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Service Kept This Alcoholic Sober

As I approach my ten-year anniversary in this wonderful program of Alcoholics Anonymous, I look back in awe and wonder how it is that an Alcoholic like me is about to celebrate a decade of sobriety.

Well, I owe it all to service work.

Many folks new to the program feel lost, alone and unsure of what to do to get and stay sober.

When I first got sober it was not an idea of my own, my doctor had admitted me into the hospital for two weeks of antibiotics to kill a bacterial infection that was already in my cerebral fluid and about ready to take me out.

I, with my partner by my side....no, not sitting in a chair next to my hospital bed, he had his own hospital bed; we shared everything, including the bacterial infection. It was during our 14-day stay at the county hospital we decided that we'd had enough of the life we had been living.

See, we were both alcoholic and addicted to using alcohol and/or any other substance to attempt to alter our feelings. Nonetheless, when it, whatever it was wore off and we came to, we were still the in the same place, with the same problems and then the viscous cycle would start all over again.

So, upon release from the hospital we decided to check into a nice hotel so we could plan and get our thoughts about how we were going to break the habits we were so accustomed to. We had, through the help of the hospital, regained a normal eating and sleeping schedule. Now, we just had to figure out how to not get sucked back into the party scene that was always at our apartment. We changed our phone numbers and rented a new place and said goodbye to the old way of life.... we hoped for good!

We contacted a friend and member in the program and learned of the Lambda Phoenix center, the local gay Alano club. They had four to five meetings a day, seven days a week.

We went and walked into our first meeting, it happened to be an Al-Anon meeting but hey, we were both dealing with an Alcoholic partner.

We learned of a meeting that would be later that evening at 10PM, the H.O.W. Group.

We attended and I felt those feeling mentioned earlier, but I had my partner there so I knew at least one person. After a few meetings, we started getting introduced to members and we introduced ourselves to several people, if we hadn't met them, and before we knew it we were asked to read readings, make coffee or pass out chips. We had no idea, but we were doing service work.

It was suggested to do 90 meetings in 90 days, so we did. Then, another 90 in 90 and bam, we had six months of sobriety! Wow, how did that happen?

We both got sponsors and started working the steps. My first sponsor Richard T. also known as Safeway Richard, told me that sobriety is like a merry-go-round, if you stay in the middle you're safe, get near the edge and you might fall off.

At 6 months sober I started chairing meetings. I did this though my 1st year anniversary, and well into my second year.

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I then learned of the Salt River Intergroup, when our home group needed an SRI Representative, my sponsor happily volunteered me for it.

This is when I started to understand the merry-go-round metaphor.

I had previously had my "own business" and my sponsor insisted I get a "real job," you know, be responsible to someone other than myself. I applied and was hired at a local Hardware store; I enjoy handyman work so it was a fun job. Coincidentally, I'll be celebrating 10 years at that store a few months after I celebrate my 10 year anniversary later this month.

Now that I had a "real job" and had to get up early, the late meeting was a little too late for me. I decided to start attending the earlier 6PM Happy Hour Group in the same building. By this time I'd just celebrated my 2 year anniversary and the group needed a treasurer, which had a two year sobriety requirement. This was God doing for me what I could not do for myself.

There are so many types of service work and sometimes you're performing service work and don't even know it. Without those willing to do service, the program of Alcoholics Anonymous would not exist.

There are General Service Positions, International Conventions, Assemblies, State Conventions, Area meetings, Intergroup Offices, Telephone Answering Service (TAS), Steering Committees, Hospitals and Institutions (H&I), Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (PICPC), Event Committees, Board of Directors, Round-ups, and over 1,000 meetings in the valley. These all need and require folks willing to get off the couch and help carry the message to someone who's still suffering from this awful disease.

Some service work is work, other service work is fun, and working with others is a must! There is no service work that will not better you in some way or bring you closer to the program.

Through my years of Service, I have met hundreds of new friends and family that support me when I need it most and let me support them when they need it most. That's how this program was designed and has worked for the last eighty plus years. It still continues to work and be the life raft that so many people desperately need.

For those who love to criticize how some things are done or complain about the way committees do things, the best way to make change is to be that change.

Stand up, raise your hand, and your voice and be a part of something bigger.

Volunteer; get on that Board, Committee or Event Group. You'll be surprised how much it will help keep you in the middle of your merry-go-round.

Thank you AA, for all you have given me and I promise, I'll continue to be involved and provide service in any way that presents itself to me.

When I am Responsible, I also become Free!

Jeremy M

Happy, Joyous, & Free!

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

✓ Checklist

- ⊗ Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
- ⊗ Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
- ⊗ What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
- ⊗ Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
- ⊗ What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
- ⊗ Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
- ⊗ How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

FROM YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE

This is my take on Tradition Ten. I am not authority on this subject, this is solely my opinion. I would encourage everyone to read the book *12 Steps and 12 Traditions* for further amplification.

Tradition Ten tells me how we can keep our good reputation intact, to remain neutral in a world of opposites and remain a place for safe recovery from alcoholism. How do we manage this? We keep our opinions to ourselves. As individuals, we naturally voice ourselves on all the subjects we please but we do not speak for A.A.

The history of the demise of The Washingtonians sets a perfect example of “Cobbler stick to your last” and Tradition Ten. The Washingtonians were about recovery from alcoholism initially and had great success, many tens of thousands were staying sober. The group got involved in a number of issues other than recovery from alcoholism and quickly fell apart cause by infighting. A great movement was killed by trying to be all things to all people.

Jim B.

Concept Ten

This is the tenth in a series of 12 short articles designed to provide our members with a practical understanding of both the intentions and the substance of our founders’ thinking with regard to the relationship of each individual A.A. member with the organization as a whole. These 12 ideas are the principles which guide the organization and management of A.A. affairs and the “chain of trust” that makes each of us responsible in our own ways for the continuity of our Fellowship. Concept IX states:

“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.”

No service structure can function effectively and harmoniously unless each operating responsibility carries with it the corresponding authority needed to discharge it effectively. This means, of course, that every responsibility in the A.A. chain of service must be delegated – and that each level of authority must be clearly defined so that every A.A. member can understand it.

Concept I tells us that “final responsibility and ultimate authority “reside with the A.A. groups – you and your fellow A. A. members. How does this work?

Concept II tells us that, ultimately, our groups’ inputs are delegated through the chain of service – from your GSRs

to the District Committee, then to the Area Committee, and finally, via the Area’s elected delegate, to the annual General Service Conference – as described in **Concept VI** – which passes that authority to the General Service Board. As decisions are ratified by the General Service Conference, the Board delegates specific responsibilities to the two corporations that implement those decisions – the General Services Office (A.A. World Services, Inc.) and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., whose executives give their respective staffs the authority to carry forward the wishes of A.A. as a whole.

As Bill saw it, “. . . when delegated authority is operating well it should not be constantly interfered with.” And the General Service Board understands that “as long as things go well, it is highly important that the trustees do not unnecessarily interfere with or usurp the operating authority of these entities.”

Bill concludes his instructions to us with the following: “. . . let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have clearly defined duties and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities.”

Paul McNeese, SRI Steering Committee, Advisor

Concept Ten Checklist

- ⊗ Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?
- ⊗ Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority”?

Letter to My Daughter

My darling girl,

I know you said you were working with your therapist and you wanted the history of my drinking as your memory of it is 'patchy'. I'm not sure - actually a bit confused - about why you want this or what it's for. In my experience, counseling/therapy is always about the person being counselled/heard - their memories, core beliefs about themselves and how they react to the things that trigger defense mechanisms that at one point were useful but now get in the way of healthy relationships. Still, you've asked for it and as a part of my living amends as well as my responsibility as your parent, I believe it's my duty and my privilege to provide it.

I started drinking as a teen - like most people it was a mix of peer pressure, curiosity and a desire to be 'grown up'. From the very 1st time I drank alcoholically. That is to say, that once I started I couldn't stop. The craving is a visceral thing for me and I've always known I had it because it was so strong. I guess I thought everyone had it and was just better than me at managing it. I frequently said, "It's not that I drink all the time, it's that once I start I can't stop". In fact, even at the end, if I knew I'd have to stop after a few for whatever reason, I would prefer not to start at all.

In my 20's my drinking was social - something I did with others. It got me into trouble but I saw that as the normal price one pays when one drinks to excess - as we all do from time to time. I didn't see or was in denial about the frequency of those times and that the price was becoming heavier. My drinking wasn't the problem - it was my lack of control. I was always able to drink massive amounts of liquor without getting sick or suffering too much of a hangover.

When I became pregnant with you, I'd just qualified as a fitness instructor. I was still drinking socially and so because I was pregnant and worked evenings, I didn't drink very much. In retrospect I think the fact that I went months without drinking and controlled it to 2 or 3 if I did, persuaded my alcoholic thinking to the lie, 'it's not that bad'. [TL1]

After you were born I was still working evenings and I was consumed with trying to be a good mum - at least better than I'd had and being a good, if not great, instructor. That's not to say I didn't drink at all but it was still mainly with others. "I say mainly because around the time you were 3, I thought, 'well, I know drinking alone isn't good but I'm a single mum and I don't go out much so if I only did that I'd never drink and that would be crazy". You can see the alcoholic mind at work, can't you?

During the time you were little I drank after you went to bed. I wasn't drinking every day or even most days, it was usually at the weekend and on the weekends you were with Daddy.

When you were 4, I was misdiagnosed HIV +. For a week I believed that my shelf life was fixed. I began drinking more frequently during the week and trying to control that frequency. I still only drank at night.

Around the time you were 8, I read a book by Caroline Knapp called, 'Drinking: A Love Story'. It changed what I thought and for the first time I acknowledged that I was an alcoholic. Still, I wasn't necking vodka from the bottle, I wasn't physically abusive, I didn't drink every day, I went

to work (usually), paid the rent (if not all the bills), was raising a normal, happy kid. Still telling myself the biggest lie I'd told for years by then - 'it's not that bad' - and now - 'I'll quit when it gets too bad'.

After your Dad went to Aus I could add that 'my poor, little girl was devastated', and 'I have to be a 24/7 single parent'. Be clear. I am not blaming you, or Stuart for that matter. I'm simply stating what my thinking/justification was like.

When I met/became involved with Adam I thought it would help. I was so tired of carrying the burden alone and I mean the burden of life. I was so grateful to share the load. I failed to understand how tight the alcoholic grip was on me.

Of course, it didn't last. I told Adam before we were married that I was an alcoholic however, I didn't really understand what that meant. I thought I was still in control. The outward appearances - having a job, husband, child, family, an active social life, being fit - all served to perpetuate the tired old lie - 'it's not that bad' and now others were believing the lie too.

When it was just you and me again and you started secondary school, things took another nosedive. At first it was seemingly normal that I drank in the evening. After all, your friend's parents drank too - this was something you said to me. You came to me one night when you were 12 and I'd started on a bottle of wine and said, "You've got a problem and you need to do something about it". Strangely, this was the first time anyone had ever directly challenged my drinking. Even Adam. Others had alluded to it obliquely and tap danced around it but you were bold and direct. So, thank you. I think that was the beginning of the end. I'm sorry I didn't listen and that it took so long.

Of course, by this time I was not longer waiting till you went to bed - you were older and you were staying up longer and I just couldn't wait. It was a period of desperately trying to control my drinking. I'd drink at the weekends and I'd promise myself it would be just that and then it was 1 night in the week and that would creep up to 2 or 3 during the week.

I couldn't work out how it had got so out of hand. Those nights were awful for us. The tension of you waiting to see if this was one of the nights I would drink and I waiting to see if you would go to bed early enough for me to start, was terrible. You could feel it in the air. If I didn't start to drink by 10 pm we'd both relax but we were so exhausted from the stress we would go to bed. I wonder

now if you didn't stay up to make sure I didn't drink. If it was a night I wasn't drinking, it would be easier but still the tension was there. You couldn't be in the same room with me if I was drinking. You said that I changed from the first drink. I was willing to grant then that maybe I changed after the fifth or sixth but not the first. You've no idea how right you were and how true that is.

Time went on. There were many more consequences as the drink took hold. I became more unreliable both at work and at home. The hangovers were massive now and I know I reeked of alcohol in the mornings from drinking at night. From being a happy drunk, I became self-piteous and morose - blaming all the world for my troubles and blaming myself for being so pathetic. My world became very, very small. I hated what it was doing to me, to my principles, my standards and most of all, to my relationship with you.

And yet, I didn't know what to do. I simply couldn't imagine life without alcohol and I wasn't yet at the point where I could no longer imagine life with it. It simply was. I knew that I used to know how to live like other people (I knew I was simply existing!) but I just couldn't figure out how to get back there.

And that was the crux of my problem. I was trying to work it out, all on my own, in my own head - when my head was the current problem. I had acknowledged in my head that I was an alcoholic and by this time I was beginning to feel it.

In the last year of my drinking, a number of things happened that led me to recovery. I had tried the idea of switching countries again - thank God I didn't and thank you for stopping me! I was mourning yet another romantic relationship. I could always drink quite bit and be fairly sure of when I was beginning to feel shitfaced, but now I couldn't predict if it would be the 12th drink or the 2nd that would knock me on my ass.

This was some time at the beginning of Dec. By this time I'd already felt a real desire to stop drinking but I didn't know how to stop starting again. There were times I'd have a drink in my hand and I'd be crying and saying "I don't want to do this", knowing I was utterly powerless to stop. It was desperate and lonely and pathetic and ugly and sad.

I woke up the next morning and rolled to the floor. I can remember the feeling from the depths of my soul as if it happened today. I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE!

For the first time perhaps, I didn't just think it - I felt it. And that made all the difference. It was Thurs and I

couldn't go to work - again. I wasn't the sickest I'd ever been but I couldn't seem to settle. That night you came into my room with a tray, a plate of dried toast and half a bowl of soup. You said, "I thought you might need this", and walked out.

I didn't drink Fri or Sat and went to my first AA meeting on Sunday. Later on, a few months into recovery, I remembered what you did that first night of my sobriety. I believe your love for me could have taken a bit more hammering. The bond of love between mother and child is a powerful thing and takes a huge thing to kill it. But I absolutely know that if I had drunk again after that night, your compassion would have been done. And that would have been tragic, not for me but more importantly, for you.

We were so close for so long. However, I also believe that the fact that we were so close made the betrayal and the loss of me so much more painful. I was not the mother you could have reasonably expected and deserved to have in your teens - when you needed me to be. I was emotionally absent and unavailable. I will always be sorry for that. I will always be here for you, now, sober, because of that. And I am, now, the mother you could have reasonably expected to have and deserve.

So, there it is. I don't know if it's what you exactly wanted. We don't always get to determine the outcome when we ask for something and sometimes we don't get what we want but what we need.

I'm not going to give you incidents that I remember. As your therapist will tell you and I'm sure you already know, 2 people experiencing the same thing at the same time will have different memories of the event. And some of what you remember, I won't and vice versa. If you remember something specific and want to talk to me or yell at me about it, I'm here. If you need more information, let me know. Whatever I can do for you, I will. You know this is true.

Seeking help is a positive step in healing your heart and learning to let go of the anger and sadness of the various experiences that shape us. Going through it instead of trying to avoid it, is truly the only way to be free and to be content and happy. I'm so proud that you've sought and continue to get help. You've always been a wise soul. You are genuinely my hero today.

Mum xxxxxxx

SRI CENTRAL OFFICE REPORT

Hello Everyone!

The Intergroup voted last month in approval of some minor Bylaw Changes. If you would like to see a copy of our Bylaws you can come by the office anytime and we will give you a copy or we can email a copy to you. We will be reviewing our 2018 budget this month for approval from the Steering Committee and then approval from the Intergroup.

I will be at the Central Office Manager Seminar in Herdon, VA from October 4th- October 8th and will have a report for you after. Looking forward to hearing what is new in the world of Central Offices and AA World Services! Our next event coming up will be our Annual Holiday Alcothon which will be held at the same location American Royal Palace. Save the dates!! Dec.24 & Dec.25!!!

We have a few phone spots open to answer the phones here at Central Office. This is a weekly commitment and has a sobriety requirement of 1 year of continuous sobriety and have worked your 12 steps. We have Tuesdays from 9a-12p or 3p-6p and Wednesdays from 3-6pm. If interested, please let me know! I can be reached at (602)264.1341.

Please remind groups to buy literature & chips from SRI office to help support your local AA Intergroup so that we can keep the hand of A.A. there for all who need it.

We have approximately 1,600 meetings per week here in the Valley. About 700 of those meetings are registered with us, Salt River Intergroup. Approximately About 275 are registered with Agua Fria Intergroup and 500 are registered with East Valley Intergroup.

In the Spirit of Tradition Eight,
Chandra Hollen, Office Manager



PHONE AND WEB STATS

AUGUST PHONE STATS

Total Help Line Calls: 1,047  1.1%

Calls
08/01/2017 12:00 AM - 8/31/2017 11:59 PM



AUGUST WEB STATS

Total Sessions: 22,546

Organic Search	15,261	67.7%
Direct	5,875	26.1%
Referral	1,410	6.3%

October/November Events

- ❖ **H&I Awareness Day Fall Picnic:** Oct.28th located at South Mountain Park, Phx. Held at Group Meeting Site near entrance. 9a-2p. Early Bird Meeting at 8am, lunch, band, raffle and speakers! For more information contact Shawna (972)741.1322, Carol (480)251.0090 or Frank (602)394.2385.
- ❖ **26th National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention "Living our Traditions through Sobriety":** Nov.2nd-5th located at the Buffalo Thunder Resort & Casino; 20 Buffalo Thunder Trail, Santa Fe, NM, 87506. This is an AA Convention and ALL AA members are welcome! Speaker Meetings, Old Timers Meeting, Saturday Night Banquet, Talking Circles, Pow Wow and much more!!! Pre-Registration is \$40 (by Oct.12th) after \$45. For more information, visit www.nai-aa.com
- ❖ **24th Annual Moon light Madness:** Nov.11th 4:30p-7:30p located at Cave Creek Regional Park; 37019 N. Lava Ln., Cave Creek, AZ, 85331. \$6.00 per motorized vehicle. Potluck at 4:30p, Meeting at 6:00p, Raffle at 7:30p. Please bring your own chairs! For more information contact Brian R. (480)205.9397 or Scott M. (602)516.8610.

❖ **2017 Las Vegas Round-Up “Willing to Believe”:**
 Nov.23-26th located at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino; 3000 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas, NV, 89109.
 Speakers & Workshops, Marathon Meetings, Saturday Evening Banquet and much, much more!!!
 For more information please contact info@LVRoundup.org.

Old Timers' Anniversaries

Name	Sober Date	Years
Bernadine M.	10/5/1971	46
Dick Y.	10/3/1973	44
Turid S.	10/21/1973	44
Ann M.	10/3/1974	43
Cheryl M.	10/23/1974	43
Mary U.	10/2/1975	42
Kem O.	10/7/1975	42
Jose M.	10/6/1976	41
Rich C.	10/11/1976	41
Jeff M.	10/12/1976	41
Carol G.	10/14/1976	41
Nancy J.	10/17/1976	41
Vivian R.	10/2/1977	40
Celeste M.	10/2/1978	39
Bill C.	10/5/1978	39
Cornelius O.	10/27/1978	39
Debbie S.	10/21/1979	38
Allen O.	10/28/1979	38
Nu Sue M.	10/19/1981	36
Roger W.	10/31/1981	36
Sarah P.	10/19/1982	35
Jerry V.	10/22/1982	35
Charlie S.	10/23/1982	35
Tom M.	10/3/1983	34
Ella L.	10/7/1983	34
Andy S.	10/9/1983	34
Tom S.	10/20/1983	34
Patricia B.	10/23/1983	34
Greg M.	10/23/1983	34
Dan S.	10/25/1983	34
Theresa S.	10/29/1983	34
Bill N.	10/4/1984	33
Jorene E.	10/10/1984	33
Rita S.	10/11/1984	33
Johanna M.	10/17/1984	33
Penny S.	10/23/1984	33
Michelle B.	10/10/1985	32
Judy S.	10/30/1985	32
Debra G.	10/11/1986	31
Lana G.	10/29/1986	31

Name	Sober Date	Years
Beth B.	10/27/1987	30
Terry T.	10/13/1989	28
Holly W.	10/6/1991	26
Leslie J.	10/21/1991	26
Fred K.	10/31/1994	23

August SRI Business Meeting

Salt River Intergroup Minutes

Central Office
 3215 E. Thunderbird Road
 August 8, 2017

Welcome and Serenity Prayer

Absent: Marie

Tradition 8 – Jim B

Concept 8 – Paul M.

Introductions of Steering Committee and New IG Reps

Paula M – Saguaro Happy Hour – 480 370 7927

Angel – Mohave Group 602 400 2522

Jose M - Into Action 623 810 3859

Joshua - Carry this message 623 206 9905

Cheryl - Pathfinders 602 900 2323

Lee Anne - Sisters in Sobriety 602 809 0135

Becca - 40 oz to freedom 623 237 2767

Remarks/Announcements from the Chair

- Updates to group information – fill in the form and leave with the Office Manager.
- Recommendation of Gretchen for Steering Committee vacancy by Robbin
- Kathleen Divine Divas – co Chair of IWC for Scholarships – 2 hrs of service required to qualify for a scholarship. There are limited spaces at this wonderful gathering. It is a splendid opportunity to meet, share and be of service with and for AA sisters from the nation and the world. Please consider participating in this event.
- Ayden shared about the opening of Studio 164 – Meetings for lots of different fellowships. Please check out the Valleys latest group venue and show your support. Studio164.org
- Aaron – Area 03 Assembly sponsorships are available. Next is Aug 18-20. Mesa.

Previous Month's Mins – Motion to accept – Jeremy. Second by Becca. Unanimous acceptance.

November Elections – Doug. Outlined the positions and the requirements of offices. Outlined the electoral process of nomination, attendance and requirements.

Treasurer Report – Aaron - See page 10-19

Saturday Volunteers – Terry – volunteers for the opportunity to be of service in creating the Valleywide Meeting List were solicited and thanked.

7th Tradition - \$71 collected.

Central Office Report – see page 3

SRI Standing Committee Report

Filing Cabinet – looking for articles for September 2017. Maybe on Tradition or step or Concept 9. \$20 p/a for 5 copies a month.

PI/CPC – Aaron. See attached.

Archives – Doug asked for any extra cds, or mp3 speaker tapes and he will get them sent to the overseas service personnel.

Archives table will be set up at the Round Up.

Unity Committee – Paul. – Nearly finished with reaching out to the meetings on the list.

TAS – After hours service. Mon 6-11 p.m. 1 year sobriety requirement.

Grapevine- No report.

Event Committee Liaisons -

Summer Round Up – Contract with the resort means \$109 room rate will be available for 3 days before and 3 days after. All else is well. Registration \$30 until the day of the event. There are spa deals available. There are still golf places available. Raffle tickets available on the day. There will be an overflow area that will seat up to 700 people.

Alcathon - No report.

New Year's Eve – Still waiting for feedback from Intergroup members

Anniversary – No report.

Standing Service Committee Reports

General Service – Assembly at Mesa Golf Resort.

H & I- Save the date. Day in the park. H and I reps meet at Gloria Dei , Lutheran Church, Stanford Drive.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

Birthdays – Chandra – 7, Aaron – 28, Doug – 9,

Motion to close - Doug, Carlelle seconded, unanimous acceptance.

New/Changed Meetings

Steps In Action

Mon 5:30pm C Bb W
New Covenant Ch.
15152 N Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd , Scottsdale 85260

Came To Believe

Thu 7:00am O D
Northridge Community Church
6363 E Dynamite Blvd , Cave Creek 85331

The Only Requirement

Thu 6:00pm O D
Studio 164
13627 N 32nd St , Phoenix 85032

Second Chance Group

Thu 7:00pm O D Gl
North Mountain Visitor Center
12950 N 7th St , Phoenix 85022

Friday Nights At Sojourn

Fri 7:00pm O D K
Sojourn
2522 N 52nd St , Phoenix 85008

The Big Book Comes Alive

Sat 1:30pm O Bb
Mid-City Group** Behind Strip-Mall
5035 1/2 N 7th Ave , Phoenix 85013

Saturday Night Alive!

Sat 7:00pm O D Yp
First Christian Church
7405 E Mcdonald Dr , Scottsdale 85250

SRI Group Contributions

Grp	Group Name	Aug	YTD
5221	11 At 7		226.75
5134	11th Step Meditation Mtg.		110.00
5243	11th Step Meeting		360.00
1900	12 And 12 (Carefree)		60.00
1030	1-6-4 Group	26.80	149.80
1265	1st Things First		75.00
5277	209 West Group		18.00
1028	4848 Group		459.18
5215	6 O'clock Happy Hour	196.79	196.79
1087	6 P.M. Happy Hour (Lambda)	57.08	189.32
1211	6:00 Rush Hour (Crossroads)		400.00
1071	6:00 Time Out		750.00
5322	7000 North	30.00	110.00
5195	A New Women's Meeting		173.00
1700	A.A. Safe Place		268.88
1077	A.A. Women's Wed. Afternoon		70.00
5204	Afternoon Delight		110.00
5328	Apache Lake Campout		116.20
2805	Backyard Group		119.55

Grp	Group Name	Aug	YTD
1083	Bellano		204.83
5031	Bethany li		75.00
6168	Beyond The First Miracle	34.15	97.85
5110	Breakfast Club		222.79
6106	Brunch Bunch		190.85
1059	Cactus Study Group	585.00	2,025.00
1058	Camelback Men's Lunch		200.00
5055	Carefree Happy Hour Group		238.50
6137	Carefree Rattlers		450.00
1080	Carefree Wildlife		66.52
6145	Carry This Message	17.26	17.26
1089	Casual Nooners	191.30	406.32
5070	Celebrate Life		1,000.00
6042	Creighton Tuesday Stag		252.00
5273	Design For Living	66.00	411.50
6215	Divine Divas	300.00	800.00
5127	Dog Tired Men's Stag		712.85
1096	Early Risers		40.00
1156	Faith, Hope, And Love		120.00
6129	Feelings & Solutions		325.00
1024	Fireside	100.00	100.00
1132	First Light Group		400.00
2706	Freedom Hour		275.00
2731	Friday Morning Big Book Study	103.38	296.38
1093	Friday Nite Speaker		473.99
5265	From Sots To Saints		49.00
1097	Functional Group		300.00
1610	Get Your Spirits Here		58.40
1098	Go For It Group I		1,950.00
1075	Go For It Group II	149.00	567.11
5239	Gods Grace	225.00	225.00
2111	Granite Reefers		100.00
5234	Happy Alcoholics		325.00
6183	Happy Destiny	90.00	90.00
1060	Happy Hour Group Sahuaro	90.63	731.32
6221	Happy Valley East		314.75
5171	Hogan's Heroes		277.89
5310	How Bad Do You Want It	223.00	1,492.10
5290	How It Works Big Book Step Study		150.00
5104	In-Betweeners		600.00
6627	Into Action		1,418.75
5238	Just Booze		100.00
1039	Just Stay		140.00
1340	K.I.S.S.	40.08	103.98
5120	Keys To Sobriety		20.00
6061	Knuckleheads (7850 / Bb)		462.01
6622	Ladder Of Success		200.00
1023	Ladybugs		594.00
5122	Language Of The Heart	46.00	99.80
5112	Left Fork Group		100.00
1514	Let's Talk About It		2,606.83
5297	Living In The Solution		209.00
5139	Living Sober		550.00
5178	Lone Mountain Bb Study		345.50
5188	Lost And Found In The Grapevine		126.34
3114	Lunch Bunch (Crossroads)		1,410.00
5275	Mad Men		160.00
1041	Male Chauvinists	110.81	498.40
1092	Mens 4pm Monday Meeting		291.00
5111	Men's Attitude Adjustment		2,520.00

Grp	Group Name	Aug	YTD
1056	Men's Carefree Sobriety		518.88
1204	Mid City Group	100.00	150.00
5305	Mohave Group	43.71	230.66
1008	Monday Morning Ladies Step Meeting	172.00	172.00
5006	Monday Morning Miracles		364.00
2003	Monday Night B.B. Step Study		589.30
1115	Moonshiners Group		110.00
6064	Morning Miracles	36.04	216.12
5285	Mountain Toppers	98.00	98.00
1062	Never Had It So Good	135.00	585.00
1414	New Beginnings	120.00	400.07
5286	New Vision Group		63.99
1037	No Sniveling	770.32	6,714.28
5209	Nooners Group		910.00
1052	North Scottsdale Men's Stag		200.00
6214	On Awakening		1,200.00
0007	Other 7th Tradition		115.14
1173	Papago Step / Traditions Grp		200.00
1512	Pass It On		278.03
1159	Pathfinders	10.00	133.00
2820	Pinnacle Peak Gang		403.38
2402	Post Time		285.00
2824	Puttin' Sober		555.53
4066	Quit-In-Time		250.00
5200	Rain Or Shine		500.00
4077	Reflections		50.00
1516	Rio Verde Aa Group		125.00
1606	Saturday Night 12&12		100.00
1113	Saturday Nite Variety		268.00
1040	Scottsdale Non-Drinkers		270.00
2408	Scottsdale Stop Off		101.34
5206	Seeking Serenity		35.00
6146	Serenity At 4:01		46.00
6031	Sisters In Sobriety		406.39
6005	Sisters Of Serenity	1,305.00	1,305.00
6133	Snakepit		500.00
5106	Sober Sisters	300.00	300.00
5282	Sobriety First		81.00
5174	Solution Sunday Speaker		76.00
1065	Southside Group		45.00
2760	Spirit Of God		250.00
1021	Step Sisters		615.00
5197	Steps To Sobriety		222.50
5013	Sunday Evening Serenity		326.75
2823	Sunrise Serenity		591.94
1105	Takes Faith		84.50
6007	The Gay Mens Stag		647.00
6138	The New Thursday Nite Meeting	10.00	30.00
6006	Thompson Peak Gang		225.84
5304	Tuesday 7pm Chaparral Group	43.00	43.00
1183	Twelve Steps In Action	125.00	225.00
1152	Way Out Of The Bottle	620.00	620.00
1251	We Chose Life		244.85
6628	Wed. Night Men's Bb Study		210.00
1029	Westside Rush Hour	500.00	500.00
2105	Winners Group		300.00
2803	Woman By The Book		452.25
5056	Women's Reflection Group		150.00
5263	Works Best When Read		203.00
1048	Young At Heart		140.00



Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2017

	<u>Aug 31, 17</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	87,908.03
Prudent Reserve Fund	<u>29,841.50</u>
Total Checking/Savings	117,749.53
Other Current Assets	<u>29,168.90</u>
Total Current Assets	146,918.43
Fixed Assets	<u>12,956.86</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>159,875.29</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Funds Balance	107,662.15
Net Income	<u>52,213.14</u>
Total Equity	<u>159,875.29</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>159,875.29</u>



Profit & Loss
August 2017

	<u>Aug 17</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Group Contributions	7,070.35
Individual Contributions	3,331.57
Store Income	8,296.17
Non Store Income	<u>191.20</u>
Total Income	18,889.29
Cost of Goods Sold	
Store Cost of Goods Sold	<u>5,916.65</u>
Total COGS	<u>5,916.65</u>
Gross Profit	12,972.64
Expense	
Ordinary Expenses	4,660.22
Employee Expenses	<u>9,885.52</u>
Total Expense	<u>14,545.74</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-1,573.10
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Round-up Income	<u>49,286.00</u>
Total Other Income	49,286.00
Other Expense	
General Event Expense	206.05
Round-up Expense	<u>5,573.97</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>5,780.02</u>
Net Other Income	43,505.98
Net Income	<u>41,932.88</u>

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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Steering Committee Mtg 6:30pm @ Central Office	4	5	6	7
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY	10 Intergroup Business Mtg 7pm @ Central Office	11 Valleywide H&I 7pm **NEW LOCATION** @ Central Church ----- Holiday Alcothon Committee Mtg 6:30pm @ Central Office	12 GSR Sub-Dist Mtg. 6:30pm @St. Helens Church	13	14
15	16	17 Dist 08 MCSM Mtg (DCM's/GSR) @7pm Gloria Dei Lutheran Church	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 PI/CPC Mtg 7:00pm @ Fellowship Hall	25 Holiday Alcothon Committee Mtg 6:30pm @ Central Office	26	27	28 H&I Awareness Day 9a-2p
29	30	31 				

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