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SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

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Dear Salt River Intergroup (SRI) Community:

Your SRI Steering Committee held a “**Special Meeting**” (March 27th) to review health concerns related to the Corona Virus. In our effort to determine the best ways to honor “social distancing,” the Steering Committee reviewed updates from the following sources:

Center for Disease Control (CDC) guideline is to not be in groups **larger than 50 for the next 8 weeks**;
City of Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego has declared a state of emergency, amid coronavirus concerns;
The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America -- 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) by not participating in gatherings **larger than 10 people**;
All Arizona Colleges/Universities have suspended in-person classes and moved to on-line classes instead.
Numerous businesses have closed or reduced hours to minimize exposure.

As a result, we have concluded we need to honor these guidelines and protect our SRI Intergroup Membership. Thus, **effectively immediately**, the following actions have been approved:

The **77th Anniversary of AA in the Valley is cancelled!** The SRI Steering Committee wants to express our thanks to Susan C. and the Anniversary Committee for a job well done!

As we have already incurred expenses for the Anniversary, we **WILL continue with Raffle efforts**.

Groups are still encouraged to donate baskets, gift certificates, etc. ALL raffle tickets and funds need to be turned in to SRI Central Office NO LATER than April 10th. A raffle will be held at the SRI Central Office, recorded and aired on the SRI Website April 18th. Winners will be called and can coordinate picking up their items at SRI Central Office;

Effective March 18th, the **SRI Central Office will be CLOSED! However, to ensure safety, Staff and Volunteers will work from their home**, continue to answer phones, conduct business and reply to emails. We will review our closing weekly.

As SRI Central Office will remain closed, we will **not have groups assemble MEETING LISTS books**. The **SRI Steering Committee** will continue to monitor the business of the organization. We will conduct our April 7th meeting via CONFERENCE Call.

The **April 14th SRI Intergroup Meeting is CANCELLED!** Again, this honors the guidelines listed above.

SRI Central Office will be **maintaining a list of suspended meetings**, club houses and activities on our website. Please encourage people to check this frequently. We ask that if you attend a meeting that has been suspended, please contact SRI Central Office at suspend@aaphx.org

SRI Central Office is working on resources for **VIRTUAL meetings**.

Finally, we recognize this is a challenging time for not only us in recovery but globally. We will continue to do our best to be transparent, accessible and dedicated to serving you. Thank you for your continued support of the SRI Steering Committee, Salt River Intergroup, and SRI Central Office!

In love and service,

Robbin B.

SRI Steering Committee Chairperson

From Your Steering Committee

Tradition Four

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

The definition of autonomous is “the freedom to govern itself or control its own affairs”...its own affairs only. The exception is incredibly important...it stipulates where our freedom stops. It reminds us to remain humble and not so self-centered that our ideas and actions are not without thought of consequence for the higher good of other groups or AA as a whole.

We are blessed with options...so many options of abundance...members offer so many ideas and experiences to their groups for consideration. We are also blessed with the resources of those who have gone before us creating a legacy of examples, our elders and the General Services Office. All of these are available to provide guidance to any group...to ensure the spirit of Tradition Four.

I for one, have attended meetings all over the United States and in Europe. I appreciate the subtle differences amongst the groups, but more than that I identify with the consistency and feeling of comfort, friendship and home that I get no matter where I attend a meeting. It is the similarities, not the differences that make it okay for me to step outside the comfort zone of my regular meetings and attend meetings no matter where I might be.

My favorite two lines in all of Tradition Four are “every group has the right to be wrong” and acceptance of that fact lets us see “the very acme of humility”. It reminds us to hold humility to the same standard we hold the exploration of new ideas. In doing so we will work within the guidelines of Tradition Four.

Question: Does my group consider the welfare of nearby groups in its actions and decisions? Of AA “as a whole”?

Holly W.

Tradition Four Checklist

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

- Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
- Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
- Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
- Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
- Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths – his lengths, not mine – to stay sober?
- Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?



Concept Four

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge"

This concept focuses on the "Right of Participation." At the General Service Conference, voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e., G.S.O.) and the A.A. Grapevine. This furthers the AA position that no member is placed in "ultimate authority" over another. All votes hold equal weight and each voting member is only permitted to vote once during an election.

Taken from the Filing Cabinet, April 2018

NEW MEETINGS

85250 TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT 12:00PM SCOTTSDALE NEXT STEP O BB X 7405 E MCDONALD DR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

85022 WED 8:00PM PHOENIX LETS TALK O D % 12838 N 22ND PL SWEETWATER SOBER LIVING HOUSE

85013 THU 7:00PM PHOENIX UNACCOUNTABLY TRANSFORMED O D GL YP 4121 N 7TH AVE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HOPE

85007 SAT 1:00PM PHOENIX MOHAVE GROUP O X 309 W MOHAVE ST BLUE BUILDING

85040 SUN 6:30PM PHOENIX 4848 SPEAKER MEETING O S 4848 S CENTRAL AVE FOOD 5:30

85302 MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT 5:00AM GLENDALE BY THE BOOK O 8910 N 43RD AVE #102 FELLOWSHIP HALL**

CHANGES

85008 SUN 7:00AM PHOENIX GO FOR IT GROUP O S 2310 N 56TH ST VALLEY ALANO** FREDRICKSON HALL NEW TIME



31st Annual Summer Roundup committee meeting will be Monday April 6th, 6:30pm via Zoom, please contact Les for details

480-208-4029

Concept Four Checklist

Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

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Digital 7th Tradition

A GUIDE TO BEST PRACTICES FOR A DIGITAL 7TH TRADITION

Online meeting spaces make it difficult to “pass the basket.” Some groups have set up digital contribution accounts with services like Venmo, PayPal, Google Pay, etc. to deal with this problem. Now might be a good time to review an essential piece of AA literature, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.” Each group is autonomous and might consider taking a group conscience on whether digital contributions are an option, and which platform (or mix of platforms) best suits their groups’ needs.

But first, why collect 7th Tradition for an online meeting?

- Our regular meeting locations still have operating expenses...
- Our meetings facilities may rely on our regular rent to help pay their rent, utilities, and employees

Meeting supplies will still be needed when our meetings reopen – coffee, paper products, literature, refreshments. And after an extended closure, we may experience a large influx of people who are motivated to re-join the fellowship in person.

- Central Office and the General Service Office still have operating expenses such as...
- Websites – which we may now rely on more than ever!
- Phone lines, rent and insurance on office space
- Utility and other ongoing expenses

Paid Special Workers who deserve our continued support. Their compensation is crucial to their ability to serve us.

- Our Districts and Areas and H&I still have expenses...
- Regular expenses to support the work of committees and events that will take place when the crisis has passed are still there.
- Web services support for groups

Expenses for venues for events that have been cancelled may still need to be met, since any income from the event won’t be there to support the pre-payment of reservations, cancellation fees, etc. The expense of re-arranging for venues to reschedule events is very real.

Let’s continue to support these folks during the crisis.

We realize that even though the immediate need for virtual connections is relatively inexpensive, the real expenses of our fellowship continues. Please consider continuing to practice our 7th Tradition and make contributions to the service entities that support your group – your Intergroup or Central Office, your District, Area and the General Services Office. Individual members may choose to contribute directly to service entities—consider making contribution to SRI Central Office [here](#). Contributions to GSO can be made [here](#).

Now, how does our Group go about collecting digital contributions?

Understand the role of treasurer – read [The A.A. Group Treasurer](#) to learn about the role of treasurer within the group. Here you will learn the importance of selecting a treasurer, how to safeguard and distribute group funds, what a “prudent reserve” is, and more!

Group bank account vs Treasurer’s personal account – Your group likely has this sorted out already. For smaller groups, treasurers tend to use their personal bank account and account for group funds using a spreadsheet. A larger group might have a bank account established in the name of the group. For more information on how to set up a group bank account, see this [How to Open a Group Bank Account](#).

Digital payment options – [Google Pay](#), [Venmo](#), [PayPal](#), [Zelle](#), [Apple Pay](#), [Cash App](#), and [Stripe](#) are all viable options. Take a group conscience – A group conscience is recommended as each member who wishes to contribute will need to open an account with the chosen service. Many members may already have a service they use and prefer.

You can select one or multiple – A group can agree to use just one service, but larger groups may even want to consider multiple options for their members. Consider the costs and benefits of each platform – each service has varying fees for money transfers depending on the users’ chosen method of payment (debit, credit, checking account, etc.). Some may have a more user-friendly interface than others.

Once your group selects a platform:

- **Setting it up** – choose a username that is easy and intuitive for the group. You may want to include the name directly in the secretary script.
- **Security** – Create a strong password for the app and ensure your mobile device used to access the app also has a passcode. If possible, set up two-factor authentication for added security.

Privacy – Learn the app’s privacy settings! Some digital payment platforms have social components that you may want to disable to protect anonymity.

[*Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix](#)

Central Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone...

We will have a few spots open on **Tuesday's 9a-12p, Wednesday's 12p-3p, and Thursday's 12p-3p** 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; **Saturday's 6a-9a**, if nobody is scheduled, the phones don't get answered. Period.

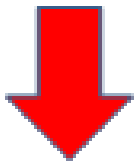
You never know... the life you save just might be your own!!! If interested, please let me know! I can be reached at (602)264.1341.

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

February Phone Stats
Total Help Line Calls:
909
0.9%



February WEB Stats:
Total Sessions:
18,921



	This Month	Last Month
New Visitor	58.4%	67.8%
Returning Visitor	41.6%	32.2%

Sessions by Acquisition	This Month	Last Month
Organic Search:	58.3%	56.9%
Direct	38.0%	38.2%
Referral	3.4%	4.5%
Social	0.26%	0.3%

Sessions by Device	This Month	Last Month
Mobile	71.2%	70.3%
Desktop	26.0%	26%
Tablet	2.8%	3.8%



FEAR, TERROR, OR PEACEFUL APPREHENSION

The following definitions of fear, terror and apprehension are my own; probably not to be found in a dictionary—they are simply a bright idea I came up with of recent. First let us go back to the days of when our hunter/gatherer ancestors were sometimes chased by hungry wild animals. One of these three emotions would have taken over:

Fear: Body is overcome with *extra energy* to either fight the toothy beast or take off on a fast hike—this surge is what I consider as anger. (Think about it!)

Terror: Frozen stiff and gets gobbled.

Apprehension: This emotion allowed this our cave dwelling ancestors to think clearly—maybe climb a tree, etc.

The ones who survived left an imprint on the genes* (DNA) of their offspring sapiens, e.g.: you and me! Consequently, when aroused, I automatically tend to become tense and angry and seemingly out of control. It just pops up from those genes from yore—and *it ain't going anywhere!* If I don't find some way to circumvent this inherited genealogical process, I will be running around town all day long like a wet hen or dry drunk. What to do?

Well, I can thank God for providing AA tools. I can now—at least at times—place those disastrous devils of **fear** and **anger** on the back burner and feel calm **apprehensive concern** instead. When I feel wronged, I can forgive the evil doer, see where I may have been at fault, or simply ask God to remove these two demons. (pages 67 and 68) Also, there is a prayer on page 552 which is not part of the Twelve Steps, but it has worked for me on several occasions (look it up!).

So now, when my emotions are under attack, I can enjoy a normal **calm apprehensive response** by following these clear-cut directions in the Big Book, so long as I rise above what my immediate emotions are shouting at me. I have a choice!

Bob S, Richmond, IN

*Gene: a unit of heredity which is transferred from a parent to offspring and is held to determine some characteristic of the offspring.



Group Contributions



Grp No	Group Name	FEB	YTD
5221	11 AT 7		335.50
5134	11TH STEP MEDITATION MTG.		220.00
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)		22.00
1030	1-6-4 GROUP	117.41	117.41
1087	6 P.M. HAPPY HOUR (LAMBDA)	74.66	74.66
1211	6:00 RUSH HOUR (CROSSROADS)	204.00	204.00
1071	6:00 TIME OUT	100.00	200.00
5352	A WAY OUT ON TATUM GROUP		180.00
1700	A.A. SAFE PLACE		111.10
5097	BEFORE BREAKFAST CLUB		200.00
1083	BELLANO	80.00	80.00
6168	BEYOND THE FIRST MIRACLE	77.25	77.25
6060	BIG BOOK EXPERIENCE	146.45	146.45
5110	BREAKFAST CLUB		64.90
6106	BRUNCH BUNCH	73.77	110.39
6137	CAREFREE RATTLERS	50.00	50.00
1080	CAREFREE WILDLIFE		50.00
1089	CASUAL NOONERS		182.50
5070	CELEBRATE LIFE		1,200.00
5273	DESIGN FOR LIVING		48.06
6215	DIVINE DIVAS		600.00
6129	FEELINGS & SOLUTIONS	200.00	200.00
2706	FREEDOM HOUR		550.00
2731	FRIDAY MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY		127.50
5257	FRIENDS OF EBBY	105.50	105.50
6067	FRIENDS STAYING SOBER		90.00
1097	FUNCTIONAL GROUP		100.00
1610	GET YOUR SPIRITS HERE	31.40	31.40
1098	GO FOR IT GROUP I	390.00	390.00
2111	GRANITE REEFERS	300.00	300.00
5188	GRAPEVINE MEETING		50.00
5234	HAPPY ALCOHOLICS	364.00	364.00
1162	HAPPY HOUR (CROSSROADS 4PM)	100.00	100.00
5171	HOGAN'S HEROES		182.50
5290	HOW IT WORKS BIG BOOK STEP STUDY	115.62	115.62
5104	IN-BETWEENERS		100.00
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS	148.00	148.00
6142	LADIES' TEA PARTY		200.00
1023	LADYBUGS		178.16

5122	LANGUAGE OF THE HEART	105.00	105.00
1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT		430.67
5139	LIVING SOBER		567.18
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY		146.75
3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)	25.00	150.00
1092	MENS 4PM MONDAY MEETING		124.50
1056	MEN'S CAREFREE SOBRIETY		148.00
5305	MOHAVE GROUP	25.00	25.00
5006	MONDAY MORNING MIRACLES	247.00	247.00
2003	MONDAY NIGHT B.B. STEP STUDY		180.00
5390	NEW COMERS AA		24.00
5286	NEW VISION GROUP		81.16
1037	NO SNIVELING	1,605.54	2,890.62
6034	NORTH SCOTTSDALE STEP STUDY	200.00	200.00
6214	ON AWAKENING		200.00
1159	PATHFINDERS	40.00	40.00
2820	PINNACLE PEAK GANG		131.12
2402	POST TIME	114.83	114.83
2824	PUTTIN' SOBER		729.74
4066	QUIT-IN-TIME		280.00
5200	RAIN OR SHINE	600.00	600.00
5252	RENEWAL IN THE DESERT		208.32
1103	SATURDAY MORNING BROTHERHOOD		900.00
1113	SATURDAY NITE VARIETY	225.00	225.00
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	289.66
5013	SUNDAY EVENING SERENITY		600.00
2823	SUNRISE SERENITY		276.22
6104	TGIF		4.00
6006	THOMPSON PEAK GANG		353.50
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB		200.00
1251	WE CHOSE LIFE		96.42
2105	WINNERS GROUP		600.00
2803	WOMAN BY THE BOOK		120.20
5263	WORKS BEST WHEN READ		45.00
		6,155.09	19,631.06

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

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of February 29, 2020

			Feb 29, 20
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
	Checking/Savings		
	General Fund		27,177.20
	Prudent Reserve Fund		40,029.03
	Total Checking/Savings		67,206.23
	Other Current Assets		29,997.79
	Total Current Assets		97,204.02
	Fixed Assets		17,508.65
TOTAL ASSETS			114,712.67
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Equity			
	Funds Balance		98,897.43
	Net Income		15,815.24
	Total Equity		114,712.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY			114,712.67

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.

Profit & Loss

February 2020

			Feb 20
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
	Group Contributions		6,155.09
	Individual Contributions		10,028.43
	Store Income		7,836.90
	Non Store Income		164.65
	Total Income		24,185.07
	Cost of Goods Sold		5,022.98
	Gross Profit		19,162.09
Expense			
	Ordinary Expenses		3,768.53
	Employee Expenses		5,862.62
	Total Expense		9,631.15
	Net Ordinary Income		9,530.94
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
	Anniversary Income		50.00
	Total Other Income		50.00
Other Expense			
	Anniversary Expense		151.87
	Total Other Expense		151.87
	Net Other Income		-101.87
Net Income			9,429.07



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

First	Last Init	Sober Date	Years
Jack	M.	4/17/1967	53
Eddie	M.	4/13/1970	50
H.B.	M.	4/25/1970	50
Anne	S.	4/13/1970	50
Kathleen	C.	4/15/1974	46
Lee	M.	4/6/1975	45
Margaret	P.	4/17/1975	45
Scott	H.	4/26/1977	43
Thomas	M.	4/21/1978	42
Larry	B.	4/20/1978	42
Al	L.	4/12/1978	42
Dave	M.	4/19/1978	42
Dulcie	S.	4/1/1978	42
Byron	F.	4/29/1978	42
Wally	C.	4/1/1979	41
Jeanne	C.	4/10/1979	41
Kitty	K.	4/28/1979	41
Harry	R.	4/17/1980	40

Frank	B.	4/20/1980	40
Marty	L.	4/15/1980	40
Donald	R.	4/3/1980	40
Diane	R.	4/14/1980	40
Louise	J.	4/7/1981	39
Jim	G.	4/22/1982	38
Joel	M.	4/22/1982	38
Kathy	M.	4/27/1982	38
Jim	F.	4/13/1982	38
Steve	L.	4/25/1983	37
Bill	M.	4/9/1983	37
Chris	W.	4/15/1984	36
John	J.	4/13/1984	36
Bert	N.	4/1/1984	36
Gary	N.	4/25/1984	36
Scott	W.	4/9/1985	35
Dino	F.	4/28/1986	34
Donette	J.	4/1/1986	34
Chuck	T.	4/17/1987	33
Mike	S.	4/27/1987	33
Donna	L.	4/7/1987	33
Billy	L.	4/22/1988	32
Mike	R.	4/25/1988	32
Dennis	A.	4/7/1990	30
Lenny	G.	4/10/1990	30
Billie	S.	4/5/1991	29
Sandy	B.	4/13/1993	27



April 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Intergroup Meeting Canceled	15	16	17	18 SRI Anniversary Canceled
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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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

