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NO BOOZE NEWS

Where There Is Despair, Let There Be Hope

As I allowed alcohol to consume my life, I became a cyclone twister that destroyed everything in my path—faith, marriage, family, self-respect. The more alcohol I put in me the more negative and selfish I became, and the bigger the intensity of the twister. Until on February of 2011, when I came to a complete and sudden halt of destruction.

I woke up in the ICU unit at the hospital on February 6th, being reminded to breathe while a team of doctors and nurses removed a long, clear plastic tube from my throat. The grey dark clouds of the twister lay heavy upon my heart and soul except for one small opening through which shone a small bright beam of hope. This image of hope quickly vanished from my mind when my parents and brother came into the hospital room to inform me I had been in a terrible car accident. My mind quickly raced to my two daughters in the back seat of the SUV.

I opened my mouth to ask the question I didn't want to hear the answer to, but my father, who was kneeling next to my bedside, spoke up in a gentle way to tell me my 4-year-old was hurt too badly and didn't make it.

A storm of tears came flooding out of me. Through my sobbing, I managed to ask how my 5-year-old was holding up. I was told she was doing fine and liked eating popsicles. I lay in my hospital bed full of remorse, shame, and guilt, questioning God: "Why wouldn't he have taken me instead?" When I was discharged from the hospital, I was on the verge of a divorce. I stayed at a relative's house to prepare for the unthinkable: my daughter's funeral.

...cont. on 2



...Hope continued

...The hardest point in the day was waking up to the nightmare I had created. I took a deep breath, said a prayer, and put one foot in front of the other. Along the way I stumbled, feeling like I had little purpose in life and absolutely no hope. But God was opening doors and doing things for me I couldn't do for myself. He opened the doors to AA, where an overwhelming feeling of support and unconditional love was present. I kept quiet, not even saying my name. I thought: If I say who I am they will know what I did and not accept me. Because I certainly didn't accept myself.

I found out it was okay not to speak or share, but members made sure I knew I was welcome inside the rooms of AA. Over the next several weeks, I started to become comfortable with the smiling faces and hugs I received, so I started to actively listen to what was going on around me. It was suggested to get a sponsor, so I did. It was suggested I get a Big Book, so I did. I was suggested I get another woman's phone number, and I did. These were steps I took to stay sober, putting one foot in front of the other. Taking these small actions, I began to feel like I had a purpose in life, which was to stay sober one day at a time so I could be a better wife and mother. I began feeling more hopeful; somehow, through this ugly nightmare, I found the blessings and rewards of love, hope, faith and family. The more actions I took through AA—working the Steps with my sponsor, staying in the day (sometimes moment), using a gratitude list to stay out of myself—the more my heart and mind began to open to the blessings around me. God continued to open doors for me by reuniting me with my husband who loves me unconditionally. My despairing thoughts have lessened (although I am still sad, yes) and my thoughts of hope increase as I stay sober, one day at a time

From Step Twelve | Our 12 x 12

“THE joy of living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety.”

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

RIVER ROUNDUP

JANUARY 4 ~ 6, 2024

RIVERSIDE RESORT

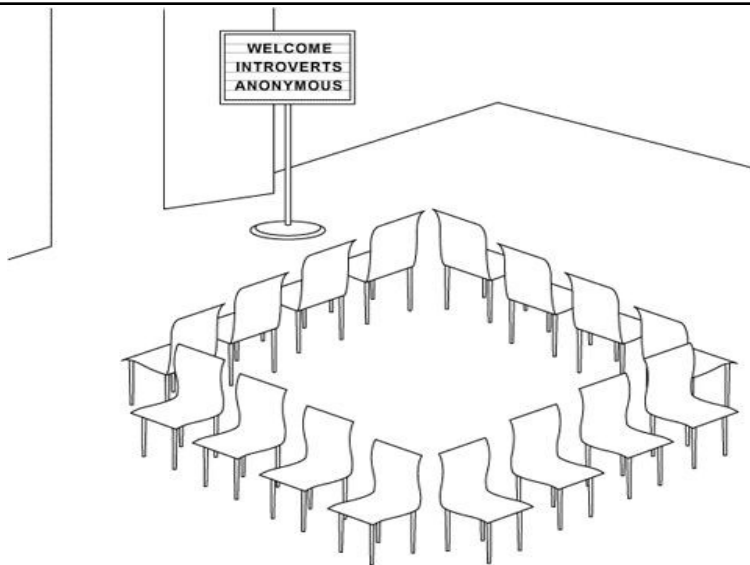
LAUGHLIN NV

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT

JANUARY 19 ~ 21, 2024

POCO DIABLO RESORT

SEDONA AZ



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

*Merry
Christmas*

**Salt River Intergroup
Christmas Alcahthon**

Noon. 12/24 to

Noon, 12/25

1915 W Thunderbird,

Phoenix AZ

**Agua Fria Intergroup
Christmas Alcahthon**

Noon. 12/24 to

Noon, 12/25

9824 W Camelback Rd.

Glendale AZ

PRAASA 2023

Save the Date

March 1 ~ 5, 2023

Los Angeles, CA

**EAST VALLEY INTERGROUP
NEW YEARS EVE**

DINNER, MEETING AND DANCE.

5:00 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
TILL SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

2716 N DOBSON RD.
CHANDLER AZ
(SAINT KATHERINES CHURCH)

COME RING IN A
SOBER NEW YEAR

*Happy
New
Year*

Sober Anniversaries

Name

Date

Steve C.	12/23/1981	15340
Sheri S.	12/19/1982	14975
Larry L.	12/23/1983	14610
Mike S.	12/17/1984	14244
Gary P.	12/18/1984	14244
Peter P.	12/13/1985	13879
Shelly P.	12/21/1986	13514
Rosie M.	12/25/1988	12783
Thomas M.	12/27/1988	12783
Tom P.	12/18/1989	12418
Joe D.	12/28/1989	12418
Erika R.	12/14/1990	12053
Lois L.	12/3/1991	11323
Robin F.	12/13/1993	10592
Karen N.	12/12/1996	9861
Denny P.	12/23/1997	9496
Gabi N.	12/17/2000	8400
Paul P.	12/19/200	8400
Maria D.	12/13/2001	8035
Lars S.	12/26/2008	5478
Sheila H.	12/7/2009	5113
Corie R.	12/29/2009	5113
Andrea M.	12/4/2011	4383
Jeff R.	12/5/2011	4383
Jeremiah N.	12/1/2013	3652
Chris H.	12/03/2013	3652
Jeff B.	12/18/2013	3652
Erik J.	12/25/2013	3652
Debi W.	12/30/2013	3652
Wesley H.	12/12/2014	3287
John S.	12/20/2014	3287
Victor V.	12/1/2015	2922
Hope J.	12/24/2017	2191
Michael K.	12/20/2018	1826
Jacob M.	12/25/2018	1826
Ryan C.	12/28/2018	1826
Joleen W.	12/07/2019	1461
Sylvia O.	12/11/2019	1461
Bri H.	12/18/2019	1461
Katie H.	12/26/2018	1461
Kevin W.	12/4/2020	1095
Darren S.	12/10/2020	1095
Josh S.	12/19/2021	730
Darren C.	12/23/2021	730

Some Good Old-Timers Wisdom...

My worst day sober is better than my best day drinking.

Have an Attitude of Gratitude.

Keep it simple, stupid.

Take the cotton out of your ears and put it in your mouth.

Your only as sick as your secrets.

I've spilled more booze than you drank.

Gossip is all over town before the truth gets out of bed.

12 Step Prayer

Dear God,

My spiritual awakening continues to unfold.

The help I have received I shall pass on and give to
others,

Both in & out of the Fellowship.

For this opportunity I am grateful.

I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day

On the road of spiritual progress.

I pray for the inner strength & wisdom

To practice the principles of this way of life in all I do
and say.

I need You, my friends, & the program every hour of
every day.

This is a better way to live.



Things we cannot change.

Denny B. A long time member of our fellowship and a friend to many has passed from this world. His life was well lived and touched many.

Why not join us Merry Making?

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

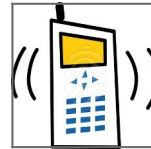
aamesaaz.org

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

Dec, 2 ~ Step By Step

Be Cheerful with Xmas Service:

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

Dec 1 ~ Step By Step

Jan 5 ~ TBD

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

**HELP WANTED - 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 **November 17, 2023**

In October activity started to pick up a bit with the return of our winter members. We received 378 requests for information and assistance during office hours. Of those 109 calls were for meeting info, 93 were office visitors and 8 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy with 19,818 visits. And our Google totals for last month were 2,122 views. Of those 318 went to our website, 44 requested directions and 34 gave us a call.

GSO is conducting a membership survey on their website. Have you ever wondered who those members are that get surveyed? It could be you. Just go to aa.org and look for: "Take the A.A. Membership Survey now! Closes November 26, 2023. Click Here" We placed and have received a large literature order. AAWS is offering an additional 15% discount on orders in November and December.

In reply to a question from last month, the deadline to submit stories to the AAWS literature committee for the 5th edition was 10/31/2022. They are currently soliciting stories for a revision of the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different". Grapevine is always in need of stories of all types for their publication. They can be submitted on their website at aagrapevine.org. And, of course, our own "No Booze News" would love to have more local submissions.

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 to make it happen.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service
Kim W

Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Oct	2023
Meeting Information Calls.....	109	1031
General Information	77	821
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4	34
Referred to Al-Anon.....	11	101
Referred to Community Info.....	0	4
12th Step Calls.....	8	96
Business Calls.....	76	756
Office Visitors	93	1095
Meeting lists printed.....	600	6000
Info request via E-mail	34	313
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	16/ 4/12	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs.....	1620hrs	
Web Stats		
Website Visits last 30 days	19,818	YTD 224,490
Google Searches last 30 days	2,122	YTD 152,581

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:

The Broad Highway 4415 S Rural Rd. Tempe SU 4:00pm W,G,ON,Y, Secular, Meditation

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

Changes:

There is a Solution 100 N Magma Ave. Superior TU 7:00pm O

The Tribe 301 N Hartford St. Chandler MO 6:30pm O

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



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS



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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$300.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$1,166.82
A Vision For You	\$699.17	\$699.17
ABC Group		\$125.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$1531.54
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,400.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$235.81	\$909.78
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$395.82
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$1,800.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$598.20
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$325.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$209.00
Basic II		\$100.00
BBookworms	\$240.30	\$911.34
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle	\$137.56	\$341.76
Breakfast Club	\$50.00	\$550.00
Busted Ego		\$600.00
By The Book	\$150.00	\$478.12
Chandler Noon Group	\$303.00	\$1,836.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$208.00
Common Thread	\$294.70	\$1,594.26
Courage To Change		\$500.00
Dr's Nightmare	\$12.00	\$12.00
East Phoenix Men's	\$516.21	\$516.21
East Valley Men's Stag		\$375.84
East Valley Veterans		\$200.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$1,188.70
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$350.00
Fill in the Blank		\$697.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$435.80
Florence Group		\$440.00
Fresh Air Group		\$99.00
Friday Night BB		\$604.00
Get In The Car		\$100.00
Get It Together	\$72.81	\$3,355.99
Gilbert BB Step		\$50.00
Gilbert Gals		\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$250.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$70.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$484.00
Gratitude Group		\$0.00
Great Start		\$250.00
Gut Level		\$701.71
Happy Destiny		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$150.00	\$450.00
Hope For Today		\$0.00
Last Resort		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book	\$172.22	\$575.85
Livin Life Women		\$157.50
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$160.00
Maricopa Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Mid-Morning Group		\$0.00
Miracle House	\$36.37	\$36.37
Name In The Hat		\$900.00
New Beginnings		\$200.00
New Spirit Group	\$415.10	\$1,945.90
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$320.00
No Name AA Group		\$200.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$200.00
Over The Influence		\$147.60
Page A Day		\$2,261.11
Path Less Traveled		\$300.00

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Patio Group	\$309.00	\$309.00
Pioneer Group	\$18.00	\$248.80
Price Is Right		\$245.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$122.09
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$80.00
Province Group	\$54.00	\$269.00
Putting God First		\$241.00
Queen Creek Nooners	\$400.00	\$499.89
Re-Awakening Group	\$30.00	\$100.00
Remember When		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$400.00
Rising Spirit		\$3,151.64
Road To Recovery	\$100.00	\$6,731.17
Rock Solid	\$50.00	\$100.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$195.00
Second Chance Group		\$583.33
Serenity Now		\$401.30
Serenity Sisters	\$100.00	\$400.00
Serious Over Sobriety	\$157.91	\$566.31
Shade Tree		\$270.00
Slay the Dragon	\$50.00	\$50.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$382.25
Sobriety Rocks		\$266.36
Society Group		\$533.32
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$500.00
Southeast Valley Stag	\$112.50	\$787.50
Spirited Women		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch		\$166.58
Step By Step Group		\$620.68
Steppers	\$120.00	\$315.00
Stepping Stones		\$480.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$106.42
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$150.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$288.00
Sundowners		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker	\$108.00	\$363.00
Sunset Group		\$100.00
Superstition Sunrise		\$120.00
Tempe Group		\$300.00
Tempe Nooners		\$0.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$0.00
The Library		\$65.00
The Real Thing		\$92.05
The Tribe		\$469.39
The Way Out Group		\$200.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$100.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$683.25
Upon Awakening		\$2,300.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$443.00
We Agnostics	\$112.50	\$360.30
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$200.00
West Chandler Men's		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$0.00
Women in Gratitude	\$330.00	\$690.51
Women in Solution		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$162.50	\$589.61

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf.		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup		\$90.00
Dist 08-813		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00

Group Totals \$6,113.53 **\$60,833.14**

EVI Committees \$47.00 **\$728.10**

Individual Contributions \$472.03 **\$5,640.39**

GRAND TOTALS \$6,632.56 **\$67,201.63**

*Group contribution with no group name listed)

Financial Statements



BALANCE SHEET October 31, 2023

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	11,397.90
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	38,668.29
Accounts Receivable	965.80
Inventory Asset	24,983.17
Undeposited Funds	111.15
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$81,202.15
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Visa Credit Card	21.17
Payroll taxes	110.00
Total Liabilities	\$131.17
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	3,672.93
Total Equity	\$81,070.98
Total Liability & Equity	\$81,202.15

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT October, 2023

38 Group contributions totaling	\$6,113.53
11 Individual contributions totaling	\$472.03
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$47.00
Total Contributions	\$6,632.56
Total Income	\$11,483.49
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$3,402.71
Gross Profit	\$8,080.78
Less total Expenses of	\$8,063.61
Net September Gain	\$17.17
YTD 2023 Gain	\$3,672.93
The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$38,668.29	
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 Twelve in our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

"THE spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.'s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit—well symbolized by anonymity—is the foundation of them all."

EVI MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes Friday, November 17 2023

J opened the meeting at 7pm in person and on zoom with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendees: ABC Group - Richard E. Gold Canyon Firehouse Grp - C.J. Steppers - Tom E. Ahwatukee Group - John S. Life in the Big Book - Dana M. Stepping Stones - Monica S.E. Ahwatukee Womens' - Andrea A. Page a Day - Jon D. Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers - Erika N. Big Book Worms - Carolyn C. Patio Group - Linda S. Sunday Afternoon Step Study - David S. Bloopers - Michael C. Rising Spirit - Elizabeth L. Sunset Group - Branden A. Both Books - Tom N. Road to Recovery - Wade & Jim Tempe Group - Susan M. Bottom of the Bottle - Darrel T. Second Chande Grp - Eddie C. The Real Thing - Roxanne B. Courage to Change - Lee Ann & Lisa Southeast Valley Stag - Thomas M. The Tribe - Jannette K. Dr's Nightmare - James M. Starlight Ranch Grp - Maya K. The Way Out - Dee P. Gold Canyon Big Book Study - Ken O Step by Step - Steven G. Upon Awakening - Tom C. Steppers - Tom E. Welcome Home - Don S

Online: Ahwatukee Men's Group - Charles B. GIT - Anne H. We Agnostics - Andrew N. By the Book - Katy F. Hungry Ghost Men's Stag - Jimmy P. We Ain't Dead Yet - Chrystal S. Chandler Women's Big Book - Carrie L. Serenity Sisters - Jeni O. Women in Gratitude - Erika & Robin East Valley Men's Stag - Jose A. Sisterhood of Solutions - Paula D. Women in Gratitude - Ginger RB Feelings and Solutions - Tracy L. Sobriety is Gold - Dallas

Jim read the Twelve Traditions

Secretary Report - Lois. Written reports in packet. Comment that discussion about rescinded motion prior to last meeting not noted in meeting report. Correction of spelling of a name on report. C.J. motion to accept, Jannette K 2nd. Passed

Treasurer Report: was given by Joseph M. Motion to approve by John, 2nd by Jannette K. Passed

Chairperson's report: J - nothing new to report

Vice-chair report: Austin not present.

Office Managers Report: Kim W. went over the written report in the packet. There is an end-of-year 15% discount in large book orders from GSO. We placed and received a large order. GSO sent out letter asking for extra contributions - \$1,000,000 shortfall - drop in literature sales, inflation, rent increase. Several slots open to work front desk at office.

Standing Committee Reports:

PI/CPC: John D. - acting Chair. District 08 provided \$900 worth of PSA's for EVI PI/CPC efforts. Tom C. and John are doing public outreach.

Special Events: Roberta - Unity day was very poorly attended. Will look at other ways to have this event. New Year's tickets are \$25. SE committee and EVI office are selling tickets. Must buy a ticket even if you are just going to the dance. We have expenses for the facility and the DJ as well as the meal and decorations, etc.

Phone Committee: Tom - all November slots are filled. December is filling up. Unity Report: position open East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes Friday, November 17, 2023

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. - Our next sponsorship workshop will be on December 2nd right here at Church of the Epiphany. Step by Step group will be the host. We've been averaging 35 to 40 people in attendance.

No Booze News: No Report

Literature Committee: Monica S. written report in the packet.

Liaison Reports:

Al-Anon - Rebecca - the next Family Recovery Night will be January 27th.

H&I: Dave T not present.

Spanish - position open

Sub Districts: 08-818 - not present

08-819 - Robert S. - Eat, Meet and Greet will be tomorrow, Nov 18th at 805 N. Country Club. Mesa. Speaker, 50/50, Karaoke. Robert was elected as the new DCMC for District 08.

08-820 - Carol M. - Sub-District just had elections - Carol is the new DCM.

Old Business - Elections Officers Chairperson Roxanne B submitted nomination form. Roxanne qualified. Ginger RB stood for Chair as well. Ginger qualified. Roxanne was voted in as 2024/2025 Chair.

Vice Chair Ginger RB was nominated for Vice Chair. No other nominations. Ginger won by acclamation.

Treasurer C.J. submitted nomination form. No other nominations. C.J. qualified. C.J. won by acclamation.

Secretary No one nominated. Position remains open

Elections continued:

Advisors Phone Committee Erika C. submitted nomination form. Erika qualified. Erika won by acclamation.

Advisor PI/CPC Barb M. submitted nomination form. Barb qualified. Barb won by acclamation.

Advisor Special Events Tom C. submitted nomination form. Tom qualified. Tom won by acclamation.

Advisor Unity Eddie C. submitted nomination form. Eddie qualified. Eddie won by acclamation.

Old Business -

2024 Budget Many comments about the proposed 2024 budget - group contributions seem overstated, literature sales seems high, process of approving budget not correct, Treasurer not involved in budget process. Some answers - we will have an income increase for literature next year due to increase in prices... Treasurer was involved in budget process... Question about increase for Internet presence going up from \$62 this year to \$1,000 next year. Answer was that we expect our cost of Internet Presence will go up with more done in that area. Roxanne made a motion to table discussion on budget until next month. Jeanette K. 2nd. Motion passed.

Motion to drop the pursuit of ERC Much discussion on this. We could take the money, pay accountant, give the rest somewhere. If we pull back now, we can resubmit later. Steering Committee notes do not show it approved, who signed the application? We don't qualify. If we pull it back, we pay \$3730.00. Better to spend the \$3730 than get jammed up by the IRS. Votes for last consideration of this did not add up. Process did not follow our By-Laws. This is causing a break in our unity. It doesn't make sense to pull this back, we can let it continue on course. C.J. called the question. Roxanne 2nd. Passed. Vote was 18 in favor. 15 against. Needed 22 to pass with substantial unanimity. Motion failed.

Motion to decline the ERC Additional comments - losing \$3730 would be better than repercussions from the IRS. Richard called the question. Ken 2nd. Passed. Vote was 23 in favor. 13 against. Needed 24 to pass by substantial unanimity. Motion failed.

New Business: None

9:10pm Roxanne made a motion to close now and table the balance of business until next month. John D. seconded the motion. passed

Comment from a Rep at end - we need to stop this negativity and get back to Unity. It feels like the Steering Committee is being attacked and people are focussing on negativity - much applause from the body.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Lois L, EVI Secretary

Our 12th Concept

The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Counting Days with Santa

My wife and I went to visit our daughter at her college just prior to the holiday season. It's always a challenge to balance family time with the need to go to any lengths to stay sober, especially around the holidays. That year was my first sober Christmas. I was anxious about every little detail that might be a trigger for drinking.

I had promised my wife and daughter a day of shopping. I also planned to visit an early AA meeting in that unfamiliar town, at my sponsor's recommendation.

I did not have a problem finding an early-bird meeting full of coffee and conversation, which morning meetings tend to offer no matter where you go. I found a smiling, happy group of strangers, brothers and sisters in AA. They welcomed me to their meeting place behind a grocery store. Fellowship was just what I needed to arm myself for the rest of the day. I introduced myself as a visitor to the meeting, one who needed to keep his head clear. Everyone there understood.

I made it back to my family before they were even awake. I was ready to go shopping. Taking my wife and daughter to a store that was familiar was a safe way to pick up some items our daughter needed for her apartment without encountering drinking triggers in my first holiday season sober. I really had an earnest desire to not drink.

Pulling up into a well-known superstore, I saw an energetic Santa greeting people at the door. Not wanting to run into a Santa, I dodged and walked my family into the garden entrance and started shopping for household items. While we were looking at curtains and rugs, sure enough, there came Santa visiting the aisles. When he rounded the corner, I looked up and nervously hugged my daughter for support. Then I turned to greet the spunky Santa, who looked strangely familiar.

"Well, hello Santa," I said. "Hello, young man," Santa said. "Have you been good all year?"

"No Santa," I replied. "I'm trying hard though!"

Santa looked me over carefully. "Well, how long have you been good?" he asked.

"I have been good for 231 days," I answered "Do you need to count the days?" he asked.

I hesitated for a moment, then I said, "Yes Santa, I do need to count them—a day at a time."

Santa's eyes twinkled. "Ho, ho, ho!" he yelled. "I am on that list too! One day at a time! Ho, ho, ho! Keep your head clear young man."

"Thank you Santa," I called out. With a twinkle in my own eye, I added, "Merry Christmas!" as I watched Santa disappear into the next aisle.