



NO BOOZE NEWS

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GO THE EXTRA MILE

A desperate call on a rainy night reminds a sober mom of our Responsibility Statement

It was late February in 2012. I was enjoying a quiet evening alone while my husband was at a men's AA meeting. I had 13 years of sobriety. I had worked hard to be the best little AA-er, I could be. Sometimes I feel God carries me while my feet run like a puppy over bath water.

I received a phone call that night that I had prayed for many times. It was from my estranged oldest son. But it did not go the way I imagined. He called from several hundred miles away to say that he had gone to an AA meeting because he was afraid he was going to die. He knew the program worked; he'd seen it help me and his step- father. What he didn't yet know was our Singleness of Purpose statement.

At the meeting, my son was told to leave because he was a dope-sick addict and AA could not help him. His car had broken down, he was 25 miles from his home and half a state from me, with a hole in his flip-flops—and he was violently ill. I wanted to hold him, to dry his tears and make everything OK. But he was so far away. I kept him on the phone as he walked down the highway in the rain. While we spoke, I searched frantically online to find the phone number for a sister program that could help him. He was devastated that the AA meeting would not help him. He had no hope, no money, and a wife and two daughters who depended on him. He knew he needed help or he would die. It took everything I had to convince him to call the number.

We hung up and I sobbed, praying for my son to feel God's loving guidance. After what seemed an eternity, my son called back and told me he'd gotten through to NA and someone was coming to get him. Several hours later, he called again to tell me he was safely home and that the most awesome man had helped him.

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The next day I made the long drive to my son's house. I put food in his fridge, bought him a new pair of flip-flops and threw in a few bucks to have his car fixed. I also left him \$8 for the program workbook he needed. Late that night he sent me a text with a picture of his key tag, thanking me for all I had done. I wasn't sure I had done enough, but I was still praying.

He jumped into his program with both feet. He called me with all the doubt, fear and anguish that I experienced in my first 30 days. I listened and asked, "Have you called your sponsor?"

He stayed clean. In early April, he sent a photo of his 30-day key tag. I felt hope for him. But then in late April, my phone rang at 1:00 in the morning. It was my son. He told me his wife, the love of his life and mother of his children, had died of her addiction. At that time, he had just 59 days clean and sober.

I rushed up I-95, praying and sobbing. When I arrived at his home, I held him and his daughters. His home group rallied around him. He was not alone. I called my sponsor, cried and prayed.

That night, my son asked me to drive him to his meeting, where I watched him pick up his 60-day key tag. I sobbed and thanked my Higher Power.

I am grateful for the AA Responsibility Statement. It has put me into service at levels that I would never have ventured into on my own. It led me to act as "house mother" at a mens' recovery shelter that is populated mainly by members who are dually addicted. My experience there taught me that I cannot help with a problem I don't understand. I don't understand addiction to opiates, the lifestyle of addicts or how to detox off drugs. Our Singleness of Purpose supports my belief in that. But I truly believe that I am responsible when someone reaches out for help. I can guide them to someone who is able to help them. Far too many of us in recovery have lost loved ones to drugs. I feel with all my heart that we can help others to find our way of life, even if it is "elsewhere."

Tonight, I heard from my son again. He sent me a photo of his two-year medallion and matching key tag. He thanked me for leading him to NA. I just sobbed and thanked my Higher Power.

From Bill's Story pg.13 | Alcoholics Anonymous

My schoolmate visited me, and I fully acquainted him with my problems and deficiencies. We made a list of people I had hurt or toward whom I felt resentment. I expressed my entire willingness to approach these individuals, admitting my wrong. Never was I to be critical of them. I was to right all such matters to the utmost of my ability. I was to test my thinking by the new God-consciousness within. Common sense would thus become uncommon sense. I was to sit quietly when in doubt, asking only for direction and strength to meet my problems as He would have me. Never was I to pray for myself, except as my requests bore on my usefulness to others. Then only might I expect to receive. But that would be in great measure.

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

RDUNDUPS, CAMPDUTS AND CONFERENCES

SRI SUMMER RDUNDUP

AUGUST 9 ~ 11, 2024

DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON
SCOTTSDALE AZ

PAYSDN RDUNDUP

AUGUST 23 ~ 25, 2024

SLIM JIM P AMP #2



VERDE VALLEY RDUNDUP

OCTOBER 25 ~ 27, 2024

JACKPOT RANCH
P AMP VERDE AZ

APACHE LAKE CAMPDUT

NOVEMBER 8 ~ 10

APACHE LAKE MARINA

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

ASCYPAA XXXI

Arizona State Conference of Young People in A.A.

Friday, August 16 ~ 18, 2024

2515 E Butler Ave. Flagstaff AZ

Ascpaa.org

EVI BDWL-A-THDN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD. 2024

11:00AM TILL ???

\$25 INCLUDES: ALL DAY ACCESS
BOWLING, LASER TAG, ARCADE
FOOD BUFFET AND SODA BAR

JAKE'S UNLIMITED

1830 E BASELINE RD. MESA

(NW CORNER OF GILBERT AND BASELINE)
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT AAMESAAZ.ORG
FROM YOUR GROUP REP OR AT THE OFFICE

SRI SUMMER RDUNDUP

AUGUST 9 ~ 11

5401 N SCOTTSDALE RD. SCOTTSDALE AZ

DOUBLETREE RESORT

SRIROUNDUP.ORG

2024 STATE CONVENTION

Arizona Area 03

August 23 ~ 25

5655 W Valencia Rd. Tucson AZ

(Casino Del Sol)

Area03.org

Labor Day Alcahthon's

Bloopers - 10am to 8pm, Sep 2

Easy Does It - 8am to 10pm, Aug 31 ~ Sep 2

2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

VANCOUVER, BC

JULY 3-6, 2025

90 Years – Language of the Heart

Save the date!

Name

Date

Charles R.	8/21/1969	20089
Dave W.	8/1/1981	15706
Craig B.	8/8/1982	15341
Jon B.	8/18/1982	15341
Kelly G.	8/23/1985	14245
Kathy K.	8/3/1986	13880
Brad R.	8/10/1986	13880
Beth L.	8/11/1986	13880
Monica S.	8/29/1986	13880
Nancy R.	8/10/1987	13515
Dale W.	8/23/1987	13515
Maggie L.	8/12/1988	13149
John S.	8/15/1988	13149
Pam S.	8/17/1988	13149
Dee P.	8/21/1988	13149
Valda N.	8/8/1989	12784
Gwen N.	8/20/1989	12784
Denise P.	8/24/1989	12784
Dana N.	8/1/1995	10593
Carol M.	8/15/1995	10593
Gary M.	8/17/1995	10593
Fred P.	8/23/1995	10593
Grant A.	8/11/1996	10227
Cheryl G.	8/18/1996	10227
Randall S.	8/24/1996	10227
Matt R.	8/15/1997	9862
Lani H.	8/16/1997	9862
Christi W.	8/20/1998	9504
Steve L.	8/30/2000	8766
Shelley R.	8/27/2004	7305
Mickey E.	8/10/2005	6940
Janet T.	8/10/2005	6940
Rosemary R.	8/21/2005	6940
Victor S.	8/26/2005	6940
Jimmy R.	8/14/2006	6575
Merrill P.	8/23/2006	6575
J.T. K.	8/28/2006	6575
Stephen W.	8/28/2006	6575
Katy W.	8/20/2008	5844
Kathy M.	8/19/2009	5479
Patrick G.	8/9/2010	5114
Alana R.	8/28/2012	4383
Bev W.	8/19/2013	4018
Wyatt S.	8/6/2014	3653
Kellie P.	8/20/2014	3653
Andrew C.	8/25/2014	3653
Nancy S.	8/4/2016	2922
Jose A.	8/25/2016	2922
Inez Y.	8/27/2017	2557
Randi J.	8/8/2018	2196
Kelly H.	8/13/2018	2196
Cole L.	8/25/2019	1827
Peter R.	8/29/2019	1827
Al L.	8/31/2019	1827
Jack T.	8/9/2021	1096

**AA is the only place you can get
change for a dollar.**

HELP WANTED

Your Intergroup needs you!

Current open positions:

Steering Committee Secretary

PI/CPC Chairperson

PI/CPC Committee Members

Evening Phone Volunteers

12 Step Volunteers

Events Committee Members

Office Front Desk Volunteers

*Regular and Fill In spots

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

Our Eighth Step, Tradition and Concept

Step 8. *Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.*

Tradition 8. *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.*

Concept 8. *The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.*

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

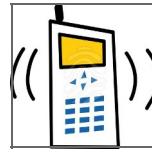
Before the monthly business meeting at

On ZOOM

aamesaaz.org

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !



For more information

Call Tom S.

480 834-9033

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Ken H.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

August 3 ~ Common Thread

Meditate on it!

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

August 2 ~ Courage to Change

September 6 ~ Sunset Group

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.

480 827-1905

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



Central Office Manager's Report

July 19, 2024

In June we received 357 requests for information and assistance. Of those 103 calls were for meeting info, 93 were office visitors and 8 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 21,096 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google totals for April were 1,571 views. Of those 284 went to our website, 98 requested directions and 26 gave us a call.

An audit was performed on our certificates of liability insurance that cover many Groups in our area. We requested our agent make 24 corrections to the certificates. We currently cover 38 locations with 69 Groups and 314 weekly meetings. Our liability coverage will renew in July at a cost of \$4,245 for the year.

Box 459, the quarterly newsletter from GSO, is no longer available in hard copy. A free digital subscription is available to anyone who signs up for it at aa.org. This is similar to what we have done with our local newsletter. Free subscriptions are available, just drop us an email, info@aamesaaz.org, and say "sign me up for the newsletter".

Service day / newsletter folding at the office this month on Wednesday, 31st. We'll be folding a few No Booze News, meeting schedules and some pamphlets. There will be lots of snacks, coffee and Fellowship. Stop by if you can, we have a great time. **This service opportunity has had no participation in the last 3 months. If there is no interest in a monthly service day at the office it will be discontinued.**

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.

Kim Watkins

Central Office Manager, East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

June 2024	
Meeting Information Calls.....	103 614
General Information	69 481
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	5 16
Referred to Al-Anon.....	6 39
Requests for chips/medallions.....	16 109
12th Step Calls.....	8 49
Business Calls.....	57 380
Office Visitors	93 588
Meeting lists printed.....	300 2000
Info request via E-mail.....	22 206
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	22/ 4/6
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs.....	640hrs

Web Stats

Website Visits last 30 days 21,096 YTD 237,045
 Google Searches last 30 days 1,571 YTD 12,232

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:

Garden Variety Group	300 E Orange Mall Tempe	FR 6:00p	O
Lost & Found Men's	1020 N Horne, Mesa	TU 6:30p	M,O
Friday Knights Live	145 E 1st Ave. Mesa	FR 8:00p	M,C
GMC	750 Paxton Ave. Miami	TH 6:30p	N,O

Changes:

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

Deletions:

There Is A Solution CLOSED FOR SUMMER 100 N Magma Rd. Superior TU
 SOSO CLOSED FOR SUMMER 5880 S Hospital Dr. Rm Globe SU 2pm O

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 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 1-13-24*
 PO Box 13714
 Scottsdale, AZ 85267
 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

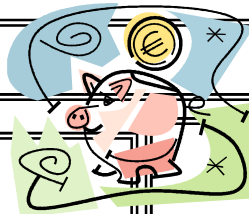
Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities
 10% to District 10% to Area
 30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup





<u>GROUP</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$150.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$300.00
A Vision For You		\$598.01
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners.....		\$1,022.85
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$126.10	\$517.39
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$250.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
Attitude Adjustment CG.....	\$65.00	\$125.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$278.00
Basic II		\$0.00
BBookworms		\$335.70
Bloopers	\$50.00	\$262.50
Bootstrap Men's		\$1,000.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$187.83
Breakfast Club		\$100.00
Busted Ego.....		\$300.00
By The Book.....	\$125.75	\$323.00
Chandler Men's Stag.....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$97.00	\$999.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Chant 2		\$62.00
Common Thread.....		\$583.41
Courage To Change.....		\$250.00
Dr's Nightmare		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$495.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....		\$544.00
East Valley Veterans.....		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$88.87	\$1,301.82
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$286.00
Fill in the Blank		\$537.00
Firehouse Meeting		\$57.80
Florence Group		\$130.00
Fresh Air Group		\$35.00
Friday Night BB	\$109.58	\$256.86
Get In The Car		\$0.00
Get It Together.....	\$52.46	\$52.46
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
Good Orderly Direction.....		\$25.00
Gratitude Group		\$223.00
Great Start.....		\$0.00
Gut Level		\$282.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird.....		\$150.00
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		\$274.58
Livin Life Women		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12		\$80.00
Maricopa Group		\$120.00
Mid Morning Group.....	100.00	\$100.00
Miracle House		\$568.83
Name In The Hat.....		\$0.00
New Beginnings.....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group		\$979.55
No Big Deals	\$75.00	\$200.00
No Name AA Group	\$50.00	\$400.00
Opportunity Knocks		\$0.00
Over The Influence	\$25.00	\$25.00
Page A Day		\$1,540.88
Path Less Traveled		\$250.00

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Patio Group		\$975.45
Pioneer Group	\$48.00	\$270.80
Price Is Right	\$120.00	\$120.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfection.....		\$40.00
Province Group.....	\$55.00	\$108.00
Putting God First		\$31.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group	\$23.70	\$23.70
Renewed Spirit.....	\$200.00	\$300.00
Rising Spirit.....		\$692.11
Road To Recovery	\$100.00	\$600.00
Rock Solid	\$100.00	\$150.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$90.00
Second Chance Group.....	\$82.83	\$203.44
Serenity Now.....		\$173.00
Serenity Sisters		\$0.00
Serious Over Sobriety.....		\$128.48
Shade Tree.....		\$300.00
Slay the Dragon.....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold		\$87.00
Sobriety Rocks		\$400.58
Society Group		\$1,133.33
Some Are Sicker Than Others		\$250.00
Southeast Valley Stag.....		\$425.00
Starlight Ranch.....		\$149.31
Step By Step Group.....		\$525.11
Steppers.....		\$194.00
Stepping Stones	\$125.00	\$625.00
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	\$200.00	\$416.50
Sunset Group		\$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
Tuesday Night Steppin Out Group		\$100.00
Tuesday Trudgers		\$494.00
Tumbleweeds Group	\$127.90	\$127.90
Upon Awakening.....	\$900.00	\$900.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....	\$141.50	\$250.03
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.....		\$196.35
Women in Solution		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups.....	\$521.00	\$1,338.79
<u>OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES</u>		
Apache Lake Campout.....		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf.....		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup		\$0.00
Dist 08-819		\$540.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message.....		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$2,740.29	\$32,666.85
EVI Committees	\$0.00	\$21.00
Individual Contributions	\$164.75	\$2,826.84
GRAND TOTALS	\$2,905.04	\$35,514.69
*Group contribution with no group name listed		



BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 2024

Assets	
Current Asset	
Checking	2,593.82
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	39,976.12
Accounts Receivable	360.00
Inventory Asset	26,496.69
Undeposited Funds	0.11
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$74,505.93
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	0.00
Payroll taxes	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	31,119.45
Net Income	-392.46
Total Equity	\$74,505.93
Total Liability & Equity	\$74,505.93

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT
June, 2024

26 Group contributions totaling	\$2,740.29
6 Individual contributions totaling	\$164.75
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$2,905.04
Total Income	\$5,520.20
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$1,957.49
Gross Profit	\$3,562.71
Less total Expenses of	\$6,644.13
Net June Loss	(\$3,081.42)
YTD 2024 Loss	(\$392.46)

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$39,976.12

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
612 584-7143
cjmeyer1015@gmail.com

From the FOREWORD TO SECOND EDITION

As we discovered the principles by which the individual alcoholic could live, so we had to evolve principles by which the A.A. groups and A.A. as a whole could survive and function effectively. It was thought that no alcoholic man or woman could be excluded from our Society; that our leaders might serve but never govern; that each group was to be autonomous and there was to be no professional class of therapy. There were to be no fees or dues; our expenses were to be met by our own voluntary contributions. There was to be the least possible organization, even in our service centers.

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes**July 19, 2024**

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

Attendees In-Person: Edited for space, available upon request.

Roxanne welcomes everyone.

Kaine read the 12 Traditions.

Introduction of one new rep – Mateo M. Friday Knights Live.

Secretary's Report: Acting Secretary Lois L. – Secretary position is OPEN. Great opportunity to be of service. June EVI business meeting minutes and July Steering Committee minutes in packet. Lois clarified Convention information in the AI-Anon report. No questions from the floor. Ken made motion to accept. Kaine – 2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: CJ M. Business Insurance was paid in July - \$4,460. This insurance provides riders (proof of insurance) to groups who request this. This insurance covers our office and events as well. We have 69 groups who have asked for a rider. This cost ends up being \$42 per group – we don't want to charge groups; we want to offer this as a service – we are asking groups to be mindful of this when making contributions. CJ reviewed our profits and losses YTD vs budget. Income is down. Some groups have stopped contributing. Sales of literature are down as well – we've only received 50% of budget as of June. Please keep this in mind when contributing. Please come to the office to purchase A.A. literature. Kaine made motion to accept – Michelle 2nd. Motion passed

Chairperson's Report: Roxanne B. – No written report. Email or call Roxanne with any questions.

Vice Chairperson Report: Ginger R.B. attended the Forum – was good – great information. Attended the District 08 meeting on Tuesday. They have motions to distribute excess funds, increased monetary assistance to GSR's and DCM's to attend Area 03 Assemblies. Job descriptions being updated. Our Delegate, Blas, gave his GSC report.

Office Manager Report: Kim W. not present – Written report in packet. Folding day is Wednesday, July 31st at 9am in the office. We have not had any participation in 3 months. This will be discontinued if folks don't want to support it. Come for coffee, donuts, and fellowship. The office was closed last Wednesday and will be closed next Wednesday due to lack of volunteers.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC: Acting Chair John V. not present Written report in packet.

Special Events: Roberta – Bowl-a-Thon coming up August 3rd. Tickets can be purchased thru EVI reps, at the EVI office or online. If purchasing online, your name will be on a list as you arrive – starts at 11am. Need a few volunteers to help at this event – 1 hour slots available. Unity day will be October 26th at the EVI office, more info to come. Need a venue for our New Years Eve event. Please contact Roberta if you know of a venue that might work for us.

Phone committee: Tom S. – not present for the business meeting, but was online for phone training at 6:15pm tonight.

Unity Committee: Eddie (Advisor) We have a list of 65 “dark” (meetings without an EVI rep). We have reached out to 21 of these. We can use some volunteers – asking folks to go out to ONE extra meeting this coming month to let them know what EVI is and how they can connect. We have a script you can use. In person OR Zoommeetings.

Sponsorship Workshop: Jannette. – Sponsorship Workshop is every other month, on the even months – next one will be August 3rd. Common thread will host. All 2024 slots are full, still some spots available in 2025.

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

Literature: Monica S.E. – Will be happy to set up table at group events with EVI literature. Attended the EVI monthly speaker meeting (1st Friday) and the East Valley Speaker meeting (1st Saturday) with literature tables.

LIASION REPORTS

Al-anon Liaison: Lee – EVIC (Al-Anon office) is looking for a new location – have 6 on the list right now.

H&I Liaison: Debbie (H&I Chair) announced that H&I has found a new location to meet – Here at the Church of the Epiphany. The committee still has some positions open – great opportunity to be of service. MCSO jails are not accepting new applications for A.A. volunteers right now, but the prisons are.

Spanish Liaison: open

Sub District 08-818: Jason C. – Ready for August Area 03 Assembly. Sub-District has formed a budget committee and a committee to update Sub-District guidelines.

Sub District 08-819: Robert S. – not present

Sub District 08-820: Carol M. – not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ginger went over a list of 6 locations researched that are nearer to the center of the EVI boundaries (list in packet). We were not able to get info on 3 of them. Of the other 3, only one (current location) offers us storage space for our equipment (100 lb podium, electronics, coffee supplies, etc.) Jannette made a motion to stay at current location, Lee Ann 2nd the motion. Vote was taken: 32 voted Yes, 1 voted No, 1 Abstained. No minority opinion. Motion passed.

Proposed Inventory questions are in the packet. Please take these to your group and send your group input to the Office Manager by September 15th. One rep suggested we could go over the results at Unity Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion from the Steering Committee (comes to the floor as a seconded motion). Motion to give the Office Manager a 4% raise.

Ken made a motion to take this to the groups rather than voting tonight. Kaine 2nd the motion.

Vote was 17 yes, 11 No. Motion to take this back to the groups passed. After minority opinion, one rep wanted to change her vote. After discussion the 2nd vote was 12 yes, 21 no. motion to take this back to the groups failed. Proceeded with the vote tonight. Final vote was 29 yes, 4 no. Motion to give the Office Manager a 4% raise passed. Two minority opinions heard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

815pm Kaine made a motion to close. Ken – 2nd. Passed. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement. Thank you for

allowing me to be of service.

Lois L. Acting EVI Secretary loislaatsch@yahoo.com



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.

God Shot at Gate One | Tom S. | Tucson, Arizona

In early 2016, I made a momentous decision. I vowed to save my life, my family and my marriage. In other words, I was going to get sober. I'm a surgeon in a city where I have practiced for over 25 years. I made the decision that I needed to go to treatment, as all of my previous attempts at stopping drinking had failed.

After doing some research, I went to a rehab in San Diego where I embraced the treatment enthusiastically. I read all that I could about alcoholism and addiction and went to every AA meeting available.

After the first few days of detox, I was rewarded with the return of my cell phone. We were granted permission to use it only at certain times. I had told only a select few people that I was going away to rehab. Once I got my phone back, I felt the need to tell another friend. He happened also to be a patient of mine.

Pat had gotten sober some years ago. I had heard that he was incredibly helpful to those desirous of a new life. He speaks at many schools about his sobriety. Thus, my hands went to work dialing his number. Every night. For two weeks. But I could never hit send. I was ashamed. Pat was my patient. He would never understand. Finally, one night I dialed the number and started my usual crying. But this time I hit send. I tried to end the call before he could answer, but Pat was quick. His booming, raspy voice came over loud and clear.

"What the hell do you want?" he barked. I somehow stammered out, "Pat, I'm in rehab." Pat's voice instantly changed. He wanted to know where I was and how long I had been there. He said he would fly out the next day to come see me. I told him that no visitors were allowed.

Pat called me every day after that. I told him that I had been scared to call him, that I had not wanted him to know about my drinking. He said I was obviously the only one who didn't know about my drinking.

After four weeks I was ready to head home to Tucson. The psychologist in charge called me in and told me that the most common time for a slip was in the airport heading home. I laughed and scoffed at this. "I got this, doc," I responded. Still, she told me to be like a Derby horse with blinders on.

I went to the airport for the short flight home. I sat down and started to read. When a gate change was announced, I moved to the new gate. I looked up and saw a bar just a few steps away. Look away, I told myself and I did. But then, as though I had been invaded by a body snatcher, I got up and walked over to the bar. Surely one vodka would be OK, I told myself. I could handle this.

I sat down at the bar and waited for the bartender. Right then my phone rang. It was Pat. "Hello, dummy! What the hell are you doing?" he boomed. "You coming home today? You better not be drinking, dumba@#!" How did he know? I looked around. How did he know where I was?

The bartender came over and asked what I wanted. I just got up and stammered, "Nothing, thank you," and scooted away. Somehow, the voice of God reached me through Pat that day. I call this my first of many "God shots."