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DCYPAA

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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 92286-1692

Step

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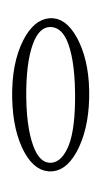
Tradition

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Concept

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Principle TWO

Hope - The feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best; to believe, desire, or trust.

Desert Lifeline, January 2021

December Office Statistics

Meeting Info	83
12 Step Calls	0
Visitors	60
Literature Sales	146
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	0
Miscellaneous	46
Court Card Zoomers	32
Business	16

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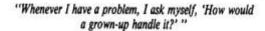
Emil M.

Thank You !!

Gary H. Greg C. Jim B. Kate E.

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"I'm a problem drinker. Every time I have a problem, I drink."

Step Two

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

In order for us to recover we have to believe in a power greater than ourselves. The step reads "we came to believe", we are not forced to believe, or told to believe. We come to believe. God makes it real easy for us. All we have to do is be willing to believe in something other than ourselves and he will do the rest.

I also like that this step makes it clear. The only one who can restore and manage our lives is God. We are not going to heal through a new job, a new relationship, or through friends and family. Maybe for some of us we have lost them due to our drinking. If we come to believe we have a new source in which we can take comfort and turn to. Which will always be there for us and will walk us through our life's journey.

Tim S Desert Men's Big Book Study, St. Margaret's, Palm Desert

The Evolution of the Alcoholic

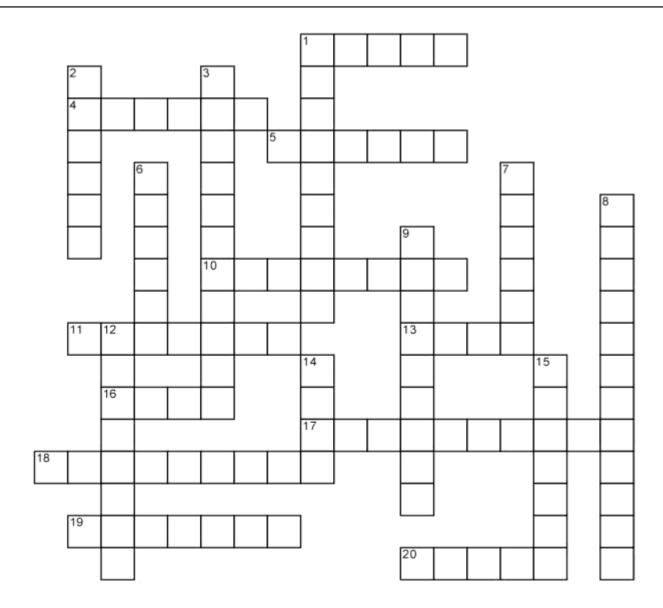
The Jigsaw Process By Rick R.

There's no way of knowing how the life of a new born child is going to turn out, and if there was, we could simply make the adjustments to its environment, education, and other similar needs as it evolved into adulthood. Providing a safe, loving, and nurturing home life is a good start but even that is no guarantee of success. In the formative years we develop instinctive drives to protect ourselves from perceived dangers, and how we control these instincts usually is the measure of how well balanced we turn out emotionally. So much of the A.A. program involves the understanding of these instinctive drives and our willingness and our ability to come to terms with these natural impulses when they far exceed their natural purpose.

Each year during the winter months my wife puts out a jigsaw puzzle and as the days go by, we find times we sit around the table and chat and spend time together. As we dump the puzzle out of the box, we first turn all the pieces right side up and spread them out. As we do this, we find some pieces with straight edges that form the perimeter, and they are easy to figure out. The easiest pieces to figure out are the four corners and that is where we start. These pieces form the framework of the puzzle. Next, we find pieces that have numbers on them or other common characteristics such as colors or patterns that make it easy to fit them together. Others have different shades that can be compared to each other and reveal the general location of where it will fit in and soon everything starts to develop. When we get to the blue sky part of the picture, things slow down a bit and these pieces are less obvious. But the puzzle isn't finished until all of the pieces are in place and that may be the day we shuffle off this mortal coil.

To me, all of this is like the way the pieces of Alcoholics Anonymous are pictured in my mind. The *desires to stop drinking* and to *come to meetings* are like the cornerstones that start the whole process moving. Next, *getting a sponsor, beginning to take the steps, getting into service, and helping others* and so on, are some of the *framework pieces* that are obvious to most of us. Next, we start to recognize some of the more obvious defects of character that need to be addressed and they are numerous if we are strong enough to admit it. If we are not, the picture will never be complete. As we continue to clear up these issues (wreckage of the past) and put them behind us, it would be easy to rest on our laurels and be satisfied with half measures. If, however, we are diligent about continuing this process of examining our motives for everything we do, until it becomes second nature, our life will become a rewarding adventure and all of those negative emotions are replaced daily with feelings of wellbeing. This is the "blue skies" portion of the puzzle as I see it, and the part that many of us often miss, simply because of indifference and we may miss out on the freedom and peace of mind we seek.

If you are one those that finds yourself in that malaise, let me encourage you to consider revisiting those items that you skipped over and let your conscience, rather than your EGO, win this battle. It may be the best decision you have made since you made the decision to come to AA. Those misguided instincts that fueled those faulty behaviors have had their way far too long. Let's get those pieces of the puzzle into place and see where it takes us. I guarantee that you won't regret it.



ACROSS

- 1 In what city did Bill meet Bob?
- 4 Bill was offered a job at his lab
- 5 Group prior to AA
- 10 The Sermon on the Mount (2 words)
- 11 Physician, Heal _____
- 13 Bill's sponsor
- 16 Alcoholics are like men who have lost these
- 17 spiritual
- 18 First woman member (2 words)
- 19 Freedom From
- 20 Russian potato juice

DOWN

- 1 Saturday Evening Post
- 2 Crossing the River of _____
- 3 principle behind step 9
- 6 How often we've seen them fail
- 7 soundness of mind
- 8 our life when we got to AA
- 9 Step one
- 12 Dr. Bob's middle name
- 14 The 3rd Step prayer doesn't have it but the 7th Step prayer does
- 15 Little Angel of A.A.

December 2020

Lesa A. 14 yr.



Lauren A. 34 yr. 43 yr. Paulette Q.









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

A special Memory of Love and Service

Stuart H

Passed away 99999999999999999999

Sponsee: "I've never done anything in moderation."

Sponsor: "Except maybe the steps."

When I stop to think about how challenging it is for me to change something about myself, I can get an entirely different perspective on how difficult it would be for me to change someone else (but somehow, that doesn't stop me from trying --- another thing I'm trying to change! ;-)

I have guit hitting the snooze button on my alarm. Why would I want my first decision of the day to be putting something off???

The seven deadly sins are like having seven flaming garbage cans and six lids . . . something is always going!

January Puzzle Solution





OVERCOMING FEAR OF THE FUTURE

(How Step Two can restore sanity through faith in action)

This new year brings hope that last year's dismal conditions will somehow evaporate; that the world will now become, happy joyous and free—probably not!

The stage may be set for deep apprehension or even that great sobriety nemesis: FEAR! At the onset of this new year, I may well look ahead and make decisions (resolutions!) with prayer, good common sense, plus the use of my sponsor. However, irrational fear—that great friend of mental-obsession—will doubtless continue its attack mode. What to do?

Page 68 of the Big Book offers suggestions. To paraphrase: First, to realize that I cannot be rid of the powerful fear-devil with my good-keen-intellectual-mind, nor with willpower! Self cannot rid self of self with self—consequently I need help from a power greater than me. But how? The Big Book advises: "We ask Him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what He would have us be." (p. 68)



But how can I be as God would have me? How can I be different tomorrow than I am today? The answer is to live in the spirit of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve. "Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us" (p. 84).

Bob S, Richmond, IN

PS—The two "Ghosts" are from the fear-movie: "The Shining."

Another Memory of Love and Service

D.C. Lepley

Passed away January 26th With 25 years of sobriety

D.C. will be remembered as an active member of our Fellowship in many ways throughout his Sobriety. He attended countless business meetings of various meetings throughout the desert, chaired H&I Panels at Indio Jail for many years, chaired various Board positions at this Central Office, and served as Central Office Manager from 2003-05. His forthright leadership supporting the fundamentals of Alcoholics Anonymous has been passed to countless members honored with his presence. One of his many committee members at it's inception. Memorial Perez Plaza Meeting Hall committee members at it's inception. Memorial services to be scheduled @ the current "Perez Meeting Hall" when the opportunity becomes available and things open back up.

True Humility and an Open Mind

Step Two is the Rallying Point By Rick R.

When born, most of us come into the world untainted and perfectly innocent. From that time on, we are influenced by everything we experience in life, good and bad. If we are loved and nurtured we may develop a feeling of trust and safety, but if, as it sometimes happens, we get our hand slapped when we pick up something from the coffee table, it may trigger an attitude of defiance and resistance. These two opposites are just examples of the many conflicts we encounter in a lifetime. We are conditioned to think and react in a certain way as the result of the experiences we are exposed to.

Newcomers in *Alcoholics Anonymous*, (A.A.) and even some seasoned veterans, often find it hard to grasp a concept of "a power greater than ourselves." This is probably the biggest hurdle we in A.A. must face in our search for a happy and meaningful life. Once we get past all our resistance to the concept of a Higher Power, it becomes much easier to proceed with the rest of the program. What is meant by the word God and what God can do for us, can mean something different to just about everyone that is having difficulty with it, and if God alone was the answer, why do priests and ministers come to A.A. for treatment; why not just go to church?

Alcoholics Anonymous is here for all alcoholics that want to get sober regardless of their approach to faith. Anyone who thinks that we are trying to convert someone into a religion or out of a religion is simply misguided. The Big book (Alcoholics Anonymous) and the 12&12 (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions) have many comments explaining this, but unfortunately this old conditioning, bolstered by the EGO, seems to block some of us from breaking down the resistance on this subject, or some members may just fake it to appear to be going along with the program, but never getting the results. If we denied the possibility of a God of the different religious groups, they could not have A.A. available to them, and if we made it a requirement that we picked one of those beliefs, atheists would be left out and where would the followers of Buddhist stand? If a person believes that he does not have a higher power, I might remind him/her that alcohol was more powerful or else why would he need A.A.? With this in mind, I might suggest that he may only need to find a power greater than alcohol to begin with, then, as it says in Step 2 in the 12&12 "To acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of the A.A. program as enthusiastically as I could." As I look back on it now, I realize that that was exactly the way I found my way through this challenge. I find absolutely no conflict in any approach that one discovers on his own, only that he practices the rest of the program with enthusiasm. What it seems to imply is that if we trust the process and just do the suggestions, you will find a suitable understanding of a power greater than yourself that you can do business with.

I'm still not sure what or who (if you like) I am asking for guidance from but I'm open minded about these things, and I have to let everyone find their own brand of enlightenment, without prejudging anyone else's approach on this matter. I believe that changing my perception was what put me firmly on the road to recovery. The only thing that I have to resist is my EGO, and the way I do that is according to sound and unselfish principles many of which are discussed in A.A. meetings, and many are assimilated through osmosis as I continue to put 2 and 2 together. It is not that complicated. If I don't get caught up in the debate and just follow the simplest suggestions, it all works out fine

\$5.50

Book of the month Our Great Responsibility

\$5.50

A selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks from 1951 to 1970. Timeless and timely, these 16 talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words. Chapters also cover the early history of Alcoholics Anonymous and include talks given by early "friends of A.A." With over 60 color and black-and-white images. General Service Conference-approved.

Softcover



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Tradition Two

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

As Bill W writes on Tradition 2 in *Language of the Heart* (pages 77-78), every AA comes to believe in a power greater than themselves and AA groups do the same. Just as I am a unique individual, groups have unique atmospheres that reflect the collective conscience of its members. As I progress through the 12 Steps and become familiar with my character defects, my reliance on my higher power increases. Similarly, the path of an AA group often undergoes change in response to lessons learned through trial and error. I am a stubborn alcoholic and I definitely had to learn many lessons the hard way and for me, growth occurred when I surrendered to a power greater than myself. So why is it that when I got to AA, I thought I knew what was best for the group? The group, after all, existed before I got there and will continue to exist without me, as I learned from Tradition One. Each group's unique way they carry the message of AA is a culmination of trials and errors, responses and growth, guided by a loving God through the group conscience.

From my experience at business meetings and service committees, I learned that not only does the group grow from surrendering to the group conscience but I do too. I saw groups make decisions I did not agree with actually work out and I gained more humility. I learned from minority opinion and actually changed my vote. During discussion of a motion, I refrained from voicing my opinion and learned to ask questions to make the most well-informed decision as I could. I am just one vote, just one AA member and I am not the ultimate authority on anything.

In my life outside of AA, Tradition Two reminds me that God is in charge. At work, I have found that when I put God first things work out better than I anticipated. When I simply do the next indicated step and tackle situations one thing at a time, I am always amazed at how much better my day goes. In my personal relationships, I have learned that the people who are meant to be in my life will always be there and there is nothing I can do to change that. For those people who are not meant to be in my life, there is nothing I can do to force them to be around. God is the ultimate authority.

Alyssa C.

Concept Two

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

"The groups of Alcoholics Anonymous are the ultimate authority. In order for all groups to he heard at the General Service level, General Service Representatives (GSR) are elected for each group so that they can take the voice of their group to Area Assemblies several times a year. From there, an appointed Delegate for the Area takes the voice of all the Area groups and represents us yearly at the General Service Conference in NYC where the spirit of our A.A. Traditions are observed and kept in tact."

Linda D. Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group

A special Character of Love and Service

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Russell J.

Passed away January 23rd

With 33 years of sobriety







Russell served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the last two years of his 4 year tenure on the Board, ending in 2018. His service as Chairman of our Teleservice Committee continued through the last Holiday season. He was a personal icon of Love and Service. His Longtimer "edgy" attitude will be sorely missed!

I didn't know that God is all I need, until God was all I had.

ANNOUNCING:

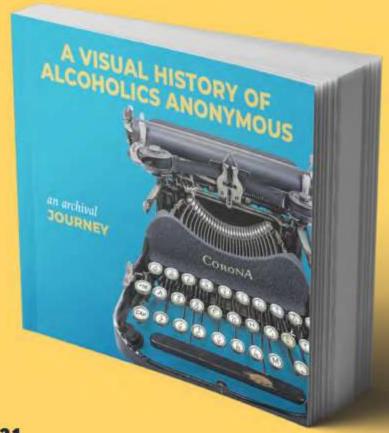
The limited edition publication of a new book!

SPECIAL EARLY BIRD PRICING!

A VISUAL HISTORY OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

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Lavishly illustrated, this lively tour through A.A.'s history is told in hundreds of Iconic images never before published in one volume. Illuminating descriptions walk us through powerful moments in our shared history — from the people, places and things integral to A.A.'s early growth, and forward to today's vibrant, international Fellowship. Includes a special focus on Detroit in A.A.'s history and updated coverage of recent innovations in A.A. group life. 4.75" x 3.75", 416 pages.



Release date: February 14, 2021

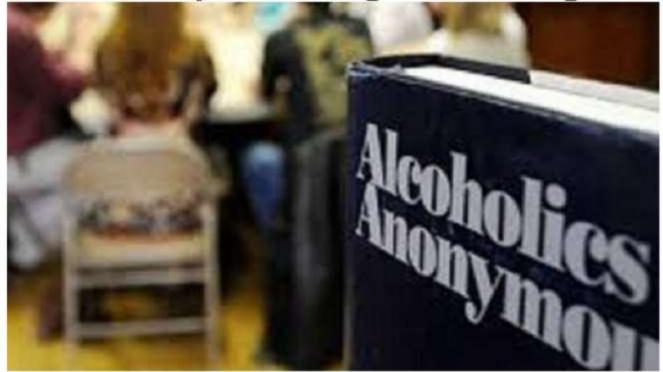
Special pre-order discount: Save an every copy!

Originally developed as the souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit.





Need help Zooming to meetings?



The Area 9 Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee would love to help. Many meetings have created online versions of themselves with Zoom video conferencing. If you are tech savvy it's a piece of cake to install the app, join a meeting and see your homegroup friends! BUT, not everyone has access to a computer.

Did you know you can call into AA meetings from your telephone? Landline, home phone, cell phone it doesn't matter, you can join any Zoom meeting with voice only, from any phone. Call (669) 900-6833 then enter the meeting ID and password if prompted. Check with your local Central Office/Intergroup or email us at cecchair@mscao9aa.org to get an easy to read list of Area 9 meetings with the numbers you need to dial to join by phone. Just like that you're in!

Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (aa-intergroup.org) is another great resource for meetings throughout the US and around the world!

Need Help? We're Here! If you have a computer, laptop or smartphone and just need someone to help set up Zoom, we're here! Email cecchair@mscao9aa.org and we'll connect you with a volunteer! We can walk you through the process of installing and connecting Zoom over the phone, step by step do the setting up with you, and then show you how to join meetings.

Do you love zoom and need a bit of service work? If you'd like to be one of our zoom volunteers, please also email cecchair@mscao9aa.org. We'll get you helping! Whenever anyone anywhere reaches out for help...

ATTENDING ONLINE MEETINGS WITH ZOOM

Joining a Meeting

- Click on the link provided by the meeting host. It will be in a format like this: https://zoom.us/4227565411 – The last nine numbers are the meeting number. This format is just an example.
- 2. If this is your first time using Zoom, Click on "download & run Zoom" (bottom right)
- 3. Click "Open Zoom.us?" in the dialog box on the top.
- 4. Click "Test speaker and microphone."



If you're asked to enter your name, type only your first name and last initial.

Managing the Control Functions – Muting, Video and Chatting

ToolBar: Once in a Zoom meeting, turn on this toolbar by hovering your cursor at the bottom of your screen. There are just a few tools you will need.

On Desktop

Hover over bottom of screen with mouse to turn on



On Mobile

Tap top of screen to turn on







Click Mute to turn on and off your microphone (it's a good practice to mute unless you are speaking. Always mute if there is background noise at your location). If the secretary calls on you to speak, tap or click the **Unmute** button. If there is no Unmute button, and you only see a Mute button, then everyone on the meeting can hear you.





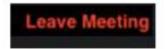
Click Stop Video to turn off your camera. Click Start Video to turn it on.



Select Chat (or Participants and then Chats on mobile) to make comments to the group, or to any of the individuals on the call. The Chat window on the right of the screen shows comments posted by all participants.



To Share: Select Manage Participants and tap on "Raise Hand" to share.



To Leave: Click "Leave Meeting"



Central Intergroup of the Desert

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

December 2020



	TOTAL		
	DEC 2020	JUL - DEC, 2020 (YTD)	
Revenue			
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	10,262	47,066	
Gratitude Dinner		(250)	
Interest Income		41	
Sales	4,773	28,071	
Total Revenue	\$15,035	\$74,928	
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	2,789	16,748	
POS Inventory Adjustment	81	183	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$2,870	\$16,931	
GROSS PROFIT	\$12,165	\$57,997	
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	600	3,600	
Bank Charges		4	
Computer Expense	377	2,292	
Credit Card Fees	163	1,041	
Insurance - Health	414	2,474	
Insurance - Liability		1,118	
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,053	
Newsletter Expense		25	
Office Expense	822	4,230	
Payroll Expenses	3,981	25,877	
Plant Expenditures		715	
Rent	1,476	7,335	
State Filing Fees		60	
Storage	178	1,068	
Utilities	458	3,229	
Total Expenditures	\$8,469	\$54,121	
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$3,696	\$3,876	
NET REVENUE	\$3,696	\$3,876	



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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: BUDGET 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L July - December, 2020

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	
Revenue				
Contributions - Conventions		1,600	(1,600)	
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	47,066	34,000	13,066	
Gratitude Dinner	(250)		(250)	
Interest Income	41	50	(9)	
Sales	28,071	42,800	(14,729)	
Total Revenue	\$74,928	\$78,450	\$ (3,522)	
Cost of Goods Sold				
Cost of Goods Sold	16,748	27,820	(11,072)	
POS Inventory Adjustment	183		183	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$16,931	\$27,820	\$ (10,889)	
GROSS PROFIT	\$57,997	\$50,630	\$7,367	
Expenditures				
Accounting Services	3,600	3,600	0	
Bank Charges	4		4	
Computer Expense	2,292	2,202	90	
Credit Card Fees	1,041	3,012	(1,971)	
Insurance - Health	2,474	2,400	74	
Insurance - Liability	1,118	1,148	(30)	
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,053	1,048	5	
Newsletter Expense	25	30	(5)	
Office Expense	4,230	3,600	630	
Outreach		600	(600)	
Payroll Expenses	25,877	25,200	677	
Plant Expenditures	715	1,200	(485)	
Rent	7,335	9,000	(1,665)	
State Filing Fees	60	60	0	
Storage	1,068	1,200	(132)	
Utilities	3,229	2,940	289	
Total Expenditures	\$54,121	\$57,240	\$ (3,119)	
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$3,876	\$ (6,610)	\$10,486	
NET REVENUE	\$3,876	\$ (6,610)	\$10,486	

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CONTRIBUTIONS - GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

December 2020

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2020	JUL - DEC, 2020 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room	10.00	245.00
10th Step Group Palm Desert		374.00
11th Step Meditation -SUN Palm Desert		25.00
12 & 12 La Quinta		75.00
12 and 12 Men's Stag R.M Monday		30.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		692.60
3-7-11 Step Meeting		147.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert	204.00	204.00
559 Meeting Hall	25.00	150.00
7AM Zoom Meeting		100.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	225.00	1,260.25
An AA Big Book Group - Sunday - Desert Hot Springs		42.00
Anonymous No Group Given	4,696.88	19,216.38
As Bill Sees It - Sat Nite Idyllwild		40.00
Attitude Adjustment Rancho Mirage	100.00	250.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		266.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	156.00	3,653.50
Attitude Adjustment-MON		20.00
Birthday Contributions	158.00	490.00
Black Sheep Group	300.00	1,222.00
Brithday Contributions		11.00
Cathedral City 12 &12 Book Study-TUE		100.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	15.00	15.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag		200.00
Cross-Country Meeting		90.46
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	312.82	1,652.23
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert		530.00
DHS 6am Daily Discussion Desert Hot Springs	1,007.50	1,007.50
Fellowship Hall		270.00
Friday Q & A Felloship Hall PD		65.00
Friends of Bill - Anonymo Palm Desert		20.00
Ground Zero	415.40	1,037.06
How Is Your Now La Quinta	300.00	300.00
How It Works Palm Desert		11.25
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		480.50
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		25.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975		787.35
Living Sober-WED women		20.00
Loosey Goosey Tue Women		232.50
Meet & Potatoes 12 & 12		406.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		25.00
No Matter What Group	100.00	130.00
No Rules La Quinta	3,53,53	650.00

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CONTRIBUTIONS - GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

December 2020

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	DEC 2020	JUL - DEC, 2020 (YTD)
Old Town Coffee Shop, La Quinta, Mon Noon		76.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		368.45
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	346.00	2,797.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Bare Bones	50.00	50.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room/One Day at a Time Mon		157.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		2.00
Ring of Fire		25.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes	50.00	283.50
Round Table Serenity Group		251.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella	55.00	245.00
Santa Rosa Group Palm Desert		135.00
Seniors in Sobriety		170.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	240.00	960.00
Singleness of Purpose	177.00	177.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		200.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		150.00
Sober Divas	50.00	75.00
Solid Solutions- TUE	86.00	86.00
Spirituality in Recovery		182.75
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	200.00	200.00
Step Sisters Palm Desert		479.50
Stepping Stones Palm Desert		55.00
Sunday Serenity Group	20.00	20.00
Sunset Group Joshua Tree		975.00
Sunset Group La Quinta Park	236.00	642.15
The First 164 Pages		140.00
Third Tradition Group Landers	100.00	100.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.		50.00
Tuesday 10AM		10.00
We're Not Really Here	300.00	804.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms		75.00
Women's Meeting Palm Desert	76.00	231.00
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion	250.86	325.01
TOTAL	\$10,262.46	\$47,065.94

Overheard in a meeting:

At my first meeting, I said I had no money. A man gave me a Big Book for free and said, 'Here, if you're lucky, that's the last thing you'll get on your own terms.'

As a result of working the Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, my life can be lived a whole lot differently than it was being ended.

When I'm down to nothing, God's up to something!