



# the Desert Lifeline

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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

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

## Hospitals & Institutions

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

Fellowship Hall  
45940 Portola Ave.

Palm Desert

Mailing Address: PO Box 1843  
Palm Desert, CA 92261

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PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446  
Web site: [www.msca09aa.org](http://www.msca09aa.org)

The **General Service Office**, PO Box 459,  
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  
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[webmaster@dcypaa.com](mailto:webmaster@dcypaa.com)

## Step

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

## Tradition

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

## Concept

Every service responsibility should  
be matched by an equal service  
authority, with the scope of such  
authority well defined.

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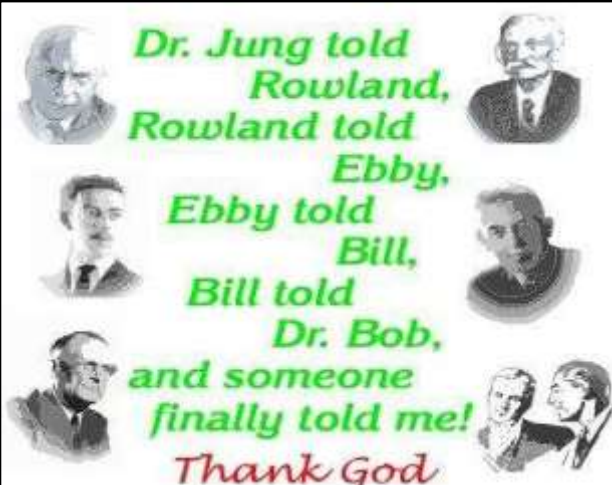
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# Principle Ten

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

### August Office Statistics

Meeting Info	44
12 Step Calls	7
Visitors	46
Literature Sales	118
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	3
Miscellaneous	43
Business	37



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

**Chairman: Traci N.**  
**Vice Chairman: Russell J.**  
**Treasurer: Ainslie M.**  
**Secretary: Lobo Mc G.**

#### Directors

**Geoff M.**  
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**David T.**  
**Carlos M.**

**Desert Lifeline Editors: Joan C. & David M.**

**Office Manager: David M.**



## August 2016

Heather	1yr.
Kelly	1 yr.
James V.	2 yr.
Vickie D.	3 yr.
John/John 2nd	3 yr.
Augie	6 yr.
Barbara W.	9 yr.



Ron D.	17 yr.
Gary P.	22 yr.
Happy Mike	24 yr.
John H.	32 yr.
Jim B.	35 yr.
Roni N.	45 yr.



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

## **August Volunteers at Central Office**

Brad L.  
Char A.  
Carol F.  
David Mar.

*Thank You !!*

David T.

Dyana S.  
Eileen C,  
Jay A.  
Jim B.

Kristin V.  
Kathie P.

Lobo Mc G.  
Mary Anne C.

*Thank You !!*

Paul A.  
Rivers V.

Sharmala B.  
Steve P.  
Teresa H.  
Tonia B.  
Tracy M.  
Val M.  
Vickie G.  
Zebra Mark

## **Tradition Ten**

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

Tradition Ten, like all our traditions, is an important tradition and concentrates on the purity of A.A. As long as we respect these traditions, Alcoholics Anonymous can remain intact and pure to its primary purpose and continue to have a message carried to alcoholics who suffer in and out of the fellowship.

We should be proud that we (A.A. as a whole) have never allowed ourselves to be divided by any major issue that the world has presented. In doing some research for this project, I learned more about a group called the Washingtonians. Their first vision was to be an organization of alcoholics who helped one another stay sober. And they were just that for a while. Their membership grew to over one hundred thousand members in the early 1900's. But, they allowed influential people, who weren't all alcoholic, to use their society for their own reasons. Because of this, they basically got sidetracked and their attention was diverted from staying in the solution to the disease of alcoholism.

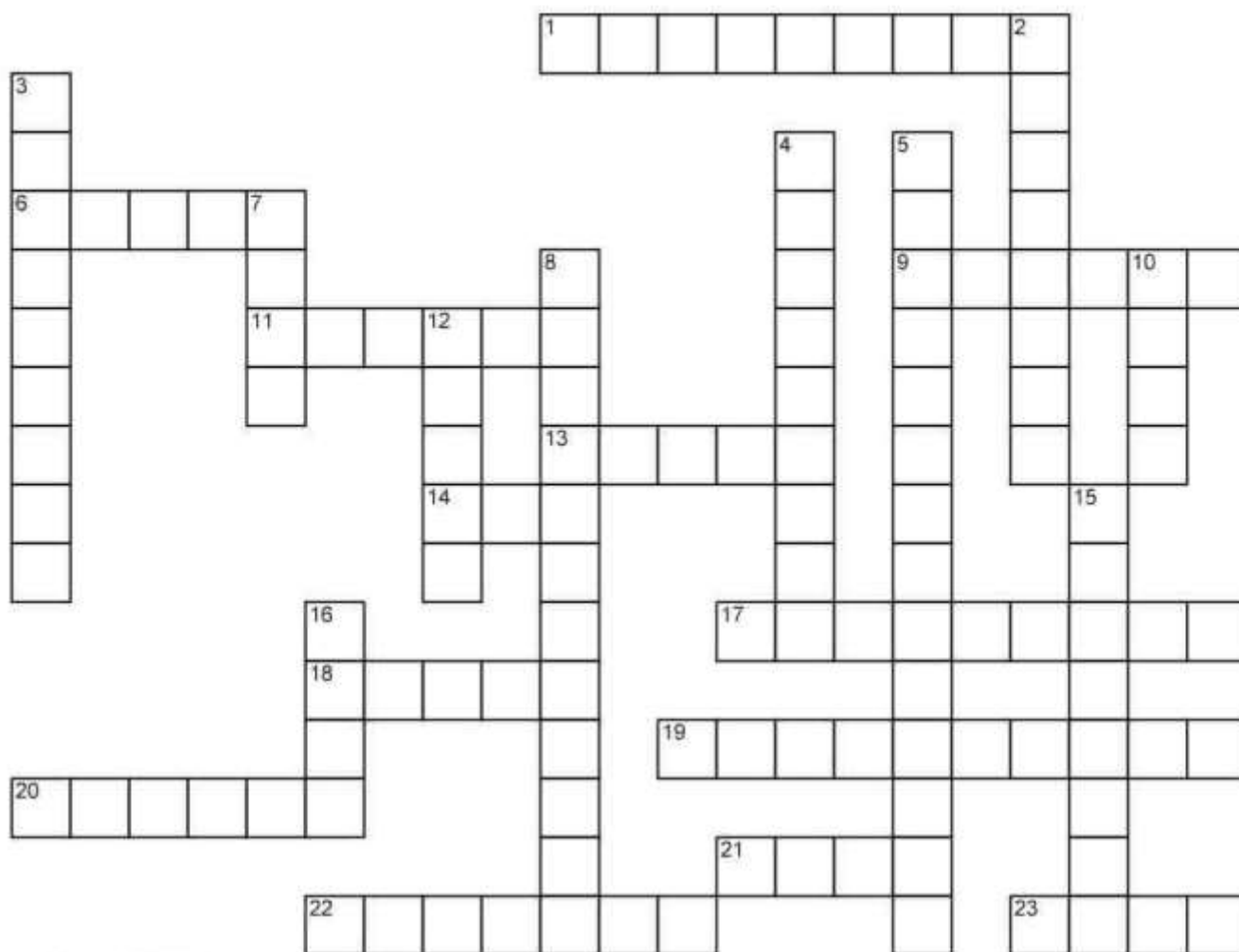
Fortunately for us, people in early A.A. history, learned from the Washingtonians. They decided, and have taken the appropriate action, to stay out of public controversy by creating our tenth tradition. Because A.A. continues to be the number one most effective influence on my life and keeping me sober, I take personal responsibility to make sure I leave my opinion on outside issues away from sponsorship and the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous and pray that all others do too. This has to do with tradition one and our common welfare. Our recovery depends on us sticking together with the same vision in keeping A.A. pure.

Garrett D.  
Serenity Group, Cinemas Palme D'Or, Theater 4, Palm Desert, Sunday

## September Puzzle Solution



# October Puzzle



www.CrosswordWheeler.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

## Step Ten

### ***Continued to take personal inventory and when wrong promptly admitted it.***

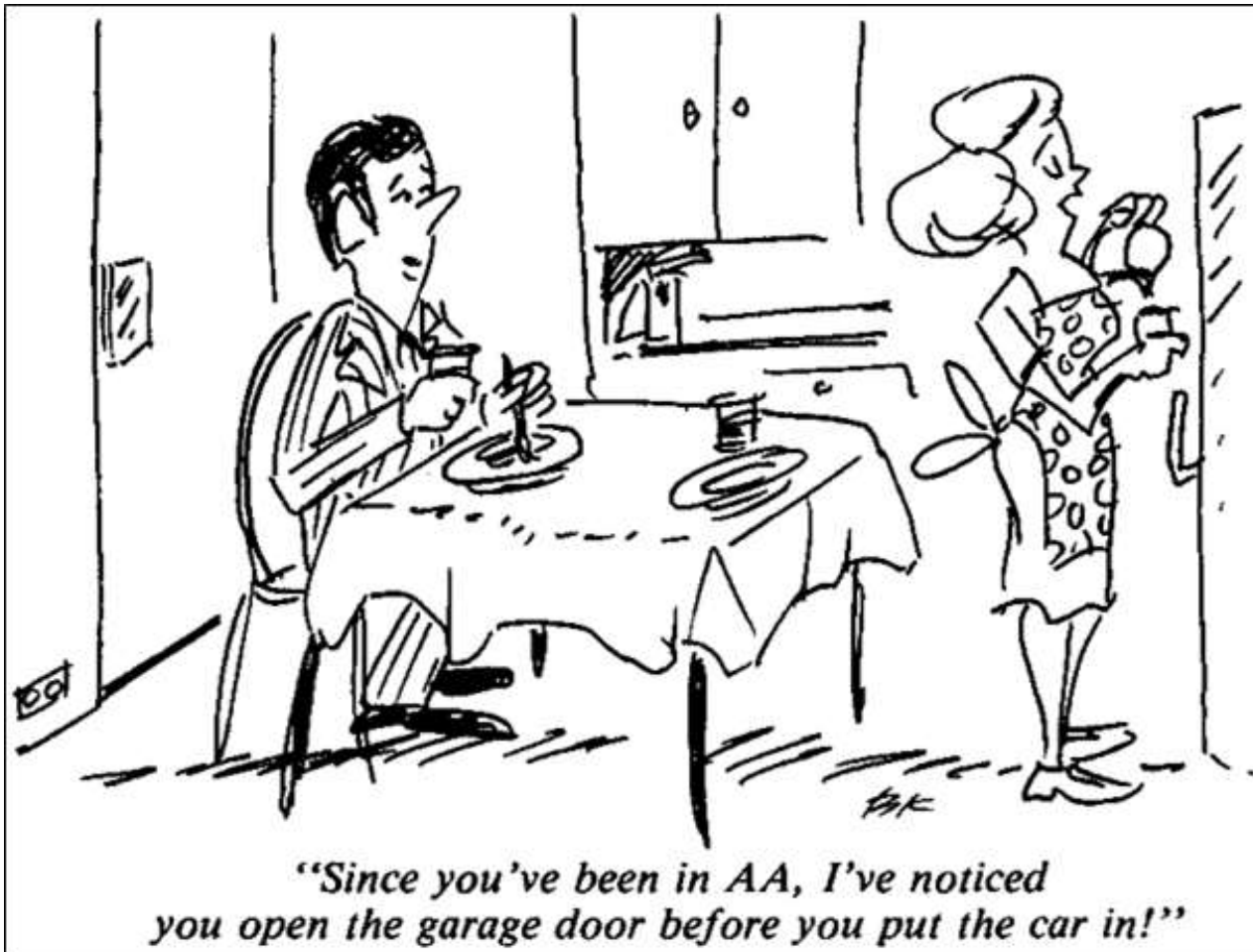
In my experience, working Step 10 is not a difficult task. I start working it when I wake up. It starts by reading from "upon awakening" on page 86 to the end of the chapter daily. Then I spend time with my Higher Power, asking for the guidance I need from him.

As I go through the day I continue to pray. I have found that if I continue to do God's will, my list of amends at the end of the day is quite short. But being that I am human and fall short often, I do usually have a list.

My list mostly comes from co-workers and people I encounter driving. Facing co-workers and apologizing for my actions is humbling and fairly strait forward. The people that I curse from the drivers seat of my car is a bit different. I will more than likely never see the people again and if I do it would not be face to face. That is when I go back to Step 7 and ask God to remove that character defect from me.

Again, being human I have taken that defect back...several times, but we are progress, not perfection!

David T..



## Concept Ten

***Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.***

Defining concept ten basically defines how there is an ultimate authority. However equally distributed to the service committed either by the A.A. groups, the conference, or the Trustees. Equally meaning there is always an ending to a decision by equal means, not by preference of choice. The service committed by AA Groups, the conference, the Trustees, etc. are matched by certain authorization matched by responsibility and no further authority. This can only be changed by appropriate decisions on the situation. How does authority distribution work in our every day life one may ask? And how a process like this works? By taking control of one's actions through understanding and adequate judgment.

Homer A.

Men's Stag, Sloan's Restaurant, Indio, Wednesday Night

\$7.00

Book of the month

\$7.00

**As Bill Sees It**

Soft Cover

\$7.00

Normally \$8.60- this month \$7.00

\$7.00

My experience has been that expectations are the filter through which I interpret my circumstances. If I was told that I'm staying in a penthouse suite at a hotel, and I got there and the hotel only had two floors and the only difference between my room and the others was that I had HBO, I would probably be disappointed. BUT, if I was told I was going to prison and was taken to the SAME room at the SAME hotel, I would be overjoyed! Same room. Different expectations!

"I always hear something that I need to hear when I come to this meeting. I don't know about the rest of you, but you will just have to listen to what is being said, because I need to hear it!"

## **NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES**

### **New Meeting**

**Palm Desert**, there is a new "4th Dimension (4D)" Meeting 8:30 P.M. Sunday evening at Freedom Hall @ 73733 Fred Waring Dr. #100

### **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**, "Living Sober" that met on Sunday at 12:30 PM at the Sunny Dunes Fifth Tradition Meeting Hall 4711B E. Palm Canyon has gone dark

**Indio**, "Speaker Meeting" that met on Sunday at 7:00 PM at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission @ 47-470 Van Buren St is no longer meeting

### **Meeting Updates**

**Indio**, "the El Ranchito Men's Stag" that met in La Quinta at the El Ranchito Restaurant is now meeting at the IHOP at 42-150 Jackson St. Indio at 7:00 PM and has coincidentally changed it's name to the "IHOP Men's Stag Group"

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

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

10/2	- Tanya H.	- Indian Wells
10/8	- Rosemary H.	- Indio
10/15	- Kristen M.	- Indio
10/22	- Robert W.	- Rancho Mirage
10/29	- Ben S.	- Desert Hot Springs



## ***Speaker Meetings***

### **Cornfield Speaker Meeting Palm Springs**

Friday Night, 7 p.m.

10/7	- Doug Van S.	- Palm Desert
10/14	- Linda V.	- Palm Springs
10/21	- Frank P.	- Palm Desert
10/28	- Sandi G.	- Palm Desert

### **Sobriety Capital of the World Indio**

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

10/7	- Sarah B.	- Studio City, CA
10/14	- Teresa C.	- Ventura, CA
10/21	- Doug P.	- San Diego, CA
10/28	- Mario R.	- Indio, CA



ANNOUNCING our FIRST Bridging the Gap meeting at Central office, Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00 pm.

WHAT IS Bridging the GAP? It's an opportunity to get involved and share your light!

Bridging the Gap is a program in which AA folks volunteer to be a temporary contact to people who are newly released from Treatment Centers, Hospitals and Correctional Facilities.

The temporary volunteer (You), would either meet the newly released person, or take them, to their first several meetings for the first week that they are out. This is NOT a sponsorship program, but rather a program to assist a new comer to get a little more familiar with what our amazing AA program is, meet new friends thru your introductions and come to begin understanding what we do at meetings. (Service work, singleness of purpose etc.)

I personally was in a treatment facility for 30 days. I went to AA meetings for 3 weeks almost every day while there. Yet, when I came out, I knew hardly anyone. I certainly had NO idea that this was even a spiritual program! I had so much to learn and understand. What I would have given for a temporary AA contact, like YOU!

So... come to the meeting, learn more, be on the board...just come be a part. Heck, you are going to meetings anyway right? Talking to people at those meetings? Why not introduce a very vulnerable new comer who needs you and more importantly NEEDS AA, while you are there? Having been one, I can tell you...we really do NEED you!

See you Sunday, 10-23-16 at 2:00!! I'll bring the pizza!

For questions or to get involved, call Jana D-M. @ 727.288.1477  
or David M. @ 760324.4880 or email [Manager@aainthedesert.org](mailto:Manager@aainthedesert.org).

# 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Men's Desert AA Banquet

Men in Recovery Celebrating with other Men in Fellowship

## "Mind.Body.Spirit"

Sunday, November 6th, 2016

Fantasy Springs Hotel & Spa

Exit: Golf Center Parkway & I-10

4pm – Meet and Greet

5pm – Dinner / 6:30pm – Speaker

\$45.00 per person / \$450.00 per table

For Tables, please include: WITH ONE RESERVATION

Reservations Required – Dressy Attire, Please

For more information, please contact:

Tony C. 760.774.5287, Joe B. 760.408.4089, Curt S. 760.835.9007

Joe R. 714.713.5011, Danial M. 760.500.0879, Al S. 310.344.1210

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Desert Men's Banquet

**MAIL TO:**

80164 Malaga Ave.

Indio, CA 92201

# COACHELLA VALLEY HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS

# H&I

*If you have the desire to help the many men and women who still suffer, come and join us in sharing our experience, strength and hope*

# H&I

<u>PANEL</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>MEETING INFO</u>	<u>SOBRIETY REQUIRE</u>	<u>INFO/CITY</u>
<u>ABC Recovery Center</u>	Dolores	561 373-4245	Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm Co-Ed	2 years	Indio
<u>ABC Recovery Center</u>	Dolores	561 373-4245	Thursday 7:30-8:30 pm Co-Ed	2 years	Indio
<u>Bella Monte Recovery Center</u>	Brian B.	760 660-8986	1st & 3rd Saturday 7:00 pm 12 & 12 Step Study	1 year	Desert Hot Springs
<u>Betty Ford Center</u>	Ginny P.	760 322-3136	Monday 7:30-8:30 pm Co-Ed	1 year	Clearance needed
<u>Betty Ford Center</u>	Charlie B.	760 408-0275	Wed. 7:00-8:00 pm Co-Ed 12 & 12 Step Study	1 year	Clearance needed
<u>Chuckwalla Prison</u>	Louie C.	760 250-1547	2nd /4th Wed. 5 pm-9 pm Co-Ed	2 years	Blythe Clearance needed
<u>Desert Palms</u>	Skip	781-726-2536	Sundays 7 pm Co-Ed	1 year	Cathedral City (Behind Target)
<u>Hacienda Lunch Group</u>	Cari	928 254-9278	Alternate Mondays 12-1 pm Women's Panel	30 days	Desert Hot Springs
<u>Hacienda Women</u>	Sheri P.	760 413-7282	Saturday 7-8 pm Women's Panel	30 days	Please call Desert Hot Spr.
<u>Indio Juvenile Hall</u>	Tony C.	760 774-5287	Text or call your email address for the application	3 years	Men Only Clearance needed Indio
<u>Indio Men's Jail</u>	Tony C.	760 774-5287	Tuesday 7-8 pm Men Only	3 years	Clearance needed Indio
<u>Indio Women's Jail</u>	Kim H.	760 250-8181	2nd & Last Monday 6:45—7:45 pm Women Only	3 years	Clearance needed Indio
<u>Martha's Village</u>	Deanna	760 636-6348	Tuesday 7-8 pm Book Study Co-Ed	30 days	Indio
<u>Michael's House</u>	Jim R.	714 299-6836	4th Sunday 6 pm Men Only	30 days	Palm Springs
<u>Milestones Mental Health</u>	David K.	323 314-3266	Tuesday 7-8 pm Co-Ed	30 days	Indio
<u>Ranch Men's Recovery Ctr.</u>	Rob L.	203 858-5255	Saturdays 7:30-8:30 pm Men Only	30 days	Desert Hot Springs
<u>Ranch Men's Recovery Ctr.</u>	Dave H.	760 285-9591	Sundays 10:30-11:30 pm Men Only 12 & 12 Step Study	1 year	Desert Hot Springs
<u>29 Palms Marine Base</u>	Brian	760 660-8986	Saturday 6pm 1st & 3rd Saturday Co-Ed	1 year	29 Palms

**Chair: Tony C. (760) 774-5287**  
**Treasurer: Beth L. (760) 333 8280**  
**Literature: Deanna (760) 636-6348**

**Co-Chair: Sheri P. (760) 413-7282**  
**Secretary: David K. (323) 314-3266**

Updated 10/04/16

**MONTHLY MEETING: Second Wednesday, Fellowship Hall, 6:00—6:45 p.m.**



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

July 2016

	TOTAL	
	JUL 2016	JUL 2016 (YTD)
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert	33.50	33.50
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	90.00	90.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert	86.00	86.00
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City	86.00	86.00
Candle Light Meditation Group - FRI - PD	154.00	154.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert	57.00	57.00
Central Intergroup	37.00	37.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	40.00	40.00
Desert Rats - MCAGCC - 29 Palms	122.52	122.52
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City	91.20	91.20
Keep It Simple - THU - Cat City	84.00	84.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert	129.25	129.25
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City	53.60	53.60
No Rules - La Quinta	355.00	355.00
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City	82.80	82.80
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City	82.80	82.80
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	76.23	76.23
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert	15.23	15.23
Sunday 8am Serenity Group	63.50	63.50
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City	92.40	92.40
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS	958.32	958.32
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	126.20	126.20
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert	73.00	73.00
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-Bermuda Dunes	150.00	150.00
Women's Solutions-WED Palm Desert	59.05	59.05
Women's Sticks Meeting	27.00	27.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,325.60</b>	<b>\$3,325.60</b>

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

Second Annual  
**ENDLESS  
SUMMER**  
OCTOBER 8TH 2016

Co-hosted by:  
SWAOYPAA, SOCALYPAA, AOYPAA, NSDYPAA, SFVYPAA, & HACYPAA.

**\$30 pre sale**  
**\$35 at the door**  
**\$5 parking** Park hours: 11am-5pm  
**Wave Pool Speaker Meeting**  
(to follow closing of the park)

**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](http://www.DCYPAA.com)



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## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

August 2016

	TOTAL	
	AUG 2016	JUL - AUG, 2016 (YTD)
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	101.00	101.00
AA SUNCity- Palm Desert	500.00	500.00
ABC Group-SUN Palm Desert		33.50
Anonymous - no group given	45.97	45.97
Attitude Adj-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	125.00	215.00
Attitude Adj. THU Eve. - Rancho Mirage	39.00	39.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S PDCC, Palm Desert		86.00
Came to Believe-WED Cathedral City		86.00
Candle Light Meditation Group - FRI - PD		154.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE Palm Desert		57.00
Central Intergroup		37.00
Coachella Step Study - FRI	60.00	60.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	30.00	70.00
Desert Rats - MCAGCC - 29 Palms		122.52
Fellowship Hall	60.00	60.00
Half Measures-TUE Cathedral City		91.20
Hi-Desert Noon BB Study	50.00	50.00
How It Works-ALL Meetings Palm Springs	100.00	100.00
Just the Black Print Book Study-WED - RM	480.00	480.00
Keep It Simple - THU - Cat City		84.00
Ladies Nite Out-WED Palm Desert		129.25
Living Sober Group-ALL Joshua Tree	20.00	20.00
Meditation Meeting-THU Cathedral City		53.60
Men's Mauraders-MON Palm Desert	200.00	200.00
Men's Stag-TUE Palm Springs	60.00	60.00
New Freedom - TUE - Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
No Rules - La Quinta		355.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room	320.80	320.80
Primary Purpose -TUE Palm Desert		100.00
Santa Rosa Gp-MON Palm Desert	115.00	115.00
Saturday Disc. -SAT Palm Desert	31.32	31.32
Saturday's Survivors-SAT Cathedral City		82.80
Sober Out'a The Book-FRI Cathedral City		82.80
Sobriety Capitol of World-FRI Indio	64.55	140.78
Solutions in Sobriety-SAT Palm Desert		15.23
Sunday 8am Serenity Group		63.50
Sunday Morning-SUN Cathedral City		92.40
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group - ALL- PS		958.32
Sunrise Celebrators-M-S Palm Desert	51.07	177.27
Vets for Vets - TUE - Palm Desert		73.00
Wed NiteWomen's Discussion-Bermuda Dunes		150.00
Women's Solutions-WED Palm Desert		59.05
TOTAL		
	AUG 2016	JUL - AUG, 2016 (YTD)
Women's Sticks Meeting		27.00
TOTAL	\$2,553.71	\$5,879.31

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### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

July - August, 2016

	JUL 2016	AUG 2016	TOTAL
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Contributions - Conventions	630		\$630
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	3,298	3,366	\$6,664
Sales - Merchandise	6,078	7,155	\$13,232
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,006</b>	<b>\$10,521</b>	<b>\$20,526</b>
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>			
Cost of Merchandise Sold	4,290	6,418	\$10,709
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$4,290</b>	<b>\$6,418</b>	<b>\$10,709</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$5,715</b>	<b>\$4,103</b>	<b>\$9,818</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Accounting Services	440	440	\$880
Computer Software	241	452	\$692
Credit Card Fees	120	144	\$264
Insurance - Health	353	353	\$707
Insurance - Liability		561	\$561
Newsletter Expense	124	165	\$289
Office Expense	488	576	\$1,064
Payroll Expense	3,918	4,027	\$7,945
Rent	1,395	1,395	\$2,790
Storage	118	118	\$236
Utilities	434	496	\$931
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,631</b>	<b>\$8,728</b>	<b>\$16,358</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (1,915)</b>	<b>\$ (4,625)</b>	<b>\$ (6,540)</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE</b>			
Interest Income	2	2	\$5
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>NET OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$2</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (1,913)</b>	<b>\$ (4,623)</b>	<b>\$ (6,536)</b>