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**To Thy
Own Self
Be True**



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The A.A. Moon Shot | I Admired Her Courage

I got sober on October 15, 1969, at a time when the Space programs were on the Television in black and white and I was up deep into the nights watching as it happened. About twenty years later I in a meeting when I heard a very young, very sincere, single mother of two, sharing that her first experience in the AA program was the thought of having to do all this stuff for the rest of her life and she didn't find it too comforting. (Her words) It sounded to me that, from her perspective, she knew that she had to do it, but it wasn't going to be easy or fun. I admired her for her courage and conviction, and I tried to encourage her by explaining things that I had experienced when I was faced with the life changing challenges of sobriety. I was a father of a boy, I was in the Navy at the time, and I was divorced. It was a difficult time, but I had to go through it, drinking or not. I likened it to the first Apollo Space Mission to the moon. It goes something like this.

When you first see the size of the spacecraft and consider the amount of energy it would take to put it into space, it is hard to fathom. After the countdown is complete, the engines fire and a tremendous amount of flames and smoke engulf the entire area and, in a few moments, it slowly starts to lift off. As it lumbers its first hundred feet, it is expending a tremendous amount of fuel. Slowly it starts to gain momentum and pick up speed, still shuddering along.

Soon the booster tanks are depleted, and they are ejected, and the main tanks begin to propel it further along the flight path with even more thrust as it is reaching for orbit. Next, the main tank is depleted just before orbit and is ejected. What is left is a very small portion of what arose from the launchpad. Soon the craft leaves orbit and ...

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A Power Greater than Ourselves could restore us

When I read Step Two and understood that I could choose a God of my own understanding, I felt that I could accept the AA program and be a part of the fellowship. Let it be known that I am a progressive liberal and unabashed atheist who has found spirituality through the twelve steps, the fellowship, a sponsor, service work, regular attendance at meetings, sharing my thoughts on the topic at hand, and participating in group endeavors like campouts and roundups.

I will admit that I can say God at the beginning of the Serenity Prayer, that I can say Our Father at the beginning of the Lord's Prayer, and that I can read passages at Big Book studies that feature God. I do not feel that I am breaching any personal sensitivity when doing so, as I deeply respect those who have committed to their faith in God. If AA can give me an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of sobriety with my choice of Higher Power as an eternal galactic spiritual reservoir of wisdom and strength, then I am grateful. Who am I to judge and be judged when the miracle of sobriety has given me a new lease on life, a new world of adventure, a new group of friends, a new understanding of love and caring and sharing and responsibility.

Step Two has gifted me a Higher Power that has guided me to a sane mindset where I can flourish as a happier person who appreciates the lessons generated by working the Steps and progresses in the continuing acceptance of the AA way of life as I trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

From the book Alcoholics Anonymous

Despite all we can say, many who are real alcoholics are not going to believe they are in that class. By every form of self-deception and experimentation, they will try to prove themselves exceptions to the rule, therefore nonalcoholic. If anyone who is showing inability to control his drinking can do the rightabout-face and drink like a gentleman, our hats are off to him. Heaven knows, we have tried hard enough and long enough to drink like other people!

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

YUMA ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 9 ~ 11, 2024

YUMA CIVIC CENTER

1440 W DESERT HILLS DR. YUMA AZ

WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP

MARCH 22 ~ 24, 2024

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK

41835 N CASTLE HOT SPRINGS RD.



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



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's

45th Anniversary

Dinner and Speaker Event

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm



Meal and a Message

Saturday, April 13th 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm

Speaker at 7:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ

(Love of Christ Lutheran Church)

(No ticket will be sold at the door.)

Subdistrict 08/820

Service Workshop

Saturday, February 17th, 2024

10:00am to 1:00pm

Lunch Provided

1050 W Superstition Blvd.

Apache Junction

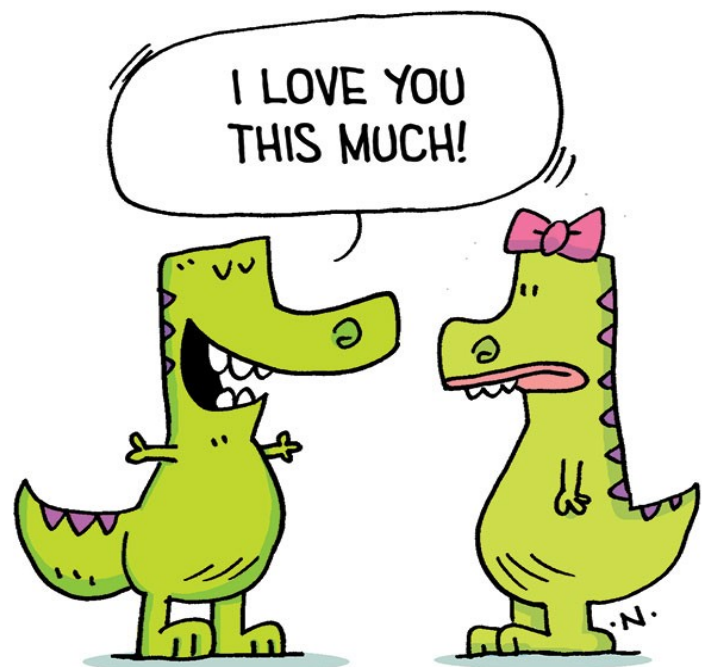
Sober Anniversaries

Name Date

Thomas T.....	2/15/1975.....	17897
Judy A.	2/15/1976.....	17532
Stephen P.	2/21/1982.....	15340
Jerry L.	2/24/1983.....	14975
Pat W.	2/2/1985.....	14244
Kathy K.....	2/27/1985.....	14244
Monica G.....	2/23/1990.....	12418
Rob W.	2/28/1993.....	11322
Del S.	2/15/1995.....	10592
Buddy M.	2/19/1996.....	10227
Linda S.	2/28/1996.....	10227
Rosemarie R.	2/27/1997.....	9861
Robert B.	2/14/2001.....	8400
Phil H.....	2/4/2002.....	8035
Judy K.	2/11/2006.....	6574
Jason T.	2/17/2007.....	6209
Michael K.	2/14/2008.....	5844
Jason C.	2/17/2009.....	5478
Ralph C.	2/17/2009.....	5478
Alex B.	2/1/2010.....	5113
Kirsten J.	2/2/2010.....	5113
Mathew D.	2/5/2010.....	5113
Joel (JJ) G.....	2/17/2010.....	5113
Brad B.	2/21/2012.....	4383
Dewey D.....	2/22/2012.....	4383
Jerod T.	2/12/2014.....	3652
Jerry T.	2/12/2014.....	3652
John K.	2/9/2015.....	3287
Mike J.	2/12/2015.....	3287
Delia S.	2/12/2015.....	3287
Joe M.	2/18/2015.....	3287
Chad C.	2/15/2016.....	2922
Barbara E.....	2/22/2016.....	2922
Alissa A.	2/17/2018.....	2191
Troy D.	2/21/2018.....	2191
Doug H.	2/2/2020.....	1461
Jackie S.....	2/16/2021.....	1095

Things we cannot change.

Rochelle P. Ron A. and Kay R. All long time members of our fellowship, have passed from this world. They Inspired many and will be missed.



Q. Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

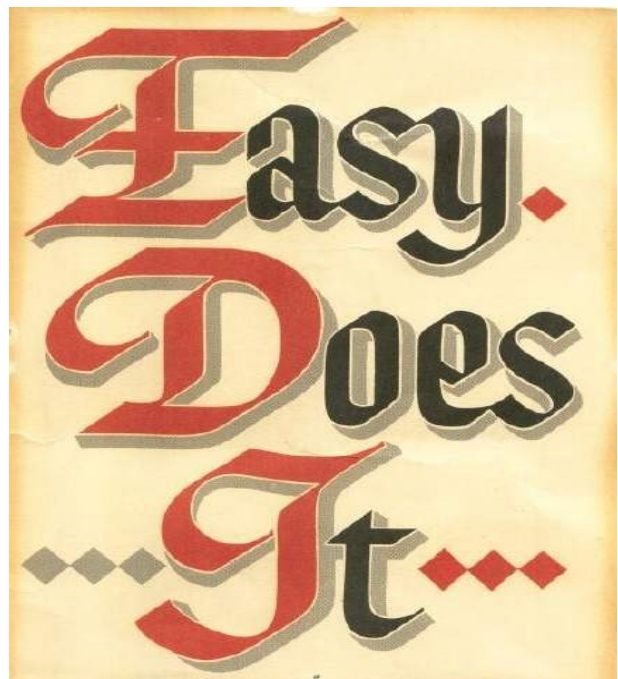
A. Yes, February 14th.

Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn't fancy but, man, the reception was excellent.

Q. Why should you never laugh at your significant other's choices?

A. Because you're one of them!

"If he doesn't appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that mango."



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: Position Open

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

Feb 3 ~ Tempe Sunrisers

Put the Serve back into 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

Feb 2 ~ The Way Out

March 1 ~ Upon Awakening

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 January 19, 2024

Happy New Year, welcome to 2024. In December we received 369 requests for information and assistance in December. Of those 98 calls were for meeting info, 100 were office visitors and 14 resulted in a good old fashioned 12 step call. Our website stayed busy with 17,326 visits. And our Google totals for last month were 1,860 views. Of those 319 went to our website, 65 requested directions and 34 gave us a call.

The year-end inventory went well thanks to some very helpful volunteers. Our item discrepancy was -\$34.43, with a total retail inventory value of \$26,739.69. Most titles are now available at AAWS with a few pamphlets still out of stock.

The W-2 has been distributed and W-3 filed with Social Security. Monthly employer taxes have been deposited with the IRS.

Along with the new year comes our usual spike in calls from those who may be having a hard time with those resolutions to quit drinking. Please consider signing up for the 12 step list and be a hand of AA. Service opportunities are available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Please take some Gratitude with Service forms back to your group and encourage the members 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

Office Manager

East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

..... **Dec** **2023**
 Meeting Information Calls..... 98 1235
 General Information 66 983
 Referred to Salt River Intergroup 8 45
 Referred to Al-Anon..... 5 115
 Referred to Community Info..... 5 5
 12th Step Calls 14 122
 Business Calls 78 919
 Office Visitors 100 1299
 Meeting lists printed..... 600 7200
 Info request via E-mail 51 406
 Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None..... 16/ 4/12
 Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs..... 1900 hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 17,326 YTD 258,850

Google Searches last 30 days 1,860 YTD 156,558

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:

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:

Into Action 2740 E Southern Ave. Mesa MO 6:00p

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	Dec.	YTD
11th Step Candlelight		\$450.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$1,166.82
A Vision For You		\$699.17
ABC Group		\$125.00
Ad Hoc Online	\$40.00	\$40.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$531.54
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$1,400.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$226.36	\$1,136.14
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$444.21
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$2,200.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$598.20
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$615.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$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 Men's Stag	\$250.00	\$250.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$153.00	\$2,186.00
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	\$1,366.44
Eye Opener Group	\$25.00	\$25.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$525.00
Fill in the Blank		\$697.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$435.80
Florence Group		\$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
Gold Canyon 12 X 12	\$124.67	\$124.67
Good Ol' Back to Basics		\$250.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$70.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$484.00
Gratitude Group	\$419.00	\$754.00
Great Start		\$250.00
Gut Level		\$701.71
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$450.00
Hope For Today		\$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		\$200.00
Maricopa Group		\$130.00
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	\$370.00
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	Dec.	YTD
Patio Group		\$309.00
Pioneer Group		\$248.80
Price Is Right		\$315.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$122.09
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$80.00
Province Group		\$269.00
Putting God First		\$325.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$499.89
Re-Awakening Group		\$50.00
Renewed Spirit		\$500.00
Rising Spirit		\$3,151.64
Road To Recovery	\$100.00	\$6,931.17
Rock Solid		\$100.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$195.00
Second Chance Group	\$158.33	\$741.66
Serenity Now		\$401.30
Serenity Sisters		\$400.00
Serious Over Sobriety		\$566.31
Shade Tree		\$270.00
Slay the Dragon		\$100.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$382.25
Sobriety Rocks		\$266.36
Society Group		\$799.98
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$550.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$787.50
Spirited Women		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch	\$92.85	\$259.43
Step By Step Group		\$620.68
Steppers		\$315.00
Stepping Stones	\$200.00	\$680.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$106.42
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$150.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$288.00
Sunrisers	\$141.60	\$141.60
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$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 Promises	\$120.00	\$120.00
The Real Thing	\$50.00	\$142.05
The Tribe		\$469.39
The Way Out Group		\$200.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$100.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$870.30
Upon Awakening	\$900.00	\$3,200.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$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	126.75	\$126.75
AZ AA Women's Conf.		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup	\$20.00	\$160.00
Dist 08-813		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$3,384.68	\$67,935.60
EVI Committees	\$201.22	\$929.32
Individual Contributions	\$31.00	\$5,836.03
GRAND TOTALS	\$3,616.90	\$74,700.95

*Group contribution with no group name listed)

Financial Statements



BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2023

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	4,776.12
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	35,726.99
Accounts Receivable	1,679.00
Inventory Asset	27,618.17
Undeposited Funds	22.50
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$74,899.46
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	33,619.11
Net Income	-2,498.59
Total Equity	\$74,899.46
Total Liability & Equity	\$74,899.46

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT December, 2023

22 Group contributions totaling	\$3,384.68
8 Individual contributions totaling	\$201.22
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$31.00
Total Contributions	\$3,616.90
Total Income	\$14,235.80
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$3,500.46
Gross Profit	\$10,735.34
Less total Expenses of	\$12,082.81
Net December Loss	(\$1,344.47)
YTD 2023 Loss	(\$2,498.59)
The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$35,726.99	
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 Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

WHERE does A.A. get its direction? Who runs it? This, too, is a puzzler for every friend and newcomer. When told that our Society has no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of any dues, no board of directors who can cast an erring member into outer darkness, when indeed no A.A. can give another a directive and enforce obedience, our friends gasp and exclaim, "This simply can't be. There must be an angle somewhere." These practical folk then read Tradition Two and learn that the sole authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience.

EVI MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes Friday, January 19, 2024

CJ opened the meeting at 7:05pm in person and on zoom with the Serenity Prayer.

Attendees:

Ahwatukee Group - Clark S.
Ahwatukee Men's - Mike D.
Bottom of the Bottle - Darrel T.
Breakfast club - Tonita W.

Good Orderly Direction - Ronnie C.
Happy Hour, Morning After - Rose M.
Life in the Big Book - Dana M.
No Whining - Thomas

Second Chance Group - Eddie C.
Society Meeting - Bob H.
Step by Step - James F.
Stepping Stones - Bill L.

Chandler Women's Big Book - Lynnzie Z.
Common Thread - Zack D.
Courage to Change - Lee Ann W.
Dr. Nightmare - Sara S.
Easy Does It - Amy R.
Gilbert BB Step Study - Joseph M.
Gold Canyon Firehouse - Shane Z.

Opportunity Knox - Ken C.
Over Tha Influence - Gabe L.
Page A Day - Mitch B.
Patio Group - Linda S.
Price Is Right - Ashley S.
Rising Spirit - Stephanie J.
Road to Recovery - Jim L.

Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers - Melis-
Sunset Group - Melissa L.
Tempe Group - Susan M.
Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A.
The Real Thing - Megan D.
The Way Out - Kaine H.
Welcome Home - Don S.

Online:

Arbor Group - David L.
East Valley Vets - Russ J.
Gold Canyon Book Study - Ken O.
New Spirit - Tom B.

Page a Day - Cathi R.
San Tan Men's - Fred S.
Serenity Sisters - Jeni O.
Serious over sobriety - Doug W.

Sunday Afternoon Step Study -
Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A.
Upon Awakening - Victor S.
We Agnostics - Andrew N.

Welcome to the new Reps:

Ahwatukee Group - Clark S.

Easy Does it - Amy R.

Society - Bob H.

Ahwatukee Men's - Mike D.
Ahwatukee Men's Alt. - Michael
Breakfast club - Tonita W.
Chandler Women's Big Book - Lynnzie Z.
Common Thread - Zack D.
Dr's Nightmare - Sara S.

Globe Canyon Firehouse - Shane Z.
Opportunity Knox - Ken C.
Over Tha Influence - Gabe L.
Page a Day - Mitch B.
Price Is Right - Ashley S.
Rising Spirit - Stephanie J.

Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers - Melis-
Sunset Group - Melissa L.
The Real Thing - Megan D.
The Way Out Alt. - Dee P.
The Way Out - Kaine H.

Sam read the Twelve Traditions

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

Treasurer Report - CJ went over the written report in the packet. A couple corrections made. Motion to accept amended report made by Kaine, 2nd by Mike D. Passed

Chairperson's report: Roxanne not available to attend tonight due to sickness. No report.

Vice-chair report: Ginger R.B. - Attended Sub-District 08-818 meeting last week, will attend 819 and 820 next month. Was not aware of the many meetings Vice-Chair is invited to attend every month- will try to make them and see how it goes.

Office Managers Report: Kim W. went over the written report in the packet. AAWS has most titles available but still a few out of stock. Folding day will be Thursday, January 25th at 9am. Come help fold literature, enjoy fellowship, coffee, donuts at the office. Been getting a lot of calls in the New Year - we could use some more volunteers to take 4 hour shifts at the office. The year-end inventory went very well - thank to some very helpful volunteers. We ended up with a discrepancy of only \$34.43 with a total retail inventory value of \$26,739.69. Some contributions may have not been identified by the group name. Please have your group Treasurer check the report in this packet and let Kim know if any contributions are not listed correctly. We get some checks that do not have the group name on them, but we do know they come from a group.

Standing Committee Reports:

PI/CPC: John V. - acting Chair. Written report is in the packet. We are a very active committee. We can use some more volunteers - great service work available. We meet the 1st Monday at 7pm every month. Zoom: 984 4383 7353. Passcode: 061035 Or call John V. with any questions: 480-358-8868

Special Events: Roberta - We have service opportunities available on this committee. The Anniversary dinner will be on March 16th at Love of Christ Church. Tickets are \$25.00. Reps can get tickets to sell from Spec. Events or from Kim. Committee is looking at dinner, dancing options for the Anniversary event - contact Roberta with ideas.

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

Unity Report: position open

Sponsorship Workshop: position open.

No Booze News: Mike not present. Shane reported for Mike - the NBN will be awesome!!

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

Liaison Reports:

Al-Anon - Lee R.- the next Family Recovery Night will be January 27th 4pm to 9pm. Speakers, pot luck, raffle baskets. Flyer is in the packet. State Al-Anon Convention will be in Prescott June 28 - 30th. More to come on that.

H&I: position open

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. Contact Jason if your group does not have a GSR and you want more info on this. Jason 480-389-7739

08-819 - Robert S. not present

8-820 - Carol M. All service positions are filled. Service Workshop coming up on Feb 17th. Flyer is in the packet.

Old Business

Elect Secretary for 2024/2025 - Linda C. volunteered for this position. Linda gave her service resume and covered her eyes as the reps voted. It was unanimous. Linda is our new Secretary. Congratulations Linda.

Intergroup Inventory -CJ described how we always want to know how we can do better - we will send a survey to the groups. maybe have a town hall mtg - or have it at a business meeting - more to come.

Motion to pass on 15% discount on last literature purchase from GSO. There was a misunderstanding that this item was being handled by the Steering Committee. It is not. The reps will vote on this tonight. Discussion about the motion being delayed, and question on the financial status of EVI right now - we ended 2023 with a net income of negative \$2,498.59. Motion to call the question by Tom, 2nd by Jeanette. Passed. Votes were 11 Yes, 29 no, 7 abstain. We add the yes and no votes and determine what 2/3 is to pass. 11 plus 29 = 40. 2/3 of 40 is 27. Needed 27 to pass. Motion failed.

New Business

2nd Motion from Steering Committee to reduce the cost of mailing Newsletters to members. Motion is in the packet. We have 20 paid subscriptions right now - cost is \$18 per year. All details are in the written report. We will still provide free copies at the EVI office and here at our monthly business meetings AND electronically to anyone who would like one. Discussion about perhaps missing an opportunity to reach an alcoholic in need. Or - we don't know if they are being read at all. The current cost is \$1790 per year. The new cost would be \$600 per year. Reps voted whether to vote on this tonight. 16 voted yes, 19 voted no. Reps will take this back to their groups for vote next month.

Announcements:

Kaine said the Steering Committee should look at our current Hybrid monthly business meeting. Is it still needed? Do we want to keep it? If we keep it, we need a screen in the room so the folks in-person can see the zoom folks, and we need better audio. Comment that hybrid does seem unnecessary.

Ken made a motion to close, Darrel 2nd Closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Lois L EVI Secretary



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...heads towards the moon and something else happens that sometimes goes unnoticed. Somewhere between the earth and the moon, the gravitational pull of the moon has more influence on the craft than the gravity of the earth has, and it is gently drawn along its path. Very little energy is used except for minor course corrections.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, when we first get started, it appears to be an insurmountable task that requires a tremendous amount of effort just to get off the launchpad. Not every launch is successful and some of us don't make it the first time, and we need to exert all that energy on each successful attempt. As we do get our way, it starts to get easier as we head for our objective. When we go through the twelve steps, we finally reach orbit.

After we are satisfied that everything is in order, we can now set out for the moon. If we stay on course, the spiritual gravity of values we have adopted in the AA program will far outweigh the negative gravity of the past as we eject all the dead weight that held us down. As we continue to adjust to the day-to-day mistakes that we make and adopt an unselfish approach to life, somewhere along the flight path, we will cross that line where we are drawn towards a life and serenity that is hard to imagine when we are setting on the launchpad. The most important part of the journey is the lift off. If we can get through that most difficult time, it does get easier, and then we need only to stay the course.

-Rick R.