



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

DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.
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Palm Desert
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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
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authority well defined.

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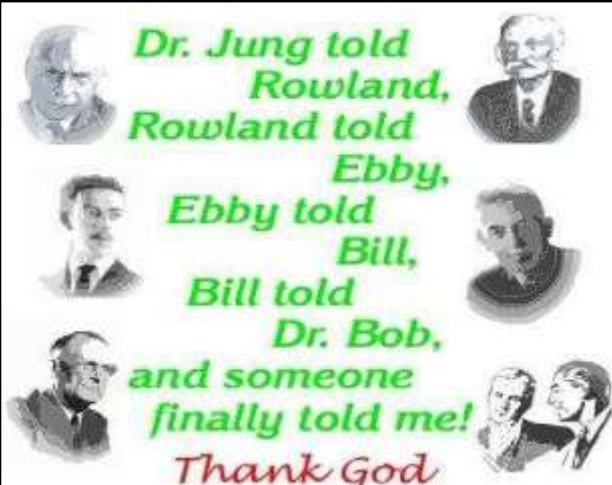
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Principle Ten

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

August Office Statistics

Meeting Info	53
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	20
Literature Sales	81
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	38
Business	15



Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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August 2017

John/John 2nd	4 yr.
Augie	7 yr.
Ron D.	18 yr.
Sue D.	20 yr.
Gary P.	23 yr.
Happy Mike	25 yr.



John H.	33 yr.
Jim B.	36 yr.
Luther W.	45 yr.
Carol D.	45 yr.
Ronnie N.	46 yr.



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

August Volunteers at Central Office

Thank You !!

Abe T.
Bob S.
Brad L.
David B.

Eileen C.
Gregg C.
Jan S.
Jan V.

Jay A.
Jim B.
John K.

Kristin V.
Kathie P.
Lauren A.
Lobo Mc G.

Thank You !!

Mary Anne C.
Maureen K.
Michael K.
Patti N.

Rich W.
Steve P.
Steve S.
Terry S.
Tracy M.
Vickie G.
Zebra Mark



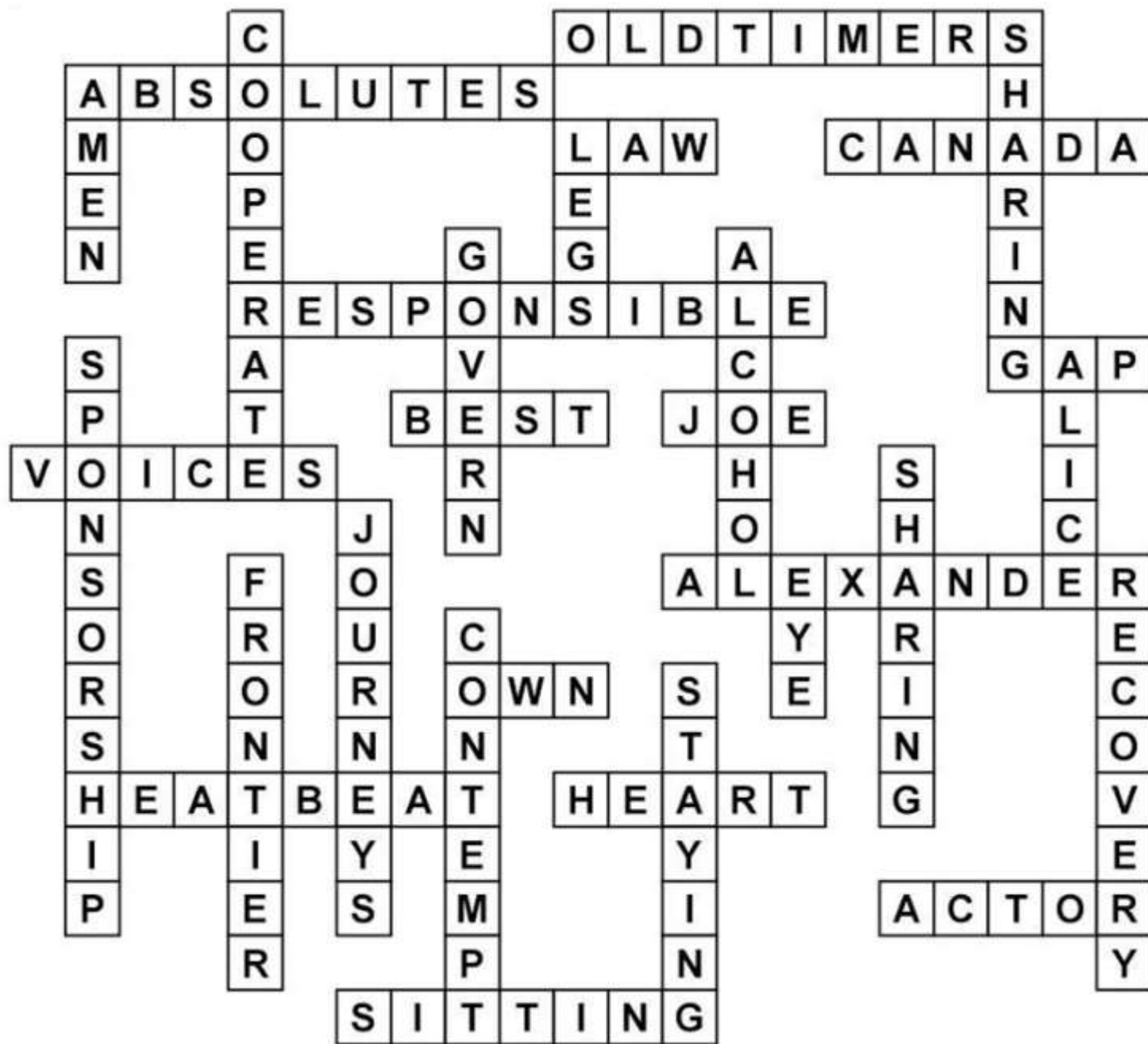
"Joining AA was an excellent move, Fenton. But let's not overdo the 'easy does it'!"

Faith

*When you have come to the edge
Of all the light you know,
And are about to step off into
The darkness of the unknown,
Faith is knowing
One of the following two things will happen:
There will be something solid to stand on
Or you will be taught how to fly.*



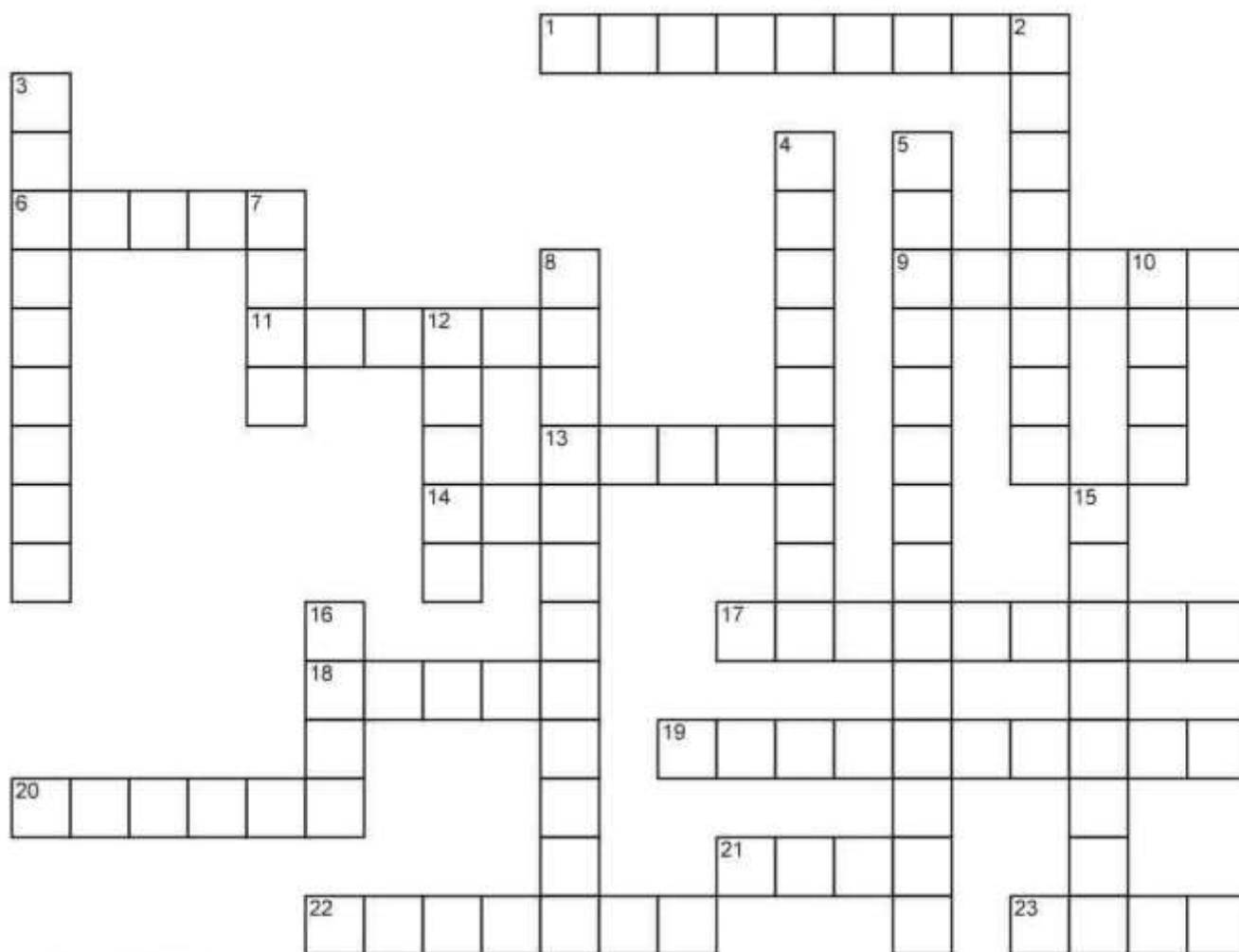
September Puzzle Solution



Heard in a meeting . . . A long-timer shared that she had prayed for something and God had answered her prayer. Someone in the meeting asked her how she knew it was God that answered her prayer and the long-timer replied, "Because I didn't ask anyone else!"

Heard from someone coming back from a slip: "Life got too good and it all started with - 'I think I'll skip the meeting tonight!' "

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

Tradition Ten

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

For those of us who are gate-crashers when it comes to politics, religion or any issue of MAJOR disagreement, I am so grateful Tradition Ten came into my life, along with all the other wonders of AA. It has served as a wonderful and much-needed element of control for my voice, my writings, my feelings about these matters altogether.

As a result of Tradition Ten, I have become a much calmer, more subdued member of the human race. It has saved me no end of problems. I recall my (drinking) days of much angst, fear, fury and dreadful mistakes with anguish. I see myself and the rest of my life as if the seas of life have finally calmed, and as a result, I am free to enjoy my life, my many loves (I've got a LOT of grandkids!), even issues about which I used to express loud (dis)agreement. We come to an attitude of peace and acceptance.

When AA began (thank you, Dr. Bob and Bill W.), early members "resolved to keep our Society out of public controversy. Thus was laid the cornerstone for Tradition Ten: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinions on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

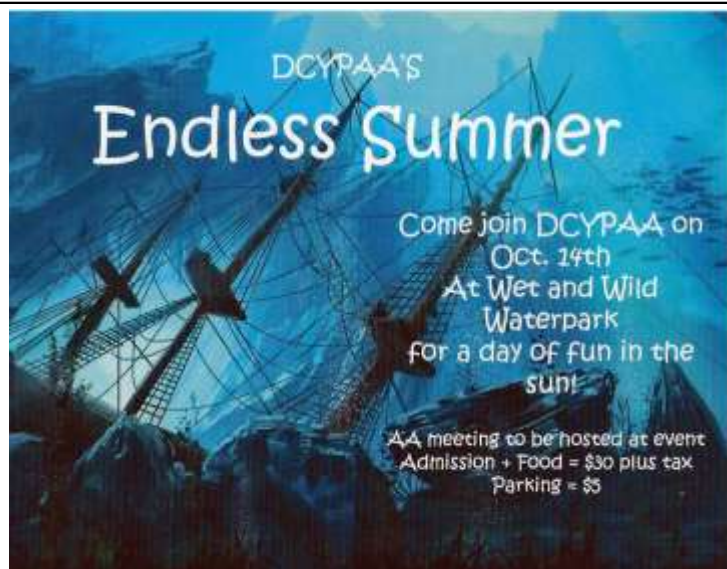
This is a salvaging factor for so many of us. I am grateful.

Connie Z
Attitude Adjustment, Thursday, Eisenhower Hospital

The Promises of Alcoholism

1. If we are casual with this phase of our development, we will be drunk before we are half-way through.
2. We are going to know a new imprisonment and a new misery.
3. We will relive the past and won't be able to shut the door on it.
4. We will comprehend the word CONFLICT and we will know PAIN.
5. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we'll sink even lower.
6. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will deepen.
7. We will gain interest in selfish things and lose interest in our fellows.
8. Self esteem will slip away.
9. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will SUCK.
10. Fear of people, and of economic insecurity will multiply.
11. We will intuitively know how to run from situations, which never used to bother us.
12. We will suddenly realize that God would never have done to us what we are doing to ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not! They are being fulfilled amongst us every day --sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will ALWAYS materialize if we continue to drink.



Wet 'n' Wild is located at

1500 S Gene Autry, Palm
Springs
CA 92264.

There is going to be a Speaker meeting during the event as well.

Admission + Meal Deal is \$30+ tax.



\$7.00

Book of the month

\$7.00

As Bill Sees It

Soft Cover

This collection of Bill's writings is a daily source of comfort and inspiration.

\$7.00

Normally \$8.60- this month \$7.00

\$7.00



My sponsor says the good thing about procrastination is that you always have something planned for tomorrow.

Don't 'look' for a sponsor --- 'listen' for one!

Action without prayer is self-reliance.
Prayer without action is begging.

"Searching" means that I review things that I don't normally look at, or that I take for granted are okay and "taken care of" or more particularly, are "not important."

"Fearless" means that I look at my fears and take them into account,
not that I don't have any fears. I usually ask my HP for help
at the beginning,
and any time I get stuck, to overcome my fears.

"Moral inventory" means that this is an inventory of my values and how my values correspond to my actions.

NEW MEETINGS & MEETING CHANGES

New Meetings:

Rancho Mirage, "Young at Heart Rancho Mirage Group" (Speaker, Participation, Young People...(& Young at Heart!) meets at the Sovereign Health Restaurant 69-640 Highway 111

Meeting Change of Location

Palm Desert, the meeting "Playing with a Full Deck" women's meeting has moved as of October 5th to Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Palm Springs, the 7:00 PM Friday night Cornfield Meeting that has been meeting at the Palm Springs Chamber is now meeting at the Demuth Community Center 3601 E. Mesquite Ave.

Palm Springs, the 7:00 PM Saturday night T.G.I.S. Speaker Meeting that has been meeting at the Palm Springs Chamber is now meeting at the Temple Isaiah Library 32 W. Alejo Rd.

Meeting no Longer in Existence

Palm Springs, The 2:00 PM Wednesday Meeting at Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Hall no longer meets

Palm Springs, The 5:30 PM Thursday Meeting that was at the LGBT Community Center 1301 N. Palm Canyon Dr. no longer meets

Sobriety Capital of the World Group Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

10/6	- Danny S.	San Fernando Valley, CA
10/13	- Brian A.	Studio City, CA
10/20	- Doug R.	Tujunga CA
10/27	- Jim H.	Chicago Ill.



Santa Rosa Messengers CV Christian Church, Coachella

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

10/7	- Lori G.	Palm Desert
10/14	- Pete C.	Palm Desert
10/21	- Perry C.	Palm Desert
10/28	- Joan A	Indio

Speaker Meetings

Thank God It's Saturday Speaker Meeting Temple Isiah 332 W. Alejo Rd. Palm Springs

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

10/7	- Michael C.
10/14	- Brien O.
10/21	- Scott T.
10/28	- David R.

Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

10/7	- Henry S.	Palm Desert
10/14	- Pam S.	Palm Desert
10/21	- Vickie L.	Palm Desert
10/28	- Ben H.	Palm Desert

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

Step Ten

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

For me this step when applied to my life daily is my Get out of Resentment Card. Keeps my side of the street clean between myself and others. For once I am aware of harm or bad behavior done, I am then responsible to make an amend. An Amend is making A MEND. I have to say I'm sorry today, but not like I used to which was meaningless. I must mend what I did as well. If it's a behavior issue, must change it. Hit someone's car, repair it. I have found that I have a "part" in any situation that happens in my life. If I look honestly and rigorously I always find it. If someone hurts me or upsets me I cannot shut them out. Must see my part and make my amends for it. I also find that it has opened doors of communication and friendships re-established. Silent scorn=resentments.

When I feel angry, jealous or in fear.... and my character defects come out of my box, I have learned in this Program of blessings and spirituality to be responsible and make amends which places them back in the box and my side of street is clean. My sponsor informed me of this box. I call it my behavior box. The 10th Step keeps whatever behavioral defects I have left in the box and people can like and love me that way. For me God's will is to treat others the way I want to be treated. AA, my Mom (May she rest in peace) and the fellowship have taught me this. Thank You!

David R

Primary Purpose Group, Palm Desert Country Club, Tues Night 7PM

Concept Ten

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

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.

As we have seen (Concept I) "final responsibility and ultimate authority" reside with the A.A. groups, and they *delegate* this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, *delegates* to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.'s affairs (Concept III) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating conditions – A.A. World Services, Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. – but it *delegates* to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities.

As Bill said, "It is perfectly clear that when *delegated authority is operating well, it should not be constantly interfered with.*" Otherwise, he warned, "those charged with operating responsibly will be demoralized." For example, the General Service Board owns the two operating corporations and its authority over them is absolute. "Nevertheless so long as things go well, it is highly important that the trustees do not unnecessarily interfere with or usurp the operating authority of these entities."

"To sum up: Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities."

Gay H

GSR liaison to Intergroup



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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

August 2017

Profit and Loss

Last month ▼

\$-3,929

NET INCOME FOR AUGUST

\$7,809

INCOME

\$11,738

EXPENSES

	TOTAL	
	AUG 2017	JUL - AUG, 2017 (YTD)
REVENUE		
Contributions - Conventions		340
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	2,224	6,240
Interest Income	25	26
Sales	5,560	11,705
Total Revenue	\$7,809	\$18,312
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Cost of Goods Sold	3,022	7,468
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$3,022	\$7,468
GROSS PROFIT	\$4,788	\$10,844
EXPENDITURES		
Accounting Services	500	1,000
Computer Expense	416	967
Credit Card Fees	155	331
Education & Training	224	224
Insurance - Health	363	718
Insurance - Liability	276	553
Newsletter Expense	136	249
Office Expense	667	1,448
Payroll Expenses	4,165	8,330
Rent	1,431	2,862
State Filing Fee		20
Storage	134	259
Utilities	251	698
Total Expenditures	\$8,716	\$17,659
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (3,929)	\$ (6,815)
NET REVENUE	\$ (3,929)	\$ (6,815)



Central Intergroup of the Desert

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: CIO BUDGET FYE 2018-06-30 - FY18 P&L

August 2017

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
REVENUE			
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	2,224	3,678	(1,454)
Interest Income	25	2	23
Sales	5,560	7,350	(1,790)
Storage Rental		50	(50)
Total Revenue	\$7,809	\$11,080	\$ (3,271)
COST OF GOODS SOLD			
Cost of Goods Sold	3,022	6,400	(3,378)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$3,022	\$6,400	\$ (3,378)
GROSS PROFIT	\$4,788	\$4,680	\$108
EXPENDITURES			
Accounting Services	500	500	0
Computer Expense	416	350	66
Credit Card Fees	155	140	15
Education & Training	224	0	224
Insurance - Health	363	360	3
Insurance - Liability	276	300	(24)
Newsletter Expense	136	160	(24)
Office Expense	667	600	67
Payroll Expenses	4,165	4,200	(35)
Rent	1,431	1,430	1
Storage	134	125	9
Utilities	251	500	(249)
Total Expenditures	\$8,716	\$8,665	\$51
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (3,929)	\$ (3,985)	\$56
NET REVENUE	\$ (3,929)	\$ (3,985)	\$56

COACHELLA VALLEY HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL PANEL OVERVIEW

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH (second Wednesday of each month)
6:00 - 7:00 PM

WHERE: FELLOWSHIP HALL
PALM DESERT

Come and learn about all the different panels H & I brings to facilities throughout the Coachella Valley. See how YOU can become involved to "stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."



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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS

August 2017

	TOTAL	
	AUG 2017	JUL - AUG, 2017 (YTD)
12 and 12 Men's Stag F.H. Monday	125.00	125.00
559 Meeting Hall		50.00
AA Step Study - Fri Coachella	68.00	68.00
Anonymous No Group Given	25.00	79.41
Attitude Adjustment 7 am Fellowship Hall Palm Dese	111.00	214.00
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs	74.51	74.51
Birthday Contributions	45.00	164.00
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		50.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	40.00	83.00
Double Winners AA Meeting		50.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag Palm Desert		125.00
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage	580.25	580.25
Keep It Simple Group Palm Desert		815.29
Ladies Nite Out Palm Desert		53.05
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree	20.00	20.00
Living Sober-WED women		63.39
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert	200.00	200.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		123.00
Oxy-Moron Group Palm Springs		150.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Attitude Adjustment-MON		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Keep It Simple - THU		82.40
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Meditation Meeting-THU		81.60
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Sane Saturday		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Saturday Morning		106.80
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Serenity Sunday		88.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Speaker Q & A-TUE		86.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Spiritual Awakening		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City What's Good About Today?		80.00
Rule 62 THU Noon		91.50
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		312.00
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella		162.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	120.00	120.00
Sobriety Capitol of World Indio	85.05	178.10
Step Sisters Palm Desert	217.24	292.57
Sunday 8am Serenity Group	110.50	177.75
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group	333.90	675.93
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	38.76	82.00
Twilight Step Study Palm Desert		150.00
Wed NiteWomen's Discussio Bermunda Dunes		115.63
Yucca Valley Thursday Noon Brown Bagge	30.00	30.00
TOTAL	\$2,224.21	\$6,240.18