

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
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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

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)

PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446
Web site: www.msca09aa.org

General Service Office, PO Box 459,
Grand Central Station NY 10163
Web site: www.aa.org

DCYPAA

Every Sunday 6:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.
Palm Desert
Email: webmaster@dcypaa.com

General Service, District 30
4th Sunday of the month, 2:15PM
Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall
6430 Park Blvd.
Joshua Tree, CA 92252
Mailing Address: P O Box 1692
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1962

Step

Were entirely ready to have God
remove all these defects of character.

Tradition

An A.A. group ought never endorse,
finance, or lend the A.A. name
to any related facility or outside
enterprise, lest problems of money,
property, and prestige divert us
from our primary purpose.

Concept

The Conference recognizes that
the chief initiative and active
responsibility in most world service
matters should be exercised by the
trustee members of the Conference
acting as the General Service Board.

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Principle Six

Willingness - disposed or consenting; inclined;
cheerfully consenting or ready

April Office Statistics

Meeting Info	120
12 Step Calls	1
Visitors	38
Literature Sales	87
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	0
Miscellaneous	14
Business	9

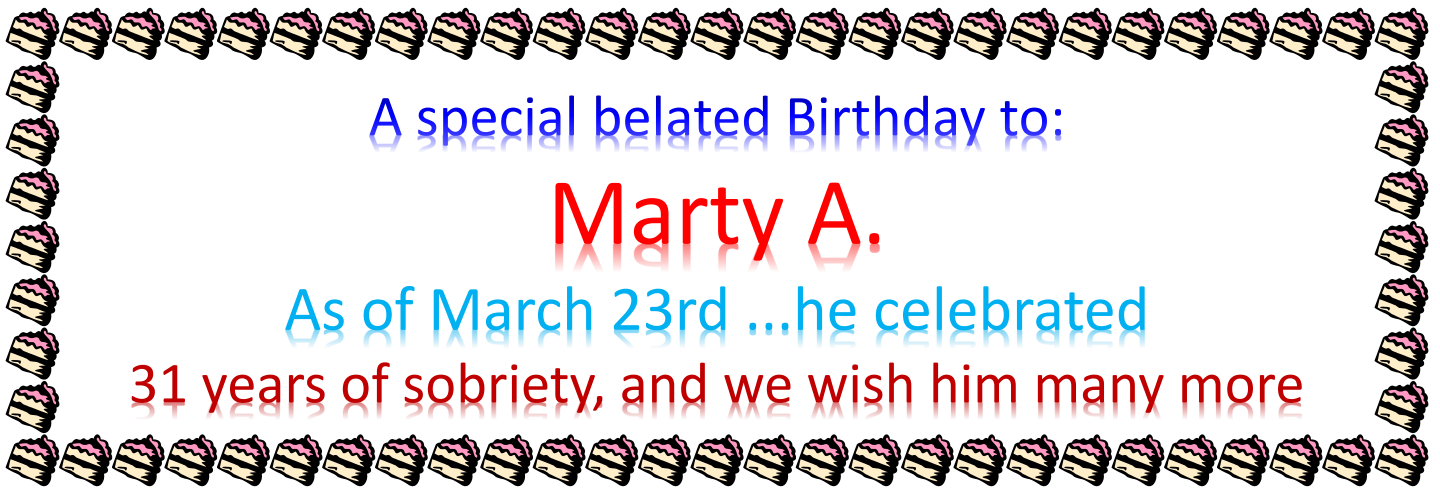
Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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A special belated Birthday to:

Marty A.

As of March 23rd ...he celebrated

31 years of sobriety, and we wish him many more

A Message from the Manager

If you haven't visited our Homepage ainthedesert.org lately, you will find a list of Zoom Meetings hosted by local AA members that relate to regular meetings from our directory. They are listed by the day, unless they meet daily, and are named relevant to their directory listing in order for you to find the attendees you have missed over the last few months of this transition. As Riverside County begins to open up businesses again, please keep us informed when any of your regular meetings are once again meeting face-to-face. As of this publication, we have no assurance of when local meetings, whether in Churches or Meeting Halls will resume congregating, but will publish new information on our website and in the Desert Lifeline as it comes in.

We have been very grateful for the support and acknowledgements from the local Fellowship during this difficult time. The individual contributions via PayPal and Venmo, as well as the mail-in checks and dropped off contributions have kept us alive and above the need to deplete the prudent reserve so far. Keeping the doors open has been an important service for those courageous enough to come in for books, chips and contributions. We are here to support the many needs of our AA members in the best ways possible and will continue in any way we can. The new office, suite 107, at the south end of the same complex will be here for many years.

As noted last month, the office hours were reduced to 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM through the month of May, and now, with volunteers feeling comfortable enough, our June schedule is resuming into the evening, as before, the hours are from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM again to serve the local customers needing books and supplies and as always, the Teleservice Volunteers will continue to be answering the phones when the office is closed.

April Volunteers at Central Office

Alyssa C.
Amelia F.

Thank You !!

Bill T.

David B.
Emil M.

Gary H.
Greg C.

Thank You !!

Marli F.
Nikki C.
Richard M.

Russell J.
Steven St. L.
Tracy M.
Vincent B.

Not the poem you may think it is

One night I had a wondrous dream,
One set of footprints there was seen,
The footprints of my precious God,
But mine were not along the shore.

But then some stranger prints appeared,
And I asked God, "What have we here?
Those prints are large, and round, and neat,
But Lord, they are too big for feet."

"My child," He said in somber tones,
"For miles I carried you along.
I challenged you to walk in faith,
But you refused and made me wait."

"You disobeyed, you would not grow.
The walk of faith, you would not know.
So I got tired. I got fed up.
And there I dropped you on your butt."

I've found in life, there comes a time,
When one must fight, and one must climb,
When one must rise and take a stand.
Or leave their butt prints in the sand.

What does Central Office Do for Me???

1. We carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic via telephone calls and 12-step work.
2. Insure a steady supply of literature for our groups at an attractive price.
3. Provide a telephone contact service for AA meeting information and other information such as recovery places, other 12-step contact information, other Central Office numbers, etc.
4. Publish a monthly newsletter by and for our local fellowship with local events and articles by local AA members on the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.
5. Assist in forming new groups or help existing groups in carrying out our purpose.
6. Help in any way to carry out the sole purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.
7. Attempt to unify our efforts to achieve this purpose.

Step Six

*Were entirely ready to have God remove
all these defects of character.*

In looking back to the inventory and considering the scope of my defects, even though I totally accepted that my Higher Power was in fact God, it seemed highly unlikely that even He could totally remove my character defects. It is the search for perfection that grants us the power to redo our lives on a continuing basis. For many, it is the "search" that quiets the past fears and gives us the serenity to turn our will and our lives over to a Higher Power that is now and always has been at our side, even when the drinking drove us to what seemed like a loss of all hope. The removal of only one small defect, and you will be amazed at how much they weigh, will be replaced by the three most powerful forces in the universe-joy, love and peace. And they weigh even less than a small feather. Welcome to the start of a marvelous new life. The Steps are a continuation of an ever evolving life, one that sees us making strides forward, but be always aware that as humans we can stumble. This in no way affects our progress. One of the many values of Step Six is in the knowledge and certainty that it can, as all Steps, be used over and over again-each time knowing that it will work. Some defects can and do sneak back in, usually in the guise of something "new". Personally I have to remind myself that I rode that horse before and trying again won't improve the ride. The defects will be removed. No matter how many times each of the Steps are used, they will not wear out, this Step in particular. There is a Power that guides our progress, one that is eternal and forever. May you find him now and all the days of your life..

Stewart H.
Friday Night Back to Basics, Rancho Mirage

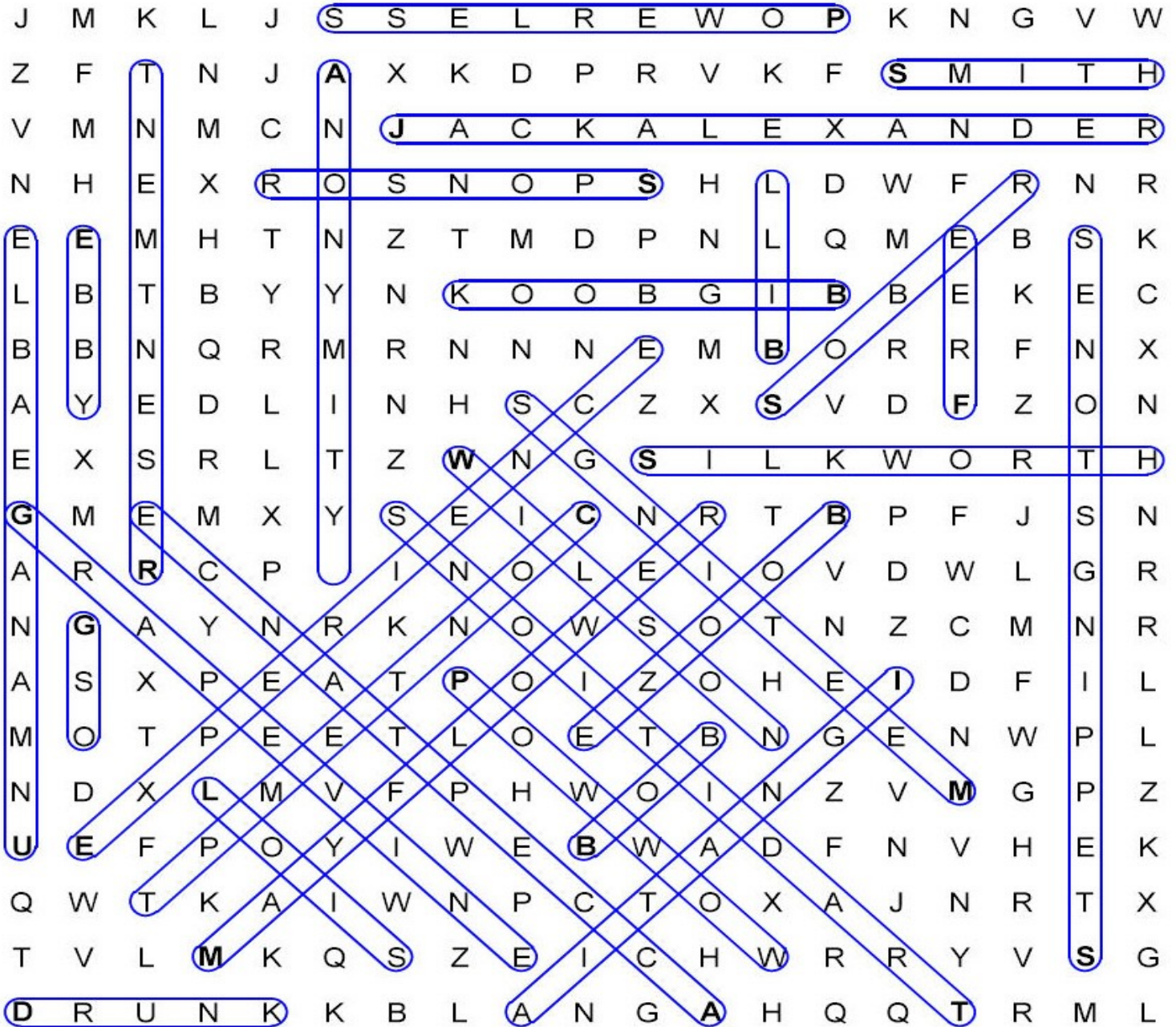
When I got to A.A., it wasn't whether or not I believed in God that caused me problems with the steps—it was what I believed ABOUT God.

Some of my greatest disappointments have come from getting
that which I insisted on having!

I will never be able to repay the great debt that I owe to Alcoholics Anonymous. I do hope, however, that God will allow me the privilege of attempting to pay in installments.

My experience has been that I can be in charge without having to be in control.

May Puzzle Solution



Tradition Six

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

In the time I have been around the program I have witnessed how well this tradition works in our fellowship due to the dedication of members who have many more years of sobriety than I do. When I hear discussions concerning questions of whether a situation falls in line with Tradition Six or not, there are often many opinions. Despite the diversity of ideas, I am always amazed and impressed by the commitment these fellow members have to keeping our primary purpose a priority. While it is important to be cautious when it comes to outside issues, it is also vital to be open minded and go to reliable sources to investigate whether some issue is truly a violation of this tradition before making a judgment. Fortunately, we have people with considerable knowledge of A.A. history and how our founders discovered through experience how to handle divisions and learned to keep our fellowship from giving into their enthusiasm for recovery by overreaching. The 12 X 12 uses words like cooperation to describe what our attitude should be towards others outside the program. Since we are working for the primary purpose of helping alcoholics find the help that we have been blessed to enjoy, an attitude of cooperation and tolerance is in line with this precious tradition.

Katrina B.
Solutions In Sobriety, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

The Twelve Steps in Plain English

1. Alcohol will kill me.
2. There's a Power that wants me to live.
3. Do I want to live or die? (if you want to die, stop here).
4. Write about how I got where I am.
5. Tell another person all about me (let god listen).
6. Want to change.
7. Ask a Power greater than me to help me change.
8. Write down whom I've hurt.
9. Fix what I can without hurting anyone else.
10. Accept that I'm human and will screw up. Fix it immediately.
11. Ask a Power greater than me to show me how to live.
12. Keep doing 1 through 11 and pass it on.

Concept 6

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognized that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Trustees of Alcoholics Anonymous are comprised of 21 men and women. Of those, 14 are members of Alcoholics Anonymous and seven are nonalcoholics. They are elected for their experiences in business and other professional needs in order to ensure that the mission of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried out throughout our service corporations noted below. Since the inception of the General Service Board (of which the Trustees act as individual members not as a group) the only changes have been how the Trustees are comprised, yet their duties have remained the same.

The Trustee members of the conference are held mainly responsible for all service activities including but not limited to The A.A. Grapevine, Inc and A. A. World Services Inc. They, of course, operate under the scrutiny and occasional direction of the Conference. However, our charters have been designed to give them a great deal of authority and responsibility in the absence of the Conference.

Much like the Steering Committee of an Alano Club is responsible for the upkeep of the building and paying of the bills, the Trustees have certain authority over various forms of service from Public Information to Literature to Finance & Budgeting.

As per the Conference Charter, they are given much freedom within all service activities. This is due to the rather large number of transactions involved in our world service operation. With the operation of the service corporations being such a large undertaking, it stands to reason that we would grant the Trustees a large amount of authority, as none but the Trustees could make such decisions to ensure that the message and growth of A.A. is not only sustained but increased.

As stated in the A.A. Service Manual, "From top to bottom, our whole service structure indeed resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders; the Delegates are their representatives or proxies at the 'annual meeting'; our General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a 'holding company.' And this holding company, the General Service Board, actually owns and controls the 'subsidiaries' which carry on our active world services.

This very real analogy makes it even more clear that, just like any other board of directors, our Trustees must be given large powers if they are to effectively manage the principal world affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Reese N.
Speak Easy Group



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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

April 2020

PROFIT AND LOSS

\$3,718

Net income for April

\$13,427

Income

\$9,709

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	APR 2020	JUL 2019 - APR 2020 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Conventions	3,500	10,000
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	6,821	57,992
Gratitude Dinner	168	3,223
Interest Income	1	83
Sales	2,937	64,922
Total Revenue	\$13,427	\$136,219
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	2,156	43,382
POS Inventory Adjustment	(436)	(1,639)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$1,720	\$41,742
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,706	\$94,477
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	500	5,000
Computer Expense	531	4,194
Credit Card Fees	130	1,054
Education & Training		1,156
Insurance - Health	406	3,957
Insurance - Liability	287	2,343
Insurance - Worker's Comp	(137)	911
Newsletter Expense	111	1,373
Office Expense	1,022	7,527
Outreach		114
Payroll Expenses	3,981	41,913
Plant Expenditures	592	592
Reimbursement - Mileage		318
Rent		13,689
State Filing Fees		60
Storage	178	1,708
Utilities	388	4,441
Total Expenditures	\$7,989	\$90,350
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$3,718	\$4,127
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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: FY 2019-2020 - FY20 P&L

July 2019 - April 2020

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	10,000	9,940	60
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	57,992	53,237	4,755
Gratitude Dinner	3,223	9,001	(5,778)
Interest Income	83	82	1
Sales	64,922	67,836	(2,914)
Total Revenue	\$136,219	\$140,096	\$ (3,877)
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	43,382	45,066	(1,684)
POS Inventory Adjustment	(1,639)		(1,639)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$41,742	\$45,066	\$ (3,324)
GROSS PROFIT	\$94,477	\$95,030	\$ (553)
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	5,000	5,000	0
Computer Expense	4,194	4,418	(224)
Credit Card Fees	1,054	1,136	(82)
Education & Training	1,156	1,118	38
Insurance - Health	3,957	3,980	(23)
Insurance - Liability	2,343	2,205	138
Insurance - Worker's Comp	911	952	(41)
Newsletter Expense	1,373	2,000	(627)
Office Expense	7,527	6,500	1,027
Outreach	114	300	(186)
Payroll Expenses	41,913	43,750	(1,837)
Plant Expenditures	592	1,000	(408)
Reimbursement - Mileage	318	1,000	(682)
Rent	13,689	15,210	(1,521)
State Filing Fees	60	60	0
Storage	1,708	1,600	108
Utilities	4,441	4,200	241
Total Expenditures	\$90,350	\$94,429	\$ (4,079)
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$4,127	\$601	\$3,526
NET REVENUE	\$4,127	\$601	\$3,526

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CONTRIBUTIONS - GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

April 2020

	TOTAL	
	APR 2020	JUL 2019 - APR 2020 (YTD)
10th Step Group Palm Desert		542.25
12 & 12 La Quinta		178.79
12 and 12 Men's Stag R.M.. Monday		725.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	241.49	703.52
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		772.68
559 Meeting Hall	25.00	250.00
6AM Pierson - K I S F Desert Hot Springs		150.00
7-11 Meditation Sunday P.S.		155.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	440.00	440.00
AA Center For Change		21.71
Alkies Only Bermuda Dunes		115.00
An AA Big Book Group - Sunday - Desert Hot Springs		100.00
Anonymous No Group Given	4,081.03	8,338.37
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fel. Hall P.D.		325.41
As Bill Sees It Desert Hot Springs		50.00
Attitude Adjustment Rancho Mirage		286.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		1,408.50
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		3,150.00
Attitude Adjustment-MON		200.00
Big Book Quotes		80.00
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs		502.58
Birthday Contributions	267.00	1,025.60
Black Sheep Group	130.00	1,446.00
Book Study-FRI Cathedral City		280.00
Candle Light Meditation-F Palm Desert		420.00
Cathedral City 12 &12 Book Study-TUE	54.25	54.25
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		479.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City		325.50
Central Office Fundraising Event Gratitude Dinner	20.00	20.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	51.49	1,143.71
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert		270.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		100.21
Double Winners AA Meeting	60.25	117.00
Female Friends Yucca Valley		60.00
Fresh Start Group		50.00
Fri Nite Hi-Desert Group		150.00
Great Events Yucca Valley	200.00	248.00
Groovy Group Palm Desert	186.00	407.50
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		240.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		220.20
Hi Desert Speakers Group		151.00
How Is Your Now La Quinta		45.34
Jaywalkers Men's Stag Palm Desert		417.00

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April 2020

	TOTAL	
	APR 2020	JUL 2019 - APR 2020 (YTD)
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		689.58
Keep It Simple Group Palm Desert		1,154.93
Ladies Nite Out Palm Desert		321.19
Living In The Solution Yucca Valley		30.00
Living Sober Book Study Palm Desert		167.00
Living Sober Palm Springs		1,032.25
Living Sober Rancho Mirage		352.00
MCAGCC Twentynine Palms		25.00
Meditation Meeting 1000 Palms		125.00
Meet & Potatoes 12 & 12		120.00
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert		840.00
Monday Daily Reflections 29 Palms		30.00
Morongo Valley Paradise Group		100.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		200.00
No Rules La Quinta		711.62
Ole Time Sunday AA Meetin Jill's Garage Sun City (deleted-1)		183.60
One Day At a Time Palm Desert		147.50
Over 50 12&12 Step Study	164.51	399.68
Oxy-Moron Group Palm Springs		50.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	138.00	2,196.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		202.95
Participation - THU - Twentynine Palms		10.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Bare Bones		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Came to Believe		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Free Spirit		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Half Measures		240.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Into Action		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Keep It Simple - THU		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Meditation Meeting-THU		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Noon Discussion - FRI		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Q.& A. Sunday		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Sane Saturday		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Saturday's Survivors		320.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Serenity Sunday		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Sober Out'a The Book		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Speaker Q & A-TUE		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Spiritual Awakening		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Step Study-WED		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Sunday Morning		80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Unorthodox Meeting		200.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City We Agnostics-SUN		200.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City What's Good About Today?		80.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room/One Day at a Time Mon		80.00

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	APR 2020	JUL 2019 - APR 2020 (YTD)
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		164.00
Primary Purpose Bermuda Dunes		75.00
Primary Purpose Blythe		250.00
Q. & A. Meeting-SAT- Perez Plaza Cathedral Cit		80.00
Rebel Group - SUN - Palm Desert		247.51
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes	206.52	439.53
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms		30.00
Rule 62 THU Noon		158.30
Rush Hour Group		200.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		525.53
Santa Rosa Group Palm Desert		167.00
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella	50.00	304.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		480.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag	100.00	250.00
Sobriety Capitol of World Indio		277.75
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		100.00
SOLCALYPAA3 N/A	93.00	93.00
Solid Solutions- TUE		76.00
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		434.06
Spirituality in Recovery		336.77
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		620.00
Step Sisters Palm Desert	30.00	980.57
Stepping Stones Palm Desert		402.75
Study for Sanity Palm Desert	63.00	142.50
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		435.80
Sunday Serenity Group		701.95
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group		8,405.34
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	54.83	994.45
Sunset Group Joshua Tree	150.00	150.00
TGIF Group Yucca Valley		48.00
The First 164 Pages		730.77
The Original Men's Stag		213.00
There Is Hope Desert Hot Springs		50.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.		800.00
Twilight Step Study Palm Desert	15.01	15.01
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		170.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms		166.02
Wednesday Night Serenity Joshua Tree		30.00
Winners Meeting Palm Springs		150.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		88.00
Women of Palm Springs		300.00
Women's Q & A Palm Desert		105.50
Yucca Valley Thursday Noon Brown Bagge		30.00
	APR 2020	JUL 2019 - APR 2020 (YTD)
TOTAL	\$6,821.38	\$57,991.53



Vets 4 Vets

A.A. Meeting



STARTING JUNE 10TH
Every Wednesday
Morning 7:30 AM

Central Office
35325 Date Palm Dr. Ste 107
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NOTE: WHEN CENTER OPENS AGAIN, MEETING WILL RESUME AT:
Veterans Center
41990 Building F Suite 1004 Palm Desert, CA 92211

All Vets Welcome

2020
On Awakening
Desert Women's Banquet

It is with much sadness that the Desert Women's Banquet has officially been cancelled for 2020 due to the global spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

While we are deeply disappointed about this cancellation, please be assured that the health and safety of our Fellowship is always our highest priority.

We will be issuing refunds for registrations made for the 2020 Desert Women's Banquet as follows:

- Those who registered by mail through a table head will be receiving a refund in the form of a check which will be mailed to the address provided at registration to the table head.
- Single payment Individuals who registered by mail will be receiving a check mailed to the address provided at registration.
- Those who chose to register online through a table head will get a credit back to the card charged.
- Single payment Individuals who registered online will get a credit back to the card charged.

Since the Banquet was 2 weeks away when we postponed it, there were charges that were incurred that could not be recouped.

We will be issuing a refund in the amount of \$45 per person. We are hoping to have this completed within 30 days. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

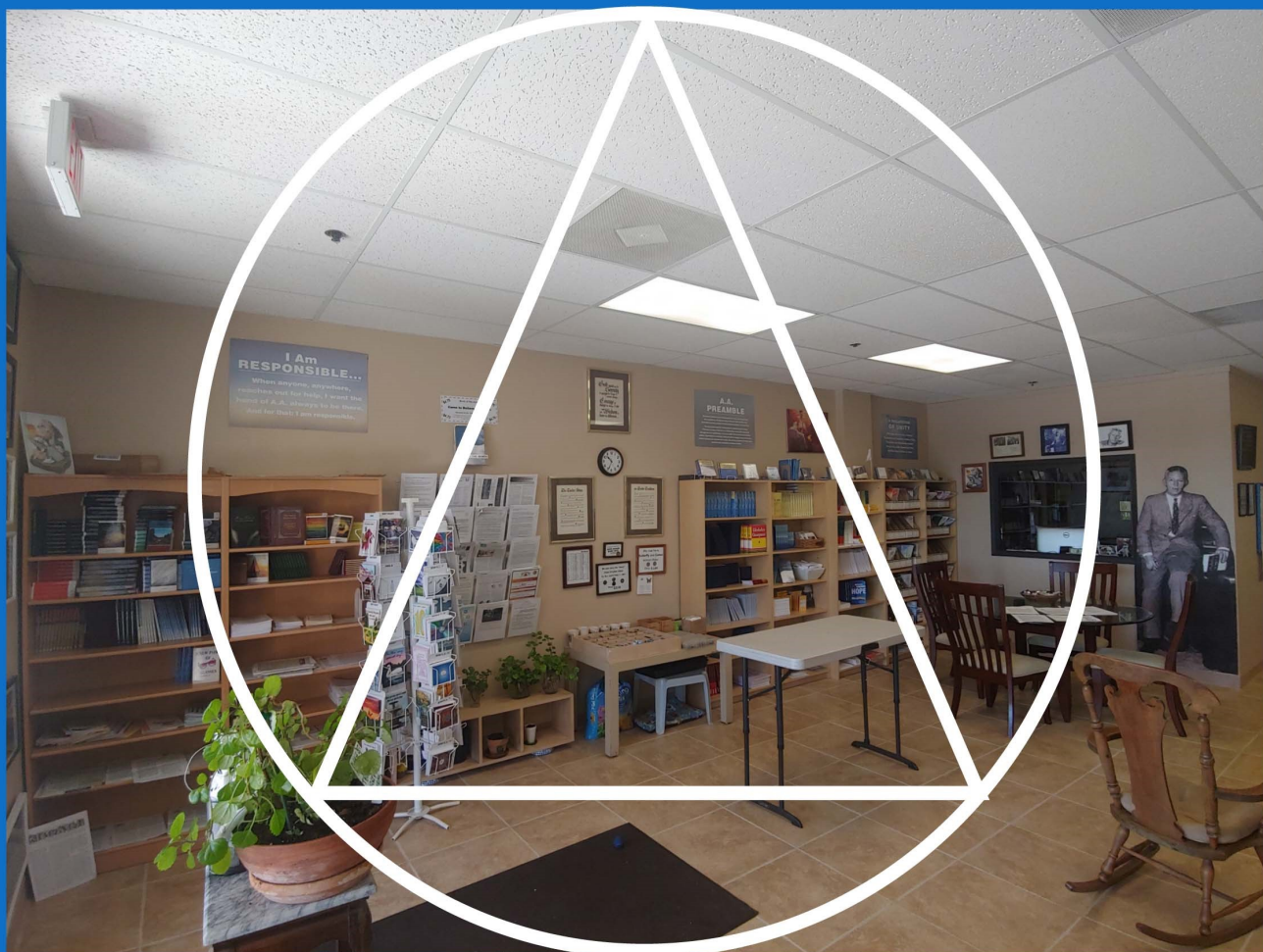
We look forward to seeing you next year.
In Love and Service,

Desert Women's Banquet Committee

If you have not received your credit within 30 days, please contact Kim Herman 760-413-1231

Inside Intergroup

What your Central Office can do for you and your group!



Presented by the Outreach Committee

Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 7 PM

Meeting ID: 864 9841 4390 Password: Service