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SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

"These Twelve Concepts therefore represent an attempt to put on paper the why of our service structure in such a fashion that the highly valuable experience of the past and the conclusions that we have drawn from it cannot be lost" – Bill W. 10th General Service Conference -1960 New York, New York.

Concept 3

"To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. –the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."

There will be times where we'll need to trust our trusted servants to make decisions without a group or service entities' approval. Concept 1 & Concept 2 by themselves cannot ensure the smooth operation of A.A. business. There will be times that the full facts (additional background information) and debate are not available to groups, will help further inform our trusted servants and their decisions (and their votes on our behalf).

Bill W. warns against using "The Right of Decision" as an excuse for failure to make proper reports of actions taken; or for exceeding a clearly defined authority; or for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision. But he concludes: "Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other.

Those decisions may ultimately differ from the original consciences given to them when we ask them to vote on our behalf – but those differently made decisions are vital in allowing them to be more than mere messengers. They have a brain, let's let them use it.



Check List for your Groups:

Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"?

Do we grant it at all levels of service, or do we "instruct"?

Do we trust our trusted servants – G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

"I chose sober because I wanted a better life. I stay sober because I got one." Rick W. 05/31/83

From Your Steering Committee

Tradition Three

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group they have no other affiliation

If I look solely at the tradition's short form "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking." and don't dig further, I would share something along the lines of 'This makes sense... since we are anonymous, who could be in charge of membership anyway?'

There's nothing wrong in that statement, I mean who would be in charge of that? How would or could it be enforced? But that is only a piece of what Tradition 3 is really about.

Tradition 3 allows me to make a decision. I decide if I am an Alcoholic. I decide if I want to do something about that. And I decide if I want to be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous. No one chooses that for me.

In the long form, AA goes further. It also points out that when two or more Alcoholics gather for the purpose of sobriety, they can call

themselves an AA group. I look at that sentence and notice the words 'gather for the purpose of sobriety'. What does that mean? It means that when 2 or more people gather together and the purpose is sobriety – no other purpose being present, that they may call themselves an AA group.

The long form ends by emphasizing the group can have no other affiliation. What does that mean? Affiliation can be defined as being closely associated with or connected to a person, place, group, political party, etc. This takes us back to our primary purpose. Our primary purpose is to help alcoholics to achieve sobriety. The danger of connecting ourselves to an outside person, place, group, etc. would be that we now have to decide if we want to be a part of that new thing. That new thing that could stand between me and the fellowship... between me and sobriety.

This tradition feels like freedom to me. I decide to be part of and while I'm here, the whole point is that decision. The decision that I am an Alcoholic and that I want to be sober. The traditions, much like the steps, meet me where I am.

I am Alison, an Alcoholic.

HYBRID!!! PI/CPC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm; Meeting ID: 976 6139 5578 Passcode: 397657 & In person at SRI Central Office 3215 E. Thunderbird Rd, Phoenix 85032

Tradition Three Checklist

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

In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers? Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?

- Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
- Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
- Am I overimpressed by a celebrity, a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
- When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?



2024 Steering Committee Email

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Please put the name of the advisor in the subject line and it will be forwarded.

SR Advisor- Robbin B.

Advisor

Terry L., Dave B., Alison S., Rick W.

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Salt River Intergroup **Business Meeting** February 13, 2024, Hybrid

Open meeting with Mission Statement and Serenity Prayer - Adrian

1st Tradition and Checklist Reading – Alison, pg. 3 of your Intergroup packet.

1st Concept and Checklist Reading - Rick, pg. 3 – 4 of your Intergroup packet.

Introductions:

Steering Committee – Each member introduced themselves

New Intergroup reps - Connie, Women by the Book; Debbie, Into Action - Anthem; Max, Sunrise Serenity at Crossroads; Chandra, Friday Morning Big Book Study in Memory of Ruth W.; Jill, Thompson Peak Gang; Lane, Mid City. Information Sheets - Adrian; pg. 7 of your Intergroup packet is to take info to your home group from this meeting and pg.

8 is for the SRI rep to bring info from your home group to this meeting.

Previous month's meeting minutes - January 2024, pgs. 9 - 10 of your Intergroup packet, Motion to accept - Barry motioned, Rob seconded: Vote: 41 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain: Motion passed.

General Service Liaison (Area) – Bud – pg. 11 of your Intergroup packet.

Treasurer Report - James - Balance sheet, P&L, & Group Contributions - pgs. 12 - 15 of your Intergroup packet.

7th Tradition – Read Self Support Card – Adrian; \$26.00 collected in-office.

Central Office Report - Cyndee - pgs. 5 - 6 of your Intergroup packet. See report on service opportunities. Please continue to update in-person meetings and zoom meetings using the update form on website www.aaphoenix.org. All new reps please send your information (first name, last name initial, phone number, email address, home group name) to info@sriphoenix.org

Event Committee Liaison

2024 Anniversary - Bud / Terry / Rick - Bud introduced Shannon, Chairperson for 2024. They still need to fill the Set-up / Clean-up Chair position, and Secretary Chair position. Chuck, Volunteer Chairperson was also introduced. Volunteers are needed for each committee. Tickets for the event go on sale at the SRI website, www.aaphoenix.org beginning March 1, 2024. Raffle tickets will be available soon. Grand Prize is First Edition Big Book.

> The 81st Anniversary celebration will be at the American Royal Palace, 19th Ave. And Thunderbird on Saturday, May 4, 2024. There will be seating for 350 banquet attendees plus additional 200-300 regular seating in the other room. Regular seating is no charge. Committee planning meetings are 3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:30 pm; hybrid (In-person is at the SRI office). For zoom, use the meeting log-in.

Round – Up – Robbin / Adrian – Save The Date; August 9 – 11, 2024 at the Double Tree Resort by Hilton in Paradise Valley – Scottsdale. The Theme for the 2024 Round-Up is 'Language of the Heart'; First committee meeting is March 7th @ 6:30 pm, hybrid (In-person is at the SRI office). For zoom, use the meeting log-in.

2023 Alcothon – Dave / Cass / Alison - The 2024 Chairperson: Steve S. A liaison meeting will be scheduled soon.

Old Business - none New Business - none

SRI Standing Committee Report

Archives - Pat R. / Dave - Need volunteers, otherwise no report.

PI/CPC (Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community) - Terry - Report forthcoming on 2023 PSA's. We need volunteers. We meet the 4th Tuesday monthly and our work session is 2nd Wednesday monthly at Central office. PI / CPC has a 4 / color flyer that can be posted in home groups but also public places. This will help expand outreach and encourage interest to be educated about AA. 'Be a link to your community, post the PI/CPC flyer, please'.

Grapevine - Alison - Our International journal and meeting in print: www.aagrapevine.org

H & I - Bob - Need H & I reps especially Corrections Coordinators. Please get on website, www.vwhi.org, for more info. H&I meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month in-person and hybrid. For those taking meetings into institutions, reading material is available through H&I.

ASCYPAA (Arizona Statewide Conference of Young People in AA) – Lauren / Robbin – 31st Conference: Flagstaff, AZ August 16 – 18, 2024 at Little America. Early registration is \$20.00 and \$40.00 at the door. Scholarships are available on website; www.ascypaa.org.

The purpose of our group is to host an annual young people's conference

Valley Young People in AA - Tracy - Business meeting is second Saturday, 2:00pm, Studio 164.

Birthdays; Dave, 1/6 – 16 years; Terry, 1/11 – 17 years; Bud, 1/12 – 21 years; Cass, 1/28 – 12 years; Linda, 2/5 – 14 years; Megan, 2/12 – 9 years; Congratulations to all!

Motion to close - Jim B. motioned; Rob seconded, motion to close meeting carries.

Responsibility Pledge Meeting adjourned

Central Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone...

Presently, all shifts are filled at Central Office. There is a Saturday's 6p-11p available for TAS. Please contact Cyndee if interested, com@aaphoenix.org. I am so very grateful to the SRI volunteers! Thank you!!

Central Office is now open on Saturday's 9a to 1p.

Please update Zoom codes and passwords with Central Office, CTRL + Click to follow this link: https://aaphoenix.org/groups/group-update/ or from the home page of the SRI website click on meetings, then click on meeting update form. www.aaphoenix.org

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. 700 are registered with East Valley Intergroup.

In the Spirit of Tradition Eight,

Cyndee Rogers, SRI Office Manager

January WEB Stats:





This Month	Last Month	

482

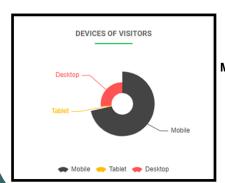
628

January Phone Stats

Total Help Line Calls:



New: 47.61% Returning: 52.39%



Mobile: 71.50% Desktop: 27.10% Tablet: 1.39%



Steering Committee Member Spotlight

Keep Trudging!

Many years ago, after hitting rock bottom, I embarked upon a journey of recovery. Prior to this point of surrender, I was homeless, eating out of trash cans, suicidal, jobless, and hopeless. I had run away from all my friends and family. Everclear alcohol had become my only companion.

Entering the rooms of AA, I was quickly introduced to our 12-Steps, 12-Traditions, and 12-Concepts. I heard people talk about "God, as I understand God." I heard about "Sponsors" and "service work". I heard "Keep coming back!" The list went on. . . Yet, I realize that while I was hearing these things, I had no clue on what it meant or HOW to apply what I heard. I just knew my life was an absolute mess and my solutions were not working. However, while I had a desire to stop drinking, I could not put down the drink. . .two years of chronic relapse and more consequences followed me.

March 10, 1986, was my new beginning! This was the day I surrendered and screamed **HELP ME!** Coming-to in a trash dumpster, my moment of truth awoken me to the reality of how much my life was being directed and covered-up by alcohol.

Re-entering the rooms of AA, I was introduced to my sponsors. They guided me through the Big Book of AA, pushed me through understanding and applying the 3 legacies of recovery and most important, showed me that recovery was possible even for me. They showed me I had to come all the way into the rooms (fellowship), do the work (service), and build a connection with God, as I understood God (unity). They helped me build a solid fountain sufficient to help me trudge through whatever was thrown in my path.

Generally, in meetings we read A Vision For You. In this, it

states "Abandon yourself to God as you understand God. Admit your faults to Him and to your fellows. Clear away the wreckage of your past. Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny". I did not understand what it meant to trudge, so I researched it. Trudge is defined in Websters as "walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions". During my journey of recovery, I encounter moments where I feel exhausted, heavy, or defeated emotionally. It is during these times, while resuming alcohol could provide temporary relief, it will never solve my spiritual malady. Instead, I must remember what I was taught about going to any length and to keep doing the foundational work necessary to trudge. This sometimes-means walking slowly, using intentional steps, and being determined to let God and the fellowship of our program carry me! I must focus on staying in the middle of the herd, picking up my phone, asking for help and applying HOW (honesty, open-mindedness, and willingness).

In conclusion, no matter what the moment brings, remember the importance of not stopping. **KEEP TRUDGING!** Come all the way in, hang on to a seat, do the work and let God manage the outcome! We will surely meet as we trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

In love and service,

Robbin B. SRI Steering Committee Sr Advisor



SRI Intergroup Meeting March 12, 2024 at 7pm.

Will be Hybrid!!!

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.

Meeting documents can be found on the website www.aaphoenix.org
Click on "Groups" then "Intergroup Membership"

Jan

YTD

Group Contributions

Group	Group Name	JAN	YTD
5221	11 AT 7	\$358.40	\$358.40
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)	\$73.05	\$73.05
5498	7am Solution	\$175.01	\$175.01
1700	A.A. SAFE PLACE	\$143.75	\$143.75
5518	AA Early Birds	\$20.00	\$20.00
5454	Anthem Grapevine Group	\$25.00	\$25.00
1083	BELLANO	\$96.00	\$96.00
5110	BREAKFAST CLUB	\$69.40	\$69.40
1414	Care Free Newcomers	\$500.41	\$500.41
1056	CAREFREE SOBRIETY	\$306.63	\$306.63
5070	CELEBRATE LIFE	\$340.00	\$340.00
1024	FIRESIDE	\$124.00	\$124.00
5257	FRIENDS OF EBBY	\$759.00	\$759.00
3400	Gay Men's Stag	\$17.00	\$17.00
6183	HAPPY DESTINY	\$23.75	\$23.75
5016	HAPPY HOUR (NSFC 4PM)	\$300.00	\$300.00
6221	HAPPY VALLEY EAST	\$46.05	\$46.05
5404	HOW IT WORKS	\$200.00	\$200.00
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS	\$188.20	\$188.20
1023	LADYBUGS	\$117.50	\$117.50
1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT	\$383.40	\$383.40
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY	\$281.00	\$281.00

3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)	\$290.00	\$290.00
1092	MENS 4PM MONDAY MEETING	\$164.84	\$164.84
1204	Mid City Group	\$25.00	\$25.00
5360	My Friend's Promise Literature	\$80.00	\$80.00
	Group		
5413	N SCOTTSDALE TUE NIGHT MENS STAG	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1062	NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD	\$129.25	\$129.25
5286	New Vision Group	\$46.00	\$46.00
5085	NORTH MOUNTAIN STUDY GROUP	\$40.00	\$40.00
6214	ON AWAKENING	\$400.00	\$400.00
0007	OTHER 7TH TRADITION	\$50.00	\$50.00
5344	PIPELINE TO SOBRIETY	\$481.00	\$481.00
1516	RIO VERDE AA GROUP	\$96.00	\$96.00
5335	ROOTS	\$314.58	\$314.58
5521	Sober View	\$500.00	\$500.00
1021	STEP SISTERS	\$249.00	\$249.00
1060	Sunnyslope Happy Hour	\$135.27	\$135.27
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB	\$488.49	\$488.49
1152	WAY OUT OF THE BOTTLE	\$500.00	\$500.00
1251	WE CHOSE LIFE	\$326.68	\$326.68
5421	Willing To Change BB Study	\$77.50	\$77.50
5500	Work In Progress Group	\$109.25	\$109.25
5263	WORKS BEST When READ	\$250.00	\$250.00
5494	ZOOMS Best When Read	\$63.00	\$63.00
		\$10,363.41	\$10,363.41



BREAKING

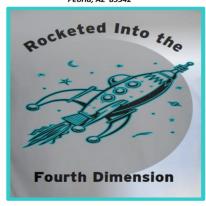
NEWS

30th Annual Lake Pleasant Roundup

March 22-24, 2024



Lake Pleasant Regional Park 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd. Peoria, AZ 85342



www.westvalleyroundup.com PO Box 361, Peoria, AZ 85380











The FIRST Saturday of every month



OUR **NEXT** EVENT IS ON: March 2ndth 2024 @ 7:00 - 9:00 pm



2 SpeakersAA - Shana P.Al-Anon - Scott S.

Northwest Church of Christ 5110 W Union Hills (Northwest Corner of Union Hills & 51st Ave)

*50/50 Raffle, Coffee and Refreshments will be available

BREAKING

Service Opportunities Available
Join SRI's 81st Anniversary Committee
Hybrid meetings: Central Office & Zoom
Zoom code 461 481 8390 P/W sri2020

Thursdays at 6:30pm

January 18

February 15

March 21

April 4

April 18

April 25

May 2

SAVE THE DATES
JOIN US FOR GREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!

The Heart



Language 3

Salt River Intergroup
34th Annual Summer Roundup
ot the
DOUBLETREE RESORT, PARADISE VALLEY

"Language of the Heart"

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August 09th - 11th, 2024

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IN PERSON Hybrid Available Thursdays @6:30 PM 3215 E. Thunderbird Rd. Unit B

03/07/24 07/11/24 04/11/24 07/18/24 05/09/24 07/25/24 06/06/24 08/01/24 06/20/24 08/08/24 @ the hotel

Zoom info ID: 461 481 8390 ~ PW: sri2020

Every year SRI sponsors a three-day A.A. Conference with Al-Anon & ASCYPAA participation. The agenda features guest speakers, marathon meetings, social activities, and a banquet.

For more information, please visit: www.aaphoenix.org or www.sriroundup.org

Salt River Intergroup Inc				
Balance Sheet				
As of January 31, 2024				
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
General Fund	41,208.07			
Prudent Reserve Fund	71,376.74			
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 112,584.81			
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 29,291.16			
Total Current Assets	\$ 141,875.97			
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 5,959.97			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 147,835.94			
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Equity				
3010 Funds Balance	143,546.60			
Net Income	4,289.34			
Total Equity	\$ 147,835.94			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 147,835.94			

Salt River Intergroup Inc				
Profit & Loss				
January 2024				
Income				
4000 Contributions		11,077.41		
4100 Store Income		8,314.75		
4200 Non Store Income		78.97		
Total Income	\$	19,471.13		
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$	4,881.89		
Gross Profit	\$	14,589.24		
Expenses				
6000 Ordinary Expenses		4,063.90		
6800 Employee Expenses		5,936.00		
6900 Committee Expense		0.00		
Total Expenses	\$	9,999.90		
Net Operating Income	\$	4,589.34		
Other Income				
7100 Alcothon Income		0.00		
7200 Anniversary Income		0.00		
7300 Round-up Income		0.00		
Total Other Income	\$	0.00		
Other Expendses				
8100 Alcothon Expense		0.00		
8200 Anniversary Expense		300.00		
8300 Round-up Expense		0.00		
8500 General Event Expense		0.00		
Total Other Expendses	\$	300.00		
Net Other Income	-\$	300.00		
Net Income	\$	4,289.34		



Please update your meetings with Central Office. It's important, so can we provide current information to the Alcoholic who asks for help!!

https://aaphoenix.org/groups/group-update/

Happy Anniversary

First	LI	Sober Date	Years
Al	L.	3/17/1963	61
Gar & Irene	D.	3/9/1964	60
Kate	B.	3/21/1966	58
Horst	Ν.	3/1/1970	54
Roxanna	C.	3/12/1971	53
John	D.	3/1/1975	49
John	Р.	3/18/1975	49
Silvia	S.	3/29/1975	49
Dyan	В.	3/9/1976	48
Jerry	Р.	3/1/1976	48
Tony	Р.	3/5/1976	48
Donna	R.	3/1/1976	48
Patricia	Т.	3/5/1976	48
Larry	R.	3/17/1976	48
Bob	C.	3/1/1977	47
Jack	J.	3/7/1977	47
Dave	S.	3/27/1978	46
Marcia L.	S.	3/31/1979	45
Bill	A.	3/18/1979	45
Jan	Н.	3/1/1979	45
Tom	J.	3/23/1979	45
Caroline	⋈.	3/31/1980	44
Blair	Р.	3/13/1980	44
Joe	Р.	3/21/1980	44
Nancy	В.	3/3/1981	43
Larry	M.	3/30/1981	43
Corrine	Y.	3/15/1981	43
Terry	D.	3/15/1981	43
Bob	D.	3/31/1982	42
Jim & Jean	R.	3/16/1982	42

Joe	Ο.	3/26/1982	42
Susan	R.	3/1/1983	41
Kevin	Ο.	3/2/1983	41
Bill	K.	3/21/1983	41
Don		3/18/1983	41
Theresa	D.	3/31/1983	41
Linda	A.	3/21/1984	40
Judi	N.	3/18/1984	40
Gypzy	Н.	3/12/1984	40
Ilene	K.	3/12/1984	40
Mike	R.	3/28/1984	40
Steve	A.	3/24/1984	40
Diane	D.	3/2/1984	40
Patti	S.	3/23/1984	40
David	S.	3/9/1986	38
Robbin	B.	3/10/1986	38
Mike	B.	3/4/1986	38
Milton	F.	3/30/1987	37
Dean	L.	3/26/1989	35
Dick	B.	3/2/1989	35
Carole	S.	3/15/1990	34
Patrick	M.	3/23/1990	34
Jack	P.	3/31/1990	34
Julie	P.	3/18/1991	33
Julie	W.	3/9/1991	33
Roger	G.	3/11/1991	33
Tracy	N.	3/17/1992	32
Miller	M.	3/21/1992	32
Cindy	G.	3/23/1996	28
Dave	G.	3/9/1997	27
Rickey	Y.	3/8/1997	27



We are currently updating our Old Timers data base. Please email any changes to info@sriphoenix.org. If you have 25+ years and would like to be added please email your sobriety date, address, phone number and email address to info@sriphoenix.org or call Cyndee at Central Office 602-264-1374.



Please check specific meetings for cancelations or postponements

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Street Add	lress:				
City: Zip:			_State: _		
Phone:					
Annual Inc	dividual News	letter Delivere	d via US	PS Mailing = \$1	5.00
Annual Gr	oup Copies (5) Delivered a	t SRI Bus	siness Meeting	= \$20.00

