



NO BOOZE NEWS

Even More Valuable | AA, Money and Wealth

At our regular Big Book study meeting one Wednesday, our discussion digressed into an argument about the dated language preserved in Alcoholics Anonymous. There were the usual complaints: “To Wives” is sexist and no one today knows what is meant by “teetotaler” or “in his cups” and so on.

In the end, as always, tradition won out over relevance when it was decided that the exact words of Bill W. trumped all else. Oldtimers insisted that the same words they got sober reading 20, 30 and 40 years ago are good enough for the next generation.

In this meeting, our rules about crosstalk were almost completely abandoned in favor of seniority. The meeting chair, enjoying his exciting new 90-day privileges, was loath to ring the bell to call the meeting back to order and soon we were engaged in a competition over who owned the oldest copy of the Big Book.

Numerous examples were presented on the spot, but other claims could not be immediately verified, as people with the oldest copies kept them at home and out of everyday use. We all calmed down and stopped talking over each other.

Waiting her turn, a woman said that she seemed to remember that at one time our group had in its possession an original 1939 Big Book, donated by my own sponsor—a 20-year sober veteran and AA widow—who happened to be at today’s meeting. The woman wondered what had become of it.

“We did have a copy of the first edition,” my sponsor said. “It was left to my husband by his uncle, who was Twelfth Stepped by Bill W.” She said that she and her husband didn’t feel that something so precious should be kept to themselves, so they donated it to the group. “Well, the group didn’t know what to do with it,” she continued.

“Frankly, our group didn’t want to take responsibility for it. Suppose someone broke into our building in order to steal it? I mean, a first edition was going for thousands of dollars at the time.”

I love books, but I couldn’t imagine wanting any book more than I would want thousands of dollars. I admired my sponsor’s character.

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"The book was passed along to Intergroup and kept in a safety-deposit box until a meeting could be held to decide what to do with it," my sponsor added. "The district archives couldn't accept it for the same reason that our group didn't want to be responsible for it."

By now the entire situation seemed ludicrous to me. Why didn't our group just sell it? We could have done a lot with the money. But I remembered vaguely hearing something to the effect that our group was prohibited from accumulating unnecessary wealth. It might have been part of the Twelve Concepts, but I wasn't sure. Couldn't we have sent the money on to our area or district or to AA World Services? Someone said donation amounts were strictly limited.

"In the end," my sponsor continued, "we were able to send the book along to our area archives, who could accommodate it safely while still allowing visitors to enjoy it."

With the mystery solved, the meeting moved on to other topics, but I just couldn't let go of the idea of that money. Why did we have such a stringent Seventh Tradition? What was wrong with more money with which to do more good? Why corporate poverty?

It was then brought home to me for the first time that AA is not a charity. Outside of paying its bills, AA has no use for money. What AA has to offer is something that no other entity supplies and that no amount of money can buy. The members of my group have come from all walks of life. Thanks to AA's community outreach efforts, we have been referred to the program by our doctors, hospitals, clergymen, and therapists. Hadn't I been directed to AA at the end of my stay in rehab that, while expensive, could not offer an ongoing solution to my alcoholism? In the end, all roads lead to AA.

I remember as a little girl hearing a Bible story that never quite made sense to me. In this story, Jesus was talking to a group of people when a woman approached him and poured an expensive bottle of perfume over him. Someone criticized the act, saying that the perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. However, Jesus praised the woman for what she had done. When I heard this story as a little girl, I felt the same way as the critic. Why the waste? I agreed that the money from the sale of the perfume could have gone to benefit the poor, about whom Jesus was always concerned.

Hearing the story of the first edition Big Book in our meeting, I was able to understand that Gospel story for the first time. The principle is that there are some things money cannot buy and chief among those are spiritual growth. Jesus also said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

For a rich man today to get sober is absolutely possible, but he doesn't need money to do it. I love that our program is spiritual, not material, and therefore equally available, if not easy, to all.

from Step Seven | The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions

But when we have taken a square look at some of these defects, have discussed them with another, and have become willing to have them removed, our thinking about humility commences to have a wider meaning. By this time in all probability, we have gained some measure of release from our more devastating handicaps. We enjoy moments in which there is something like real peace of mind. To those of us who have hitherto known only excitement, depression, or anxiety—in other words, to all of us—this newfound peace is a price-less gift.

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

PROMISES IN THE PINES

JULY 27 ~ 30

LEWIS CANYON CAMPGROUND

SHOW LOW AZ

PAYSON ROUNDUP

AUGUST 25 ~ 27

SLIM JIM CAMP SITE 2

FOREST LAKES, AZ

VERDE VALLEY ROUNDUP

OCTOBER 27 ~ 29

JACKPOT RANCH, CAMP VERDE, AZ

APACHE LAKE CAMPOUT

NOVEMBER 10 ~ 12

APACHE LAKE MARINA

SRI SUMMER ROUNDUP

AUGUST 11 ~ 13

5401 N SCOTTSDALE RD. SCOTTSDALE AZ

DOUBLETREE RESORT



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 Bowlathon

Saturday, Aug. 13th

3pm to 5pm

AMF Mesa Lanes

2115 E Southern Ave. Mesa AZ

2 Hrs of bowling, Pizza, Soda

and shoe rental, \$20

Tickets available from your

Group rep or at your EVI Office



**Subdistrict 08-820 Quarterly
Potluck and Speaker Meeting**

July 15, 2022 5pm to 7pm

1050 W Superstition Blvd.

(Epiphany Lutheran Church)

Hosted By - Women in Gratitude

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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Tom F.....	7/8//1979.....	16071
Tom M.....	7/31/1981.....	15340
Sandy S.	7/23/1984.....	14244
Kathy K.	7/26/1986.....	13514
Tim H.	7/12/1987.....	13149
Joann E.....	7/16/1987.....	13149
Gail J.....	7/5/1988.....	12783
Sandy S.	7/25/1989.....	12418
Shelley M.	7/15/1990.....	12053
Bill R.....	7/28/1992.....	11322
Pam W.....	7/31/1993.....	10957
Catherine C.....	7/22/1994.....	10592
Craig M.	7/21/1996.....	9861
Steve C.....	7/14/1998.....	9131
Mercer C.....	7/2/2001.....	8035
Eileen K.....	7/11/2001.....	8035
Becky S.....	7/25/2002.....	7670
Jerry S.....	7/8/2004.....	6939
Mary L.....	7/14/2006.....	6209
Kristina B.....	7/16/2006.....	6209
Deana E.....	7/23/2007.....	5844
Anne H.....	7/28/2007.....	5844
Arne R.....	7/14/2008.....	5478
Matt V.....	7/30/2008.....	5478
Jim H.....	7/10/2009.....	5113
Michael W.....	7/15/2010.....	4748
John R.....	7/23/2010.....	4748
Aaron M.	7/24/2010.....	4748
Kerry R.....	7/17/2011.....	4383
David K.....	7/27/2011.....	4383
Raquel R.....	7/14/2014.....	3287
Pam R.....	7/24/2015.....	2922
Katelyn B.....	7/5/2016.....	2556
Rick T.....	7/8/2016.....	2556
Bertha E.....	7/15/2016.....	2556
Jade S.....	7/21/2016.....	2556
Wendy H.....	7/16/2018.....	1461
Sean O.....	7/11/2017.....	2191
Wendy H.....	7/16/2018.....	1826
James R.....	7/24/2018.....	1826
Benjamin R.....	7/8/2019.....	1461
Jody G.....	7/1/2020.....	1095
Amber N.....	7/1/2020.....	1095
Katy W.....	7/10/2022.....	365

Some Good Old-Timers Wisdom...



If nothing changes, nothing changes

If the hand of A.A. doesn't work, try the backhand.

We don't shoot our wounded.

We have a disease that tells us we don't have a disease.

Meeting makers make it.

Is it odd or is it God?

HELP WANTED

Your Intergroup office needs volunteers!

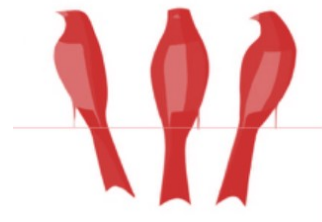
Answer phones, sell literature and help newcomers get started in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Shifts are 9am to 1pm or 1pm to 5pm.

Several shifts are open for a weekly commitment.

We also need "fill ins" when a regular cant make it.

Sign up for this rewarding service at aamesaaz.org or stop by the office.



In Loving and Grateful memory of

Shannon



Your opinions, considerations and ideas

are always welcome

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

aamesaaz.org



EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting
at

On ZOOM

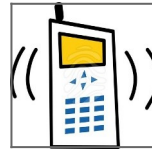
aamesaaz.org

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

Aug. 5 ~ Price Is Right

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

July 7 ~ Page A Day

Aug. 4 ~ Opportunity Knox

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 May we received 431 requests for information and assistance. Of those 113 calls were for meeting info, 124 were office visitors and 13 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 20,637 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google totals for May were 2,672 views. Of those 283 went to our website, 73 requested directions and 71 gave us a call.

Our literature prices have been increased to match AAWS pricing. Books went up 20% and pamphlets 30% on average. We have placed and received orders at the new prices. QuickBooks has ended support to our version of their software. It has not affected our operations yet, but we will need to upgrade this soon.

Our insurance is set to renew July 1 for \$4,269. Last year the same coverage cost \$2,846 and the previous years were \$920. We had hoped to receive a quote from another company but when they realized how many additional locations we were covering they declined. All updated and corrected certificates will be sent to the leaseholders of participating groups.

Please see the additional report on our potential ERC refund from the IRS.

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. Answer the A.A. hotline, go on an old fashioned 12 step call, take a meeting to a home bound member, share information about A.A. with the public and professional community, help put on an event, print and fold directories and newsletters or take a shift at the office. These are just a few of the services we provide and it takes hundreds of volunteers. 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..... 113 547
General Information 81 427
Referred to Salt River Intergroup 3 19
Referred to Al-Anon..... 9 59
Referred to Community Info..... 0 4
12th Step Calls 13 58
Business Calls 72 394
Office Visitors 124 616
Meeting lists printed..... 600 3000
Info request via E-mail 24 176
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None..... 20/ 12/8
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs..... 720hrs
Web Stats
Website Visits last 30 days 20,637 YTD 119,382
Google Searches last 30 days 2,672 YTD 14,669

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:

Slay the Dragon 2359 S Dobson Rd. Ramada 3 Mesa TU 7:00pm O
Gilbert BBSS Group 235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert MO 6:30pm BB, O
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

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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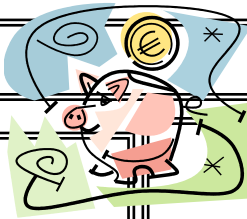
GROUP	May	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$150.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$1,166.82
A Vision For You		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$182.77
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$446.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's		\$478.03
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$117.30	\$187.72
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$800.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$325.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$59.00
Basic II		\$100.00
BBookworms		\$318.58
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$204.20
Breakfast Club		\$500.00
Busted Ego		\$300.00
By The Book		\$328.12
Chandler Noon Group	\$213.00	\$593.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$452.38
Common Thread		\$862.96
Courage To Change		\$250.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$375.84
East Valley Veterans		\$100.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$444.35
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank		\$537.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$152.00
Florence Group	\$70.00	\$380.00
Fresh Air Group	\$67.00	\$67.00
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
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		\$300.00
Hope For Today		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$0.00
Last Resort		\$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		\$1,167.35
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$195.00
No Name AA Group		\$50.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$0.00
Over The Influence		\$147.60
Page A Day	\$531.23	\$1,346.36
Path Less Traveled	\$150.00	\$200.00

GROUP	May	YTD
Patio Group		\$0.00
Pioneer Group	\$33.80	\$178.80
Price Is Right		\$245.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$122.09
Progress Rather Than Perfection	\$80.00	\$80.00
Province Group		\$100.00
Putting God First		\$195.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$99.89
Re-Awakening Group	\$20.00	\$70.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$200.00
Rising Spirit		\$739.52
Road To Recovery	\$614.60	\$5,050.88
Rock Solid		\$50.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$75.00
Second Chance Group		\$247.33
Serenity Now	\$56.30	\$387.30
Serenity Sisters		\$0.00
Shade Tree		\$270.00
Sobriety is Gold	\$265.00	\$265.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$141.36
Society Group		\$0.00
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$250.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$562.50
Spirited Women		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch		\$55.58
Step By Step Group		\$121.18
Steppers		\$74.00
Stepping Stones	\$40.00	\$280.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$0.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$106.42
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$288.00
Sundowners		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker	\$141.50	\$141.50
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	\$200.00	\$200.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$100.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$447.00
Upon Awakening		\$1,500.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$250.00
We Agnostics		\$247.80
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$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		\$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
Group Totals	\$2,963.60	\$29,943.72
EVI Committees	\$61.00	\$422.00
Individual Contributions	\$397.40	\$2,631.48
GRAND TOTALS	\$3,422.00	\$32,997.20

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET May 31, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Checking	5,940.79
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	42,553.95
Accounts Receivable	554.70
Inventory Asset	28,903.68
Undeposited Funds	100.00

Fixed Assets

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

Total Assets **\$83,126.54**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,359.93
Visa Credit Card	10.00
Payroll taxes	220.00

Total Liabilities **\$1,589.93**

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	4,138.56

Total Equity **\$81,536.61**

Total Liability & Equity **\$83,126.54**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT May, 2023

21 Group contributions totaling	\$2,963.60
5 Individual contributions totaling	\$397.40
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$61.00
Total Contributions	\$3,422.00
Total Income	\$12,750.14
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$4,103.72
Gross Profit	\$8,646.42
Less total Expenses of	\$10,091.10
Net May Loss	(\$1,444.68)
YTD 2023 Gain	\$4,138.56

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$42,553.95

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 7 Checklist

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.”

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**June 16, 2023**

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

Attendees: Ahwatukee Group – John S. Good Orderly Direction – Ronnie C. Stepping Stones – Monica S.E. Ahwatukee Men's – Charles B. Happy Hour, Morning After – Rose M. Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers – Erika N. Bloopers – Mike C. Path Less Traveled – Barb Mc. Sunday Night BB Step Study – Dave T. Bottom of the Bottle – Darrel T. Price is Right – Christopher T. Sunset Group – Branden A. Breakfast Club – Treacey B. Primary Purpose Group – Marissa C. Tempe Group – Susan M. Common Thread – Thomas C. Putting God First – Chris M. Tempe Sunrises – Jerry A. Courage to Change – Kathy H. Rising Spirit – Elizabeth L./Gail S. The Real Thing – Roxanne B. GIT – Anne H. Santan Men's – Fred S. Gold Canyon Firehouse – CJ Steppers – Tom E.

Online: A Vision for You – Margaret New Spirit – Tom B. The Tribe – Jannette/Sarah Chandler Women's BB – Carrie L. Page a Day – Jon D. Upon Awakening – Tom C. Dr. Bob's Nightmare – James M. Serious over Sobriety – Doug W. We Agnostics – Andrew E. Valley Men's Stag – Jose Sobriety is Gold – Shari We Night Men's No Whiners – Mike W Easy Does It – Cece Society – Beth N. District 08 Corrections – Debbie Gold Canyon – Ken O. Sun PM Steps & Traditions – David S.

Welcome to the new Reps: San Tan Men's – Fred S. Serenity Sisters – Jeni

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

Secretary's Report: Lois L. – May EVI business meeting report and June EVI Steering Committee report is in the packet. Michael made a motion to accept. CJ 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joseph M- Reviewed report from the packet. Question on why we have Prudent Reserve....CJ made motion to accept – Linda 2nd. Motion passed. 7th Tradition: \$56.10. You can make a 7th tradition contribution on the EVI website www.aamesaaz.org

Chairperson's Report: J J. – nothing new to report. Will talk about ERC in old business.

Vice Chairperson Report: Austin – sent a report to J – Austin went to Founders Day and will be at the Post-Conference Assembly.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. – Written report in packet. We had 13 12-step calls and 20,600 website views this month. Literature prices increase on June 1st at the office, April 1st was the increase from GSO – books 20%, pamphlets 30%. QuickBooks not supporting our software any longer – will look at our options. Business insurance has gone up a lot – We will renew in July for \$4,269 – has been \$1,000/year. Kim will research options going forward. Folding day is June 22nd at 9am – come to the office for fun, fellowship, donuts and service. Kim addressed why we have Prudent Reserve – Central Offices have monthly financial obligations – we need PR if income drops – we carry 5-6 months PR which is smaller than many offices. GSO has a PR of 1 year. We need a couple office volunteers – 1 year sobriety minimum. Gratitude in Service form is on the website if interested.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Amber– Looking for volunteers – might have a workshop in September/October – let your home groups know.

Special Events: Roberta – Anniversary event looks like it is under budget. Had a debriefing – ticket sales were down, snowbirds were gone, ticket prices were up. We're looking at 4 possible dates for next year – March 9, March 16, May 18, or June 22nd. Asked reps to go back to home group and see which date they would like for the Anniversary Dinner 2024. Bring back answer next month. Bowling will be August 26th. Jerry R. has the tickets for sale. \$25 includes pizza, soda, shoes and bowling. 3-5pm. Some tickets will be available at the door. Folks can get tickets from Jerry or from the EVI office.

Phone committee: Tom – July calendar still has 10 slots open. No-one has shown up for in-person phone training (prior to the EVI business meeting) this year, so we will discontinue that and keep the zoom training for now. We will still offer training at groups – contact Tom if your group is interested.

Unity Committee: Ben – not present.

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. We had 26 people at our last workshop. Took a poll as to why there were there – most said they have not sponsored yet. August will be hosted by Price is Right.

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

Literature Committee: Monica S.E. – Written report in packet. Sold a few books last month – and sold over \$150 worth at Founders Day – thanks to all who helped.

LIAISON REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Rebecca not present – flyer in packet.

H&I Liaison: Dave T. –Attended the meeting last week. Treasurer report in May was -\$6,886.63 with a balance of \$30,015.16. Sheriff office opening up meetings. Bridging the Gap is up and running – ready for requests – need volunteers. Looking for volunteers for treatment center meetings.

Spanish Liaison: position open

Sub District 08-818: Gary L. Alt. DCM – Sub-District is looking to host a workshop in the next couple months on the pamphlet “The A.A. Group”

Sub District 08-819: Robert – not present

Sub District 08-820: Carol Alt. DCM – Quarterly pot luck/speaker meeting flyer in the packet – July 15h in Apache Junction.

OLD BUSINESS:

- EVI Spanish Liaison position still available
- Motion to offer new Etiquette pamphlet at the office. After much discussion a vote was taken. 30 yes, 3 no. After minority opinion was expressed one person changed their vote. Took 2nd vote – 29 yes, 8 no. Motion passed.
- Office Manager review: EVI officers are proceeding.
- ERC Refund: Kim explained what it is. Written description in packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Roxanne says we need some volunteers to work in the office – Thursday morning for sure – Friday morning and Monday afternoon folks stepping down. Need 1 year minimum sobriety. Call Roxanne if interestedor sign up as a sub if you can fill in sometimes.

8:05pm Tom made a motion to close. CJ– 2nd. Passed.

Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Lois L. - EVI Secretary



Our 7th Step, 7th Tradition and 7th Concept

Step 7) “Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”

Tradition 7) “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

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The Longer She Stayed Sober, The Bigger Her Life Got

When I first got sober in 1977, I started to follow a path of sobriety. I got a sponsor and bought the Big Book and the Twelve by Twelve.

At first it was difficult to stay on the path as it was very narrow. My compulsion to drink was a daily battle and the only way that I could stay sober was to go to meetings and call my sponsor in between and read the Big Book or other AA literature.

I had to think about everything I did and make sure that it was not going to lead me in the wrong direction. I went to work every day and to a meeting every night. I became familiar with the Steps and became closer to my Higher Power whom I call God. At first my recovery was very regimented. I did the same thing every day in order to stay away from the drink.

As I started to work the Steps, I became more comfortable in my own skin and in the AA meetings. I gradually widened the path to include other activities where there was no drinking. Family functions, class reunions, weddings and other such activities came later in sobriety.

Prayer was incorporated into my life again and my life started to become normal. I could go shopping and not worry about walking down the liquor aisle, I could go listen to my son play his music which was sometimes in a bar setting. If my reason for being there was legitimate, I could go places that I had to avoid in the beginning of my sobriety.

Again I felt that my path was getting wider. AA had allowed me to become a whole human being and to become a contributing member of society without fear of taking a drink. The path had widened enough to allow this. With a balanced program of recovery and other activities, I was able to function in the real world with out the fear of drinking.

The road to recovery had become a highway to success. Keeping my priorities straight, keeping my focus on the principles of the AA program and incorporating these principles into my daily living, I am able to be a happy, joyous and free alcoholic today.