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NO BOOZE NEWS

The Ninth Step—The Gift That Keeps On Giving

The Ninth Step is about so much more than what I say in my amends and who I say it to. For instance, it is about the development of good judgment. Good judgment not only on how to make a direct amends, but the future good judgment of having behaviors that no longer put me in a position to make more amends. When I make amends, part of that process, for me, is to change the way I live—not repeat the behaviors that no longer serve me well.

I have very recent experience with this. At a meeting I have attended since the beginning of my sobriety, I was cut off by another member while getting my chair to go to my breakoff group. My attempts to get her attention failed until she turned around and bumped into me. The interaction did not go well. Her instincts and my instincts were immediately in collision. Her physical presence and choice of words and tone of voice to me made it quite clear she felt she was in the right.

My first thought was to tell her what I thought of the names she called me, how she embarrassed me in front of others, and how she was in the wrong. Several of the defects that I uncovered in Steps Four and Five were knocking at my door: the need to be right, the need to defend myself in front of others, the need for approval from others. I am sure there are more. All defects that I have made amends for in the past, more than once.

Here is where I receive the gift that the Ninth Step brings: my instincts of self-preservation ran into direct collision with the values I have acquired as a result of working the Steps and attempting, one day at a time, to practice these principles in all of my affairs. I was able to pause, which is not always the case for me. I did not react with any words or actions that would have caused harm to anyone or put me in a position to have to make an amends. The ever tiny voice in my head was saying, "You do not want to have to make a public amends next week at this meeting."

Out of respect for Alcoholics Anonymous, respect for that meeting, and respect for the other members there, I was able to just keep my mouth shut. Discussing Step Seven, The Twelve and Twelve talks about choosing character instead of comfort. Character building has never been comfortable for me and when the rewards are not easily seen or felt, I sometimes fail to see the worth in not choosing comfort first. However, my sponsor is always telling me people will see the change in my actions, one I don't always see in myself. But when I went to my sponsor's house that evening and we worked through this, she saw the change in me, and for that I am grateful. (She reminds me that I am a work in progress.)

Had I not been shown that working the Ninth Step requires so much more than making the amends, I would not have had the awareness needed to be able to behave differently in that situation. Today, in my efforts to work towards emotional sobriety, the freedom I get from being able to draw on my experience is, by far, the greatest gift I have received.

From Audrey J. | Waukesha, Wis., AA Grapevine, Grapevine Online Exclusives



THIS is the Step in which we do our best to put right past wrongs. Before getting into any of my own ideas and experiences, I'd like to touch briefly on some points the Big Book makes about the Step, which have been useful to me. A.) We don't recover and then take the Ninth Step. We take the Step in order that we might recover. B.) There is more danger in waiting too long to take it than there is in taking it too soon. The early members of AA didn't wait ten months or three years before they started making amends. Dr. Bob spent the first day of his sobriety personally seeing his patients and making the very difficult amends an alcoholic physician would have to make. C.) The purpose of the Ninth Step is 'to clean our side of the street. We don't criticize or take the other man's inventory. D.) The amend in the situation involving wrong on both sides is as important for us to make as the one in which we are totally wrong.

The Ninth Step is a spiritual process but, in some respects, it is a lot like getting in condition to play a sport or having an infection drained. The end result of each process is a healing or strengthening, and in each case we have to sit still for a controlled, limited amount of pain before we can enjoy the result. Before getting into serious Ninth Step work it is well to understand something of the results of this process and the difficulties. The results are these: peace of mind; the ability to look the world in the eye and weather life's storms one day at a time--and sobriety.

Now, the difficulties:

Interestingly, all that suffers in this process is the ego, my oversensitive little image of me--nothing else. The statement, "Boy, that Ninth Step sure is tough!" is only a half truth. It is tough on the ego, and is intended to be so. All of us as alcoholics are too wrapped up in petty self-concern. Possibly the basic purpose of the Twelve Steps is to reduce this excessive *egocentricity*. So the Ninth Step is not unique; it is just perhaps a bit more obvious than some of the others in its action of assaulting and reducing this harmful false self-absorption. When it comes to the real self, though, this Step is the opposite of rough. It releases us from the prison of our false selves and gives us the freedom to get sober, get sane, get closer to God, and get interested in trying to help someone besides ourselves.

Discretion is necessary in approaching certain touchy amend situations, but this is a razor's edge because it can so easily degenerate into an excuse for procrastination. Since there are no pat formulas, the advice of a sponsor or another experienced AA friend in the confusing situation is usually the best way to a good solution.

The help of my sponsor and other AA friends has meant more to me on the Ninth Step than any other Step. When I became willing to make amends, I had some very definite ideas as to how I should go about it. My ideas seemed quite plausible to me. In each case, I had thought them out carefully. Yet, often my ideas were wrong. Had I stuck to them, I might still be in deep trouble. One of these amends was a money amend. Under false pretenses, I had taken several hundred dollars from an employer. My idea was to send the employer an elaborate letter of apology. I did, and he sent me a short reply indicating his willingness to accept monthly installments of eighteen dollars as an alternative to prosecuting me. My ego's tail feathers were ruffled by such a cold, unfeeling answer. He didn't *understand* the extenuating circumstances, the stringency of my present financial position. Nevertheless, I started to pay. Then and only then did relief come from the guilt, confusion and resentment this situation had given birth to.

Of all the amends I owed when I first came into the program, in only one case did I really *want* to make the amend. The people involved had been injured by my selfishness and phoniness. As soon as I started to get on my feet in the program, I wanted in the worst way to contact them somehow and explain away my actions on the basis of my "disease." When I discussed the matter with my sponsor, he made two points. First, because of the nature of the difficulty, there was no way I could re-enter these people's lives without causing them further pain and, second, the basis of my urge to get in touch with them was not so much a desire to put right past wrongs as it was that my ego was hurting because I supposed these people (quite naturally) thought me a first-class heel for the way I had acted, and I wanted them to think well of me. What my sponsor said went down hard, but it was true. In facing this truth, though, I found relief from the pain of this situation. I also learned that even where direct amends are not in order, very effective indirect amends can be made by praying for the people involved and remaining open to make further amends if circumstances should ever permit.

As one whose life before AA was subject to periodic depressive spells and who still has to watch this tendency in himself, I am deeply grateful for the relief, comfort and strength which have come into my life as a result of working with the Ninth Step.

My drinking started roughly 10 years ago. I was a normal social drinker in the beginning. I enjoyed a few drinks on the weekends out with my friends, dancing, listening to bands, and enjoying a good time. Before too long, the few drinks on the weekends turned into drinking every night after work and a "few" turned into so many I lost count.

Over the last few years, my drinking progressed to where I could not go a day without alcohol, and drinking was not fun anymore. I tried to chase that euphoric effect alcohol once gave me, but it was not there. I had bottles hidden in various places around the house so I would not run out. In the last year of my drinking, the amount of alcohol increased rapidly.

The blackouts increased in frequency, and my health deteriorated. Between March and September of that year, I was in the emergency room four times. Twice, I was admitted overnight. My life had become complete chaos. From the outside, it looked as if I had it all: a good job, a house and a loving husband. From the inside, I was dying. Alcohol consumed my every waking moment.

That Labor Day weekend, I had my last drunk. I had been in a blackout the entire week before. I only know what happened from my husband's recount of the events. On Sunday, he and I had gone to church and on the way home I tried to jump out of the car. I had started banging on the dashboard with my fists, hitting my husband, and demanding him to let me out of the car. He had no idea what was going on and let me out of the car. He came back a while later and picked me up. After we got home, he told me to get out of the house. I still to this day do not remember any of this. He left to go to the store and I went to my room and continued to drink.

Then I had a moment of clarity, my spiritual awakening, as explained in the Big Book. I remember throwing things around my bedroom, screaming, and crying. Then I kicked the wall and broke my toe. I sat down on the bed and when I saw the blood on the floor and my reflection in my closet mirror, I knew that it was finally over, and that I needed help. The thought of having another drink crossed my mind but instead I somehow drove myself to the emergency room. I recall walking into the emergency room and complaining about my toe, but the attendant did not seem to care about that; I am sure he could tell I was totally hammered. They did x-rays and blood test. My husband showed up and was told that my blood-alcohol level was .480 and I should have been in a coma or dead.

The next morning, my husband came to see me in the hospital. He told me he was done, he had enough and I could not come back to the house. The night before he had gone through the house and found my hidden bottles. He was in total shock. He had no idea that this had been going on and how bad it was. I didn't know what to do, so I decided to check myself into a treatment center for help. When I left there, I lived at a halfway house for two months. At the treatment center, I found the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I truly believe that my recovery is contingent on a daily reprieve from drinking and sticking close to the fellowship of AA. I have learned so much about why I drank and about myself from this program and the people in the rooms. I have a toolbox for living and as long as I do not pick up the first drink and pick up my toolbox instead, I will not get drunk. When I first stopped drinking and started attending AA meetings, I listened to people's stories about their experiences. I was told to pay close attention to the similarities not the differences in their story as compared to mine. I learned that our stories may be different in detail, but our disease is the same. It was suggested to me to build a strong foundation for my recovery, by attending as many meetings as possible, becoming a member of a home group, finding a sponsor, and getting into service. I believe these suggestions saved my life.

Today my life is quite different from what it was a little over a year ago. My husband and I live separately, but are very good friends. I consider him my number one supporter. We talk daily, and have dinner together at least once a week. He is not a member of AA, but he knows how important the fellowship and the program are for my sobriety. I often wonder where I would be today if he had let me go back home from the hospital. I have hundreds of friends in the program who love me and understand me, and I am at peace with myself and like living in my own skin.



recovery

Such a simple little symbol
for such a monumental task ...
getting one's self back again.
It's the brave souls who will
admit they need help,
and then do the hard work
to get there.

ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

THE GREAT OUTDOOR BEAVER MEETING
THIS YEAR LITTLE BEAVER TURNS 50!!

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November 6th-8th

Registration open now!

Info and registration at
TRAILTOSerenity.ORG

QUARTERLY Breakfast & Speaker Meeting

SATURDAY OCT. 17, 2026

8:30AM - BREAKFAST

930AM- SPEAKER MEETING \$10 TICKET

SEE YOUR EVI GROUP REP FOR TICKETS

Secular AA Phoenix 2026
(ICSAA Phoenix 2026)



MORE INFORMATION



<https://www.aaanet.org/icsaa-2026>

With Al-Anon Participation

JOIN US NOVEMBER 13-15, 2026

At the Hilton Phoenix Resort at the Peak

EVI Special Events

Movie and Meditation Afternoon

A Special Screening of :

Bill W., Conscious Contact

September 19th @ 1 PM

Love of Christ Lutheran Church

1525 N Power Rd

Mesa AZ 85205

2026 INAUGURAL EVI GOLF CLASSIC



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE

FIRST TEE TIME STARTS AT *7:09 AM

(TO SIGN UP, TEXT GOLF TO 480-242-8160

AND INCLUDE A GOOD CALL BACK TIME)

Experience the Big Book

Step Study Workshop

Friday Sept 25th 6-9pm

Saturday Sept 26th 9am-5pm

North Scottsdale United Methodist Church

11735 N Scottsdale Rd, 85254

FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY SPEAKER MEETING

EXPERIENCE.STRENGTH.HOPE

Hosted by a different East Valley group each month from

7 PM—8:30 PM!

September 4th—Opportunity Knocks

Church of the Epiphany

2222 S Price Rd.

Tempe, AZ

Please join us!!

Potluck & Speaker Meeting

Path Less Traveled Group

6:15 Potluck & 7pm-8 pm Speaker

San Tan Valley Veterans Center

5764 East Hunt Highway

Last Friday Every Month



Name	Date	Days
Alcoholics Anonymous	06/10/1935	33321
Anne V	9/8/1982	16071
Mickey A	9/14/1984	15340
Beth H	9/29/1985	14975
Tisha N	9/12/1986	14610
Denis S	9/21/1988	13879
Ron S	9/16/1989	13514
Guff W	9/30/1989	13514
Gary L	9/5/1990	13149
Lauren B	9/21/1997	10592
Mike W	9/22/1999	9862
Dallas F	9/5/2001	9131
Chrystal L	9/13/2002	8766
Ken O	9/18/2005	7670
Barbara C	9/23/2005	7670
Don D	9/18/2006	7305
Brett A	9/4/2007	6940
Michael M	9/20/2010	5844
Margaret B	9/26/2010	5844
Nick V	9/28/2010	5844
Steve P	9/11/2011	5479
Lee Ann W	9/19/2011	5479
Ted P	9/2/2012	5113
Mike H	9/8/2012	5108
Adrian B	9/26/2013	4748
Tearsa C	9/30/2014	4383
Michael R	9/28/2015	4018
Judy W	9/30/2015	4018
Ryan M	9/5/2017	3287
Stacy S	9/16/2017	3287
Lorenzo L	9/8/2018	2922
Noah G	9/9/2018	2922
Laura R	9/11/2019	2557
Britt B	9/28/2019	2557

“You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.”

— C.S. Lewis



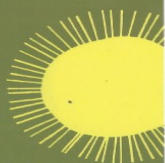
“My name is John, and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is... well, you already know. It's the same as all of yours.”

Step Nine- Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine~ A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept Nine~ Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

**Congratulations
on staying
sober one
day at a time...**



BILL W WANTS YOU



TO HELP US CARRY
THE AA MESSAGE

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"Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that AA's Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence.... We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth will die." [Bill W, July 1955; Language of the Heart, p. 160.]

Does your Home Group Have an Intergroup Representative?

The East Valley Intergroup and Steering Committees strongly encourage all groups to elect an Intergroup Representative to attend the monthly Intergroup meetings and help make decisions that will help the groups carry the message to the alcoholics in our community who still suffer.

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting

On ZOOM aamesaaz.org

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information Contact

Robin –602-465-0916

EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Ken C.

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

TBD

PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

**THE EVI PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI/CPC) COMMITTEE INVITES
YOU TO BECOME A "MEMBER" OR A "FRIEND"**

1st Mondays at 7pm.

1855 E Southern Ave #103 (EVI Office)

Zoom ID: 984 4383 7353 Passcode: 061035

[480 827-1905](tel:4808271905) or email picpc@aamesaaz.org

aamesaaz.org



UNITY COMMITTEE NEW MEETING INFO!

Meets at 2pm last Thursday of odd months via Zoom. Contact

Sally C. for log in info. 602-578-0238

or desertmarketingaz@gmail.com.

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

Office Volunteers & EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific
times and days.

602-571-5840

*** Fill~in and Regular Shifts Available ***

EVI Monthly Speaker Meeting

1st Friday of Every Month

(Church of the Epiphany) 2222 S Price Rd. Tempe

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Dates Change so Keep Watching.

Central Office Manager's July 2026 Report August 21, 2026

In July we received 232 requests for information and assistance! Of those, 48 were for meeting info, 88 were office visitors, and 6 resulted in 12-step calls. The remaining were a mixture of miscellaneous calls and visits.

Per our Policies and Procedures Manual, East Valley Intergroup helps AA groups provide vital services through the work of volunteers, committees, and a paid office manager. With the office manager position changing from full time to part time, that leaves more room for volunteers and committees to fill the needs of our community. Our committees are alive and well! We are so blessed to have so many volunteers dedicated to serving our Fellowship through these committees! Meanwhile, we are seeing the transition of volunteers filling more of that space, and are working towards a much greater movement in that direction. We have several new office phone volunteers, and I am getting lots of feedback from people about announcements being made at their groups about volunteers being needed. Thank you, everyone who is making these announcements and for getting the word out there. We still need volunteers who are willing to be on a call list for filling in shifts occasionally when someone can't cover their shift. That would involve coming in to the office to be trained, and then coming in when needed now and then.

Part of my duties as Office Manager is overseeing our technology, including maintaining security, backups, and password management in addition to ensuring effective document storage and communication systems. My duties include managing office equipment including phones, computers, printers, etc. This must come to the forefront as soon as possible! We have discovered that both computers, as well as the credit card machine and our Quickbooks software are outdated and not able to receive updates (some of them security updates) as well as having other issues that come with being outdated. In addition, our office printer was not functioning so we have replaced that printer. We are not able to use it yet however because of the computer being out of date and not able to support the printer. My phone in the office only works part of the time, potentially having to do with the fact that our provider for internet and phone lines is overdue for updating our wiring. The really good news is that with our budget for Office Manager pay being cut we are in a position to replace the items that need to be replaced so that we can operate much more smoothly and safely going forward. Obviously, you will be hearing more about this as we go through the processes required to make these necessary improvements.

This is your Office! Come in and have a cold water, a treat, enjoy our archives, and become familiar!

Discuss with your group all the service opportunities that are available through 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 dedicated to carrying the message.

In the spirit of Tradition Eight, Love and Service

Rita C.

Part Time Central Office Manager

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

..... July	2026
Meeting Information Calls.....	48 353
General Information	57 429
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	1 6
Referred to Al-Anon.....	1 9
12th Step Calls	6 41
Business Calls	31 185
Office Visitors	88 595
Meeting lists printed.....	80 1500
Info request via E-mail	24 252
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	40/12/2

Meeting List Updates...

Our website (aamesaaz.org) is being updated weekly. Check it out!

New Meetings:

Out of Insanity Queen Creek Mtg House Tues 5:30

We Agnostics Mesa 7550 E Adobe St Mesa 7 pm

Fallen Women Step Study Pigeon Coop 4415 S Rural Rd Tempe Sat 1:30

Changes:

Step Sisters Tues Mesa New time is 7 pm

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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

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Tucson Az 85719
Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

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PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820 *NEW 2025-01*
PO Box 112
Apache Junction, AZ 85117

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

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GSO Example of Group Contributions to A.A. Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that
support four service entities

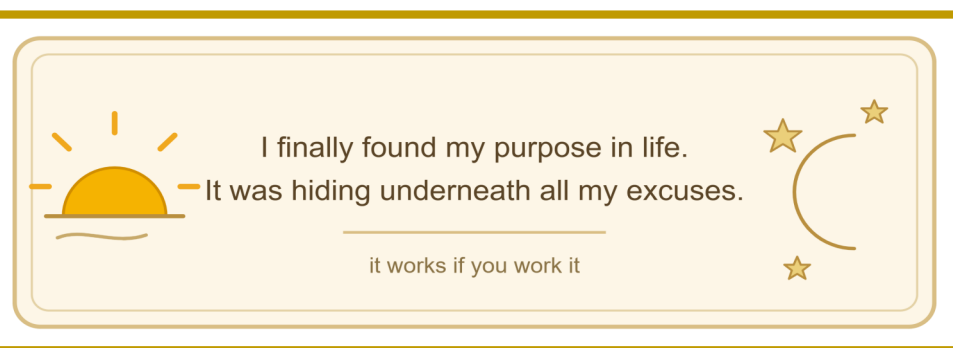
10% to District 10% to Area

30% to GSO 50% to Intergroup

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Group Name	July	YTD TOTAL	Group Name	July	YTD TOTAL
A Vision For You-Ahwatukee	\$ 307.00	\$ 307.00	New Spirit Group		\$ 433.55
A Vision For You Group -QC		\$ 80.00	No Name Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Ahwatukee Group		\$ 94.74	Opportunity Knocks		\$ 200.00
Ahwatukee Nooners		\$ 145.00	Over The Influence		\$ 200.00
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's	\$ 402.33	\$ 1,201.53	Page A Day Group	\$ 1,133.31	\$ 2,197.02
Ahwatukee Women's Group	\$ 141.23	\$ 343.01	Path Less Traveled		\$ 900.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00	Patio Group		\$ 711.70
Arbor Rain or Shine		\$ 57.00	Pioneer Group		\$ 64.00
As Bill See's It - QC	\$ 440.38	\$ 778.78	Primary Purpose		\$ 111.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$ 135.00	Province Group		\$ 250.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$ 160.00	Renewed Spirit		\$ 208.62
Basic II		\$ 600.00	Rising Spirit		\$ 550.00
Bloopers	\$ 75.00	\$ 525.00	Road to Recovery	\$ 110.00	\$ 770.00
Bottom of the Bottle		\$ 73.50	Rock Solid	\$ 175.00	\$ 857.35
Busted Ego		\$ 300.00	San Tan Men's	\$ 60.00	\$ 195.00
Chandler Men's Stag Group		\$ 400.00	Second Chance Group	\$ 171.00	\$ 785.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$ 132.00	\$ 1,044.00	Serious Over Sobriety	\$ 151.08	\$ 251.08
Chandler Women's BB		\$ 480.45	Skyline Rain or Shine		\$ 294.00
Chant 2		\$ 162.30	Sobriety is Gold		\$ 313.00
Common Thread	\$ 385.30	\$ 1,116.99	Sobriety Rocks		\$ 325.64
Courage To Change		\$ 1,168.00	Some Are Sicker Than	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
Desperation Group	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	Southeast Valley Stag	\$ 37.50	\$ 262.56
East Phoenix Men's		\$ 400.00	Step By Step		\$ 60.00
East Valley Men's Stag		\$ 379.90	Steppers		\$ 60.00
East Valley Veterans		\$ 250.00	Stepping Stones	\$ 225.00	\$ 575.00
Easy Does It	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,298.00	Sunday Afternoon		\$ 60.00
Family Recovery		\$ 200.00	Sun Lakes Women's		\$ 545.00
Feelings & Solutions		\$ 315.00	Sunset Group		\$ 100.00
Fill In The Blank		\$ 550.00	Superstition Sunrise		\$ 175.00
Firehouse Meeting	\$ 166.35	\$ 549.47	Tempe Group		\$ 155.00
Flourence Group		\$ 40.00	Tempe Nooners	\$ 60.00	\$ 820.00
Get It Together	\$ 754.62	\$ 1,442.54	Tempe Sunrisers		\$ 500.00
Gilbert BB Step Study	\$ 90.00	\$ 170.00	The Real Thing		\$ 137.00
Gilbert Group		\$ 985.68	The Way Out Group		\$ 195.00
Good Ol' Back To Basics		\$ 312.00	Tuesday Nite Steppin'		\$ 125.00
Grateful Girlfriends		\$ 255.50	Tumbleweeds Group	\$ 150.00	\$ 314.50
Great Start		\$ 900.00	Upon Awakening		\$ 1,050.00
Happy Hour @ Sunbird	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	We Ain't Dead Yet	\$ 134.30	\$ 273.30
Hope for Today		\$ 268.50	Wolfpack Group		\$ 500.00
Kitchen Table Group		\$ 250.00	Women In Gratitude		\$ 150.00
Last Resort		\$ 30.00	*Anonymous Groups		\$ 920.20
Life In The Big Book	\$ 269.00	\$ 490.20	GROUP TOTALS	\$ 6,660.40	\$ 39,344.53
Lost and Found		\$ 470.00	Individual Contribu-	\$ 621.00	\$ 2,834.35
Monday Night Madness		\$ 168.00	GRAND TOTALS	\$ 7,281.40	\$ 42,178.88
Name In The Hat	\$ 390.00	\$ 890.00			



Fun Fact- Why we call it the Big Book

The name is literal. The earliest printings, from 1939 through January 1944, were run on unusually thick paper, giving the volume real heft in the hand. By the sixth printing the stock had changed and the book came out slimmer, as wartime material limits took hold. The nickname stuck anyway.

Taken from Recovery Collectables; The First Edition Big Book: A Printing-by-Printing History (1939-1954)

February 27, 2026

BALANCE SHEET July 2026

Assets

Current Asset	
Checking	25,511.44
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	39,630.19
Accounts Receivable	2,395.70
Inventory Asset	22,526.90
Undeposited Funds	2,706.13

Fixed Assets

Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00

Depreciation (-22,538.00)

Total Assets \$92,752.41

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	6,432.20
Visa Credit Card	1600.74
Payroll taxes	1179.80

Total Liabilities \$9,212.74

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	26,443.21
Net Income	13,317.52

Total Equity \$80,537.22

Total Liability & Equity \$92,752.41

PROFIT \$ LOSS STATEMENT July 2026

38 Group contributions totaling \$6,660.40
11 Individual contributions totaling 621.00
Intergroup Business Meeting &
Service Committee's 7th Tradition

Total Contributions \$7,281.40
Total Income \$ 11,771.58

Less total Cost Of Goods Sold \$3,062.19

Gross Profit \$8,709.39

Less total Expenses of \$9,054.87

Net April Income \$-345.48

YTD 2026 Income \$13,317.52

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$39,630.19

The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2026 in the range of \$40,250.73 - \$48,300.87

Please call me with any questions or comments regarding the financial statements.

Grateful to be of service,
Alex B. EVI Treasurer
480 250-0000

Sign Up to Become a GRATEFUL GIVER

Join your fellows and pledge \$10 or more each month

to support the East Valley Intergroup.

*Sign up online at aamesaaz.org

*Choose a monthly pledge amount, \$10 to \$416
(\$5000 annual maximum for members)

*Paypal contributions are automatically withdrawn.

*Set us up as an auto pay in your bank account.

*All personal contributions are anonymous at the



East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes

June 19th, 2026 Please note: Minutes have been abbreviated in several areas due to space limitations. Please see original Intergroup packet for complete text.

Rep Attendees In-Person (30)

Rep Attendees on Zoom (14)

*Welcome new reps: No Booze News-Tamara L

1. Opening: Meeting opened by Chairperson Roxanne B. with the Serenity Prayer.

· Hybrid meeting format confirmed.

2. Readings: The 12 Traditions were read by Mike

3. Introductions & Attendance

New Intergroup Representatives and Trusted Servants introduced themselves verbally and via Zoom.

Total 32 voting members were counted (combined in-person and Zoom).

4. Officer Reports

Secretary (OPEN)

· Roxanne presented Secretary Report

· Motion to approve secretary report passed, seconded Jen.

Treasurer – Alex B.

· Presented full financial report including income, expenses, and trends.

· Expenses are lower, it is keeping us in the positive.

· Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Mike, seconded by Colin, passed.

Chairperson – Roxanne B.

· Rita and Roxanne have been working hard at the EVI office.

· Encouraged groups to visit the EVI office and pick up No Booze News.

· There are flyers on the table and emailed to the Representatives with the packet.

· Announced that December 2026 will be final month of service as Chairperson.

Vice Chair – Lucy W.

· Reported attendance in Post Conference Assembly; Everything AA App has been purchased by World Services. Joe & Charlie tapes will be eliminated due to not being conference

5th addition of Big Book has been approved.

· Attended Founders Day; 91 years.

· Volunteering at the EVI office on Wednesdays.

Office Manager – Rita C.

· Need phone volunteers and office volunteers for the EVI office. Encouraged people to come and spend some time at the office.

· Received email in regards to Everything AA App from New York. On display at the EVI office.

· Reported 234 requests information and assistance.

5. Standing Committee Reports

The following summaries reflect key committee updates and actions:

· Website (Dawn H.)

o Dawn was not present.

o Roxanne reported no longer reporting traffic from anywhere but the United States.

· PI/CPC (Erica.)

o Reported the decision to only focus on two areas at a time (ex: Literature, outside events, education, etc). This will allow more focus on each area one at a time.

o Reported PI/CPC and Alternate Secretary Position are currently open.

· Special Events (Andrea M.)

o Upcoming events:

§ Diamondbacks Game – July 21 (\$25 tickets) Tickets are available through the EVI office and online.

§ July 3rd Monthly Speaker Meeting 7:30pm Courage to Change is hosting.

§ Quarterly Breakfast – October 17

· Phones (Robin F.)

o There are enough volunteers now for everyone to have one shift instead of two or three.

o Continue to work on process of 12 Step callers to respond.

o Andrew will step up next month in place of Tracy.

· Unity (reported by Tracy)

o Finished first tier of getting EVI reps from meetings. Several new Intergroup Representatives have been recruited.

· Sponsorship (Ken C.)

o Reported over 35 people in attendance to last Sponsorship Workshop.

o August 1st is the next Sponsorship Meeting hosted by Ahwatukee's Men's Group.

· No Booze News (Regan G. via Roxanne)

o Editor stepping down; replacement is Tamara.

· Literature

o No report (absent due to travel).

· Office Volunteer Coordinator

o Position now OPEN; Roxanne stepping down.

o Requires 5 years sobriety.

6. Liaison Reports

Key liaison updates included:

· Al-Anon Liaison

o Position remains OPEN.

· H&I (Nicholas S.)

o Written Report was included in packet. Any questions please contact Nicholas S directly.

· Spanish Liaison

o No report.

· Subdistrict 08-820 (Julius)

o July 11th 530pm Quarterly Potluck

o Planning Support was provided for the Post-Conference Assembly

o Monthly Meetings continue on the first Monday of each Month.

· Subdistrict 08-818 / 08-819

o No reports given.

7. Key Operational Issues

The meeting highlighted several ongoing challenges:

- Critical vacancies:
 - o Al-Anon Liaison open
 - o PI/CPC Chair open
 - o Office Volunteer Coordinator open

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- Motion for 300\$ budget for the website through end of 2026 passed. This will support website content additions, including newsletters, event flyers, and service materials.
- Tamara elected for New Booze News Editor. Motion passed unanimously with 32 votes.
- Kathryn elected for Secretary. Motion passed unanimously with 32 votes.
- Arizona is bidding to host the event for ICYPAA. Looking for letter of support from EVI. September and October of 2027 is possible dates for event. Motion passed for EVI to draft and submit letter of support for the AZ ICYPAA bid.

10. Action Items

11. Announcements

- 6/20/2026 4pm Common Thread fundraiser for retreat in October.
- Diamondback baseball tickets for sale.
- Apache Trial Roundup
- State Convention.
- July 11th Potluck hosted by Subdistrict 820
- EVI will be closed July 3rd in observance of July 4th Holiday.

12. Meeting Recap

- Kathryn elected as EVI Secretary.
- Tamara elected as No Booze New Editor.
- Website Budget of 300\$ approved.
- Letter of support for Arizona's ICYPAA bid was approved.
- Positive financial report with strong prudent reserve.
- Continued recruitment efforts for open service positions, PI/CPA Chair, Al-Anon Liaison, Office Volunteer Coordinator.

13. Closing

- Mike, seconded Tom
- Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement: "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Tradition Nine

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program-even if no one makes me do so-with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully-and profit thereby-when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

The Twelve Principles — Word Search

Words run across, down, diagonally, forward and backward.

P	W	O	X	W	X	S	E	R	V	I	C	E	G	W
C	E	T	Y	T	I	L	I	M	U	H	X	D	U	W
M	O	R	K	V	D	P	C	E	H	S	A	B	H	I
D	W	E	S	T	Q	J	F	X	N	X	S	X	S	L
V	N	H	Z	E	J	U	S	T	I	C	E	V	P	L
S	E	V	O	L	V	Y	T	H	C	L	G	S	I	I
G	W	T	Y	Q	P	E	I	W	J	G	Y	Q	R	N
Z	O	Q	T	G	W	F	R	Q	J	B	P	E	I	G
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D	W	N	G	M	J	A	R	P	T	C	T	T	A	S
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E	S	Y	I	C	U	V	M	A	H	P	O	K	Y	C

Find these:

1. Honesty
2. Hope
3. Faith
4. Courage
5. Integrity
6. Willingness
7. Humility
8. Love
9. Justice
10. Perseverance
11. Spirituality
12. Service

We here at The No Booze News would love to hear from you about your experience, strength and hope. Maybe something that's happened in your recovery or an experience that shows how the program is working in your life. It's an effective way to help other members who may be inspired by your story. Please include your name and phone number.

We reserve the right to edit for content and/or clarity. Email your story to:

Rita—Office Manager —info@aamesaaz.org Tamara L.—No Booze News Editor, tamlinehan@gmail.com

September EVI Flyers and Upcoming Events

QUARTERLY Breakfast & Speaker Meeting

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP



**SATURDAY
OCT. 17, 2026**

**TWO SPEAKERS FROM
THE EAST VALLEY**

**8:30AM - BREAKFAST
9:30AM - SPEAKER MEETING**

\$10 TICKET
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE
ALSO INCLUDES COFFEE, OJ, FRUIT, AND YOGURT

SEE YOUR EVI GROUP REP FOR TICKETS!

East Valley Intergroup's Sponsorship Workshop

OCTOBER 3, 2026 at 10:00am

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP



2222 S. PRICE RD.
TEMPE, AZ 85285
(Church of the Epiphany)

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I never let the hand of AA always be there. And for that I am responsible."

Workshop format: Enjoy the panel of fellow AA members share their experience, strength and hop on the challenges and rewards of sponsorship. Then have your answers during the interactive Q & A portion.

Refreshments are provided at this free event. For questions or to sign up your group, please call or text Ken @480-242-0160.

2026 INAUGURAL EVI GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
DOBSON RANCH GOLF COURSE
4 PERSON BEST BALL SCRAMBLE
\$60.00 PER PLAYER
FIRST TEE TIME STARTS AT 7:09 AM
CONTESTS WITH PRIZES
50/50 RAFFLE



CONTESTS

LONGEST DRIVE MT
CLOSEST TO THE PIN
LONGEST PUTT FROM GREEN

*TEE TIMES ASSIGNED AT 9 MINUTE INTERVALS
SIGN UP AS TEAMS OR AS INDIVIDUAL TO BE PLACED IN A TEAM
WE ARE LIMITED TO 12 TEAMS
TEE TIMES ASSIGNED IN THE ORDER OF SIGN UP
YOU CAN BUY UP TO 4 MULTICARDS PER TEAM
A FULL MENU/LUNCH IS AVAILABLE ON YOUR OWN
IN THE CLUBHOUSE

TO SIGN UP, TEXT GOLF TO 480-242-0160 INCLUDE A \$1000
CALL BACK 1986 AND A COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL CALL TO
CONFIRM DETAILS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A QR CODE TO MAKE PAYMENT

DOBSON RANCH GOLF CLUB
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MESA, AZ

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MOVIE & MEDITATION AFTERNOON

Featuring a Special Screening of

*Everyone is
welcome!*

BILL W.
CONSCIOUS CONTACT

Bring a friend and
enjoy an afternoon
of inspiration,
recovery, and
fellowship.

*"I didn't write the 11th Step.
It came to me as an inspiration."*

— AWARD WINNER DOCUMENTARY —



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026



DOORS OPEN:
1:00 PM



**FREE
ADMISSION**



**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**



**HOSTED BY
EVI SPECIAL
EVENTS**

LOCATION

Love of Christ Lutheran Church
1525 N Power Rd
Mesa, AZ 85205



*"In consideration of Tradition is
This is not an AA-produced or
AA-endorsed film, it is shared
for its educational and
historical value."*

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EVI OFFICE
Phone: 480-834-9035 | Email: evispecialevents@gmail.com

September EVI Flyers and Upcoming Events

**Public Information and
Cooperating with the Professional Community
(PI/CPC)
WORKSHOP**

Hosted by Area 3 PI/CPC

*"Carrying the Message - Building Awareness of AA through
Attraction, Service and Anonymity"*

Saturday, November 21st 8:00am – 11am Church of the Epiphany
2222 S Price Rd, Tempe

Come learn and share about...

- The purpose of AA PI/CPC services
- Applying AA Traditions when conducting public outreach
- Delivering an effective AA informational presentation
- Collaborating with professionals and community organizations
- Protecting anonymity while using traditional and digital media
- Developing a local PI action plan for your district or group

**Volunteers
Needed!**

Contact
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CPC@area03.org

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information



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— Now Meeting *-3 Times-* Weekly —

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING IN MESA (In-Person Only)

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 **Wednesdays
7:00 pm**

IN-PERSON

@
Red Mountain Rec. Center
7550 E. Adobe Street
Mesa, Arizona 85207
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WEEKEND MEETINGS IN TEMPE (In-Person & Hybrid)

 **Saturdays
9:00 am**

 **Sundays
1:30 pm**

IN-PERSON

@
The Pigeon Coop
4415 S. Rural Road
Tempe, AZ 85282
(Diazline & Rural)

HYBRID*



*The only requirement for AA membership is the desire to stop drinking.

Everyone Welcome!

Our meeting format is secular and does not include prayer. We believe that the fellowship of AA should be available to everyone. We understand that some people find that recovery resonates more deeply when religious language is set aside. Our wish is to ensure that suffering alcoholics can find sobriety in AA without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or deny their own.

**INCLUDING AGNOSTIC,
ATHEIST, FREETHINKER
AND SECULAR**

*Approved for Meetings with a Service of AA, World Service, Inc.

EVI PRESENTS

**FIRST FRIDAY MONTHLY
SPEAKER MEETING**

EXPERIENCE. STRENGTH. HOPE.

Join us for an evening of fellowship and great speakers
hosted by a different East Valley group each month!

SEPT 4TH, 2026

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Host Group:
Opportunity
Knocks**

Food and Fellowship at 7:00 PM
Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

Church of the Epiphany
2222 S. Price Rd. Tempe, AZ

We need help!

Join the EVI Special Events Committee
meets at 6:45PM before the Monthly Speaker Meeting

For more information contact EVI Office at (480) 832-1915
E-mail – evispecialevents@gmail.com



Experience
THE BIG BOOK



September 25th & 26th, 2026
Friday 6-9pm & Saturday 9am-5pm
North Scottsdale United Methodist Church
11735 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

The Big Book comes to life in this **Step Study Workshop**.

Join speakers **Steve L. of Los Angeles, CA** and **Laura B. of Marble Falls, TX** as they guide us through the book **Alcoholics Anonymous** and their experience, strength, and hope as it relates to the 12 steps.

Open to all AA's and their friends & families. Coffee & Refreshments provided.

Brought to you in love & service by *The Thursday Night Big Book Study*.

Please consider a \$10 contribution to help cover the cost of this event.

For additional information: Contact **AM H.** (480) 272-2028
or **Tab B.** (623) 640-0909