



# the Desert Lifeline

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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,  
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45940 Portola Ave.  
Palm Desert  
Mailing Address: PO Box 1843  
Palm Desert, CA 92261

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Grand Central Station NY 10163

Web site: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

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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 92286-1692

## Step

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

## Tradition

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## Concept

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.

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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.

## December Office Statistics

Meeting Info	72
12 Step Calls	3
Visitors	31
Literature Sales	199
Al-Anon	4
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	66
Business	18
Zoom Attendance	130

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**Thank You !!**

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## December 2021

**Lesa A.** 15 yr.  
**Kathy F.** 23 yr.  
**Loretta** 27 yr.  
**Pricilla C.** 34 yr.

## Happy Birthday



**Lauren A.** 35 yr.  
**Paulette Q.** 44 yr.  
**Nick T.** 51 yr.



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

## Step Two

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

After admitting to our inner most selves that we are powerless over alcohol, and that no-matter how hard we tried to have power over our lives, we didn't, we had to find something that could have power over every aspect of our lives. By being beat up and totally surrendering, we give up our old ideas and allow something else to work on our alcoholism and our relationships. This is a spiritual program and I tapped into a power that I call God. For some people it may first become an AA group in which they take direction from. Some can admit that the ocean is more powerful than they are, and they start praying to it. Wherever we start, as long as we *start*, a dramatic change *will* take place in our lives.

For me, as I go through the day with actions and conversations, I am made fully aware that I am allowing my higher power to change me. To restore my sanity. But that is the key, though. To allow change to occur. This is not a process in which we ever take back control of our lives. We've done that for too long with terrible consequences. And by going to meetings and seeing a greater power working in peoples lives with awesome results, I gained hope that surrendering and turning my life over is the only way to get well. Little did I know the true effect that just believing in a power greater than myself would have.

So if you're having troubles with this step, just trust that this process works. Just know that there are powers greater than you and those powers are working in peoples lives all around you every time you step into an AA meeting. Understanding this step will put hope in your heart.

Garrett D.

**\$8.50**

**Book of the month**

**\$8.50**

**As Bill Sees It (Large Print)**

A source of comfort and inspiration, this collection of Bill W.'s writings addresses themes such as acceptance, gratitude and spirituality. Excerpted from the Big Book, the "Twelve and Twelve," Grapevine and other A.A. literature. With a topical index to help guide reading and discussion.

**\$8.50**

Normally \$9.50  
This Month only \$8.50

**\$8.50**

## Concept Two

*When in 1955, the AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference – excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter – the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.*

Concept I establishes the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practice, how are they to manage A.A.’s service affairs? By delegation, Concept II declares.

Bill and Dr. Bob, entrusted by the early groups to get the program going to spread the message, found nonalcoholic friends to help them. They formed a trusteeship and delegated to it the responsibility for finances, the Big Book and other literature, public information, the service office and the A.A. Grapevine. However, as the trustees constantly looked to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable, it was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the A.A. groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These G.S.R.s meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 91 areas in the U.S. and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine and certain other service workers. Thus, this General Service Conference of A.A. is “the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.”

This was taken from, ***The Twelve Concepts for World Service***, illustrated.

Gay H., G.S.R. liaison to Intergroup

## February Speaker Meetings



### **Sobriety Capital of the World 44359 Palm St. - Indio**

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

2/04	Terry F.	La Costa CA
2/11	Anya A.	San Pedro, CA
2/18	Alan B.	Hollywood, CA
2/25	Danny P.	El Segundo, CA

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

Saturday Night, 8:30 p.m.

02/05	- Patrick S.	Costa Mesa
02/12	- Anthony G.	Moreno Valley
02/19	- Ronnie E.	Temecula
02/26	- V.J H..	Coachella

## Did Shakespeare Get It Right?

### The Dram of Eale

By Rick R.

Since I arrived at the door of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) in 1969, I have had led a highly active life physically, and mentally. I faced most of the challenges that I thought to be impossible before I got sober and found them to be much easier than I expected. As I got older, I had to be a little more calculating when I took physical risks to avoid ending up disabled. Sometime around the age of 65, I suffered a leg injury playing racket ball and it put a stop to most of my physical endeavors and forced me to look elsewhere for my challenges.

I always envied people who could quote classic literature and especially those who could understand Shakespeare. While I was incapacitated with the leg injury, I went to the library and took out books on understanding The Bard. As the result of many hours of reading all 38 of his plays I became able to comprehend Middle English. I have read all his plays multiple times, and the more popular plays, as many as 10 times each. I also believe that I have been that diligent about understanding the A.A. program and as the result of that, I believe that I saw a particular scene in Hamlet that the average literary critic would overlook unless they were alcoholics themselves.

Shakespeare developed hundreds of characters between 1588 and 1613 and modern readers marvel at how deeply he understood the human condition. It seemed that he could put himself right inside of the character whether they were Kings, or Fools. After reading many modern versions of what he was trying to express, I think they would have to be *an alcoholic and a literary critic* for them to understand what Hamlet was trying to describe in Act 1. Scene 4. Briefly I will try explaining the context of his words he uses to describe the King.

King Claudius is Hamlet's stepfather after murdering the king, (Hamlet's father), and immediately marrying Hamlet's mother, and in almost every scene where he is sitting, he has a cup of wine in his hand and sometimes slurs his words. His dead father's ghost is appearing each night atop the castle platform stuck between this world and the next. The guards tell Hamlet of this, and he goes there at night to witness it. While they are there waiting, they see the King and his courtiers carousing down below in the courtyard. He tries to explain the shames they bring on Denmark as they are seen as drunkards and low lives. (So to speak) Then he tries to explain what he sees in the King: *So oft it chances (happens) in particular men, That for some vicious mole of nature in them As in their birth--wherein they are not guilty, Since nature(life) cannot choose his origin---By the o'ergrowth of some complexion, oft breaking down the pales and forts of reason, Or by some habit that too much o'er-leavens(raises) the form of plausible manners, that these men, Carrying, I say, the stamp of one defect, Being natures (life's) livery, or fortunes star;- Their virtues else--be they as pure as grace, as infinite as man may undergo-- Shall in the general censure take corruption from that particulate fault: The dram (drink) of eale (evil) Doth all the noble substance o'er daub (over paint) to his own scandal.* If this is not an attempt by Shakespeare's Hamlet to describe Alcoholism long before the term "Alcoholism" was ever coined, I stand corrected. To see this on film, I recorded Hamlet from the TCM channel where they show it about every 2 years, staring Lawrence Olivier where it is plain to me, what he is trying to say.



36<sup>th</sup> Annual AA

# Desert Women's Banquet

## ***"Let Go & Let God"***

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

4:00 – 5:00 pm – Registration/Reception

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Dinner

7:00 – 8:00 pm – Speaker

**Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa**

Emerald Ballroom 44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA

**\$49 per person**

Registration Contact - Elise T. (310) 254-7187

Banquet Chair - Jackie D. (760) 989-0772



For event details and to register online visit: [www.desertwomensbanquet.org](http://www.desertwomensbanquet.org)

Tickets will not be sold at the door. There is a maximum of 10 seats per table.

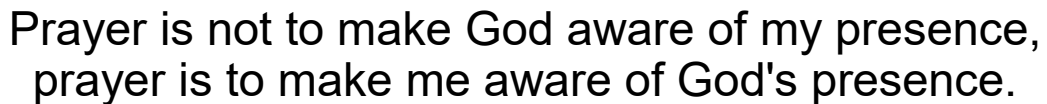
**To sit together, registration forms & payments must be returned together.**

**Please complete one registration per person – see reverse side for additional registrations.**

<b>Make checks payable to:</b> <b>Desert Women's Banquet</b>  <b>Mail to:</b> <b>PO Box 4383</b> <b>Palm Desert, CA 92261</b>	Full Name:		<b>Amount Enclosed</b>	
	Name on Badge:		<b>Dinner</b>	<b>\$ 49.00</b>
	Mailing Address:		<b>*Donation \$</b>	
	City:	Zip:	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
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\* To donate ticket(s) or a portion of, making it possible for "women in need" to attend, please note the amount of your donation above.

***Payments must be received no later than Friday, March 4, 2022!***



Since I've come into the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, I've had some painful moments. The good news is, I've had them. They've NOT had me.

Take the alcohol out of the alcoholic, and you're still left with the "ic" . .  
 . which is why we have the twelve steps!

"Did you know," said the long timer to the new comer, "that you can't solve a problem with the same thinking that caused the problem in the first place? Ask God to help change your thinking, and then run it past a sponsor BEFORE you take an action on what you think God said!"

## 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.*

When I was introduced to AA, I had a frightful time understanding the totality of Alcoholics Anonymous. When I was in my young 20's, my next older sister committed suicide. All three of us siblings had a profound church affiliation that we all took very seriously. My sister's funeral was held in the High Episcopal Church we had grown up in. Her body lay in its casket - in the nave of the church. HER NAME WAS NOT SPOKEN BECAUSE SHE HAD TAKEN HER OWN LIFE.

That was the end of organized religion for me.

I continued the next few decades as an atheist, ultimately mellowing out into an agnostic.

Then I entered AA and had to face an issue - how could I believe in God when I could not understand how such a power even existed.

I had numerous ongoing exchanges with my AA friends. Because I am always in awe of natural forces, I was able to believe in the sun, the wind, raindrops, the stars, as they advised me.

I finally understood that there surely was a God, an unspeaking, invisible Force that created this world -- and me.

Tradition Two, it says in "The 12 and 12," "there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express Himself in our lives, in our group conscience."

We are all servants. "In no sense whatever can (our) members govern or direct the (AA) group....Ours is sometimes the thankless privilege of doing the group's chores."

Connie Z

Attitude Adjustment, Mondays, Eisenhower Hospital, Rancho Mirage

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

Sponsor: "Except maybe the steps."

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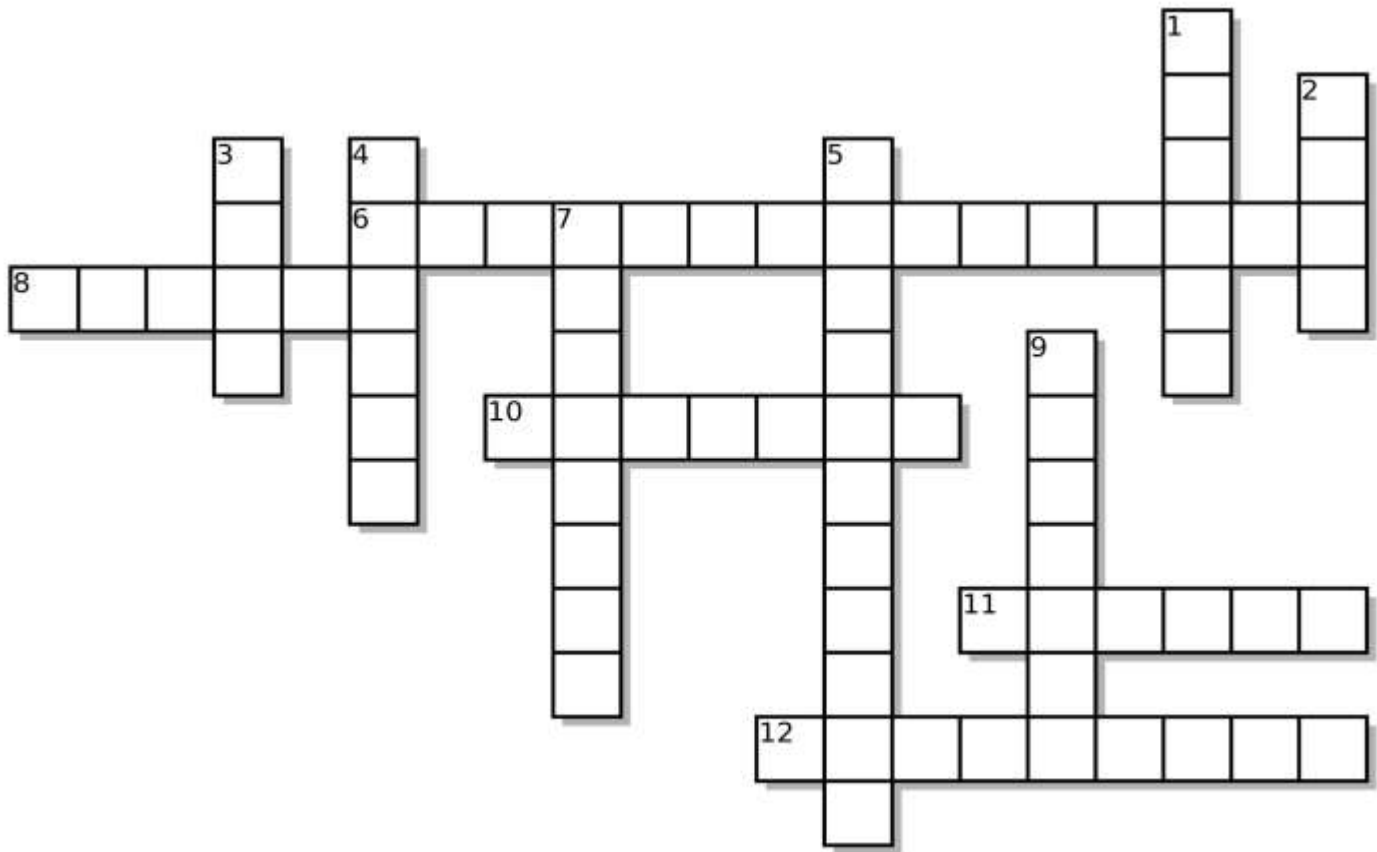
When I stop to think about how challenging it is for me to change something about myself, I can get an entirely different perspective on how difficult it would be for me to change someone else (but somehow, that doesn't stop me from trying --- another thing I'm trying to change! ;-)

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

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



## ACROSS

- 6 Concept 2: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional \_\_\_\_\_. (3 words)
- 8 Acronym for Desert Cities Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
- 10 This year's Gratitude Dinner will be \_\_\_\_\_, not in-person.
- 11 Tradition 2: 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 "To us, the Realm of Spirit is broad, roomy, all inclusive; never exclusive or forbidding to those who \_\_\_\_\_ seek."

## DOWN

- 1 The ability to think and behave in a normal and rational manner; sound mental health.
- 2 Which month will the 2022 A.A. Desert Pow Wow take place? Registration open now!
- 3 The spiritual principle of Step 2
- 4 Acronym for Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. Online registration open now!
- 5 "Most of our experiences are what the psychologist William James calls the '\_\_\_\_\_ variety' because they develop slowly over a period of time."
- 7 "True \_\_\_\_\_ and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every A.A. meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him."
- 9 To bring back (a previous right, practice, custom, or situation); reinstate.

## 2nd Step—We have gained a Partner

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

HOW MANY times in the past few years I have felt the warmth, friendship, intense love that can be expressed only by one alcoholic for another as we attend our meetings and share.

It was best expressed to me by a fellow alcoholic I was sharing a jug with down on the Bowery some years back, long before I came into AA. He put it this way. “Ya know, buddy, I’m going to tell you something, and don’tcha ever forget it. There’s the love of a son for his mother. There’s the love of a brother for his brother. But there’s no greater love in this whole wide world than one drunken bum for another.

How eloquently put, I always thought. The simple sincere honesty of it enveloped me and eventually became the hallmark of every action in AA. It was one of the major factors in my continued commitment to the AA way of life—that is, until recently.

Something was bothering me. I wasn’t losing any ground, but my the same token, Mt. Sobriety was getting harder to climb. The meetings were starting to lose some of their original luster, and at the same time, paradoxically, the periods between meetings seemed aeons longer. I knew from past experience that the answer had to be in the Twelve Steps, so I carefully went back over them. If the Second Step had had neon lights, it couldn’t haven’t have been any more obvious. I, who had been turned off hundreds of times by the religious nuts in the program, gleaned a ray of hope from this Step: “Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

This was the answer, and I knew it. But it was a hard pill to swallow. I kicked it around for quite a while until it dawned on me that this was the introduction to the spiritual side of the program. Then, I began to look at it through the eyes of those who came before us. I realized that our predecessors in the program were desperate people. They had no AA to seek help from. There wasn’t any human being who could comfort them or alleviate their suffering. They were physically sick, mentally ill, and spiritually starved. They admitted in the First Step that alcohol was power greater than themselves, and they realized that no human being could help them overcome it. So why not appeal to a superhuman Being—or Higher Power, as we call it today—to help them out in their time of despair?

Even if we can’t accept the words “God as we understand Him,” surely we can accept the possibility that there is a source of power greater than man’s, since it manifests itself by keeping the planets in orbit, the seasons of the year changing, night giving way to daylight, even the lonely blade of grass sprouting in the fields come springtime. The Second Step does not ask us to believe in this Power, but only to believe that this Power can work for us if we so desire.

The simplicity of the Second Step became overwhelming. My ego retreated as soon as I became aware that I had relied on a power greater than myself most of my life—namely, alcohol, as expressed in the First Step. “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol...” The substitution of another power, a Power greater than myself, became even easier when I realized that the Second Step did not ask me to identify this Power, only to accept it on blind faith and to allow it to work for me. There would be plenty of time before I got to the Eleventh Step to improve my conscious contact with it.

This, then, became the key that unlocked the spiritual side of the program for me. Now that I had the wrinkles out of my belly, as the saying goes, was I willing to accept, on blind faith, that which the first AA’s had to do in order to maintain their sobriety? The only rational answer I could come up with as yes. Today, I am extremely grateful.

Each of the Twelve Steps has its own reward for those who practice it and accept it for what it is. The Second Step offers us a partner, to aid us both in times of joy and in times of despair. The loneliness that only an alcoholic can feel, whether by oneself or in a crowd, slowly but surely dissipates as a Higher Power is more fully employed in our times of need. We never again have to be alone, for in surrendering a small bit of our ego, we have gained a powerful partner.

F.G. Queens, New York    Reprinted with permission of the Grapevine, October 1978



The Courage to Change

## 33rd Annual Inland Empire AA Convention March 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2022

at Soboba Event Center, Resort and Casino  
San Jacinto, CA

New Dates

New Location

New Format

### Speaker Line-up

Earl H., Karl M., Mike S., Michele L.,  
Larry T., Patt O., Rosie T. & More TBA

Speakers and events subject to change

### Events

9 Speakers, Ice Cream Social, Poker Run,  
Golf Tournament, 2 Banquet Meals & Sunday Breakfast  
Seating Will Be Limited

More Days

More Speakers

More Meals

Registration Opens Soon

visit [www.IEAAC.org](http://www.IEAAC.org) for more information

I Am Responsible ...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.  
And for that, I am responsible.

## A Profound Change of Perception A Spiritual Awakening at its Best

By Rick R.

Years before I came to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) I was aware that there was something dreadfully wrong with me but not one person ever suggested that I might be an alcoholic or that I should try A.A. Perhaps that was due to the denial of the people around me that drank like I did. Suggesting that I had a problem with alcohol would mean outing themselves and others. Looking back on it now, I feel fortunate that I survived those last few years of failed attempts at life and when I ran out of options, I came to A.A. looking for answers. The denial within me was gone. My mind was open and for the first time in my life I was *desperate*, and I was *listening*. At my first A.A. meeting I was moved by what I heard. It was different than anything I had experienced before. The people were *being honest and candid about things that only brought shame and guilt to me in the past. I felt safe for the first time in my life* and could discuss those things openly, that had been taboo up until then. Prior to that, everything in my life was a façade. At that moment On October 15, 1969, my *perception* of the world had changed, and I have not wanted a drink since. Call it a *Spiritual Awakening* if you like, and it was for me, but it came in the form of a *Profound Change in Perception*. In appendices 2, in the Big Book, (Alcoholics Anonymous) it describes a man who had “*undergone a profound alteration in his reaction to life*”. I began to question all the decisions I had made in the past, and how the residue of those decisions had tarnished and eroded any chance of a successful, happy life. I became aware that the *values system* that I had learned as a child, at church and at the Boy Scout meetings etc. was lost in the dust and was *replaced with guilt and shame*. I was in trouble when I violated *my own value system*. I now realize that I was not a bad kid, but I was a child that was not strong enough to do the things I knew to be right. The more I broke the rules, the easier it became, and *moral standards were meaningless*. Soon drinking was the only thing that eases my conscience. When that quit working for me, I found myself at the door of A.A. Once I had that *change of perception*, I knew what to do. It may be as simple as “trying to stop doing the things that I regret” but the key to it all is “*Being honest with myself*,” and never going back to my old way of thinking. I said that I was fortunate to have survived those last few years of drinking and that I came to A.A. looking for answers. Being desperate enough to ask for help was the most important part of that experience. I do not believe that anyone could have convinced me to stop drinking against my will. I may have stayed dry long enough to get the heat off, but I doubt that I would have *surrendered to the degree necessary to have that change of perception and therefore no spiritual awakening*. Getting off in the right direction from the start was especially important to any success I have had in A.A. I know that I only live once, and *I do not want to waste one moment of the precious life God gave me*. Today, as I continue to practice all the things, I have learned in the Program, it has resulted in a peace of mind that was unimaginable when I first walked through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous and, for that, I am extremely grateful.



# A.A. DESERT POW WOW

WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION  
RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA



JUNE 09, 10, 11, 12, 2022  
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA

## COVID-19 COMPLIANCE DISCLAIMER DESERT POW WOW 2022

State of California requires that the Desert Pow Wow attendees 1) **Are fully vaccinated** or 2) **Have a recent negative Covid-19 test prior to arrival.** Proof of vaccination status/Covid-19 negative test will be verified upon arrival. Masks are currently required for indoor events. Please see Desert Pow Wow website for Covid-19 requirements updates.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN** January 15th through May 31st

**TO REGISTER GO TO:** [www.desertpowwow.com](http://www.desertpowwow.com)

A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases.



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Registration Badges Required at all Meetings.*

<b>Thursday</b>	Noon -7:30 pm	Registration/Badge Pickup
	8:00 pm	A.A. Speaker Meeting
	9:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
	9:30 pm	Sing-along/Karaoke
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	7:00 am	Golf Tournament
	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	Registration/Badge Pickup
	9:00 am	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	1:00 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	1:00 pm	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	2:30 pm	A.A. Topic/Speaker Meeting
	4:00 pm	A.A. Longtimers Meeting
	6:00 pm	A.A. Young People's Meeting
	8:30 pm	A.A. Opening Meeting
	10:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
	10:00 pm	DJ Dance
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30 am	2 Mile Fun Run/Walk
	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	Registration/Badge Pickup
	9:00 am	A.A. Topic/Speaker Meeting
	10:30 am	A.A. Mens Stag
	10:30 am	A.A. Womens Stag
	11:45 am	Al-Anon Luncheon/Meeting
	2:30 pm	A.A./Al-Anon Family Meeting
	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	6:00 pm	A.A. Banquet/Meeting
	7:45 pm	(approx) Video Broadcast - Speaker
	8:30 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	9:00 pm	DJ Dance
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:15 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	A.A. Closing Meeting

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44-400 Indian Wells Lane, Indian Wells, CA 92210

Hotel direct line: (760) 773-4444

## Important Convention/Hotel Policies:

1. Register for convention prior to making hotel reservations. Special rate is only available to Pow Wow attendees beginning 2 days prior to and 2 days after event (June 7-14, 2022).
2. Room cancellations must be made with the hotel 3 days prior to arrival date without penalty; else 1 night plus tax will be charged.
3. All attendees must be registered and wear badges to all ticketed events (excluding dances).
4. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. For best seating, purchase tickets early.
5. If you wish to sit as a group, please send in registration forms with payment together. If registering online, we request one person purchase the table(s).
6. Tickets are not mailed, please pick them up at Pre-registration table when you arrive. Receipts will be emailed, if a legible email is provided.
7. Tickets will be sold at onsite registration until closed or sold-out. Only Ice Cream Socials, Dances and Breakfast tickets will be sold at the door.
8. No refunds on cancelled events after May 26th; tickets may be transferred or donated to a newcomer.
9. Registration fees are non-refundable, non-transferable.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Statement of Activity

December 2021

**\$4,865**

Net income for December

**\$20,494**

Income

**\$15,629**

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2021	JUL - DEC, 2021 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	12,317	49,018
Interest Income	0	33
Sales	8,177	45,352
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,494</b>	<b>\$94,403</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	5,580	30,855
POS Inventory Adjustment	(213)	(504)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$5,367</b>	<b>\$30,351</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$15,127</b>	<b>\$64,051</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	600	3,600
Computer Expense	409	2,420
Credit Card Fees	274	1,670
Insurance - Health	585	2,739
Insurance - Liability		1,083
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,060	1,060
Newsletter Expense	149	507
Office Expense	837	5,115
Payroll Expenses	4,140	26,912
Rent	1,520	9,122
State Filing Fees		50
Storage	181	1,083
Utilities	506	3,524
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,262</b>	<b>\$58,885</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,865</b>	<b>\$5,167</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,865</b>	<b>\$5,167</b>



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2021-2022 - FY22 P&amp;L

July - December, 2021

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	49,018	44,065	4,953
Interest Income	33	40	(7)
Sales	45,352	35,089	10,263
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$94,403</b>	<b>\$79,194</b>	<b>\$15,209</b>
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	30,855	21,274	9,581
POS Inventory Adjustment	(504)		(504)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$30,351</b>	<b>\$21,274</b>	<b>\$9,077</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$64,051</b>	<b>\$57,920</b>	<b>\$6,131</b>
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	3,600	3,600	0
Computer Expense	2,420	2,262	158
Credit Card Fees	1,670	946	724
Insurance - Health	2,739	2,472	267
Insurance - Liability	1,083	1,117	(34)
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,060	1,053	7
Newsletter Expense	507	150	357
Office Expense	5,115	4,500	615
Payroll Expenses	26,912	26,988	(76)
Rent	9,122	9,120	2
State Filing Fees	50	60	(10)
Storage	1,083	1,068	15
Utilities	3,524	3,229	295
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$58,885</b>	<b>\$56,565</b>	<b>\$2,320</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,167</b>	<b>\$1,355</b>	<b>\$3,812</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,167</b>	<b>\$1,355</b>	<b>\$3,812</b>

## Letters to the Editor or Articles for the Desert Lifeline

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 35-325 Date Palm Drive, Suite 134,  
 Cathedral City, CA 92234.  
 E-mail: [manager@AAinthedesert.org](mailto:manager@AAinthedesert.org)

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2021

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2021	JUL - DEC, 2021 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room	2,000.00	2,030.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs	137.10	269.05
3-7-11 Step Meeting #681237		129.00
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		203.00
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs	70.00	220.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	333.19	2,169.54
Alano Club Palm Springs	348.00	1,584.00
All My Friends		54.00
Anonymous No Group Given	2,163.12	9,462.43
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square	558.00	781.65
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	138.00	1,596.00
Birthday Contributions	124.00	414.18
Black Sheep Group		695.75
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		314.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City		104.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag	200.00	348.11
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	261.67	3,416.49
DCYPAA All Valley Young People's		50.00
Desert Men's Banquet	1,500.00	1,500.00
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	150.00	635.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		100.00
Female Friends Yucca Valley		160.00
Good Morning to You Book Study	115.00	115.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		90.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		35.00
IHOP Overflow Mon. Men's Stag		200.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag Palm Desert		127.50
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		636.70
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		200.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975	248.70	348.85
Meditation Meeting 1000 Palms		172.00
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert		200.00
Monday Night Traditions		87.00
No Matter What Group		165.00
No Rules La Quinta		1,050.00
Open Discussion Joshua Tree		90.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study	146.10	267.85
Oxy-Moron Group Palm Springs	102.00	102.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	160.00	706.00
PAIm Desert Keep It Simple		116.00
Palm Desert Q & A - 10 AM		5,000.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		200.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes		220.00

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## Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2021

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2021	JUL - DEC, 2021 (YTD)
Rock Bottom-THUR Twentynine Palms		30.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms		20.00
Round Table Serenity Group		300.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		479.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs	100.00	500.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag	100.00	200.00
Sober Divas		450.00
Solid Solutions- TUE		213.00
Spirituality in Recovery 258223		151.50
Step Sisters Palm Desert		176.50
Stepping Stones Palm Desert		137.00
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study	90.00	201.00
Sunday ABC Group Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
Sunday Serenity Group		202.62
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group	2,820.60	5,450.55
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	60.86	385.68
Sunset Group La Quinta Park		400.31
The First 164 Pages		382.00
The Original Men's Stag	161.00	161.00
Third Tradition Group Landers		100.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.		145.00
Tuesday Zoomers Step Study		50.00
Twilight Step Study 126569 Palm Desert		71.50
We're Not Really Here		248.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms	100.00	400.00
Wednesday Night Serenity 600735	30.00	30.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		20.00
Women's Voices		1,317.00
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		330.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,317.34</b>	<b>\$49,017.61</b>





**HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY**

**25 YEARS  
OF SERVICE**

**PEREZ PLAZA A.A. CLUB**

**You are invited**

**to an Open House @ 1:00 PM**

**Saturday, February 26th 2022**

**Perez Plaza A.A. Club**

**34-116 Date Palm Dr. Cathedral City, CA 92234**

**Bring the family & join us as we celebrate our  
25 years of Experience, Strength and Hope.**

**An outdoor lunch** will be provided  
as well as an open Speaker Meeting  
& Big Book countdown

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