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SALT RIVER INTERGROUP



Step Ten: Continued to Take Personal Inventory.

Examine My Motives for All That I Do.

By Rick R.

If someone were to ask me what brought me to the doors of the Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) my answer would be: "Alcohol had got the best of me, I was desperately circling the drain, and I didn't want to die young". Not everyone that comes to A.A. has that degree of desperation. I got sober on October 15th, 1969 and that was just before Alcoholics were being offered Rehabilitation clinics. Up to that point most of our members came here were looking for answers. The success rate at that time, according to the foreword to the second addition of the (Big Book), Alcoholics Anonymous, it says that 50% of those who came here looking for answers got sober and never drank again 25% got sober after a few relapses and stayed that way and the other 25% showed improvement. To me, 75% sounds like a surprisingly good ratio of success. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking. (Tradition Three) Not everyone who comes to A.A. from the Court System or from a Rehab environment has the same amount of desperation as those original members had. This does not mean that they are not invited, for we treat them with respect but a large percentage of them do relapse and we welcome them back with open arms so as not to be considered an A.A. failure and eventually many of them do stay sober. The depth of the desperation is often consistent with the depth of thoroughness a person is willing to go through as he takes the steps and when I was faced with this suggestion that I do a Fearless and Thorough Moral Inventory in the fourth step, I began to resist and did what I would call a shallow facade just to get my ticket punched. Being in the Navy at the time I was abruptly flown out to the western Pacific during the

Vietnam War and assigned to a tanker replenishing the fuel on ships in the Tonkin gulf Fleet and I had four months to think about what I was going to do on my returned home. My conscience told me to discard my original inventory and do it right the second time around. That I think, is what made the rest of this program easy for me. Being willing to take responsibility for all those disgusting behaviors of yesterday and to make restitution has been the answer to all those alcoholic behaviors in the past. If we have completed a good 4th and 5th step and again on the 8th and 9th step, how do we approach the tenth step which suggest that we continue to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Early in my sobriety my wife came home from an Al-Anon meeting excited about the topic they shared. She said that "We should examine our motives for all the things we do" and that made perfect sense to me. I have been living a life based on Unselfish Principles and I am never finished examining my motives. All my out-side behaviors (short-comings) are the result of my thinking (motives) and so long as I am willing to continue this path it has taken all the fight out of me. Selfishness--self-Centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-pity we step on the toes of our fellows, and they retaliate. (BB pg. 62) What a Profound statement! Living a life based upon Unselfish Motives has restored my self-esteem and the final and most important result is peace of mind. Never thought that would happen!!! This is my understanding of Step Ten.

From Your Steering Committee

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

From the beginning, AA recognized that in order to maintain singleness of purpose, the fellowship would need to focus on helping other alcoholics recover. That would mean not engaging in outside issues that could dissuade someone from wanting to participate in the AA way of life. The spirit of Tradition 10 allows for private members to have their own relationships with outside issues but that those issues must be left outside of the meeting rooms of AA. One of the earliest examples of a program of recovery that failed due to taking part in outside issues was the Washingtonians. Due to their fragmentation over a variety of political and social issues at the time, the fellowship fell apart.

What Tradition 10 means for meetings and individuals is that their participation in outside issues should be kept outside of the meeting rooms. Members should also avoid discussing such topics during the meeting itself. If a meeting drifts off topic, it becomes the responsibility of the chairperson or home group members to guide the conversation back to our singleness of purpose. This also includes limiting flyers and pamphlets to AA related events and activities in order to avoid the appearance of endorsing something as a fellowship.

Question: Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? Prescribed medications? Other drugs? Other 12 step programs? Vitamins? AI-Anon? The federal or state government?

Tradition Ten Checklist

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? AI-Anon?

Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?

What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?

What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?

Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?

How can I manifest the spirit of the Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?



Concept Ten

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority — the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Our service structure requires that each operational responsibility is granted the corresponding authority, so it may function effectively. Remember, Concept I establishes that this services structure is rooted in delegation from AA groups. Once a person assumes a role within the service structure, that person needs authority to carry out his/her duties.

Bill W. warned against withholding such authority when he stated “...when *delegated authority is operating well, it should not be constantly interfered with. [Otherwise]those charged with operating responsibly will be demoralized.*” In consideration of this, AA has implemented multiple procedural safeguards that allow for corrections and reorganization. For instance; although trusted servants have authority to do their work and achieve their responsibilities, that said authority is clearly defined, it is rarely the final authority, and it does not go unchecked.

**Central Office will be closed on Monday
October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day**

**PI/CPC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom;
Meeting ID: 976 6139 5578 Passcode: 397657**

Concept Ten Checklist

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?

Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use the concept to define the scope of “authority”?

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Salt River Intergroup Business Meeting 14th Sept 2021

Open Meeting with Serenity Prayer and Mission Statement - Quianna

Tradition and Tradition Checklist Reading – Megan

Concept Reading and Concept Checklist Reading – Holly

New Intergroup Reps – Michael, Best When Read; **Melissa**, Left Fork Group; **Stephen**, Zooms Best When Read; **Greg**, First Things First; **Louise**, Divine Divas; **Bud**, Sunday Morning Crossroads East; **Barrie**, Into Action
Welcome all!

Introduction to Pages 5-6 for information to and from Home Groups.

Remarks and Announcements by the Chair – Quianna

Previous Month's Minutes – August . Page 7 of the IG packet. Motion to accept: Cass Seconded: Jay
Unanimous acceptance.

General Service Liaison (Area) – Adrian - The Assembly was recorded and you can log onto Area 3.org and get all the speakers, etc.

Treasurer Report – James – pgs 8-12 of the IG packet. Apart from the regular details of our fiscal position, James also outlined the Round Up income position to the end of Aug.

7th Tradition – Self Support Card – Quianna

Central Office Report – Cyndee – pg 3-4 of the IG packet.

Event Committee Liaison

2020 Summer Round Up – Quianna, Adrian, Robbin – a huge success, people came out, people stayed sober, we made a little bit of money. We have seen some ways to improve the scholarship donations drive.

Thank you to Jennifer and all the Event Committee and Doug Mattaino for his efforts on the Golf Tournament. It was a huge success all round and was hugely enjoyed. Thank you for everyone turning up.

2021 SRI Alcathon – Terry, Paul – The membership of SRI Barry of the Winners Group motioned: To have the Alcathon in person for 2021. Cass seconded. Discussion. Questions were raised about the issue of the food being handled in private homes. Aye-19, No – 12, Abstain – 6. Minority opinion was heard. Aye - 13 No - 17 Abstain – 2. The Alcathon will remain virtual for 2021.

2022 Anniversary Event – no report as yet

Old Business – Elections – Robbin outlined the process and requirements of the elections and and disclosed the positions available as well as those willing to stand for them.

New Business – Barry of the Winners Group – motioned: in the interest of time to table Agenda Item 14. Barrie seconded: Unanimous acceptance.

SRI Standing Committee Report

Archives – Rosemary – no report

PI/CPC - Terry - no report

Meeting Update Committee – Holly – no report

Grapevine – Megan – no report

ZONYPAA – Megan – no report

H & I – Kimberley - Invited all to the H and I group on the 2nd Wed of each month. vwhi.org is the website.

There is also an H and I presentation that come to any meeting to discuss the work of the Committee. Request your pink can from the website.

Birthdays: Cyndee - 15

Motion to close: Dave. Barry seconded. We left.

Central Office Manager's Report

Hello everyone...

Presently there are volunteer opportunities to answer phones at Central Office on Friday's 3p-6p. If interested please call or email me; 602-264-1374-info@sriphoenix.org. I am so grateful for the volunteers, THANK YOU!!

We have some spots to answer the phones from your home; Saturday's 6p-11p, 11p-6a and Sunday's 9a-12p, 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 contact Sandy at (602)264.1341. This commitment has a sobriety requirement of 1 year of continuous sobriety and have worked your 12 steps.

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

August Phone Stats

	This	Last	
Total Help Line Calls:	637	670	4.9%



August WEB Stats:

	This	Last	
Total Sessions:	16,747	16,976	2.69



	This Month	Last Month
New Visitor	68.7%	69.0%
Returning Visitor	31.3%	31.0%

Sessions by Acquisition	This Month	Last Month
Organic Search:	61.4%	58.7%
Direct	36.1%	38.8%
Referral	1.88%	1.69%
Social	0.62%	0.72%

Sessions by Device	This Month	Last Month
Mobile	67.7%	66.1%
Desktop	30.4%	32.2%
Tablet	1.86%	1.7%



It is the month of October...a great time to look at Step Ten...in both the Big Book and the Twelve and Twelve. I have heard in the rooms that Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve are the maintenance steps. I would like to suggest that these are the growth steps. Working Steps One through Nine has been a huge growth journey for me. Is it even possible that there is more growth...and that it can be even more exciting and revealing than what I learned in Steps One through Nine?

The Big Book tells me that once I have reached Step Ten, I have entered the world of the Spirit. It goes on to tell me that the next part of my journey, which should continue for a lifetime, is to **GROW** in understanding and effectiveness...it does not say maintain...it says grow. I now have the beginnings of a relationship with a Higher Power whom I choose to call God.

Step Ten..."Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it"...tells me I will continue to use all the tools I have learned in Steps One through Nine repeatedly. It reminds me that I am not, nor will I ever be perfect. I use this Step every morning. I write a letter to God reviewing my yesterday and the day that is before me.

The Big Book says that "every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all our activities." The purpose of the Big Book is to help me develop a relationship with a Higher Power

so that I can be of maximum service to Him and others. It tells me that this thought must go on constantly with me. It even says this is a good use of my will power...when I am aligning my will with God's will for me. If I have followed the directions up until now, I am promised a God-consciousness...the beginnings of this vital sixth sense...for this is what will catapult me in to that Fourth Dimension where I can be happy, joyous and free.

And so, Step Ten keeps me focused on my thoughts, attitudes, behaviors and words...to be hyper vigilant on aligning all of me to God's will for me today. It is so easy for me to veer off this path and focus on everyone and everything else that goes on around me. When I do that, I am unable to hear God's voice or feel his nudges. By starting each day in conscious contact with God...looking at how I showed up yesterday and preparing for how I want to show up today...I acknowledge and accept God as my Teacher, Source and Guide.

The consistent and constant practice of Step Ten enhances my connection with God. It strengthens and fortifies my relationship. It increases my faith and trust in God. My relationship with God is the most important thing in my life today. I want to know what his vision is for me and Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve will keep me focused on God and me.

Holly

Meeting

SRI Intergroup Meeting via Zoom October 12, 2021 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

Group Contributions

Group	Group Name	AUG	YTD
5221	11 AT 7		92.95
5134	11TH STEP MEDITATION MTG.		100.00
1900	12 AND 12 (CAREFREE)		218.00
5024	12&12 STUDY		110.00
1030	1-6-4 GROUP		57.10
1265	1ST THINGS FIRST		75.00
1035	5:30 HAPPY HOUR (P.O.P.)		500.00
1087	6 P.M. HAPPY HOUR (LAMBDA)	192.33	266.83
1211	6:00 RUSH HOUR (CROSSROADS)	400.00	2,121.52
2726	A NEW FREEDOM		50.00
5195	A NEW WOMEN'S MEETING		505.00
1700	A SAFE PLACE	300.00	359.63
5204	AFTERNOON DELIGHT		100.00
2805	BACKYARD GROUP		40.00
5097	BEFORE BREAKFAST CLUB		230.00
1510	BIRDS OF A FEATHER		100.00
5110	BREAKFAST CLUB		68.23
6106	BRUNCH BUNCH	52.25	521.15
5402	BYOCHAIR	100.00	1,595.00
1059	CACTUS STUDY GROUP	630.00	3,140.00
6137	CAREFREE RATTLERS		421.00
1177	CAREFREE SPIRIT GROUP		121.00
1191	CAREFREE WAY OF LIFE		70.00
1080	CAREFREE WILDLIFE		110.00
1089	CASUAL NOONERS	143.81	466.64
1174	CLASS ACT		50.00
6042	CREIGHTON TUESDAY STAG		273.00
5271	CROSSROADS TO HEAVEN	355.00	355.00
6215	DIVINE DIVAS		200.00

5127	DOG TIRED MEN'S STAG		616.63
6129	FEELINGS & SOLUTIONS		160.00
1024	FIRESIDE		100.00
5409	FIRST STEP		550.84
5406	FORWARD IN RECOVERY		174.76
2110	FOUNTAIN HILLS GROUP, THE		517.00
2706	FREEDOM HOUR		500.00
			483.00
2731	FRIDAY MORNING BIG BOOK STUDY		
5388	FRIDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE		384.00
6054	FRIENDS OF BILL W.		265.00
1097	FUNCTIONAL GROUP	203.00	960.25
1098	GO FOR IT GROUP I		1,125.00
5188	GRAPEVINE MEETING		18.50
5234	HAPPY ALCOHOLICS		874.00
6183	HAPPY DESTINY		212.00
5016	HAPPY HOUR (NSFC 4PM)	1,000.00	1,000.00
6221	HAPPY VALLEY EAST		260.00
5171	HOGAN'S HEROES	225.12	666.88
5310	HOW BAD DO YOU WANT IT		1,259.94
5404	HOW IT WORKS	200.00	1,000.00
	HOW IT WORKS BIG BOOK STEP STUDY		522.81
5290			
5104	IN-BETWEENERS	100.00	300.00
6627	INTO ACTION		1,544.08
1070	IT WORKS		15.00
5238	JUST BOOZE		50.00
6061	KNUCKLEHEADS		767.13
6142	LADIES' TEA PARTY		180.00
1023	LADYBUGS		501.00
1514	LET'S TALK ABOUT IT	188.60	2,911.40
5297	LIVING IN THE SOLUTION		421.00

THANK YOU

Group contributions continues

5139	LIVING SOBER		442.70
5178	LONE MOUNTAIN BB STUDY		491.33
3114	LUNCH BUNCH (CROSSROADS)	350.00	2,074.00
1041	MALE CHAUVINISTS		351.00
1092	MENS 4PM MONDAY MEETING		301.57
5111	MEN'S ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT		2,500.00
1056	MEN'S CAREFREE SOBRIETY	226.90	535.15
1158	MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BB STUDY		25.00
1204	MID CITY GROUP	34.73	352.85
5489	MID DAY PAUSE		21.50
1008	MONDAY MORNING LADIES STEP MEETING		40.00
2003	MONDAY NIGHT B.B. STEP STUDY		413.98
5350	MOON VALLEY WOMENS BREAKFAST MEETING	60.00	73.00
6064	MORNING MIRACLES		332.86
5285	MOUNTAIN TOPPERS	6.00	46.00
5360	MY FRIENDS PROMISE		733.00
5286	NEW VISION GROUP	51.00	173.12
1037	NO SNIVELING		3,793.84
5209	NOONERS GROUP		859.00
5085	NORTH MOUNTAIN STUDY GROUP	50.00	96.80
6214	ON AWAKENING		1,200.00
0007	OTHER 7TH TRADITION		392.06
1159	PATHFINDERS		35.00
2820	PINNACLE PEAK GANG		447.88
2824	PUTTIN' SOBER		736.00
4066	QUIT-IN-TIME		708.26
5200	RAIN OR SHINE		592.37
1153	REALITY		200.00
4077	REFLECTIONS		139.00
1040	SCOTTSDALE NON-DRINKERS	220.00	910.00

1117	SCOTTSDALE SPEAKERS MTG.		500.00
2408	SCOTTSDALE STOP OFF		25.00
6146	SERENITY AT 4:01	40.00	40.00
5403	SERENITY AT THE FOUNTAIN		490.00
6031	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY		610.42
2760	SPIRIT OF GOD	30.00	70.00
5480	SQUARE PEGS ROUND HOLES		40.95
1021	STEP SISTERS		535.00
5197	STEPS TO SOBRIETY		78.00
2819	STORIES AT SUNDOWN		356.94
5013	SUNDAY EVENING SERENITY		183.00
2410	SUNDAY NIGHT SERENITY		885.00
1060	SUNNYSLOPE HAPPY HOUR		830.00
2823	SUNRISE SERENITY		617.71
5248	THE FIRST 164		160.00
5383	THE FIRST PROMISE GROUP		342.75
6007	THE GAY MENS STAG		300.00
6006	THOMPSON PEAK GANG		400.00
5280	VALLEY ALANO CLUB		200.00
1139	VALLEY STAG GROUP		248.00
1152	WAY OUT OF THE BOTTLE		500.00
1251	WE CHOSE LIFE		240.47
6628	WED. NIGHT MEN'S BB STUDY		221.41
6120	WED. NIGHT MEN'S STEP STUDY		93.01
1029	WESTSIDE RUSH HOUR		1,200.00
2105	WINNERS GROUP		1,000.00
2803	WOMAN BY THE BOOK		845.02
5263	WORKS BEST WHEN READ		400.00
5494	ZOOMS Best When Read	70.00	90.00
		5,228.74	61,177.22

I am Responsible . . .

**When anyone, anywhere
reaches out for help**

I want the hand of AA to be there,

And for that,

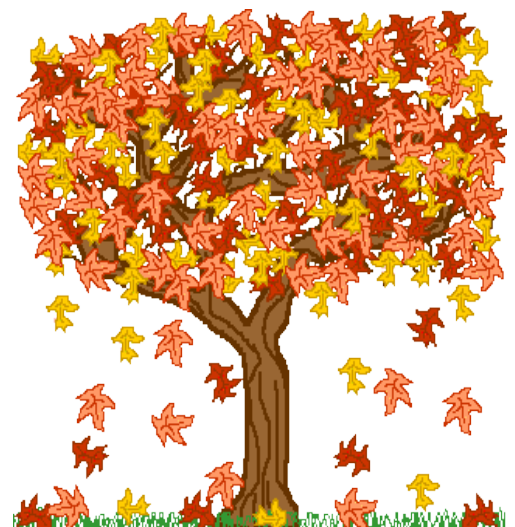
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Salt River Intergroup, Inc.	
Balance Sheet	
As of August 31, 2021	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	66,511.76
Prudent Reserve Fund	40,035.49
Total Checking/Savings	106,547.25
Other Current Assets	25,699.07
Total Current Assets	132,246.32
Fixed Assets	11,849.79
TOTAL ASSETS	144,096.11
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Funds Balance	105,900.00
Net Income	38,196.11
Total Equity	144,096.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	144,096.11

Salt River Intergroup, Inc.	
Profit & Loss	
August 2021	
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Contributions	5,591.65
Store Income	9,478.32
Non Store Income	10.84
Total Income	15,080.81
Cost of Goods Sold	6,174.75
Gross Profit	8,906.06
Expense	
Ordinary Expenses	4,270.94
Employee Expenses	6,017.83
Total Expense	10,288.77
Net Ordinary Income	-1,382.71
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Round-up Income	45,517.66
Total Other Income	45,517.66
Other Expense	
General Event Expense	84.20
Round-up Expense	37,222.23
Total Other Expense	37,306.43
Net Other Income	8,211.23
Net Income	6,828.52

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

**Email changes to:
Info@sriphoenix.org or
suspend@aaphoenix.org**





First	Last	Sober Date	Years
Bernadine	M.	10/5/1971	50
Dick	Y.	10/3/1973	48
Turid	S.	10/21/1973	48
Ann	M.	10/3/1974	47
Mary	U.	10/2/1975	46
Kem	O.	10/7/1975	46
Rich	C.	10/11/1976	45
Carol	G.	10/14/1976	45
Nancy	J.	10/17/1976	45
Jose	M.	10/6/1976	45
Jeff	M.	10/12/1976	45
Vivian	R.	10/2/1977	44
Bill	C.	10/5/1978	43
Cornelius	O.	10/27/1978	43
Celeste	M.	10/2/1978	43
Allen	O.	10/28/1979	42
Debbie	S.	10/21/1979	42
Nu Sue	M.	10/19/1981	40
Roger	W.	10/31/1981	40
Karl	M.	10/5/1982	39
Sarah	P.	10/19/1982	39
Charlie	S.	10/23/1982	39
Jerry	V.	10/22/1982	39
Dotti	G.	10/16/1983	38
Gregorio	M.	10/23/1983	38

Ella	L.	10/7/1983	38
Dan	S.	10/25/1983	38
Tom	M.	10/3/1983	38
Tom	S.	10/20/1983	38
Theresa	S.	10/29/1983	38
Greg	M.	10/23/1983	38
Bill	N.	10/4/1984	37
Dell	H.	10/18/1984	37
Johanna	M.	10/17/1984	37
Rita	S.	10/11/1984	37
Penny	S.	10/23/1984	37
Jorene	E.	10/10/1984	37
Kate	C.	10/1/1984	37
Judy	S.	10/30/1985	36
Debra	G.	10/11/1986	35
Randall	O.	10/4/1987	34
Beth	B.	10/27/1987	34
Cindy	C.	10/14/1989	32
Terry	T.	10/13/1989	32
Jenny	B.	10/11/1990	31
Jewel	M.	10/20/1991	30
Leslie	J.	10/21/1991	30
Holly	W.	10/6/1991	30
Tom		10/17/1994	27
Fred	K.	10/31/1994	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.

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	⁵ Steering Committee Mgt via Zoom 6:30p	6	7	8	9
10	11 Central Office Closed	12 Intergroup Mgt via Zoom 7p	13 H&I Mgt via Zoom @ 7p	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 PI /CPC Mgt via Zoom @ 7p	27	28	29	30
31						



Please check specific meetings for cancelations or postponements

SALT RIVER INTERGROUP

3215 E. Thunderbird Rd
Phoenix, AZ 85032

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

