



the Desert Lifeline

May 2014

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
45940 Portola Ave.

Palm Desert
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Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

Hospitals & Institutions
Last Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
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Palm Desert, CA 92261

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)
PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446
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The General Service Office, PO Box 459,
Grand Central Station NY 10163
Web site: www.aa.org

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	85
12 Step Calls	7
Visitors	137
Literature Sales	223
Al-Anon	2
Other 12 Step	8
Miscellaneous	49
Business	41

TOTAL: 552

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

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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Special Notice

My friend Rick S. had good reason to feel left out last month. The notification of his 32nd AA Anniversary on February 28th was something the was overlooked in the February Birthday list of celebrants! The Editorial Staff here at the Desert Lifeline sincerely apologizes and are grateful for the chance to wish him a belated Happy Birthday!

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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E-mail: manager@AAinthedesert.org

March 2013

Shawn R.	1
Simi V.	1
Joel H.	2
Kyrie	2
Karen B.	4
Susan J	5
Patricia R	5



Zenny H	15
Glen S.	18
John E	30
Tony C	31
Harvey	39



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

Tradition Five

“Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers”

The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions say “the very life of our Fellowship requires the preservation of this principle”. This implies singleness of purpose, that for our sake and the sake of the new person we confine our discussions and sharing to recovery from alcoholism. And yet it seems we hear about everything but recovery. There is a fixation with drunk-a-logs, with members trying to out bottom each other with how bad they were. There’s the “all addictions are the same”, so talk about whatever you want. There is very little observance of the rules of a closed meeting (don’t want to hurt anyone’s feelings? How about the real alcoholic looking for a safe place to discuss recovery from alcoholism?) And there seems to be a new train of thought being expressed that “relapse is a part of recovery”. Where in the big book is that?

Chapter 7 of the Big Book tells us to carry **this message**. Not only because we must pass on what has been so freely given us, but to insure our immunity from drinking. If this is what I am directed to do as a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous, then it would seem to me that is what every meeting should be carrying, **the message**. What is the message your home group carries, or meetings you attend carry? Is it the message of recovery from alcoholism through the spiritual principles embodied in 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous? Perhaps each one of us needs to look at our meeting(s) and see if we are living up to, and abiding by Tradition 5. The threats to the life of Alcoholics Anonymous are not the treatment centers, the media, etc. The threat comes from within by allowing people to ignore the traditions in general, and tradition 5 in particular, and talk about everything except recovery.

BenP.Rancho Mirage

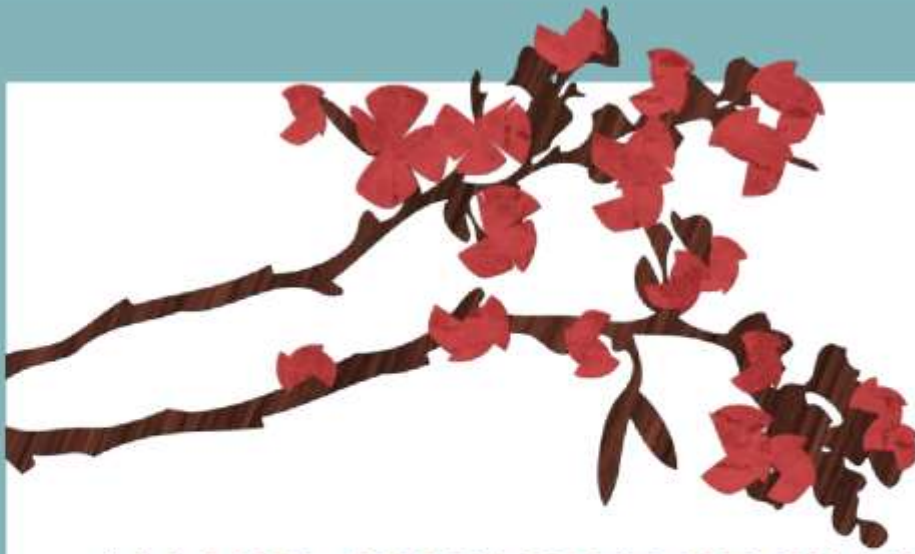
Ebby’s Miracle Was Ours

Ebby T. was in lukewarm water with the Manchester, Vermont, law officials. He had caused noticeable commotion in January of 1929 when he and Bill W. hired a barnstormer pilot to fly them into the local Equinox airport. Airplanes were a big deal in those days, so they informed city officials their time of arrival. A large gathering awaited in anticipation, only to observe both Bill and Ebby stumble and fall to the ground as they disgracefully and drunkenly disembarked. On a later occasion, Ebby slammed his car into the side of his terrified neighbors house. Upon exit he asked the lady for a cup of coffee. She called the constable instead. Such hi-jinks certainly heated the legal waters for Ebby. But Ebby’s legal temperature was raised to boiling when he was reported for drunkenly shooting pigeons off the roof of his beautiful home in a very prestigious neighborhood—he faced six months incarceration!

Luckily, his Oxford Group friend, State Senator, Cebra Graves (his father was the judge), got him off the hook if he only return to court—sober—the following Monday. But it was only Saturday and Ebby had terrible shakes. Here is a quote from his 1954 talk at Dallas: *“Once home, I remembered I had three cold bottles of Ballantine Ale in the basement. I started thinking how I could nurse those three bottles over the weekend and still appear in court on Monday sober. I went down stairs for a bottle but began to think what I was doing wasn’t being honest. What the judge had really meant was “Don’t drink.”* Ebby didn’t! Amazingly, he experienced an alcoholic release which lasted over two-and a half years, enough time to carry his message to drunken Bill W. in 1934 (pages 8 & 9 from the Big Book). We are now the beneficiaries of this unlikely **MIRACLE** eighty years later. Thank God for those pigeons!

Bob S., Richmond, IN





ALL WELCOME FREE OF CHARGE
**SECRETARY
WORKSHOP**
DISTRICT 30 EVENT

MAY 17, 2014
2PM

ST JOSEPH'S
CORNER OF CHURCH AND ONAGA, YUCCA VALLEY, CA

1. Get a heads up on service work. Don't wait until you are elected secretary...get the information now.
2. If you are or have been a secretary there is always new information

CONTACT: DIANNE H @ 760-219-3702 OR EMAIL: PREVENTIONLADY@EARTHLINK.NET

A Teleservice Volunteer's Experience

What a gift it was for me to receive a 12 Step call on my Tuesday night after-hours Central Office commitment. It was April 2nd, 2014, I had just returned home from a month away. I was busy unpacking when the call came into my cell phone. It was 12:30a.m. and it was Edward, 44 years old, from Fresno.

Edward told me that he just needed someone to talk to so he wouldn't go to the 7/11 store for more beer. He had been drinking non-stop since Friday, a 5 day binge. He so wanted not to drink. He said he knew he was an alcoholic. He had 3 D.U.I.s and had stopped drinking for 8 years by going to the D.U.I. school, but he never tried AA. He said he had been irritable and short-tempered. Then, when he had an hernia operation and was given Vicodin, it sent him back to drinking. He hasn't been able to stay stopped since he started back drinking again Dec. 16th.

I was able to share with Edward about AA and how it helped me to stop drinking a day at a time, after 26 years of daily drinking. I was so happy to share with him the suggestions which were given to me 19 years ago. After we spoke for 32 minutes, he promised he would go to an AA meeting that day. He had found us by goggling AA hot-line and he also found meetings in his area. He called back at 6:29 a.m. letting me know he had made it through the last 6 hours without drinking by asking for God's help. He called again before the end of my shift at 8:46 a.m. telling me what a miracle it was that after dropping his 4 girls off at school, he didn't stop for beer. He sells insurance from home and would always pick up beer after dropping them off. He also told me he contacted the Fresno AA office and a man was going to pick him up for his 1st AA meeting, and later that day, he told me the man is now his sponsor. That was such a high for me! Edward had hope and a solution.

I spoke to Edward five days later. He was so happy I called. He said, "I have 6 days today". I could hear the joy in his voice. He said his eldest daughter asked him, "Daddy, why are you so happy?" I can't tell how much joy I feel for being able to be a part of this happy story. It was such a gift!

The Teleservice program can still use more volunteers.

AA's Responsibility Pledge: I am responsible. When Anyone, Anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible... and that is the gift that keeps on giving.

(Today, April, 14th, Edward has 13 days and his wife and children are happy. He has more time for his children now. He says he doesn't want to forget the pain he was in the night he called, Apr 1st. He says he knows he has to go to meetings and do this, "One Day at a Time." We are both grateful for AA.)

Central Office Rep; Annette Sevedge, RoadRunners, Bermuda Dunes 7p.m.Monday

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.

We need at least 40 volunteers to get started!!

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:

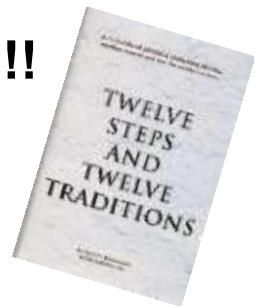
Monday – Thursday	8pm – 9am (following morning)
Friday	8pm -10am (following morning)
Saturday 1 st shift	2pm -10pm
Saturday 2 nd shift	10pm – 10am
Sunday 1 st shift	2pm – 10pm
Sunday 2 nd shift	10pm – 9am

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



IT'S FOR YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE!!!!!!

The online store is sending out orders on a regular basis
Just follow the links on the web site -
www.aainthedesert.org.



You can now order all of the literature that we sell and either have it shipped to you or prepared and waiting for you to pick up at Central Office. No more waiting at Central Office while your order is processed!

Orders to be shipped **MUST** be charged to a credit card. Orders to be picked up at Central Office can either be charged or paid for at time of pick-up.

During the week, we will attempt to complete and ship, if necessary, all orders within 24 hours of placement. On weekends, we will attempt to complete all orders by Monday afternoon.

Want to save some money?? Check out the "Bundles" in the store. They are groupings of books sold at a reduced price. They are available **ONLY** via the online store!

March Volunteers at Central Office

Alan S.
Ann K.
Bob M.
Brad L.
Darlene M.
Dallas E.
Dennis H.
Diane D.

Dyana S.
Eddie
Emil M.
Heidi A.
Gabriella
Mary Ann C.
Mary-Ann Mc L.

Thank You !!

Michael W.
Mollie B.
Pat W.
Patrick L.

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

July 4 - 7

29th Annual South Bay Family Roundup
"Building a New Life"
Torrance Marriott

<http://www.southbayroundup.org>

October 3 - 6

62nd Annual Southern California AA Convention
"The Sunny Side of the Street"
Westin Mission Hills Resort
Rancho Mirage

<http://www.aasocal.com>

Speaker Meetings

Sobriety Capital of the World Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

5/2 - Steve W. Yucaipa, CA
5/9 - Butch D. Minnesota
5/16 - Ray J. Rancho Mirage
5/23 - Cyndi C. Laguna Hills
5/30 - Louise J. Los Angeles

\$4.75

Book of the month

\$4.75

Experience, Strength and Hope

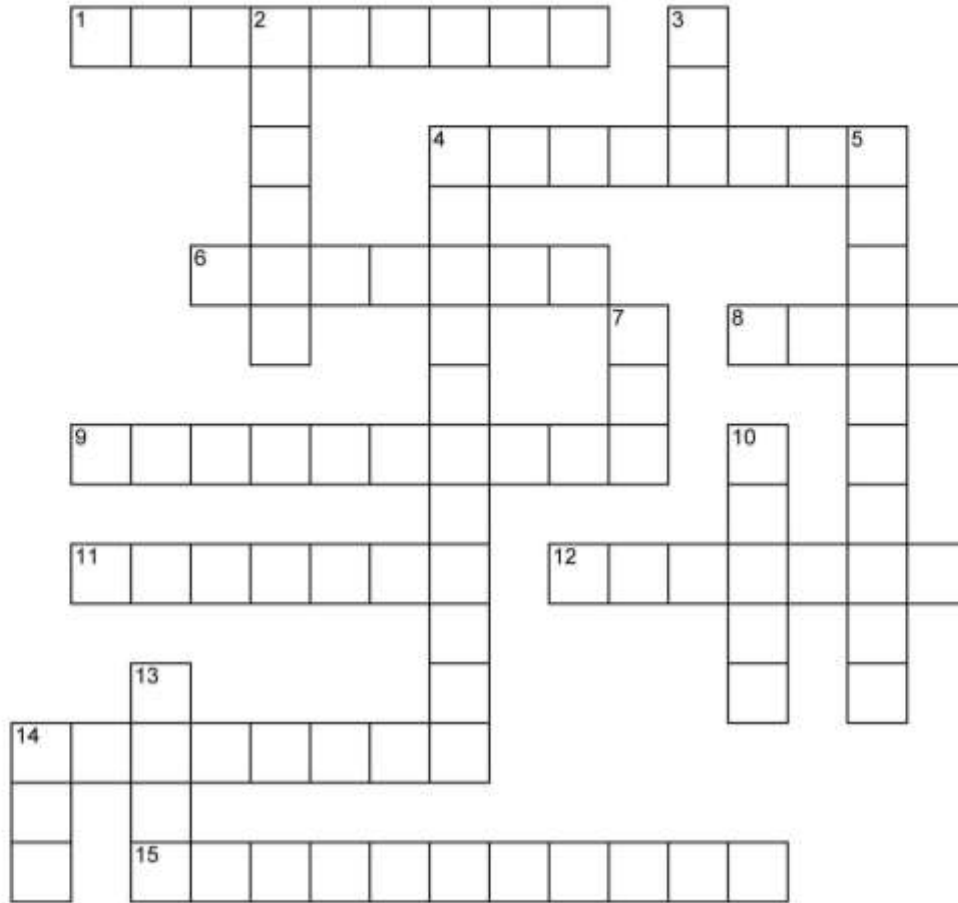
Stories from the First Three Editions of Alcoholics Anonymous

\$4.75

Normally 5.50 - this month \$4.75

\$4.75

May Puzzle



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

- 1 meeting in print
- 4 A _____ View of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6 This month's principle
- 8 Akron
- 9 International Convention 2010 location
- 11 In the last AA survey, most alcoholics were this
- 12 Most common occupation amongst AA members
- 14 Circle and _____
- 15 AA received this in 1951 from the American Public Health Association

DOWN

- 2 June conference (2 words)
- 3 What Happened to _____
- 4 August conference (3 words)
- 5 the name of the April Central Office fundraiser (2 words)
- 7 In the last survey, most AAs attended an average of this many meetings per week
- 10 It Happened to _____
- 13 As _____ Sees It
- 14 36% of AA members are sober over ____ years

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

STEP 5

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

This step was the beginning of what has become, and becoming more so, my “sweet” life. As I write this I am filled with gratitude. Thankful to have met this, my first contrary action. After disclosure and discussion with my sponsor relief and peace followed. I soon adopted a new strategy to relieve my regret and guilt. I now try to “drop the rock” and practice acceptance. I feel much better when I am here. This new strategy is not automatic yet but can be summoned. This “tool” (acceptance) is a present from Step 5.

Writing/preparing my 5th step to share with another was important to the process. The writing provided a reference to refer as I shared and it has also served me upon reflection. I feel my ability to stay sober has been increased by admitting (and writing) my wrongs and sharing them with another. By being entirely honest and forthcoming I shed many fears, lost some ego, and gained humility.

Sharing my disturbing, embarrassing, and dark secrets with another delivered me from my self-made cage. I feel safe from the need to drink. Honestly admitting my wrongs, to God, myself, and my sponsor has taken away my pain and allowed me to see my defective thinking. I was now able to “look the world in the eye and be alone at perfect peace and ease”.

This powerful step was the preface to a true kinship with God and man. A safe feeling remains. God will always forgive, accept and love me no matter what I’ve done. Because I have willingly exposed my wrongs I find I am less judgmental of others. I am more tolerant. (Another present).

I am no longer isolated. I feel forgiven and understood. I hide no more. Thank you AA and Step 5.

Kim W.

Concept Five

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

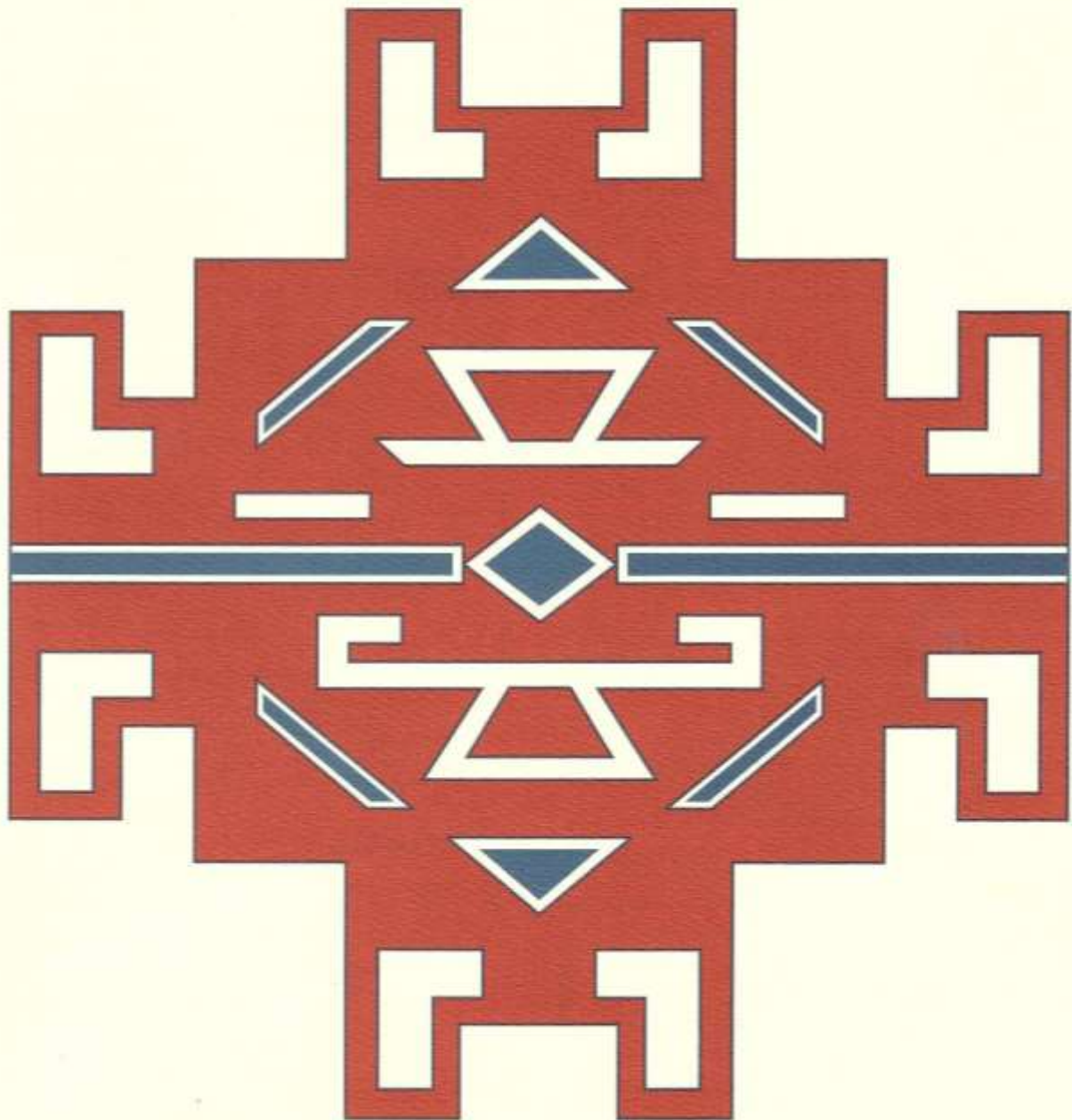
What this means in simple terms is that any **ONE** person can ask to be heard at the General Service Conference (GSC) and present an objection or petition to be heard on any issue. In Tradition Two, it states “our leaders are but trusted servants”, so this Concept insures that all will be heard; our Trustees and the 100 or so General Service employees must uphold this Concept.

This would also prevail at the meeting level when our groups have the periodic ‘business meeting’; that the minority opinion is always heard and considered, fully discussed, tabled and/or voted on several times, if necessary. In the GSC Charter’s Third Legacy, it states that “unless the majority candidate can poll a two-thirds vote of his State or Provincial Assembly, he must place his name in a hat with one or more of the choices of the Assembly minority. By thus drawing lots, the minority candidates have an equal chance with the majority’s choice”. I am learning that the Concepts can gear down to guide what we do in our respective meetings, that all can be heard whether our “long timers” or majorities agree or not, the Group Conscience can serve to insure a “Right of Appeal/Petition” for our members.

Kathy G
3rd & 11th Step Meeting, Palm Desert

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

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



<http://www.desertpowwow.com>

500 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

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

PALM SPRINGS IS HOSTING THE
51st INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FOR AA WOMEN ONLY

February 5, 6, 7, & 8, 2015

"THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART WILL BE SPOKEN HERE"

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

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

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

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

OR

MAIL YOUR INFORMATION TO:

51ST IWC,

PO BOX 2535

PALM DESERT, CA 92261

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

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.

NEW MEETINGS

Blythe, Book Study, 7:00 P.M. WED B/S
187 N. 7th St.

Palm Springs, 11th Step 10:00 A.M. TUE & THUR.
P/D Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group
4711B E. Palm Canyon Dr.

Indio, Attitude Adjustment, NOON TUE D
Daryl's House
46080 Calhoun St.

NEEDS SUPPORT:

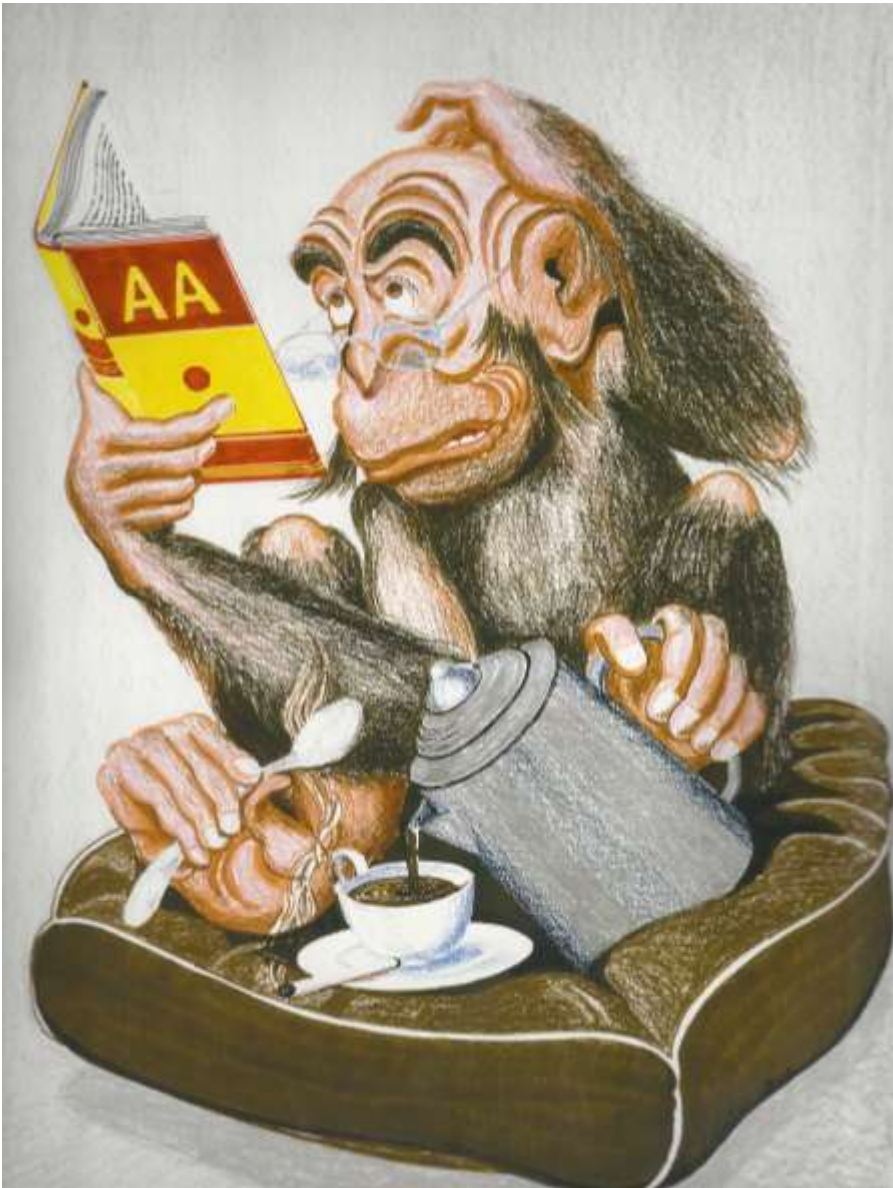
The 6:30 PM THURS Beginner's Meeting Q & A
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group
4711B E. Palm Canyon Dr.

March Website Usage

Unique visitors:	4,454
Avg. visits/day:	278
Avg. hits/day:	2,108
Highest # of visits in a day:	317
Highest # of hits in one day:	2,876
Total visits:	8,623
Visits per visitor	1.93
Total hits:	65,351

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

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



The drunken monkey hypothesis proposes that human attraction to ethanol may have a genetic basis due to the high dependence of the primate ancestor of *Homo sapiens* on fruit as a food source. Ethanol naturally occurs in ripe and overripe fruit and consequently early primates developed a genetically based attraction to the substance. This hypothesis was originally proposed by Dr. Robert Dudley of the University of California at Berkeley and was the subject of a symposium at the meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Dudley believes that while most addictive substances have a relatively short history of use, ethanol attraction may have a long evolutionarily based history. He believes that fruit ethanol may have been a significant source of energy and that the smell of the ripening fruit would help primates locate it. Ethanol is a relatively light molecule and diffuses rapidly in a natural environment. Primates are known to have a higher olfactory sensitivity to alcohol than other mammals. The once-beneficial attraction to ethanol may underlie human tendencies for alcohol use and alcohol abuse.

From Wikipedia



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 13th
10AM - 3PM

Food - 10:30AM - 12:30 PM

Raffle - 1:00 PM

Meeting - 1:30 PM

COACHELLYPAA
Participation



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 Cole C. @ 760.404.8024
or Cristy @ 760.485-9278 or email UnityDayPicnic@aainthedesert.org.

Overnight camping available at Hurkey Creek - \$20/weekend per adult, \$10/weekend for children under 5 - Camping dates are July 11th & 12th. For questions about camping, contact: Robbie Dobbie@ (760) 250-3042.



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





TSR 2014

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Friday, May 16, 2014

Saturday, May 17, 2014

Sunday, May 18, 2014

RIVERSIDE RESORT HOTEL & CASINO

LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

- 24 Hour Hospitality Room with Fellowship, ~ FREE Coffee & Cookies
- 24 Hour Marathon Meetings
- AA and Al-Anon Archives - browse a world-class collection
- Ice Cream Social & Kickoff Speaker Meeting - Thursday night ~ FREE
- 1950's Costume Dinner & Sock Hop - Friday night
- AA Speaker Meeting - Friday night
- Al-Anon Luncheon & Speaker Meeting - Saturday noon
- AA Banquet & Keynote Speaker Meeting - Saturday night
- Golf Tournament - Friday morning - Laughlin Ranch
- Cosmic Bowling - Friday night
- Poker Run - Saturday morning
- SOBER Games - Saturday night ~ FREE

Hotel room discount for TriState attendees.

Roundup events and meals all non-smoking.

Smoking is permitted in parts of Casino.

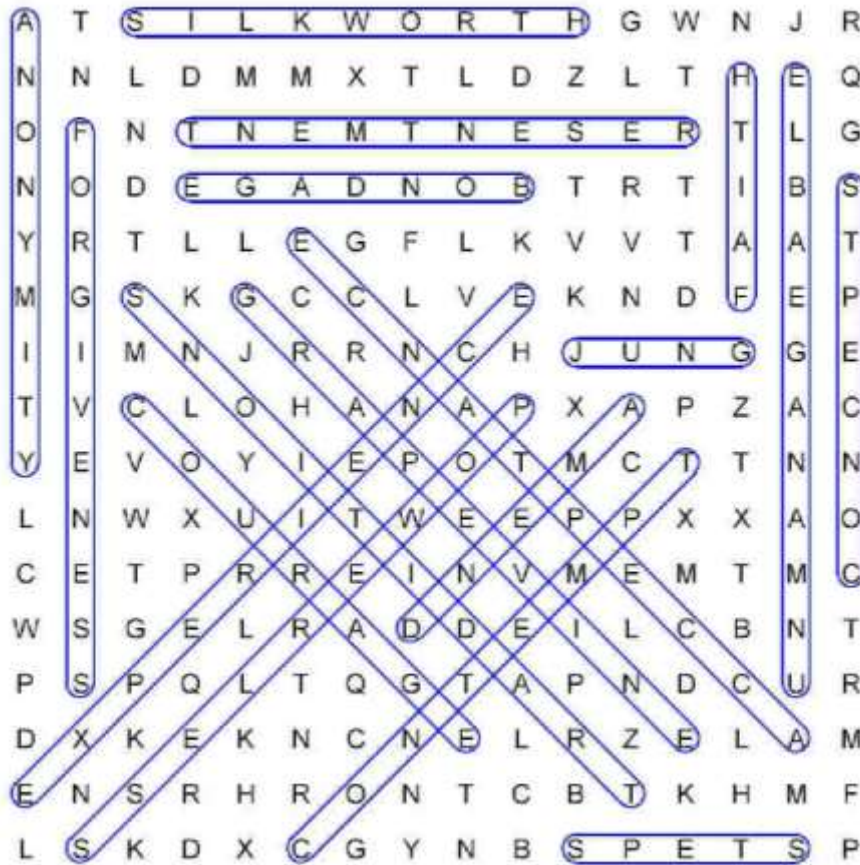
Reserved seats for Saturday Banquet (must register together)

Discount \$2 for registrations made by April 15, 2014

Additional \$2 discount for Online Registration

FELLOWSHIP ON THE RIVER

April Puzzle Solution



Convention - August 2 – 4, 2013

Doral Desert Princess, Cathedral City, CA

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COME AND BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE!!!

2nd Tuesday of Each Month at St. Margaret's Church (Palm Desert) at 5:30pm

Committee Meetings Will Be Held on these dates: 5/14, 6/11, 7/9



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

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

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

	<u>Mar 14</u>	<u>Jul '13 - Mar 14</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Anonymous Donations	0.00	777.71
Birthday Contributions	0.00	861.25
Convention Contributions		
Desert Men's Banquet	0.00	880.00
Desert Pow Wow	0.00	10,000.00
Gratitude Dinner		
Ticket Sales	7,900.00	7,520.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	7,900.00	7,520.00
International Women's Conv	0.00	47.00
Unity Day Picnic	0.00	585.00
Total Convention Contributions	7,900.00	19,415.00
Discrepancies		
Overages	51.52	112.59
Total Discrepancies	51.52	112.59
Faithful Fivers	10.00	3,836.00
Group Contributions	7,429.23	41,891.12
Interest	0.00	219.95
Intergroup & Service Contrib.	0.00	142.00
Misc. Income	0.00	-7.88
Sales Income		
Literature Sales		
Books	4,845.06	36,199.87
Miscellaneous	177.08	1,476.35
Pamphlets	98.45	1,284.75
Schedules	195.00	2,088.64
Literature Sales - Other	0.00	66.44
Total Literature Sales	5,315.59	41,116.05
Medallions		
Aluminum Medallions	472.50	3,504.93
Bronze Medallions	740.60	5,427.38
Paint On Demand Medallions	34.00	34.00
Tri-plate Medallions	1,258.78	7,198.76
Total Medallions	2,505.88	16,165.07
Shipping and handling	0.00	101.06
Sobriety Card	205.00	1,510.00
Total Sales Income	8,026.45	58,892.18
Total Income	23,417.20	126,141.12
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	19.70	19.70
Total COGS	19.70	19.70
Gross Profit	23,397.50	126,121.42
Answering Service	0.00	597.04
Bad Debt Writeoff	0.00	-151.36
Bank Charges		
Returned Check	0.00	12.00
Bank Charges - Other	0.00	0.26
Total Bank Charges	0.00	12.26
Computer		
Consulting Fee	200.00	7,023.54
Dial up/DSL	0.00	186.00
Parts and supplies	0.00	84.86
Website	0.00	274.95
Total Computer	200.00	7,569.15
Convention/Fundraising Expenses		
Gratitude Dinner		
Rentals	826.91	826.91
Room Rental	0.00	1,900.00
Total Gratitude Dinner	826.91	1,826.91
Total Convention/Fundraising Expenses	826.91	1,826.91
Credit Card Fees	0.00	585.14
Depreciation		
Depreciation - Copier	78.23	704.07
Depreciation - Leasehold Improv	91.42	822.78
Total Depreciation	169.65	1,526.85

Manager Education	0.00	1,423.45
Newsletter Expense	130.53	1,131.50
Office Expense		
Cleaning	100.00	900.00
Office Supplies	256.00	2,173.89
Office Expense - Other	630.00	640.00
Total Office Expense	986.00	3,713.89
Payroll Expenses		
Insurance - Health Insurance	0.00	4,398.00
Insurance - Worker's Comp	0.00	638.00
Salaries	1,980.00	19,140.00
Taxes & Payroll Accounting	511.67	2,652.21
Total Payroll Expenses	2,491.67	27,028.21
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.07
Rent	1,350.00	11,709.00
Sales Expenses (COGS)		
Literature		
Books		
Cost	4,197.32	31,256.90
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	4.37
Books - Other	0.00	160.00
Total Books	4,197.32	31,421.27
Misc		
Cost	92.79	736.94
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	-7.69
Total Misc	92.79	729.25
Pamphlets		
Cost	40.69	583.06
Total Pamphlets	40.69	583.06
Schedules		
Cost	122.20	1,308.88
Total Schedules	122.20	1,308.88
Total Literature	4,453.00	34,042.46
Medallions		
Aluminum Medallions		
Cost	276.23	1,887.38
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	9.42
Total Aluminum Medallions	276.23	1,896.80
Bronze Medallions		
Cost	260.64	1,914.24
Total Bronze Medallions	260.64	1,914.24
Tri-plate Medallions		
Cost	877.07	3,894.58
Total Tri-plate Medallions	877.07	3,894.58
Total Medallions	1,213.94	7,705.62
Shipping and handling	0.00	19.38
Sobriety cards		
Cost	86.57	690.68
Inventory Adjustment	0.00	43.38
Total Sobriety cards	86.57	734.06
Total Sales Expenses (COGS)	5,755.51	42,501.52
Sales Tax Pd.	0.00	-1.63
Shipping, Transport, Storage	168.08	1,217.97
Shortages	53.50	107.94
State Filing Fee	0.00	25.00
Tax Preparation	0.00	620.94
Utilities	62.56	2,768.65
Total Expense	12,194.39	104,212.50
Net Ordinary Income	11,203.11	21,908.92
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Other Income	0.00	1,350.00
Total Other Income	0.00	1,350.00
Net Other Income	0.00	1,350.00
Net Income	11,203.11	23,258.92

**Central Office of the Desert
Group Contributions
March 2014**

	Mar 14	Jul '13 - Mar 14
1 cash customer	30.00	30.00
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	0.00	138.00
11th Step Meditation - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	60.63
12 X 12 Step Study - THU - Cathedral City	0.00	43.76
12X12 - La Quinta	0.00	138.00
12x12 Bk Study-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	85.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	0.00	211.00
3rd, 7th & 11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	168.72	1,209.72
AA Step Studay - Fri - Coachella	0.00	204.00
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	63.87
ABC Recovery	530.63	600.94
Alkies Only-WED Bermuda Dunes	0.00	150.00
ALL ABC Recovery Meetings Indio	0.00	619.56
Anonymous - no group given	0.00	110.00
As Bill Sees It-SAT DHS	0.00	30.00
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	3,090.00	4,038.10
Attitude Adjustment-M-F Rancho Mirage AA	0.00	4,403.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S Palm Desert	143.00	1,051.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	0.00	1,700.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON Cathedral City	0.00	108.64
Attitude Adjustment - MON Rancho Mirage	150.00	363.00
Beginners-WED Palm Desert	0.00	94.61
Big Book Babes - MON Indio	0.00	49.34
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	88.00	787.00
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	0.00	604.58
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	0.00	49.83
Central Intergroup	38.28	107.23
Coachella Desert Men's Group - RM	0.00	220.00
Cornfield Meeting-FRI Palm Springs	0.00	630.00
Creative Expressions-SUN Palm Desert	0.00	25.00
Daily Paradise-DLY Morongo Valley	0.00	360.40
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	0.00	231.33
Dolls of Valley -WED Palm Desert	0.00	153.00
Eve, Attitude Adj. - THU Rancho Mirage	0.00	120.00
Feelings & Solutions-WED Palm Desert	0.00	147.10
Fellowship Hall	87.51	267.40
Free Spirit-THU Cathedral City	0.00	93.11
Freedom of Choice - THU - La Quinta	30.00	130.00
Goals Group	0.00	50.00
Great Events-Daily Yucca Valley	0.00	205.00
Groovy Group-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	101.40
Group '48-MON Palm Springs	0.00	83.15
H&I Committee	0.00	524.84
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	82.14
How Is Your Now - La Quinta	0.00	184.13
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	0.00	100.00
How It Works-WED Palm Desert	99.00	142.84
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	44.36
It's A Better Deal-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	30.00
IWC Committee 2015	0.00	10.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	0.00	14.70
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	0.00	696.00
Keep It Simple-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	1,032.00
Keys to the Kingdom-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	37.30
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	246.50	715.00
Living Sober-MON Palm Springs	0.00	291.40
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	0.00	60.00
Meditation Meeting-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	438.59
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	0.00	50.89
Meditation Meeting - MON - Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	90.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	61.00	155.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	0.00	800.00
Men's Stag - MON Rancho Mirage	100.00	200.00
Men's Stag - THU - Palm Desert	0.00	200.00
Mixed Nuts - THU - Palm Springs	0.00	95.38
New Beginnings -MON Palm Desert	0.00	152.00

New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	80.00	360.00
No Rules - La Quinta	0.00	1,148.00
Or Else Group	0.00	28.11
Oxy-Moron Group-THU Palm Springs	0.00	360.00
Palm Desert Group -SAT - Palm Desert	0.00	245.62
Participation - THU - Twentynine Palms	0.00	35.00
Pathfinders Big Book	28.30	28.30
Perez Plaza Meeting Room	369.60	1,442.16
Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00	226.69
Primary Purpose - Blythe	0.00	100.00
Q & A - FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	23.00
Q&A-SUN Cathedral City	0.00	75.15
Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert	0.00	100.00
Road Runners -MON Bermuda Dunes	0.00	313.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms	30.00	80.00
RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	0.00	54.67
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	109.89
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00	189.84
Santa Rosa Messengers - Coachella	0.00	180.00
Sat. Speaker Hi-Desert -SAT Yucca Valley	0.00	50.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	179.15
Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	0.00	62.00
Seniors in Sobriety - TUE - Palm Springs	95.48	95.48
Serenity Seekers-FRI - Palm Desert	0.00	480.00
Serenity Sisters - THU - Yucca Valley	0.00	71.90
Serenity Sunday-SUN Cathedral City	0.00	48.80
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	0.00	62.62
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	0.00	99.73
SOLCALYPAA3	98.00	98.00
Solid Solutions - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	115.77
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	0.00	74.09
Speakeasy BB/S-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	320.00
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	0.00	42.73
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	0.00	94.96
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	67.68	655.33
Step Study-WED Cathedral City	0.00	46.64
Step Study - MON - Bermuda Dunes	0.00	29.00
Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	90.95
Sunday 8AM Serenity Group	100.00	158.70
Sunday Alumna! Speaker Meeting ABC Indio	68.13	68.13
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	961.15	5,181.67
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	104.19	823.24
Sunset Group - Joshua Tree	0.00	309.50
Thank God It's Saturday-SAT Palm Springs	259.06	259.06
There Is Hope-FRI DHS	0.00	100.00
ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	0.00	100.00
Tumbleweed Speaker Meeting - Sat - DHS	0.00	50.00
Turning Point-WED DHS	0.00	60.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	55.00	282.50
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-WED PalmDesert	0.00	100.00
What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	0.00	49.42
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	100.00
Winners Meeting-WED Yucca Valley	150.00	150.00
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	0.00	24.00
Women's Meeting-WED Palm Desert	0.00	142.05
TOTAL	7,429.23	41,891.12