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SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

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Dear Salt River Intergroup Community:

First, the SRI Steering Committee wants to extend our thanks for your continued support of SRI Steering Committee and SRI Central Office. 2020 has been an interesting and challenging year. We've been pushed to be creative, proactive and strategically focused in order to ensure our ability to carry the message to alcoholics. Who knew ZOOM meetings would become such a vital lifeline for our recovery? Who knew COVID-19 would cause so many of our recovery gatherings to be cancelled? Absolutely amazing! Yes, we have collectively been "tested" about GOING TO ANY LENGTH!!!

As has become our practice, the SRI Steering Committee wants to continue to provide **transparency** to our SRI Intergroup Community. Thus, the following information is being provided:

- SRI Steering Committee heard your concerns about COVID and not wanting to participate in social gatherings. As a result, we requested our 2020 Summer Round-up be vacated. As of June 1, we have received confirmation from our attorney, after discussions with the DoubleTree Resort By Hilton Hotel Paradise Valley Scottsdale, the 31st SRI Summer Round-up has been **cancelled WITHOUT financial penalty!** The written communication "confirmed that our contract is unconditionally cancelled."
- As of June 2nd, we have submitted a written request to the Resort asking for **the 2nd weekend in August (August 13-15, 2021) for our 31st Annual SRI Summer Round-up.**
- The SRI Steering Committee wishes to thank Les R. and the 2020 Summer Round-up Committee for their hard work and dedication in planning done so far. Les and the 2020 Summer Round-up Event Committee **will continue in their current roles for 2021.**
- The SRI Steering Committee continues to conduct business, as usual, via ZOOM. Our focus is on ensuring the doors of Central Office remain opened and that we can effectively continue carrying the message to alcoholics. **Finances are being monitored and adjustments made to keep us financially solvent.** As you recall, during COVID-19, Central Office was closed due to the Governor's Executive Order. As a result, **we have lost approximately 75% from sales income.** This, combined with the income lost from not having a 2020 Summer Round-up, WILL make 2020 a very financially tight year. **Simply put, WE NEED YOUR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS NOW!!! WE NEED YOU/GROUPS TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM CENTRAL OFFICE!**
- While SRI Central Office qualified for the **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**, both the SRI Steering Committee and SRI Intergroup voted against keeping these funds. We voted to continue within our Bylaws, GSO Guidelines and AA Traditions.

As GROUPS are shifting from **ZOOM meetings back to in-person meetings**, we request you update SRI Central Office on your meeting status. We want to continue to provide correct information on the SRI Website. To update your meeting information, please email suspend@aaphx.org

- SRI Central Office will remain open for business **Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm.** At this time, due to continued COVID concerns, we will request customers please **wear face masks and practice social distancing.**
- **June Intergroup Meeting will be conducted by ZOOM.** As we prepare for the 2020 Elections of Steering Committee (November), it is **vital Groups participate in 3 of the 6-month Intergroup Meetings in order to qualify to vote in this election.** To prepare for this, **we ask each Intergroup Representative sign into the Zoom meeting by first name AND Group Name.** This will allow us verification of attendance. If you are an Alternate, please list that as well so that we can separate if both the Intergroup Rep and Alternate are present and only count one. Central Office will be emailing out our Business Meeting Agenda, materials and sign-in information.

Finally, on behalf of the SRI Steering Committee and Central Office, we extend our thanks and appreciation for all that you are doing to support SRI. We value our relationships with you and our membership. We embrace the power of our fellowship and gifts of our recovery!

In love and service,

Robbin B

SRI Steering Committee Chairperson

From Your Steering Committee

Tradition Six

An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

WOW! Just reading the Tradition made my head spin. Shiny objects and the disease of more on full display built on a foundation of ego.

So many things were considered as potentially appropriate for the hand of A.A.... our own hospital chain for alcoholics, involvement in education up to and including rewriting school and medical textbooks, re-writing the laws declaring that alcoholics are sick people and therefore should no longer be jailed, a movement that would cause laborers and capitalists to love one another, cleaning up politics, spear-heading a new spiritual movement for the world...and the list of dreams goes on and on. When we would ever have the time and focus to stay sober and carry the message to one alcoholic at a time?

While some things were tested and tried, the results served only to confuse and dilute the primary purpose of A.A. The enterprises themselves started to become the primary purpose. Thankfully all of this made it clear that we cannot be all things to all people nor should we even try.

Question: Why is it important that we not get involved in outside enterprises?

Holly W.

NEW MEETINGS

None at this time

Tradition Six Checklist

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs," which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?



Concept Six

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principle responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Much like we trust our GSRs to take our group conscience to the Conference, the Conference itself delegates authority to its Trustees to carry out and implement decisions. They have a great deal of responsibilities, and are an integral and important part of A.A. World Services. They are the key players in the operations of publishing, General Service, and the Grapevine, Inc.

Guardians and Bankers of large sums of money, they are tasked with it's wise use in conducting A.A.s Worldwide affairs. They oversee investing and everyday operations of virtually every aspect of A.A. business. Coordinating with the Reserve Fund, they are like Directors of a Holding Company. One which owns and controls two subsidiaries ; A.A.W.S. and The Grapevine, Inc.

They are a select, experienced, and powerful group of trusted servants. They are chosen wisely, and well vetted, as A.A.s management and success in " carrying the message " Worldwide, is their primary responsibility.

Question from checklist : Are we familiar with how our General Service Board Class A and Class B Trustees serve A.A. ? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A. ?

Concept Six Checklist

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?

Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

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**Salt River Intergroup
Business Meeting
12th May 2020**

Zoom Housekeeping - Cyndee

Open Meeting with Welcome, Mission Statement and Serenity Prayer

Introduction of the Steering Committee – Absent: Paul

New Intergroup Reps – None identified tonight.

Remarks and Announcements by the Chair – Robbin

Treasurer Report – James – Pages 6-7 of the Agenda Packet. James outlined the current fiscal situation and some of the projections he has put together with Central Office. This was outlined in an email the text of which is below.

April and May rent was paid in full. We are currently in conversation with the landlord.

Treasurer Projections

I can get quite granular with the numbers, but I thought some rounded to the \$100's with averages would paint a pretty clear picture.

- Current bank balance \$59,200
- Current checking \$19,200
- Prudent reserve \$40,000
- Avg.Monthly expense \$11,200
- Avg.net Income -25% \$5,400
- Avg. monthly loss -\$5,800 (burn rate)
- Without adjustments to expenses and a 25% downturn in sales and contributions, I project we will be into the prudent reserve by August 1st.
- Without adjustments to expenses and a 25% downturn in sales and contributions ,I project we will burn \$40,800 by the end of 2020.
- Without adjustments to expenses and a 25% downturn in sales and contributions ,I project we will be insolvent by 4/1/2021.
- Insolvent means defaulting on the lease and shutting doors.
- It will be close, but the Alcothon requires \$12,500 capital to put on. We did receive \$11,400 in income last year. So it was a little more than a \$1,000 loss. Not sure if the thought process is a decrease in projected income due to smaller attendance. We will be in the last \$20,000 of the prudent reserve by that time.
- With this projection the major point I am taking not only keeping the doors open but the feasibility of having the cash on hand to put on the 2021 round up.

It is my opinion that with or without the PPP we will need to have discussion and a plan of action for a restructure in order to remain solvent with the capital on hand to produce the 2021 round up, that then we can begin the rebuilding process.

After tomorrow nights meeting will have a decision on the PPP from the members and we can then move forward with the budget projections we have, and begin to analyze and move to our next action.

7th Tradition – Self Support Card – Robbin

Old Business

SRI Summer Roundup Update

Robbin has outlined the situation as it currently stands with the Doubletree Resort and the \$35,000 penalty that would be accrued if we do not hold an event in 2020. The Steering Committee has taken

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

April Phone Stats

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Help Line Calls:	812	1245	34.8%



April WEB Stats:

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Sessions:	11,730	18,915	35.8%



	This Month	Last Month
New Visitor	71.7%	67.7%
Returning Visitor	28.3%	32.3%

Sessions by Acquisition	This Month	Last Month
Organic Search:	57.4%	57.5%
Direct	38.1%	36.9%
Referral	3.4%	3.6%
Social	1.1%	2.0%

Sessions by Device	This Month	Last Month
Mobile	55.1%	68.7%
Desktop	40.4%	27.9%
Tablet	4.6%	3.3%



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legal advice to represent our contractual interests in this matter. We are keen to maintain and improve our relationship with the Doubletree but not at the expense of the fiscal safety of our membership. We have committed a \$1000 retainer to draw down upon in the use of services. We can confirm that the attorney will be cancelling the August date.

Attorney/Client Privilege

This is a sacred trust held by the client. This essentially means the lawyer cannot divulge what has been shared by the client. The client can, however, waive privilege by sharing legal details in an outside conversation. Therefore, the legal 'game plan' will be held close to the chest of those that need to know.

Are there any prospects for a fund raising activity? Any and all creative ideas will be gratefully received!!

So much discussion was undertaken around the fiscal situation and ways to ameliorate it.

Anniversary Raffle Update**New Business**

PPP – Quianna – outlined the timeline that brought us to where we are with the PPP scheme. PPP must be distributed as 75% toward payroll, 25% can be used on rent and utilities in order to be a grant. To use it otherwise would automatically transfer it from a grant into a loan. If we return it, the money needs to be sent back by the 14th May.

SC asked themselves and said 'are we even eligible for PPP?'. Office Manager got the information about qualification for PPP. We then discovered the funding had run out and our application wasn't even processed as we knew. More funds became available and those applications that were hanging about were processed and monies were disbursed. A human error occurred and the funds were accepted. As a Steering Committee we then discussed, at length, the fact that acceptance of this was a contravention of Tradition 7. SRI Bylaws Article 5 state: the activities of the intergroup shall be financed primarily by the groups and secondarily by literature sales, special events and direct donations from A.A. members.

No contribution of any kind from sources outside of Alcoholics Anonymous will be accepted.

Much discussion was undertaken.

Marilyn motioned: To return the PPP money as per the 7th Tradition. Dave B seconded. Aye – 24 No – 4 Abstain – 1. Minority opinion. I believe that we are rushing this because of the deadline that the money will be used otherwise. Money is intended to keep salaried workers employed. I feel that there is time to amend the bylaws to specifically address the issue. We would only be using this money to keep the IG vibrant and the doors open. The sadness of not keeping this money and using it to retain our staff would be enormous. I believe that we should make an emergency amendment to the bylaws to address the Covid 19 issue. I believe this would substantially assist. I don't believe it is an outside contribution and we need to keep the doors open.

Motion carries.

Many participants thanked the Steering Committee and the Central Office staff for their hard work and due diligence.

Motion to close: Chuck. Seconded: Tom Unanimous acceptance.

Group Contributions

Group	Group Name	APR	YTD
5221	11 AT 7		335.50
5134	11TH STEP MEDITATION MTG.		220.00
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)	22.00	44.00
1030	1-6-4 GROUP		117.41
1087	6 P.M. HAPPY HOUR (LAMBDA)		74.66
1211	6:00 RUSH HOUR (CROSSROADS)		204.00
1071	6:00 TIME OUT		200.00
1700	A SAFE PLACE	118.04	229.14
5352	A WAY OUT ON TATUM GROUP		180.00
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	82.67	147.57
6106	BRUNCH BUNCH	28.80	139.19
6137	CAREFREE RATTTLERS		50.00
1080	CAREFREE WILDLIFE		50.00
1089	CASUAL NOONERS	161.07	343.57
5070	CELEBRATE LIFE		1,200.00
5273	DESIGN FOR LIVING		48.06
6215	DIVINE DIVAS		600.00
6129	FEELINGS & SOLUTIONS		350.00
2706	FREEDOM HOUR		550.00
2731	FRIDAY MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY	45.00	172.50
6054	FRIENDS OF BILL W.		200.00
5257	FRIENDS OF EBBY		105.50
6067	FRIENDS STAYING SOBER		90.00
1097	FUNCTIONAL GROUP		100.00
1610	GET YOUR SPIRITS HERE		31.40
1098	GO FOR IT GROUP I		390.00
2111	GRANITE REEFERS		300.00
5188	GRAPEVINE MEETING	59.00	109.00
5234	HAPPY ALCOHOLICS		364.00
1162	HAPPY HOUR (CROSSROADS 4PM)		100.00
5171	HOGAN'S HEROES		182.50
5341	HOW FREE DO YOU WANT TO BE?		20.00
5290	HOW IT WORKS BIG BOOK STEP STUDY	172.69	288.31
5104	IN-BETWEENERS		100.00
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS	209.41	357.41
6142	LADIES' TEA PARTY		200.00
1023	LADYBUGS	181.00	359.16
5122	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART		105.00



1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT		1,372.38
5139	LIVING SOBER		567.18
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY	148.75	295.50
3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)		175.00
5275	MAD MEN		784.00
1092	MENS 4PM MONDAY MEETING		124.50
1056	MEN'S CAREFREE SOBRIETY		148.00
5305	MOHAVE GROUP		25.00
5006	MONDAY MORNING MIRACLES		247.00
2003	MONDAY NIGHT B.B. STEP STUDY		180.00
6064	MORNING MIRACLES		106.51
5390	NEW COMERS AA		31.00
5286	NEW VISION GROUP		81.16
1037	NO SNIVELING	1,438.73	5,570.95
1006	NORTH PHOENIX MEN'S STAG		1,000.00
6034	NORTH SCOTTSDALE STEP STUDY		200.00
6214	ON AWAKENING		200.00
0007	OTHER 7TH TRADITION		362.85
1159	PATHFINDERS		40.00
2820	PINNACLE PEAK GANG	131.37	262.49
2402	POST TIME		114.83
2824	PUTTIN' SOBER	341.80	1,071.54
4066	QUIT-IN-TIME		280.00
5200	RAIN OR SHINE		600.00
5252	RENEWAL IN THE DESERT		208.32
1103	SATURDAY MORNING BROTHERHOOD		900.00
1606	SATURDAY NIGHT 12&12		100.00
1113	SATURDAY NITE VARIETY		225.00
1040	SCOTTSDALE NON-DRINKERS		180.00
6005	SISTERS OF SERENITY		261.44
5386	SMOKIN OLDIES		100.00
6133	SNAKEPIT		300.00
1065	SOUTHSIDE GROUP		28.83
1021	STEP SISTERS		289.66
5197	STEPS TO SOBRIETY	50.00	50.00
5013	SUNDAY EVENING SERENITY		600.00
1129	SUNNYSLOPE GROUP		330.00
2823	SUNRISE SERENITY		276.22
6104	TGIF		17.00
6006	THOMPSON PEAK GANG		353.50
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB		200.00
1251	WE CHOSE LIFE	96.53	192.95
2105	WINNERS GROUP		600.00
2803	WOMAN BY THE BOOK	140.50	260.70
5263	WORKS BEST WHEN READ		105.00
		3,427.36	28,680.09



SRI Intergroup Meeting via Zoom June 9th, 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



When We Work for It

The principle's behind the steps have been my guide for a while now and the most recent pandemic shut down has presented so many new challenges in all my affairs. The challenges touch us all, some more than others, the variations are tragic. However, I am grateful for the space and the ability to carry these principles into practical contemplation and then into action, in both similar and remarkably different ways.

Honesty & Open-mindedness have assisted me in moving from fear to optimism. Hope & Willingness piece together my "far from normal" daily activities. Courage & Integrity have helped me evaluate circumstances that did not exist before today. Faith & Perseverance reinforce my trust in the processes before me. Responsibility & Service keep me focused. Acceptance & Awareness put my ego at rest. The opportunity to experience Humility becomes an energizing gift.

These principles are the tools I pick up when I, "try repeatedly", one day at a time, to live the spiritual life. A higher power already exists inside this physical ball of human energy. My principle actions form the ever-evolving arch I walk through, with You and in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. So, while our fellowship gatherings prepare for a new-dawn, I invite you to recognize with me; the Power that sustains each us as individuals and as a group. The Spiritual Life is not a theory, we live it. Today. It works when WE work it!!! *LG*

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.		
Balance Sheet		
As of April 30, 2020		
		Apr 30, 20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	General Fund	17,070.89
	Prudent Reserve Fund	40,030.14
	Total Checking/Savings	57,101.03
	Other Current Assets	32,186.54
	Total Current Assets	89,287.57
	Fixed Assets	17,148.31
	TOTAL ASSETS	106,435.88
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
	Funds Balance	98,897.43
	Net Income	7,538.45
	Total Equity	106,435.88
	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	106,435.88

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.		
Profit & Loss		
April 2020		
		Apr 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
	Group Contributions	3,427.36
	Individual Contributions	1,414.75
	Store Income	376.50
	Non Store Income	0.33
	Total Income	5,218.94
	Cost of Goods Sold	265.78
	Gross Profit	4,953.16
Expense		
	Ordinary Expenses	3,488.33
	Employee Expenses	5,151.24
	Total Expense	8,639.57
	Net Ordinary Income	-3,686.41
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
	Anniversary Income	523.00
	Total Other Income	523.00
	Net Other Income	523.00
	Net Income	-3,163.41

I am Responsible . . .

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help

I want the hand of AA to be there,

And for that,

. . . I Am Responsible



First	Last Init	Sober Date	Years
Eddie	W.	6/16/1961	59
Dick	E.	6/27/1969	51
Lavon	S.	6/22/1970	50
Frank	W.	6/15/1970	50
Victoria	P.	6/12/1972	48
Maggie	B.	6/2/1974	46
Ralph	H.	6/24/1974	46
Perry	N.	6/20/1974	46
Mary Beth	P.	6/22/1976	44
Jim	P.	6/14/1977	43
Connie	A.	6/8/1978	42
Joe	P.	6/24/1978	42
Jean	R.	6/18/1978	42
Anne	T.	6/12/1978	42
Jack	W.	6/21/1979	41
Rich	H.	6/1/1979	41
Larry	W.	6/23/1981	39
Laura	R.	6/21/1982	38
Ken	M.	6/3/1982	38
Jim	G.	6/20/1982	38

Francine	M.	6/24/1983	37
Paul	R.	6/8/1983	37
Arnold	S.	6/7/1983	37
Holly	H.	6/26/1984	36
Craig	M.	6/11/1984	36
Gary	G.	6/1/1984	36
Herschel	P.	6/22/1984	36
Virgie	O.	6/8/1985	35
Mary	W.	6/18/1985	35
Bonnie	K.	6/24/1985	35
Marly	V.	6/12/1985	35
Todd	D.	6/27/1986	34
Weber		6/1/1987	33
Marilyn	C.	6/29/1987	33
Robin	L.	6/5/1987	33
Vickie Jo	B.	6/1/1987	33
Stephen	D.	6/10/1990	30
Michael	J.	6/15/1990	30
Doug	M.	6/10/1990	30

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Steering Com- mittee Meeting 6pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Intergroup Meeting via Zoom 7pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Please check specific meetings for cancelations or postponements

SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

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Phone: 602-264-1341
website www.aaphoenix.org
email: info@sriphoenix.org

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

