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Understanding Step One

I wish I could say that everyone that enters the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous has an equal shot at getting sober and staying that way for the rest of their lives but, depending on the different reasons why each individual decides to give A.A. a chance, coupled with the degree of desperation that caused that person to delve into what the program has to offer, we get a variety of different results. When I arrived at my first A.A. meeting I was desperately looking for, what I thought was a solution to an impossible situation. I was defeated and absolutely demoralized. Within minutes of being exposed to the sober members of that group I was convinced that I had found the solution to my hopeless condition and the desire to drink was removed from me on the spot and has never returned. That was on Oct. 15, 1969. I wish every new member could have that type of experience, but we know that many of us aren't that receptive in the beginning.

Most of the members of that early group were over forty years old and I was only 28 yrs. old but I was the exception at that time. Meetings were much smaller since there was no rehab facilities intervening in the alcoholic's drinking escapades so they didn't start hitting their bottom till their forties or fifties and I sometimes

think it had something to do with midlife crisis, or was that just a coincidence. What I do see that is different from my experience, for the most part, is the blurred line when comes to the first requirement for A.A. membership: "a desire to stop drinking". If some Judge or employer told me that I had to stop drinking, considering the relief I got from the bottle, I doubt that I would have been nearly as receptive to getting sober, and if I had, I'm sure I would have relapses as much as any of those who, unfortunately, struggle with staying sober. It appears that many of the A.A. members of today see a high percentage of relapses and they attribute that as an abysmal success ratio in A.A. but they assume that just because they were sent to A.A. from a rehab facility that they should be lumped in with those, like me, who had a desire to stop drinking and came in looking for answers. These relapses are the natural result when the desire to drink is stronger than the desire to stay sober.

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In the Foreword to the second edition of the Big Book it says: Of alcoholics who came to A.A. and really tried, 50% got sober at once and remained that way: 25% sobered up after some relapses. I often ask a newcomer what caused them to give A.A. a visit and most of them say that the main reasons were DUI's, Work related requirements, and spouses ultimatums. Occasionally someone says, I just ran out of ideas and I need help. The latter is usually the one in ten that stays sober without relapse. I also believe that if you counted only the ones that came in searching for answers, the same ratio as in the foreword to the Big Book would still apply. Seventy five percent is not bad. The good news is that many of the members that are here as the result of intervention or other motivations often become what they refer to as the "educational variety" often get sober years before they would have had they not been intervened upon. We treat these brothers and sisters with empathy, compassion and understanding. The awareness in the community has taken away much of the stigma (not all) of being cursed with the disease of alcoholism and where we had meetings totaling ten or twelve members we now have twenty to forty members attending. Sometimes the fruit is picked before it's ripe, but we never discard it.

Rick R.



STEP ONE:

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

CONCEPT ONE:

The final responsibility and ultimate authority of A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.



TRADITION ONE CHECKLIST

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.”

- 1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other member's inventories?
- 2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
- 3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
- 4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
- 5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
- 6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
- 7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
- 8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
- 9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
- 10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

SRI CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

Hello Everyone!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the individuals and groups who helped us with our Alcothon and our New Year’s Eve event! We absolutely could not do these events without you!!!

I was fortunate to have attended the 31st Annual Intergroup Central Office AAWS/AAGV Seminar in Kansas City the first week in November. At this Seminar I was able to meet many other Office Managers throughout the United States and Canada. We were able to attend numerous workshops and share our experience, strength and hope with each other. Arizona was well represented, all four Intergroups were able to attend! Please see my full report in this newsletter and thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are looking for phone volunteers! One year of continuous sobriety is required for this commitment. It is a weekly commitment answering the phones here in the office. The days and times needed are Wednesdays 3:00-6:00pm and Fridays 3:00-6:00pm. If interested, please let me know. (602)264.1374 or email me at info@sriphoenix.org. The life you save just might be your own.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The SRI Unity Committee is looking for volunteers! This Committee is dedicated to informing groups about the Salt River Intergroup. What we do here, why we are here and what services we provide to the groups. The Unity Committees mission is to contact the groups to let them know that SRI is here to assist in any way possible. It is a great way to get out and visit different meetings and meet new people in our Fellowship!!! If interested in being a part of this Committee, please contact the Central Office at (602)264.1374.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day, but as always our 24 hour

hotline will be up and running thanks to our many dedicated volunteers!

Please remind your groups to buy their literature and chips from the SRI Central Office to help support your local Intergroup!!!

We here at Salt River Intergroup are looking forward to a happy, joyous and free 2017!!

In the Spirit of Tradition Eight,

Chandra Hollen
Office Manager



Sandy’s Corner:

NOVEMBER PHONE STATS

Help Line Calls
(during regular office hours)

837

Help Line Calls TAS
(After Hours)

427

NOVEMBER WEB STATS

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Sessions | 19,508 |
| Mobile | 68.7% |
| Tablet | 6.6% |
| Desktop | 24.6% |

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Search | 66.0% |
| Direct | 24.7% |
| Referral | 9.3% |

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Return Visitor | 64.1% |
| New Visitor | 35.9% |



This Precious Gift

Rick R.

They say four billion years ago life showed its face on earth.

And as it happened,
man became,
the product of that birth

Then grapes appeared upon the vine,
eight thousand years just past.

Their juice, when crushed,
seemed harmless,
when enjoyed with repast.

But like most things that seem so fine,
and too good to be true,

A darker side revealed the lure that many came to rue.

When smitten by this patient foe the bearers have no shield,

And when the choice is yea or nay,
the stricken always yield.

So shameful was this malady,
a moral thing they said.

Their families kept their secret safe,
long after they were dead.

Centuries have come and gone,
since first it got its grip,

And one in ten would pay the price,
when venturing one sip.

Then God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice,
And Bill and Bob were listening, and heard his loving voice.

How fortunate we are today,
to be among the first,
to have been chosen,
at this time,
to quell that deadly thirst.

The wisdom of eight thousand years is laid there at our feet.

How blessed to have it waiting,
when I stumbled in defeat.

When pondering the suffering crossed,
that vast expanse of time,

I would not waste one moment of,
His precious gift sublime.



EVENTS

- **THE BIG BOOK WORKSHOP:** Four consecutive Sundays at 1pm. Located at the Solution 4210 N. Longview, Phoenix, AZ. Take the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous as done in the 1940's.
- **27th ANNUAL RIVER ROUNDUP:** January 19th-22nd located at the Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. Registration is \$25.00. For more information please visit www.rcco-aa.org.
- **4th ANNUAL PASS IT ON ROUND-UP "There is a Solution":** Feb.17th-19th located at the Arizona Western College (AWC)... 2020 S. Avenue 8E, Schoening Conference Center, Yuma, AZ, 85365. For more information visit www.yumaroundup.org.
- **ALOHA ROUND-UP "Conscious Contact":** Feb.24th-26th in Honolulu, HI. LGBT Members w/ Alanon Participation. Located at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park. For more information, visit www.aloharoundup.com.

NEW/CHANGED MEETINGS

Sunday God Stick

Sun 7:00pm O D BG %
Step One Recovery House
9636 N 11th Ave, Phoenix 85021

FAQS-Freethinking Agnostic Queers

Thu 6:00pm O D GL
Lambda Phoenix Center
2622 N 16th St, Phoenix 85006



SRI GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

The Seventh Tradition states: *“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.” While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose - to help the alcoholic who still suffers. The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.*

| GRP | Group Name | NOV | YTD '16 |
|------|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 5221 | 11 At 7 | | 238.00 |
| 5134 | 11th Step Meditation Mtg. | | 534.75 |
| 5243 | 11th Step Meeting | | 273.00 |
| 1900 | 12 And 12 (Carefree) | | 72.20 |
| 5024 | 12&12 Study | | 167.00 |
| 1030 | 1-6-4 Group | | 221.50 |
| 1265 | 1st Things First | 75.00 | 175.00 |
| 1028 | 4848 Group | | 158.37 |
| 1035 | 5:30 Happy Hour (P.O.P.) | | 1,470.51 |
| 5215 | 6 O'clock Happy Hour | 160.00 | 351.81 |
| 1087 | 6 P.M. Happy Hour (Lambda) | | 480.78 |
| 1211 | 6:00 Rush Hour (Cross Roads) | | 811.00 |
| 1071 | 6:00 Time Out | 200.00 | 770.00 |
| 5195 | A New Women's Meeting | | 200.00 |
| 1700 | A.A. Safe Place | | 360.57 |
| 1077 | A.A. Women's Wed. Afternoon | | 137.00 |
| 5204 | Afternoon Delight | | 165.00 |
| 1213 | Anthem Sunset | | 74.00 |
| 2805 | Backyard Group | 20.00 | 80.00 |
| 5097 | Before Breakfast Club | | 527.00 |
| 1083 | Bellano | | 72.00 |
| 5031 | Bethany II | | 100.00 |
| 6168 | Beyond The First Miracle | 25.94 | 116.98 |
| 6060 | Big Book Experience | | 179.00 |
| 5110 | Breakfast Club | | 184.51 |
| 6106 | Brunch Bunch | 27.36 | 363.87 |
| 2757 | Byobb | | 50.00 |
| 1059 | Cactus Study Group | | 1,265.00 |

| GRP | Group Name | NOV | YTD '16 |
|------|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1058 | Camelback Men's Lunch | | 500.00 |
| 5055 | Carefree Happy Hour Group | | 267.61 |
| 6137 | Carefree Rattlers | | 400.00 |
| 1191 | Carefree Way Of Life | | 393.19 |
| 1080 | Carefree Wildlife | | 115.38 |
| 1089 | Casual Nooners | 88.05 | 507.10 |
| 6042 | Creighton Tuesday Stag | | 1,233.40 |
| 5273 | Design For Living | | 413.76 |
| 1073 | Dime Droppers | | 40.00 |
| 6215 | Divine Divas | | 100.00 |
| 1156 | Faith, Hope, And Love | | 240.00 |
| 6129 | Feelings & Solutions | | 400.00 |
| 1024 | Fireside | | 100.00 |
| 2706 | Freedom Hour | | 413.00 |
| 2731 | Friday Morning Big Book Study | 358.16 | 540.92 |
| 1093 | Friday Nite Speaker | 95.00 | 459.09 |
| 6054 | Friends Of Bill W. | 86.68 | 166.68 |
| 5257 | Friends Of Eby | | 353.00 |
| 5265 | From Sots To Saints | | 64.00 |
| 1097 | Functional Group | | 831.00 |
| 1610 | Get Your Spirits Here | | 71.20 |
| 1098 | Go For It Group I | | 1,315.00 |
| 1075 | Go For It Group II | 67.14 | 729.05 |
| 5239 | Gods Grace | | 125.00 |
| 2111 | Granite Reefers | | 200.00 |
| 1060 | Happy Hour Group Sahuaro | | 861.34 |
| 6221 | Happy Valley East | | 411.19 |
| 5171 | Hogan's Heroes | | 858.17 |
| 5310 | How Bad Do You Want It | 125.00 | 1,130.00 |
| 5290 | How It Works Big Book Step Study | | 400.00 |
| 5104 | In-Betweeners | | 789.01 |
| 6627 | Into Action | | 1,766.89 |
| 5238 | Just Booze | | 50.00 |
| 1340 | K.I.S.S. | | 22.50 |
| 5120 | Keys To Sobriety | | 70.00 |
| 6061 | Knuckleheads (7850 / BB) | | 680.56 |
| 6622 | Ladder Of Success | | 50.00 |
| 6142 | Ladies' Tea Party | | 108.00 |
| 1023 | Ladybugs | | 654.00 |
| 5122 | Language Of The Heart | 31.20 | 155.80 |
| 5112 | Left Fork Group | | 30.00 |
| 1514 | Let's Talk About It | 450.93 | 4,432.41 |
| 5297 | Living In The Solution | | 368.00 |

| GRP | Group Name | NOV | YTD '16 |
|------|------------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 5139 | Living Sober | | 1,000.00 |
| 5178 | Lone Mountain BB Study | | 453.00 |
| 5188 | Lost And Found In The Grapevine | | 158.96 |
| 3114 | Lunch Bunch (Crossroads) | 135.00 | 1,450.00 |
| 5275 | Mad Men | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| 1041 | Male Chauvinists | 164.50 | 500.87 |
| 1092 | Mens 4pm Monday Meeting | | 303.49 |
| 5111 | Men's Attitude Adjustment | | 2,520.00 |
| 1056 | Men's Carefree Sobriety | | 1,127.38 |
| 1204 | Mid City Group | | 50.00 |
| 5305 | Mohave Group | 26.41 | 284.09 |
| 1185 | Mon, Wed, Fri Group | | 65.00 |
| 1008 | Monday Morning Ladies Step Meeting | | 138.00 |
| 5006 | Monday Morning Miracles | | 323.00 |
| 2003 | Monday Night B.B. Step Study | | 423.95 |
| 1115 | Moonshiners Group | | 110.00 |
| 6064 | Morning Miracles | | 378.30 |
| 5285 | Mountain Toppers | | 63.00 |
| 1062 | Never Had It So Good | | 135.00 |
| 1414 | New Beginnings | | 848.92 |
| 1180 | New Centurions #921 | | 200.00 |
| 5286 | New Vision Group | | 225.37 |
| 1037 | No Sniveling | 738.01 | 7,031.05 |
| 5209 | Nooners Group | | 900.00 |
| 1006 | North Phoenix Men's Stag | | 1,000.00 |
| 6214 | On Awakening | | 900.00 |
| 1091 | One Day At A Time | | 100.00 |
| 0007 | Other 7th Tradition | | 338.93 |
| 1173 | Papago Step / Traditions Grp | | 300.00 |
| 1512 | Pass It On | 57.88 | 254.13 |
| 1159 | Pathfinders | | 94.00 |
| 6037 | Pathway To Serenity | | 100.00 |
| 2820 | Pinnacle Peak Gang | | 572.27 |
| 2402 | Post Time | | 425.00 |
| 2824 | Puttin' Sober | | 684.65 |
| 4066 | Quit-In-Time | | 540.00 |
| 5200 | Rain Or Shine | | 500.00 |
| 1516 | Rio Verde Aa Group | | 155.00 |
| 1103 | Saturday Morning Brotherhood | | 290.00 |
| 1606 | Saturday Night 12&12 | | 100.00 |
| 1113 | Saturday Nite Variety | | 202.00 |
| 1184 | Scottsdale East Discussion | | 150.00 |
| 2408 | Scottsdale Stop Off | | 101.52 |

| GRP | Group Name | NOV | YTD '16 |
|------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|
| 5206 | Seeking Serenity | | 85.00 |
| 6031 | Sisters In Sobriety | | 547.10 |
| 6133 | Snakepit | | 350.00 |
| 5106 | Sober Sisters | | 100.00 |
| 5282 | Sobriety First | | 43.00 |
| 5174 | Solution Sunday Speaker | | 147.00 |
| 1065 | Southside Group | | 50.00 |
| 2760 | Spirit Of God | | 300.00 |
| 1021 | Step Sisters | | 650.00 |
| 2819 | Stories At Sundown | 221.50 | 365.77 |
| 1017 | Straight Talk | | 25.00 |
| 5013 | Sunday Evening Serenity | | 128.75 |
| 1129 | Sunnyslope Group | | 100.00 |
| 2823 | Sunrise Serenity | | 401.08 |
| 1105 | Takes Faith | | 90.00 |
| 6007 | The Gay Mens Stag | | 450.00 |
| 6138 | The New Thursday Nite Meeting | 15.00 | 70.00 |
| 6131 | The Roundtable | | 80.00 |
| 6006 | Thompson Peak Gang | | 465.85 |
| 1183 | Twelve Steps In Action | 100.00 | 300.00 |
| 5280 | Valley Alano Club | | 2,000.00 |
| 1152 | Way Out Of The Bottle | | 800.00 |
| 5294 | We Agnostics And Freethinkers | | 45.00 |
| 1251 | We Chose Life | | 401.22 |
| 1044 | We Study Big Book | | 122.50 |
| 6628 | Wed. Night Men's Bb Study | | 80.00 |
| 1029 | Westside Rush Hour | | 700.00 |
| 2105 | Winners Group | | 480.00 |
| 2803 | Woman By The Book | | 578.27 |
| 5056 | Women's Reflection Group | | 150.00 |



**Report from the Office Manager of Salt River
Intergroup on the 31st Annual Intergroup/Central
Office/ AAWS/ AAGV Seminar in Kansas City
November 3rd – 6th**

“Unity through Love and Service”

SCOPE

The purpose of the Seminar is to foster greater unity among A.A. members, groups, areas, regions, and service boards through the exchange of ideas and experiences and to provide an opportunity for Representatives attending the Seminar to discuss the relevant A.A. and office operations issues. It is intended that the activities of the Seminar and its committees will foster AA's Three Legacies: Unity, Service, and Recovery. The Seminar shall never be a policy-making, decision-making, or oversight body, except as to the location of the Seminar and procedures for the Seminar itself; rather the Seminar is a forum for workshops, topic discussions, exchanging ideas and sharing experience.

REPORT

I was fortunate and am grateful that I was able to attend this Seminar. I am one year into the position as the Office Manager here at SRI and found this Seminar to be extremely beneficial. We were all kept busy every day with workshops. I will go through each workshop that I was able to attend.

Friday, November 4th, 2016

I chose to attend the Workshops: Increasing Group Contributions, Prudent Reserves & Other Monies, Addicts in AA, Literature Sales: Conference or Non-Conference

Increasing Group Contributions:

One main discussion point amongst many of the Intergroups is that many people do not carry cash any longer. One suggestion was to address a way for members to contribute electronically at meetings. That we need to evolve with a cashless society. Another suggestion was to set up something on our websites where members can automatically have a certain amount come out of their account every month to donate to AA.

A large consensus to increasing group contributions was to send out an annual report out to the groups with a breakdown of what exactly their money goes to when it comes here to Central Office ---- stats for calls for the year, new groups, literature costs, rent, etc. One

Intergroup in Seattle concentrates on individual members, rather than groups.

Prudent Reserves & Other Monies

The prudent reserve is for the Central Office to fall back on in the event of an unexpected and substantial reduction in the normal revenues of the organization. Essentially it is a savings account. Many of the Intergroups in attendance had different requirements for the amount, etc. Per the Salt River Intergroup Bylaws, “The prudent reserve of the Intergroup shall not exceed four (4) months operation expenses...” We currently have 3 months of operating expenses in our prudent reserve.

Addicts in AA

A large portion of the discussion within this workshop centered on the judges, courts, etc. sending individuals to AA and not properly informing them of what we do. I know that we here at SRI get flooded with many phone calls from individuals assigned to AA through the courts. As a result of this, many individuals who come to us are addicts, but have been given the Alcoholics Anonymous phone number through the court. Therein lies the discussion of our singleness of purpose. It was suggested to make sure that the volunteers answering the phones are properly trained to handle these types of phone calls and to ask some very important questions to determine whether or not the caller is calling the correct “A” program. For example, asking, “Do you have a desire to stop drinking?” “Do you believe you have a problem with alcohol?” If it is determined that the caller is an addict, we refer them to NA, or if it is determined that the caller does not believe they have a drinking problem, but must attend an AA meeting, we refer them to an open meeting.

Literature Sales: Conference or Non-Conference

I would say that the majority of the Intergroups that were there carry everything, Conference and Non-Conference. There were very few who just sold AAWS Literature exclusively.

The other discussion around this topic was if Intergroups mark up the cost of AAWS literature. Some Intergroups do and some do not, and some had marked up the literature, but then chose at a later date to sell at cost. The ones that had marked up the literature and then chose to sell at cost all had very similar experiences. Most, if not all, had let the Intergroup know that they would be lowering the cost of AAWS literature and that it would affect some of the revenue

that the Office has. In turn they essentially let the groups know that they would keep the prices down if they would be able to help with increasing group contributions.

A.A. World Services Workshop

Joe D. is the chair of the AAWS Board, Greg T. is the General Manager (GSO Staff), Racy J. is the Group Services Coordinator (GSO Staff).

AAWS Committee System: Publishing Committee, Technology and Communication Committee, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee.

GSO is broken down by departments:

Mailroom/Shipping Department, Publishing, Inventory & Order Entry Department, G.S.O Major Events Department, A.A. Website Department, Record & Support Services Department, Archives Department, Contributions Department, IT Department, HR Department (I may be missing a few)

Some of the items talked about:

- The “Blue People” graphic on the AA.org website is now officially registered & copyrighted/trademarked and can only be used by A.A.W.S, GSO.
- It took 9yrs. to interpret, print and publish the Big Book in Twee which is a language used in Ghana, a West African Country. The books got shipped out there with no cover and are no being hand bound in Ghana by the people.
- Where does peace happen? In AA. There are Muslims in Jerusalem who are being hand delivered Big Books in Arabic to their front doors by Christians & Jews.
- There are three distribution centers for AAWS: Kansas City, Montreal and New York. Montreal handles all of the International and Canadian orders.
- They will be overhauling and doing an overhaul on the website and catalog to make it more user friendly.
- They will be providing better packaging so that our books will no longer come damaged at times.
- They will also be improving the binding on the Big Books so that they will last longer and not come apart so easily.

Saturday, November 5th, 2016

Concepts & Central Office/Intergroup

A large consensus was that the Concepts were missing within a lot of the Intergroups/Central Offices. Many people know about the 12 Steps and the 12 Traditions, however, not many know about the 12 Concepts. The 12 Concepts are what keeps us healthy. When those Intergroups made a decision to put the Concepts first, the Intergroup became healthier. Many Intergroups put a Concepts checklist in their monthly newsletter, others do a yearly inventory. One Intergroup suggested replacing Conference with Office when reading the Concepts to help apply them to the Intergroup.

Dealing with Boards, Steering Committees, Trustees, etc.

The main discussion that ensued in this workshop is to remember that all we can do as Office Managers is do the best we can to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. To remember during difficult times that “This too shall pass.” To document any incidents that may occur. To breathe and remember the spirit of rotation. Some Intergroups are doing well with their Boards or Steering Committees, and some are struggling. It seems that *ALL* Intergroups have been through a rough patch at one time or another with their Boards or Steering Committees.

Voting was done to determine the location for the next two years. The location for 2017 is going to be in Northern Virginia; October 6th-8th. The location chosen for 2018 will be Montreal, Canada; Sept.22nd-24th.

AA Grape Vine Workshop

John is the Senior Editor. There are 9 employees plus two part time employees. They receive 150-300 stories per month. Their next book coming out will be called “Making Amends”

To sum it up, I had a wonderful time and learned so much. I was on knowledge overload! I was able to get to know some wonderful people and hear their words of wisdom. Most of all, I learned that I am not alone in this journey as Office Manager over here at Salt River Intergroup! The most inspiring human that I met that weekend was Helen. She is 85yrs old and has been the Manager at the Atlanta, Georgia Central Office for 43 years! I had a chance to sit down and talk with her I heard many great ideas and will be putting together some suggestions for our next Steering Committee Meeting!

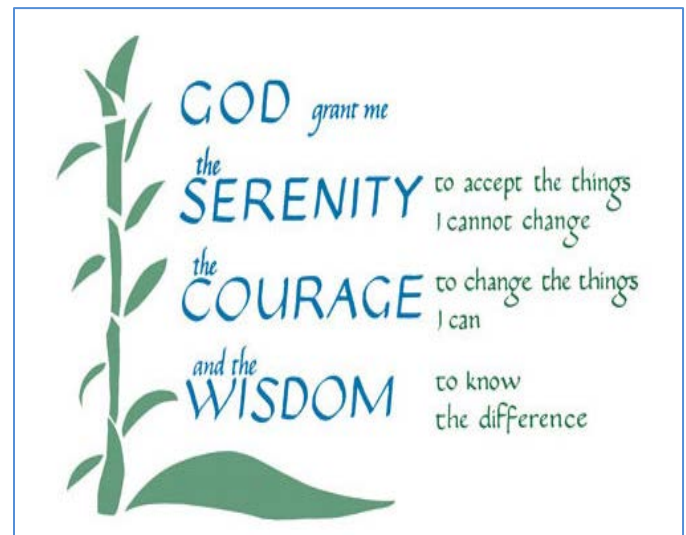


OLD TIMERS' ANNIVERSARIES

| Name | Sober Date | Years |
|------------------|------------|-------|
| Richard B. | 1/1/1967 | 49 |
| John V. | 1/9/1968 | 48 |
| Jerry K. | 1/14/1968 | 48 |
| John C. | 1/3/1969 | 47 |
| MaryLou S. | 1/25/1969 | 47 |
| Jim C. | 1/22/1971 | 45 |
| Tom D. | 1/7/1972 | 44 |
| Pete M. | 1/18/1972 | 44 |
| Jim M. | 1/29/1972 | 44 |
| Jake (Robert) W. | 1/4/1973 | 43 |
| Ann M. | 1/5/1975 | 41 |
| Margaret C. | 1/15/1975 | 41 |
| Larry T. | 1/23/1975 | 41 |
| Michael M. | 1/11/1976 | 40 |
| Carole D. | 1/22/1976 | 40 |
| Wells W. | 1/28/1976 | 40 |
| Ed S. | 1/10/1978 | 38 |
| Janis H. | 1/16/1978 | 38 |
| Joe A. | 1/21/1979 | 37 |
| Linda B. | 1/2/1980 | 36 |
| John M. | 1/19/1980 | 36 |
| Lois B. | 1/20/1980 | 36 |
| Penny F. | 1/23/1980 | 36 |
| Helen T. | 1/2/1981 | 35 |
| Sande S. | 1/5/1981 | 35 |
| Verne P. | 1/26/1981 | 35 |
| Morrie P. | 1/27/1981 | 35 |
| Stan T. | 1/3/1982 | 34 |
| Paul J. | 1/1/1983 | 33 |
| Frank C. | 1/4/1983 | 33 |

| Name | Sober Date | Years |
|------------|------------|-------|
| Karen O. | 1/15/1983 | 33 |
| Shannon O. | 1/8/1984 | 32 |
| Susan C. | 1/1/1985 | 31 |
| Bryan P. | 1/5/1985 | 31 |
| Eileen D. | 1/6/1985 | 31 |
| Rayl E. | 1/18/1985 | 31 |
| Frank S. | 1/1/1986 | 30 |
| Larry S. | 1/3/1986 | 30 |
| Jeff S. | 1/11/1986 | 30 |
| Bob H. | 1/16/1986 | 30 |
| Paul M. | 1/1/1987 | 29 |
| Shawne H. | 1/25/1988 | 28 |
| Lisa W. | 1/2/1990 | 26 |
| Barbara W. | 1/28/1990 | 26 |

Congratulations!





Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2016

| | Nov 30, 16 |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| General Fund | 29,914.51 |
| Prudent Reserve Fund | 29,834.78 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 59,749.29 |
| Other Current Assets | 27,205.68 |
| Total Current Assets | 86,954.97 |
| Fixed Assets | 14,343.48 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 101,298.45 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Equity | |
| Funds Balance | 97,701.02 |
| Net Income | 3,597.43 |
| Total Equity | 101,298.45 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 101,298.45 |



Profit & Loss

November 2016

| | Nov 16 |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Group Contributions | 3,508.76 |
| Individual Contributions | 61.73 |
| Store Income | 6,077.25 |
| Non Store Income | 235.06 |
| Total Income | 9,882.80 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | |
| Store Cost of Goods Sold | 3,807.60 |
| Total COGS | 3,807.60 |
| Gross Profit | 6,075.20 |
| Expense | |
| Ordinary Expenses | 4,806.97 |
| Employee Expenses | 6,477.34 |
| Total Expense | 11,284.31 |
| Net Ordinary Income | -5,209.11 |
| Other Income/Expense | |
| Other Income | |
| Alcothon Income | 724.00 |
| Total Other Income | 724.00 |
| Other Expense | |
| Alcothon Expense | 7,929.59 |
| General Event Expense | 281.58 |
| New Years Eve Expense | 1,740.54 |
| Total Other Expense | 9,951.71 |
| Net Other Income | -9,227.71 |
| Net Income | -14,436.82 |

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Thank you!

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

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

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January

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1  | 2 CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED! | 3 Steering Committee Mtg 6:30pm @ Central Office | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 9 | 10 Intergroup Business Mtg 7pm @ Central Office | 11 Valleywide H&I 7pm Community Bridges | 12 GSR Sub-Dist Mtg. 6:30pm @St. Helens Church | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Dist 08 DCM Mtg @7pm Gloria Dei Lutheran Church | 18 | 19 River Round-Up in Laughlin, NV | 20 River Round-Up in Laughlin, NV | 21 River Round-Up in Laughlin, NV |
| 22 River Round-Up in Laughlin, NV | 23 | 24 PI/CPC Mtg 7:00pm @ Fellowship Hall | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 SNAC Committee Mtg 10am @ Fellowship Hall |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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