



# 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 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](http://www.msca09aa.org)

**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  
Email: [webmaster@dcypaa.com](mailto: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	146
12 Step Calls	4
Visitors	50
Literature Sales	209
Al-Anon	6
Other 12 Step	6
Miscellaneous	52
Business	12

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

**Chairman: Allan G.**  
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**Secretary: Blake H.**

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**Alex K.**  
**Bill T.**  
**Kenneth J**  
**Daphne F.**  
**Alyssa C. Outreach Chair**

**Desert Lifeline Editors: Bill T.**  
**Office Manager: David M.**

My experience has been that when I am unwilling to ask for help, and I insist that I can do it all myself, I'm just a drunk talking to a crazy person.

Belief is watching someone push a wheelbarrow across a tightrope and believing that they will make it to the other side.

Faith is when I am willing to get into the wheelbarrow.

## *April 2021*



# Happy Birthday



Ira M.

36 yr.



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

## April Volunteers at Central Office

Alyssa C.  
Amelia F.

Emil M.

Thank You !!

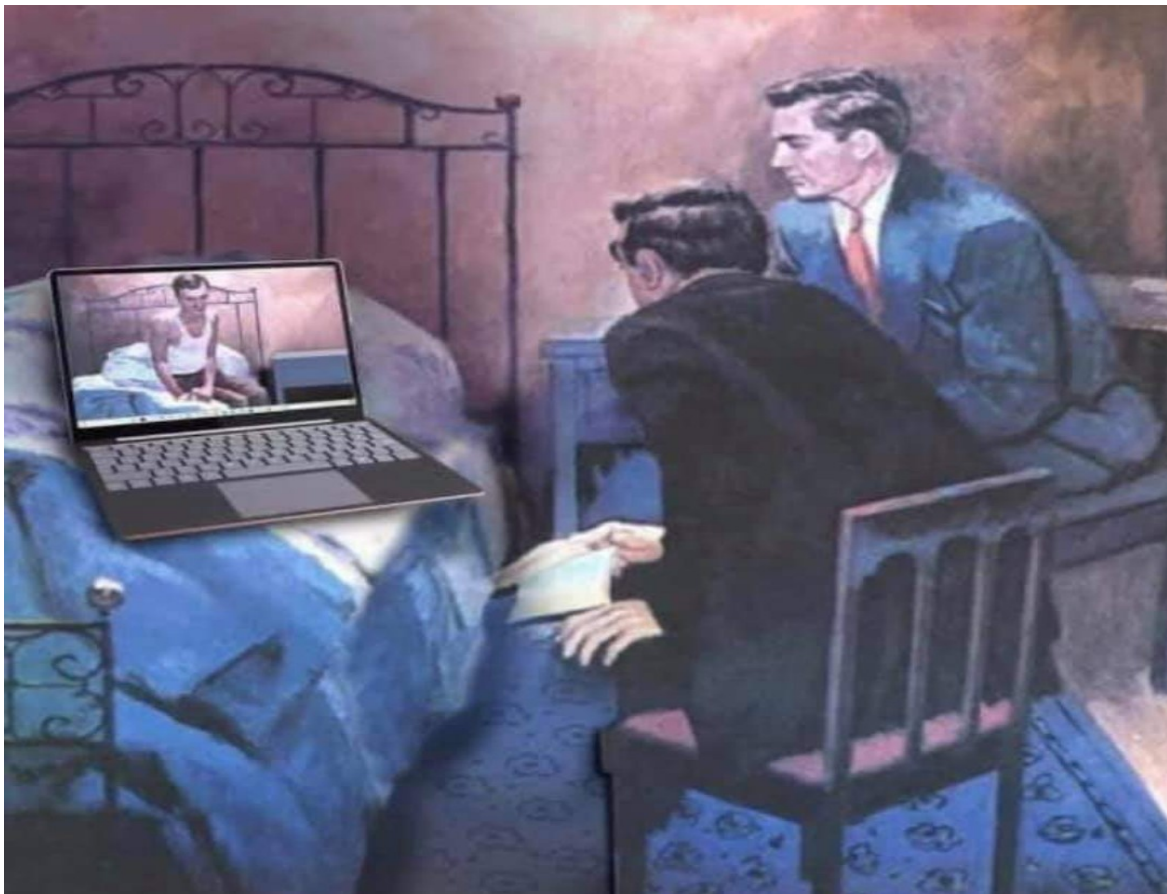
Bill T.  
Cindy H.  
Eileen C.

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

Thank You !!

Mark L.  
Nancy G.  
Nikki C.

Steven St. L.  
Wanda V.



“While our literature has preserved the integrity of the A.A. message, sweeping changes in society as a whole are reflected in new customs and practices within the Fellowship. Taking advantage of technological advances, for example, A.A.’s with computers can participate in meetings online, sharing with fellow alcoholics across the country or around the world. In any meeting, anywhere, A.A.’s share experience, strength, and hope with each other in order to stay sober and help other alcoholics. Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, A.A.’s speak the language of the heart in all its power and simplicity.

Big Book pg. xxiv  
Forward to Fourth Edition

# 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 accordance with our fifth tradition which states our primary purpose, A.A. is about one alcoholic talking to another and carrying our message. A.A. is not defined by a place, or material wealth. This tradition divides the material from the spiritual, based on the idea that A.A. does not need material wealth to fulfill our primary purpose.

I can apply this tradition to my personal life by considering that, as an individual, I do not need material wealth to succeed. All I *need* are the basics, which I scarcely had when I was drinking. I was homeless, I could barely afford food, I lost jobs, and pushed away all of my loved ones. In sobriety, I have a place to live, plenty of access to healthy food, a reliable job and am surrounded by people that love me. I have enough. Greed, envy and jealousy do rear up sometimes when I hear from colleagues that they are making more money than I am, or when a friend buys a new house or a new car.

I also crave prestige in my career, and have a desire to be “famous”. However, when I am in an “attitude of gratitude” for what I have, I can appreciate that I have enough. My primary purpose as an individual is to live a good, sober life, and I do not need prestige to do that.

Alyssa C,

## Step Six

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

It took me 5 years to muster up the courage to “Admit to God, to myself and another human being the exact nature of my wrongs”. What a relief it was to do step five. So much of a relief I went straight to a quiet area in my home, sat quietly for several minutes and invited God in to share the moment with me. There is nothing better than quiet time with God.

I had just finished admitting my defects and my troubles to God and now I became willing to let them go. One day at a time they seem to leave me but on occasion they come back when I let them. I must remember Him, I must stay close to God or the selfish and self-centered character will once more appear.

I start each day in ‘Quiet Time’ with God, thanking Him, for the gift of sobriety and the willingness to have God remove all my character defects, one at a time.

John E Monday Night Men’s Stag



## Concept Six

***On behalf of AA 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 recognizes 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 General Service Conference and the Trustees are organized very much like a modern corporate structure. It is necessary to have qualified and dedicated people to maintain AA's Twelve Traditions at a global level. The reason the corporate model was chosen is because it has proven to be the most effective in matters of policy, business and finance.

One of the reasons that the Conference exists is because individual groups would not be able to manage it on their own, unless they are willing to spend a great deal of time and responsibility on the matters at hand. Anyone who has ever been to a business meeting or steering committee meeting knows that the process is sometimes slow and awkward; that combined with the fact that a lot of us don't really have a concept of global perception.

It is important, however, to carefully consider how much authority and responsibility must be granted. It is not only for the direction they choose today, but how that will impact the future integrity of AA throughout the world. It is very important that the Trustees clearly demonstrate professional and financial skills that will ensure that we are capable of true present and future leadership.

The decision to appoint Trustees is based on a great deal of experience. This is important; matters affecting us on this level can not be made by people who do not have a full understanding of the groups Statement of Purpose. Again, this is not only important for today, but also to maintain the structural integrity so that alcoholics seeking recovery in the future may share the singleness of purpose that we have.

We all know that it is important to grow and change. This is true not just on a personal level. In the present, we have the ability and the responsibility to ensure that the organization of Alcoholics Anonymous not only endures, but continues to grow and thrive. That is the responsibility we have to the alcoholic who still suffers. And to do this we need dedicated, experienced people doing the kind of service which is required.

Brian C  
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group, Palm Springs

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

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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.

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

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1941(2 words)  
what we make in step 9  
angry  
spiritual foundation  
As He Sees It  
1st AA Convention city  
prior to investigation  
it is a phenomenon  
happy

Written by Father John Doe (2 words)  
what trusted servants do NOT do  
General Service Office  
Saturday Evening Post article in March  
joyous and  
lonely and  
August convention (3 words)

Akron hotel when Bill needed to talk to another drunk  
June convention (2 words)  
How often we've seen them fail  
What we can't afford  
Dr. Bob's dog name  
July 2010 Texas convention city (2 words)  
It will disappear  
AA's very essence

The number of printings of the first edition of our Big Book  
Dr. Bob surname  
Palm Springs conference (4 words)  
you should always have one  
these will change our life  
Meeting in print (2 words)  
Hungry



# Founders' Day 2021

86<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

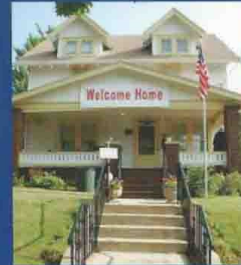
**Save the dates:  
June 12th & 13th**

**The 86th annual Founders' Day celebration will  
be held as a virtual event.**

**For registration and details, please refer to  
Foundersday.org**

*In love and service,  
The Founders' Day Committee*

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**"I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing  
that I did a number of years ago, played an infinitely small part in making this meeting possible." - Dr. Bob**





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## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Statement of Activity

April 2021

## PROFIT AND LOSS

**-\$4,191**

Net income for April

**\$13,109**

Income

**\$17,300**

Expenses

## TOTAL

	APR 2021	JUL 2020 - APR 2021 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	6,322	80,807
Gratitude Dinner		(250)
Interest Income	0	57
Sales	6,787	53,512
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,109</b>	<b>\$134,126</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	5,047	34,146
POS Inventory Adjustment	(35)	449
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$5,012</b>	<b>\$34,595</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$8,097</b>	<b>\$99,531</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	600	6,000
Bank Charges		4
Computer Expense	377	3,815
Credit Card Fees	237	1,891
Insurance - Health	565	4,276
Insurance - Liability	278	2,226
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,053
Newsletter Expense		255
Office Expense	1,244	7,743
Payroll Expenses	5,972	43,904
Plant Expenditures	718	1,433
Rent	1,695	13,633
State Filing Fees		60
Storage	178	1,780
Utilities	423	4,893
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,287</b>	<b>\$92,964</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (4,190)</b>	<b>\$6,567</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (4,190)</b>	<b>\$6,567</b>



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## Central Intergroup of the Desert

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L

July 2020 - April 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions - Conventions		3,100	(3,100)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	80,807	65,000	15,807
Gratitude Dinner	(250)		(250)
Interest Income	57	75	(18)
Sales	53,512	68,700	(15,188)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$134,126</b>	<b>\$136,875</b>	<b>\$ (2,749)</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
Cost of Goods Sold	34,146	44,655	(10,509)
POS Inventory Adjustment	449		449
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$34,595</b>	<b>\$44,655</b>	<b>\$ (10,060)</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$99,531</b>	<b>\$92,220</b>	<b>\$7,311</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Accounting Services	6,000	6,000	0
Bank Charges	4		4
Computer Expense	3,815	3,670	145
Credit Card Fees	1,891	4,838	(2,947)
Insurance - Health	4,276	4,000	276
Insurance - Liability	2,226	2,296	(70)
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,053	1,048	5
Newsletter Expense	255	50	205
Office Expense	7,743	6,000	1,743
Outreach		1,000	(1,000)
Payroll Expenses	43,904	42,000	1,904
Plant Expenditures	1,433	2,000	(567)
Rent	13,633	15,000	(1,367)
State Filing Fees	60	60	0
Storage	1,780	2,000	(220)
Utilities	4,893	4,540	353
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$92,964</b>	<b>\$94,502</b>	<b>\$ (1,538)</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,567</b>	<b>\$ (2,282)</b>	<b>\$8,849</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,567</b>	<b>\$ (2,282)</b>	<b>\$8,849</b>

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

April 2021

	TOTAL	
	APR 2021	JUL 2020 - APR 2021 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room		295.00
10th Step Group Palm Desert	117.00	728.00
11th Step Meditation -SUN Palm Desert		25.00
12 & 12 La Quinta		166.00
12 and 12 Men's Stag R.M.. Monday		30.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		1,062.01
3-7-11 Step Meeting		171.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert	135.00	339.00
559 Meeting Hall		175.00
7AM Zoom Meeting		100.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	388.00	2,473.25
An AA Big Book Group - Sunday - Desert Hot Springs	30.00	72.00
Anonymous Cathedral City		92.00
Anonymous No Group Given	1,739.98	34,343.17
As Bill Sees It - Sat Nite Idyllwild		40.00
Attitude Adjustment Rancho Mirage		250.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		266.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	700.00	5,363.62
Attitude Adjustment-MON		20.00
Beginners Palm Desert		227.00
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs		10.00
Birthday Contributions	166.00	755.00
Black Sheep Group	200.00	1,865.00
Brithday Contributions		11.00
Cathedral City 12 &12 Book Study-TUE		100.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City		23.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag		400.00
Cross-Country Meeting		90.46
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	243.97	2,449.46
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	117.50	1,027.50
Desert Women's Banquet		15.00
DHS 6am Daily Discussion Desert Hot Springs		1,007.50
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert	33.00	33.00
Fellowship Hall		270.00
Friday Q & A Fellowship Hall PD		65.00
Friends of Bill - Anonymo Palm Desert		20.00
Ground Zero	244.00	2,400.64
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		55.00
How Is Your Now La Quinta		300.00
How It Works Palm Desert		11.25
IHOP Overflow Mon. Men's Stag	75.00	75.00
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		849.52
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		50.00

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### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

April 2021

	TOTAL	
	APR 2021	JUL 2020 - APR 2021 (YTD)
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975		1,232.01
Living Sober-WED women		20.00
Loosey Goosey Tue Women		349.50
Meditation Meeting 1000 Palms	310.00	310.00
Meet & Potatoes 12 & 12		406.00
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert	200.00	200.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		25.00
No Matter What Group	50.00	400.00
No Rules La Quinta		1,371.60
Old Town Coffee Shop, La Quinta, Mon Noon		180.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		566.40
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	461.00	4,154.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Bare Bones		50.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Half Measures	79.00	199.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Into Action		30.00
Perez Plaza Meeting Room/One Day at a Time Mon		269.00
Playing With A Full Deck Palm Desert		2.00
Ring of Fire		25.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes		583.50
Round Table Serenity Group		251.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella	25.00	318.00
Santa Rosa Group Palm Desert		135.00
Sat. Noon Book Study Ironwood Pk.		100.00
Seniors in Sobriety		170.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		1,200.00
Singleness of Purpose		177.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		300.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		150.00
Sober Divas	50.00	225.00
Solid Solutions- TUE		86.00
Spirituality in Recovery 258223	37.50	335.51
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		400.00
Step Sisters Palm Desert	102.50	925.50
Stepping Stones Palm Desert	5.00	70.00
Study for Sanity Palm Desert		158.00
Sun. Mon. 530 Zoom	50.00	50.00
Sunday Serenity Group		20.00
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group		351.38
Sunset Group Joshua Tree		1,800.00
Sunset Group La Quinta Park	367.51	1,302.66
The First 164 Pages	165.50	305.50
Third Tradition Group Landers		100.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.		50.00



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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

April 2021

	TOTAL	
	APR 2021	JUL 2020 - APR 2021 (YTD)
Tuesday 10AM		10.00
Tumbleweed Speaker Meetin Desert Hot Springs		100.00
Twilight Step Study Palm Desert		2.00
We're Not Really Here	205.00	2,159.00
WED Big Book Coachella		15.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms		465.00
Women's Meeting Palm Desert		231.00
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		325.01
Not Specified	25.00	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,322.46</b>	<b>\$80,806.95</b>



Sammy finally relented and let us replace the old thread-bare couch for something more acceptable



# IN APPRECIATION

FOR ALL OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT  
DURING LAST YEAR'S CLOSURE  
OF MEETING HALLS AND EVENTS  
WE HAVE REMAINED FINANCIALLY SOLVENT  
THANKS TO YOU!

AS OF MARCH 1ST-UNTIL JUNE 30TH  
THE PRICE OF BOOKS AND LITERATURE  
WILL BE REDUCED BY 20%

love, Your Central Office Board of Directors



Manager's Note: Given the 20% discount we will not be designating a  
"Book of the Month" this month!