



the Desert Lifeline

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of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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Intergroup Meeting

1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Thursday of the month,
6:30 p.m.

General Service, District 9

3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM
Fellowship Hall
45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert

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

Hospitals & Institutions

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

Fellowship Hall
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Palm Desert

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Web site: www.aa.org

DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.
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Palm Desert

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[Facebook.com/groups/DCYPAAround2](https://www.facebook.com/groups/DCYPAAround2)

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Concept

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authority well defined.

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Principle Ten

Vigilance: Exercising self-discovery, honesty, abandonment,
humility, reflection and amendment on a momentary, daily, and
periodic basis.

August Office Statistics

Meeting Info	74
12 Step Calls	5
Visitors	71
Literature Sales	147
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	11
Miscellaneous	48
Business	25

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

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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!

A belated Congratulation to Ginny P. on her 41 years of Sobriety last month, and thank-you for your contribution to our Birthday Club. My apologies for not including you in the July calendar. For those who don't know her, has a way of showing us all the excitement that Sobriety has for life as an alcoholic in Recovery...I am very grateful for her service as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Central Office when I was interviewed for the job, her support, understanding and unconditional love helped me tremendously during the learning curve of how to be of service to our Fellowship in this office.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY GINNY

August 2014

James V.	1
John B.	2
Jerry D.	9
Ron D.	16
Happy Mike	23
Thomas L.	23



Larry C.	31
David L.	33
Carol D.	43
Roni N.	44

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

August Volunteers at Central Office

Char A.
Dallas E.
David T.
Dyana S.
Eileen C.
Heidi A.
Jim B.
Kathie P.

Leslie H.

Thank You !!

Lobo M.
Mark L.
Mary Anne C.
Michael W.

Mike B.
Patrick L.
Paul A.
Peggy M.
Roger F.
Rivers V.
Sandy W.

Thank You !!

Steve P.
Tonia B.
Tracy M.
Zebra Mark

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

I was tremendously relieved, when I first entered into Alcoholics Anonymous to learn that AA will not, or more importantly, cannot force its membership to take sides on any issue that is not founded in its primary purpose of carrying its message to the next suffering alcoholic. Tradition Ten, in its long form, states that in matters of politics, alcohol reform or sectarian religion, AA as a whole should not express any opinion which may arouse heated debate.

I entered the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous a ripped apart lost soul. While I truly appreciated the outstretched hands of welcome, I was a little untrusting of the motives from the membership. The thought would pop through my head, "what do these people want from me?"

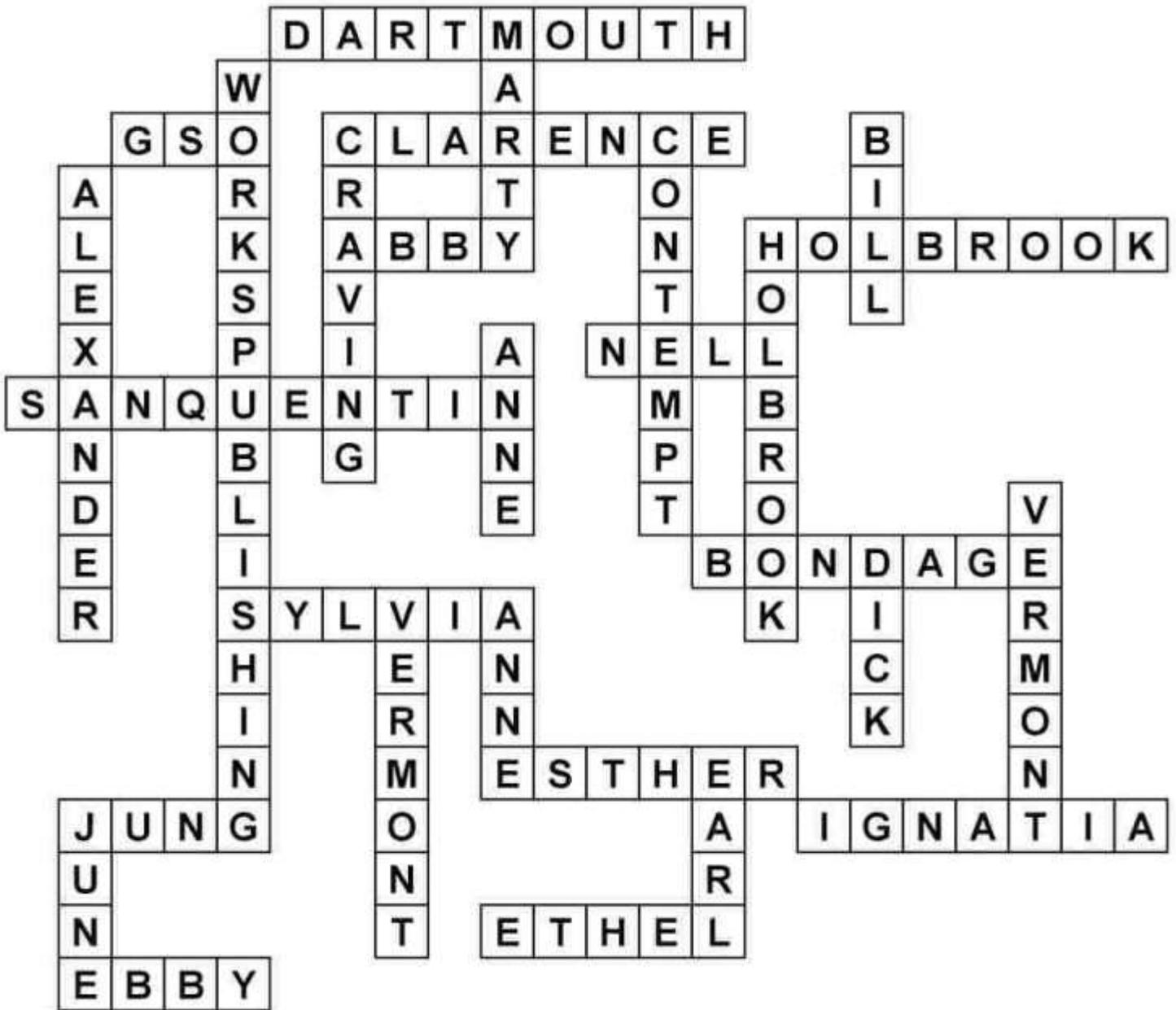
You see, ever since early adulthood I have been approached by several smooth talking, sparkling-eyed hucksters who have all made reasonable messages of world peace, revolution or personal salvation. Although well-intentioned with all these various movements, very few of them left enough of a lasting impression for me to stick around. For usually one of two things happened, either that particular issue had lost its relevance or the in-fighting became so unbearable that a group would ultimately disband. In my case, I generally had always felt like an outsider. I never identified what I believed, but one thing for sure, I've come to recognize that since I got sober, my personal views, beliefs and my life in general has been changing and evolving. The attitudes and views I had in early sobriety are really not the same as they are today. I may vote differently, spiritual matters have taken different twists and turns, and ideas on alcohol reform and treatment have changed.

So if a single individual can have such a drastic change of heart in several matters, how can anyone believe they can keep a group growing strong if they allow such heated topics to enter into the debate and stay? The pioneers of Alcoholics Anonymous have paved a way for all of us to pursue our own personal desires, yet to remind us that whatever our protestations, we must remain true to our groups and keep whatever outside issue out of AA starting at our group level.

Nothing can so split us apart without the application of Tradition Ten.

Jay A.
Desert Men's Big Book Study, Foundation for the Retarded, Palm Desert

September Puzzle Solution



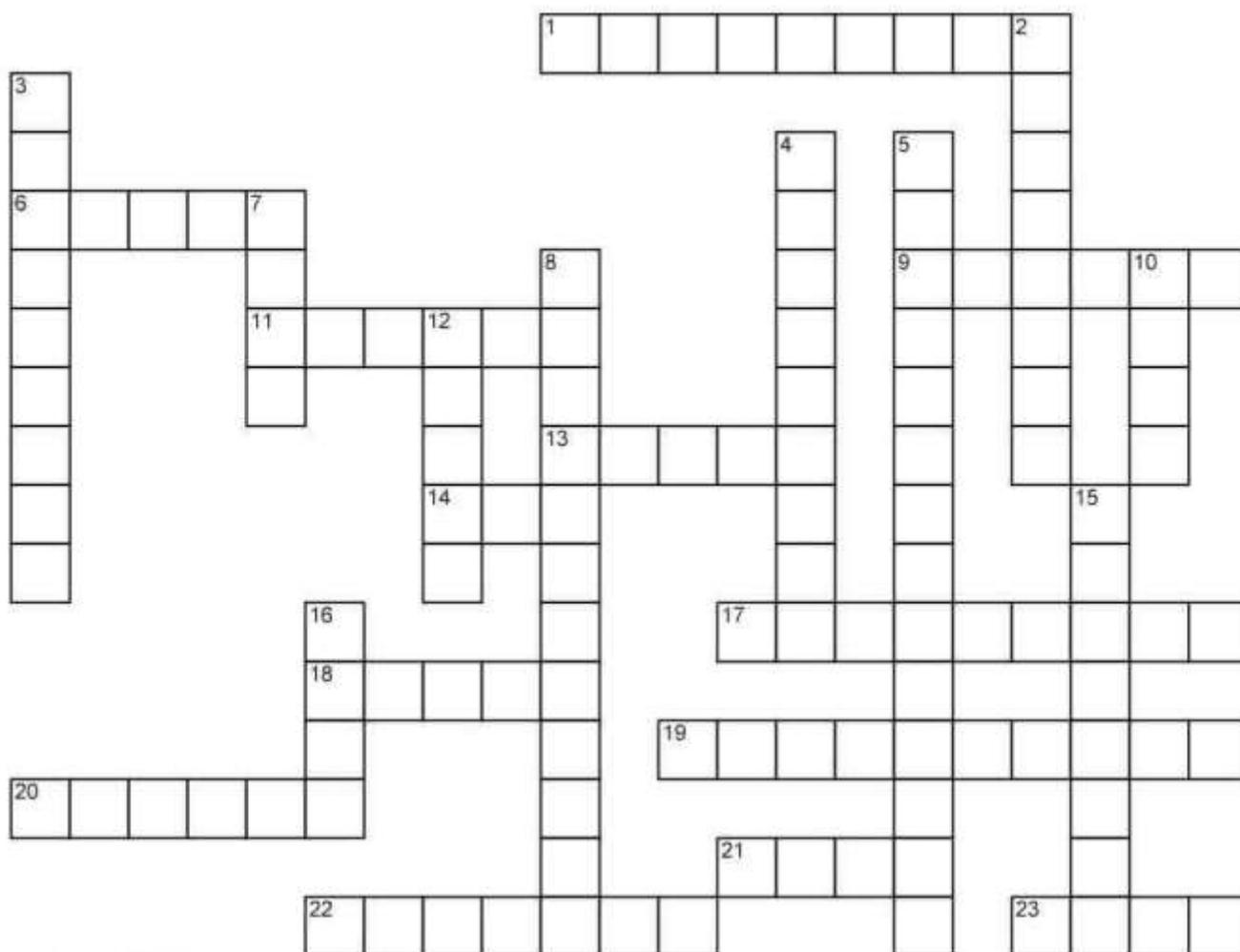
Puzzle answers will appear in next month's Desert Lifeline.

At first I thought the 'God thing' was a crutch. It turned out to be stilts.

When I sobered up, I suddenly met the personality that caused me to drink in the first place.

Resentments are like stray cats: if you don't feed them, they'll go away.

October Puzzle



www.CrosswordWamer.com

ACROSS

- 1 Dr. William D.
- 6 Russian potato juice
- 9 How often we've seen them fail
- 11 Bill was offered a job at his lab
- 13 In what city did Bill meet Bob?
- 14 36% of AA members are sober over ___ years
- 17 meeting in print
- 18 Alcohol
- 19 International Convention City (2 words)
- 20 soundness of mind
- 21 Mrs. Dr. Bob
- 22 Physician, Heal _____
- 23 Bill's longtime secretary

DOWN

- 2 Dr. Bob's middle name
- 3 You have to take one
- 4 Author of the March 1, 1941 article in the Saturday Evening Post
- 5 He is quoted in Appendix 2 (2 words)
- 7 The 3rd Step prayer doesn't have it but the 7th Step prayer does
- 8 our life when we got to AA
- 10 Alcoholics are like men who have lost these
- 12 Dr. Bob surname
- 15 Circle and _____
- 16 Who brought the message to Bill Wilson

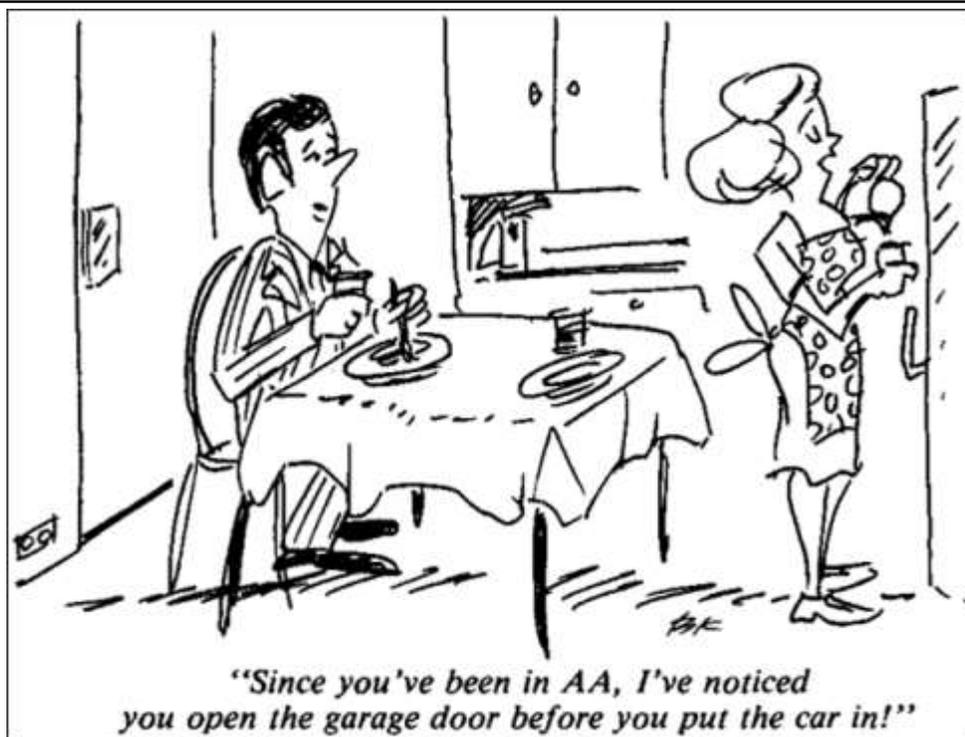
Concept Ten

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority - the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Concept 10 helps us to keep foremost in our minds the balance we need in order to maintain Alcoholics Anonymous with levels of authority that will best serve AA members and AA as a whole, so that we may best help the alcoholic who wants to get sober. This concept is in place to have the checks and balances needed for those with service responsibilities. Those delegated positions on committees, boards, and trustees, all must have enough authority to make decisions in a timely and efficient manner, yet can be overseen and changed if needed at the other levels. Accordingly without this concept, our service structure could not function effectively or operate smoothly. The service structures need to be well defined so that those who are entrusted can have the clear guidelines to carry out their duties. As Bill wrote, "It is perfectly clear, that when delegated authority is operating well, it should not be constantly interfered with."

Another reason for this concept is to keep personal clashes, misunderstanding, and ineffectiveness to a minimum by having a definite way of interpreting and deciding doubtful situations so that these trusted servants can operate usefully. "In our structure we have tried to create at each level accurate definitions of authority and responsibility. We have done this (a) by legal means, (b) by traditional means, and (c) by principals under which doubtful and seemingly conflicting situations can be interpreted and readily resolved (The AA Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service)." As implied in Tradition Two, we see the group conscience as the ultimate authority and the trusted servant as the delegated authority.

Katrina B.
Palm Desert



*"Since you've been in AA, I've noticed
you open the garage door before you put the car in!"*

October 2-4, 2015

64th Annual Southern California AA Convention

“Acceptance is the Key”

Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa

71-333 Dinah Shore Dr.

Rancho Mirage, California 92270

(877) 253-0041

<http://www.aasocal.com>

\$10.00

Book of the month

\$10.00

Pass It On

A Story of Bill W. and how the AA message reached the World

\$10.00

Normally \$11.00- this month \$10.00

\$10.00

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NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

New Meeting

Joshua Tree, "Straight Up AA" Meeting 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, Faith Lutheran Church, 6336 Hallee Road

Meeting Change of Location

Palm Springs, "Crack of Dawn" Meeting (**weekdays only**) at 6:00 A.M. has moved from 559 S. Palm Canyon. B105 to the St. Teresa Church 2800 E. Ramon

Meeting no Longer in Existence

Palm Springs, "Attitude of Gratitude" Meeting, Wednesday, St. Paul of the Desert Church is dark

Meeting Updates

La Quinta, "No Rules" Meeting La Quinta Community Park 77865 Ave Montezuma 7:00 AM weekdays and 8:00 AM weekends is better if you bring your own chair and coffee, as they have neither.

Rancho Mirage, "AA Cigar Smoking" Meeting Thursday night @ The River 71800 Hwy 111 is now getting together at 9:00 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M.

Palm Desert Group -

Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

10/05 - Danielle D. - Palm Desert
10/12 - Richard W. - La Quinta
10/19 - Laurie G. - Covina
10/26 - Don M. - Palm Desert



Speaker Meetings

Cornfield Speaker Meeting

Palm Springs

Friday Night, 7 p.m.

10/02 - Keith P. - Redondo Beach
10/09 - Cheryl. - Palm Desert
10/16 - Larry E. - Palm Desert
10/23 - Dave F. - Rancho Mirage
10/30 - David M. - Whitewater

Sobriety Capital of the World

Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

10/02 - Participation due to So. Cal Conv.
10/09 - Joe F. - Venice, CA
10/16 - Erick G. - San Diego, CA
10/23 - Larry T. - Lakewood, CA
10/30 - Jim H. - Chicago, IL

Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Step ten is the first of the "maintenance steps." It provides a daily check of our mental and spiritual status. Having completed the overhaul work of steps four through nine, step ten is our key to practicing the A.A. way of living in our daily lives.

Character defects, like our disease of alcoholism, can be cunning, baffling and powerful. Though steps four through seven relieve much of our pain and difficulty, old defects can assume new symptoms and seemingly different defects can appear like a new strain of the flu. These defects are deadly for alcoholics: if left untreated, we will drink.

As with all the steps, we need to be rigorously honest, both in our inventory and in promptly admitting and addressing it. We must thoroughly examine our motives and guard against the comfort of using rationalization to justify questionable conduct.

I love this passage from the Twelve and Twelve: "Our first objective will be the development of self-restraint. This carries a top priority rating. When we speak or act hastily or rashly, the ability to be fair-minded and tolerant evaporates on the spot. ... Nothing pays off like restraint of tongue and pen." The better we get at self-restraint, the sweeter are our evening inventories!

"An honest regret for harms done, a genuine gratitude for blessings received, and a willingness to try for better things tomorrow will be the permanent assets we shall seek."

Rebecca K
6AM Sunrise Celebrators, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Heard at Meetings.

Inter Group: "An alcoholic is a man with two feet firmly planted in mid-air."

Greenwich: "A.A. is like an umbrella. It won't work unless you put it up."

White Plains: "An alcoholic is a person who finds he has nothing in common with himself."

Manhattan: "Time heals all cuts; time also cuts all heels."

Inter Group: "The twelve steps are a matter of long, slow work. One can't go from a heel to a halo in twelve easy lessons!"

Manhattan: "When I look at a new prospect I say to myself, 'If you don't take a drink, feller, you'll be where I am, and if I *do* take a drink, I'll be where you are--in no time flat!'"

Nassau: "The surest way to lose your health is to keep drinking to other people's."

Intergroup Outreach Committee Report

Under the Direction of your Outreach Committee Chair, Dyana S. and a number of volunteers have been preparing and distributing the gift of 5 Big Books, 5 Newcomer Packets and a Secretary Handbook to the local meetings that do not presently have intergroup representation. The list of recipients so far, in what we are calling "Phase One" of the Outreach Committee's project, numbers just over 155 Meetings as of September 30th, which involved processing, so far... 775 Big Books, 775 Newcomer Packets and 155 Secretary Handbooks. The scope of "Phase One" is to distribute 1000 Big Books and 1000 Newcomer Packets to Newcomers in the meetings listed without Intergroup Representation, and is ongoing.

After last month's Board meeting, there is now a "Phase Two" for the Outreach Committee that involves the assembly and distribution of another 10 Big Books and 10 Newcomer Packets and a Secretary Handbook to each of the 50 Meetings that are currently represented in your Intergroup supporting this office. This will bring the total give away of Books to Newcomers to 1,500 for our Outreach project

A special thanks to those who have been available in stuffing Newcomer Packets & Secretary Handbooks with the pamphlets and printed material from this office, placing labels in the Big Books and assembling all these things in the bags to be distributed. The list of participants to date are:

Brian	Cathy S.	Ken L.
David T.	Dyana S.	Tonia B.
Helsa B.	Phil	Heidi A.
Zebra Mark	Lobo	Char A.
Jerry	Eileen C.	Kathie P
Mike B.	Patrick L.	Jarrett H.
Jodi	Steve P.	

The response to this gift of service has been overwhelming and fulfilling for all of us here at Central Office in many ways. Not only by bringing the members listed above together to be in service, working together for a common goal, but the meetings receiving the gift have been able to recognize the empowerment our Fellowship has to offer in a substantial and significant way.

Many thanks to the Committee that sponsored the International Women's Conference last February and their extremely generous donation to this office that made this project possible.

In Service:
David M.

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

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

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

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Mike Murphy

DATE: September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Treasurer's Report, August 2015

CENTRAL OFFICE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, August 2015

	Aug Actual	Aug Budget	Variance	Jul-Aug Actual	Jul-Aug Budget	Variance
Income:						
Group Contributions	\$ 3,477	\$ 4,000	\$ (523)	\$ 6,295	\$ 8,000	\$ (1,705)
Convention Contributions	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,479	\$ 8,500	\$ (21)
Gradtitude Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Merchandise Sales	\$ 7,512	\$ 7,565	\$ (53)	\$ 14,699	\$ 15,130	\$ (431)
All Other Income	<u>\$ 92</u>	<u>\$ 205</u>	<u>\$ (113)</u>	<u>\$ 94</u>	<u>\$ 410</u>	<u>\$ (316)</u>
Total Income	\$ 19,080	\$ 19,770	\$ (690)	\$ 29,567	\$ 32,040	\$ (2,473)
Expenses:						
Merchandise Expense	\$ 4,805	\$ 5,140	\$ (335)	\$ 10,062	\$ 10,280	\$ (218)
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,821	\$ 3,951	\$ (130)	\$ 7,866	\$ 7,902	\$ (36)
Gradtitude Dinner	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rent	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,365	\$ (15)	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,730	\$ (30)
Utilities	\$ 340	\$ 530	\$ (190)	\$ 868	\$ 1,020	\$ (152)
All Other Expenses	<u>\$ 2,284</u>	<u>\$ 2,130</u>	<u>\$ 154</u>	<u>\$ 4,691</u>	<u>\$ 4,560</u>	<u>\$ 131</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 12,601	\$ 13,116	\$ (515)	\$ 26,187	\$ 26,492	\$ (305)
Net Income	<u>\$ 6,479</u>	<u>\$ 6,654</u>	<u>\$ (175)</u>	<u>\$ 3,380</u>	<u>\$ 5,548</u>	<u>\$ (2,168)</u>

Prudent reserve equals 9.6 months

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

Central Office of the Desert
 Group Contributions
 August 2015

	Aug 15	Jul - Aug 15
10th Step Study-THU Palm Desert	0.00	139.01
12 &12 - La Quinta	60.00	60.00
12 &12 Bk Study-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	17.51
12 and 12 Men's Stag F.H. Monday	50.00	50.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	0.00	27.20
3rd, 7th &11th Step - SUN - Palm Desert	266.50	266.50
Anonymous - no group given	500.00	534.72
AS Bill Sees It 10AM -MON Palm Desert	0.00	47.00
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	180.00	180.00
Attitude Adjustment 7AM M-S Palm Desert	73.00	148.00
Big Book Study - Wed - Palm Springs	87.75	87.75
Black Sheep Group - WED - Rancho Mirage	200.00	200.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	50.00	50.00
Central Intergroup	0.00	23.42
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	45.00	99.00
Desert Angels-THU Indio	60.00	60.00
Goals Group	30.00	30.00
Into Action-TUE Cathedral City	0.00	0.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag - PD	101.90	101.90
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	213.00	213.00
Keep It Simple-Many DHS	0.00	241.20
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	10.00	10.00
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	0.00	225.00
Monday Night Men's Stag	0.00	334.80
No Rules - La Quinta	172.00	172.00
Ole Time Sunday AA Meeting - Sun City	0.00	200.00
Over 50 12&12 11AM Palm Springs	118.45	118.45
Playing With A Full Deck-THU -Palm Desert	0.00	94.15
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	0.00	50.00
RoundTable Group -THU Palm Desert	25.50	25.50
Sane Saturday-SAT Cathedral City	86.80	86.80
Santa Rosa Big Book Thumpers-WED-Coachell	0.00	75.00
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	61.00	61.00
Solid Solutions - TUE - Palm Desert	0.00	184.04
Speaker Q&A - Cathedral City	90.00	90.00
Spiritual Awakening-SAT Cathedral City	82.80	82.80
Step Sisters-MON Palm Desert	63.00	286.00
Step/Tradition Study-FRI Palm Desert	0.00	28.33
Stepping Stones-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	117.50
Sunday Serenity Group	26.25	44.64
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	338.21	638.45
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	64.67	138.52
Sunset Group - Joshua Tree	50.00	50.00
ThirdTradition-THU-Landers	100.00	100.00
Twilight Step Study-TUE Palm Desert	0.00	125.00
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	55.00	55.00
What's Good About Today? Wed-Cat City	80.00	80.00
Winners Meeting-WED Palm Springs	0.00	100.00
Women's Meeting-MON Yucca Valley	24.00	24.00
Women's Meeting-WED Palm Desert	113.00	113.00
Women's Step Study- Yucca Valley	0.00	8.99
TOTAL	3,477.83	6,295.18

11th Annual Men's Desert Banquet

"Instrument of Thy Peace"

Sunday, November 1, 2015

Fantasy Springs Resort – Casino
Indio, CA

Exit: Golf Center Parkway, East on I-10

4 pm – Meet & Greet

5 pm – Dinner / 6:30 pm – Speaker

\$45.00 per person / \$450.00 per table

Reservations must be in no later than October 23, 2015

Reservations Required!

For more information, please contact:

Tony C. 760-774-5287, Al S. 310-344-1210, John E. 760-272-8449

Daniel M. 760-600-0879, Joe B. 760-408-4089, John G. 760-660-0322

Curt S. 760-835-9007, Joe A. 760-774-9044, Joe R. 714-713-5011

For Tables, Please include at least one reservation form.

Make Checks Payable to:

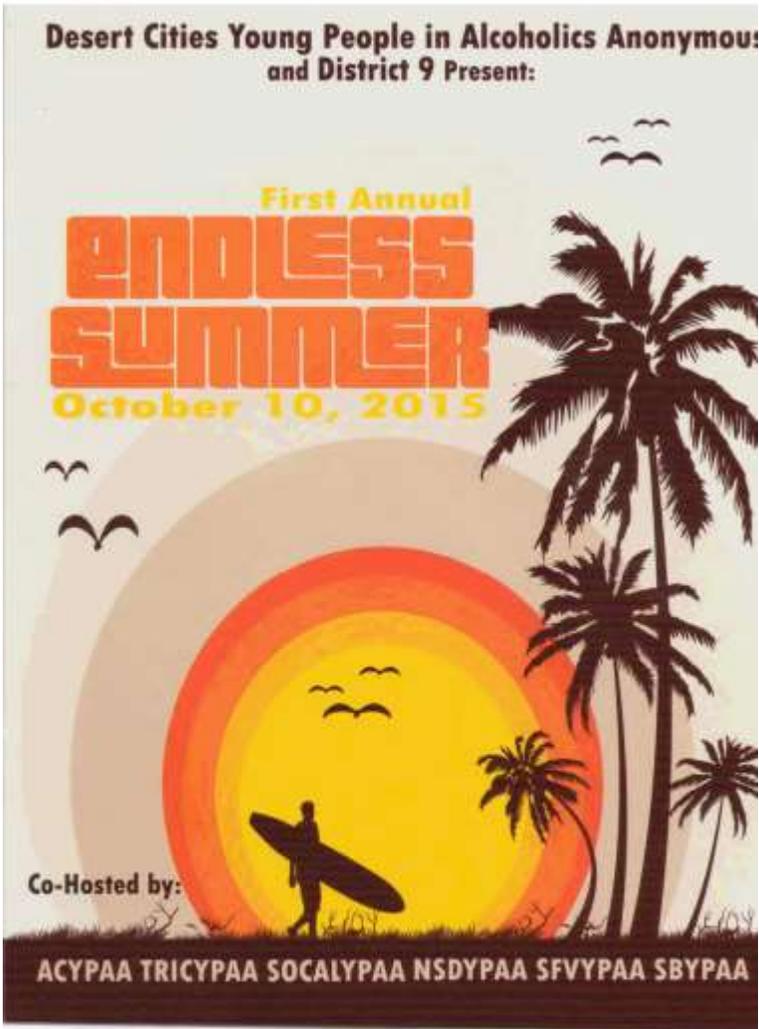
Desert Men's Banquet

Mail to:

80-164 Malaga Avenue
Indio, CA 92201

Desert Cities Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
and District 9 Present:

First Annual
**ENDLESS
SUMMER**
October 10, 2015



Co-Hosted by:
ACYPAA TRICYPAA SOCALYPAA NSDYPAA SFVYPAA SBYPAA

\$30 per ticket
(Includes Meal Ticket)
\$5 parking

Water Park 11am - 5pm
AA Speaker Meeting
in the Wave Pool to
follow park closing!

Wet 'n' Wild
Palm Springs

Located at: 1500 S. Gene Autry Trail
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Come join us at Wet 'n' Wild Palm Springs for an awesome day of fellowship in the sun! When you get to the park make sure to head over to the DCYPAA table located next to the entrance of the park to pick up your ticket, meal ticket and wristband. When the park closes head over to the wave pool and hang out while they clear the park. Once the park is closed we will start the Wave Pool Speaker Meeting!

For more info contact:
Nicki H: 760.668.5216 Rob Y: 760.851.8646

Purchase tickets online at: www.DCYPAA.com

I'm from the kind of family, that when you shake our family tree, bottles fall out.

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