



NO BOOZE NEWS

LUCK OF THE IRISH

If you're very far from home and desperate enough, finding a meeting in Ireland can be quite remarkable | by Anon

Life was good. With 18 months in AA, I was doing what I was supposed to do. Making meetings, being active, doing service and feeling grateful. I was sober and I felt I was ready to make a trip back to Ireland and visit my family. I never told them I was in AA because I still had some shame about being an alcoholic. But I went back and all went well. I felt I didn't need a meeting, and I managed. Nobody had to know anything other than I had just stopped drinking.

That trip went so well, I decided to return about a year and a half later. On this second sober trip, one morning I went down to the local store for a newspaper. As I came out, I saw an old schoolteacher of mine crossing the street heading my way and I emotionally went to pieces. He used to love to physically punish me with his swishing cane, as it came down on my 12-year-old fingers. He would also put his hands on my face. One hand held my face steady and the other hand slapped me repeatedly. He was brutal and I feared him more than anyone I ever came across.

My emotions scared me that day. I had rushes of anger and rage. I wanted revenge. I was ready to strike out. For some reason, I turned away and returned to the house and stayed in my room all day, confused, not knowing what to do or who to ask for help. I had no AA contacts or information and only a prepaid cell phone. I felt truly alone.

A while back at a New York AA meeting, someone had shared that he'd gone to a meeting in this part of Ireland. He said it was in this town, up on a hill. I'd forgotten about that meeting on the hill until right then. I knew of one hill in town, so I decided to go there. By the time I got there, it was a cold, wet, dark winter night. The hill was badly lit. Nobody was around, not a soul was anywhere to ask. I waited, hoping I might see people going into a house or down to a basement or something. Nobody. I went down the steps to several basements. I knocked. No answer.

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It was getting late so I tried one more basement. It had a black wrought iron gate in front of the door. I rang the bell and the door swung open and a lovely young lady in her slip smiled and said hello. I asked her if there was a meeting there. She said, "What kind of a meeting?"

"An AA meeting," I answered. "What is that?" she asked. I said it was a meeting for people who had a drinking problem. She said she had never heard of such a thing. I thanked her for her time and left.

I went back down the hill to the main street. Colored lights, bars, restaurants, clubs, discos—all places where I used to drink. I began to feel powerless and forsaken as I stood at the bottom of the hill in a daze.

Then all of a sudden, I heard people arguing in the house behind me. Their voices got louder. Just then, their front door swung open and a middle-aged couple emerged. The woman (she might have been a landlady) was shouting at the guy. She said she was sick of his carrying on and he had to stop drinking.

"I can't," he yelled. "Why don't you go to AA?" she asked. "I don't know where it is," he replied.

Without saying another word, she grabbed him by the collar of his long black coat and dragged him up the hill and vanished down into a basement. I walked up slowly in their direction and the lady came back up out of the basement, still angry and unaware of my presence. So I went down the steps and halfway down the drunk guy was coming back up.

I hope he makes it some day. But I made *my* meeting and I'm still sober. Life is good.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Changes to Our Newsletter

Beginning in April, as a result of a motion approved by the Groups at the February Intergroup Representative we will be transitioning to a more electronic version of our newsletter. We will continue to mail paper newsletters to our paid subscribers. The cost is \$18 a year to cover printing and postage costs. They will also be available at the office for pick up.

The complimentary subscriptions will now be sent electronically. If you would like to receive a free copy every month in your email box just drop us a line at our website [NO BOOZE NEWS - East Valley Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous \(aamesaaz.org\)](http://NOBOOZENEWS-EastValleyIntergroupofAlcoholicsAnonymous(aamesaaz.org)) . You can even submit stories and other content for future newsletter editions there.

The Gratitude With Service form can be found on the website too. Sign up to volunteer for any of EVI's Standing Committees, such as Special Events, Literature, Unity, or Phone Volunteer. 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 contact an alcoholic who reaches out, please volunteer for this most valuable service. The life you save may be your own.



From Tradition Five of the 12X12

“Okay,' he said. 'Give me the business.' “Well,' said I, 'I think you're just a conceited Irishman who thinks he can run the whole show.' “This really rocked him. But as he calmed down, he began to listen while I tried to show him that humility was the main key to sobriety...

Years later, this tough Irish customer liked to say, “My sponsor sold me one idea, and that was sobriety. At the time, I couldn't have bought anything else.”

ROUNDUPS, CAMPOUTS AND CONFERENCES

WEST VALLEY ROUNDUP

MARCH 22 ~ 24, 2024

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK
41835 N CASTLE HOT SPRINGS RD.

TRI-STATE ROUNDUP

MAY 16 ~ 19, 2024

LAUGHLIN NV
RIVERSIDE RESORT

PRESCOTT SHOESTRING ROUNDUP

JULY 26 ~ JULY 28

11 E SHELDON ST. PRESCOTT AZ
YAVAPAI COMMUNITY COLLEGE



East Valley Intergroup's

45th Anniversary

Dinner and Speaker Event

Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Doors Open at 5:30pm

Speaker at 7:15pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ

(Love of Christ Lutheran Church)



08-820 Quarterly Potluck and Speaker

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:30pm to 8:00pm

Please bring a dish to share

1050 W Superstiion Blvd.

Apache Junction

Meal and a Message

Saturday, April 13th 2024

Doors open at 5:30pm

Speaker at 7:30pm

1525 N Power Rd. Mesa AZ

(Love of Christ Lutheran Church)

(No ticket will be sold at the door.)

2024 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5 ~ 7, 2024

6555 E Speedway Blvd.

Tucson AZ

(Embassy Suites by Hilton)

PRAASA 2023

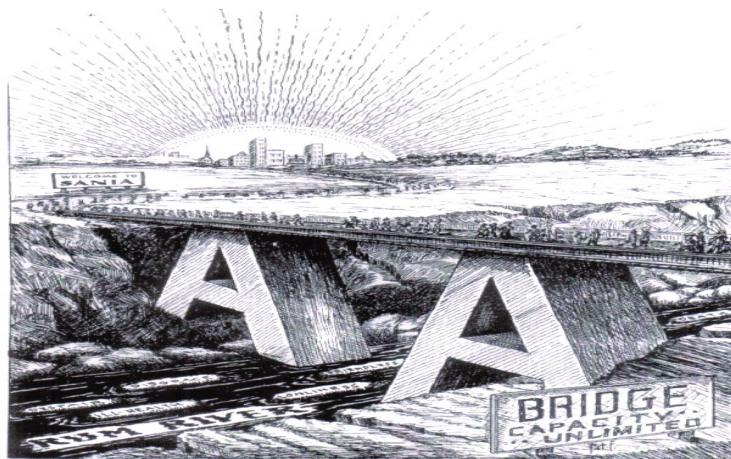
Save the Date

March 1 ~ 5, 2023

Los Angeles, CA

Sober Anniversaries

Name	Date	
Toni S	3/3/1973	18628
Blair P	3/13/1980	16071
George C	3/5/1981	15706
Howard C	3/7/1983	14976
Edward C	3/15/1985	14245
Ginger R	3/4/1987	13515
Linda C	3/18/1987	13515
Jeff L	3/15/1988	13149
Gabrielle C	3/9/1991	12054
Tracy N	3/17/1992	11688
Kate H	3/27/1994	10958
Stephanie J	3/9/1995	10593
Suzann B	3/18/1996	10227
Rose D	3/15/1997	9862
Eddie Y	3/5/1998	9497
Aaron S	3/27/2001	8401
Gail B	3/7/2002	8036
Laura S	3/11/2002	8036
Don A	3/17/2003	7671
Chris Anne H	3/10/2006	6575
Kristina M	3/3/2008	5844
Kerry K	3/13/2009	5475
Tom S	3/1/2010	5114
Marge M	3/18/2011	4749
Marissa S	3/25/2011	4749
Michelle M	3/31/2012	4749
Barbara M	3/15/2014	3653
Jordan R	3/15/2015	3288
Jessica T	3/28/2015	3288
Tom G	3/12/2016	2922
Josh K	3/15/2016	2922
Danielle D	3/30/2016	2922
Leah Z	3/1/2017	2557
J. J.	3/2/2017	2557
Aaron V	3/19/2017	2557
Kaine H	3/3/2018	2192
Allison T	3/5/2018	2192
Kathy H	3/10/2020	1460
Mercedes B	3/1/2021	1096
Kathy P	3/11/2021	1096
Rob F	3/24/2021	1096
Russ J	3/1/2023	365



Wisdom from the Ages

An old friend of mine who has moved on to the Big Meeting used to say; “If you happen to find yourself back out there remember that sleeping in dumpsters behind donut shops will get you breakfast in bed.”

Another long timer of humble means told me he didn't worry about money. Said he had more money than he could spend in the rest of his life,
If he died tonight.

(Incidentally, the word “pigeon”—as applied to an A.A. newcomer or prospect—was probably coined by Dr. Bob himself. “He used that word,” said Smitty, and one A.A. recalled that Doc would often announce at a meeting, “There’s a pigeon in Room so-and-so who needs some attention.’ ” Or he might refer to the patient as “a cookie.”) — Ed Nyland, **Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers**

"When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm."

-- Susan C.



PI / CPC

(Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community)

1st Mondays at 7pm.

1855 E Southern Ave #103

(EVI Office) and on Zoom

Zoom ID: 984 4383 7353

Passcode: 061035

Come help carry the message at the public level and to professional groups who have contact with alcoholics.

480 827-1905 or email picpc@aamesaaz.org

aamesaaz.org

EVI Phone Workshop

Third Friday's at 6:15 pm

Before the monthly business meeting at



On ZOOM

aamesaaz.org

Or

Workshops can be done at your Group !

For more information

Call Tom S.



EVI Sponsorship Workshop

10am the 1st Saturday of every other month

Check aamesaaz.org for location information

Contact: Position Open

HOST GROUP SCHEDULE

March 5 ~ The Society

Help Wanted

Open service positions at EVI

PI / CPC Chairperson

Sponsorship Workshop Chairperson

H&I Liaison

Spanish Liaison

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

March 1 ~ Upon Awakening

April 5 ~ The Society

These are subject to change - so keep watching.

HELP WANTED - Office Volunteers & EVI Hot Line Phones

4 hour shifts in the EVI office

Call Roxanne for specific times and days.



*** Regular Shifts Available ***

Central Office Manager's Report February 16, 2024

January set the year off to a good start. We received several calls from people concerned about theirs or a loved one's drinking. A few even came to the office for information and assistance. Twelve step calls were set up, information on our program and directions to the meetings closest to them was provided. We received 401 requests for information and assistance. Of those 99 calls were for meeting info, 100 were office visitors and, 12 resulted in a 12-step call. Our website stayed busy too. It had 36,514 visits in the last 30 days. Our Google listing received 1,900 views in January with 39 giving us a call, 317 visiting our website and 206 requesting directions to the office.

There are copies of the 2023 Year End Activity Report of your Central Office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often-asked question "What does the Intergroup Office do?"

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

In the spirit of Tradition Eight,
Love and Service
Kim W
Central Office Manager
East Valley Intergroup

EVI CENTRAL OFFICE ACTIVITY

	Jan	2024
Meeting Information Calls	99	99
General Information	85	85
Referred to Salt River Intergroup	3	3
Referred to Al-Anon.....	8	8
Requests for chips/medallions.....	21	21
12th Step Calls	12	12
Business Calls	73	73
Office Visitors	100	100
Meeting lists printed.....	600	7200
Info request via E-mail.....	42	42
Desk Volunteers-Reg/Sub/None.....	23/ 3/12	
Desk Volunteers-Reg HRS YTD.120hrs.....	120hrs	
Web Stats		
Website Visits last 30 days	36,514	YTD 36,514
Google Searches last 30 days	1,900	YTD 151,900

Meeting List Updates...

Our website (aamesaaz.org) is being updated weekly. Check it out for the latest on which groups are meeting and where.

New Meetings:

Gilbert BBSS Group 235 E Guadalupe Rd. Gilbert MO 6:30pm BB, O
Strength in Hope 1770 S Dobson Rd. Chandler TU & TH 6:00am O

Changes:

Slay the Dragon *Moved 501 S. Az Ave. Chandler TU 7:00pm O
There is a Solution 100 N Magma Ave. Superior TU 7:00pm O

Deletions:

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

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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

Area 03 Treasurer *NEW*
PO Box 5629
Scottsdale, AZ 85261
Make Check To: AZ Area Committee

District 08-818

PO Box 12044
Tempe, AZ 85284

District 08-819
PO Box 594
Mesa, AZ 85211

District 08-820
PO Box 1901
Queen Creek, AZ 85142-9998

District 08 (Maricopa County)
PO Box 45066
Phoenix, AZ 85064

Alcoholicos Anonimos - Oficina
2720 E Thomas Rd. B#180
Phoenix AZ 85016

Valleywide H & I
PO Box 80126
Phoenix, AZ 85060

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

Distribution of funds from groups that
support four service entities

10% to District	10% to Area
30% to GSO	50% to Intergroup



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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
11th Step Candlelight		\$0.00
2121 Beginner Workshop		\$0.00
A Vision For You		\$0.00
ABC Group		\$0.00
Ad Hoc Online		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Group.....		\$0.00
Ahwatukee Nooners.....	\$882.85	\$882.85
Ahwatukee Saturday Men's.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Ahwatukee Women's Group		\$0.00
Arbor Daily Noon Group.....	\$200.00	\$200.00
As Bill Sees It QC		\$0.00
Attitude Adjustment CG		\$0.00
Attitude of Gratitude		\$0.00
Basic II		\$0.00
BBookworms	\$335.70	\$335.70
Bloopers	\$62.50	\$62.50
Bootstrap Men's		\$0.00
Bottom of the Bottle	\$72.24	\$72.24
Breakfast Club		\$0.00
Busted Ego.....		\$0.00
By The Book	\$147.00	\$147.00
Chandler Men's Stag.....		\$0.00
Chandler Noon Group	\$204.00	\$204.00
Chandler Women's Big Book Group		\$0.00
Common Thread.....	\$297.66	\$297.66
Courage To Change		\$0.00
Dr's Nightmare		\$0.00
East Phoenix Men's		\$0.00
East Valley Men's Stag.....	\$544.00	\$544.00
East Valley Veterans.....		\$0.00
Easy Does It Group	\$325.47	\$325.47
Eye Opener Group		\$0.00
Feelings and Solutions		\$0.00
Fill in the Blank	\$467.00	\$0.00
Firehouse Meeting.....	\$57.80	\$57.80
Florence Group		\$0.00
Fresh Air Group		\$0.00
Friday Night BB.....		\$0.00
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		\$0.00
Good Orderly Direction.....	\$25.00	\$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	\$40.00
Hope For Today		\$0.00
Ladies Lunch Bunch		\$0.00
Last Resort		\$0.00
Life In The Big Book		\$0.00
Livin Life Women		\$0.00
Maricopa 12 X 12	\$40.00	\$40.00
Maricopa Group	\$80.00	\$80.00
Miracle House	\$308.09	\$308.09
Name In The Hat		\$0.00
New Beginnings.....		\$0.00
New Spirit Group.....		\$0.00
No Big Deals	\$25.00	\$25.00
No Name AA Group	\$250.00	\$250.00
Opportunity Knocks.....		\$0.00
Over The Influence		\$0.00
Page A Day	\$779.85	\$779.85
Path Less Traveled.....		\$0.00

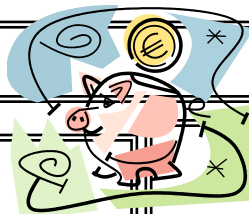
<u>GROUP</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Patio Group.....		\$0.00
Pioneer Group	\$48.00	\$48.80
Price Is Right.....		\$0.00
Primary Purpose Group		\$0.00
Progress Rather Than Perfektion.....		\$0.00
Province Group.....	\$53.00	\$53.00
Putting God First.....		\$0.00
Queen Creek Nooners		\$0.00
Re-Awakening Group		\$0.00
Renewed Spirit.....		\$0.00
Rising Spirit.....		\$0.00
Road To Recovery	\$100.00	\$100.00
Rock Solid		\$0.00
San Tan Group		\$0.00
San Tan Men's		\$0.00
Second Chance Group.....		\$0.00
Serenity Now.....	\$78.00	\$78.00
Serenity Sisters		\$0.00
Serious Over Sobriety.....	\$53.10	\$53.10
Shade Tree.....	\$300.00	\$300.00
Slay the Dragon.....		\$0.00
Sobriety is Gold.....		\$0.00
Sobriety Rocks	\$165.00	\$165.00
Society Group	\$133.33	\$133.33
Some Are Sicker Than Others	\$50.00	\$50.00
Southeast Valley Stag.....	\$312.50	\$312.50
Spirited Women.....		\$0.00
Starlight Ranch.....		\$0.00
Step By Step Group.....	\$163.45	\$163.45
Steppers.....		\$0.00
Stepping Stones	\$250.00	\$250.00
Sunday Night BB Step Study		\$0.00
Sunday Afternoon Step.....		\$0.00
Sunday Serenity Seekers.....		\$0.00
Sunrisers	\$141.60	\$141.60
Sun Lakes Women Serenity Seeker		\$0.00
Sunset Group		\$0.00
Superstition Sunrise		\$0.00
Tempe Group.....	\$200.00	\$200.00
Tempe Nooners		\$0.00
Tempe Sunrisers	\$200.00	\$200.00
The Library		\$0.00
The Promises		\$0.00
The Real Thing		\$0.00
The Tribe		\$0.0
The Way Out Group		\$0.00
Thursday Night Step Group.....		\$0.00
Tuesday Night Steppin Out		\$0.00
Tumbleweeds Group		\$0.30
Upon Awakening.....		\$0.00
We Ain't Dead Yet.....		\$0.00
We Agnostics.....		\$0.00
Wednesday Night Winners		\$0.00
Welcome Home		\$0.00
West Chandler Men's.....		\$0.00
Wolf Pack Group.....		\$0.00
Women in Gratitude.....		\$0.00
Women in Solution		\$0.00
*Anonymous Groups.....		\$0.00

OTHER GROUPS/COMMITTEES

Apache Lake Campout.....		\$0.00
AZ AA Women's Conf.....		\$0.00
Mesa Roundup		\$0.00
Dist 08-813		\$0.00
Dist 08-820		\$0.00
Meal and a Message		\$0.00
Group Totals	\$7,275.54	\$7,275.54
EVI Committees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Individual Contributions	\$360.00	\$360.00
GRAND TOTALS.....	\$7,635.54	\$7,635.54

*Group contribution with no group name listed)

Financial Statements



BALANCE SHEET January 31, 2024

Assets	
Current Assets	
Checking	9,345.36
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	35,760.37
Accounts Receivable	1,356.00
Inventory Asset	
Undeposited Funds	48.60
Fixed Assets	
Cash On Hand	50.00
Office Equip/Furnishings	22,538.00
Depreciation	(-22,538.00)
Total Assets	\$76,158.79
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0.00
Visa Credit Card	110.00
Payroll taxes	110.00
Total Liabilities	\$110.00
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	43,778.94
Retained Earnings	31,119.45
Net Income	1,150.40
Total Equity	\$76,048.79
Total Liability & Equity	\$76,158.79

PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT January, 2024

41 Group contributions totaling	\$7,275.54
7 Individual contributions totaling	\$360.00
Intergroup Business Meeting & Service Committee's 7th Tradition	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$7,635.54
Total Income	\$12,073.45
Less total Cost Of Sales	\$2,918.61
Gross Profit	\$9,154.84
Less total Expenses of	\$8,004.44
Net January Gain	\$1,150.40
YTD 2024 Gain	\$1,150.40

The current Prudent Reserve balance is \$35,760.37

The Prudent Reserve has been established for 2024 in the range of \$38,250.00 - \$45,900.00

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

Grateful to be of service,
CJ M. EVI Treasurer

Tradition Three

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

"No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications—even your crimes—we still can't deny you A.A. We don't want to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So you're an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself."

To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience."

EVI MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

East Valley Intergroup Business Meeting Minutes Friday, February 16, 2024

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

Attendees:

Ahwatukee Group - Clark S.	Good Orderly Direction - Ronnie C.	Second Chance Group - Eddie C.
Ahwatukee Men's - Mike D.	Happy Hour, Morning After - Rose M.	Society Meeting - Bob H.
Bottom of the Bottle - Darrel T.	Life in the Big Book - Dana M.	Step by Step - James F.
Breakfast club - Tonita W.	No Whining - Thomas	Stepping Stones - Bill L.
Chandler Women's Big Book - Lynnzie Z.	Opportunity Knox - Ken C.	Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers - Melissa S.
Common Thread - Zack D.	Over Tha Influence - Gabe L.	Sunset Group - Melissa L.
Courage to Change - Lee Ann W.	Page A Day - Mitch B.	Tempe Group - Susan M.
Dr. Nightmare - Sara S.	Patio Group - Linda S.	Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A.
Easy Does It - Amy R.	Price Is Right - Ashley S.	The Real Thing - Megan D.
Gilbert BB Step Study - Joseph M.	Rising Spirit - Stephanie J.	The Way Out - Kaine H.
Gold Canyon Firehouse - Shane Z.	Road to Recovery - Jim L.	Welcome Home - Don S.

Online:

Big Book Worms- Kathy M	Patio Group - Linda S.	Sunday Afternoon Step Study - David S.
Price is Right - Ashley S.	Serenity Sisters - Angela P	Tempe Sunrisers - Jerry A.
Ain't Dead Yet - Chrystal S.	Serious over sobriety - Doug W.	Sisterhood of Soluitons Paula D
		We Agnostics - Andrew N.

Welcome to the new Reps:

Ahwatukee Group - Clark S.	Easy Does it - Amy R.	Society - Bob H.
Ahwatukee Men's - Mike D.	Globe Canyon Firehouse - Shane Z.	Sun Lakes Serenity Seekers - Melissa S.
Ahwatukee Men's Alt. - Michael	Opportunity Knox - Ken C.	Sunset Group - Melissa L.
Breakfast club - Tonita W.	Over Tha Influence - Gabe L.	The Real Thing - Megan D.
Chandler Women's Big Book - Lynnzie Z.	Page a Day - Mitch B.	The Way Out Alt. - Dee P.
Common Thread - Zack D.	Price Is Right - Ashley S.	The Way Out - Kaine H.
Dr's Nightmare - Sara S.	Rising Spirit - Stephanie J.	

Committee and other Trusted Servants:

Service Position	Name	Present	Service Position	Name	Present	Service Position	Name	Present
Chair	Roxanne B.	X	Office Manager	Kim W.	X	H&I Liaison	open	
Vice-Chair	Ginger R.B.		Chair-Special Events	Roberta E.		Spanish Liaison	open	
Treasurer	CJ M.	X	Acting Chair-PI/CPC	John V.	X	Al-Anon Liaison	Lee R.	X
Secretary	Linda C	X	Chair-Phones	Tom S.	X	DCM 08-818	Jason C.	X
Advisor-Special E	Tom C.	X	Chair-Unity	open		DCM 08-819	Robert S.	X
Advisor-PI/CPC	Barb Mc.	X	Chair-Sponsorship	open		DCM 08-820	Carol M	X
Advisor-Phones	Erika C.	X	No Booze News	Mike K.		Past Chair	J. J.	X
Advisor-Unity	Eddie C.	X	Chair-Literature	Monica S.	X			

Dallas read the Twelve Traditions

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

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

Chairperson's report: Roxanne thanked members who stepped up last month, CJ chaired the meeting, Lynnzie and J. helped

Vice-chair report: Ginger R.B. - Out of town not in attendance. No report.

Office Managers Report: Kim W. went over the written report in the packet.

Folding day will be Thursday, February 22nd at 9am. Come help fold literature, enjoy fellowship, coffee, donuts at the office. Been getting a lot of calls in the New Year - we could use some more volunteers to take 4 hour shifts at the office. There are copies of the 2023 Year End Activity Report of your Central office. Please take a few copies back to your group. This report helps to answer that often asked question "What does the Intergroup Office do?"

Standing Committee Reports:

PI/CPC: Open. No report.

Special Events: Roberta - Not present. No report.

Phone Committee: Tom S. There are 41 after hour shifts with 7 open shifts and will have filled. Co-chair stepped down. Currently working solo and is looking for co-chair. If interested, contact Tom S. tdscotney@yahoo.com

Unity Report: position open

Sponsorship Workshop: position open.

No Booze News: Mike not present.

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

Liaison Reports:

Al-Anon - Lee R.- the next Family Recovery Night will be February 24th 5:30pm to 9:00 pm @ Church of the Epiphany March 9th 8:30 am - 12:00 noon @ Church of the Epiphany, midmorning Brunch Break included, Literature table-50/50 raffle. Hybrid meeting. For more info contact Mary S. district13@al-anon-az.org State Al-Anon Convention will be in Prescott June 28 - 30th. Get in the car is looking for new officers.

H&I: position open

Spanish - position open

Sub Districts:

08-818 - Jason - Stated participation is up. Jason is the new DCM for 2024/2025. They meet 2nd Tues every month at Bloopers. Jason if your group does not have a GSR and you want more info on this. Jason 480-389-7739

08-819 - Robert S. Meet at the EVI Office the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7pm. 7 GSR reps of this district attended.

08-820 - Carol M. All service positions are filled. Service Workshop coming up on Feb 17th. Will be having a dinner April 13th

Old Business:

Intergroup Inventory - Roxanne informed the group that the SC is still working on it and will present a formal inventory in March

Motion to reduce mailing cost of the newsletter was voted on Yes-33+12=45 opposed 6, Heard opposing arguments, no changed votes.

New Business:

THE WAY OUT made a motion to stop using the hybrid format for our monthly business meeting.

Motion to vote tonight on the the Business meeting eliminate the Zoom portion and no longer be a Hybrid meeting vote this evening, Did not pass. Reps to get a group conscience from their home group and will vote next month.

Announcements: None

At 8:03 Gary made a motion to close, Ken 2nd Closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Linda Carroll EVI Secretary 312-730-3030 LLCarroll.AZ@gmail.com

Alcohol Knows No Borders | By Jose D.

I first came to the U.S. when I was 16 years old. My sisters were here for a few years already. When I got here they had a place and a job for me. My older sister said to me, “Look José, you are responsible for your acts and no one else. If you want to eat, you will have to cook yourself. If you want to wear clean clothes, you will have to wash them. And of course rent and food, you will have to pay that before anything else. After that, you are a free man.”

I had not seen my sister for a long time, so I was surprised she talked to me that way, but I liked it. I love the idea of being free, the idea of not having to tell anybody what I’m doing. I drank alcohol in Mexico, and things were completely different. Now I was going to be responsible—at least for the next few years. No hangovers, no absences from work, no troubles with the law.

At 18, I got married. That didn’t last long. We separated after a year, and my drinking got worse. I’m not sure what happened to the next 10 years of my life. All I can remember was it led me to hell. I did not notice I was completely locked inside a very dark place, not able to see anything or anybody, with ups and downs that took me from euphoria to trying to kill myself. Sometimes I would be king of the world and sometimes the worst person on earth.

The last year before AA, my whole world collapsed and I gave up everything else. I abandoned myself to alcohol for one whole year. Before anything got any worse, I hit bottom. When I got to the recovery house, I knew I was completely defeated by alcohol.

When I was introduced to AA, I was scared, but very curious. I knew it was my last chance, and I took it. I moved to San José, Calif., to a rehab center. My plan was to stay three months, but for some reason I’m still here and I love it. I’m clean, sober and happy. I have principles in my life today and the words homegroup, service, sponsor, sponsee, general service, agenda, topics and delegate. I can go on and on, but the basic idea is still the same: Keep it simple, one day at a time.