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NO BOOZE NEWS

Don't Let the Things AA Gives Me Take Me Away From AA

It was 1981 when I went to my first AA meeting...

I was sober for a few days, then a week, then a month. It was amazing! I was doing it! I got a job and some money in my pocket. My family told me how proud they were of me. I had finally learned how to stop drinking. AA had worked. I decided that I didn't need these meetings anymore, because I could do this on my own now.

Very soon after I quit going to meetings, I found myself drinking again. This pattern continued for 10 years, each time I drank again, I slid a little further down the scale. In May of 1992, I was homeless, my son was living with my sister and her family, I was unemployable, had warrants out for my arrest, and my family had told me that I was no longer welcome in their homes, and that if they saw me near them they would call the police on me. I was living in a small AZ border town where I knew nobody. I had been sleeping in a dumpster full of cardboard boxes in the alley behind a mattress store to stay out of the rain. I crawled back into the rooms of AA.

This time I was as desperate as only the dying can be. I was finally willing to go to any lengths to stay sober. I didn't care what they said I had to do; I was going to do it.

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Once again, I went to meetings. All the meetings. I was unemployable, so I just went to AA meetings all day, every day. I got a sponsor and started working steps. Then I had an epiphany. I realized that all those times I went to AA, I was able to get a job, a place to live, a boyfriend, money in my pocket, BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO AA!! Each time I decided I was too busy with "life" I was letting the things AA gave me, take me away from AA. This concept seems so obvious now, but at the time, this was a huge revelation to me.

Today my life is full and busy. I have developed some health issues over the years. The job, the traveling, and the health stuff, leaves me totally exhausted sometimes. It can be so easy to get into a routine of being too busy or tired for AA. I know because I did it for about two years! I saw it happening, but I let it happen anyway. I stopped participating in my own recovery. It is only through grace that I did not drink, and I found my way back to AA. I go to meetings regularly every week. I am sponsoring & doing service work. I am participating in my own recovery again.

The longer I stay sober, the more I have to lose if I drink again. The material stuff, the job, the house, the relationships. The integrity and the respect it took so long to earn back. The self-respect and self-worth. The spiritual growth. Everything I have worked for all these years.

I know I cannot let the things that AA gives me take me away from AA.

From the Preface to the 4th Edition

All changes made over the years in the Big Book (A.A. members' fond nickname for this volume) have had the same purpose: to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics. If you have a drinking problem, we hope that you may pause in reading one of the forty-two personal stories and think: "Yes, that happened to me"; or, more important, "Yes, I've felt like that"; or, most important, "Yes, I believe this program can work for me too."

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

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 16 ~ 19, 2024
LAUGHLIN NV
RIVERSIDE RESORT

KAIBAB LAKE ROUNDUP

JUNE 27 ~ JUNE 30
KAIBAB LAKE
WILLIAMS AZ

PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

JULY 26 ~ JULY 28
11 E SHELDON ST. PRESCOTT AZ
YAVAPAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SRI SUMMER ROUNDUP

AUGUST 9 ~ 11, 2024
DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON
SCOTTSDALE AZ

Cinco No Drinko
By Mesa Roundup
Saturday, May 4th
11am to 3pm
Dobson Ranch Park, Ramada #3



Founder's Day 2024
Saturday, June 8
10am to 4pm
1525 N Power Rd. Mesa
(Love of Christ Lutheran Church)
Register for free at azfoundersday.org



ASCYPAA XXXI
Arizona State Conference of Young People in A.A.
Friday, August 16 ~ 18, 2024
2515 E Butler Ave. Flagstaff AZ
Ascypaa.org

Area 03 Post Conference Assembly
Hosted by District 10-102
June 1st 2024
777 Geronimo Springs Blvd. San Carlos AZ
Delegate's Report

**2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
VANCOUVER, BC
JULY 3-6, 2025**
90 Years – Language of the Heart
Save the date!

Name	Date	
Mike C.	5/1/1981	15706
Bud K.	5/23/1982	15340
Jon C.	5/6/1984	14610
Becky C.	5/9/1984	14610
Ken H.	5/19/1986	13880
Rick J.	5/13/1987	13515
Chris M.	5/13/1987	13515
MaryEileen R.	5/8/1988	13149
Beth H.	5/29/1988	13148
Lynn S.	5/25/1989	12784
Mike S.	5/1/1991	12054
Hallie G.	5/5/1991	12054
Louis S.	5/28/1991	12054
Regan G.	5/1/1992	11688
Jack G.	5/23/1996	10227
Heidi H.	5/23/1999	9132
Denise A.	5/1/2002	8036
Mickey W.	5/1/2003	7671
Debbie G.	5/16/2003	7671
Kathy T.	5/15/2005	6940
Larry S.	5/23/2007	6210
Pat C.	5/27/2007	6171
Neil H.	5/23/2008	5844
Frank P.	5/26/2008	5844
Steve B.	5/11/2009	5479
Donna G.	5/27/2009	5479
Ken M.	5/19/2010	5114
Lyndadiane L.	5/29/2010	5114
Michelle M.	5/25/2010	5441
Ben P.	5/24/2011	4749
Shawna D.	5/2/2012	4383
Danielle R.	5/6/2013	4018
Denise M.	5/12/2014	3653
Christopher T.	5/5/2015	3288
Beth M.	5/6/2015	3250
Diane K.	5/29/2015	3288
Mike D.	5/10/2016	2922
Fay J.	5/13/2016	2922
Jean C.	5/15/2016	2922
Lisa D.	5/15/2019	1827
Kathleen A.	5/17/2019	1827
Heather D.	5/2/2021	1096
Michele V.	5/6/2022	731
Susan R.	5/17/2022	731

HELP WANTED

Your Intergroup needs you!

Current open positions:

Steering Committee Secretary

PI/CPC Chairperson

PI/CPC Committee Members

Phone Committee Co-Chair

Evening Phone Volunteers

12 Step Volunteers

Events Committee Co-Chair

Events Committee Members

Office Front Desk Volunteers

Unity Committee Members

H&I Liaison

Spanish Liaison

Please contact the office for information on how to sign up for these service opportunities.

480 834-9033

Things we cannot change.

Blair P. of Mesa. A long time members of our fellowship, has passed from this world. He was a blessing to many and will be missed.

Our Fifth Step, Tradition and Concept

Step 5. -“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

Trad 5. “Each group has but one primary purpose —to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Concept 5. Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard, and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

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

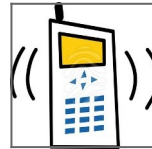
aamesaaz.org

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

May 4 ~ Courage to Change

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

Now Live only, no more ZOOM

May 3rd ~ Rising Spirit

June 7 ~ TBD

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.



***** Fill and Regular Shifts Available *****

Central Office Manager's Report

April 19, 2024

March was another great month for new contacts. We received 368 requests for information and assistance. Of those 101 calls were for meeting info, 101 were office visitors and, 8 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 51,730 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing received 1,990 views in February with 30 giving us a call, 278 visiting our website and 69 requesting directions to the office.

AA Grapevine will be increasing subscription prices to offset increased production costs. Renew or subscribe by April 15th to save 24%. They are also increasing the prices of their books when they order reprinting as costs continue to increase.

Our email subscription list currently has 876 readers. That is a great start but we would like to give every member in the East Valley a newsletter. Did I mention it is **FREE**? Stay informed of local events, service opportunities and news in our Fellowship all in one place. You can even submit personal stories, jokes and cartoons for publication. Just drop us an email, info@aamesaaz.org, and say "sign me up for the newsletter".

Intergroup currently has many positions open. Service opportunities are always available on all EVI committees and the 12th step list. Gratitude with Service forms are now available on our website. Please encourage your Group members to volunteer for a service position. The life they save may be their own.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Kim W

Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

..... March		2024	
Meeting Information Calls.....	101	.....	287
General Information	71	.....	234
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	3	.....	6
Referred to Al-Anon.....	6	.....	18
Requests for chips/medallions	17	.....	56
12th Step Calls	8	.....	26
Business Calls	61	.....	190
Office Visitors	101	.....	293
Meeting lists printed.....	300	.....	1100
Info request via E-mail.....	41	.....	120
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	23/ 4/7		
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs.....	360hrs		
Web Stats			
Website Visits last 30 days	51,730	YTD	142,988
Google Searches last 30 days	1,990	YTD	3,709

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:

Sobriety Society SOSO	5880 S Hospital Dr. Rm 1026	Globe	SU 2pm	O
Society Newcomers	9333 E Main St.	Mesa	Daily 3pm	
Any Lenghts	145 E 1st Ave.	Mesa	TH 4:00pm	BB
Recovery Thru The Maze	1880 N Longmore Rd.	Scottsdale	MO 7:00pm	S
T.G.I.F.	20164 S Sossaman Rd.	Queen Creek	FR 6:00pm	O

Changes:

Ahwatukee Nooners moved to 2601 E Thunderbird Pl. (Esperanza Church)

Deletions:

Road to Recovery has discontinued all 8pm and 10pm meetings.

<p>East Valley Intergroup 1855 E Southern Ave. Suite # 103 Mesa, AZ 85204</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous - Contributions PO Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407</p> <p>General Service Office - correspondence PO Box 459, Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163</p> <p>Area 03 Treasurer *NEW 1-13-24* PO Box 13714 Scottsdale, AZ 85267 *Make Check To: AZ Area Committee*</p>	<p>District 08-818 PO Box 12044 Tempe, AZ 85284</p> <p>District 08-819 PO Box 594 Mesa, AZ 85211</p> <p>District 08-820 PO Box 1901 Queen Creek, AZ 85142-9998</p> <p>District 08 (Maricopa County) PO Box 45066 Phoenix, AZ 85064</p> <p>Alcoholicos Anonimos - Oficina 2720 E Thomas Rd. B#180 Phoenix AZ 85016</p> <p>Valleywide H & I</p>	<p>PO Box 80126 Phoenix, AZ 85060</p> <p>GSO Example of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities</p> <p>Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities</p> <p>10% to District 10% to Area 30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup</p>
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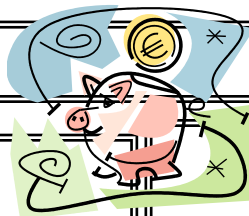
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$300.00
A Vision For You		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ad Hoc Online		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$882.85
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$127.24	\$152.24
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$126.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$200.00	\$600.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$0.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$0.00
BBookworms		\$335.70
Bloopers		\$112.50
Bootstrap Men's		\$1,000.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$72.24
Breakfast Club		\$50.00
Busted Ego	\$300.00	\$300.00
By The Book		\$147.00
Chandler Men's Stag		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$311.00	\$515.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Chant 2	\$62.00	\$62.00
Common Thread		\$297.66
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Dr's Nightmare		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's	\$495.00	\$495.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$544.00
East Valley Veterans		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$503.21
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank		\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$57.80
Florence Group		\$60.00
Fresh Air Group		\$0.00
Friday Night BB	\$147.28	\$147.28
Get In The Car		\$0.00
Get It Together		\$0.00
Gilbert BB Step		\$0.00
Gilbert Gals		\$0.00
Gilbert Group		\$0.00
Gold Canyon 12 X 12		\$0.00
Good Ol' Back to Basics	\$250.00	\$250.00
Good Orderly Direction		\$25.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$0.00
Gratitude Group		\$0.00
Great Start		\$0.00
Gut Level		\$0.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird		\$0.00
Hidden Valley Seekers		\$40.00
Hope For Today		\$0.00
Kitchen Table Group		\$369.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$0.00
Last Resort		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book	\$78.12	\$220.05
Livin Life Women		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$40.00
Maricopa Group		\$80.00
Miracle House		\$428.26
Name In The Hat		\$0.00
New Beginnings		\$0.00
New Spirit Group		\$339.50
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$75.00
No Name AA Group		\$250.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$0.00
Over The Influence		\$0.00

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Patio Group	\$975.45	\$975.45
Pioneer Group	\$70.00	\$158.80
Price Is Right		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection		\$0.00
Province Group		\$53.00
Putting God First		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit		\$100.00
Rising Spirit		\$692.11
Road To Recovery	\$100.00	\$300.00
Rock Solid		\$50.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$37.50
Second Chance Group	\$120.61	\$120.61
Serenity Now		\$78.00
Serenity Sisters		\$0.00
Serious Over Sobriety		\$53.10
Shade Tree		\$300.00
Slay the Dragon		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$165.00
Society Group		\$133.33
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$100.00	\$150.00
Southeast Valley Stag		\$312.50
Spirited Women		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch		\$50.00
Step By Step Group		\$254.87
Steppers	\$100.00	\$100.00
Stepping Stones		\$250.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Afternoon Step		\$60.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers		\$0.00
Sunrisers		\$141.60
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker	\$66.50	\$66.50
Sunset Group	\$50.00	\$50.00
Superstition Sunrise		\$0.00
Tempe Group		\$200.00
Tempe Nooners		\$0.00
Tempe Sunrisers		\$200.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Promises		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$200.00
The Tribe		\$0.00
The Way Out Group		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group		\$0.00
Tuesday Trudgers	\$494.00	\$494.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$63.30
Upon Awakening		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet		\$108.53
We Agnostics		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$500.00
West Chandler Men's		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group		\$0.00
Women in Gratitude		\$0.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups	\$100.79	\$100.79

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup		\$0.00
Dist 08-819	\$120.00	\$540.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$3,406.41	\$17,045.76
EVI Committees	\$0.00	\$21.00
Individual Contributions	\$426.70	\$936.70
GRAND TOTALS	\$3,833.11	\$18,003.46

*Group contribution with no group name listed)



BALANCE SHEET
March 31, 2024

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	3,359.68
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	39,837.91
Accounts Receivable	1,066.00
Inventory Asset	27,969.02
Undeposited Funds	423.20
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$77,733.75
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	2,640.44
Payroll taxes	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$2,640.44
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	31,119.45
Net Income	194.92
Total Equity	\$75,093.31
Total Liability & Equity	\$77,733.75

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
March, 2024

25 Group contributions totaling	\$3,406.41
6 Individual contributions totaling	\$426.70
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$3,833.11
Total Income	\$11,990.94
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$2,750.77
Gross Profit	\$9,240.17
Less total Expenses of	\$12,477.58
Net March Loss	(\$3,237.41)
YTD 2024 Gain	\$194.92

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$39,837.91
The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2024 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,
CJ M. EVI Treasurer

Tradition Five from the 12X12

There is another reason for this singleness of purpose. It is the great paradox of A.A. that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away. If a group of doctors possessed a cancer cure, they might be conscience-stricken if they failed their mission through self-seeking. Yet such a failure wouldn't jeopardize their personal survival. For us, if we neglect those who are still sick, there is unremitting danger to our own lives and sanity. Under these compulsions of self-preservation, duty, and love, it is not strange that our Society has concluded that it has but one high mission—to carry the A.A. message to those who don't know there's a way out.

**East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 19, 2024**

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

Ken C. Read the Twelve Traditions, Introductions of the new reps. *Attendance sheets have been omitted for space and are available upon request.*

Secretary Report: Linda C. Written reports in packet. Stepping down from position in June. Motion to accept made by Tom – 2nd by Gary. Passed

Treasurer Report: CJ M. Referred to the additional report requested at the last meeting , will be provided quarterly. Reviewed 3 years of budget to understand the ebbs and flows of the budget. Not uncommon to see changes as contributions come in the first quarter. Discussion, more in new business. Motion to accept made by Kaine – 2nd by Clark.

Chairperson: Roxanne B.- Nothing to report, is available to attend meeting and answer any questions, please call her at (602)571-5840. Will discuss items in old business.

Manager's Report: Kim W. – Report in the packet. Grapevine prices have increased 24% at \$14 each. Has a goal to have 1000 of No Booze News (NBN) online recipients. Correction, the date for the NBN stuffing is taking place on Tuesday, the 23rd of April at the EVI office. There are service opportunities at the office, please suggest this to your home groups as a service opportunity.

Vice-Chair: Ginger R. B. – Not present, no report – see old business

Standing Committee Reports:

PI/PCP: John V.- Upcoming workshop is from 10-1. Rotating out of position, please contact Roxanne if interested.

Special Events: Roberta – The anniversary party made about \$500, fun had by all. More upcoming events: Bowling -dates being discussed, Unity Day -has not been well attended, looking to make it more fun to increase attendance. New Year's Eve- looking for a venue and need help contact if you would like to volunteer.

Phone Committee: Tom S. – report in packet – not present.

Unity: Jennifer S. – Tom reported the group has identified 48 meetings and will visit and talk about EVI, visiting 10 meetings per year, will take about 3 years.

Sponsorship: Ken C. – Workshop was April 6th and the next workshop is scheduled for May 7th

No Booze News: Not Present

Literature: Monica- Attending the EVI speaker meeting and sold a book and was given a bag of books that were donated.

Liaison Reports:

H & I: Debbie C. No report

Spanish Liaison: Open

Al-Anon- Lee R. - Announced upcoming meeting Tues night, next Get in the Car meeting is May 11th. Visit the website for more information.

Sub District Reports:

08-818: Jason C. – no report

08-819: Robert S. – not present

08-820: Carol M.- Vice- Chair Ginger R.B. attended their meeting and was a great help. Potluck speaker meeting had a low attendance. Meal and a message was on the same date which may have been the reason. TLC Men's group attended.

Old Business:

The list of questions for the inventory are being put together.

Ginger will be spearheading the location of the EVI Business meeting and will have something for the next Steering Committee meeting.

The new format with the projector at the business meeting had been a motion for a special committee. IT help will be needed in May. All the equipment is EVI's.

New Business:

Carol from Women in Gratitude made a motion:

By Women in Gratitude to discontinue the practice of having the AA groups vote on the office manager's annual review compensation. Details of the office manager's annual evaluation which determines her or his eligibility for a salary increase remain private and is managed by the Steering Committee as stated by the by-laws.

2nd Tom of Steppers

Discussion by the body, Carol M. said an employee can sue an employer and our policies and procedures are different from the by-laws. Were we now discussing changing the policy and procedures? The law in business protects the privacy of any employee. Victor S. gave history on the hiring process of the current office manager and how they relied on the Traditions and reminded that as trusted servants we make decisions because you selected us, this is based on the concepts and traditions, not legal, but spiritual principles, and to stop micromanaging. Tom N point of clarification, point of order to postpone. Motion to postpone, 2nd by Clark. Vote 34 for, none opposed. Passed to postpone to the next Business meeting.

Motion by Ken O. P&L report add a column to report trends and report monthly, 2nd by Kaine. Discussion by the body, CJ explained the budget is for the year and the month to month is showing past numbers and is different from a business budget. Roxanne moves to vote on this topic is voted on tonight or if there is further discussion. 34 Yes, 3 opposed. Adding the monthly details to the Treasure's Report, 19 for, 18 opposed. Passed. Minority opinion, Ken- things change, if we spend 3 times more on literature in one month it will show up the following month's report. Revote- In favor of adding the line items to the monthly report, 16 for 24 opposed, Does Not Pass. Minority opinion was heard, Chairperson – Roxanne B. add to New Business.

Announcements: The secretary has stepped down and will continue through the month of June, if anyone would like to step up, see the Chairperson. There is a 2-year sobriety requirement for this position.

AA – ICYPAA- Brady – online – introduced themselves and work with District 8. They will be in person at the next meeting.

Lee R., Al-Anon State Convention is in June.

At 8:31 Kaine made a motion to close, 2nd by Dave. Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Linda C EVI Secretary



This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

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In the early years of my sobriety, I did contract work, as I had in my drinking days--oil refineries, power stations, etc. It was what I knew best and I wanted to be responsible for myself and my family. When I was three years sober, I was offered a contract in Cyprus, and after much thought and discussion with my AA friends, I went for it.

An old seagoing friend of mine, Archie G., told me about the AA Loners network, so when I got to Cyprus, I wrote to New York and was given a contact: an army captain and his wife who lived twenty-five miles from the British army base. It was very hush-hush since they didn't want the army to know about them, and they were leaving Cyprus soon. They gave me a book, *The AA Way of Life* (first printed in 1967 and now called *As Bill Sees It*). By that time I was getting the Loner newsletter, *Loners-Internationalists Meeting*, and that kept me going.

When my job in Cyprus was finished, I went to Wales. I was grateful for my *LIMs*, since it took about five years for meetings to get going. By then I'd gone back to the Middle East, to Saudi Arabia. I was given a contact by *LIM* and I traveled almost four hundred miles every Wednesday to spend some time with this AA member. Then we heard about some AAs in Dhahran, and we got a meeting going, and that was good for my sobriety.

All the Loners I've made contact with have helped me to grow in the program and to face life on life's terms, and for that I will always be grateful. In my sobriety I have come through a lot--deaths, illnesses, and more. I shudder to think where I would be if I hadn't made contact with the Loners. I keep all my *LIMs* and try to pass them on and let people hear about it.

I'm a member of the Wayfarers group which meets here in Glasgow. I've been in that group all my AA life, if not in person, at least in spirit. Wherever I was, on Mondays I would have a quiet time to myself and think about that meeting.

I've had wonderful experiences in AA. I've often thought about putting them down on paper and I hope that what I have written today will help someone. All I have to do is not take one drink for today and ask my Higher Power for the strength to stay sober and accept his will for me, and he has done that all these years.

I pray that this finds all of you as it leaves me--in peace and health.