

March 14, 2023 Intergroup Business Meeting

Mission Statement: The primary purpose of the Intergroup is to make the Alcoholics Anonymous program of recovery available and accessible to all alcoholics, and to promote unity and mutual support among all member groups.

1. Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer**2. 3rd Tradition and Tradition Checklist Reading – Dave****3. 3rd Concept Reading and Concept Checklist- Bud****4. Introductions-****a. Steering Committee:**

Adrian B.	Chair
Bud C.	Vice Chair
James R.	Treasurer
	Secretary
Cyndee R.	Office Manager
Robbin B.	Sr. Advisor
Bud C.	Advisor
Dave B.	Advisor
Cass R.	Advisor
Terry L.	Advisor

b. New Intergroup Representatives**c. Information Sheet****5. Remarks and Announcements by the Chairperson- Adrian B.**

a. Just a reminder, please try to keep your Reports and or Announcements to 2-3mins to try to minimize the length of the meeting.

6. Previous Month's Minutes—February 2023**7. General Service Liaison (Area) –**

a. Report

8. Treasurer Report- James

a. Balance Sheet, P&L for Budget Performance, Group Contributions

9. 7th Tradition – Read “Self-Support” (Green) card**10. Central Office Report- Cyndee R.**

a. Statistics, Volunteer Opportunities
b. Announcements
c. Filing Cabinet
d. TAS (Telephone Answering System)

11. Event Committee Liaisons:

a. 2023 Anniversary	Bud
b. 2023 Summer Round-Up	Adrian & Robbin
c. 2023 SRI Alcolthon	James & Dave

12. Old Business:

Ad Hoc- finance

13. New Business:

AAWS Price increase

Hybrid Meetings

14. SRI Standing Committee Report

- a. Archives
- b. PI/CPC
- c. Meeting Update Committee
- d. Grapevine

Pat R.
Terry L.

15. H&I- www.vwhi.org

16. Birthdays:

17. Close

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Tradition 3

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

The attempt to define membership was first printed in 1939, in the first edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. It read: "The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking. We are not allied with any particular faith, sect, or denomination nor do we oppose anyone. We simply wish to be helpful to those who are afflicted."

In the ensuing years, many groups, fearful for their future, developed adjunct rules for membership. There was a plethora of restrictions involving race, gender, status, wealth, morality, ad infinitum. Finally, in 1943 GSO asked groups to send their membership rules to New York. A revelation occurred. When combined, these rules would eliminate participation by almost all AAs, newcomer and established member alike.

Thus Bill W. began to formulate and publish in the *Grapevine* his "Twelve Points to Assure Our Future" (which later became our Twelve Traditions). Among his concerns was the notion that one alcoholic could or would judge another alcoholic. Disruption might be grounds to ask someone to leave a meeting but nonconformity could not keep them out of AA. The words "honest" and "alcoholism" were dropped from the Short Form, lest judgments of motive, sincerity, or qualification be grounds for contention (or exclusion). The words "all", "none" and "any" are in the Long Form to insure that every person who believes they have a problem drinking alcohol is welcome to join the AA fellowship and seek relief through the AA program.

By 1946, Bill's writings reflected an understanding that we could assure our future by following the spiritual path of love, tolerance and patience. He saw that the trend among groups to include was and could continue to lead to faith, whereas exclusionary practices rooted in the fear of losing group control would only lead to more fear. It is why we can say to all who come through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous "Welcome home," and "Keep coming back."

Dave B.

Suggested Readings:

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

Pass It On, pp. 315-318

The Language of the Heart, pp. 79-80

A.A. Tradition – How It Developed *pamphlet*

Concept 3

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the conference, the A.A. General Service Board, and its several corporations, staffs, committees, and executives, and of thus ensuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision"

It is suggested that one should be familiar with the General Service Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service board as background for this Concept, both of which are found in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

With the "Right of Decision" comes great responsibility of trusted servants to the service entity that elected or appointed us, to A.A. as a whole, and to our own informed conscience.

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The “Right of Decision” for A.A. service in this authors opinion, must 1st be grounded in an adequate working knowledge of **our** Traditions and Concepts of Service for the service position held. This will help ensure proper consultation, reporting, representation, and clearly defined authority by those we have entrusted. Trusted servants should also be accountable to service entity Bylaws they are entrusted to receive clear purpose and direction from.

Clearly, A.A. has grown to where there is much need for filter of information deemed pertinent to service meeting agendas, operational decisions that need efficient disposal of, details of task to function, reports and group conscience votes, etc. Here is where the Trusted Servant needs to exercise their own conscience and judgment so A.A. service can be both representative and efficient.

All our Traditions and Concepts of Service guide us to a place of maximum service. Concept III illustrated puts it best - “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.”

Bud C

- 1) Do I understand the important relationship of our Concepts of Service to our upside-down triangle service structure.
- 2) Do I understand that the Concepts of Service are grounded in our Traditions and are guiding principles for our Third Legacy (Service).

Suggested reading:

- The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated (pamphlet P-8), aa.org
- The A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023 edition, BM-31, aa.org
- “Our Great responsibility”- a selection of Bill W’s General Service Conference talks, 1951-1970, aa.org

Central Office- Cyndee R.:

In Office Phones & TAS

Hello everyone,

Presently, all Central Office and TAS shifts are full. I am so grateful for the volunteers, THANK YOU!!

Please update your meetings including Zoom codes and passwords with Central Office. It’s important so can we provide current information to the Alcoholic who asks for help!! 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 If you are interest in being on the 12 Step List please follow this link (<https://aaphoenix.org/service-get-involved/sign-up-for-service/>) and complete the form. Be sure to mark the box for 12 Step List.

New Intergroup Reps. please email your information to Cyndee at info@sriphoenix.org.

Other News

AAWS will be increasing the prices for books by 20% and pamphlets by 30% beginning April 3, 2023; the notice from AAWS is included in this packet. At this time Salt River Intergroup **will not** be increasing prices.

Central Office will be purchasing audio/video equipment, so that we can begin hybrid Intergroup and committee meetings later in the Spring.

Filing Cabinet


We are working on our April’s issue and are accepting stories for ALL MONTHS. We are in need of stories from our local AA community here in Phoenix. If you would like to write a story, please email it to info@sriphoenix.org. The deadline is the 20th of every month.

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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 Intergroup. Approx. 275 are registered with Agua Fria Intergroup and approx. 500 are registered with East Valley Intergroup.

January Phone Stats

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Help Line Calls:	622	649	4.2%

January WEB Stats:

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Sessions:	22,108	22,230	0.55%

*New stats reset	This Month	Last Month
New Visitor	74.3%	91.2%
Returning Visitor	25.7%	8.75%

Sessions by Acquisition	This Month	Last Month
Organic Search:	64.4%	69.6%
Direct	32.3%	28.5%
Referral	1.9%	1.8%
Other	1.4%	0.97%

Sessions by Device	This Month	Last Month
Mobile	72.8%	73.7%
Desktop	25.9%	25.0%
Tablet	1.76%	1.7%

Intergroup Representative to Home Group

Bringing Information *from* Salt River Intergroup to your Home Group

My name is _____, I am your Intergroup Representative for this Group. This is my monthly report on the actions and activities within our local Intergroup Office (Salt River Intergroup).

Everyone is invited to attend any Intergroup Business Meeting. The Intergroup Business Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact Central Office for Zoom code and password, info@srphenix.org.

SRI Central Office is open from 900 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Office is closed on Holidays.

Some of the items discussed and motions/ actions at the Intergroup level were:

We need to take a group conscience on:

You may be interested in the following coming events (see announcement sheet):

Event	Location	Date
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

You are encouraged to become involved with one of the many service committees and projects sponsored through the Salt River Intergroup. Please see me after the meeting if you need information or if you have any questions regarding my report.

Flyers are available, or you can visit the Intergroups website at www.aaphoenix.org

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Additional notes:

Intergroup Representative Information *about* Home Group
Bringing *back information* to the Salt River Intergroup/Central Office

Group Name: _____	Location: _____
Meeting Times/Days: _____	
Average Attendance: _____	Average # of Newcomers (lt 90 days): _____
Business Meeting is: _____	

Intergroup Rep & Alt Intergroup Rep Contact Information	
Rep: _____	Alt Rep: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

<p>The Steering Committee provides direction and sets policy for Central Office, the Standing Committees and Special Event Committees. How can the SRI Steering Committee better serve your group? What specific Service Workshops would you be interested in attending (Intergroup Representative, Volunteering with SRI, Answering Twelve-Step Calls, Understanding AA Traditions, Understanding AA Concepts, etc.)? .</p>
<p>How can the Central Office better serve your group?</p>
<p>Any group events coming up soon? Or anything new at your group?</p>
<p>Other:</p>

**Salt River Intergroup
Business Meeting
February 14, 2023, via zoom**

Mission Statement – Adrian

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer – Adrian

2nd Tradition and Tradition checklist reading – Dave

2nd Concept and Concept checklist reading – Bud

Introduction to Steering Committee

New Intergroup reps – Sarina, Puttin' Sober; Marisa, stand – in for Friday Nights Young People

Introduction to pages 6 – 7 of IG packet for communication of information to and from the home groups

Number of attendees - 44

Remarks and announcements by chair – Adrian

Previous month's meeting minutes – pages 8 –9 of IG packet. Motion to accept as is – Chuck opened; Barry seconded. 29 to accept, 3 abstain

General Service Liaison (Area) - no update

Treasurer Report – James – pages 10 – 11 of the IG packet. An Ad hoc committee of 5 was suggested by the Steering Committee to get ideas on what to do with surplus funds; approximately \$10,000.00 - \$12,000.00.

Volunteers include Jerry, WNMSS; Beth, Zoom Cactus Study; Jay, Freedom Hour;

Discussed opening SRI office on Saturday. It's usually staffed by the Steering Committee but because the Steering Committee is not full it puts too much stress on committee members. There was a call for reps to volunteer to be on the Steering Committee.

7th Tradition – Adrian called for participation and will read the green card at the next meeting.

Central Office Report – Cyndee – pages 4 – 5 of the IG packet. New reps send email to info@sriphoenix.org so your email address is on file to receive emails.

Event Committee Liaison

2023 Anniversary – Bud. There is a date change from April 15th to April 29th (on the 15th there was a conflict with another dinner). Next meeting is February 23 at 6pm, and every other Thursday.

2023 Summer Round - Up – Adrian – Same venue

2023 Alcolthon – James, Dave Alcolthon Profit & Loss page 14 in IG packet -No update

Old Business

Motion to change the bylaws regarding when the annual budget is to be presented. The motion was opened at the January 10th IG meeting: Budget is to be presented to the IG meeting in November meeting with vote for approval at the December meeting. Yes – 24, No – 2, Abstain – 8. Motion to change bylaws passed.

New Business

Steering Committee appointments; Terry resigns as Sr Advisor. Bud appointed from advisor to Co-Chair per Adrian – poll to accept – Yes – 30, No – 0, Abstain – 2, appointment passes. Robbin B. appointed to Sr. Advisor per Adrian – poll to accept – Yes - 24, No - 0, abstain – 6, appointment passes. The secretary position is still open, Adrian calls for volunteer. Terry appointed to Advisor per Adrian – poll to accept – Yes – 27, No – 0, Abstain – 3, appointment passes. Jay volunteered to accept Advisor position – poll to accept – Yes - 21, No – 1, abstain 7. appointment passes.

Hybrid meetings – Adrian – Cost to go hybrid is to be presented at March IG meeting. The goal is to be hybrid as soon as technically possible.

PRAASA - Bud – Cost to attend PRAASA is approximately \$1200.00 per Bud. Barry motioned to approve expense to attend PRAASA at no more than \$1200.00. Jay second. Poll to approve – Yes - 26, No – 1, Abstain – 2. Motion carried.

SRI Standing Committee Reports

Archives – Pat – No report

PI/CPC - Terry – Informational hybrid meeting was well attended. PI/CPC meets 4th Tuesday of each month in-person at SRI office

Meeting Update Committee – no report

Grapevine – no report

H & I – Call for volunteer liaison: A suggestion to have a rep attend 1 H&I meeting to tap into their membership seeking a volunteer to be the SRI liaison.

Birthdays: Cass R. 11 years, Beth 18 months, Bruce 3 years, Terry 16 years, Bud 20 years, Cindy 6 years

Motion to close – Jay, Barry second: motion to close meeting carries

Responsibility Pledge

Meeting adjourned

Cass R: meeting minutes respectfully submitted

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.
Balance Sheet

	<u>Feb 28, 23</u>	<u>Jan 31, 23</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
General Fund	45,647.65	46,773.87	-2.4%
Prudent Reserve Fund	71,285.22	66,590.13	7.1%
Total Checking/Savings	<u>116,932.87</u>	<u>113,364.00</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
Other Current Assets	29,987.67	28,917.90	3.7%
Total Current Assets	<u>146,920.54</u>	<u>142,281.90</u>	<u>3.3%</u>
Fixed Assets	7,903.97	8,105.22	-2.5%
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>154,824.51</u>	<u>150,387.12</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
Funds Balance	145,635.78	145,635.78	0.0%
Net Income	9,188.73	4,751.34	93.4%
Total Equity	<u>154,824.51</u>	<u>150,387.12</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>154,824.51</u>	<u>150,387.12</u>	<u>3.0%</u>

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
February 2023

	<u>Feb 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Feb 23</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Contributions					
Group Contributions	11,951.74	7,500.00	22,406.77	15,000.00	90,000.00
Individual Contributions	164.56	350.00	798.96	700.00	4,200.00
Total Contributions	12,116.30	7,850.00	23,205.73	15,700.00	94,200.00
Store Income	7,153.00	6,885.02	16,077.20	13,669.03	85,310.00
Non Store Income	38.66	52.06	82.14	53.62	531.72
Total Income	19,307.96	14,787.08	39,365.07	29,422.65	180,041.72
Cost of Goods Sold	4,233.77	4,279.16	9,790.42	8,508.35	51,150.00
Gross Profit	15,074.19	10,507.92	29,574.65	20,914.30	128,891.72
Expense					
Ordinary Expenses	4,744.95	8,912.34	8,844.12	12,850.69	61,724.70
Employee Expenses	5,891.85	6,637.65	11,541.80	13,275.32	83,222.01
Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,250.00
Total Expense	10,636.80	15,549.99	20,385.92	26,126.01	147,196.71
Net Ordinary Income	4,437.39	-5,042.07	9,188.73	-5,211.71	-18,304.99
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	105,050.00
Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,013.00
Net Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,037.00
Net Income	<u>4,437.39</u>	<u>-5,042.07</u>	<u>9,188.73</u>	<u>-5,211.71</u>	<u>-10,267.99</u>

Group #	Group Name	FEB	YTD
5221	11 AT 7		\$171.53
5243	11TH STEP MEETING		\$100.00
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)		\$156.75
1028	4848 GROUP	\$270.00	\$270.00
1035	5:30 HAPPY HOUR		\$500.00
1211	6:00 RUSH HOUR (CROSS ROADS)	\$400.00	\$400.00
5498	7am Solution	\$299.75	\$599.50
1700	A.A. SAFE PLACE		\$168.74
6168	BEYOND THE FIRST MIRACLE	\$530.64	\$530.64
5298	BILL'S SOLDIERS	\$170.00	\$170.00
5110	BREAKFAST CLUB		\$73.30
6106	BRUNCH BUNCH		\$67.81
5402	BYOChair	\$602.00	\$602.00
6137	CAREFREE RATTLERS		\$73.00
1056	CAREFREE SOBRIETY		\$274.00
1191	CAREFREE WAY OF LIFE		\$136.00
1080	CAREFREE WILDLIFE	\$100.00	\$100.00
1089	CASUAL NOONERS	\$230.88	\$230.88
6042	CREIGHTON TUESDAY STAG		\$300.00
5271	CROSSROADS TO HEAVEN		\$300.00
2110	FOUNTAIN HILLS GROUP, THE		\$120.30
2706	FREEDOM HOUR	\$482.00	\$482.00
2731	FRIDAY MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY	\$153.50	\$153.50
5388	FRIDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE	\$655.96	\$655.96
3400	Gay Men's Stag	\$381.00	\$381.00
1098	GO FOR IT GROUP I	\$2,343.29	\$2,343.29
6183	HAPPY DESTINY		\$17.83
6221	HAPPY VALLEY EAST		\$91.75
5452	Happy Zoomers Womans 12 & 12	\$50.00	\$50.00
5404	HOW IT WORKS		\$200.00
5290	How It Works Big Book Step Study		\$500.00
5104	IN-BETWEENERS		\$100.00
1340	K.I.S.S. Keep It Simple Sisters		\$80.13
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS		\$506.62
6622	LADDER OF SUCCESS		\$100.00
1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT	\$582.70	\$707.70
5297	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION		\$130.00
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY		\$341.00
3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)	\$155.02	\$589.80
5196	Mandalay Village	\$50.00	\$50.00
1092	MENS 4PM MONDAY MEETING		\$125.14
5111	Mens Attitude Adjustment		\$1,900.00

1158	MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BB STUDY		\$150.00
1204	Mid City Group		\$140.00
5489	Mid Day Pause	\$50.00	\$50.00
5006	MONDAY MORNING MIRACLES	\$200.00	\$200.00
5285	MOUNTAIN TOPPERS	\$22.00	\$22.00
5383	My Friend's Promise Saturday BB Study	\$396.00	\$396.00
5413	N SCOTTSDALE TUE NIGHT MENS STAG		\$750.00
1062	NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD	\$55.00	\$55.00
1037	NO SNIVELING	\$940.00	\$940.00
5209	NOONERS GROUP	\$150.00	\$150.00
5085	NORTH MOUNTAIN STUDY GROUP	\$95.00	\$168.00
6214	ON AWAKENING		\$600.00
2820	PINNACLE PEAK GANG		\$133.00
1516	RIO VERDE AA GROUP		\$194.10
1606	SATURDAY NIGHT 12&12		\$100.00
1169	SHADOW MOUNTAIN GROUP		\$25.00
2813	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	\$75.00	\$75.00
5106	SOBER SISTERS		\$105.00
5013	SUNDAY EVENING SERENITY	\$250.00	\$250.00
1203	SUNDAY MORNING ELEVEN AM	\$314.00	\$314.00
1129	SUNNYSLOPE GROUP		\$180.00
1060	Sunnyslope Happy Hour		\$4.00
2823	SUNRISE SERENITY	\$544.00	\$544.00
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB	\$300.00	\$300.00
1029	WESTSIDE RUSH HOUR	\$600.00	\$600.00
2803	WOMAN BY THE BOOK		\$275.50
5500	Work In Progress Group		\$97.00
5263	WORKS BEST When READ		\$140.00
5496	ZOOM CACTUS STUDY GROUP	\$450.00	\$450.00
5494	ZOOMS Best When Read	\$54.00	\$149.00
		\$11,951.74	\$22,406.77

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General Service Conference Delegates
Intergroup and Central Offices
International General Services Offices

Date: February 15, 2023

Warm greetings – we hope that this letter finds you well. We are writing today to inform you of an upcoming price increase affecting our English, Spanish, and French books, booklets, and pamphlets. The new prices will go into effect on April 3, 2023, and generally reflect a 20% increase on books and a 30% increase on pamphlets (with rounding and some minor adjustments).


Some of you have indicated that you anticipated the need for an increase. For historical reference, the last price increases were made in 2014 (18.75%) and 2009 (33.3%). The decision to raise prices in 2023 resulted from prudent fiscal planning with the goal of longer-range stability. Alcoholics Anonymous is not immune from the changes that are impacting all businesses, and one of the greatest to us has been a notable drop in the margins associated with the sale of our literature. To be specific, prior to the SARS-CoV2 pandemic, the costs associated with the production, material, warehousing, and shipping of literature, collectively known as the cost of goods sold, hovered between 31-34% of sales. These same costs have fluctuated from 42-56% of sales in the last two years, resulting in a revenue loss that is greater than \$1.2 million each year. We do not expect this change in the cost of goods sold to resolve in our favor, and the impact is great when considering that the General Service Office is supported through both voluntary contributions and this revenue associated with the sale of literature. We continue to monitor and trim expenses where possible, being mindful of the immense significance of each 'nickel in the basket' sent to the General Service Board.

Because we appreciate that there may be high demand in ordering leading up to the increase, we will be taking steps to ensure that purchasing not be monopolized by large buyers during the transition. We will maintain the reduced shipping charges schedule that was adopted in 2022 and the mixed-title quantity discount schedule that was adopted at the close of 2022. The new pricelist, [which can be found here](#) will be reflected on the online store as the increase goes into effect. We anticipate issuing a revised and updated literature catalog in digital and print versions in the coming months.

With gratitude as we await spring,



Deborah K.,
AAWS Board Chair



Bob W.,
General Manager of the General Service Office

SALT RIVER INTERGROUP



*Celebrating 80 years
of Alcoholics Anonymous
in our Phoenix Valley!*

SINCE 1943, THE HAND OF UNITY CARRYING THE MESSAGE
OF HOPE IN THE VALLEY OF THE SUN

SPEAKER TERRY M FROM GILBERT AZ

TICKETS WILL GO FAST REGISTER EARLY

29 APRIL 2023

EVENT SCHEDULE

5PM-6PM FELLOWSHIP

6PM-7:15PM DINNER

7:30PM-8:30PM SPEAKER

8:45PM-9PM RAFFLE - 1ST EDITION BIG BOOK & 50/50

\$30 REGISTRATION | INC DINNER & COFFEE | \$1 CASH DRINKS

NON-SMOKING VENUE 

**PARADISE VALLEY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
4455 E. LINCOLN DR
PARADISE VALLEY, AZ, 85253**

**TIME
5PM-9PM**

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