

# FILING CABINET

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## SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

Hello everyone, February and March were very busy for me in A.A. service and life issues. I had hoped to report on my attendance at PRAASA (Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in Los Angeles in March, but I couldn't get it done in time. So, I'll combine my report on PRAASA, the 03 Area Assembly in Tucson Az and the District 08 DCM meeting as I as your Salt River Intergroup Liaison.

**PRAASA March 3,4 & 5 2023 (Los Angeles):** "The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences, and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of A.A. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity, and Service legacies of A.A."

It was a remarkably busy weekend agenda packed with thoughtful, relevant to A.A. as a whole panel topics, roundtable discussions, open mic sessions, a delegate ask it basket, Trustee participation and much more. Much of the assembly was recorded and if you would like to know how to obtain a copy, you can contact me at [budcloudman@gmail.com](mailto:budcloudman@gmail.com).

Speaking with other intergroup reps a couple of common issues discussed were, A) Adjusting to virtual participation and what that can look like in member/group representation and the fiscal impact. B) Open service positions being filled at a slower rate than before COVID, especially in person commitments.

Some of the main takeaways I received from the assembly were:

Thoughtful, courteous, well-informed discourse is healthy for our fellowship. We *can* have Unity even in discourse.

Social Media and virtual participation. Explore the relationship to the upside-down triangle and how that will emerge in practice and representation in A.A.'s service structure.

Arizona 03 officers who presented were outstanding and there was a good attendance from Arizona. We have thoughtful, well-informed leadership.

GSO is short their Prudent reserve. A committee has been formed to explore the possibility of moving out of New York when their lease is up.

The General Service Board requested the resignation of the General Service Board Chair. More information will be coming through your GSR and DCM.

**Area 03 Assembly March 31-April 2nd 2023 (Tucson):** As your SRI Liaison, I am currently assigned to the Treatment and Accessibility panel. It was a great panel and we finished discussion, sense of the panel or vote of all our agenda items. I will avail myself by phone (602) 668-5410 or email [budcloudman@gmail.com](mailto:budcloudman@gmail.com) should anyone need detail on any of the panel topics discussions or votes.

Some of the main takeaways I received from the assembly were:

Like PRAASA, there was courteous, thoughtful, well-informed discussion and discourse. I witnessed unity in action. Regarding the forced General Service Board Chair resignation, Kathy R, our Area 03 delegate assured us we will know more when she knows. All 93 north America delegates have had good access to the board to find out why such an unprecedented move was taken. Your group GSR or DCM is the main source for up-to-date information.

The all-panel topic of continuing with the plain language Big Book translation seemed the most talked about. My take was that all but one panel was not for continuation of the translation and the panel that voted for continuation, had an extremely close margin in favor.

Tina M was voted in as Area 03 Treasurer and steps have been implemented so there is more than one signer on Area 03 bank accounts.

**Maricopa County, District 08 DCM Meeting:** I attended the March meeting and announced the upcoming SRI sponsored celebration marking 80 years of A.A. in the Valley of the Sun, how to register on the SRI website and the need for service on the committee.

There were three motions about budget and finance that all passed that I'm paraphrasing as: 1) Sending money over prudent reserve to Area 03 or any other A.A. entity. 2) Travel reimbursement for DCMC and Alt DCMC will now align with Area officer expense guidelines. 3) Budget Committee will now present the budget to MCSM in October annually. For more detailed information please contact your DCM or DCMC.

Yours in Service,

Bud C  
Salt River Intergroup  
Vice Chair/Liaison

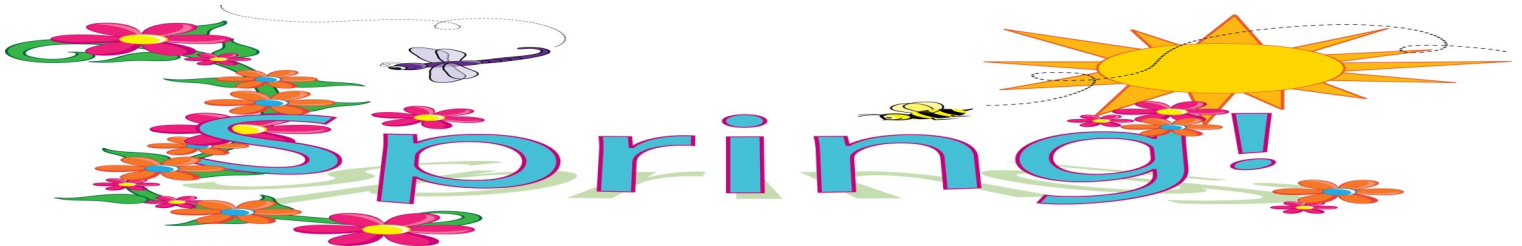
## From Your Steering Committee

### Tradition Five

***Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.***

I must admit my favorite part in the 12 & 12, Tradition Five chapter is when one sober alcoholic tells a suffering one, "I think you're a conceited Irishman who thinks he can run the whole show". The laughter of relief may abound for us all over this, but it's only because the principles that lie behind the steps have been and continue to be worked, one day at a time. The principles behind the steps, in action, are the messages I hear in the rooms. The messages that continually reveal more about me, to me. The transformation in spiritual thinking that influences my action, relieves my suffering. The suffering I don't have to drink over, just for today.

Taken from 2019 Filing Cabinet



### Tradition Five Checklist

Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?

Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?

Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?

Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?

Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?



### Concept Five

*“Throughout our world services structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”*

This concept focuses on the *“Right of Appeal.”* During a vote, even if there is a “substantial unanimity” the minority opinion has a right to be heard and their grievances considered. There are times where the minority opinion is so compelling that the conference delegates change their positions and votes. For example, commonly, a minority opinion is based on the wording of the original motion. Voicing this then causing that motion to fail and allowing for the re-worded motion to pass.

Taken from 2018 Filing Cabinet

Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?

**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**

### Concept Five Checklist

Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal,” to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?

What does our group accept as “substantial unanimity”?

Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?

Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

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## Salt River Intergroup Business Meeting April 11, 2023, Zoom

### Mission Statement – Adrian

### Open meeting with Serenity Prayer – Adrian

**4th Tradition Reading and Tradition Checklist Reading** – Adrian in for Dave, pg 3

**4th Concept Reading and Concept Checklist Reading** – Cass in for Jay, pg 3

### Introduction to Steering Committee

**New Intergroup reps** – Bob J, 6:00 Happy Hour Group @ The Beatitudes; Josh, Morning Miracles; Terry B (Substitute for Chuck), Best When Read; Shandra, New Beginnings; Dana R, (Alternate for Sandy), Sisters in Sobriety; Lauren G, AZ State Conference of Young People in AA (ASCYPAA), Advisory Board

Number of attendees – 42

### Remarks and announcements by chair – Adrian

A. Reminder that this meeting is scheduled for an hour and a half

B. Confirm appointment of Cass R. to Secretary: 36 yes, 0 no, 6 abstain: appointment passes

**Previous month's meeting minutes** – pgs. 7 - 8 of IG packet. Motion to accept – Michael P., Shelby seconded: 32 yes, 0 no, 7 abstain: Motion approved

**General Service Liaison (Area) - Bud** – pgs. 9 – 10 of the IG packet

**Treasurer Report – James** – pgs. 11 - 12 of the IG packet.

### 7th Tradition – Read Self Support Card - Adrian

**Central Office Report – Cyndee** – pgs. 4 of the IG packet. All new reps please send your information (first name, last name initial, phone number, email address, home group name) to [info@sriphoenix.org](mailto:info@sriphoenix.org)

### Event Committee Liaison

**2023 Anniversary – Bud** – SOLD OUT! Dinner is Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. See flyer in IG packet.

**2023 Summer Round - Up – Robbin** – *Theme: Acceptance Is the Key in 2023*. Raffle tickets forthcoming: Raffle Chair is requesting raffle prize donations. Marathon meeting chair requests members to contact her to set up your times: Nancy.

**2023 Alcothon – James, Dave** - No update

### Old Business

**Ad Hoc – Finance – James** – Ad Hoc committee met and made recommendations. Steering Committee is reviewing and will discuss at May's Intergroup Meeting

**New Business; none**

### SRI Standing Committee Reports

**Archives – Pat** – No report

**PI/CPC - Terry** – Hybrid Business Meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The working meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6pm located at Central Office. Check SRI calendar.

**Meeting Update Committee** – no report

**Grapevine** – no report [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

**H & I – Bob** - H&I meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month via zoom. [www.vvhi.org](http://www.vvhi.org)

**ASCYPAA – Lauren** – ASCYPAA will be participating in this year's round-up at Marathon Meetings, Hospitality, as well as sitting on Panels. *Statewide Conference in Yuma July 7 – 9, 2023*. See flyer in IG packet.

**Birthdays:** none

**Motion to close** – Rob opened, Shelby seconded, motion to close meeting carries.

**Responsibility Pledge**

**Meeting adjourned**

**Cass R: Secretary**

## Central Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone...

Starting the first of June we will have Friday's 3p to 6p available to answer phones at Central Office. Please contact Cyndee at [info@sriphoenix.org](mailto:info@sriphoenix.org) if interested. Presently all the shifts are filled for TAS. I am so grateful for the volunteers, THANK YOU!! Central office will be closed Monday May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

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](http://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. 500 are registered with East Valley Intergroup.


In the Spirit of Tradition Eight,

Cyndee Rogers

### March Phone Stats

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Help Line Calls:	599	542	10.5%

### March WEB Stats:

	This Month	Last Month	
Total Sessions:	22,018	21,725	2.06%

*New stats reset	This Month	Last Month
New Visitor	87.8%	75.2%
Returning Visitor	12.2%	24.8%

Sessions by Acquisition	This Month	Last Month
Organic Search:	66.3%	65.6%
Direct	31.4%	31.6%
Referral	1.59%	2.3%
Other	0.5%	0.5%

Sessions by Device	This Month	Last Month
Mobile	71.1%	72.5%
Desktop	27.4%	25.8%
Tablet	1.63%	1.56%





## Steering Committee Member Spotlight

### Spiritual Whatever You Call It

I've been thinking a great about 'spiritual experience' lately. Mostly because I've recently had, at least two. Seems like more than my fair share when I've already had a number of them in the past and other people I know never get any, I thought. Of course, that depends greatly on what your definition of spiritual experience actually is. Thus, all the thinking. Whether you call it spiritual experience, psychic rearrangement, spiritual awakening, come to Jesus, aha moment, lightening bolt, educational variety or any of the myriad and many names, doesn't really matter. Just like what you 'call' your Higher Power doesn't really matter. What does matter intensely, to my mind, is how you define it. And this is because that definition will expand the

opportunities for enlightenment in your life to an almost regular occurrence or it will reduce to insignificance the possibility for it to ever happen to you. Just like what relationship you choose to have with your HP matters far more than the name you use. No one in the rooms can (or should!) tell you who your HP is or what it means to have a spiritual awakening. However, in my experience, according to my definition (and no, I'm not telling!), almost everyone has had one whether they see it that way or not. AND, more than that, I get to learn from them whether they know it or not. And that adds to my experiences and the majestic tapestry of life. I don't know about you, but that's pretty spiritual in my book. How do you define it? What do you think? TL

## Meeting

### SRI Intergroup Meeting via Zoom May 9, 2023 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](mailto:info@sriphoenix.org).

***Meeting documents can be found on the website under "groups" [www.aaphoenix.org](http://www.aaphoenix.org)***

**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**

## Group Contributions

Group	Group Name	YTD	MAR
5221	11 AT 7	\$431.03	\$259.50
5243	11TH STEP MEETING	\$100.00	
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)	\$156.75	
5491	12 O'CLOCK GANG	\$80.00	\$80.00
1028	4848 GROUP	\$482.00	\$212.00
1035	5:30 HAPPY HOUR	\$500.00	
1211	6:00 RUSH HOUR (CROSS ROADS)	\$500.00	\$100.00
5498	7am Solution	\$737.60	\$138.10
1700	A.A. SAFE PLACE	\$168.74	
5518	AA Early Birds	\$50.00	\$50.00
5454	Anthem Grapevine Group	\$68.50	\$68.50
6168	BEYOND THE FIRST MIRACLE	\$530.64	
5298	BILL'S SOLDIERS	\$170.00	
5110	BREAKFAST CLUB	\$73.30	
6106	BRUNCH BUNCH	\$117.01	\$49.20
5402	BYOChair	\$862.00	\$260.00
6137	CAREFREE RATTLERS	\$288.00	\$215.00
1056	CAREFREE SOBRIETY	\$274.00	
1191	CAREFREE WAY OF LIFE	\$136.00	
1080	CAREFREE WILDLIFE	\$100.00	
1089	CASUAL NOONERS	\$230.88	
5070	CELEBRATE LIFE	\$150.00	\$150.00
6042	CREIGHTON TUESDAY STAG	\$300.00	
5271	CROSSROADS TO HEAVEN	\$300.00	
2110	FOUNTAIN HILLS GROUP, THE	\$120.30	
2706	FREEDOM HOUR	\$482.00	
2731	FRIDAY MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY	\$153.50	
5388	FRIDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE	\$655.96	
6054	FRIENDS OF BILL W.	\$100.00	\$100.00
5257	FRIENDS OF EBBY	\$100.00	\$100.00
1097	FUNCTIONAL GROUP	\$270.00	\$270.00
3400	Gay Men's Stag	\$381.00	
1098	GO FOR IT GROUP I	\$2,343.29	
5239	GODS GRACE	\$100.00	\$100.00
5188	GRAPEVINE Meeting	\$125.00	\$125.00
6183	HAPPY DESTINY	\$41.27	\$23.44
6221	HAPPY VALLEY EAST	\$91.75	
5452	Happy Zoomers Womans 12 & 12	\$50.00	
5404	HOW IT WORKS	\$400.00	\$200.00
5290	How It Works Big Book Step Study	\$500.00	
5104	IN-BETWEENERS	\$100.00	
6627	INTO ACTION	\$500.00	\$500.00
1340	K.I.S.S. Keep It Simple Sisters	\$80.13	
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS	\$704.68	\$198.06

		YTD	MAR
6622	LADDER OF SUCCESS	\$100.00	
1023	LADYBUGS	\$100.76	\$100.76
1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT	\$1,113.70	\$406.00
5297	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION	\$130.00	
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY	\$341.00	
3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)	\$881.50	\$291.70
5196	Mandalay Village	\$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	
5006	MONDAY MORNING MIRACLES	\$200.00	
5285	MOUNTAIN TOPPERS	\$22.00	
5383	My Friend's Promise Saturday BB Study	\$396.00	
5413	N SCOTTSDALE TUE NIGHT MENS STAG	\$750.00	
1062	NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD	\$55.00	
1037	NO SNIVELING	\$1,929.00	\$989.00
5209	NOONERS GROUP	\$150.00	
5085	NORTH MOUNTAIN STUDY GROUP	\$218.00	\$50.00
1006	NORTH PHOENIX MEN'S STAG	\$487.00	\$487.00
6214	ON AWAKENING	\$600.00	
2820	PINNACLE PEAK GANG	\$133.00	
5200	RAIN OR SHINE	\$700.00	\$700.00
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	
6031	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	\$25.51	\$25.51
5106	SOBER SISTERS	\$105.00	
5013	SUNDAY EVENING SERENITY	\$250.00	
1203	SUNDAY MORNING ELEVEN AM	\$314.00	
1129	SUNNYSLOPE GROUP	\$180.00	
1060	Sunnyslope Happy Hour	\$54.65	\$50.65
2823	SUNRISE SERENITY	\$544.00	
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB	\$300.00	
1251	WE CHOSE LIFE	\$210.03	\$210.03
1029	WESTSIDE RUSH HOUR	\$600.00	
2803	WOMAN BY THE BOOK	\$275.50	
5500	Work In Progress Group	\$224.50	\$127.50
5263	WORKS BEST When READ	\$340.00	\$200.00
5496	ZOOM CACTUS STUDY GROUP	\$450.00	
5494	ZOOMS Best When Read	\$276.00	\$127.00
		\$29,370.72	\$6,963.95

**THANK YOU**

**BREAKING**

**NEWS**

SAVE THE DATES!



Salt River Intergroup  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summer Roundup

**\*\*DOUBLETREE RESORT PARADISE VALLEY\*\***

August 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4/01/23 @ 11am via Zoom

Hybrid Meetings (starting in May)  
Thursdays @6:30 PM

5/04/23

6/08/23

6/22/23

7/06/23

7/20/23

7/27/23

8/03/23

8/10/23 @ the hotel

Zoom info  
ID: 461 481 8390  
PW: sri2020

Registration and Hotel info coming soon to the website  
<https://aaphoenix.org/events/summer-round-up/>



## Salt River Intergroup, Inc.

## Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2023

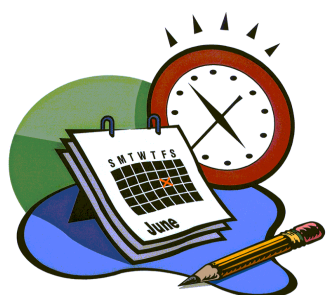
<b>ASSETS</b>				
	Current Assets			
		Checking/Savings		
		General Fund	48,778.58	
		Prudent Reserve Fund	71,294.15	
		Total Checking/Savings	120,072.73	
		Other Current Assets	27,096.95	
		Total Current Assets	147,169.68	
		Fixed Assets	7,702.72	
		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>154,872.40</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
	Equity			
		Funds Balance	145,432.62	
		Net Income	9,439.78	
		Total Equity	154,872.40	
		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>154,872.40</b>	

## Salt River Intergroup, Inc.

## Profit &amp; Loss

March 2023

	Ordinary Income/Expense		
	Income		
		Contributions	7,304.63
		Store Income	9,032.85
		Non Store Income	87.43
		Total Income	16,424.91
		Cost of Goods Sold	5,249.66
		Gross Profit	11,175.25
	Expense		
		Ordinary Expenses	8,731.31
		Employee Expenses	5,530.00
		Committee Expense	1,107.69
		Total Expense	15,369.00
		Net Ordinary Income	-4,193.75
	Other Income/Expense		
		Other Income	
		Alcothon Income	250.00
		Anniversary Income	6,710.00
		Total Other Income	6,960.00
		Other Expense	
		Round-up Expense	2,515.00
		Total Other Expense	2,515.00
		Net Other Income	4,445.00
	Net Income		<b>251.25</b>



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

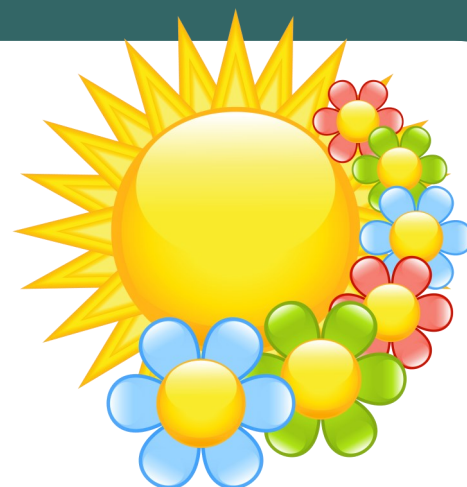
<https://aaphoenix.org/groups/group-update/>



First	LI	Sober Date	Years
Red	K.	5/30/1964	59
Faye	C.	5/11/1968	55
Bob	M.	5/5/1970	53
Eugene	M.	5/19/1972	51
David	J.	5/6/1975	48
Pat	B.	5/22/1976	47
Glenna	C.	5/14/1976	47
Lea	D.	5/27/1976	47
Willie	M.	5/11/1977	46
Dean	D.	5/15/1978	45
Mary	S.	5/27/1978	45
Bev	T.	5/15/1978	45
Daria Lynn	L.	5/6/1979	44
Marc	F.	5/19/1980	43
Don	B.	5/18/1980	43
Wally	C.	5/8/1981	42
Ardith	S.	5/17/1981	42
Marc	D.	5/4/1981	42
Wally	B.	5/21/1982	41

Fred	A.	5/9/1982	41
Keith	S.	5/5/1982	41
Ken	B.	5/14/1983	40
John	C.	5/12/1983	40
Pat	K.	5/28/1983	40
Vicky	O.	5/15/1984	39
Alan	G.	5/11/1985	38
Leslie	G.	5/3/1985	38
Rob	K.	5/9/1987	36
Tom	F.	5/26/1987	36
Brooks	B.	5/1/1987	36
Stephen	O.	5/13/1987	36
Jeanette	A.	5/5/1988	35
Lisa	G.	5/15/1989	34
Gus	J.	5/1/1989	34
Karan	T.	5/23/1991	32
George	M.	5/29/1992	31
Debbie	M.	5/20/1993	30
Michael	H.	5/25/1994	29
Susan	W.	5/26/1996	27

We are currently updating our Old Timers data base. Please email any changes to [info@sriphoenix.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@sriphoenix.org) or call Cyndee at Central Office 602-264-1374.



# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Steering Committee Meeting	3	4 Roundup Com- mittee Mgt 6:30p Hybrid	5	6
7	8	9 Intergroup Meeting via Zoom 7pm	10 H&I Meeting 7pm Hybrid for details see	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 PI/CPC mtg 7pm see pg3 for details	24	25	26	27
28	29 Labor Day Central Office closed	30	31			

**Please check specific meetings for cancelations or postponements**

## **SALT RIVER INTERGROUP**

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Phoenix, AZ 85032

Phone: 602-264-1341  
website [www.aaphoenix.org](http://www.aaphoenix.org)  
email: [info@sriphoenix.org](mailto: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

