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SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

SRI Roundup Golf Tournament has been canceled



**SRI Intergroup Meeting via
Zoom August 11th, 2020 at
7pm.**



If you are the Intergroup Rep for your home group, do we have your e-mail? If, you are not sure if we have your current info please send an e-mail to info@sriphoenix.org

From Your Steering Committee

Tradition Eight

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

The key to understanding this tradition is “Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the results have been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.”

The words...every time...not many or almost always...every time. And the words...exactly the same...the definition of exactly is “without discrepancy”. This is the definition of insanity as described in Step One...doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. So at no point of professionalism does money and spirituality mix. This point was accepted with relative ease.

The contention surfaced when the discussion turned to paid jobs that happened to be within our offices or outside agencies dealing with the alcohol problem. There is a difference between the business of AA and AA’s business.

Carrying the message of AA and doing Twelfth Step work does not fall under the definition of professional services and therefore should not be compensated. So when I answer phones at the Central Office I am carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous, which I do freely. However if I am a secretary at GSO, answering phones and performing activities that make Twelfth Step work possible, then compensation is appropriate.

The cautionary point for alcoholics who are working professionally in the field is to make sure they don’t break the anonymity of Alcoholics Anonymous. My pride and ego must be checked at the door. I cannot think I know more or less than any other professional working in the field of addiction just because I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Attaching Alcoholics Anonymous to my resume is a misuse of the name and a direct violation of the Eleventh Tradition, which protects the anonymity of Alcoholics Anonymous and all its members.

Questions: Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? Or recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?

Holly W
Advisor

Tradition Eight Checklist

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our services centers may employ special workers.

- Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
- When I chafe about a particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
- Do I sometimes try to get some reward-even if not money- for my personal AA efforts?
- Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
- Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
- In my own life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
- Have a paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition-How It Developed?



Concept Eight

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

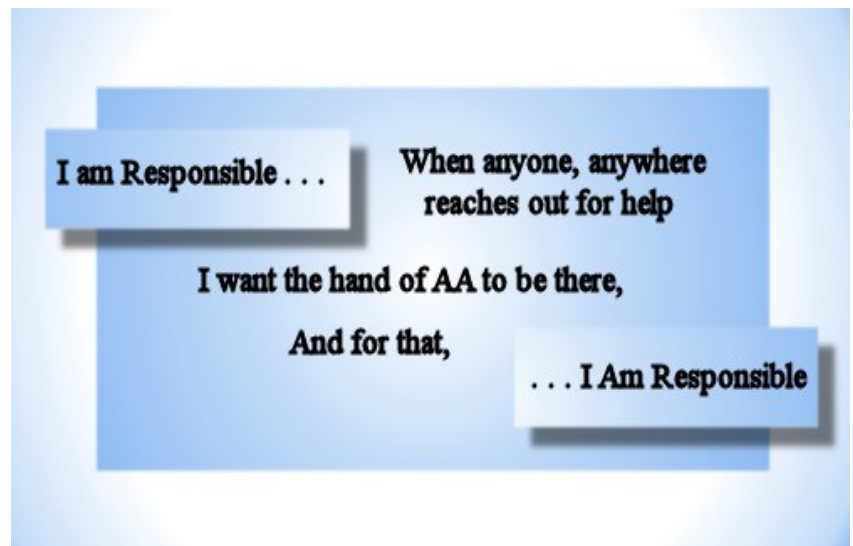
Concept 8 addresses the potential dangers of too few people taking on too many tasks. Bill W. warned against “too much *concentration* of money and authority,” based on early AA experiences.

The General Service Board is not directly involved in the daily operations of the General Service Office or AA publications. Instead, those tasks are delegated to others, such as the office manager. This allows the Board to focus on larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership.

NEW MEETINGS

None at this time

Please update meetings with SRI Central Office



Concept Eight Checklist

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

- Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Service, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
- How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate entities?
- Does my home group subscribe to the G.S.O.’s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? A.A. Grapevine? Do I?

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**Salt River Intergroup
Business Meeting
July 14, 2020**

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer

7th Tradition and Tradition Checklist Reading – Holly

7th Concept Reading and Concept Checklist Reading - Quianna

New Intergroup Reps – Jen -Ladies Tea Party, Brian D – How Bad Do You Want It, Brett - Casual Nooners

Remarks and Announcements by the Chair – Robbin

Previous Month's Minutes – June pg 5-6 of the IG Packet. Motion to accept: Cass Seconded: Tim. Aye – 39. No – 0. Abstain – 1.

General Service Liaison (Area) – Adrian -Pg 7 of the Intergroup Packet

Treasurer Report – James – pg 11-15 of the Intergroup Packet

Saturday Volunteers – Terry – none needed at this time.

7th Tradition – Self Support Card – Robbin

Central Office Report – Cyndee – pg 3-4 of the Intergroup Packet. Filing Cabinet subscribers are welcome to collect their copies of the Filing Cabinet and subscriptions will be extended. Contact the Central Office for further details.

Event Committee Liaison

2021 Summer Round Up – Robbin, Adrian, Quianna – Attorney, Chair, Vice Chair and Senior Advisor have met. We are negotiating reducing block of rooms. Our attorney is handling this request.

2020 SRI Alcothon – Laurie, Terry – Holly, Adrian and Laurie will explore the possibilities of a virtual Alcothon.

Old Business – Elections – Quianna – Quianna outlined the process of attendance for eligibility to vote in the elections. Nominations will be taken in September and in October there will be nominations from the floor. November will be the actual elections.

Positions available – Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, 2 x Advisor – 2 year duration, 1 x Advisor – 1 year duration (see below in New Business for details).

2020 Golf Tournament – Doug M – 623 205 8757, Golf Chair - Silverado Golf Club, cost \$100 per golfer, foursome for \$360, includes boxed lunch. Golf Chair needs cash donations to purchase items for golf raffle. Please reach out to Doug to coordinate raffle donations.

New Business - Greg E Resignation – Greg E has resigned as Advisor. While the Chair has the ability to appoint someone to stand in for the rest of the position duration, she has decided to include the remaining position vacancy in the forthcoming elections. Thus there is a 1 year Advisor position available in the election.

SRI Standing Committee Report

Archives – Rosemary – no report at this time

PI/CPC - Terry - not meeting at this time

Meeting Update Committee – Holly – please let the office know if you are meeting in person or virtually and the necessary details.

Grapevine – Laurie – told the joke WITH SLURRING AND EVERYTHING!

ZONYPAA – Laurie – are regrouping and there is a flyer in the packet for their virtual meeting

H & I – Kimberley – Virtual meeting via Zoom. Kimberley has left her info on the chat feature.

Birthdays – Victoria – 4, Diane S – 9, Dave – 35, Brent – 2, Nate -7, Jen – 1. Congratulations one and all!

Motion to close: - Linda, Seconded - Dave. We left.

Central Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone...

We will have a few spots open on **Tuesday's 9a-12p, Wednesday's 12p-3p, Thursday's 12p-3p & 3p-6p, and Friday 3p-6p** 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 also have a spot to answer the phones from your home; if nobody is scheduled, the phones don't get answered. Period.

You never know... the life you save just might be your own!!! 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 approx. 1,600 meetings per week here in the Valley. Approx. 700 of those meetings are registered with us, Salt River Inter Intergroup. Approx. 275 are registered with Agua Fria Intergroup and approx. 500 are registered with East Valley Intergroup.

In the Spirit of Tradition Eight,
Cyndee Rogers

June Phone Stats

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Help Line Calls:	977	1086	10%



June WEB Stats:

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Sessions:	14,352	13,130	9.31%



	This Month	Last Month
New Visitor	69.4%	71.3%
Returning Visitor	30.6%	28.7%

Sessions by Acquisition	This Month	Last Month
Organic Search:	59.6%	61.3%
Direct	35.8%	33.8%
Referral	3.9%	3.8%
Social	0.6%	1.0%

Sessions by Device	This Month	Last Month
Mobile	64.7%	61.3%
Desktop	32.7%	35.0%
Tablet	2.7%	3.7%



My husband and I watched a movie the other night called Woodlawn. It is a true story about a high school in the early 70's that is dealing with government mandated desegregation, a football team and a message of hope and love from a spiritual leader to the team that leads to a spiritual awakening that inspires the star player, his teammates and many members of the community to overcome the hate and anger that surrounds them. A comment was made near the end of the movie..."See what happens when God shows up!"

So I started to think about that and my Higher Power, whom I choose to call God. The tagline for me is "See what happens when I notice that God is here!" My God has always worked in my life. If He hadn't I wouldn't be a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous today. I have ignored Him, walked away from Him, blamed Him, shunned Him, denied His existence at various times throughout my life. And yet here I am...some twenty-eight plus years later, sober and blessed by the daily Grace of a loving God.

Our literature tells me that the answer to all my problems is in my spiritual relationship with my God. It says I can go anywhere, do anything as long as I am in fit spiritual condition. I can navigate anything the world throws at me if I am willing to put my faith and trust in Him. The whole purpose behind the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is to develop a spiritual relationship with a Power greater than myself.

I heard it said once that evil is not God's will...evil is the absence of God...the shunning of God. And even more profound than that is the fact that God wastes no tragedy...wisdom shared at a spiritual retreat I attended.

I think about what is going on in our world today...I have heard people say it must be really hard to get sober in these times. God has an incredible sense of humor...the technology that some say has separated and isolated us, has been a gift for so many in lieu of physical meetings. I was attending a virtual meeting the other night and 7 new people announced their desire to start their journey with us...I can't remember the last time I saw 7 people pick up desire chips at an in person meeting. And at the Intergroup meeting the other night after anniversaries had been announced, the Chair thanked them for showing us how to stay sober during a pandemic, much like the World War II test of the spiritual principal that is the foundation of Step Three (see page 38 in the Twelve and Twelve)

For me personally, I got to attend Founder's Day and the International Convention virtually. I got to attend a meeting in Australia...and can attend meetings anywhere in the world right now. I also started attending a Big Book study meeting out of Texas, which clearly explained to me the spiritual bankruptcy I experienced 2 years ago. I was attending meetings, sponsoring, doing service commitments...and yet did not feel any joy. What I have learned, is that I had abandoned my study of the Big Book and my focus on my conscious contact with God. So in the midst of a pandemic, I started to notice God again, stopped treating AA like entertainment and got back to the serious work of paying attention to the One who has always guided and protected me.

So I have experienced another spiritual awakening that has led me out of the depths of my self-inflicted despair back to the joy and delight that only comes when I notice that God is here!

Holly W.

Advisor

Group Contributions

Group	Group Name	JUN	YTD
5221	11 AT 7	163.00	498.50
5134	11TH STEP MEDITATION MTG.		220.00
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)		64.00
1030	1-6-4 GROUP		117.41
1265	1ST THINGS FIRST	400.00	400.00
1087	6 P.M. HAPPY HOUR (LAMBDA)		74.66
1211	6:00 RUSH HOUR (CROSSROADS)		204.00
1071	6:00 TIME OUT		200.00
5195	A NEW WOMEN'S MEETING		232.93
1700	A SAFE PLACE		229.14
5352	A WAY OUT ON TATUM GROUP	150.00	330.00
5097	BEFORE BREAKFAST CLUB		200.00
1083	BELLANO		80.00
6168	BEYOND THE FIRST MIRACLE		77.25
6060	BIG BOOK EXPERIENCE		146.45
1510	BIRDS OF A FEATHER		100.00
5110	BREAKFAST CLUB		147.57
6106	BRUNCH BUNCH	21.20	178.94
1059	CACTUS STUDY GROUP		450.00
6137	CAREFREE RATTLERS		50.00
1080	CAREFREE WILDLIFE		50.00
1089	CASUAL NOONERS		343.57
5070	CELEBRATE LIFE		1,200.00
5273	DESIGN FOR LIVING		178.56
6215	DIVINE DIVAS		600.00
6129	FEELINGS & SOLUTIONS		400.00
2706	FREEDOM HOUR		550.00
2731	FRIDAY MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY	135.00	558.75
6054	FRIENDS OF BILL W.		200.00
5257	FRIENDS OF EBBY		105.50
6067	FRIENDS STAYING SOBER		90.00
1097	FUNCTIONAL GROUP	134.00	472.00
1610	GET YOUR SPIRITS HERE		31.40
1098	GO FOR IT GROUP I		390.00
2111	GRANITE REEFERS		300.00
5188	GRAPEVINE MEETING		109.00
5234	HAPPY ALCOHOLICS		364.00
1162	HAPPY HOUR (CROSSROADS 4PM)	100.00	200.00
1060	HAPPY HOUR GROUP SAHUARO		100.00
6221	HAPPY VALLEY EAST		20.00
5391	HAYDEN GROUP DISCUSSION	30.00	30.00
5171	HOGAN'S HEROES		182.50
5310	HOW BAD DO YOU WANT IT		944.21
5341	HOW FREE DO YOU WANT TO BE?		20.00
5290	HOW IT WORKS BIG BOOK STEP STUDY		288.31
5104	IN-BETWEENERS		100.00
6627	INTO ACTION	50.00	190.00
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS		357.41
6142	LADIES' TEA PARTY	50.00	250.00
1023	LADYBUGS		359.16
5122	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART		196.00
5112	LEFT FORK GROUP	70.00	70.00
1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT		1,372.38



5297	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION	355.00	543.00
5139	LIVING SOBER	50.00	773.18
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY		295.50
3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)	218.00	393.00
5275	MAD MEN		784.00
1041	MALE CHAUVINISTS	141.00	141.00
1092	MENS 4PM MONDAY MEETING		241.00
1056	MEN'S CAREFREE SOBRIETY		249.50
5305	MOHAVE GROUP	30.00	55.00
1008	MONDAY MORNING LADIES STEP MEETING	40.00	40.00
5006	MONDAY MORNING MIRACLES		247.00
2003	MONDAY NIGHT B.B. STEP STUDY	120.00	595.20
6064	MORNING MIRACLES		106.51
5285	MOUNTAIN TOPPERS		158.00
5360	MY FRIENDS PROMISE	213.01	213.01
5390	NEW COMERS AA		31.00
5286	NEW VISION GROUP	129.00	210.16
1037	NO SNIVELING	3,098.91	8,669.86
5085	NORTH MOUNTAIN STUDY GROUP	210.00	210.00
1006	NORTH PHOENIX MEN'S STAG		1,000.00
6034	NORTH SCOTTSDALE STEP STUDY		200.00
6214	ON AWAKENING		400.00
0007	OTHER 7TH TRADITION	305.00	767.85
1159	PATHFINDERS	25.00	65.00
2820	PINNACLE PEAK GANG		262.49
2402	POST TIME		114.83
2824	PUTTIN' SOBER		1,071.54
4066	QUIT-IN-TIME		280.00
5200	RAIN OR SHINE	10.00	610.00
5252	RENEWAL IN THE DESERT		208.32
1516	RIO VERDE AA GROUP	175.00	175.00
1103	SATURDAY MORNING BROTHERHOOD		1,020.00
1606	SATURDAY NIGHT 12&12		100.00
1113	SATURDAY NITE VARIETY		225.00
1040	SCOTTSDALE NON-DRINKERS		180.00
1117	SCOTTSDALE SPEAKERS MTG.		360.00
2408	SCOTTSDALE STOP OFF		117.00
2813	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	50.00	50.00
6031	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	100.00	100.00
6005	SISTERS OF SERENITY		261.44
5386	SMOKIN OLDIES		100.00
6133	SNAKEPIT		300.00
1065	SOUTHSIDE GROUP		28.83
1021	STEP SISTERS		548.17
5197	STEPS TO SOBRIETY		66.00
5013	SUNDAY EVENING SERENITY		600.00
1129	SUNNYSLOPE GROUP		330.00
2823	SUNRISE SERENITY		683.87
6104	TGIF		17.00
5370	THE PEACE WITHIN MEDITATION MTG	100.00	100.00
6006	THOMPSON PEAK GANG		600.83
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB		200.00
1251	WE CHOSE LIFE		192.95
6120	WED. NIGHT MEN'S STEP STUDY		809.47
2105	WINNERS GROUP	25.00	655.00
2803	WOMAN BY THE BOOK		260.70
5263	WORKS BEST WHEN READ		105.00
		6,698.12	41,745.81

WRITING THE AMENDS LIST

Just after finishing the Third Step Prayer, my sponsor, Carl, had me ask God for help with my Fourth Step information; this was simply praying to God to show me where I had been selfish, dishonest, resentful and fearful, then writing the answer as soon as it came from my deep inner self. (The Big Book mentions "*the Great Reality deep within*"—p 55) The Oxford Group—from hence came our Twelve Steps—called this practice "*Automatic Writing*." I added more information later from memory, but at first it had to be spontaneous. Once on this paper it could not be erased or altered, especially the harms I had done to others—not to forget employers, loan companies, etc.

About a week later, we were at Step Eight and much had been added to my list, especially from Step Five, thanks to my sponsor. The Step Eight information concerning the harms to others was right there on paper—remarkably simple—and there was no backing out!

Carl informed me that although I need to be willing to make amends to everyone on that list, there were certain amends that may harm others, and some may have been impossible to execute. What to do? I was told leave them on my Eighth Step list but be careful to follow the Big Book Step Nine instructions so as not to make another person's life troublesome. How to know? "*God gave us brains to use*" (p. 86).

I must add that, as previously stated, I came awfully close to drinking about two weeks before starting the step process. Therefore, my sponsor told me that I could not rely on my mind to put truth on paper—after all, didn't my mind almost lead me into a bar just two weeks before? He pointed out that I had a dishonest mind. He also said that he thought I was silly as a pet coon which I did not like very much. Ha.

I think it is important to realize that to follow the Big Book Step Eight directions I needed to realize that the Steps are in order for a reason. If I would have followed the temptation to make an amends list out of order, it would not have been nearly so effective. I would not have followed the Big Book's "*clear cut directions*." (p. 29) I continue to thank God for providing me with a sponsor dedicated to the true AA program of action.

Bob S, Richmond, IN



Salt River Intergroup, Inc.		
Balance Sheet		
As of June 30, 2020		
		Jun 30, 20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	General Fund	29,953.62
	Prudent Reserve Fund	40,030.81
	Total Checking/Savings	69,984.43
	Other Current Assets	33,093.02
	Total Current Assets	103,077.45
	Fixed Assets	16,787.97
	TOTAL ASSETS	119,865.42
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
	Funds Balance	98,930.64
	Net Income	20,934.78
	Total Equity	119,865.42
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	119,865.42

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.		
Profit & Loss		
June 2020		
		Jun 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
	Group Contributions	6,698.12
	Individual Contributions	8,800.00
	Store Income	5,285.40
	Non Store Income	30.33
	Total Income	20,813.85
Cost of Goods Sold		
	Store Cost of Goods Sold	3,417.18
	Total COGS	3,417.18
	Gross Profit	17,396.67
Expense		
	Ordinary Expenses	3,952.61
	Employee Expenses	5,690.44
	Total Expense	9,643.05
	Net Ordinary Income	7,753.62
Other Income/Expense		
	Other Income	
	Round-up Income	720.00
	Total Other Income	720.00
	Net Other Income	720.00
Net Income		8,473.62



SRI Intergroup Meeting via Zoom August 11th, 2020 at 7pm.

If you are the Intergroup Rep for your home group, do we have your e-mail? If, you are not sure if we have your current info please send an e-mail to info@sriphoenix.org



First	Last I	Sober Date	Years
Margaret	M.	8/11/1962	58
Phil	H.	8/1/1967	53
Kenny	R.	8/18/1968	52
Laurie	B.	8/17/1971	49
Nancy	B.	8/8/1972	48
Robert	K.	8/25/1974	46
Mary	V.	8/19/1974	46
Sherry	H.	8/4/1974	46
Bob	C.	8/6/1975	45
Michael	H.	8/5/1977	43
Terry	M.	8/6/1978	42
Phyllis	R.	8/28/1978	42
Carmelita	W.	8/20/1978	42
Doreen	C.	8/16/1979	41
Debbie	H.	8/25/1979	41
James	S.	8/26/1980	40
Tom	N.	8/11/1981	39
Larry	M.	8/30/1981	39

Jim	L.	8/1/1982	38
Kelly	R.	8/8/1983	37
Matt	H.	8/10/1983	37
Kevin	H.	8/25/1983	37
Mark	K.	8/28/1984	36
Robert	A.	8/8/1984	36
Jeff	H.	8/13/1985	35
Diana	P.	8/22/1986	34
Lynda	F.	8/6/1986	34
Noreen	L.	8/23/1986	34
Judy	M.	8/1/1986	34
John	M.	8/5/1987	33
Vikki	D.	8/12/1988	32
Dale	L.	8/11/1988	32
Jan	C.	8/20/1988	32
Tiffany	S.	8/16/1989	31
Ray	B.	8/28/1991	29
Connie	B.	8/27/1991	29
Barbara	G.	8/5/1992	28

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Steering Com- mittee Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Intergroup Meeting 7p via Zoom	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Please check specific meetings for cancelations or postponements

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Group Name: _____
New Renew Change

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Individual Newsletter Delivered via USPS Mailing = \$15.00

Annual Group Copies (5) Delivered at SRI Business Meeting = \$20.00

