



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.

Palm Desert

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Third Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

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Palm Desert

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Palm Desert, CA 92261

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Web site: www.aa.org

Step

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to elect all the directors
of these entities.

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Principle Eight

1 - Brotherly Love

2 - Reflection

June Office Statistics

Meeting Info	54
12 Step Calls	6
Visitors	67
Literature Sales	133
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	6
Miscellaneous	87
Business	22
TOTAL:	367

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert
Board of Directors

Chairman: Ginny P.
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Rob L.

Desert Lifeline Editors: Joan C. & David M.
Office Manager: David M.

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

TeleService Report

I am very grateful for the many volunteers that keep our phone available after hours for those who are in need of information or just talk to another alcoholic.

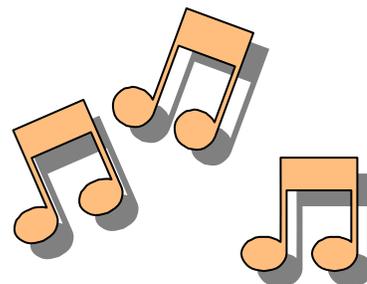
The new TeleService system is working well and keeps me in the loop each morning when messages are left, and the volunteers and I can respond as necessary. Thanks to Paul A. and Garrett D. for their support with this vital part of our Fellowship.

Letters to the Editor or Articles for the Desert Lifeline must be received by the 15th of the month for consideration of publication in the following month's issue.

Please submit your material for *The Desert Lifeline* to:
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Cathedral City, CA 92234.
E-mail: manager@AAinthedesert.org

June 2014

Lachelle S.	8
Alisa E.	11
Nicole	14
Gary P.	20
Rick S.	24
Liz	25



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

Memories of Joyce S.
Commemorating her 25 years as Director of 'the House of Hope'

I came to the House of Hope in November. There was another lady there at the time – Carla – who Joyce had roomed with two years before. She told me all the time it was because of her that she stayed at the House of Hope. Many times she wanted to leave, but Carla gave her the courage to stay and finish her program with a woman named Mary Lee. I had been at the House of Hope three months when Joyce came in to assist Carla; she was given a twin bed in the back facing the window. She always wore her cowboy boots, leather vest and jeans with a handkerchief bandana. She came to temporarily help out ... and ended up staying there for 25 years. I thank God every day for that lady. She came at a time when there were a lot of things that weren't helping the Soroptimists House of Hope; my personal belief is that she helped build a strong foundation by assessing what was healthy for the girls and what wasn't. I was almost thrown out for something I didn't do and would have done six years in prison. Joyce stood up for me and said, "She's not going anywhere." The woman that was found out to be drinking two week later was removed. I believe that was my turning point. I knew Joyce believed in me, and it was time for to change, to quite hurting my friends and family and become a lady. Everyone was afraid of Joyce, and many called her 'dragon lady'. I admit, at times she could be a little scary. She had a favorite saying: "P****es don't make this program" and said the girls needed to know this was life and death, not a game. They needed to take this time and work their program. Joyce had a way of planting seeds all the time; she would open doors that had been closed. She said, "Wouldn't you like to be with someone for all the right reasons?"

Today I have a beautiful life with a wonderful husband who treats me with dignity and respect. Joyce said if you could have five things, what would be your list in order: 1 – Respect; 2 – Home; 3 – Business; 4 – Good man; 5 – Children. At the top of the list was respect because I had lost that many years before and didn't even know the meaning anymore. Today I do know what the word means, and when she told me not to let that gambling husband buy me anything on my first day pass, I believed in her. When he asked, I said no. She asked, I could tell her he didn't buy me anything, and she told me I was worth more than the diamond ring or whatever price was for that day.

Today I own my home, have worked for the same insurance company for 23 years, have a son that served in the Army six years and was given two Purple Hearts in honor of valor achieved being a range and sniper. He has a baby on the way and owns his own home. My daughter has struggled with her drug addiction and has been given a bed twice at a women's facility, and we are looking at soon getting her in again. I pray every day God will work his miracle in her life. The seed has been planted, and she does know there is a different way of life. Joyce had to lose one of her daughters to this disease of addiction, but her other daughter remained clean and sober many years.

Joyce gave 100% all the time, even when she didn't feel good, and she gave everything she could. I will continue to honor the legacy she gave me and have women I sponsor with 25 years, 19 years and 16 years. They all got clean and sober with mamma Joyce as the director. We continue to share her message; God doesn't make junk! We are perfect in His eyes and believe we are God's kids as she was. Joyce was say that as long as you put this program first and work with God's kids, everything is going to be alright. If she was her, I would tell her how much I love her and how much she means to me and my family. But I can't know and know she's in that meeting in the sky with her heavenly Father and at peace. I believe in divine intervention and perfect timing. Joyce, you were my Angel, my rock and most of all ... my Hero!

Love Always
Miss Jana

P.S. As Joyce would say, "Good morning, Lord, this is your day, show me the way."

June Volunteers at Central Office

Alan S.
Angelina B.
Ann K.
Bob M.
Brad L.
Dallas E.
Dennis H.

Dyana S.
Kathy P.
Mary Ann C.
Mary-Ann Mc L.

Thank You !!

Paul A.
Paul B.
Peggy M.
Roger F.
Rivers V.
Tom O'M.
Tracy M.

Thank You !!

Michael W.
Mollie B.
Molly S.
Patrick L.

September 26-28 2014

63rd Annual Southern California AA Convention
"Sunlight of the Spirit"
Town & Country Convention Center
San Diego, California 92108

<http://www.aasocal.com>

\$3.25

Book of the month

\$3.25

Living Sober

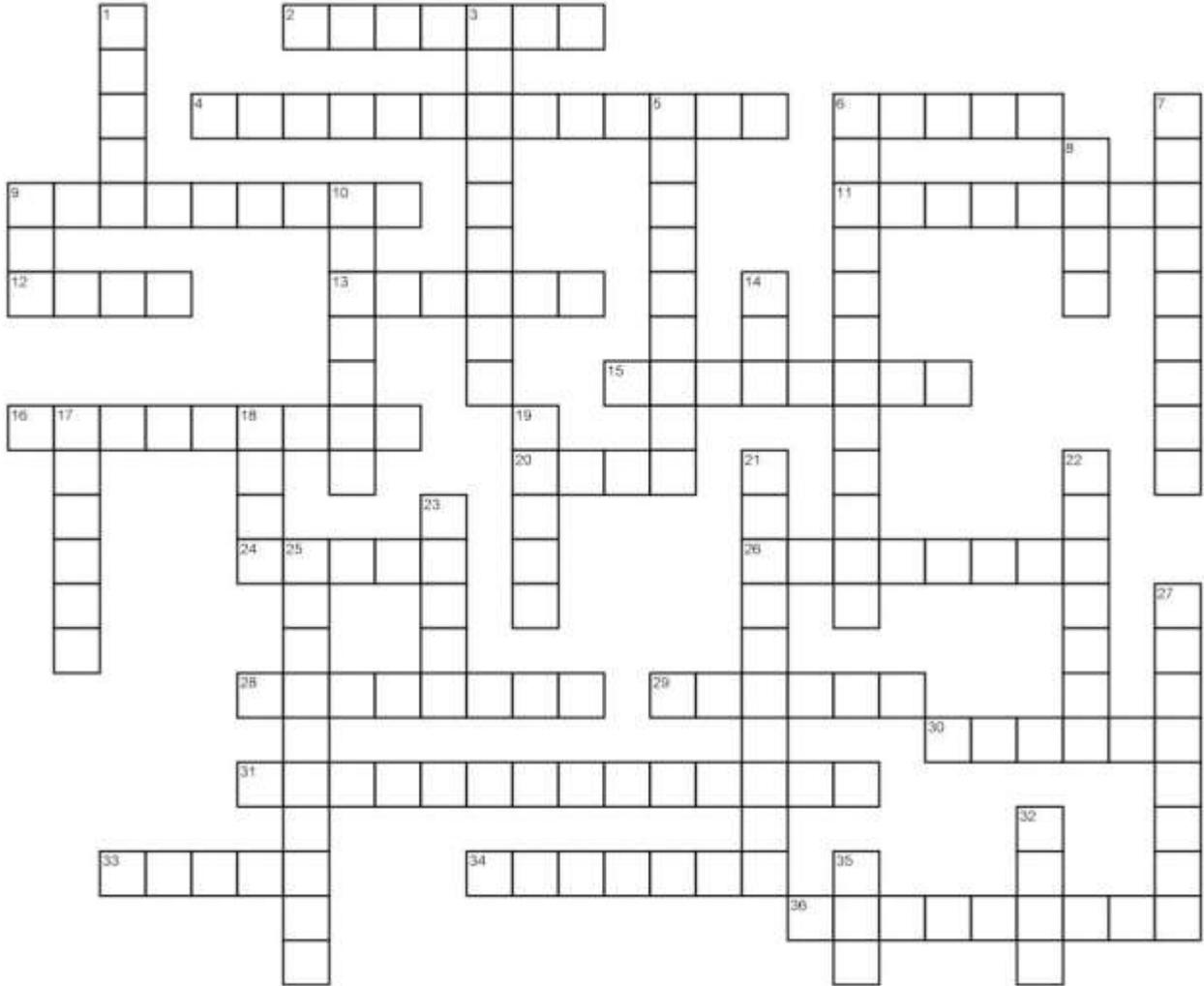
Hard cover edition

\$3.25

Normally \$4.25- this month \$3.25

\$3.25

August Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2 your AA guide
- 4 Always has a bowl of candy (2 words)
- 6 Dr. Bob
- 9 thankfulness
- 11 Our newsletter
- 12 Bill's secretary
- 13 soundness of mind
- 15 What we all want to maintain
- 16 First woman member (2 words)
- 20 Who brought the message to Bill Wilson
- 24 Intoxicate
- 26 Twelve
- 28 What we'll comprehend
- 29 Dr. Bob had one, Bill didn't
- 30 _____ Pow Wow
- 31 Bill and Lois' home (2 words)
- 33 Alcohol
- 34 Came to _____ that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 36 Step one

DOWN

- 1 Russian potato juice
- 3 It will disappear
- 5 You have to take one
- 6 It will slip away
- 7 Where was the 1st AA International Convention held?
- 8 One of our co-founders
- 9 Spirit flavored with juniper berries
- 10 On the road to happy _____
- 14 Home away from home to alcoholics
- 17 what happens half way through
- 18 _____ Dog Daze
- 19 We'll know it
- 21 the act of taking or receiving something offered
- 22 Carry it
- 23 In what city did Bill meet Bob?
- 25 What we can't afford
- 27 Ninety
- 32 Man on the bed
- 35 He's doing it for us

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

Tradition Eight

*Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional,
but our service centers may employ special workers.*

This tradition cuts to the very core of A.A. To me it simply says that Alcoholics Anonymous is just one drunk talking to another to stay sober. This to me is the very essence of A.A. I have held many positions in my almost sixty years on this planet but above all I am first and foremost an Alcoholic.

Professionals in A.A. would probably destroy this program as we know it. As an Alcoholic, I need a level playing field. I need to be able to walk into a meeting (no matter where I am) and feel at home.

I went to Laughlin last weekend and attended the morning meetings at the "Bullhead City Alano Club". I only go there a couple times a year with the bowling league, but the friends that I have made there remember me and I am at home there.

No professionals, just people like you and me, and of course "Whiskers", the neighborhood dog, who shows up on time and stays quietly through the whole meeting. I personally would be a lost soul without this program and the friends that I have in it. It is a gift from God and I will always try to respect that.

Alcoholics Anonymous will always be a safe haven to us as long as we respect and operate within the traditions and concepts of this program.

Anonymous

RIGHT ON TIME

They say four billion years ago life showed its face on earth.
They knew not then, that man would be, the product of that birth
Then grapes appeared upon the vine, eight thousand years just
past.
Their juice, when crushed, seemed harmless, when enjoyed with
repast.
But like all things that seem so fine, and too good to be true,
a darker side revealed the lure that many came to rue.
When smitten by this patient foe the bearers have no shield,
and when the choice is yea or nay, the stricken always yield.
So shameful was this malady, a moral thing they said.
Their families kept their secret safe, long after they were dead.
Centuries have come and gone, since first it got its grip,
and one in ten would pay the price, when venturing one sip.
Then God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice,
and Bill and Bob were listening, and heard his loving voice.
How fortunate we are today, to be among the first,
to have been chosen, at this time, to quell that deadly thirst.
The wisdom of eight thousand years is laid before our feet.
How blessed to have it waiting, when I stumbled in defeat.
When pondering the suffering crossed, that vast expanse of time,
I would not waste one moment of, His precious gift sublime.
Rick R. Poway, Ca.

**MAAD
DOG DAZE**



Wrap Meeting
Come one ~ Come All
Sunday, Sept. 7th at 4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Call Katherine G at (951) 347-5563
Or Ira R at (760) 861-2693

When I sat down with my sponsor to do my
fifth step, she said to me,
"I have no secrets of my own that I will take
to the grave. However, I will be taking yours."

Concept Eight

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Concept 8 deals with the manner in which the Trustees of the General Service Board discharge their obligations and delegate their executive function to its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc., and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The Trustees are the guarantors of good management of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The Trustees of the General Service Board meet this daunting responsibility by electing the Directors of these service arms, a part of whom must always be trustees. The executive direction of these functions is embedded in the service corporations themselves, rather than the General Service Board. Each corporate service entity should possess its own bylaws, its own working capital, its own executives, its own employees, its own offices and equipment. Thus the Trustees are not burdened or distracted by the little details and endless questions which arise daily in the routine operation of the General Service Office or the publishing operations, including the *Grapevine*.

When this concept was written, Bill emphasized that an early mistake of the General Service Board was trying to run the service functions directly. **The result was “too much concentration of money and authority.” The board must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership. The board’s attitude must be that of custodial oversight.**

Concept 8 has served us well since 1962. But much has changed in the financial picture the last 60 years. The separate service corporations of A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. are facing huge challenges in this area. This separation has, to date, allowed us to avoid the *concentration* of money and authority. We have placed our reserve funds with the Trustees, and divided our total working capital between A.A. World Services, Inc. and The A.A. Grapevine, Inc., each entity having its separate executive. Maintaining this separation may not be enough to meet the challenges we now face. Concept 8 may be in need of a change. A plan to change our separately incorporated structure (introduced by Ward Ewing, Class A Trustee) will be submitted to the 63rd General Service Conference.

As we write this article, 93 Delegates, 21 Trustees, our A.A.W.S and Grapevine Directors along with the General Service Office and Grapevine staff members are all working hard at finding a “needful change”. We pray that their efforts are fruitful.

Shirley and Mike O.
Past District Delegates, 2012
Area 69 Salt Lake City, Utah
Panel 51 and Panel 55 respectively

Step Eight

***Made a list of all persons we had harmed
and became willing to make amends to them all.***

I've mentioned I'm now in Step 8 ["Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all"] of the 12 Steps, getting ready for Step 9. Reliving my past errors is harrowing at times—I've noticed that when I recall the disasters I've created in my life I feel the shame flare up and burn through me like a flash fire—but knowing I'm making amends for them soothes me like a balm and I feel purified when all is said and well-done.

Another beneficial aspect of Steps 8 & 9 is that these are the first steps of the 12 that involve other people. Steps 1-7 are all about working on myself from the inside, while now I need to take this work and focus it outward, on my relation with others.

Let me tell you, this step could not come soon enough.

Like many alcoholics, I imagine, I'm pathologically shy. Alcohol was a way for me to overcome this fear of talking to people and it even worked for a certain time (usually the first bottle of wine). Now, by razing my past, by **"Cleaning my Slate"**, I'm removing any need I have to feel inferior, to feel **"less than"**, in my social interactions. **Hopefully, this will help me to be more secure and "right-sized" when I continue my interactions with others.**

I'm sure I've told this story here on these pages somewhere but as this came up in my 8th Step work (Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all) **and I also can't be bothered to search through my posts to link to it, I'll just retell it as briefly as I can.**

One Friday night here in Yeaman, after the weekly cocktail party where I work, I followed some of my colleagues to a Scottish pub for the pre-after party. I was not drunk, I was totally s***faced. I spoke very rudely on **the underground, embarrassing my friends because I didn't think anyone spoke English in the subway car, until a young woman standing nearby informed us in no uncertain terms that she did.**

At the bar, I went to order a beer and noticed the barmaid was attractive (I was single at this time), so I decided to say something out of the ordinary, something edgy, to catch her attention and stand out from the crowd. **I don't remember what I said. The next thing I do remember is the barmaid was in tears, my coworkers were leading me outside, and the furious barman/owner was telling me I was barred for life.**

Jumping ahead to tonight... At the meeting, a young lady in her mid-late 20's was celebrating 5 years of sobriety and was talking about how she had lost everything (her job, her apartment, her family) to her disease before realizing she needed help.

When it came my turn to share I said:

"When I was drinking, I felt like a broken toy. Like those toys under the bed in the evil kid's house in *Toy Story* where the heads are on the wrong bodies. And like them, I knew I was beyond repair. That was my destiny. I had to accept the fact that I was alone and living in the dark and there was nothing I could do to get fixed."

The most amazing thing for me when I entered the program was realizing I was not broken by nature. That I could be repaired. All I had to do was to follow the steps. And as I took those steps and followed the advice, I slowly came out from under the bed and into the light.

As I spoke, I glanced up at her and saw she was crying. She was not crying because I had humiliated or hurt her, but because my words resonated with her.

If anybody tells you that using is better than recovery, they're full of Schlitz.

Clean S18
Posted by Al K Hall
Blog Archives
[www.http://alkhallanonymouse.com](http://alkhallanonymouse.com)

NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

Rancho Mirage The Black Sheep Group has moved to:
St. Garabed Armenian Church of the Desert
38905 Monterey Ave.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270



Speaker Meetings



**Sobriety Capital of the World
Indio**

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 8/1 - Participation Meeting (MAAD Dog Days)
- 8/8 - Dennis B. - Indio, CA
- 8/15 - Grace F. - Santa Barbara, CA
- 8/22 - Darren P. - Orange County, CA
- 8/29 - Quincy J. - Tarzana, CA

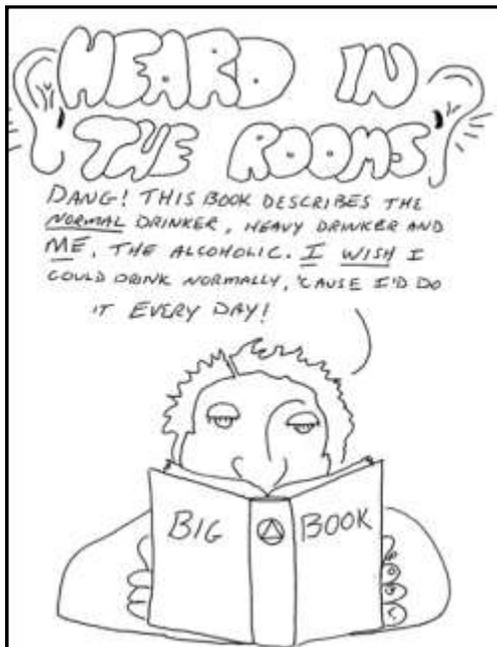
**Palm Desert Group -
Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert**
Saturday Night, 8:30 p.m.

- 8/2 - Podium Participation
- 8/9 - Ben P. Rancho Mirage, CA
- 8/16 - Francine W. La Quinta, CA
- 8/23 - Jackie B. Covina, CA
- 8/30 - Debby A. La Quinta, CA



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

July Puzzle Solution



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.***

51ST INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Renaissance Hotel
Palm Springs, CA



**The 51st Conference
In the Sunshine State**



TOURS & EXCURSIONS

CABAZON/ DESERT HILLS PREMIUM OUTLET MALLS Friday 9:00am – 2:00pm | \$25

A 30 minute bus ride brings you to some of the best outlet shopping in the country. Cabazon and Desert Hills Outlet Malls include the West Coast's largest collection of designer outlets. Savings range from 25 to 70% off retail prices at more than 130 stores, such as Armani, Barneys New York, Coach, Ferragamo, Nike, Puma, Izod, Gap, St. Johns, True Religion, DKNY, and Ann Taylor. A variety of restaurants is available at the Food Court.

CELEBRITY TOUR OF PALM SPRINGS Saturday 9:00am | \$55

A two and a half hour Grand Tour takes you by 50 to 60 homes, through the "Old Movie Colony", Las Palmas, and Racquet Club Estates, and some secret locations. The tour includes stars' homes, including Elvis, Liberace, Liz Taylor, Bob Hope, Marilyn Monroe, Linda Carter, Frank Sinatra, and many more. You will hear the area's local history and stories from an expert guide, hear the story of the Wind Energy Generators (Windmills) and also enjoy in a fabulous "date shake".

LIVING DESERT ZOO & GARDENS Saturday 8:30am - 1 :00pm | \$50.00

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, formerly the Living Desert Museum, is a public desert botanical garden and a zoo in Palm Desert. Choose between an approximately 1.5 mile guided walking tour or guided shuttle tour of the grounds. There will be some time remaining to further investigate areas of your interest, ride a camel, or take a short hike on one of the trails. You must specify whether you want to walk or ride the shuttle. Cost includes transportation to the site and the entry fee. Max of 50 people for tram ride.

For your added enjoyment:

- Palm Springs Street Fair, "Village Fest", Thursday Nights, Downtown Palm Springs on Palm Canyon Dr, with over 200 booths.
- Palm Springs Art Museum offers local and regional art. On Thursdays from 4-8pm, admission is free.

PLEASE NOTE

The 51th IWC and International Women's Conference Inc., are not responsible for any loss of personal items or personal injury.

TIME AND COST SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

www.internationalwomensconference.org

SELF SUPPORTING

This conference is self-supporting through the money paid for by registration fees, banquet tickets, and donations. No AA funds are used to pay for this event. Conferences and conventions are special events and require money, as well as months of planning and preparation.

Expenses include contracted costs for the use of meeting rooms, convention center facilities, preparation of food and beverages, printing for registration forms, fliers, program schedules, postage, supplies and many other costs. The registration fee and banquet prices are kept as low as possible to meet our financial goal of breaking even.

Our contractual commitments to the hotel require a guaranteed minimum number of hotel rooms and banquet sales. To achieve this, we must meet our banquet and room-nite commitments.

LODGING

RENAISSANCE PALM SPRINGS HOTEL

888 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs CA 92262

Standard Room: \$189 + tax

Suite: \$209 + tax

(Both Single thru Quad occupancy)

Room block and rate cut off is 1/5/15...

Check-in: 3pm | **Check-out:** noon

Self Parking: \$10

Valet: \$20

Booking Code: IWC 2015

Must call in to make reservation and reference the 51st International Women's Conference in order to get our rate. The rate will be extended to our attendees 3 days before and after the conference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- This entire conference is a closed AA women's event for registrants only.
- Pre-Registration closes January 5, 2015.
- No refunds after January 15, 2015.
- No checks/credit cards will be accepted on site at the Conference. Cash or money orders in US Dollars only.
- At the Conference, name badges must be worn at all times.
- No childcare will be provided.

REGISTRATION

ONE REGISTRANT PER FORM.

Pre-registration closes January 5, 2015.

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.internationalwomensconference.org

Visa and Master Card accepted on-line.

No refunds after January 15, 2015.

Name (Last/First): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Sobriety Date: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name on Badge: _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE OF SERVICE?

Panel Workshop Alkathon Greeter Hospitality

DO YOU HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS?

ASL Wheelchair Other _____

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$35 \$ _____

Late Registration (After Jan. 15.2015) \$45 \$ _____

MEALS

Saturday Night Banquet: \$60 (inc. tax/tip) \$ _____

Sunday Breakfast: \$40 (inc. tax/tip) \$ _____

(All banquets and breakfast are open seating)

SOUVENIRS (Circle choice and size)

Woman's V-neck Tee S M L XL \$22 \$ _____

XXL XXXL \$24 \$ _____

Woman's 3/4 Sleeve Tee S M L XL \$23 \$ _____

XXL XXXL \$25 \$ _____

Unisex Black Short Sleeve Tee S M L XL \$17 \$ _____

XXL XXXL \$20 \$ _____

Red Bistro Coffee Mug \$10 \$ _____

Pop Straw Tumbler \$15 \$ _____

Red Journal w/ Pen \$7 \$ _____

TOURS

Friday Cabazon Outlet Malls \$25 \$ _____

Saturday Celebrity Tour \$55 \$ _____

Saturday Living Desert Tour \$50 \$ _____

Scholarship Fund Contribution \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks or money orders payable in US Dollars to:

51st IWC

PO Box 2535, Palm Desert, CA 92261

Your canceled check is your receipt. Thank you.

Non-Sufficient Funds will incur a \$5 Fee.

From Egotism to Humility

I was escorted to my first AA meeting following a three-day, non-stop binge. I must have presented a pitiful picture: bloodshot eyes, still mostly drunk and trembling — strange ‘music’ was echoing through my head. But then, after a few weeks, I felt returned to my proper position as center of the universe. When someone told me I was the most important person in the meeting, I could see they were absolutely right; I would never let on, but I somehow ‘knew’ that it was *all* about me!

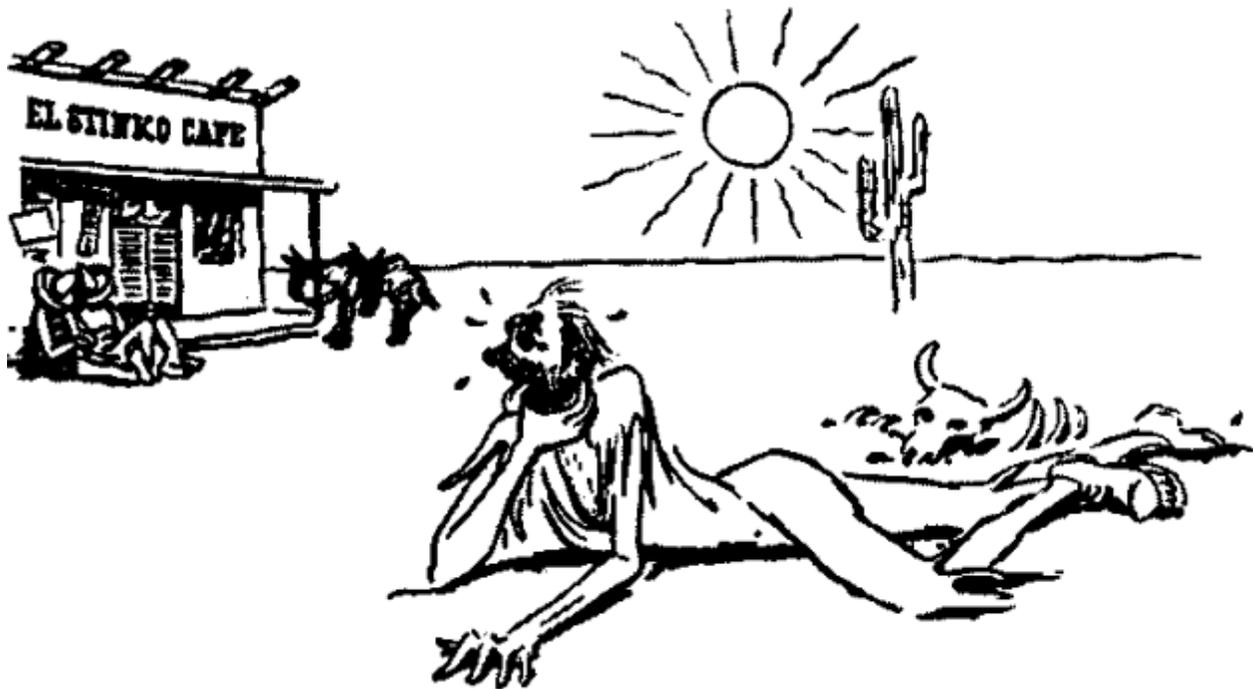


After a few marbles started spinning the same direction, I realized that it was time everyone in the rooms realized just how smart I really was; I began discussing my opinion concerning atoms, molecules, the speed of light and all things metaphysical (whatever that means). Just imagine my shock when Jack, a person I greatly respected, followed my share by stating: “*When I talk, I try to make sense.*” That hurt my feelings! A few weeks thereafter, at a Hollywood meeting, someone shared a physical problem. So, I just popped up and told of a certain drug I had read about that would probably work wonders. I was proud of myself! That is, till the next person shared that he had indeed tried that same drug in San Francisco, then decided to jump off the Golden Gate Bridge. Oops!

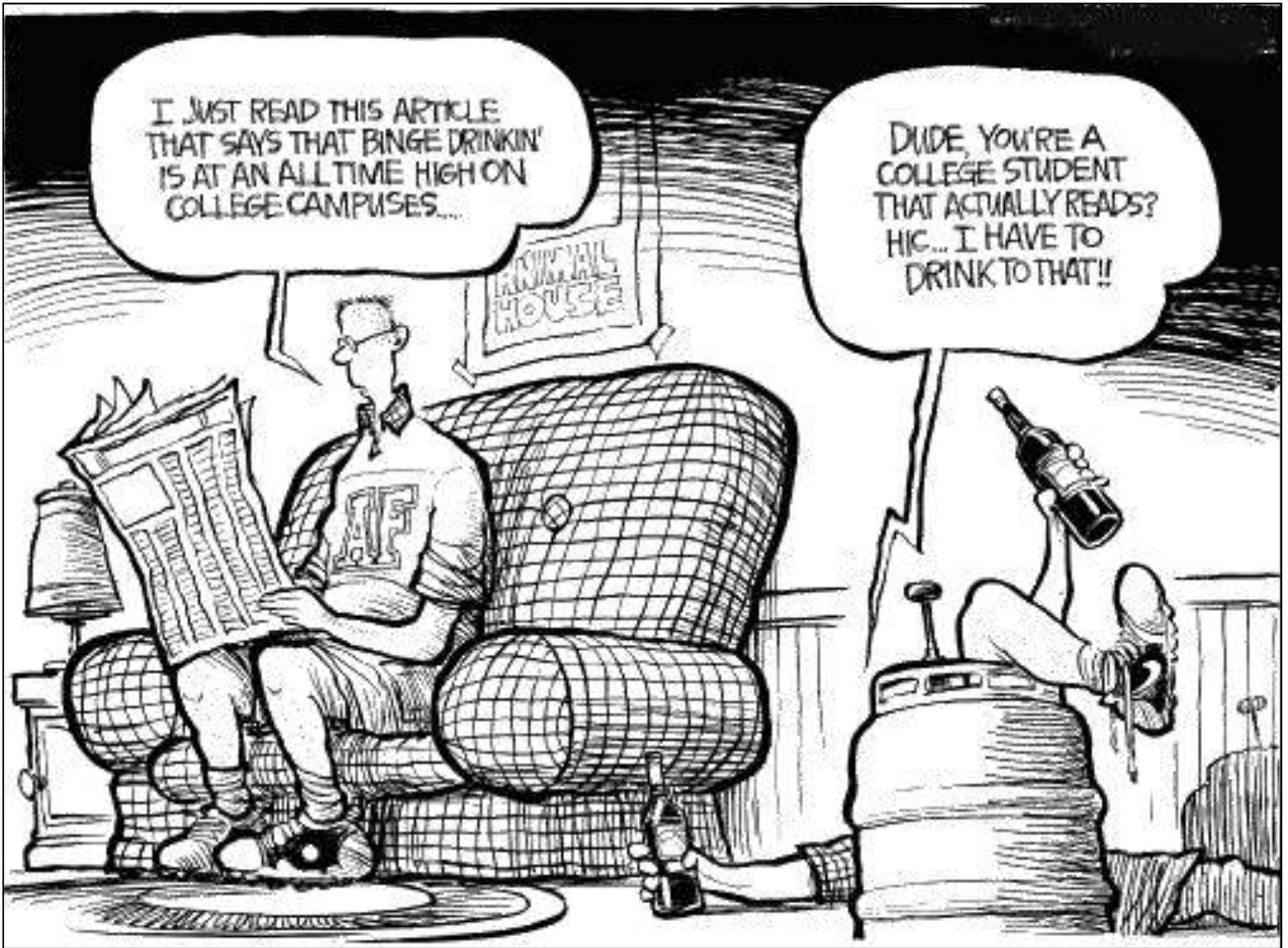
Someone wrote that we spend the first half of our lives building up our protective false self (ego) — and the second half getting rid of it. Well, after a few years of living the AA program of action (Twelve Steps) I began to see myself for what I really was — just another drunk, lucky to be sober by the grace of God! Bill W. wrote: “*Humility is the ability to see who and what we really are, coupled by the willingness to become what God will have us be.*”

I once wondered how high up I could go in AA: A GSR,? — A DCM? — An Area Delegate to NY? — A Trustee? Then came the down-to-earth answer: **Sober!** Sober is the highest level any of us can obtain in AA. This realization should infuse continual humility into my deepest self — but it probably won’t.

Bob S., Richmond, IN



“Water! Water! With Bourbon and not much ice!”



When I was new, I'd call my sponsor with a problem and I'd pour out this terrible tale of woe and she'd say, "So what?"

Excuse ME!?!?!? So WHAT!?!?!?

With time I came to see the wisdom of her response . . . most of my terrible tales of woe really are "so what's"!

Today I know that with many things, I don't have to fix it or change it. I can just say 'so what' and go on about my day. Most of those things seem to take care of themselves.

Sponsor to Sponsee: The problem is that half of your brain manufactures BS and the other half believes it!

Our 40th Conference Anniversary!



**Kayaks
Bicycles
Wave Runners
Paddle Boats**
Available For Rent

Woman To Woman San Diego

October 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2014

(Registration Opens At 3:00pm On Friday)

Conference For Recovering Alcoholic Women

Waterfront Setting / Beautiful Accommodations / Topic Discussion Meetings / Dynamic Speakers
Friday & Saturday Night Banquets Included / Special Candlelight Meeting
Guided Group Walks / Meditation / Yoga / Pool / Spa Services

**Online
Registration
Starts
May 1st**

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE GOODIES TO SHARE IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM!!!

ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

Name _____
Address _____
City / Zip _____
Phone _____ Vegetarian Meal? Yes No
Email _____

Sobriety Date _____
Want To Be Of Service? _____ Where? _____

Name _____
Address _____
City / Zip _____
Phone _____ Vegetarian Meal? Yes No
Email _____

Sobriety Date _____
Want To Be Of Service? _____ Where? _____

(Copy This Form To Register Additional Attendees)

**Early
Registration
Discount!**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

\$175 Per Person (Before 9-19-14)

(After 9-19-14 Cash or PayPal Only At The Door \$195 Per Person)

Check Cashier's Check Money Order
Enclose Full Payment For Each Person Registered

For Additional Information Call:

L. A. County / Pat L. (714) 904-4428
Orange County / Karen Mc K-J. (714) 404-6734
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**REGISTRATION
PRICE SAME
AS LAST YEAR!**

Want To Carpool Or Need A Roomate?

Email Us At: womantowomansandiego@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable And Mail To:

Woman To Woman, 2144 Baboia Avenue #6, San Diego, CA 92109

Your Cancelled Check Will Serve As Registration Confirmation

REGISTRATIONS ARE TRANSFERABLE ONLY

(No Children Allowed At The Banquets / Meetings)

www.womantowomansandiego.com



HOTEL REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT! Reservations Must Be Made No Later Than August 30th

Reservations received after August 30, 2014 will be provided on a space available basis. If the Group Rate is not available after the cutoff date, the prevailing rack rates will apply.

**Space Is
Limited!**
Register No Later
Than August 30th

Name _____
Address _____
City / Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____
Room Type _____ Upgrade _____
Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Credit Card # _____ Expires _____

Visa Mastercard American Express Discover Diners Club

Signature _____

Check: **Please Enclose A Deposit For The First Night's Room.**

CIRCLE CHOICE:

Standard Room **\$139** (Subject To Availability) Park / Bay View **\$189** (Subject To Availability)
Premium Bay View **\$209** (Subject To Availability)

All rates are subject to the prevailing city and state taxes. Currently, taxes total 12.566% and are subject to change.



TO REGISTER A STANDARD ROOM ONLINE:

1. Click on Reservations.
2. Click on Group Reservations.
3. Enter Woman To Woman Attendee Code: 1014WMMWMM
4. The room block will appear, click on your arrival date, departure date and then on your room selection.
5. Follow directions on screen to continue booking.

Reservations are contracted with the Dana Hotel and are not part of Woman to Woman. Please confirm cancellation policies when making your reservations.

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10TH Annual Men's Desert AA Banquet

Men in Recovery Celebrating with other Men in Fellowship

"Making Amends"

Sunday, November 2, 2014

Fantasy Springs Hotel & Spa

Exit: Golf Center Parkway & I-10

4pm – Meet and Greet

5pm – Dinner / 6:30pm – Speaker

\$40.00 per person / \$400.00 per table

For Tables, please include: WITH ONE RESERVATION

Reservations Required – Dressy Attire, Please

For more information, please contact:

Tony C. 760.774.5287, Joe B. 760.408.4089, Charlie B. 760.408.0275

Rylan D. 661.903.0096, Danial M. 760.600.0879, Al S. 310.344.1210

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Desert Men's AA Banquet

MAIL TO:

77310 Calle Madrid

La Quinta, CA 92253

**Central Office of the Desert
Group Contributions**

June 2014

	<u>Jun 14</u>	<u>Jul '13 - Jun 14</u>		
1 cash customer	0.00	30.00	Meditation Meeting-FRI Palm Desert	0.00 438.59
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	59.50	278.50	Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	0.00 50.89
11th Step Meditation - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	60.63	Meditation Meeting - MON - Palm Desert	0.00 100.00
12 X 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	0.00	43.75	Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00 90.00
12X12 - La Quinta	60.00	253.00	Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	50.00 382.00
12x12 Bk Study-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	85.00	Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	0.00 800.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	15.00	258.50	Men's Stag - MON Rancho Mirage	0.00 200.00
2 check customer	272.80	272.80	Men's Stag - THU - Palm Desert	0.00 200.00
3rd, 7th & 11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	1,375.22	Mixed Nuts - THU - Palm Springs	0.00 95.38
5th Tradition Dinner Meeting - DHS	50.00	50.00	Monday Noon Day At A Time - MON - PD	0.00 140.00
AA Step Studay - Fri - Coachella	0.00	204.00	New Beginnings -MON Palm Desert	0.00 345.50
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	63.87	New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	100.00 460.00
ABC Recovery	78.00	678.94	No Rules - La Quinta	0.00 1,188.00
Alkies Only-WED Bermuda Dunes	0.00	150.00	Or Else Group	0.00 28.11
ALL ABC Recovery Meetings Indio	0.00	619.56	Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	230.00 590.00
Anonymous - no group given	0.00	538.25	Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	0.00 245.62
As Bill Sees It-SAT DHS	0.00	30.00	Participation - THU - Twentynine Palms	0.00 35.00
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	0.00	4,178.10	Pathfinders Big Book-THURS	27.00 155.30
Attitude Adjustment-M-F Rancho Mirage AA	90.00	4,493.00	Perez Plaza Meeting Room	181.05 2,416.42
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	0.00	2,100.00	Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00 294.37
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	0.00	108.84	Primary Purpose - Blythe	0.00 100.00
Attitude Adjustment - MON Rancho Mirage	0.00	363.00	Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00 100.00
Attitude Adjustment 7AM M-S Palm Desert	167.00	1,499.00	Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00 48.00
Beginners-WED Palm Desert	0.00	94.61	Q & A-SUN Cathedral City	0.00 75.15
Big Book Babes - MON Indio	0.00	123.34	Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00 100.00
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	0.00	923.00	Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	201.50 514.50
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	0.00	707.68	Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms	0.00 80.00
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	0.00	49.83	RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00 54.67
Came to Believe Gp-All Palm Springs	240.00	240.00	Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	0.00 108.89
Central Intergroup	20.00	162.23	Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00 289.84
Coachella Desert Men's Group - RM	0.00	220.00	Santa Rosa Gp-MON Palm Desert	0.00 39.24
Cornfield Meeting-FRI Palm Springs	0.00	630.00	Santa Rosa Messengers - Coachella	0.00 295.00
Creative Expressions-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	25.00	Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	0.00 179.15
Daily Paradise-DLY Morongo Valley	0.00	360.40	Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	0.00 62.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	0.00	412.42	Seniors in Sobriety - TUE - Palm Springs	0.00 95.48
Desert Angels-THU Indio	60.00	60.00	Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	120.00 840.00
Desert Men's Big Book -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	75.00	Serenity Sisters - THU - Yucca Valley	0.00 71.90
Desert Women's Banquet	0.00	1,615.00	Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	0.00 48.80
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	153.00	Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	0.00 187.36
Eve. Attitude Adj. - THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	120.00	Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	0.00 99.73
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	0.00	243.08	SOLCALYPAA3	0.00 98.00
Fellowship Hall	0.00	267.40	Solid Solutions - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00 115.77
Female Friends	26.92	26.92	Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00 126.16
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	0.00	93.11	Speakeasy BBIS-FRI Palm Desert	0.00 320.00
Freedom of Choice - THU - La Quinta	0.00	130.00	Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	0.00 42.73
Goals Group	0.00	50.00	Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	0.00 94.96
Great Events-Daily Yucca Valley	0.00	244.00	Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	117.00 1,037.79
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	184.12	Step Study-WED Cathedral City	0.00 46.64
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	0.00	83.15	Step Study - MON - Bermuda Dunes	0.00 29.00
H&I Committee	0.00	524.84	Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	0.00 90.95
Half Measuras-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	82.14	Sunday 8AM Serenity Group	0.00 200.41
Hi-Desert SpeakersGroup-SAT Yucca Valley	100.00	150.00	Sunday Alumna Speaker Meeting ABC Indio	0.00 88.13
How Is Your Now - La Quinta	0.00	284.13	Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL - PS	685.94 6,936.65
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	0.00	100.00	Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	332.14 1,376.27
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	0.00	142.84	Sunset Group - Joshua Tree	0.00 534.50
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	44.36	Thank God It's Saturday-SAT Palm Springs	0.00 269.06
It's A Better Deal-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	30.00	There is Hope-FRI DHS	0.00 150.00
IWC Committee 2015	10.00	40.00	ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	0.00 200.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	32.80	Tumbleweed Speaker Meeting - Sat - DHS	0.00 50.00
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	300.00	998.00	Turning Point-WED DHS	0.00 160.00
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	1,032.00	Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	55.00 337.50
Keys to the Kingdom-SAT Palm Desert	53.60	90.90	Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	0.00 100.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	0.00	715.00	What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	0.00 49.42
Living In The Solution -SUN -Yucca Valley	0.00	30.00	Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00 100.00
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	110.27	401.67	Winners Meeting-WED Yucca Valley	0.00 150.00
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	70.00	Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	0.00 39.00
			Women's Meeting-WED Palm Desert	0.00 142.05
			Women's Q & A-FRI Palm Desert	0.00 60.00
			TOTAL	3,812.73 54,366.62