



# the Desert Lifeline

February 2015

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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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Palm Desert 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions  
2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

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## Step

Came to believe that a Power  
greater than ourselves could  
restore us to sanity.

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## Tradition

For our group purpose there is  
but one ultimate authority -  
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## Concept

The General Service Conference of  
A.A. has become, for nearly every  
practical purpose, the active voice  
and the effective conscience of our  
whole society in its world affairs.

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# Principle TWO

**Hope** - The feeling that what is wanted can be had  
or that events will turn out for the best; to believe,  
desire, or trust.

### December Office Statistics

Meeting Info	78
12 Step Calls	9
Visitors	82
Literature Sales	156
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	2
Miscellaneous	54
Business	24

#### TeleService Report

The TeleService system has been recently updated by Central Office Volunteers to keep our Calendar and contact information current. One of our new Board members, Russell J. has been working with Paul A (who initiated this project) over the last few months and is now in a position to coordinate anything this service may need to function. Please consider, yourself, or any willing Sponsee in taking a shift to keep this vital service available to the Fellowship and any Alcoholic in need of support in their Recovery. **Many thanks to Paul A. for all his dedicated work to make this possible!**

### Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

Chairman: Traci N.  
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Rob L.  
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 Office Manager: David M.

**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](mailto:manager@AAinthedesert.org)

## December 2014

Laura W.	1 yr.
Santiago G.	1 yr.
Cub S.	2 yr.
Mary Dell	5 yr.
Vicki K.	6 yr.
Cindy C.	7 yr.
Lesa A.	8 yr.
Amanda B.	8 yr.



Kathy R.	13 yr.
John M.	15 yr.
Jerry H.	17 yr.
David V.	19 yr.
Chris C.	19 yr.
VJ H.	31 yr.
Rene E.	32 yr.
Madeleine R	42 yr.
Nick T	44 yr.
Tom F	44 yr.



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

## Tradition Two

**For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

Tradition Two was, and is, intended to remove ego and personal authority from the day to day operation of the A.A. Group. Each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, education, or professional expertise, no member has authority "over" the group. In this way, the fellowship reaches out to all who would seek comfort. The group should provide an atmosphere or a sense of "being a part of" to all members who seek relief from the disease of alcoholism.

Tradition Two clearly states that "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern" Therefore we are required to have leaders for each group, and these leaders or committees should be made up of members from the group, elected by members of the group and should rotate on a regular basis, lest problems of authority rear up among the members of group.

In my personal experience, I have been of service in the A.A. Group on many different levels from greeter to cookie person, secretary, treasurer, and so on. I have always been nominated, elected or took the "A.A. Express" into each position in which I have been of service, and at the end of that term I have graciously stepped down in the spirit of Tradition Two (whether I wanted to or not). In my humble opinion, it is rotation at the level of leadership or committees that keeps the A.A. Group from becoming stagnated and preventing growth at the personal level of both trusted servant and member.

Being of service as a trusted servant has been the ride of my life, and one that I hope to continue for many years into the future. However, I always need to remember that as a trusted leader I am only a servant here, one day at a time, participating to ensure my sobriety. It is my actions as a member of A.A., the will of God, and the conscience of the groups I serve, that I continue to be a trusted servant.

As members of A.A. we are to share our personal experience strength and hope with one another that we may solve our own problems and help another member stay sober. As a trusted servant and a participating member of Alcoholics Anonymous, I wish you service in sobriety.

Jerald W.  
DHS Primary Purpose Group

## Secretary Workshop

**Saturday March 14th 2015 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert  
35-325 Date Palm Drive  
Suite 134  
Cathedral City

***Come learn the ins and outs of being a secretary for a group.  
This is geared for both new and experienced secretaries.***

Please leave your contact information at Central Office to let us know you're interested  
760.324.4880 David M. Office Manager

## Step Two

### ***Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.***

When I attended an AA meeting for the first time three and half years ago, it was my own decision and I went alone. The place was at the Joslyn Senior Center in a local city park. I had sat in on an AA meeting almost 8 years previously, only to go out and try once again to prove to myself that I really could control my drinking. I tried every plan I could think of to “drink normally” but failure piled upon failure. More alcohol was always better, and my daily alcohol consumption kept increasing until I found myself passing out night after night. Sneaky behavior and broken promises to myself ate at my self-esteem. I didn’t like who I saw in the mirror. My father had died of the disease, and I saw myself following in his footsteps. My best thinking and will power were not working, and I became desperate to get help.

At this meeting, a small group of people were sitting in a circle, reading aloud and whenever a paragraph meant something significant to an individual, that person shared what those words meant to them. I was welcomed and given a book with which to read along. I was comfortable immediately. Deep inside I felt safe and hopeful. My strongest feeling was a willingness to take direction. I didn’t think of myself as insane but I was helpless about wanting alcohol. My repeated decisions to keep drinking knowing the consequences were insane. My blackouts resonated with insanity. There was hope in this group of strangers. There was direction I could take. I was sure that I, by myself, could not stop drinking and these people in the room had succeeded for various lengths of time not to pick up a drink. And they seemed much more joyous and comfortable with themselves than I was. For the first time in years, I felt like I was in the right place and making a good, reasonable decision.

During the break, I said something about wishing I had stopped drinking years ago and I was quickly shushed and told to accept the present as being just what it should be. That sounded freeing to me. I was welcomed by a woman with 25 years of sobriety who assisted me in purchasing my own copy of the book being studied at this meeting. I was encouraged to keep coming back and told about other meetings nearby.

Why am I writing about all this? The second step states “came to believe....” This step is a process: an opportunity for growth and a change in perception. One “comes to believe” by going to lots of meetings, and being honest and vulnerable with a sponsor. There was Power in the group of simple, honest people who shared success, strength and hope. For me there is a Power within every single person and I experience that in every honest story, every vulnerable revelation, and each unselfish service extended to others. I became willing to trust in their success, their wisdom. I decided to “drink in” and be a part of their Power. That Power has made all the difference. I am not the same person I used to be when I was drinking. I have been delivered from an obsession, and I go to meetings regularly and willingly because more of that Power keeps revealing itself in new and marvelous ways.

The idea of sanity has changed for me, too. I used to connect insanity with people in asylums, which meant this step didn’t apply to me. I have come to see that the way I lived life was insane. My insanity was in not taking responsibility for my choices, using people and things destructively, my lying to look better than I was, cheating and hurting others. But I always had my excuse. The sanity I learned in AA is a way of life that is giving, honest, right-sized, humble, loving, and growing. It is always willing to learn and accept life on life’s terms. It’s the way my sponsor, Dave, lives his life and hundreds who have taught me a better way of life in simple AA sharing one alcoholic to another, one day at a time. That’s how this Power continues to reveal itself. I am so blessed.

Mike C.  
La Quinta Roadrunners

December Volunteers at Central Office

Alan S.  
Ann K.  
Bob M.  
Brad L.  
Dallas E.  
Dennis H.  
Dyana S.  
Eileen C.  
Emil M.

Jimmy Who?  
Kathy P.  
Ken L.  
Lobo M.

**Thank You !!**

Mary Ann C.  
Mary-Ann Mc L.  
Michael W.  
Patrick L.  
Paul A.  
Peggy M.

Roger F.  
Rivers V.  
Ron D.  
Susan B.  
Tracy M.

**Thank You !!**

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### Concept Two

*When in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.*

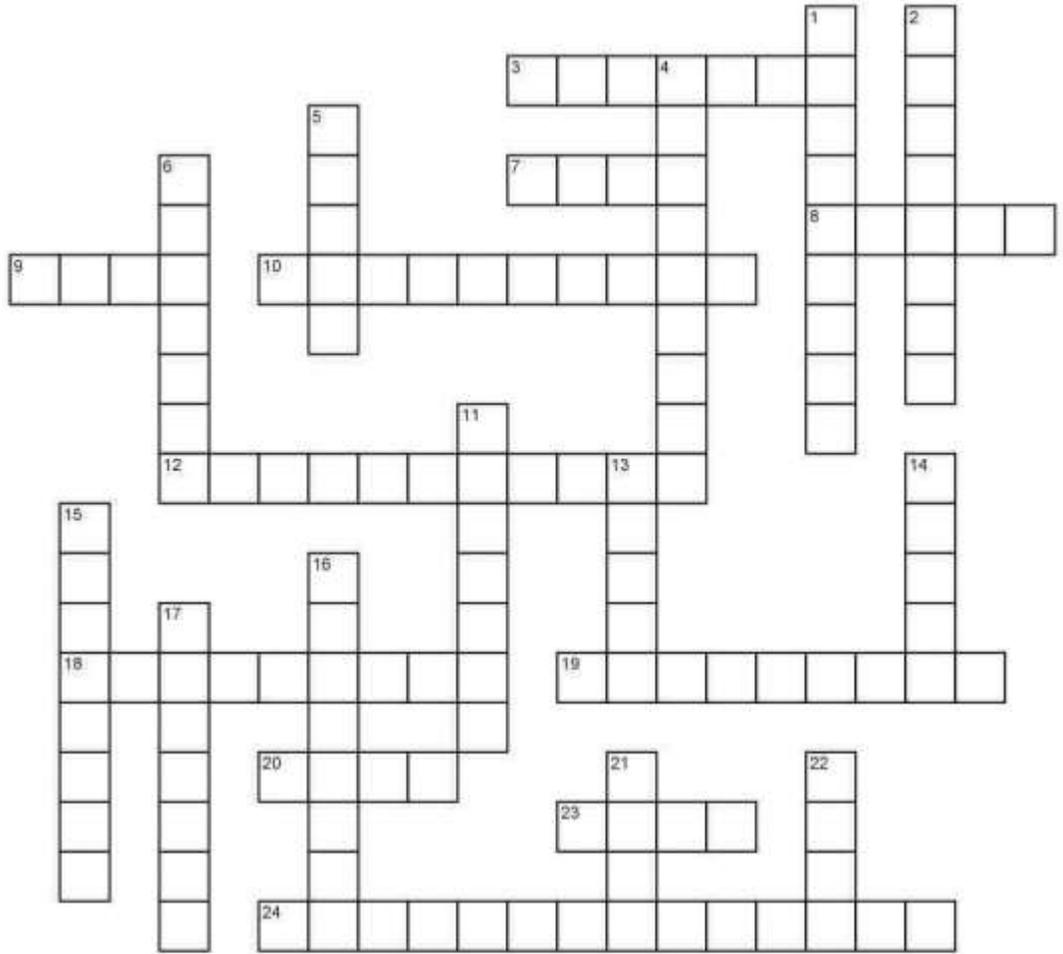
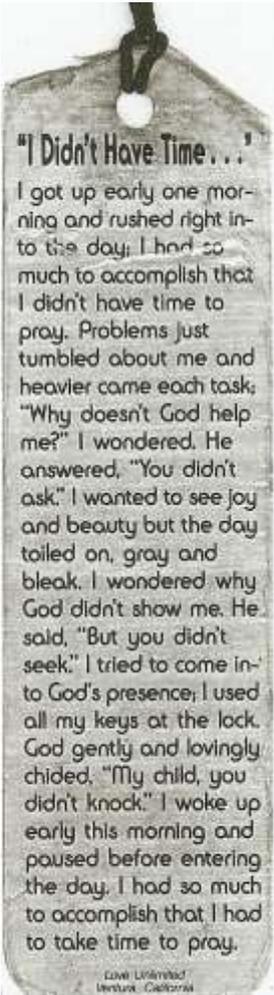
Concept I establishes the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practice, how are they to manage A.A.’s service affairs? By delegation, Concept II declares.

Bill and Dr. Bob, entrusted by the early groups to get the program going to spread the message, found nonalcoholic friends to help them. They formed a trusteeship and delegated to it the responsibility for finances, the Big Book and other literature, public information, the service office and the A.A. Grapevine. However, as the trustees constantly looked to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable, it was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the A.A. groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These G.S.R.s meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 91 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is “the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

This was taken from, ***The Twelve Concepts for World Service, illustrated.***

Gay H.

# February Puzzle

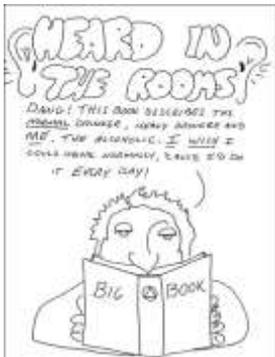


**ACROSS**

- 3 Little Angel of A.A.
- 7 Alcoholics are like men who have lost these
- 8 "Women Suffer Too"
- 9 Bill's sponsor
- 10 mode of transportation used by Bill and Lois during his early Wall Street years
- 12 principle behind step 9
- 18 Saturday Evening Post
- 19 Bill's brother-in-law's profession
- 20 Bill's longtime secretary
- 23 The month that AA was "born"
- 24 Home of Bill and his wife

**DOWN**

- 1 Where Dr. Bob went to college
- 2 Dr. Bob's middle name
- 4 Honesty, Purity, Unselfishness and Love - the 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 In what city did Bill meet Bob?
- 6 Physician, Heal \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Where AA World Services is located
- 13 Dr. Bob surname
- 14 Russian potato juice
- 15 Circle and \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 This is prior to investigation
- 17 State where Dr. Bob was born
- 21 Swiss psychiatrist
- 22 The 3rd Step prayer doesn't have it but the 7th Step prayer does



Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Desert Lifeline. You can also find them on our web site — [www.aainthedesert.org](http://www.aainthedesert.org)

**NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES**

**New Meetings:**

**Palm Springs**, We Agnostics, AA Attitude Adjustment, 559 S. Palm Canyon Dr. Suite B105, 5:30 PM Sunday

**Palm Desert**, Christ of the Desert Big Book Study, Christ of the Desert Church, 73441 Fred Waring Dr. Room #1, 6:30 PM Tuesday

**Cancelled meeting**

**Palm Desert**, Fearless & Thorough Book Study Group, Pt Monterey Business Park 34250 Gateway Dr. 6:30 PM Tuesday

**Meeting Location Change**

**Palm Desert**, Sobriety Sisters will now be meeting at the Portola Community Center, 45480 Portola Ave. Palm Desert, Thursdays @ 7:00 PM (and needs support!)

**Meetings for Hearing Impaired Members**

There now are two local meetings that offer support for the hearing impaired Alcoholism the Coachella Valley **Palm Springs**, Weekender's Welcome Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group, 4711B East Palm Canyon Dr. 10:00 AM Sat. now has the designation of ASL (American Sign Language) that provides for the hearing impaired. This service has been a long time in the making, many thanks to the 5th Tradition Steering Committee for breaking ground in this important area of service!



# Speaker Meetings

**Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio**

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 2/6 John L. Cathedral City
- 2/13 Patt O. Orange County
- 2/20 Regina B. Beaumont
- 2/27 John M. San Diego

**Speaker / Q & A Discussion Meeting**

**Perez Plaza**

Tuesday Night, 7 p.m. / 7:30 Q & A

- 02/03 - Helen
- 02/10 - Doug
- 02/17 - Sean
- 02/27 - Mary Dell



**Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert**

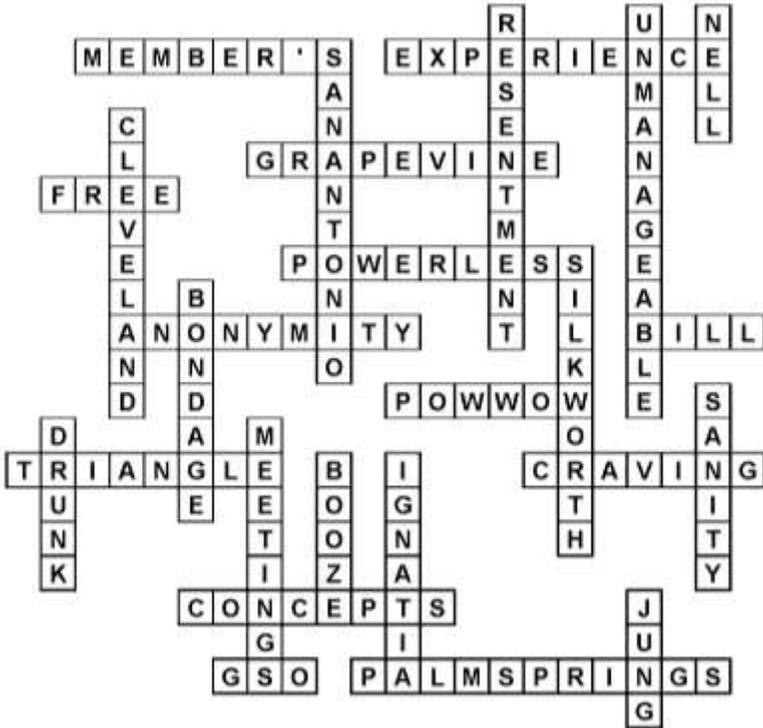
Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

- 2/07 Lynn B. Covina
- 2/14 Jan Mc G. Palm Desert
- 2/21 Patricia C. Palm Desert
- 2/28 Jolene C. Palm Desert



Please check the web site ([www.AAintheDesert.org](http://www.AAintheDesert.org)) for any changes since the printing of the newsletter.

# January Puzzle Solution



## The Chosen Few

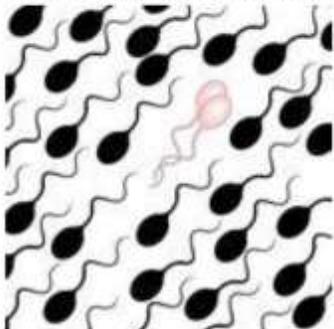
Sometimes I sit and wonder why  
 Some Men live while others die  
 It often causes me great concern  
 I expend so much, I have nothing left to burn  
 I see their failures were so bright  
 The booze stepped into their lives  
 And slowly they found the lowest dives  
 Round and round they'd go  
 Never realizing they could link so low  
 Some of us became the chosen few  
 And in our paths were many things to do  
 We see the smiles and laughter  
 That comes from no longer courting disaster  
 A Higher Power has stepped in  
 Now all we can do is grin



Doug D.



I always know where I'm going...



I just don't know who I'll be when I get there!





# 2015

We are NOT a Glam Lot!

**30th Annual**

## AA Desert Women's Banquet

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015**

Renaissance Esmeralda Indian Wells Resort & Spa

**REGISTRATION: 4 – 5 P.M.**

**DINNER: 5 – 7 P.M.**

**SPEAKER: 7 – 8 P.M.**

**\$43 per person**

NO tickets will be sold at the door. 10 seats per table maximum.  
To sit together, registration forms and payment must be returned together.

**Registration Contact: Brooke B. 760-399-7885**

**Betsy F. 760-409-4011**

**Chair: Leslie P. 760-485-6758**

For event details, please visit [desertwomensbanquet.org](http://desertwomensbanquet.org)

See reverse side for additional registration forms.

Make checks payable to:  <b>Desert Women's Banquet</b>  Mail to: <b>PO Box 4383</b> <b>Palm Desert, CA 92261</b>	Full Name:		<b>Amount Enclosed</b>  Dinner     \$    43.00 *Donation   \$	
	Name on Badge:			
	Mailing Address:		<b>Total</b> \$	
	City:	Zip:		
	Email:		Phone:	
Vegetarian meal? YES / NO (Please Circle)	Table Head:		# in Party:	

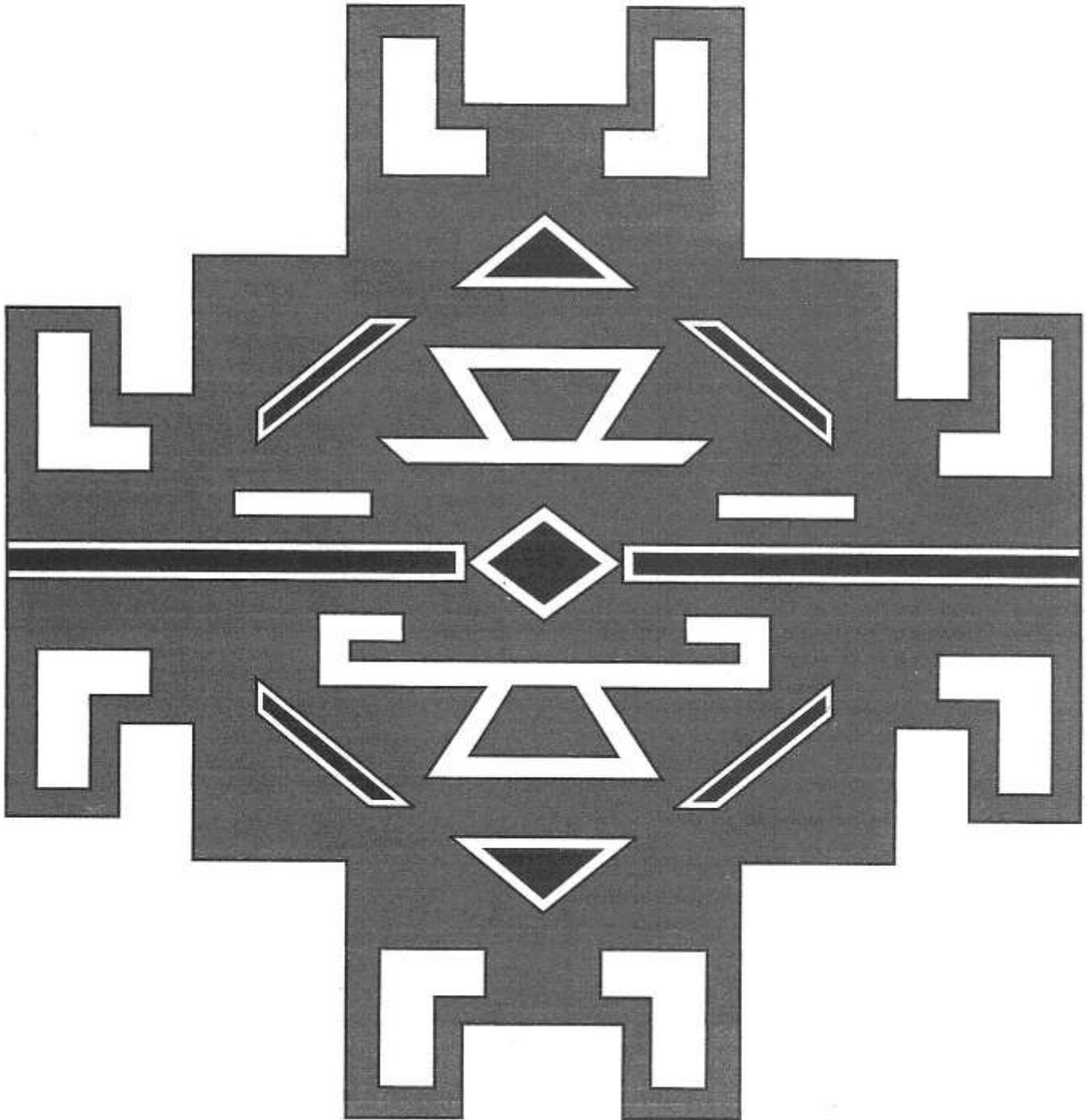
To donate ticket(s) or portion of, making it possible for "women in need" to attend, please note the amount of your donation above.

Payment must be received no later than Friday, March 6, 2015.

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**A.A. DESERT POW WOW**  
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION  
**RENAISSANCE INDIAN WELLS RESORT & SPA**

**JUNE 4, 5, 6, 7, 2015**  
**INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA**





The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Ninth District AA Convention  
**COMMITTEE *PLANNING* MEETINGS**

Have some fun & Bring a friend  – get involved!

The  4<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** of the every month

At  4 pm ~ Fellowship Hall

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

May 24<sup>th</sup>

June 28<sup>th</sup>

July 26<sup>th</sup>

For Information Call Katherine (951) 347-5563 or  
Ira R (760) 861-2693

Convention: August 7 - 9, 2015 at

Hyatt Indian Wells

Central Office of the Desert  
Group Contributions  
January 2015

	Jan 15	Jul '14 - Jan 15		
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	45.00	100.00	Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	0.00 65.00
12 & 12 - La Quinta	40.00	211.00	Monday Noon Day At A Time - MON - PD	0.00 117.00
12 & 12 Happy Hour-TUE Yucca Valley	0.00	140.00	New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00 300.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	30.00	150.00	No Rules - La Quinta	0.00 590.00
3charge customer	0.00	78.00	One Day At a Time-MON Palm Desert	60.00 60.00
3rd, 7th & 11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	250.00	1,131.35	Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	0.00 142.00
5th Tradition Dinner Meeting - DHS	50.00	140.00	Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	98.41 200.90
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	50.00	Pathfinders Big Book-THURS	0.00 26.00
Alkies Only-WED Bermuda Dunes	0.00	60.00	PDCC Rec Hall-M-S Palm Desert	0.00 500.00
AS Bill Sees It 10AM-MON Palm Desert	0.00	113.00	Perez Plaza Meeting Room	0.00 1,572.40
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	90.00	869.00	Phoenix Bilingual Book Study	20.00 20.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	0.00	800.00	Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	110.00 110.00
Attitude Adjustment 7AM M-S Palm Desert	123.00	642.00	Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00 276.00
Big Book Experience - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	4.36	Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00 42.90
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	94.00	306.16	Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00 17.98
Big Book Workshop - THU Yucca Valley	0.00	10.31	Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	212.00 342.50
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	0.00	80.02	RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00 75.00
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	42.80	42.80	Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	145.00 345.00
Candle Light Meditation Group - TUE - PD	220.00	220.00	Santa Rosa Gp-MON Palm Desert	52.35 84.62
CDM Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	70.00	310.00	Seniors in Sobriety - TUE - Palm Springs	0.00 120.00
Central Intergroup	26.00	134.10	Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	0.00 480.00
Creative Expressions-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	25.00	Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag - MON	0.00 532.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	109.70	522.58	Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	40.00 121.00
Desert Men's Big Book -TUE Palm Desert	75.00	150.00	Sobriety Brothers	0.00 59.50
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	280.00	Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	0.00 63.26
Eve. Attitude Adj. - THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	187.00	Solid Solutions - TUE - Palm Desert	168.00 395.00
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	45.98	177.16	Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	106.43 106.43
Fellowship Hall	0.00	108.00	Speakeasy BB/S-FRI Palm Desert	0.00 400.00
Goals Group	0.00	40.00	Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	44.80 44.80
Great Events-Daily Yucca Valley	0.00	45.00	Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	85.00 744.00
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	44.76	Step/Tradition Study-FRI Palm Desert	0.00 164.83
H&I Committee	0.00	152.60	Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	103.12 158.72
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	46.00	46.00	Steps to Serenity - La Quinta	0.00 13.64
Hi-Desert SpeakersGroup-SAT Yucca Valley	0.00	95.00	Sunday 8AM Serenity Group	0.00 153.75
How Is Your Now - La Quinta	0.00	161.52	Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	40.00 40.00
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	100.00	500.00	Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	670.62 2,920.97
IWC Committee 2015	20.00	70.00	Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	101.74 597.01
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	10.00	Tumbleweed Speaker Meeting - Sat - DHS	0.00 50.51
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	274.00	774.00	Twilight Step Study-TUE Palm Desert	0.00 70.00
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	1,923.24	1,923.24	Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	33.00 88.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	0.00	271.00	Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	260.12 260.12
Living Sober-MON Cathedral City	41.20	41.20	Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00 350.00
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	0.00	225.00	Winners Meeting-WED Yucca Valley	0.00 30.00
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	61.50	Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	0.00 15.00
Meditation Meeting-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	323.36	Women's Q & A-FRI Palm Desert	45.00 75.50
Meditation Meeting - MON - Palm Desert	74.09	74.09		
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	447.00		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,185.60 25,288.45</b>

**Book of the month**

**Came to Believe**

**(Big Print)**

**Normally \$5.25— This month \$4.50**

**\$4.50**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mike Murphy

**DATE:** January 15, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Treasurer's Report, December 2014

**CENTRAL OFFICE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, December 2014**

	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	Variance	Jul-Dec Actual	Jul-Dec Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>						
Group Contributions	\$ 3,585	\$ 4,166	\$ (581)	\$ 19,103	\$ 24,996	\$ (5,893)
Convention Contributions	\$ 404	\$ 300	\$ 104	\$ 9,974	\$ 7,700	\$ 2,274
Gratitude Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170	\$ -	\$ 170
Literature Sales	\$ 4,512	\$ 4,420	\$ 92	\$ 25,040	\$ 26,520	\$ (1,480)
Medallions	\$ 2,285	\$ 1,920	\$ 365	\$ 11,461	\$ 11,520	\$ (59)
All Other Income	\$ 915	\$ 729	\$ 186	\$ 2,047	\$ 4,374	\$ (2,327)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 11,701</b>	<b>\$ 11,535</b>	<b>\$ 166</b>	<b>\$ 67,795</b>	<b>\$ 75,110</b>	<b>\$ (7,315)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Literature expense	\$ 3,692	\$ 3,577	\$ 115	\$ 21,545	\$ 21,464	\$ 81
Medallion expense	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,043	\$ 74	\$ 5,776	\$ 6,260	\$ (484)
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,921	\$ 3,526	\$ 395	\$ 23,240	\$ 21,956	\$ 1,284
Gratitude Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,500)
Rent	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ -	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,100	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 334	\$ 375	\$ (41)	\$ 2,583	\$ 2,250	\$ 333
All Other Expenses	\$ 2,289	\$ 1,491	\$ 798	\$ 5,565	\$ 11,371	\$ (5,806)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,704</b>	<b>\$ 11,363</b>	<b>\$ 1,341</b>	<b>\$ 66,809</b>	<b>\$ 72,901</b>	<b>\$ (6,092)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (1,003)</b>	<b>\$ 172</b>	<b>\$ (1,175)</b>	<b>\$ 986</b>	<b>\$ 2,209</b>	<b>\$ (1,223)</b>
Prudent reserve equals 8.8 months						

**Negative ( ) income variances reduce net income**  
**Negative ( ) expense variances increase net income**

To all groups contributing: Your involvement has been noted and our thanks go out to all who support our efforts to continue providing literature, answering calls and generally making AA an attractive light to the alcoholics still suffering.

It was noted, however, at our last Board Meeting, that contributions have dropped progressively for the last few months, not in a great percentage, but enough to let you know our contributions need to increase. If you know of groups who have no Intergroup Representative, or are not aware of the services provided by this office, please spread the word! And, of course, if your group is able to help us as you can, we would be grateful for your support.

# GRATITUDE DINNER 2015

## SPEAKER MEETING

SATURDAY

MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2015



Save The Date

*Food is again being catered by  
Sherman's Delil*

Home-Made Desserts from the Fellowship

Tickets available at meetings, or at  
Your Central Office.

**Speaker: Don N.  
from Los Angeles**

**Tickets  
\$20.00**

5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

5:00 PM – Doors open

6:00 PM – Dinner served

7:00 PM – Speaker Meeting

Xavier Prep Gymnasium

34-200 Cook Street

Palm Desert



**Service Opportunities, we need your help!!**

Anyone interested in participating can call Central Office 760.324.4880

Or Email: [GratitudeDinner@aainthedesert.org](mailto:GratitudeDinner@aainthedesert.org)

Chair: Ginny P - 760.567.2242

**Remember: Xavier Prep is a non-smoking facility.  
There is NO SMOKING anywhere on the property.**