17897
James M.	6/30/1977	16801
Rodger G.	6/8/1980	15705
Diana C.	6/19/1980	15694
Kim W.	6/4/1987	13149
Paula K.	6/24/1987	13149
Steve D.	6/10/1990	12053
Tom M.	6/2/1991	11688
Andrew L.	6/2/1995	10227
Ken C.	6/2/1998	9131
Lori K.	6/11/1999	8766
Angela P.	6/21/2000	8400
Stacey S.	6/7/2001	8035
Tom T.	6/1/2003	7305
Nicole K.	6/6/2003	7305
Tracy Z.	6/18/2004	6939
Tim Q.	6/28/2004	6939
Michael M.	6/1/2005	6574
Ruth M.	6/18/2005	6574
Segrid S.	6/28/2005	6574
Jenee K.	6/29/2006	6209
Mike F.	6/5/2008	5478
Terri O.	6/8/2008	5478
Melissa N.	6/19/2008	5478
Melissa W.	6/1/2010	4748
Sharon B.	6/7/2010	4748
Ross S.	6/30/2010	4748
Larry J.	6/9/2012	4017
Paul Z.	6/22/2012	4017
Crystal W.	6/16/2014	3287
Linda N.	6/16/2015	2922
Brenda P.	6/12/2017	2191
Jake J.	6/24/2017	2191
Laura R.	6/20/2018	1826
Sue S.	6/20/2018	1826
Susan M.	6/2/2019	1461
Deb C.	6/5/2019	1461
Tiffany T.	6/1/2020	1095
Jim T.	6/20/2020	1095
Logan S.	6/3/2021	730
Julie P.	6/4/2021	730
Dryl B.	6/15/2022	365

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



*If you are happy and you know it, tell your face.*  
*In acceptance lies the solution.*  
*You only have to change one thing, everything.*  
*All the answers are in the Big Book.*  
*I don't have to like you but I will love you.*  
*Carry the message not the mess.*  
*Come to meetings and don't drink in between.*  
*Don't leave 5 minutes before the miracle happens.*

### 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 East 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)

Your opinions, considerations and ideas  
are always welcome  
[info@aamesaaz.org](mailto:info@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](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**

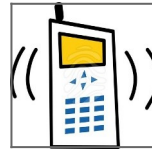
**[aamesaaz.org](http://aamesaaz.org)**

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

**June 3 ~ The Tribe**

*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**

**June 2 ~ Rising Spirit**

July 7 ~ Page A Day

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.



**\*\*\* Regular Shifts Available \*\*\***

# Central Office Manager's Report

May 19, 2023

In April we received 431 requests for information and assistance. Of those 110 calls were for meeting info, 128 were office visitors and 9 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 24,993 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google totals for March were 2,926 views. Of those 276 went to our website, 54 requested directions and 76 gave us a call.

Our 2022 taxes have been filed. We reported \$143,195.47 in income.

We purchased a large literature order in March and were able to keep book sales at the lower price for 2 extra months. Hopefully the groups have been able to take advantage of this extra time to stock up a bit. We will update our pricing on June 1st.

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.

We have been receiving great support from the Groups we serve. Lately we have gotten a few contributions with no Group names listed. This is just a friendly reminder to please note your group name with any contributions made on the website or by check to the office. Please let me know if your Group's contributions are not recorded correctly, I will research and correct them.

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	.....	434
General Information .....	91	.....	366
Referred to Salt River Intergroup ....	3	.....	16
Referred to Al-Anon.....	9	.....	50
Referred to Community Info.....	0	.....	4
12th Step Calls .....	12	.....	45
Business Calls .....	78	.....	322
Office Visitors .....	128	.....	492
Meeting lists printed.....	600	.....	2400
Info request via E-mail .....	26	.....	152
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	21/ 7/10		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs.....	600hrs		

### Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 24,993 YTD 98,745  
Google Searches last 30 days 2,926 YTD 11,897

## 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:

There is a Solution 52 N Pinal Ave. Superior TU 7:00pm O  
Chant 2 655 E Southern Ave. Tempe MO 7:00pm O, Medita  
25 de Enero 20913 E Ocotillo Rd. Queen Creek MO, TH, FR 7:00pm  
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)

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	April	YTD
11th Step Candlelight .....		\$150.00
2121 Beginner Workshop .....		\$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 .....	\$218.49	\$478.03
Ahwatukee Women's Group .....		\$72.42
Arbor Daily Noon Group .....	\$200.00	\$600.00
As Bill Sees It QC .....		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG .....		\$325.00
Attitude of Gratitude .....		\$59.00
Basic II .....		\$100.00
BBookworms .....	\$154.58	\$318.58
Bloopers .....		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's .....		\$0.00
Both Books .....		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle .....	\$204.20	\$204.20
Breakfast Club .....	\$250.00	\$500.00
Busted Ego .....		\$300.00
By The Book .....	\$160.87	\$328.12
Chandler Noon Group .....	\$198.00	\$480.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group .....		\$452.38
Common Thread .....	\$362.99	\$862.96
Courage To Change .....		\$250.00
East Phoenix Men's .....		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag .....		\$375.84
East Valley Veterans .....	\$50.00	\$100.00
Easy Does It Group .....	\$88.87	\$355.48
Eye Opener Group .....		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group .....		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions .....		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank .....	\$330.00	\$537.00
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 .....	\$250.00	\$250.00
Good Orderly Direction .....		\$30.00
Grateful Girlfriends .....		\$300.00
Gratitude Group .....		\$0.00
Great Start .....		\$0.00
Gut Level .....		\$201.00
Happy Destiny .....		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird .....	\$150.00	\$300.00
Hope For Today .....		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch .....		\$0.00
Last Resort .....	\$30.00	\$30.00
Life In The Big Book .....		\$184.00
Livin Life Women .....		\$157.50
Maricopa 12 X 12 .....		\$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 .....	\$317.50	\$1,167.35
No Big Deals .....	\$75.00	\$170.00
No Name AA Group .....		\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks .....		\$0.00
Over The Influence .....		\$147.60
Page A Day .....		\$815.13
Path Less Traveled .....		\$50.00

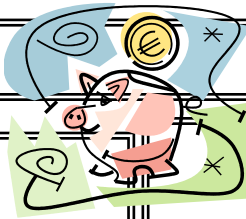
GROUP	April	YTD
Patio Group .....		\$0.00
Pioneer Group .....	\$39.00	\$145.00
Price Is Right .....	\$248.00	\$245.00
Primary Purpose Group .....	\$67.50	\$122.09
Progress Rather Than Perfection .....		\$0.00
Province Group .....	\$50.00	\$100.00
Putting God First .....	\$48.00	\$195.00
Queen Creek Nooners .....		\$99.89
Re-Awakening Group .....		\$50.00
Remember When .....		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit .....	\$100.00	\$200.00
Rising Spirit .....		\$739.52
Road To Recovery .....	\$564.14	\$4,436.28
Rock Solid .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
San Tan Group .....		\$0.00
San Tan Men's .....		\$75.00
Second Chance Group .....		\$247.33
Serenity Now .....	\$141.00	\$331.00
Serenity Sisters .....		\$0.00
Shade Tree .....		\$270.00
Sobriety is Gold .....		\$1,666.60
Sobriety Rocks .....	\$141.36	\$141.36
Society Group .....		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others .....	\$100.00	\$200.00
Southeast Valley Stag .....	\$112.50	\$562.50
Spirited Women .....		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch .....	\$55.58	\$55.58
Step By Step Group .....	\$121.18	\$121.18
Steppers .....		\$74.00
Stepping Stones .....		\$240.00
Sunday Afternoon Step .....		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study .....	\$106.42	\$106.42
Sunday Serenity Seekers .....		\$288.00
Sundowners .....		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker .....		\$0.00
Sunset Group .....		\$100.00
Superstition Sunrise .....	\$120.00	\$120.00
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 .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Tumbleweeds Group .....	\$214.00	\$447.00
Upon Awakening .....	\$700.00	\$1,500.00
We Ain't Dead Yet .....	\$150.00	\$250.00
We Agnostics .....		\$247.80
Wednesday Night Winners .....		\$0.00
Welcome Home .....	\$200.00	\$200.00
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 .....	\$50.00	\$427.11

## OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout .....		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf. ....		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup .....		\$50.00
Dist 08-813 .....		\$0.00
Dist 08-820 .....		\$0.00
Meal and a Message .....		\$0.00
<b>Group Totals .....</b>	<b>\$6,975.18</b>	<b>\$26,980.12</b>
<b>EVI Committees .....</b>	<b>\$93.00</b>	<b>\$361.00</b>
<b>Individual Contributions .....</b>	<b>\$93.00</b>	<b>\$2,234.08</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$7,161.18</b>	<b>\$29,575.20</b>

\*Group contribution with no group name listed)





### BALANCE SHEET April 30, 2022

#### Assets

##### Current Assets

Checking	12,910.32
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	35,533.08
Accounts Receivable	1,015.60
Inventory Asset	31,290.18
Undeposited Funds	0.00

##### Fixed Assets

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

**Total Assets** **\$85,822.48**

#### Liabilities & Equity

##### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	2,716.81
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	110.00

**Total Liabilities** **\$2,826.81**

##### Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	5,597.62

**Total Equity** **\$82,995.67**

**Total Liability & Equity** **\$85,822.48**

### PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT April, 2023

47 Group contributions totaling	\$6,975.18
6 Individual contributions totaling	\$93.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$93.00

**Total Contributions** **\$7,161.18**

**Total Income** **\$15,460.30**

**Less total Cost Of Sales** **\$4,228.00**

**Gross Profit** **\$11,232.30**

**Less total Expenses of** **\$10,194.81**

**Net March Gain** **\$1,037.49**

**YTD 2023 Gain** **\$5,597.62**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$35,533.08

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 Six Checklist**

**An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**

1. Why is it important that we not get involved in outside enterprises?
2. Is it ever wise for a group to lease a small building or endorse an outside event?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local clubhouse familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs," which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Our group's landlord is raising money to pay for a new roof on the building. Should the group contribute? What if the landlord specifically asks the group to make a contribution?

**East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes****May 19, 2023**

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

Attendees: Bloopers – Logan S. Happy Hour, Morning A☐er – Rose M Step by Step – Joy E. Bloopers – Mike C. Path Less Traveled – Barb Mc. Steppers – Tom E. Botom of the Botle -Darrel T. Pa☐o Group – David P. Stepping Stones – Monica SE Breakfast Club – Treacey B. Price is Right – Christopher T. Sun Night BB Step Study – Dave T. Common Thread – Thomas C. Primary Purpose Group – Marissa C. Sunset Group – Branden A. E. Valley Men's Stag – Jose A Rising Spirit – Gail S. Tempe Group – Susan M. GIT – Anne H. Serious over Sobriety – Doug W. The Tribe – Jannete K. Gold Canyon Firehouse Grp – CJ M. SL Serenity Seekers – Erica N. The Tribe – Sarah F. Hungry Ghost Men's Stag – Jimmy Starlight Ranch Group – Maya K. Online: Ahwatukee Women's Grp – Andrea A. Tempe Sunrisers – Jerry A. We Agnos☐cs – Andrew N. Dr. Bob's Nightmare – James M. The Real Thing – Roxanne B. Women in Gra☐tude – Deb B. Easy Does It – Cece The Way Out – Dee P. PI/CPC Alt. Chair – John V. Welcome to the new Reps: Dr. Bob's Nightmare – James Hungry Ghost Men's Stag – Jimmy Step by Step - Joy

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

Secretary's Report: Lois L. – March EVI business meeting report and April EVI Steering Committee report is in the packet. Tom made a motion to accept. Timothy 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph M- reviewed report from the packet. Tom asked if the Prudent Reserve was a bit down because of expenses or lack of income - Joseph responded that was because of a large literature purchase to stock up before the price increase to pass on savings to our groups. Timothy made motion to accept – Barb 2nd. Motion passed. 7th Tradition: \$39.00. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website [www.aamesaaz.org](http://www.aamesaaz.org)

Chairperson's Report: J J. – nothing new to report. Vice Chairperson Report: Austin – sent a report to J – Austin will be at Founders Day and at the Post-Conference Assembly.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. 2022 taxes have been filed. Our large literature order in March has enabled us to keep book sales at the lower prices for an extra 2 months. Prices will go up on June 1st. Folding day is May 25th 9am – come to the office to help out – coffee, donuts, fellowship, folding. There is a new meeting in Superior – sparsely populated area- if you are near there on a Tuesday at 7pm please support them – 52 N Canal Ave. Received some checks from groups without the group name on them- but they have the GSO group number on them. We do not go by group numbers – please put the group name on contributions. Dee had a question about our taxes – did we have a net income or net loss? Kim said we had a small income – less than \$1,000. Dee had a question about if we will be filing for the ERC (Employee Retention Credit) – this is a refund or tax credit from the IRS to small companies and non-profits if they did not lay off employees during Covid. Kim said our CPA is looking at that – we should have an answer soon.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PI/CPC: John (Alt. Chair) – They are meeting and have sub-committees – some folks are out in the community – speaking at ASU to Counsellors. Amber is Chair.

Special Events: Barb gave a report – Committee will have a debrief tomorrow – numbers coming in soon.

Phone committee: Tom – May slots are covered. June calendar is done. 3 folks picked up 4 dedicated shifts tonight. If your groups have anyone who covers the phones once a month – please thank them.

Unity Committee: Ben – not present.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. Next workshop will be June 3rd at 10am in the class room at the Epiphany Church. Past couple of workshops we've had folks coming who don't have sponsees – willing to learn about it. 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](mailto:info@aamesaaz.org)

Literature Committee: Monica S.E. – Written report in packet. Will get with Kim to see what Literature she needs to take to Founders Day. Come sit at the Literature table for a bit if you are at Founders Day.

**LIASION REPORTS**

Al-anon Liaison: Rebecca May Family Recovery Night is Saturday, May 27th. 5:30 pot luck, 7pm A.A. speaker, 7:30pm Al-Anon speaker, 50/50 raffle and more. At Church of the Epiphany and on zoom. More info on the flyer.

H&I Liaison: Dave T. –Attended the meeting on 5/10. Need a Literature Chair. Treasury is \$36,901.79. New applicants for badges have to complete a 22-page application and have 2 TB tests... taking a long time. Renewals for existing badges is pretty quick. Maricopa County Sheriff location not open yet. Several positions are open on the committee. Voted to use \$900 to buy Grapevine subscriptions for those confined. Alhambra, Lewis and Florence are open.

Spanish Liaison: position open

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

Sub District 08-819: Steven – Alt. DCM – Quarterly Eat, Meet and Greet will be on June 24th at Desert Cross Church 3225 S. Lindsay Rd. Gilbert. 4pm to 8pm. Food, Fellowship, Sponsor Skit, Bingo, sobriety countdown, speakers, prizes.

Sub District 08-820: Wayne –Not Present

OLD BUSINESS: • EVI Spanish Liaison position still available • Motion to increase selling price of pamphlets to .40 ea. Discussion: one rep said their group is for this increase, a couple members thought we could put this off for a bit due to the Intergroup doing well right now. No further discussion. Votes – 26 yes 0 no. Motion passed.

- Floor motion – Unity Day. The Steering Committee looked into this and recommended that we direct our attention to the needs of the East Valley and not pursue this at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Office Manager review – Steering Committee will do that in June. A member mentioned we might want to look at putting a limit on the length of time on the Office Manager job – like they do at GSO. Steering Committee will review this.

- Question about the proposed “Tips for Meeting Etiquette” pamphlet – where are we at? Kim said we have received some feedback, made a couple adjustments – will go over it in Steering Committee and bring it back to the reps for more discussion. A member reported that her group thinks the “tip” about respecting anonymity should be put on the top of the list – her group likes it.

Announcements. Roxanne says we need some volunteers to work in the office – Tuesday 9am – 1pm and Friday 9am – 1pm.

Founders Day coming up in June – with Bill and Bobs Excellent Adventure – some speakers from out of town!

AZ State Convention Sept 1 – 3 at the Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park.

Post Conference Assembly June 17th in Lake Havasu Featuring the Delegates report back from the GSC June 17th. 7:50pm

CJ made a motion to close. Timothy– 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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### What's an AA Group?

The group conscience of AA in the U.S. and Canada seems to have agreed upon six points that define an AA group:

- 1) **All members of a group are alcoholics, and all alcoholics are eligible for membership.**
- 2) **As a group, they are fully self-supporting.**
- 3) **A group's primary purpose is to help alcoholics recover through the Twelve Steps.**
- 4) **As a group, they have no outside affiliation.**
- 5) **As a group, they have no opinion on outside issues.**
- 6) **As a group, their public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion, and they maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, and film.**

**Let There Be Light | Maureen O.**

Last June I was asked by a deaf friend to speak at the weekly deaf AA meeting here (I am a hearing person but sign somewhat fluently). The meeting was to be held at its usual place and time, in a church a few towns away from me. I arrived a little early and enjoyed chatting with people outside while we were waiting for the church doors to be unlocked. We waited and waited, but no one from the church showed up. Being creative alcoholics, we all agreed to have our meeting in the playground in the back of the church. We sat around on the slides and the swings.

My friend announced at the beginning of the meeting that he was sorry the meeting would have to be shorter than usual, because when it got dark, there would be no way to communicate! We got on with things and I told my story. It was discussion time. Here is the best part: just as my friend stood up to again apologize for having to stop early, the playground was flooded with light! Three large spotlights had been turned on by an unseen hand, and we were able to continue the meeting. Later I realized that of course the lights were coordinated to come on with the darkness. But never mind--we "saw the light"!

*Our Sixth Step, Tradition and Concept*

**Step 6) Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

**Tradition 6) An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**

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