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NO BOOZE NEWS

Maybe Next Year | What Now ?

I sobered up in September of 1982. Immediately I began worrying about how I was going to get through Thanksgiving and Christmas with my family, without my reliable crutch of the previous 25 years. Habitually, my father and I would get drunk at holiday get-togethers and end up with hurtful words in both directions. The booze always helped me get through the day.

I especially remember agonizing about my office Christmas party. I always had a great time at this annual event—at which I got totally hammered, of course—and then I could chat, laugh, dance and close out the evening with inappropriate behavior with inappropriate people.

From day one in AA, I attended three meetings a day, beginning with the 7:30 A.M. Mustard Seed meeting—now my home group—just two blocks from my apartment in New York City. One morning at that meeting I voiced my concerns about my office party and the advice I got was, “Don’t go this year.”

Not go? What? How could I not go? I was the life of the party. “Don’t go,” they repeated, ignoring my concerns about all the questions I would get from my drinking buddies at work. I didn’t want my coworkers to know that I was in AA, at least not yet.

When December arrived, Sally, our office secretary, started making the rounds at work, clipboard in hand, asking “Will you be coming to the Christmas party? Bringing a guest?” I had my fictional story all prepared. Instead of going to the office party, I would be going to a family event that I simply couldn’t get out of. So I said, “No, I won’t be able to make it this year, because...”

Sally cut me off. “OK, maybe next year,” she said and moved on to the next desk. Sally didn’t urge me to attend. She didn’t say, “Why not?” or “But you have to come!” The good news was that I didn’t have to lie my way through an invented excuse. The bad news was that she couldn’t care less whether I came to the party. I was crushed. What a lesson in humility.

As reality set in, I had more lessons like this both at work and at home. I was not the star of anyone’s team. I was not chosen for the employee-of-the-year award. I was not everyone’s favorite. In the end, I stayed sober and life got easier and easier as I settled into just being “another bozo on the bus.” Thanks again AA, for another eye-opening life lesson!

Nancy W.

God Was Not On My Radar

God was not on my radar when I was first introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous. In fact, I was quite blindsided by the whole concept. That first introduction to AA was through the reading of the Big Book for a book report I had to write while in treatment. It was very difficult for me, and I almost couldn't finish reading the book. I didn't even want to hold it and I expressed my dislike for it to my wife on many occasions. At the time I was so adamantly against organized religion that even the term "God" was very distasteful to me and I wouldn't even say it. Little did I know that religion doesn't have anything to do with it. I was not able to grasp the idea of my own conception of God.

Eventually, after 45 days sober, I was invited to attend my first AA meeting by another patient. I have not seen that man since those early days, but I am grateful he encouraged me to take the first step onto this path. I hated every second of it. I was terrified. First in the door, don't talk to me and first out the door as soon as I could bolt. But I heard something that first meeting and subsequent others: "Set aside everything you believe and just keep coming back."

That's all I could do at the time. I put my fear aside and asked someone if they would sponsor me. He gave me what was probably one of the best exercises I did early on in the book. He had me read "We Agnostics" and write down for each sentence whether I felt it was true or false or if I could answer yes or no to the sentences in that chapter. When I was finished, I had a very long list of True and Yes answers. And a voice inside me said: "What if I am wrong?" This was an eye-opening moment for me, and I wish I could say that it changed everything right away, but that wasn't the case. I was not able to finish the Steps with my sponsor as he moved away.

My second sponsor wanted me to memorize some prayers and I refused. I refused to meditate and pray. I refused all those pieces of the program. And I paid for that. Time passed and I although I hadn't had a drink in nearly two years, I was dying inside. The pain of my day to day existence was excruciating. Restless, irritable, and discontent described me to a tee. This is where I believe it was my service commitments that were keeping me sober because I could always get out of me by diving into that work. I had failed at so many other areas of life and my pride wasn't going to allow me to add another failure to the list.

From the book Alcoholics Anonymous | pg. 366

“He suggested that for me a good starting point would simply be recognition of the fact that I had failed in running the world—in short, acceptance of the fact that I was not God. He also suggested that I might try occasionally to act as if I believed. Somewhere I had heard that it is easier to act yourself into a new way of thinking than to think yourself into a new way of acting, and this made sense in the context of “acting as if.”

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.**

**Traditions Workshop
& Free Breakfast**

Traditions 1 to 6

Hosted by "Step By Step Group"

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8:30am to 11:30am

145 E 1st Ave. Mesa AZ

Mesa Alano Club

LADIES VALENTINE SPEAKER MEETING

9AM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

612 S ELLSWORTH RD. MESA AZ

(OUR SAVIOURS LUTHERAN CHURCH)

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



It's A Picnic

Hosted By Sub Districts 08-813. 814 & 815

Family friendly picnic and program.

11am—3pm, January 20, 2024

7301 E Indian Bend Rd. Scottsdale AZ

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park

Rotary Ramada (NW Corner of the Park)

**Mesa Round Up 2024 Presents
New Years Fellowship in the Park**

January 6th, 2024

11:30am to 3:00pm

Speaker at 1:30pm

526 E Main St. Mesa AZ

Pioneer Park

\$15 includes meal and 1 water

12 and under are free.

Sober Anniversaries

Name

Date

Richard B.	1/4/1968	20454
Joe A.	1/21/1979	16436
Leonard D.	1/3/1983	14975
Wayne S.	1/31/1983	14975
Sandra M.	1/30/1984	14610
Susan C.	1/1/1985	14244
Rachel L.	1/7/1985	14244
Sherri B.	1/28/1987	13519
Anne Elizabeth H.	1/1/1988	13149
Mark K.	1/10/1989	12783
Jane R.	1/11/1989	12783
Jerry F.	1/27/1989	12783
Gerry B.	1/20/1990	12418
Rhonda S.	1/18/1992	11688
Ron H.	1/17/1993	11322
Dottie D.	1/20/1993	11322
Barbara L.	1/13/1994	10957
Craig W.	1/20/1996	10227
Debi M.	1/1/1997	9861
Becky K.	1/13/1997	9861
Melissa L.	1/20/1997	9861
Ame F.	1/16/1999	9131
Terry P.	1/29/1999	9131
Rodger L.	1/30/1999	9131
Lori M.	1/10/2001	8400
Brenda B.	1/14/2001	8400
Lisa H.	1/28/2001	8400
Norman H.	1/1/2005	6939
Sam V.	1/1/2005	6939
Will P.	1/5/2006	6574
Lee Z.	1/9/2006	6574
Marie W.	1/10/2007	6209
Kevin B.	1/21/2008	5844
Janet S.	1/3/2009	5478
Paul T.	1/24/2010	5113
Jim M.	1/27/2010	5113
David T.	1/2/2011	4748
Elizabeth T.	1/23/2012	4383
Bethann T.	1/4/2013	4017
Regina S.	1/10/2013	4017
Steve S.	1/10/2013	4017
Tamara L.	1/11/2013	4017
Jocelyn G.	1/16/2013	4017
Ryan E.	1/14/2016	2922
Chris B.	1/7/2019	1826
Tim L.	1/2/2020	1461
Syndia M.	4/5/2021	1095
Tom B.	1/5/2021	1095
Joaquin R.	1/21/2021	1095
Tony T.	1/23/2022	730

Things we cannot change.

Tom P. A long time member of our fellowship and an inspiration to many has passed from this world. His life was well lived and enriched many others.



**PRINCIPLES
BEFORE
PERSONALITIES**

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year resolutions.

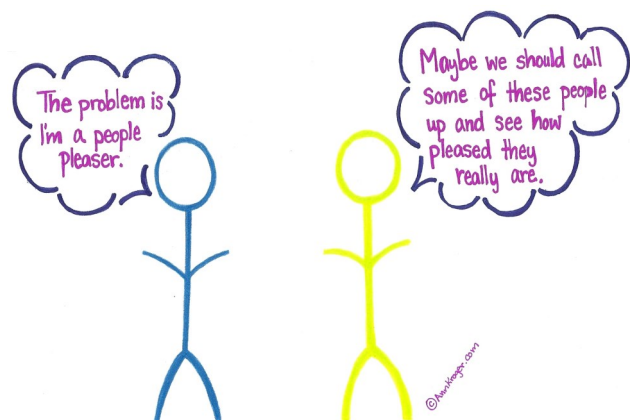
Dear God, my prayer for 2020 is a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don't mix it up like you did this year.

Many things can be preserved in alcohol this New Years Eve, but dignity is not one of them.

It's officially New Year's Eve, you only have a couple of hours to do all the things you will resolve not to do in the new year.

I have only one resolution. To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have all I need and want all I have. Happy New Year!

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



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

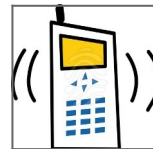
Before the monthly business meeting
at

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

Feb 3 ~ TBD

Ring the bell of 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

Jan 5 ~ Bottom of the Bottle

Feb 2 ~ The Way Out

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 **December 15, 2023**

We received 380 requests for information and assistance in November. Of those 107 calls were for meeting info, 105 were office visitors and 12 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Our website stayed busy with 17,034 visits. And our Google totals for last month were 2,117 views. Of those 283 went to our website, 51 requested directions and 24 gave us a call. We cleaned up the storage room to create more room for the Events Committee. We have a few items to pass on if anyone wants them. There is a meeting sign and a very nice white board set.

Literature orders have been received from both AAWS and Grapevine. We have a complete selection of all AA produced literature, including the new Grapevine books, for your holiday needs. Please support your local Intergroup by purchasing A.A. produced literature from local A.A. sources. We are your most affordable source for A.A. literature.

The 2023 Holiday Event Schedule has been completed, to the best of our knowledge. Just a reminder that one of the main functions of a local service office is to be a source of information for the local fellowship. We try our best to keep everyone informed but we only know what we are told. If you are planning an event or special meeting, please let you Central Office know so, in the spirit of unity and fellowship, we can help spread the word.

I called the IRS for a status of our ERC filing. Spoke with a very helpful gentleman who verified that our application has been received and has gone thru a preliminary review. He said final approvals are taking up to a year or more due to the volume of backlogged applications in their system. I let him know that if they were to find anything at all questionable in our filing that we would want to withdraw our application immediately. He said that would not be a problem and put a note in our file that we want to be certain of our eligibility.

We still have several openings in the office for regular slots or fill-ins. 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. The life you save may be your own.

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

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Nov	2023
Meeting Information Calls	107	1138
General Information	70	891
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	4	38
Referred to Al-Anon.....	10	111
Referred to Community Info.....	1	5
12th Step Calls.....	12	108
Business Calls.....	71	827
Office Visitors	105	1200
Meeting lists printed.....	600	6600
Info request via E-mail	42	355
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	16/ 4/12	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs.....	1740 hrs	
Web Stats		
Website Visits last 30 days	17,034	YTD 241,524
Google Searches last 30 days	2,117	YTD 154,698

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

Gilbert BBSS Group 235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert MO 6:30pm BB, O

Strength in Hope 1770 S Dobson Rd. Chandler TU & TH 6:00am O

Changes:

Slay the Dragon *Moved 501 S. Az Ave. Chandler TU 7:00pm O

There is a Solution 100 N Magma Ave. Superior TU 7:00pm 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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GROUP	Nov	YTD
11th Step Candlelight	\$150.00	\$450.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$1,166.82
A Vision For You		\$699.17
ABC Group		\$125.00
Ahwatukee Group.....		\$531.54
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$1,400.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....		\$909.78
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$48.39	\$444.21
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$200.00	\$2,000.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$598.20
Attitude Adjustment CG	\$290.00	\$615.00
Attitude of Gratitude	\$207.00	\$416.00
Basic II		\$100.00
BBookworms		\$911.34
Bloopers		\$0.00
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Both Books		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$341.76
Breakfast Club		\$550.00
Busted Ego.....		\$600.00
By The Book		\$478.12
Chandler Noon Group	\$197.00	\$2,033.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$208.00
Common Thread.....		\$1,594.26
Courage To Change		\$500.00
Dr's Nightmare		\$12.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$516.21
East Valley Men's Stag.....		\$375.84
East Valley Veterans.....		\$200.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$1,277.57
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Family Recovery Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions	\$175.00	\$525.00
Fill in the Blank		\$697.00
Firehouse Meeting.....		\$435.80
Florence Group	\$20.00	\$460.00
Fresh Air Group		\$99.00
Friday Night BB		\$604.00
Get In The Car		\$100.00
Get It Together		\$3,355.99
Gilbert BB Step		\$50.00
Gilbert Gals		\$210.00
Gilbert Group		\$50.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$250.00
Good Orderly Direction.....		\$70.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$484.00
Gratitude Group		\$335.00
Great Start		\$250.00
Gut Level		\$701.71
Happy Destiny		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$450.00
Hope For Today	\$141.00	\$141.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch	\$280.00	\$280.00
Last Resort		\$30.00
Life In The Big Book		\$575.85
Livin Life Women		\$157.50
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$40.00	\$200.00
Maricopa Group	\$80.00	\$130.00
Mid-Morning Group.....		\$0.00
Miracle House		\$36.37
Name In The Hat		\$900.00
New Beginnings.....		\$200.00
New Spirit Group		\$1,945.90
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$345.00
No Name AA Group		\$150.00
Opportunity Knocks.....		\$200.00
Over The Influence		\$147.60
Page A Day	\$500.06	\$2,761.17
Path Less Traveled.....		\$350.00

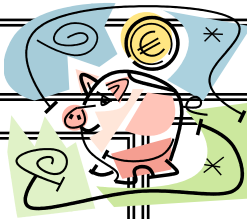
GROUP	Nov	YTD
Patio Group.....		\$309.00
Pioneer Group		\$248.80
Price Is Right.....	\$70.00	\$315.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$122.09
Progress Rather Than Perfection.....		\$80.00
Province Group.....		\$269.00
Putting God First.....	\$84.00	\$325.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$499.89
Re-Awakening Group		\$50.00
Renewed Spirit.....	\$100.00	\$500.00
Rising Spirit.....		\$3,151.64
Road To Recovery	\$100.00	\$6,831.17
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		\$400.00
Serious Over Sobriety.....		\$566.31
Shade Tree.....		\$270.00
Slay the Dragon.....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$382.25
Sobriety Rocks		\$266.36
Society Group	\$266.66	\$799.98
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$500.00
Southeast Valley Stag.....		\$787.50
Spirited Women.....		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch.....		\$166.58
Step By Step Group		\$620.68
Steppers.....		\$315.00
Stepping Stones		\$480.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$106.42
Sunday Afternoon Step.....		\$150.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers.....		\$288.00
Sunrisers		\$0.00
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker	\$124.00	\$487.00
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	\$187.05	\$870.30
Upon Awakening.....		\$2,300.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....	\$117.00	\$560.00
We Agnostics.....		\$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.....		\$690.51
Women in Solution.....		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$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	\$3,717.78	\$64,550.92
EVI Committees	\$0.00	\$728.10
Individual Contributions	\$164.64	\$5,805.03
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$3,882.42	\$67,201.63

*Group contribution with no group name listed)

Financial Statements



BALANCE SHEET November 30, 2023

Assets

Current Assets	
Checking	4,574.69
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	35,696.67
Accounts Receivable	312.00

Inventory Asset	31,118.63
Undeposited Funds	207.25

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

Total Assets **\$76,982.49**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Visa Credit Card	507.78
Payroll taxes	220.00

Total Liabilities **\$727.78**

Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	-1,143.34

Total Equity **\$76,254.71**

Total Liability & Equity **\$76,982.49**

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT November, 2023

27 Group contributions totaling	\$3,717.78
6 Individual contributions totaling	\$164.64
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$0.00

Total Contributions **\$3,882.42**

Total Income **\$7,475.66**

Less total Cost Of Sales **\$1,033.44**

Gross Profit **\$6,442.22**

Less total Expenses of **\$11,258.49**

Net September Loss **(\$4,816.27)**

YTD 2023 Loss **(\$1,143.34)**

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$35,696.67

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 One

“ Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

“ THE unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, “What a great thing A.A. might have been! ”

EVI MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes Friday, December 15, 2023

Attendees:

Ahwatukee Group - John S
Ahwatukee Men's - George M.
Ahwatukee Women's - Andrea A.
Bloopers - Mice C & Michelle F.
Bottom of the Bottle - Darrel T.
Courage to Change - Lee Ann W.
Gold Canyon Big Book Study - Ken O.
Gold Canyon Firehouse Grp. - C.J.
Good Orderly Direction - Ronnie C.
Happy Hour, Morning After - Rose M.

Life in the Big Book - Dana M.
Page A Day - Jon D.
Price is Right - Christopher T.
Rising Spirit - Linda C. & Elizabeth L.
Road to Recovery - Wade P. & Jim L.
Second Chance Group - Eddie C.
Sobriety is Gold - Dallas F.
Step by Step - James F.
Steppers - Tom E.
Stepping Stones - Bill L. & Monica S.E.

Sunday Afternoon Step Study - David S.
Sunday Night BB Step Study - Dave T.
Sunset Group - Mel
Tempe Group - Susan M.
Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A.
The Real Thing - Roxanne B.
The Way Out - Kaine H.
Welcome Home - Don S.
WIG - Erika C. & Deb B & Ginger R.B.

Online:

Big Book Worms - Kim SC

Gratitude Group - Buddy

Primary Purpose - Marissa C.

By the Book - Katy F.
East Valley Veterans - Russ J.
Feelings & Solutions - Tracy L.

New Spirit Group - Tom B.
No Whining - Thomas A.
Patio Group - Linda S.

Serious Over Sobriety - Doug
Upon Awakening - Tom C.
We Agnostics - Andrew N.

Welcome to the new Reps:

East Valley Vets - Russ J
No Whining - Thomas A

Step by Step - James F.
Tempe Bloopers - Michelle F.

The Way Out - Kaine H.
Women in Gratitude - Carol S.

Eddie C. read the Twelve Traditions

Secretary Report - Lois. Written reports in packet. Motion to accept made by Buddy - 2nd by Tom. Passed

Treasurer Report - Joseph M. went over the written report in the packet. Question about higher than normal December expenses for PI/CPC. Motion to accept made by Tom, 2nd by Erica C. Passed

Chairperson's report: J - Will make himself available to incoming Steering Committee as new rotation starts.

Vice-chair report: Austin not present.

Office Managers Report: Kim W. went over the written report in the packet. Has a few items in the office that were donated - available for free: Meeting sign, folding table, nice white board - call Kim if interested. Newsletter folding day is Wednesday, Dec 27th, starting at 9am. Come help fold, have coffee and fellowship, and donuts. Kim called the IRS for status on our ERC filing. Spoke with a very helpful gentleman who verified that our application has been received and has gone thru a preliminary review. He said final approvals are taking up to a year or more. She let him know that if they were to find anything questionable in our filing that we would want to withdraw our application immediately. He said that would not be a problem and put a note in our file that we want to be certain of our eligibility. We have several openings in the office for regular slots or fill-ins. Great service opportunities available - spread the word.

Standing Committee Reports:

PI/CPC: John V. - acting Chair. We had 156 clicks on our FaceBook ads - ads will run thru December. Two local members, Tom C. and Jenny W. were interviewed for a local radio PSA spot. January meeting will be Jan 2nd in EVI office.

Special Events: Roberta - We have sold 111 tickets for the New Years event so far - please keep selling. Have some baskets, need some more, or you can donate money for baskets if you want. Still need some help with the event - clean up etc. Question on when the baskets need to be done - answer was to please bring them to the office by Dec 29th.

Phone Committee: Tom not present. Written report in the packet.

Unity Report: position open

Sponsorship Workshop: Ken C. - Workshop on December 1st was well attended. Next one will be Feb 3rd. You can sign your group up for a slot in 2024 - workshops are now held on all the even months. Webpage below for sign-up sheet.
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Wcxgl5gxdNNRnECNwZ0ePsqjfn0rtb6JhiWiD23yLKQ/edit#gid=633520416>

No Booze News: Mike not present.

Literature Committee: Monica S. nothing new to report.

Liaison Reports:

Al-Anon - Rebecca - the next Family Recovery Night will be January 27th 4:30pm to 9pm. Speakers, pot luck, raffle baskets. Flyer is in the packet.

H&I: Dave T attended committee mtg last Wednesday on zoom. Will have Awareness Day in the spring. Have a new Treatment Chair with a good list of treatment centers. See Dave for info for your group to take a meeting in or if you have someone interested in getting badged for meetings thru Arizona Dept. of Corrections.

Spanish - position open

Sub Districts:

08-818 - Jason - Jason is the new DCM for 2024/2025. They meet 2nd Tues every month at Bloopers location.

08-819 - Robert S. not present

08-820 - Carol M. had to leave early.

Old Business

Elect Secretary for 2024/2025 - no nominations

2024 Budget - postponed from November. There was a question on employee travel expenses for 2023, answer was those expenses were submitted after this budget proposal was created.

Vote was: 30 yes 4 no. After minority opinion, a member reconsidered their vote. Went back to the floor for discussion.

2nd Vote was: 28 yes 7 no. Needed 24 votes to pass by substantial unanimity. Motion passed.

Motion for Intergroup to do an Inventory -no discussion. Vote was 31 yes 4 no. Motion passed. No minority opinion.

Motion to pass on 15% discount on last literature purchase from GSO. This was a written motion submitted by Richard E. after the meeting last month. LeAnn W.. 2nd the motion. C.J. asked if this was what we normally do - answer was no. Lois said that there is no way to keep track the cost of books when selling them - all books are stored together from different orders so this motion is not feasible. We offered a discount a couple years ago when the office was flush with money and wanted to pass on a discount to the groups, but we are not flush right now. Eddie said Prudent Reserve is down right now - not the time to have a sale. Reps will take this back to their groups to vote on it next month.

New Business

Ryan R. commented that he suggested 2 months ago that we publish the H&I financials in our No Booze News and we have not done that. J noted that we are not connected to H&I and it is not our business to publish their financials - they are a separate entity. Another member thought we should publish this as well.

Ken commented that the groups can go to www.vwhi.org to see all the H&I reports at any time.

Announcements

Roxanne is our incoming Chair and could use some help with the audio equipment for the monthly meetings.

8:15pm Tom made a motion to close, Multiple people 2nd the motion. Closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Lois L

EVI Secretary

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As I approached three years without a drink, I made another sponsor change to the sponsor I have today and worked the Steps again. He took me through the Big Book one page at a time and shared his experience with me. I so very much wanted what he had. Yet I still refused to pray and continued to suffer. There were bits of relief here and there as we progressed. I always told the truth in my prior inventories, but I wasn't rigorously honest. Pride kept me from admitting to God

and another human being the exact nature of my wrongs. I would only tell you the parts that I felt safe telling because I was a coward. I finally got up enough courage and let it all out. I was able to get free of things that I didn't even know were killing me that I wasn't willing to tell in prior 5th Steps. This was very freeing for me, but I was still not letting God be a part of that.

Things continued like that and the pain in the life I was living got to be too much. I surrendered. My way wasn't working. One day at about four years sober I fell to my knees and just started reading the Third Step prayer straight out of the book because I didn't know what else to do. The voices in my head would tell me that it was ridiculous and useless and for the weak and on and on and on. But I continued, because I saw that it worked in others and I had tried everything else. I remember a few weeks later after my prayers a feeling came over me like no other. The voices were silent. It was a powerful experience. And the voices have not returned.

I am so very grateful that I found a power greater than myself whom today I choose to call God. That choice is a subtle reminder to continue to be open minded and not to hold onto old ideas. A reminder that pride and arrogance have no place in my life. That every idea up to this point is an old idea and I need to always be open minded and willing to consider new ideas. My experience has been that if I keep seeking to improve my conscious contact through prayer and meditation on a daily basis my life improves. The act of seeking and the work that it takes has a benefit that I never dreamed of. I get to be happy. I get to be joyous. I get to be free. I get to have peace. I get to have serenity. I get to have a life that I could not have ever dreamed possible. That is not something that I thought could or would ever happen. **B.L.**

Ring in the New Year w/ Service

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