



# the Desert Lifeline

May 2015

A publication of the Central Intergroup Office  
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  
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Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

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Palm Desert  
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Grand Central Station NY 10163  
Web site: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

DCYPAA  
Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.  
Fellowship Hall  
45940 Portola Ave.  
Palm Desert  
[dcypaa@gmail.com](mailto:dcypaa@gmail.com)  
[Facebook.com/groups/DCYPAAround2](https://www.facebook.com/groups/DCYPAAround2)

## Step

Admitted to God, to ourselves,  
and to another human being the  
exact nature of our wrongs.

## Tradition

Each group has but one primary  
purpose—to carry its message to  
the alcoholic who still suffers.

## Concept

Throughout our structure, a  
Traditional "Right of Appeal"  
ought to prevail, so that minority  
opinion will be heard and  
personal grievances receive  
careful consideration.

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## Principle Five

**Truth** - the state or character of being true;  
honesty; integrity; truthfulness.

### March Office Statistics

Meeting Info	143
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	55
Literature Sales	182
Al-Anon	2
Other 12 Step	2
Miscellaneous	75
Business	42

#### TeleService Report

Our TeleService calendar is being kept current by Central Office volunteers. Your new Board member, Russell J., has diligently coordinated scheduling for new members willing to be of service, enhancing our ability to be responsible to any alcoholic who calls after office hours. Please think about either yourself or a willing sponsee taking a shift to keep this vital service available to the Fellowship and any alcoholic in need of support in recovery.

**Paul A. continues to be available to train new members who sign up. Thanks, Paul, for continuing to help make this a functioning project for us all!**

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

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**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.  
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# March 2015

Manuel C.	1 yr.
Michael S.	1 yr.
Karen B.	5 yr.
Jessica H.	6 yr.
Ken S.	15 yr.
Zenny H.	16 yr.



Paul K.	17 yr.
Paul R.	30 yr.
Renada P.	30 yr.
Tony C.	32 yr.

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

## Concept Five

***Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that the minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.***

When the Group Conscience has voted according to Tradition Two, that’s the end of the discussion, right? Not in Alcoholics Anonymous if your Group is using the 12 Concepts. According to Bill Wilson’s writings about our 12 Concepts “... it is also true that during a time of great disturbance the Group Conscience is not always the best possible guide, because temporarily, such an upset may prevent it from functioning efficiently or wisely.” (Quoted from the 12 Concepts for World Service, page 23). So, we continue to listen.

Just last evening in my Home Group’s business meeting, there was a vote on our latest issue. (Bill Wilson’s writings also suggest that groups that have differences of opinion are some of our healthiest groups, as long as mutual respect is paramount.) The vote was overwhelming, yet our Chair asked the small minority if they wanted to further address the entire group. It doesn’t matter if the minority opinion is held by 49% or just one person, their opinions matter. They may have new information to present that would change the opinions of a majority of the voting members. This simple act can remind us that our group unity is more important than any decision we may make affecting only our group. The spirit of this Concept allows the minority to bring up the subject again, and again, and again, as long as they have new information to present to the Group.

This Concept’s principle protects Alcoholics Anonymous from both the “tyranny” of the majority as well as the minority.

So, go ahead and bring it up in your Home Group – yours may be the voice that our Higher Power will be using to inform the Group conscience.

Marita H.  
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group

Q: What did the sponsor say to the sponsee after he told his story to the group the first time?  
A: Your I’s are too close together.

It was a discussion meeting, and the topic was whether one sees life as being a glass that’s half-empty or half-full. Finally, the sharing came around to the group’s old-timer, whom we all wanted to hear. Here’s what he said: “Some days I see life as a glass that’s half-empty; other days it’s half-full. On other days, I am grateful that I have a glass.”

I don’t know what I want, but I want a lot of it.

## STEP 5

### **“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”**

In Step Five, we take our story from Step One, combine it with our defects from Step Four and take it to two others: God (from Step Two) and another person. It's a Step some of us might try to skimp on. We might say, "God knows all this stuff anyway!", but we have to be thorough. When it comes to admitting these things to another person, we might be afraid of judgment. After all, what might this person do with all this shocking information??

Well, fear is the whole point. Fear can stop us from progressing. It can stifle our admission, our confession. If we let fear get the upper hand, we might not bring these defects completely into the light, where our Higher Power can go to work on them. We have to get over that, and when we do, we experience a release and relief like no other in sobriety. We begin to experience "The Promises" at this point because - after an effective Fifth Step - we find that "fear of people ... leaves us."

In surgery, which is where I make my living, we often remove things from the human body. To do that, the organ, tumor or whatever it is, must first be "isolated." That means separating it from all its attachments. Only then can it be removed. Admitting the exact nature of our wrongs to ourselves and to another human being separates our defects from us, where God can do the rest. All we need to do is find a trustworthy person, even a stranger (preferably one that is experienced in receiving Step Five), to get it done. I have done this with three different people, and the best one was with a man I barely knew. In a way, there was less fear for me choosing to do it that way.

Human admission, deflation and confession go back a long way, way back before A.A. existed. We didn't invent it. But we can benefit from it, and benefit we must, to prepare for Steps Six and Seven. The best way to do it is to just do it.

Rob L.

### **NEW MEETINGS**

**Palm Desert**, 7:00 PM Fri. "Rule 62 Group" Speaker Meeting is sponsored by a group of our dedicated young people from our local **DCYPAA** Group (see page 1) located at the University Baptist Church 72700 Fred Waring Dr.

**Twentynine Palms**, 12:00 PM Wed. "3rd, 7th, 11th Step Meeting" at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 72348 Larrea Ave. **D**

### **MEETING LOCATION CHANGES**

**Twentynine Palms**, All meetings at the MAGCC location (6PM Mon. Tue. Thur. Fri. and 7:30 PM Thurs.) are now at the Village Center Bldg. 1517 (the corner of Del Valle & 6th St. behind the Exchange)

**Palm Desert**, the 6:30AM Mon-Fri Attitude Adjustment Meeting has moved from the Gateway Meeting location to their new location: 43585 Monterey Ave. Suite #4

**Palm Desert**, the 7:30PM Tue. Fearless & Thorough Book Study is no longer being held @ Christ Church of the Desert Suite #1 73441 Fred Waring Dr. and has yet to find another location

**Palm Desert**, the 9:00AM Sunday Serenity Group has moved from Cathedral City to Palm Desert in Morning Star Plaza suite 100 @ 73-733 Fred Waring Dr.

### **Location & Time Change**

**Palm Desert**, the 9:00AM Sunday 3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting has moved from the Gateway Meeting location to Palm Desert in Morning Star Plaza suite 100 @ 73-733 Fred Waring Dr. and now meets at 10:30AM

# Speaker Meetings

## Cornfield Meeting - Palm Springs

Friday Night, 7 p.m.

- 5/1 - John L. - Culver City
- 5/8 - Vicky L. - Rancho Mirage
- 5/15 - Rich P. - Cathedral City
- 5/22 - Bree B. - Los Angeles
- 5/29 - Art N. - Los Angeles

## Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

- 5/1 - Butch - Palm Desert/Minn.
- 5/8 - Jim S. - San Fernando Valley
- 5/15 - Brian A. - Woodland Hills
- 5/22 - Lydia W. - Woodland Hills
- 5/29 - Ruben C. - Ventura



## Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

- 5/2 - Gwen F. - Palm Springs
- 5/9 - Clancy I. - Santa Monica
- 5/16 - Alan H. - Rancho Mirage
- 5/23 - George O. - Palm Desert
- 5/30 - Jimmy W. - Newport Beach

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

**\$8.00**

Book of the month

**\$8.00**

## AA Comes Of Age

A brief History of Alcoholics Anonymous and the development of the  
**Three Legacies (Unity Recovery & Service)**

**\$8.00**

Normally \$9.50 - this month \$8.00

**\$8.00**

March Volunteers at Central Office

Alan S.  
Brad L.  
Dallas E.  
Darlene M.  
Dyana S.  
Eileen C.  
Emil M.  
Jimmy Who?  
Kathy P.

Ken L.  
Leslie H.  
Lobo M.

Thank You !!

Thank You !!

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

Peggy M.  
Roger F.  
Rivers V.  
Ron D.  
Steve P.  
Susan B.  
Tracy M.



**Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Call Forwarding Program Needs Volunteers!!**

**GET INTO SERVICE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME - OR EVEN WHEN YOU'RE OUT TO DINNER!**

*The pay may be nothing, but the return is priceless!*

**"Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety."**

The Call Forwarding Program was designed so that any call for help would be answered by an actual recovering alcoholic and not an answering service. Our aim is to help as many alcoholics as possible.

**How It Works:** After hours, you call and have the phones forwarded to any number that you want. It is as simple as that!!

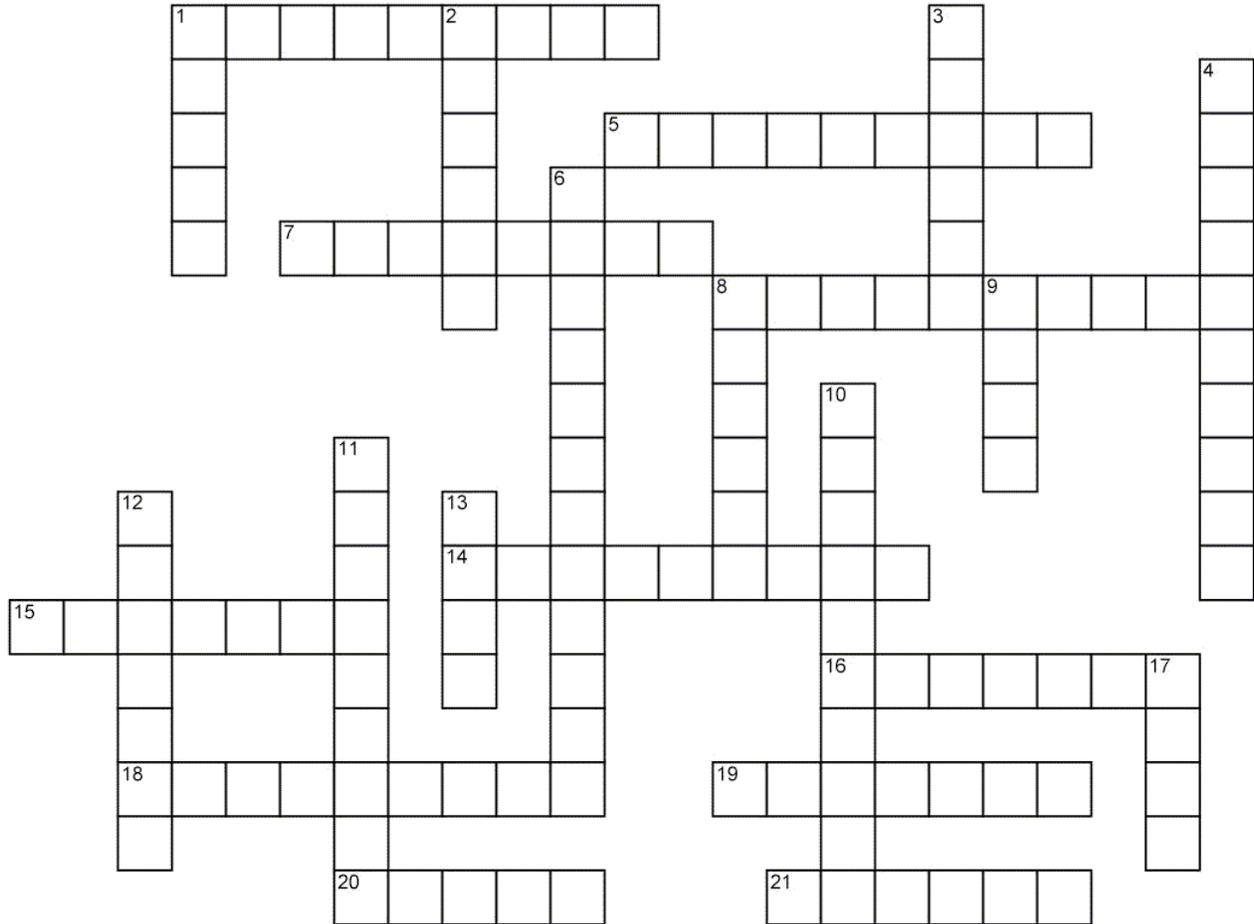
Sign up at: <http://aainthedesert.org> and click on the **TeleService** link on the left side of the screen.

**Shift Dates/Times:**

Monday – Thursday	8pm – 9am (following morning)
Friday	8pm -10am (following morning)
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> shift	2pm -10pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift	10pm – 10am
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> shift	2pm – 10pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift	10pm – 9am

**Note:** we average less than one call per day, so each shift should **NOT** be an inconvenience!

# May Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 Dr. William D.
- 5 press, radio and films
- 7 Started AA in Cleveland
- 8 He sent a telegram of good wishes  
A.A.'s 2nd International Convention
- 14 Saturday Evening Post
- 15 Freedom From
- 16 Physician, Heal \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Our magazine
- 19 Little Angel of A.A.
- 20 He Sold Himself \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Crossing the River of \_\_\_\_\_

## DOWN

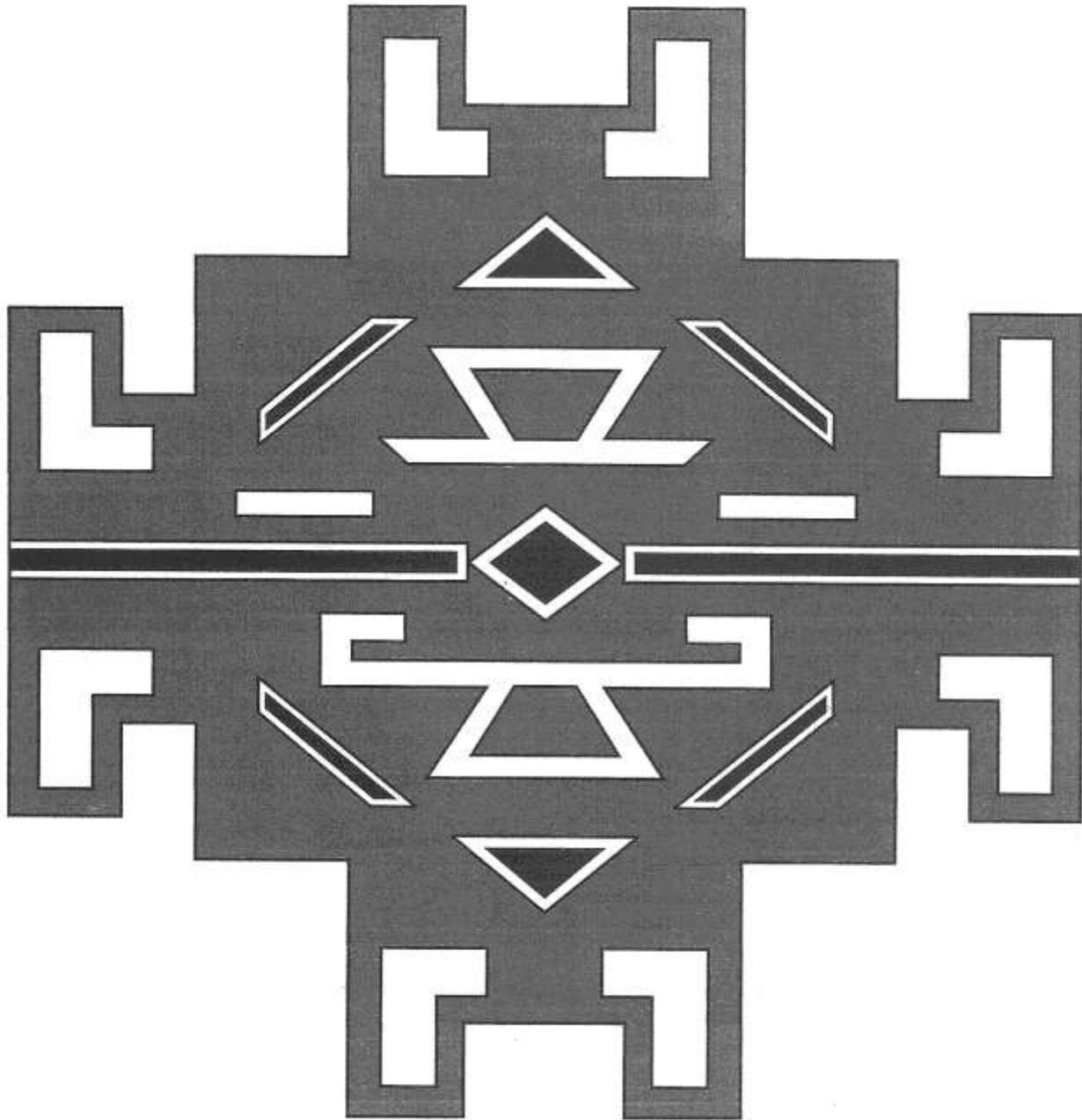
- 1 appendices
- 2 AA predecessor
- 3 Bill was offered a job at his lab
- 4 spiritual
- 6 our life when we got to AA
- 8 chapters in the Big Book
- 9 The Housewife Who Drank At
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Was the Answer
- 11 Step one
- 12 Freedom From
- 13 One of the co-founders of AA in Canada  
in 1944
- 17 happy, joyous and \_\_\_\_\_

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)

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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**



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<http://www.desertpowwow.com>



**Advance Ticket Discount Price**  
**\$8.00**  
**(\$10.00 at the park on the day of!)**



# Unity Day Picnic

**Fun & Fellowship  
for the whole  
Family.**

**Sunday, July 12th**  
**10AM - 3PM**

**COACHELLYPAA  
Participation**



**Food - 10:30AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Raffle - 1:00 PM**  
**Meeting - 1:30 PM**



**Returning to Hurkey Creek!**  
**56375 Highway 74**

**Mountain Center, CA 951.659.2050**

**Tickets available at meetings and Central Office**

For questions or to get involved, call Randy C. @ 760.668.2133  
or Cristy @ 760.485-9278 or email [UnityDayPicnic@aainthedesert.org](mailto:UnityDayPicnic@aainthedesert.org).

Overnight camping available at Hurkey Creek - \$20/weekend per adult, \$10/weekend for children  
under 5 - Camping dates are July 10th & 11th. For questions about camping, contact:  
Johnny B. @ (760) 423-9135



**Volleyball**  
**Water Balloon Toss**  
**Pie Eating Contest**  
**Tug Of War**  
**Horseshoes**  
**Many, many more activities**





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



May 24<sup>th</sup>  
June 28<sup>th</sup>  
July 26<sup>th</sup>

Convention: August 7 - 9, 2015 at

Hyatt Indian Wells



**64th Southern California AA Convention**  
with Al-Anon & Al-Ateen Participation

**October 2-4, 2015**  
**The Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa**  
**Rancho Mirage**

*Meetings on the second Sunday of the Month unless noted.*

9:30 am

May 17  
June 14  
July - walk through  
August 9  
September 13

**Committee Meeting**  
**502 Club**

510 S. Second Ave, Covina,  
CA 91723

## Tradition Five

***Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry  
its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.***

A.A. came into existence because of Bill W.'s need to carry a message of recovery to Dr. Bob in order that he himself could continue to stay sober. Every alcoholic in recovery (and certainly THIS alcoholic) knows that EVERY attempt to carry the message is successful, in that it keeps the bearer of that message sober by his willingness to transmit it. So it is with each A.A. group.

Collectively, the combined experience of us A.A.s is that for the group to continue to survive, its main focus must be on carrying a consistent message of recovery to those looking for a solution to their disease.

Tradition 5 follows logically from the ideas of common welfare (Tradition 1) , one authority/ group conscience (Tradition 2), and the sole requirement of our membership (Tradition 3).

Conversely, if the group loses the focus of Tradition 5, not only does the newcomer die, but the group dies as well. This sad fact has been borne out time and again in our history as power-driven alcoholics have fought (and died) over personalities, money, and property or over "bright ideas" to expand A.A. into enterprises or institutions. ( Anyone hear of an Oxford Group lately?) So follows next our Tradition Six.

Tradition Five helps us each and severally "keep our eye on the ball" of simply "laying the kit of spiritual tools" at the feet of the newcomer or the returning member, so that we ourselves may continue to grow and prosper.

Tommy D.  
Sunday Serenity, Palm Desert

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Sponsee: "I've never done anything in moderation."

Sponsor: "Except maybe the steps."

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When I stop to think about how challenging it is for me to change something about myself, I can get an entirely different perspective on how difficult it would be for me to change someone else (but somehow, that doesn't stop me from trying --- another thing I'm trying to change! ;-)

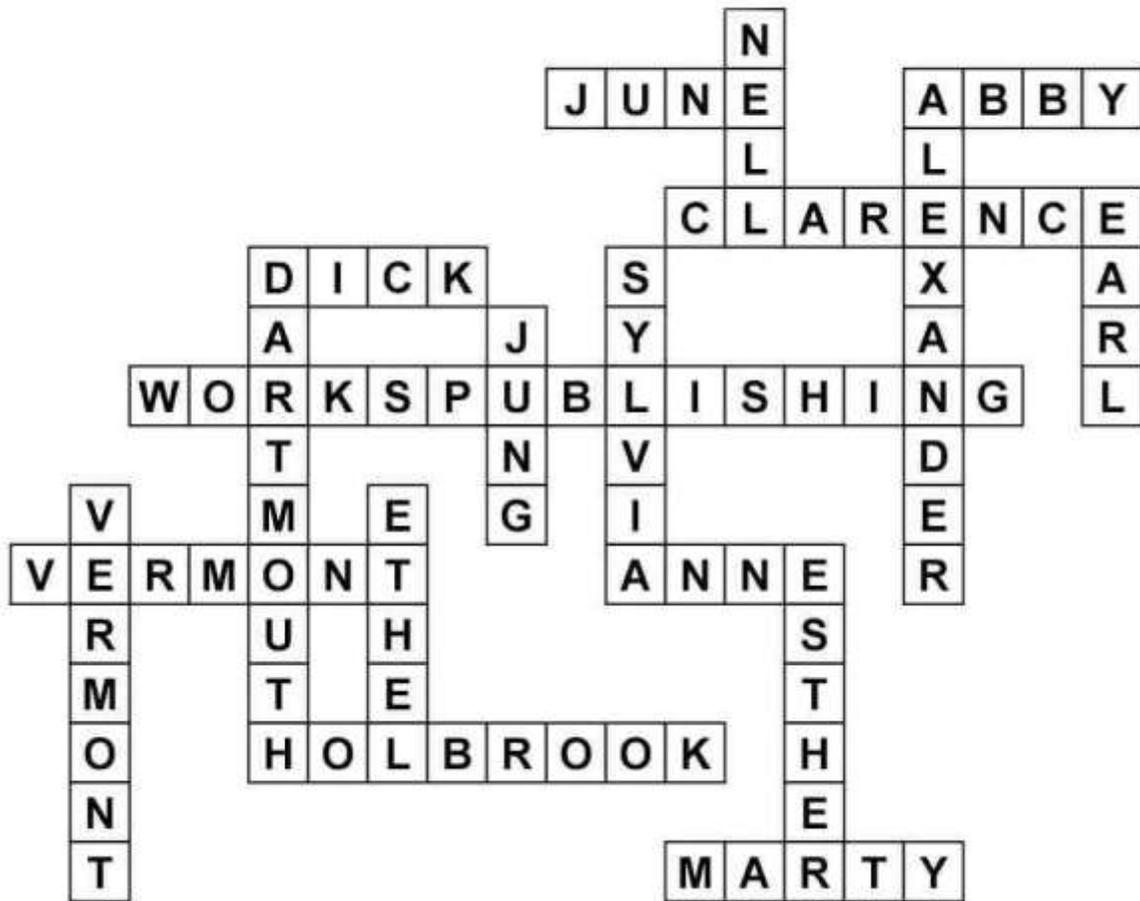
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I have quit hitting the snooze button on my alarm. Why would I want my first decision of the day to be putting something off???

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The seven deadly sins are like having seven flaming garbage cans and six lids . . . something is always going!

## April Puzzle Solution



Heard in a meeting: "We have a 24-hour "desire chip" which signifies your commitment to join his way of life. It is silver in color, also the international color of handcuffs. Take your pick."

I used to know so much about everything that was wrong that I was clueless about what was right.

Q: What did the sponsor say to the sponsee after he told his story to the group the first time?

A: Your I's are too close together.

Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

Alcoholics seem to burn their bridges in front of them.

I am glad I have my Higher Power and the program of AA to guide me--there are times when it seems like everything is falling apart, when actually it's all falling together.

I came to AA because of back problems--my wife was on my back, my boss was on my back, my creditors were on my back . . .



## Faithful Fiver Contributors Through March 2013

We've had a total of 35 contributions  
to the Faithful Fivers  
so far this fiscal year,  
**Totaling \$7,370.69!!**  
**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

\*Page 9—Self-Support Pamphlet

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

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mike Murphy

**DATE:** April 15, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Treasurer's Report, March 2015

**CENTRAL OFFICE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, March 2015**

	Mar Actual	Mar Budget	Variance	Jul-Mar Actual	Jul-Mar Budget	Variance
<b>Income:</b>						
Group Contributions	\$ 4,880	\$ 4,166	\$ 714	\$ 34,109	\$ 37,494	\$ (3,385)
Convention Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,728	\$ 7,700	\$ 3,028
Gratitude Dinner	\$ 14,142	\$ 8,960	\$ 5,182	\$ 18,802	\$ 12,680	\$ 6,122
Literature Sales	\$ 2,540	\$ 4,420	\$ (1,880)	\$ 37,003	\$ 39,780	\$ (2,777)
Medallions	\$ 2,726	\$ 1,920	\$ 806	\$ 18,882	\$ 17,280	\$ 1,602
All Other Income	\$ 5,412	\$ 729	\$ 4,683	\$ 9,124	\$ 6,561	\$ 2,563
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,701</b>	<b>\$ 20,195</b>	<b>\$ 9,506</b>	<b>\$ 128,649</b>	<b>\$ 121,495</b>	<b>\$ 7,154</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Literature expense	\$ 6,309	\$ 3,577	\$ 2,732	\$ 35,897	\$ 32,196	\$ 3,701
Medallion expense	\$ 753	\$ 1,043	\$ (290)	\$ 2,223	\$ 9,390	\$ (7,167)
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,815	\$ 3,526	\$ 289	\$ 35,293	\$ 32,534	\$ 2,759
Gratitude Dinner	\$ 11,933	\$ 9,794	\$ 2,139	\$ 11,933	\$ 12,244	\$ (311)
Rent	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350	\$ -	\$ 12,150	\$ 12,150	\$ -
Utilities	\$ 386	\$ 375	\$ 11	\$ 3,564	\$ 3,375	\$ 189
All Other Expenses	\$ 2,512	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,121	\$ 18,186	\$ 16,633	\$ 1,553
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 27,060</b>	<b>\$ 21,057</b>	<b>\$ 6,002</b>	<b>\$ 119,247</b>	<b>\$ 118,522</b>	<b>\$ 725</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,641</b>	<b>\$ (862)</b>	<b>\$ 3,504</b>	<b>\$ 9,402</b>	<b>\$ 2,973</b>	<b>\$ 6,429</b>

Prudent reserve equals 8.3 months

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

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

	Mar 15	Jul '14 - Mar 15
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	0.00	100.00
12 & 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	0.00	24.00
12 & 12 - La Quinta	0.00	241.00
12 & 12 Happy Hour-TUE Yucca Valley	0.00	140.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	0.00	160.00
3charge customer	111.11	189.11
3rd, 7th & 11th Step -SUN - Palm Desert	228.00	1,359.35
5th Tradition Dinner Meeting - DHS	60.00	200.00
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	50.00
Alkies Only-WED Bermuda Dunes	0.00	60.00
Anonymous - no group given	0.00	150.00
AS Bill Sees It 10AM -MON Palm Desert	0.00	113.00
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	90.00	959.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	500.00	1,300.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	0.00	45.20
Attitude Adjustment 7AM M-S Palm Desert	132.00	927.00
Big Book Experience - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	4.36
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	0.00	407.20
Big Book Workshop - THU Yucca Valley	0.00	10.31
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	0.00	80.02
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	0.00	42.80
Candle Light Meditation Group - TUE - PD	0.00	363.36
CDM Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	384.00
Central Intergroup	28.00	196.10
Creative Expressions-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	25.00
Daily Paradise-DLY Morongo Valley	0.00	303.61
Daily Reprive-Daily Palm Desert	44.00	640.58
Desert Men's Big Book -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	150.00
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	280.00
Eve, Attitude Adj. - THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	187.00
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	0.00	177.16
Fellowship Hall	0.00	108.00
Goals Group	0.00	40.00
Great Events-Daily Yucca Valley	0.00	45.00
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	44.75
H&I Committee	0.00	152.60
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	46.00
Hi-Desert SpeakersGroup-SAT Yucca Valley	0.00	95.00
How is Your Now - La Quinta	0.00	161.52
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	100.00	700.00
IWC Committee 2015	0.00	70.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	218.00
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	145.00	919.00
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	1,523.24
Keep It Simple - THU - Cat City	0.00	40.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	0.00	400.00
Living Sober-MON Cathedral City	0.00	41.20
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	0.00	225.00
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	71.50
Meditation Meeting-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	323.36
Meditation Meeting - MON - Palm Desert	0.00	74.09
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	447.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	0.00	116.00
Monday Noon Day At A Time - MON - PD	0.00	117.00
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	300.00
No Rules - La Quinta	0.00	925.00
One Day At a Time-MON Palm Desert	0.00	60.00
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	0.00	142.00
Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	0.00	200.90
Pathfinders Big Book-THURS	0.00	26.00
PDCC Rec Hall-M-S Palm Desert	0.00	500.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room	468.88	2,041.28
Phoenix Bilingual Book Study	0.00	40.00
Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00	110.00
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	276.00
Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	42.90
Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	17.98
Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	0.00	342.50
RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00	75.00
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	65.60
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00	345.00
Santa Rosa Gp-MON Palm Desert	0.00	84.62
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	74.00
Seniors in Sobriety - TUE - Palm Springs	0.00	120.00
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	480.00
Singleness of Purpose Men's Stag - MON	0.00	822.50
Sober Out's The Book-FRI Cathedral City	0.00	121.00
Sobriety Brothers	0.00	110.50
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	0.00	63.26
Solid Solutions - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	385.00
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	106.43
Southern California AA Convention	0.00	350.00
Speakeasy BB/S-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	400.00
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	44.80
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	105.00	901.50
Step/Tradition Study-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	184.83
Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	158.72
Steps to Serenity - La Quinta	0.00	13.84
Sunday 8AM Serenity Group	36.00	230.05
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	0.00	40.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL - PS	594.90	4,359.41
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	94.73	789.42
Tumbleweed Speaker Meeting - Sat - DHS	0.00	50.51
Twilight Step Study-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	70.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	55.00	143.00
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	0.00	290.12
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	350.00
Winners Meeting-WED Yucca Valley	0.00	30.00
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	15.00	30.00
Women's Q & A-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	75.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,807.62</b>	<b>31,996.60</b>



The Harder They Come

I used to think I was a hard man  
 But I really didn't understand  
 What's the measure of a man  
 It isn't how much booze he can drink  
 Nor how well he can think  
 It's his actions towards others,  
 His love for his fellow man.  
 Now I finally understand  
 What it is to be a man  
 And that the harder they come  
 The harder they fall...  
 One and All

Doug D,



The Trail of Tears

I trudged along for many years  
 On an endless trail of tears  
 For endless tortured miles  
 There were no smiles.

Alcohol was my Master  
 My life, nothing but disaster  
 I never had any goals  
 All I crushed were souls

A caring man changed my life  
 His world wasn't filled with strife  
 He spoke to me from his heart  
 His words soothing from the start.

He told me I was just like him  
 And the I never had to drink again  
 He suggested I take the Steps  
 And at them I leapt

Now, my path seems sure  
 This life I can endure

Doug D,





# A.A. 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 2 - 5, 2015 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

3 WAYS TO REGISTER \*Online: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) \*Fax: (508) 743-3605 \*Mail

REGISTRATION OPENS  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS:  
MAY 12, 2015

## A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

\* No badge required for children 12 years and younger. \* Both sides of this form may be duplicated. \* See reverse side for cancellation policy.

### MAIN ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NICKNAME ON BADGE			
ADDRESS					
CITY	ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY		
E-MAIL	PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE: _____				
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)	1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN	4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE	
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH	2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE	4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES	2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 YR. OR LESS	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10	4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20	5. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 20
AGE GROUP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39	4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55	5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65    6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON-SITE <input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT AVAILABLE					
EMERGENCY CONTACT			TELEPHONE		

### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

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## B. PAYMENT - Onsite transactions will be in U.S. funds only, credit card or cash (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

### Preregistration Fee is:

\$100 USD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$110 USD AFTER MAY 12TH    TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$120 CAD (WHEN USING CANADIAN CHECKS) PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_    TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MARTA Convention Pass (Atlanta Transportation Rail System - see additional information under Transportation)  
 # 7 DAY PASSES AT \$20.00    # 4 DAY PASSES AT \$16.20    TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2015 International Convention Souvenir Book (Optional)  
 \$8 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$9 CAD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine 2015 Convention Book (Optional)  
 \$10.99 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine One Year Print Subscription/English Only (Optional)  
 \$28.97 USD USA     \$35 USD CANADA     \$42 USD FOREIGN    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine One Year Online Subscription/English Only (Optional)  
 \$34.97 USD ALL    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

La Viña One Year Print Subscription/Spanish Only (Optional)  
 \$11.97 USD USA     \$14 USD CANADA/FOREIGN    QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CREDIT CARD

PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD     VISA     MASTERCARD     AMERICAN EXPRESS     DISCOVER  
 All credit card charges will be displayed and charged in US Dollars. Daily Exchange rates will apply for all non-US credit cards.

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD

CARDHOLDER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE\* \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE (please include country code) \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature authorizes your credit card to be charged for the total payment due. AA World Services Inc. reserves the right to charge the correct amount if different from the total listed above.

### CHECK/MONEY ORDER (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

I/We enclose the following total registration fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD. Checks/Money Orders made payable to "General Service Board Convention." International Checks/Money Orders (Except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. WE SUGGEST DUPLICATING BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.

### TRAVEL VISA INFORMATION:

Persons visiting from countries outside of the United States must have a valid passport and may require other documentation such as visas. Check with the nearest U.S. Consulate well in advance of travel. For more information, please visit the U.S. State Department website: [travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

\*I will be responsible for fees that may be charged by financial institutions due to a charged-back credit card payment, or to a stop-payment or insufficient-funds check.

Note: Your credit card statement will read: 2015 International Convention