



the Desert Lifeline

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A publication of the Central Intergroup Office
of the Desert, serving the Coachella Valley.

Central Intergroup

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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

Mailing Address: P O Box 3684
Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions

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

Fellowship Hall
45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert

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Palm Desert, CA 92261

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446
Web site: www.msca09aa.org

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Grand Central Station NY 10163
Web site: www.aa.org

DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall
45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert
Email:
webmaster@dcypaa.com

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 -
a loving God as He may
express Himself in our group
conscience. Our leaders are
but trusted servants;
they do not govern.

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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	73
12 Step Calls	3
Visitors	87
Literature Sales	188
Al-Anon	3
Other 12 Step	1
Miscellaneous	140
Business	39

TeleService Report

Upon evaluation of the process recently, and an upgrade to our phone service, we have reduced the amount of technological training necessary for Teleservice Volunteers! Each day the volunteer taking the phones that evening will be reminded of their shift by our office staff and informed that the phones from Central Office will be automatically forwarded to their phone at the close of day. The necessary information needed to follow-up with 12 Step Calls, and the monthly calendar is available on the website as before, but the logging on and disconnecting from a separate number is no longer necessary. This puts more volunteers involved personally with each other, and makes the access more convenient.

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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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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35-325 Date Palm Drive, Suite 134,
Cathedral City, CA 92234.
E-mail: manager@AAinthedesert.org

December 2015

Lesa A.	9 yr.
John M.	16 yr.
Kris C.	20 yr.
Dyana S.	30 yr.
Paul N.	31 yr.



Rene E.	33 yr.
Madeleine R	43 yr.
Nick T	45 yr.
Tom F	45 yr.



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

2nd Step—We have gained a Partner

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

HOW MANY times in the past few years I have felt the warmth, friendship, intense love that can be expressed only by one alcoholic for another as we attend our meetings and share.

It was best expressed to me by a fellow alcoholic I was sharing a jug with down on the Bowery some years back, long before I came into AA. He put it this way. “Ya know, buddy, I’m going to tell you something, and don’tcha ever forget it. There’s the love of a son for his mother. There’s the love of a brother for his brother. But there’s no greater love in this whole wide world than one drunken bum for another.

How eloquently put, I always thought. The simple sincere honesty of it enveloped me and eventually became the hallmark of every action in AA. It was one of the major factors in my continued commitment to the AA way of life—that is, until recently.

Something was bothering me. I wasn’t losing any ground, but my the same token, Mt. Sobriety was getting harder to climb. The meetings were starting to lose some of their original luster, and at the same time, paradoxically, the periods between meetings seemed aeons longer. I knew from past experience that the answer had to be in the Twelve Steps, so I carefully went back over them. If the Second Step had had neon lights, it couldn’t haven’t have been any more obvious. I, who had been turned off hundreds of times by the religious nuts in the program, gleaned a ray of hope from this Step: “Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

This was the answer, and I knew it. But it was a hard pill to swallow. I kicked it around for quite a while until it dawned on me that this was the introduction to the spiritual side of the program. Then, I began to look at it through the eyes of those who came before us. I realized that our predecessors in the program were desperate people. They had no AA to seek help from. There wasn’t any human being who could comfort them or alleviate their suffering. They were physically sick, mentally ill, and spiritually starved. They admitted in the First Step that alcohol was power greater than themselves, and they realized that no human being could help them overcome it. So why not appeal to a superhuman Being—or Higher Power, as we call it today—to help them out in their time of despair?

Even if we can’t accept the words “God as we understand Him,” surely we can accept the possibility that there is a source of power greater than man’s, since it manifests itself by keeping the planets in orbit, the seasons of the year changing, night giving way to daylight, even the lonely blade of grass sprouting in the fields come springtime. The Second Step does not ask us to believe in this Power, but only to believe that this Power can work for us if we so desire.

The simplicity of the Second Step became overwhelming. My ego retreated as soon as I became aware that I had relied on a power greater than myself most of my life—namely, alcohol, as expressed in the First Step. “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol...” The substitution of another power, a Power greater than myself, became even easier when I realized that the Second Step did not ask me to identify this Power, only to accept it on blind faith and to allow it to work for me. There would be plenty of time before I got to the Eleventh Step to improve my conscious contact with it.

This, then, became the key that unlocked the spiritual side of the program for me. Now that I had the wrinkles out of my belly, as the saying goes, was I willing to accept , on blind faith, that which the first AA’s had to do in order to maintain their sobriety? The only rational answer I could come up with as yes. Today, I am extremely grateful.

Each of the Twelve Steps has its own reward for those who practice it and accept it for what it is. The Second Step offers us a partner, to aid us both in times of joy and in times of despair. The loneliness that only an alcoholic can feel, whether by oneself or in a crowd, slowly but surely dissipates as a Higher Power is more fully employed in our times of need. We never again have to be alone, for in surrendering a small bit of our ego, we have gained a powerful partner.

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December Volunteers at Central Office

Char A.
Catherine S.

Thank You !!

Darlene M.
David T.
Dyana S.
Eileen C.

Emil M.
Gail S.
Jay A.
Jim B.
Kathie P.

Thank You !!

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Lobo Mc G.
Marge C.
Mary Anne C.
Mike B.
Rivers V.
Sarah K (& Zeke)

Steve P.
Tonia B.
Tracy M.
Vickie G.
Zebra Mark

Thank You !!

Secretary Workshop

Saturday February 6th 2016 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.**

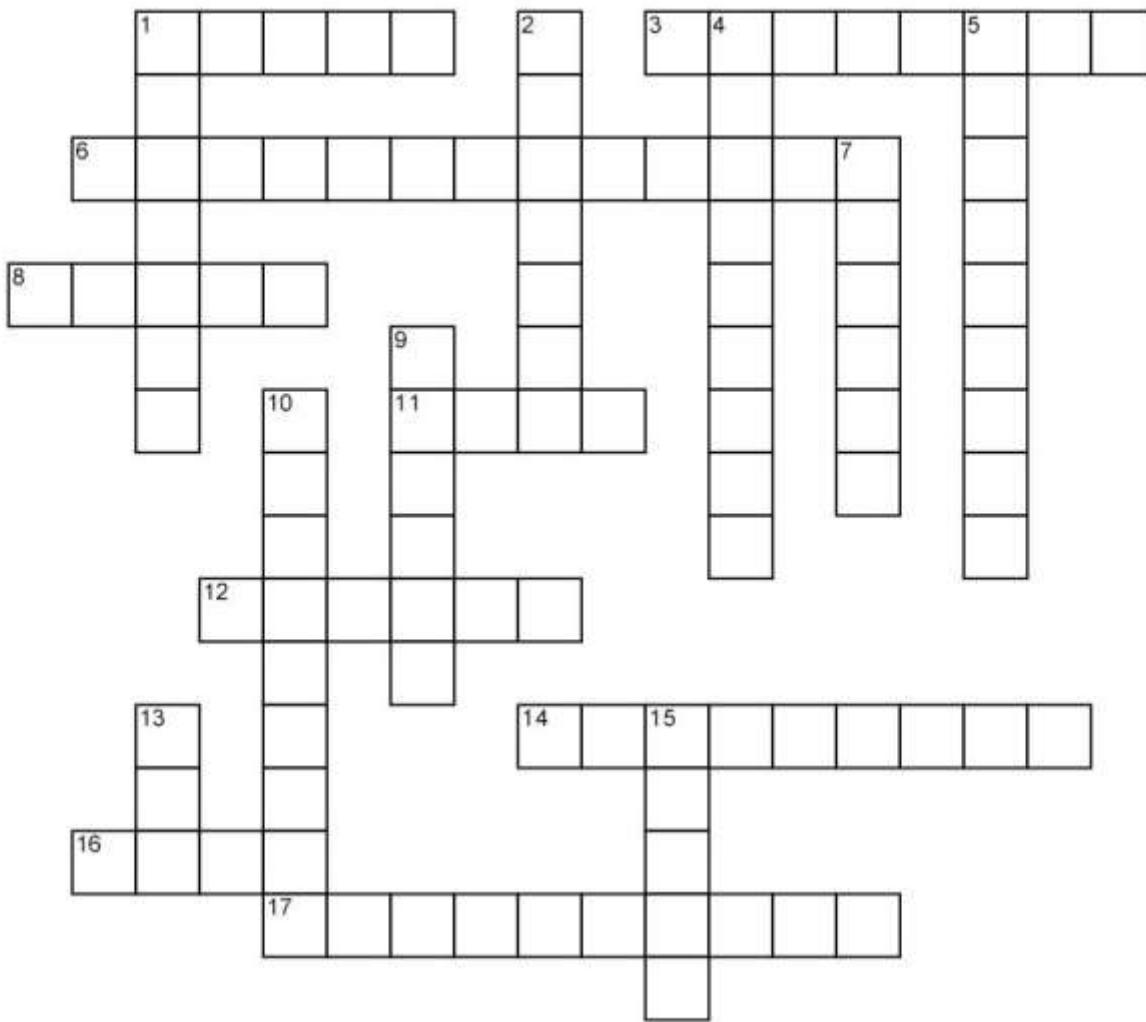
Please leave your contact information at Central Office to let us know you're interested
760.324.4880 David M. Office Manager

\$10.00 Book of the month \$10.00

Language of the Heart
(Soft Cover)

\$10.00 Normally \$12.50— This month \$10.00 \$10.00

February Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Dr. Bob surname
- 3 prior to investigation
- 6 Saturday Evening Post article in March, 1941
- 8 Second Principle
- 11 Mrs. Dr. Bob
- 12 what trusted servants don't do
- 14 AA meeting in print
- 16 Step two
- 17 International Convention City (2 words)

DOWN

- 1 AA's very essence
- 2 The number of printings of the first edition of our Big Book
- 4 Dr. Bob and the Good
- 5 Akron hotel when Bill needed to talk to another drunk
- 7 How often we've seen them fail
- 9 AA got this award in 1951
- 10 Honesty, unselfishness, purity and love
- 13 General Service Office
- 15 Our _____ is self-centered, egocentric

A.A. was founded on the premise that it would be self-supported through member contributions.

For the past 48 years, contributing a single dollar has been almost a tradition.



1960...10¢
1970...20¢
1980...35¢
1990...50¢
2000...\$1.00
2008...\$1.75



1960...25¢
1970...65¢
1980...\$1.65
1990...\$2.00
2000...\$3.00
2008...\$4.90



1960...22¢
1970...35¢
1980...90¢
1990...\$1.10
2000...\$1.20
2008...\$3.39

Today's dollar has only 16 cents of the purchasing power of a 1960's dollar.



1960...\$1.00
1970...\$1.00
1980...\$1.00
1990...\$1.00
2000...\$1.00
2008...\$2.00

Acknowledging these economic facts,
why not responsibly compensate

**BY DROPPING IN
2 BUCKS FOR 2016?**

For those who can't afford it, the important thing is to keep coming back.

NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

New Meeting

Joshua Tree, the "Straight Up AA Group" meets Wednesday 2:00 PM at the Faith Lutheran Church, 6336 Hallee Rd.

Palm Desert, The new "Thursday Night Live" meets at Cranked Vapors 74214 Hwy 111 at 10:00 PM

Cancelled meeting

Palm Springs, We Agnostics, AA Attitude Adjustment, 559 S. Palm Canyon Dr. Suite B105, 5:30 PM Sunday has been disbanded for the time being and another group has taken that time slot there, name to be announced soon.

Meeting Name/ Time Change

Palm Desert, The Thursday noon meeting at Fellowship Hall has changed it's name to "Rule 62 Group" (and it has nothing to do with the fact than my last name is mentioned in the 12 & 12 regarding this Rule!)

Palm Springs, the 5:30 PM Thursday Women's meeting at Our Savior's Church Rm. 101 1020 E. Ramon has changed it's name to match the format book they read to "Drop the Rock"

Idyllwild, the 7:30 PM Discussion Meeting that meets on Saturday at the Spiritual Living Center/Courtyard 26120 Ridgeview Dr. is now meeting at 5:30 PM

Speaker Meetings

Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

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|------|------------|--------------|
| 2/5 | Anya T. | Los Angeles |
| 2/12 | Charlie B. | La Quinta |
| 2/19 | Dan D. | Beaumont |
| 2/26 | Jeany T. | Play Del Rey |

Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

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|------|--------------|---------------|
| 2/06 | Suzy A. | Palm Desert |
| 2/13 | Guitar Dave. | Venice |
| 2/20 | Pamela H. | Palm Desert |
| 2/27 | Brett D. | Rancho Mirage |

Cornfield Meeting

City Council Chambers, Palm Springs

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

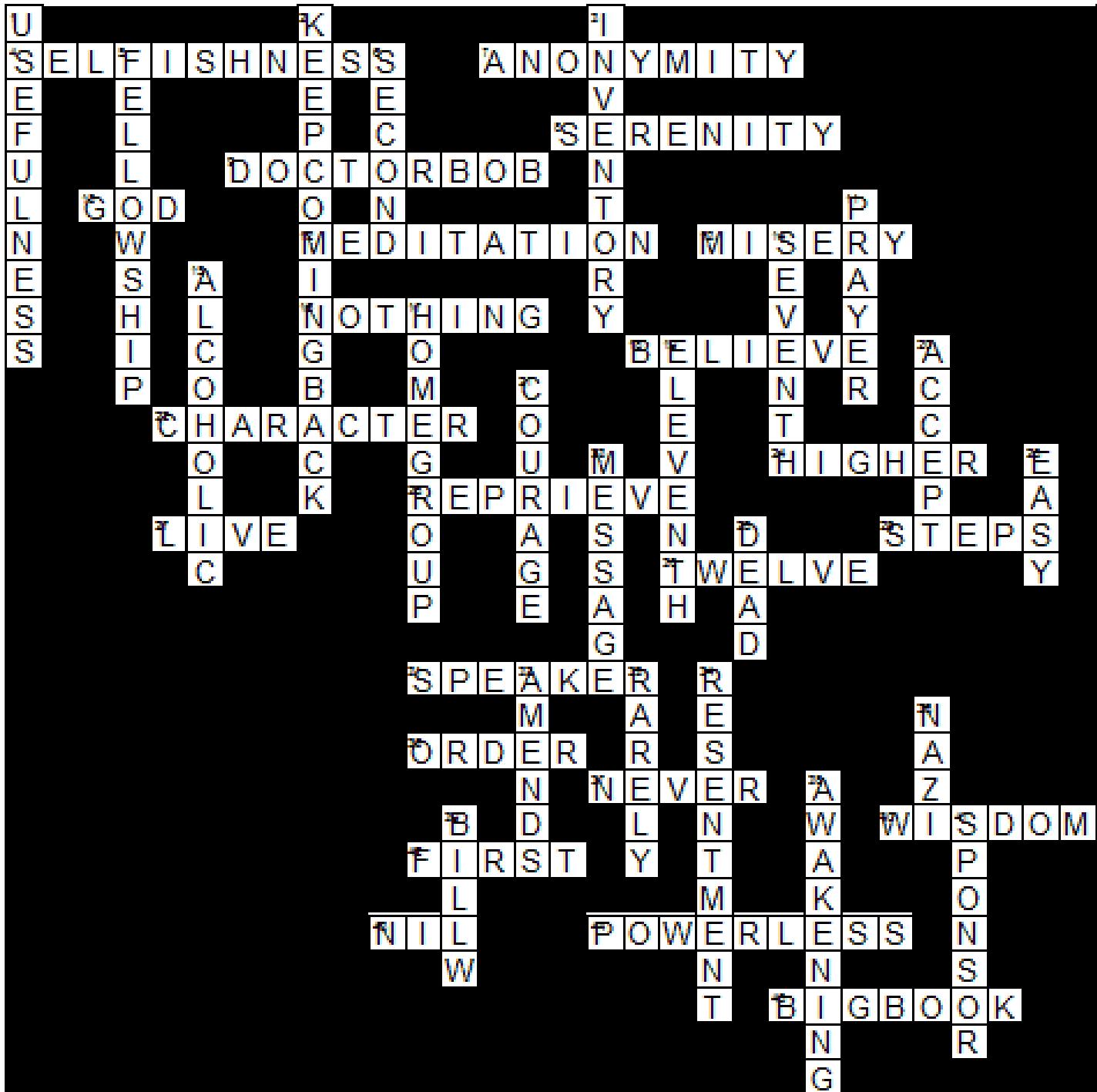
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| 2/5 | Todd T. | Palm Desert |
| 2/12 | Jackie E. | Lake Forest |
| 2/19 | Ray J. | Rancho Mirage |
| 2/26 | David P. | Los Angeles |



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

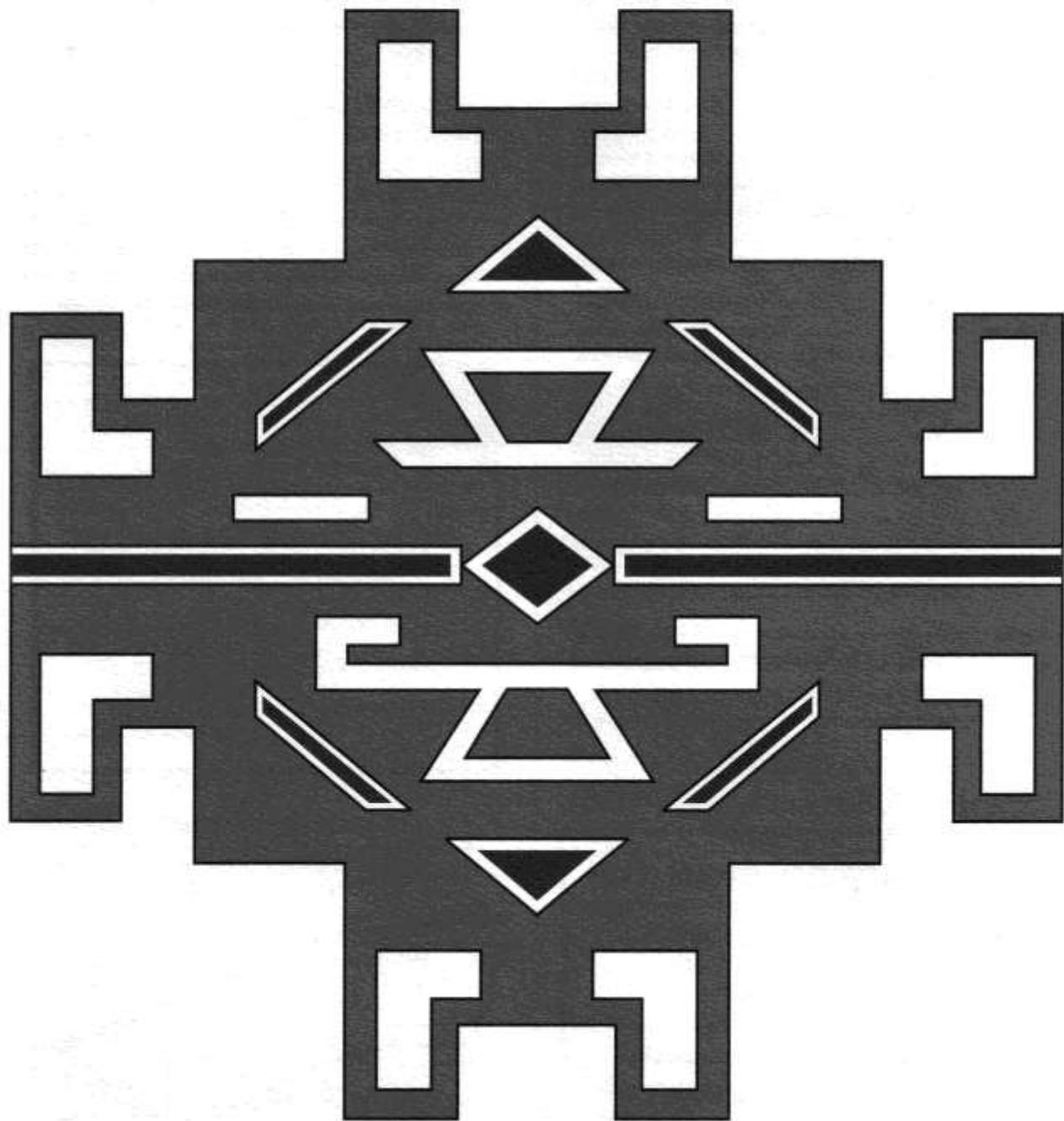
January Puzzle Solution

Big Book & 12/12 Puzzle SOLUTION



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

JUNE 9, 10, 11, 12, 2016
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA



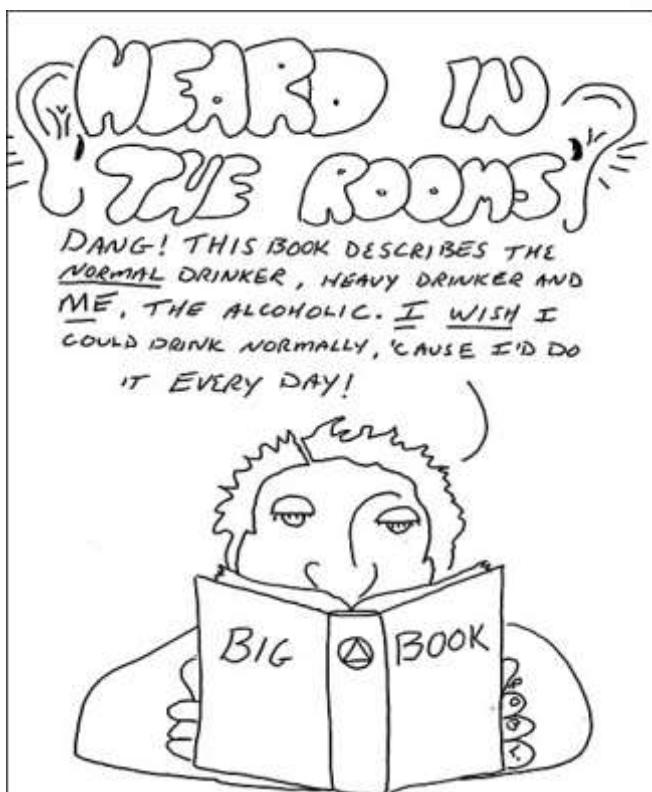
**Central Office of the Desert
Group Contributions
December 2015**

	Dec 15	Jul - Dec 15
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	0.00	139.01
11AM Palm Springs Duplicate Customer	0.00	118.45
12 & 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	0.00	81.80
12 &12 - La Quinta	80.00	140.00
12 &12 Bi Study-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	17.51
12 &12 Happy Hour-TUE Yucca Valley	0.00	44.23
12 and 12 Men's Stag F.H. Monday	0.00	90.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	0.00	127.20
3rd, 7th &11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	339.82
5th Tradition Dinner Meeting - DHS	0.00	75.00
6 AM Wake-Up	200.00	401.00
630AM Attitude Adj. Palm Desert	0.00	1,600.00
AA SUNCITY- Palm Desert	0.00	122.01
Anonymous - no group given	0.00	534.72
AS Bill Sees It 10AM -MON Palm Desert	0.00	118.50
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings-Palm Springs	90.00	450.00
Attitude Adj. THU Eve. - Rancho Mirage	0.00	277.39
Attitude Adjustment 7AM M-S Palm Desert	141.00	410.00
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	58.50	367.25
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	0.00	200.00
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	0.00	80.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	231.00
Central Intergroup	0.00	54.42
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	54.00	304.00
Desert Angels-THU Indio	0.00	60.00
Desert Men's Banquet	0.00	1,061.00
Desert Men's Big Book -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	75.00
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	74.02
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	0.00	40.65
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	0.00	82.00
Goals Group	0.00	30.00
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	110.00	110.00
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	82.00
How It Works-ALL Meetings-Palm Springs	0.00	200.00
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	0.00	330.00
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	0.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	202.65
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	0.00	651.00
Keep It Simple-Many DHS	0.00	241.20
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	1,710.00	1,710.00
Keep It Simple - THU - Cat City	0.00	82.00
Keys to the Kingdom-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	180.00
Living In The Solution -SUN -Yucca Valley	0.00	18.00
Living Sober-MON Cathedral City	0.00	80.00
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	25.00
Meditation Meeting-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	95.50
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	0.00	92.00

TOTAL

4,383.43 22,031.59

Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	225.00
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	120.00
No Rules - La Quinta	0.00	300.00
Ole Time Sunday AA Meeting - Sun City	0.00	200.00
Over 50 Step Study	198.00	198.00
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	183.00	183.00
Phoenix Bilingual Book Study	0.00	25.00
Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00	94.15
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	50.00
Rebel Group -SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	104.56
Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	0.00	87.00
RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00	25.50
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	93.20	180.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00	215.00
Santa Rosa Messengers - Coachella	0.00	100.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	169.60
Seniors in Sobriety -TUE11am Palm Spgs.	0.00	150.05
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	120.00	360.00
Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	0.00	80.00
Singleness of Purpose	0.00	1,286.30
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	0.00	80.00
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	13.50	74.50
Solid Solutions -TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	184.04
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	71.11
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	80.00	170.00
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	82.80
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	27.90	549.28
Step Study-WED Cathedral City	0.00	84.00
Step/Tradition Study-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	28.33
Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	117.50
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	0.00	104.00
Sunday Serenity Group	132.70	540.59
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	675.04	2,402.44
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	116.59	455.72
Sunset Group - Joshua Tree	250.00	300.00
Third Tradition-THU-Landers	0.00	100.00
Twilight Step Study-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	125.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	110.00
What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	0.00	80.00
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	200.00
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	24.00
Women's Meeting-WED Palm Desert	0.00	113.00
Women's Step Study- Yucca Valley	0.00	8.99
Working With Others - DHS - THU	50.00	50.00



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Patterson
DATE: January 20, 2015
SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report, December 2015

CENTRAL OFFICE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, December 2015

	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	Variance	July-Dec	Jul-Dec
				Actual	Budget
Income:					
Group Contributions	\$ 4,383	\$ 4,000	\$ 383	\$ 22,032	\$ 24,000
Convention Contributions	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)	\$ 8,872	\$ 9,500
Graditude Dinner	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ (300)	\$ -	\$ 300
Merchandise Sales	\$ 8,070	\$ 7,565	\$ 505	\$ 48,302	\$ 45,390
All Other Income	\$ 1,501	\$ 205	\$ 1,296	\$ 3,447	\$ 1,230
Total Income	\$ 13,954	\$ 12,570	\$ 1,384	\$ 82,653	\$ 80,420
					\$ 2,233
Expenses:					
Merchandise Expense	\$ 4,314	\$ 5,140	\$ (826)	\$ 30,986	\$ 30,840
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 4,504	\$ 3,951	\$ 553	\$ 24,878	\$ 24,831
Graditude Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rent	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,365	\$ (15)	\$ 8,100	\$ 8,190
Utilities	\$ 359	\$ 350	\$ 9	\$ 2,810	\$ 2,670
All Other Expenses	\$ 1,239	\$ 2,125	\$ (886)	\$ 17,366	\$ 13,695
Total Expenses	\$ 11,766	\$ 12,931	\$ (1,165)	\$ 84,140	\$ 80,226
					\$ 3,914
Net Income	\$ 2,188	\$ (361)	\$ 2,549	\$ (1,487)	\$ 194
					\$ (1,681)

Prudent reserve equals 8.2 months

Negative () income variances reduce net income

Negative () expense variances increase net income

2016

DROP THE ROCK!

31st Annual AA Desert Women's Banquet

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

Renaissance® 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

Abby L. 760-485-9340

Chair: Kelly F. 760-333-1440

For event details, please visit desertwomensbanquet.org

GRATITUDE DINNER 2016

SPEAKER MEETING

SATURDAY

April 2nd 2016



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: Charlie C. Tickets
from Burbank \$20.00**

Ticket Sales begin Feb. 4th

Service Opportunities, we need your help!!

Anyone interested in participating can call Central Office 760.324.4880

Or Email: GratitudeDinner@aainthedesert.org

Chair: Carole - 505.440.5758

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

