



the Desert Lifeline

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of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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Intergroup Meeting
1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting
3rd Thursday of the month,
6:30 p.m.

General Service, District 9
3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM
Fellowship Hall
45940 Portola Ave.
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Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions
Last Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
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Grand Central Station NY 10163
Web site: www.aa.org

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Step Four

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moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition Four

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except in matters affecting
other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept Four

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traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a vot-
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the responsibility that each must discharge.

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Principle FOUR

Honesty - uprightness and fairness: truthfulness,
sincerity, or frankness; freedom from deceit or fraud.

February Office Statistics

Meeting Info	120
12 Step Calls	9
Visitors	125
Literature Sales	211
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	8
Miscellaneous	17
Business	14
<u>Answering Service</u>	
12 Step	3
Meeting Info	25
Other	1
TOTAL:	600

**Thanks to all who are of service.
You make a difference!**

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February 2014

Zack	1
Thies	1
Samantha C.	4
Luke	10
Kyle C	11
Arla P	26



Charlie B	27
Ed H.	38
Chuck R.	40
Dennis B	43



We thank all of the birthday celebrants for their contributions to the Central Office Birthday Club.

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

I have written three Fourth Steps the first was in treatment and I was not very aware of my defects at the time. I looked at the guide given to me and tried to follow it. I was too grandiose, one of the items listed, to ask what many of the terms meant. But I wrote the best Step I could at that time. About 6 months into the program I wrote another Fourth Step. This one had much more meaning to it as I was out of the fog and I did not let pride and fear stand in my way. The third fourth step I wrote was several years into my sobriety and was for a cleanup. All three of these fourth steps were necessary; all were done to the best of my ability at the time. None were done improperly or wrong. If you do the best you can at the time no more can be asked of you. I do not believe that any Step is done wrong or wasted if you can honestly say you have done the best you can.

The Fourth Step seems daunting to most of us. To examine ourselves in such detail to write down our resentments and transgressions many of these our deepest secrets. However the result from a through cleansing is a feeling you cannot understand until you have completed it. This Step is a keystone to our recovery program as it releases us from the bondage of resentment. As we begin this Step we need to remember what the Big Book tells us.

"Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. We thought we could find an easier, softer way. But we could not. With all the earnestness at our command, we beg of you to be fearless and thorough from the very start... **Half measures availed us nothing.**" Big Book, pgs. 58 and 59.

Do not let your pride or fear stand in the way of taking this Step. The 12 x 12 tells us. **"Pride says, you need not pass this way, and fear says, You dare not look!"** But the testimony of A.A.'s who have really tried a moral inventory is that pride and fear of this sort turn out to be bogeymen, nothing else. Once we have a complete willingness to take inventory, and exert ourselves to do the job thoroughly, a wonderful light falls upon this foggy scene. As we persist, a brand-new kind of confidence is born, and the sense of relief at finally facing ourselves is indescribable. These are the first fruits of Step Four. 12 x 12 pg. 49

This is what the Big Book has to say about resentments. **"Resentment** is the 'number one' offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else. From it stem all forms of spiritual disease, for we have been not only mentally and physically ill, we have been spiritually sick. When the spiritual malady is overcome, we straighten out mentally and physically. In dealing with resentments, we set them on paper. We listed people, institutions or principles with who we were angry. We asked ourselves why we were angry. In most cases it was found that our self-esteem, our pocketbooks, our ambitions, our personal relationships, **(including sex) were hurt or threatened.**" Big Book, pg. 64

Other defects can and will lead us down a slippery slope but resentment is the number one offender. This is why the Big Book begins the 4th Step guide looking at resentments in detail the how and why of them. For me, it was very important in writing your Fourth Step to follow the guide on page 65 of the Big Book.

Now lets ponder the need for a list of the more glaring personality defects all of us have in varying degrees. To avoid falling into confusion over the names these defects should be called, lets take a universally recognized list of major human failings the Seven Deadly Sins of pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth. 12 x 12 pg. 48

The AA program is based on spiritual principals and spiritual progress. The seven deadly sins are transgressions that are fatal to spiritual progress. Through our Fourth Step we examine how these defects have affected our lives and our spiritual growth. Without removal of these blocks to our spiritual progress, we are limited in how far this program can take us and we may not get sober

The final step in our Fourth Step inventory is to look at some of our positive qualities.

The sponsor probably points out that the newcomer has some assets which can be noted along with his liabilities. This tends to clear away morbidity and encourage balance. As soon as he begins to be more objective, the newcomer can fearlessly, rather than fearfully, look at his own defects. 12 x 12 pg 46.

I have found it extremely helpful to follow this advice. When I have completed a session of writing my resentments, defects, etc., I was always emotionally drained. As I looked at the list I had written, it was depressing. So I began to end each session by writing some of my assets. Look again at the list of the Seven Deadly Sins and look for their antonyms, words with the opposite meaning, i.e. for pride, the antonym is humility. This, besides lifting my spirits, gave me areas to improve on as these defects were removed.

Anonymous

Tradition Four

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

Hi everyone, my name is Linda, I am an alcoholic.

Tradition 4, wow. I shall share an experience that can shed some light where others that are new might have a better understanding of what this is all about. I was involved with a group when I was new to this program. The meeting was filled with newcomers. The secretary of the group wanted to have a guest, a non-AA person, come and talk to our group about nutrition. I figured it was alright, and so did everyone else. After all, what did we newcomers know about the Traditions, much less what AA was all about. I figured it was an educational program involving nutrition. So we all voted to have him come. The speaker came the following week, and after giving his spiel, decided that we needed to consider taking vitamins. Guess what, he was of course selling some! The following week, a few old timers talked to this secretary, and he would not back down, even though he was informed of the Tradition 4 and a few others that he was violating. This man unfortunately did not stay sober, but the rest of us, through guidance from the old timers, finally figured out what AA was truly all about; learning to stay sober one day at a time through working the steps for personal growth, and observing Traditions of AA to safeguard the fellowship from falling apart, to stand united under one purpose, in staying sober, and helping the next drunk to do the same. Hopefully this example is useful.

Love to all, Linda P.

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.

The principle of “Right of Participation” is built into the General Service Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of AA World Services (i.e., G.S.O.) and the AA Grapevine.

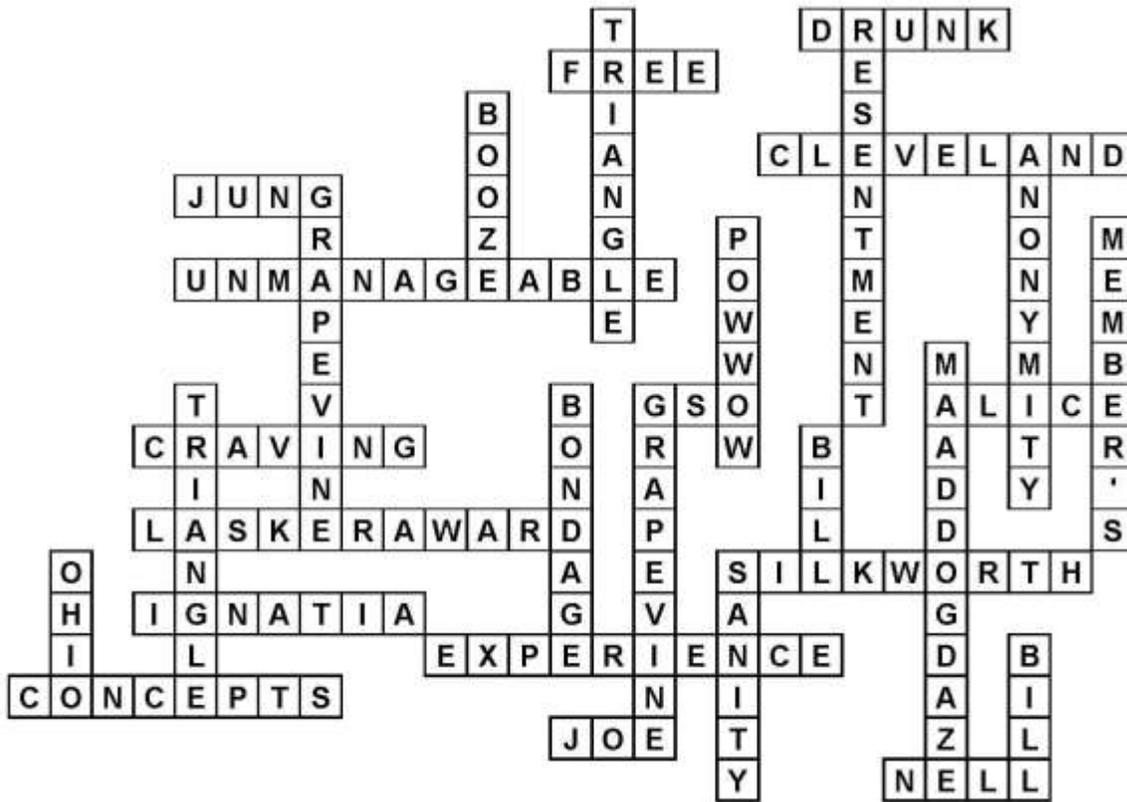
In the same way the boards of these two operating entities include not only trustees, but also non-trustee directors and paid administrators and staff members.

The chairperson of the General Service Board appoints non-trustee members to the standing committees in order to have the advantage of their expertise, and staff members serve as committee secretaries. “There are no ‘superiors,’ no ‘inferiors,’ and no ‘advisers.’” New trustees on the General Service Board and new directors of the A.A.W.S. and Grapevine boards are sometimes surprised to see paid executives, staff members, and outside accountants attending the board meetings. They are invited because of A.A.’s “Right of Participation.” Thus the trustees and directors “are put into direct communication with these workers who...feel wanted and needed. Although they do not vote, these workers may freely participate.”

There is a spiritual reason for the “Right of Participation.” All of us desire to belong. In A.A., no members are “second class.” The “Right of Participation” therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in “ultimate authority” over another. We perform our service tasks better “when we are sure we belong-when our ‘participation’ assures us we are truly the ‘trusted servants’ described in Tradition Two.”

Gay H.

March Puzzle Solution



**New Convention Location:
Hyatt Indian Wells**



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Hyatt Indian Wells**

40th Annual Ninth District Convention

2014

Sundays- 4:00pm

Fellowship Hall

First Sunday of the month (except in July)

11/3/13, 12/1/13, 1/5/14, 2/9 (date change), 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1,

7/13 and 7/27/14

COME AND BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE!!!

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Convention August 1 - 3, 2014



The Annual Benefit for Central Office



Saturday, April 12, 2014

5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

5:00 PM - Doors open

6:00 PM - Dinner served

7:00 PM - Speaker Meeting



3 Meat Baked Ziti
Beef, Sausage & Peperoni
Ziti baked in a succulent sauce
Served with Caesar Salad
And Garlic Rolls

Xavier Prep Gymnasium

34-200 Cook Street

Palm Desert

Vegetarian Lasagna
White Lasagna with
delicately roasted vegetables
Served with Caesar Salad
And Garlic Rolls

Still only \$20.00 donation!!

This year's food is being catered by Sherman's Deli!

Tickets available at meetings, online (aainthedesert.org) or at Central Office.

NO tickets sold after April 1, 2014

Speaker: Don L. from Bellingham, WA

Service Opportunities, we need your help!!

To Get Involved call:

Chair/Setup: Ginny P - 760.567.2242

Greeters/Servers: Mary Ann M - 760.275.8569

Raffle: Carlyn P. - 760.963.3187 & Pat Y - 760.346.2613

Break down: David M - 760.668.5913

Desserts: Ben P. - 818.486.2923

or

Email: GratitudeDinner@aainthedesert.org

HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY, BIG BOOK!

April 10, 1939 is the date of publication recorded by the United States Copyright Office for our basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. This year a suggestion has been made that we acknowledge that anniversary at 10AM on Thursday, April 10th with one minute of silence followed by the reading of Chapter 5

February Volunteers at Central Office

Ann K.
Bob M.
Brad L.
Darlene M.
Dennis H

Diane D
Emil M
Heidi A.
John G.

Thank You !!

Mary Ann C.
Mary-Ann Mc L.
Michael W
Pat W.
Patrick L

Paul A
Peggy M
Roger F
Steve P
Tom O'M.
Tracy M

Thank You !!

May 23th—26th 2014

30th Annual South Bay Family Roundup
“Keeping The Fire Burning”
Torrance Marriott

<http://www.southbayroundup.org>

September 26th—28th 2014

63rd Annual Southern California AA Convention
“Sunlight Of The Spirit”
Town and Country Convention Center
San Diego, CA

<http://www.aasocal.com>

\$3.50

\$3.50

Book of the month

Came to Believe

Soft cover edition

\$3.50

Normally \$4.25 - this month \$3.50

\$3.50

April Puzzle

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

A T S I L K W O R T H G W N J R
N N L D M M X T L D Z L T H E Q
O F N T N E M T N E S E R T L G
N O D E G A D N O B T R T I B S
Y R T L L E G F L K V V T A A T
M G S K G C C L V E K N D F E P
I I M N J R R N C H J U N G G E
T V C L O H A N A P X A P Z A C
Y E V O Y I E P O T M C T T N N
L N W X U I T W E E P P X X A O
C E T P R R E I N V M E M T M C
W S G E L R A D D E I L C B N T
P S P Q L T Q G T A P N D C U R
D X K E K N C N E L R Z E L A M
E N S R H R O N T C B T K H M F
L S K D X C G Y N B S P E T S P

www.WordSearchMaker.com

acceptance

forgiveness

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Grapevine

anonymity

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resentment

contempt

Silkworth

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steps

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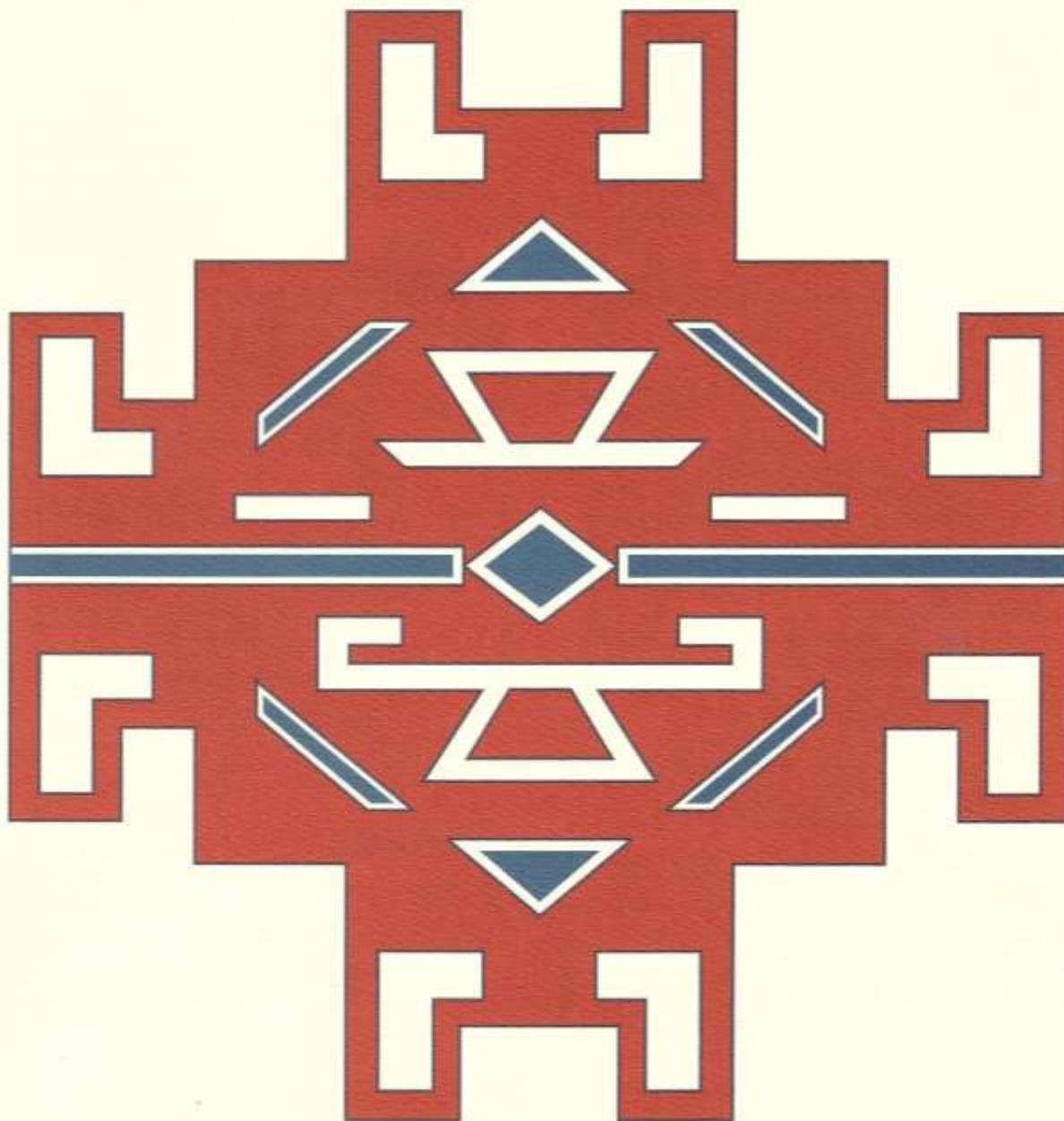
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Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Desert Lifeline.
You can also find them on our web site — www.aainthedesert.org

A.A. DESERT POW WOW
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION
RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT

JUNE 5, 6, 7, 8, 2014
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA



<http://www.desertpowwow.com>

500 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

**** TO ALL WOMEN IN AA ****

PALM SPRINGS IS HOSTING THE

51st INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FOR AA WOMEN ONLY

February 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2015

"THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART WILL BE SPOKEN HERE"

**THIS ANNUAL EVENT GATHERS WOMEN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
FOR FOUR EXTRAORDINARY DAYS OF FELLOWSHIP**

**WE'LL HAVE PANEL DISCUSSIONS, WORKSHOPS, SPEAKER MEETINGS,
AND MANY OTHER ENRICHING ACTIVITIES**

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

EMAIL OUR VOLUNTEER CHAIR, TONI T. 51STiwcVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM

OR

MAIL YOUR INFORMATION TO:

51ST IWC,

PO BOX 2535

PALM DESERT, CA 92261

***NOTE: Please join us; we meet at 10:30AM on the 3rd Saturday of each month
at Central Office in Cathedral City.***

NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

Location Change

Palm Desert, the 7:00 PM Tues. Solid Solutions Young People's Meeting has moved to:
The Presbyterian Church 47-321 Hwy 74

Want to save some money??

Check out our book "bundles" -
ONLY available via our online store.

What are bundles? Just what they sound like—a grouping of books, packaged together, for a reduced price.

February Website Usage

Unique visitors:	2,819
Avg. visits/day:	183
Avg. hits/day:	2,749
Highest # of visits in a day:	218
Highest # of hits in one day:	11,676
Total visits:	5,146
Visits per visitor	1.82
Total hits:	76,980

Visit: A series of hits to the website over a specific period of time by one visitor.

Hit: A successful request to your web server from a visitor's browser for any type of file, i.e. an image, HTML page, an MP3 file, or any other type. A single web page can cause many hits - one for each image included on the page, etc.

New Meeting

WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR AA MEETING
WE ARE THE CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS AA MEETING.
PALM DESERT FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SUNDAYS @ 4 PM.

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN FORMATTED BY GROUP CONSCIENCE. IN THIS MEETING WE SHARE RECOVERY ISSUES AS IN OTHER MEETINGS AND ALSO PRESENT CREATIVE WORKS. WE MEET TO CELEBRATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RECOVERY AND CREATIVITY, TO "POINT IMAGINATION TOWARDS RIGHT OBJECTIVES" AND TO REMEMBER THAT "THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH A **CONSTRUCTIVE IMAGINATION; ALL SOUND ACHIEVEMENT RESTS UPON IT.**" IN THIS MEETING, WE SHARE CREATIVE ACTION, EMOTION, AND INSPIRATION THROUGH MUSIC, PAINTING, LITERATURE, ALL FORMS OF CONSTRUCTIVE, SOBER, HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.

OUR MEETING BEGINS AT 4 PM. WE READ CHAPTER FIVE, THE SHORT FORM OF THE TWELVE TRADITIONS, OUR LEADER SHARES FOR TEN MINUTES, PICKS A TOPIC AND THE MEETING IS OPEN FOR SHARING.

AT 4:45 WE TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK AND RETURN TO PRESENT TALENTS BY THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP ON THE TALENT SHEET.

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:40 WE CLOSE WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND A PRAYER.

ALL ALCOHOLICS ARE INVITED, PLEASE JOIN US!

Please check the web site (www.AAintheDesert.org) for any changes since the printing of the newsletter.

At the Expense of Others

"I'm an alcoholic--and a drug addict."

"I have to say this--for me."

"I know this is a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous but. . ."

I used to think I *had* to share about my drug use. After all, AA teaches us to be rigorously honest, doesn't it? And as a younger person in AA, I was different than a lot of the older, "pure" alcoholics, wasn't I? Nobody is going to tell me what to say. Nobody did, either. (A couple of old-timers took me aside after the meetings to talk about this, but I dismissed them.)

One night, I was talking in the parking lot after a meeting of my home group. As the people cleared out, I realized there were just two of us left--myself and a newcomer. He was in his sixties. We got to talking and he actually seemed to be listening to me! I really felt amazed that a man old enough to be my grandfather would listen to me about anything, and especially about AA.

The meeting that night had been on Step One and many people, including me, recalled their use of drugs (some in great detail). This man and I began to talk about the meeting and then he dropped a bombshell on me. He didn't think he qualified to be an alcoholic because he hadn't used any drugs! Here was a man who drank for more years than I have been alive (most of them, by his account, alcoholically), yet he didn't feel like he belonged in AA. And we were supposedly talking about alcoholism!

Well, I sputtered and stammered for a while and I finally convinced him that the only requirement for membership was a desire to stop drinking and that there were no requirements for drug use involved. Thank God he is still sober.

Later that night, I really began to question myself and the message I was carrying. Sure, it was important that I qualified and identified myself, but were the details worth it at the possible expense of others? I realized I should stick to alcohol and alcoholism in order to keep the door wide open, not make it more narrow. If even one person gets the wrong idea and feels they don't belong, that is one too many. Besides, I had been sober for a while and I knew what I was.

I guess I started to think just a little more about other people than I did about myself. So that's why some groups are so concerned about AA's singleness of purpose--some groups in my area even read a statement of singleness of purpose before their meetings. It isn't just to be tedious and nitpicky and to "bust chops," especially the chops of young people. It is so all alcoholics can feel that they belong once they get to AA.

J. H., Dover, Pennsylvania

AA Grapevine, March 1992,
Vol.48 No. 10

In Memory Of

Gregorio Ramon Ruiz Sandaval

1966 to 3/4/14 at 48 years old

Contact Smokey (510) 393-7302 or William (760) 534-6682 for more information and donations.

On Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 2:00pm-3:00pm

there will be a memorial at St. Paul's at 125 West El Alameda, Palm Springs, CA 92262

Greg was sober to the end dying of natural causes and not a drink in his hand or any other self inflicted issue.

He was well known for attending meetings at Sunny Dunes and 559 in Palm Springs.

Peace brother,
William



Faithful Fiver Contributors Through February 2014

We've had a total of 25 contributions to the Faithful Fivers so far this fiscal year, Totaling \$3,836.00!!
THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

JOIN THE FAITHFUL FIVERS!

“When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.”

• Bill W.

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Yes! Please enroll me as a Faithful Fiver!

I agree to pledge!

Here is my contribution of \$ _____ for _____ months

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email : _____

Please make your checks payable to:
Central Office

And mail to:
35-325 Date Palm Drive
Suite 134
Cathedral City, CA 92234

What are Faithful Fivers?

Faithful Fivers are A.A. members who graciously pledge to contribute at least five dollars each month to support Central Office in its efforts to carry the A.A. message of hope and recovery to those alcoholics who still suffer in the Coachella Valley. As a Faithful Fiver, your personal contribution can and will make our vital services possible.

The Faithful Fiver idea came about when we remembered that we wasted much more than five dollars each month during our drinking days. Your contribution will help Central Office provide the services necessary to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Faithful Fiver members who pledge at least \$5.00 per month annually will receive, if they so choose, a subscription to our monthly newsletter, *The Desert Lifeline*.

Contributions are limited to \$3,000 per member per year* and are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code: § 501 (c)3

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You can also contribute to the Faithful Fivers via credit card on the web site!

51st International Women's Conference *Spring Fling*

April 5, 2014 12:30-3:30pm

Luncheon

Silent Auction

Spring Bonnet Contest

\$48 Open Seating

\$360 Reserved Table of 8

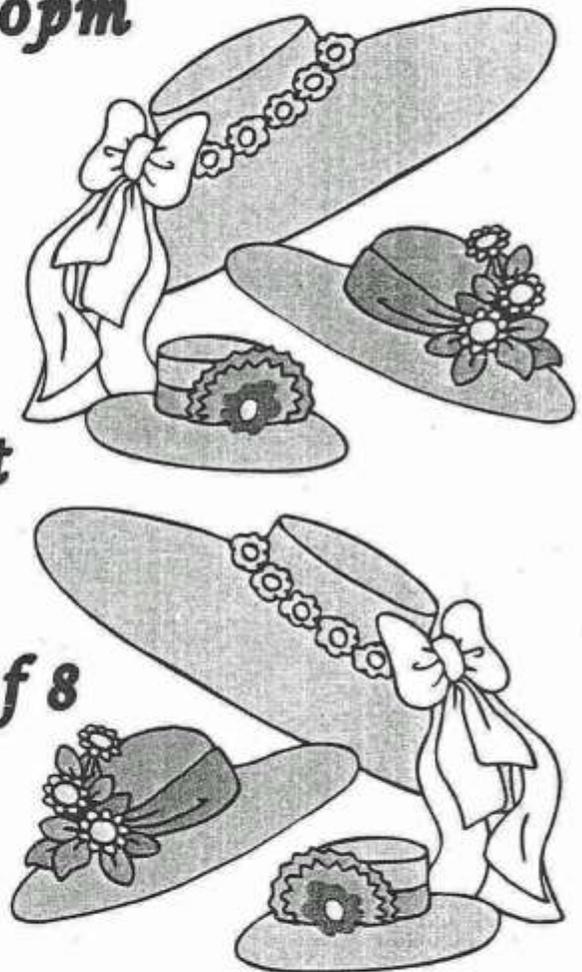
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Desert casual attire

Mitch's on El Paseo

73951 El Paseo, Palm Desert, CA

Info: 51stIWCfundraising@gmail.com



**Central Office of the Desert
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
February 2014**

	Feb 14	Jul '13 - Feb 14
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Anonymous Donations	35.00	777.71
Birthday Contributions	32.00	861.25
Convention Contributions		
Desert Men's Banquet	0.00	860.00
Desert Pow Wow	0.00	10,000.00
Gratitude Dinner		
Soda Sales	90.00	0.00
Ticket Sales	20.00	20.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	110.00	20.00
International Women's Conv	0.00	47.00
Unity Day Picnic	0.00	589.00
Total Convention Contributions	110.00	11,516.00
Discrepancies		
Overages	9.68	65.67
Total Discrepancies	9.68	65.67
Faithful Fivers	90.00	3,629.00
Group Contributions	4,565.67	34,363.79
Interest	0.00	219.95
Intergroup & Service Contrib.	0.00	142.00
Misc. Income	72.00	136.32
Sales Income		
Literature Sales		
Books	2,459.21	31,222.70
Miscellaneous	101.00	1,299.27
Pamphlets	58.85	1,185.30
Schedules	181.40	1,893.64
Literature Sales - Other	0.00	66.44
Total Literature Sales	2,790.46	35,668.35
Medallions		
Aluminum Medallions	290.24	3,032.43
Bronze Medallions	371.26	4,696.92
Tri-plate Medallions	930.00	5,940.00
Total Medallions	1,591.50	13,669.35
Shipping and handling	-17.00	84.06
Sobriety Card	157.00	1,305.00
Total Sales Income	4,501.96	50,716.76
Total Income	9,418.31	102,625.45
Gross Profit	9,418.31	102,625.45
Expense		
Answering Service	0.00	597.04
Bad Debt Writeoff	0.00	-151.36
Bank Charges		

One day I grabbed a taxi for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by inches. The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained it this way, "Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people."

Anonymous

**Central Office of the Desert
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
February 2014**

	Feb 14	Jul '13 - Feb 14
Returned Check	0.00	12.00
Bank Charges - Other	0.00	0.26
Total Bank Charges	0.00	12.26
Computer		
Consulting Fee	3,277.54	5,623.54
Dial up/DSL	0.00	160.00
Parts and supplies	0.00	84.66
Website	0.00	274.95
Total Computer	3,277.54	7,369.15
Convention/Fundraising Expenses		
Gratitude Dinner		
Room Rental	0.00	1,000.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	0.00	1,000.00
Total Convention/Fundraising Expenses	0.00	1,000.00
Credit Card Fees	0.00	585.14
Depreciation		
Depreciation - Copier	78.23	625.84
Depreciation - Leasehold Improv	91.42	731.36
Total Depreciation	169.65	1,357.20
Manager Education	0.00	1,423.45
Newsletter Expense	0.00	1,000.97
Office Expense		
Cleaning	100.00	600.00
Office Supplies	235.30	1,917.89
Office Expense - Other	0.00	10.00
Total Office Expense	335.30	2,727.89
Payroll Expenses		
Insurance - Health Insurance	0.00	4,398.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp	0.00	838.00
Salaries	0.00	17,160.00
Taxes & Payroll Accounting	80.00	2,140.54
Total Payroll Expenses	80.00	24,536.54
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.07
Rent	1,350.00	10,359.00
Sales Expenses (COGS)		
Literature		
Books		
Cost	2,064.16	26,941.83
Inventory Adjustment	1.37	4.37
Books - Other	0.00	160.00
Total Books	2,065.53	27,106.20
Misc		
Cost	59.33	644.15
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	-7.99
Total Misc	59.33	636.16
Pamphlets		
Cost	27.58	542.37
Total Pamphlets	27.58	542.37
Schedules		
Cost	101.14	1,185.68
Total Schedules	101.14	1,185.68
Total Literature	2,280.58	29,471.71
Medallions		
Aluminum Medallions		
Cost	148.24	1,611.15
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	9.42
Total Aluminum Medallions	148.24	1,620.57
Bronze Medallions		
Cost	129.85	1,653.60
Total Bronze Medallions	129.85	1,653.60
Tri-plate Medallions		
Cost	503.36	3,217.51
Total Tri-plate Medallions	503.36	3,217.51
Total Medallions	781.45	6,491.68
Shipping and handling	0.00	19.38
Sobriety cards		
Cost	69.22	602.11
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	43.38
Total Sobriety cards	69.22	645.49
Total Sales Expenses (COGS)	3,131.28	38,628.28
Sales Tax Pd.	0.00	-1.63
Shipping, Transport, Storage	167.55	1,037.51
Shortages	8.32	54.44
State Filing Fee	0.00	25.00
Tax Preparation	0.00	620.94
Utilities	319.80	2,705.09
Total Expense	8,848.44	91,867.96
Net Ordinary Income	567.87	10,737.49
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Other Income	0.00	1,350.00
Total Other Income	0.00	1,350.00
Net Other Income	0.00	1,350.00
Net Income	567.87	12,087.49

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	Feb 14	Jul '13 - Feb 14
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	0.00	138.00
11th Step Meditation - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	60.63
12 X 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	0.00	43.76
12X12 - La Quinta	40.00	138.00
12x12 Bk Study-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	86.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	0.00	211.00
3rd, 7th & 11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	1,041.00
AA Step Studay - Fri - Coachella	0.00	204.00
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	63.87
ABC Recovery	70.31	70.31
Alkies Only-WED Bermuda Dunes	0.00	150.00
ALL ABC Recovery Meetings Indio	0.00	619.56
Anonymous - no group given	110.00	110.00
As Bill Sees It-SAT DHS	0.00	30.00
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	0.00	850.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F Rancho Mirage AA	0.00	4,403.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S Palm Desert	165.00	908.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	500.00	1,700.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	0.00	108.64
Attitude Adjustment - MON Rancho Mirage	0.00	213.00
Beginners-WED Palm Desert	94.61	94.61
Big Book Babes - MON Indio	0.00	49.34
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	259.00	699.00
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	202.58	604.58
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	0.00	49.83
Central Intergroup	36.95	68.95
Coachella Desert Men's Group - RM	0.00	220.00
Cornfield Meeting-FRI Palm Springs	0.00	630.00
Creative Expressions-SUN Palm Desert	25.00	25.00
Daily Paradise-DLY Morongo Valley	0.00	360.40
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	87.51	231.33
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	153.00
Eve. Attitude Adj. - THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	120.00
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	51.30	147.10
Fellowship Hall	0.00	179.89
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	0.00	93.11
Freedom of Choice - THU - La Quinta	0.00	100.00
Goals Group	0.00	50.00
Great Events-Daily Yucca Valley	0.00	205.00
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	56.50	101.40
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	0.00	83.15
H&I Committee	0.00	524.84
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	82.14
How Is Your Now - La Quinta	0.00	184.13

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How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	0.00	100.00
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	0.00	43.84
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	44.36
It's A Better Deal-MON Yucca Valley	30.00	30.00
IWC Committee 2015	10.00	10.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	14.70
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	118.00	698.00
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	1,032.00
Keys to the Kingdom-SAT Palm Desert	37.30	37.30
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	0.00	468.50
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	120.00	291.40
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	26.00	60.00
Meditation Meeting-FRI Palm Desert	166.96	438.89
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	0.00	50.89
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	90.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	51.00	94.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	400.00	800.00
Men's Stag - MON Rancho Mirage	0.00	100.00
Men's Stag - THU - Palm Desert	0.00	200.00
Mixed Nuts - THU - Palm Springs	0.00	95.38
New Beginnings -MON Palm Desert	0.00	152.00
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	280.00
No Rules - La Quinta	0.00	1,148.00
Or Else Group	0.00	28.11
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	120.00	360.00
Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	49.48	245.62
Participation - THU - Twentynine Palms	0.00	35.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room	700.80	1,072.56
Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00	226.69
Primary Purpose - Blythe	0.00	100.00
Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	23.00
Q & A -SUN Cathedral City	0.00	75.15
Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	100.00
Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	0.00	313.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms	25.00	50.00
RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00	54.67
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	109.89
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00	189.84
Santa Rosa Messengers - Coachella	0.00	180.00
Sat. Speaker Hi-Desert -SAT Yucca Valley	0.00	50.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	179.15
Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	0.00	62.00
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	480.00
Serenity Sisters - THU - Yucca Valley	0.00	71.90
Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	0.00	48.80
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	0.00	62.62
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	0.00	99.73
Solid Solutions - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	115.77
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	74.09
Speakoasy BB/S-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	320.00
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	0.00	42.73
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	94.96
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	115.39	587.65
Step Study-WED Cathedral City	0.00	46.64
Step Study - MON - Bermuda Dunes	0.00	29.00
Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	90.95
Sunday IAM Serenity Group	0.00	58.70
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	621.05	4,220.52
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	119.43	719.05
Sunset Group - Joshua Tree	0.00	309.50
There Is Hope-FRI DHS	50.00	100.00
ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	0.00	100.00
Tumbleweed Speaker Meeting - Sat - DHS	50.00	50.00
Turning Point-WED DHS	0.00	60.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	62.50	227.50
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	0.00	100.00
What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	0.00	49.42
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	100.00
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	24.00
Women's Meeting-WED Palm Desert	0.00	142.05
TOTAL	4,585.67	34,363.79

"My ego almost wouldn't let me come back . . . it kept telling me that I couldn't raise my hand and pretend I was a newcomer again. Then I realized, 'I wouldn't be pretending!' "

Anonymous