



# the Desert Lifeline

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A publication of the Central Intergroup Office  
of the Desert serving the Coachella Valley.

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## **Intergroup Meeting**

1st Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

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3rd Thursday of the month,  
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3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM  
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Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.  
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Email: [webmaster@dcypaa.com](mailto:webmaster@dcypaa.com)

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4th Sunday of the month, 2:15PM  
Joshua Tree Fellowship Hall  
6430 Park Blvd.  
Joshua Tree, CA 92252  
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## Step

Admitted to God, to ourselves,  
and to another human being the  
exact nature of our wrongs.

## Tradition

Each group has but one primary  
purpose—to carry its message to  
the alcoholic who still suffers.

## Concept

Throughout our structure, a  
Traditional "Right of Appeal"  
ought to prevail, so that minority  
opinion will be heard and  
personal grievances receive  
careful consideration.

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# Principle Five

**Integrity** - the state or character of being true;  
living in honesty; being truthful.

### March Office Statistics

Meeting Info	58
12 Step Calls	5
Visitors	26
Literature Sales	213
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	5
Miscellaneous	58
Business	13
Zoom Attendance	104

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# March 2022



## Happy Birthday



Bruce D.

57 yr.



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

## Concept Five

***Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that the minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.***

Unlike many organizations, corporations, and governments, the A.A. service structure was uniquely designed to allow for the "Right of Appeal," "Petition," and "Minority Opinion." These ideas ensure the protection as well as making the best possible use of the minority feeling and opinion. In Alcoholic Anonymous, individual freedom is of enormous importance. A.A. allows an individual to declare themselves a member without forcing that individual to believe anything or pay anything. Furthermore, the ideas embodied in Concept Five ensure the well-heard minority will protect A.A. as whole against uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.

It is important to remember that although Tradition Two states the group conscience is the final authority for A.A. world service, Concept Five provides guidelines for the "trusted servants" of A.A. world service where obtaining the group conscience would not be practical and has limitations in responding to immediate problems and/or service matters. Consequently the "servants" have been entrusted and therefore are bound to use their own information and judgment, sometimes to the point of disagreeing with uninformed or biased group opinion. However, Concept Five still provides the ability to make concessions to the feelings and often-demonstrated wisdom of minorities. In doing so, A.A. occasionally may deny democracy's cherished principle of final decision by a simple majority vote.

In conclusion, Concept Five ensures that Alcoholics Anonymous will always be protected from the tyranny of either the majority or the minority opinion. By so defining these relations, Concept Five ensures that the informed decision will be made at all levels to protect A.A. as a whole.

John T. Just The Black Print Big Book Study, Rancho Mirage

**\$8.00**

Book of the month

**\$8.00**

## **AS Bill Sees It (Lg. 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.

**\$8.00**

**Normally \$9.00 - this month \$8.00**

**\$8.00**

Our founders are dead, Old-timers I thought would live forever have slipped out of the rooms and are gone on to a bigger, brighter room where Bill and Bob and countless others have taken up residency and set up the meeting place. The coffee pot perks endlessly, effortlessly. Warm hands reach out to clasp in fellowship, each new arrival. Donuts, perpetually oven fresh, are over there. Each person has brought their Big Book, miraculously as they knew it here on Earth - tear stained, coffee cup circles on the cover, dog eared, underlined notes and fragments tucked between pages still intact. They murmur about the alcoholics they left behind. Did they teach us well, those still in distant rooms? Did they teach us enough of the Traditions and Principles of Alcoholics Anonymous, and the value of Permanence? I know their final words were not to start changing AA the minute they were out of sight, out of mind.

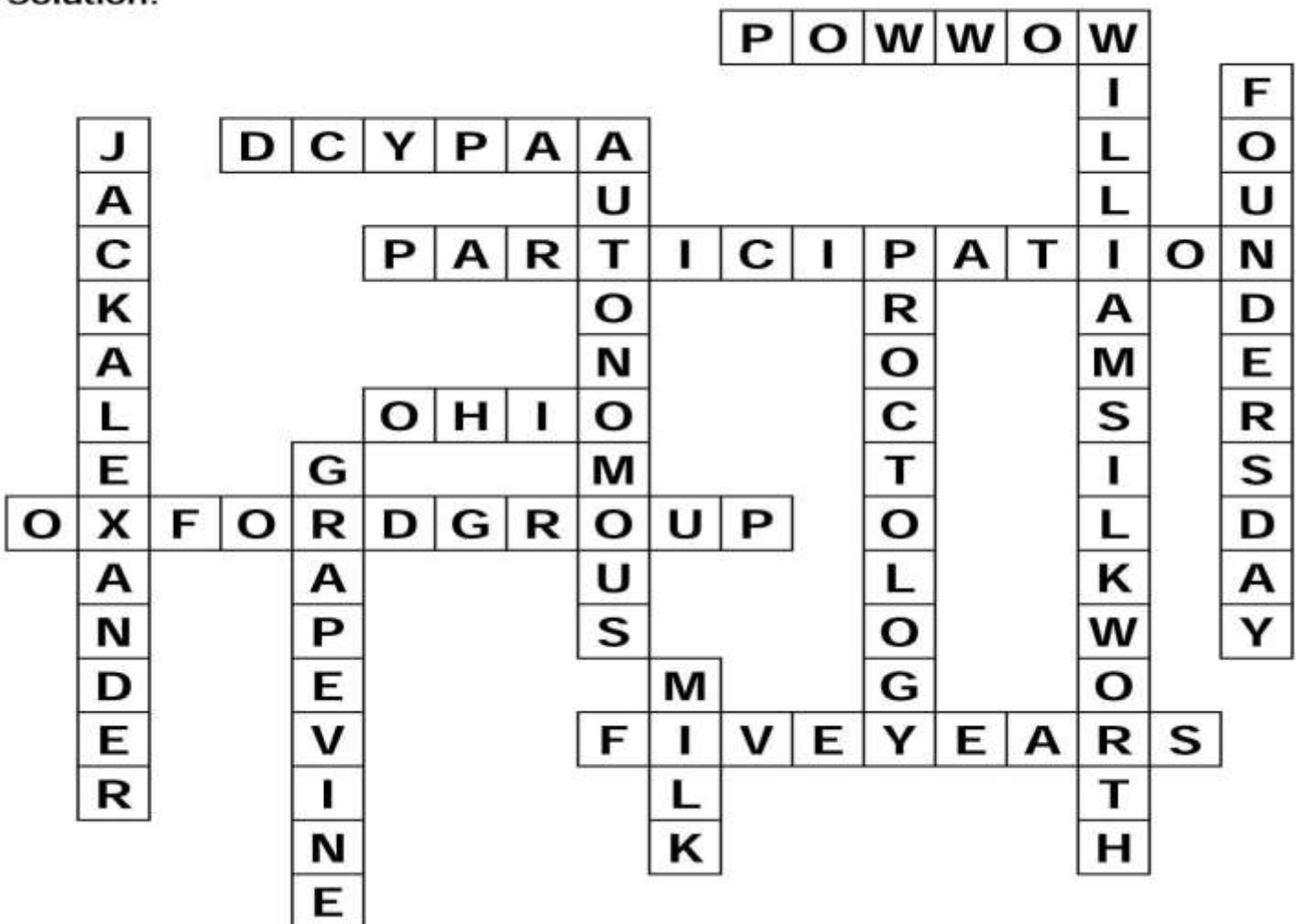
I believe we were given a mandate by every Old-timer who touched our lives and taught us what they knew about living sober. That we were to go forward into the tide of alcoholism and carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, the message of how we have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body, by God's grace and the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This letter is sent anonymously, but you will know my voice. I have sat next to you at meetings, been on my knees with you doing the 3rd step prayer, heard your fourth step, and listened to your triumphs and sorrows. I have given you a ride to a meeting, and bought you a meal, loaned you a dollar for the basket, answered the phone at 2am when you were scared. I've been to the funerals and to memorial services to make a "26". I've done these things because that's what we do, what was done selflessly for me.

Our founders are dead. Their works and deeds live in permanence. Not carved in stone, but in the hearts and minds of each one of us who hold Alcoholics Anonymous sacred. Change is what is put into the collection. The permanence of Alcoholics Anonymous is what sustains me.

## April Puzzle Solution

Solution:



### Sobriety Capital of the World - Indio ABC Recovery Ctr.

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

5/06	-	Michael R.	-	Valencia, CA
5/13	-	Danny D.	-	El Segundo, CA
5/ 20	-	Manny V.	-	Oxnard, CA
5/ 27	-	Ruby M.	-	Downey, CA

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

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

5/07	-	Frank P.	-	Palm Desert
5/14	-	Samantha W.	-	Palm Desert
5/ 21	-	David D.	-	Rancho Mirage
5/ 28	-	Helen A.	-	Palm Springs

## Peace of Mind and a Quiet Heart What More Could a Person Want

By Rick R.

In my early days of sobriety, I was hearing a lot of words that were unfamiliar to me and I did not pay much attention to them at the time since I had bigger fish to fry. I had a drinking problem and everything else took a back seat to that. I was overwhelmed by marital, legal, and economic problems. Words like love, patience, spirituality, and forgiveness were foreign to me and I did not see how they mattered when all I wanted to do was quit drinking. I stayed close to that group, and they started calling me *the fortunate one*. At the age of 28, I was the youngest one in that group. The rest of members in the group were over forty and it stayed that way for quite a while as drug problems had not evolved enough at the time (1969) to affect the influx of younger members. I felt like the elders of that group took a special interest in me and that endeared me to them in a special way.

I was always listening for the magic word that would inspire me and give me a purpose in life and one day it happened. Tears come to my eyes when I recall the memory of the gentle voice of *an old farmer named Harlan*. As he talked about all the trials and tribulations in the past, that he had endured, he explained how he had stumbled into A.A. and that all the answers were there, but he did not understand it until he had a goal to reach for, and the next words that came out of his mouth changed my life forever. He said, "ALL I WANT FROM LIFE IS PEACE OF MIND AND A QUIET HEART." The next thought that came to me was, *what more could a person want?* To this day, I still quote Harlan and credit him with the inspiration. He passed away in 2007 being sober 51 years.

I have been through the big book and the 12&12 many times and have made a slow but very purposeful attempt to rid my mind of all the tormenting memories and regrets of the past, and as I processed each one of them, the more I realize that *peace of mind* is the natural result of living by these principals. Clearing the wreckage of the past, and changing those behaviors that caused it, and practicing unselfish behaviors, with the help of seasoned veterans like Harlan, I move closer and closer to the promise: *We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.*

My books are marked and hi-lighted over the years as I evolved through the step study meetings or checked out the references to the big book in the Daily Reflections. Recently I have been focusing on the word *peace* and underlining it, and it is amazing how often it is linked to other words that, seem to get more attention. *Peace of mind encompasses the spirit of recovery in alcoholics anonymous* and I will be forever grateful that God saw fit to lead me to this wonderful program. *Harlan, rest in peace and thank you for the inspiration.*

## March Volunteers at Central Office

Ali G.

Bob B.  
Cindy H.  
Doug H.

Thank You !!

Mark L.  
Nikki J.  
Robert S.

Thank You !!

Amelia F.  
Anna R.

Eileen C.  
Jack Z.

James F.  
Jim B.  
Jody B.  
Katie Z.

Steven St. L.

Vicky P.

### Step Five: A Clean Slate

Those Tormenting Ghosts of Yesterday  
By Rick R.

We were all born with a clean slate. From the first day of our lives, we started to experience different emotions and those feelings had to do with the way we evolved into who we are today. Instinctively we responded to the different Threats and Comforts, of life, and these were the things that established our mental Strengths and Weaknesses. I believe, our problems can be traced back to the conditioning we experienced as we formed our Mental and Spiritual makeup. The perception we have of ourselves may be likened to a chalkboard containing every experience of our lives. If we can look at it and be satisfied that we had a good track-record, we would be comfortable with it and lead a normal life. If, however, we find ourselves on the negative side of the ledger in our formative years, we may develop abnormal feelings of guilt and shame, that triggers the beginning of the compulsion to drink excessively. In the beginning we get a temporary relief that tells us that we are fine, but it only lasts until we wake up the next morning and find ourselves in an even deeper quandary. We reach for the bottle, and again it gives us that temporary euphoria, and we repeat this process over and over until, something tragic in our lives drives us to Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) where we are encouraged to go through a process that can restore us to a more normal life. Steps One through Four are about surrender, acceptance, and discovery. Step five is about disclosure and for me, it was the gateway to how I was to live the rest of my life. After two attempts at Step Four, I was faced with the decision as to whether my future was going to be honest and meaningful, or just a meaningless facade. Fortunately, for me, I took a leap of faith and disclosed all those, so called, *tormenting ghosts of yesterday*, (12&12 pg.55) and looking back on it now, I realize that the decision to do this was the hinge pin for my thoroughness, with the rest of the steps. Had I not Cleaned the Slate at that time, I just do not see how I could have followed the spirit of truth and honesty, with myself and others that would have resulted in the peace of mind that I enjoy today. My inventory had to deal with bad, habits and deeds which had to be changed by the process suggested in steps six and seven. That was the easy part of step five. However, *those tormenting ghosts of yesterday* were another story. These were not habits, but deeds that I had done as an adolescent kid that seemed unforgivable. *No one should ever know; I would take them to the grave with me.* Mustering the strength to take that risk may have been the most crucial step forward I have ever made. My brain had been lying to me, after all; how bad could a thirteen-year-old kid be? That one decision is what I credit with giving me my life back and if I had not done it, I do not see how I could have given a good effort to the rest of the steps. I often hear members of the program that seem to resist looking deeper into their regrets and seem to build a wall of reasons why they do not need to, and I wonder if they might be caught up in the same dilemma that I was in when I took my fifth step. I wish I could reassure them that it is not worth the mental torment that it puts us through and that it may be wise to revisit that step and clean the slate. We cannot live alone with them; we must talk to someone about them. (Even A.A. old-timers, sober for years, often pay dearly for skimping this step. (12&12 pg. 56) If, you are that person, I encourage you to try to garner the strength to take that risk, and clean the slate; Afterall, we only live once. Let us not waste the opportunity to live a peaceful and contented life.

## Tradition Five

*Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*

As individual alcoholics, we walk, bounce, stumble or crawl our way into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous with a primary purpose. For many, it's to do something about our drinking. Sure, for some it's stipulated by some authority, even a spouse. But for lots of us it's to stop (or reduce, ever hear that one?) drinking because of something bad that has happened.

Luckily for us, the group we walk into doesn't have varied purposes. It has ONE primary purpose. That's what primary means: First, before all others. Sure, the group has autonomy and can control the style, format, place, time, length and flavor of the meeting. But it all serves the one primary purpose, to carry the message to alcoholics.

AA is so awesome that many other types of fellowships also use the steps (with permission) for their own primary purposes. For Alcoholics, it's alcohol that creates the suffering environment that culminates in us looking for help. So we look outside ourselves, demonstrating for the first time in a long time that we admit we cannot do it ourselves. We look to the AA group, often because we have nowhere else to go.

My personal favorite word in this step is "carry". Our group doesn't instruct, dictate, mandate, prescribe anything to the newcomer. We have a message and we carry it. It is up to the individual alcoholic to want what we have in order to get it. And we keep what we have by giving it to them. We carry the principles and steps in our daily lives in all our relationships, if we are lucky enough to do so. As sponsors, we share how we did it. As speakers we share our stories. At meetings, we share ourselves so that we can fulfill the primary purpose.

Many of the traditions are applicable to the individual alcoholic as well as the group. For me, this is one of them. I have to remember Tradition Five when I am dealing with someone who I dearly wish would "get it". I want to get them sober. I might even coerce other loved ones to do it my way and become intolerant to the continued drinking. But that's trying to deliver the message, not carry it. And when I read or write about this tradition I am reminded about why the groups exist in the first place. And because of one of those groups, I heard the message and I am still here. Were it not for that group and those AA's, perhaps I wouldn't be.

Rob L.  
Serenity Group, Cinemas Palme D'Or, Theater 4, Palm Desert



## Step Five

### ***Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.***

Do you need a good reason for taking your 5th Step in Alcoholics Anonymous? After experiencing the first three Steps and finding some hope, and making it through that “solitary self-appraisal” known as our inventory, many alcoholics find it difficult to share their whole life story, finding all sorts of “easier methods” to avoid this humbling experience.

I found the best reason to be in our Big Book, “If we skip this vital Step, we may not overcome drinking”. Having balked at the first four Steps, only to find myself returning to drinking and banging my fist on the bar, I kept coming back to meetings and finding more and more people were finding success in their sobriety by doing an inventory and sharing it with another alcoholic. After one more bout with booze, I finally did what I thought was a thorough and complete 4th Step, and promptly sat on it for a year and a half. During this time I separated from my wife and kids, and made another military move overseas. Amazingly, I found myself drinking again, terrified of where it would take me this time. I finally found someone I could trust, who had the freedom and serenity in his life I wanted, and took a 5th Step.

Since I wasn’t anywhere I could call home, I went to a quiet location on the beach, and found the peace and serenity I was looking for. I still have it after almost 17 years, and encourage anyone balking at this Step to take it right away. I’ve heard it said, “You can never take these Steps to soon, but can wait too long”, which is true for this one.

Jeff M  
Thursday Big Book Study, Yucca Valley

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

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

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

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

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





# 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**  
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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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OR  
**CALL 1-800-446-9875**

**Room Rate \$154.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$3.00**

Note: 2 nights minimum/5 guests per room max  
Special rates available until room block is filled  
But no later than May 24th

Pool facilities for registered guests only  
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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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### CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag to Read \_\_\_\_\_

Group or City \_\_\_\_\_

AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Guest ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Guest ☐

	QTY	AMT	TOTAL
Registration	@	\$ 25.00	
Fri. Night Dance	@	\$ 5.00	
Sat. Al-Anon Luncheon	@	\$ 32.00	
Tables of 10	@	\$320.00	
Vegetarian Meals			
Sat. Night Banquet Meeting	@	\$ 48.00	
Tables of 10	@	\$480.00	
Vegetarian Meals			
Sat. Night Dance	@	\$ 5.00	
Sun. Breakfast/Meeting	@	\$ 25.00	
Tables of 10	@	\$250.00	
Friday Golf Tournament	@	\$ 85.00	
2 Mile Fun Run/Walk	@	\$ 20.00	
Ice Cream Social	@	\$ 5.00	

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_

### SPORTING EVENTS

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

(Pre-Registration Required)

\*DEADLINE: JUNE 2nd

NO ON-SITE SIGN-UP

Tournament - Friday at 7:00 am Shotgun Start

Golf Course - Indian Wells Golf Resort

Sign Waiver at Check-in Table at Golf Course

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap Required \_\_\_\_\_

Paired With \_\_\_\_\_

#### Fees:

1 Day: **\$85**, Tournament Only, Friday (incl. cart)

For more information call Steve A. (818) 601-0054

#### 2 MILE FUN RUN/WALK

(Pre-Registration Required)

Saturday at 6:30 am

Pick up T-shirt and sign waiver at the Hostess Table

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: **\$20** / includes Regular T-Shirt ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL

or Tank Top ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL

**If you are paying for more than one person, please include his/her name on a separate enclosure.**

For more information call Rick D. (562) 209-0113

Make Checks payable to *Desert Pow Wow*.  
Mail to P.O. Box 10128, Palm Desert, CA 92255.

**If not mailed before May 27th,  
plan to register at convention.**

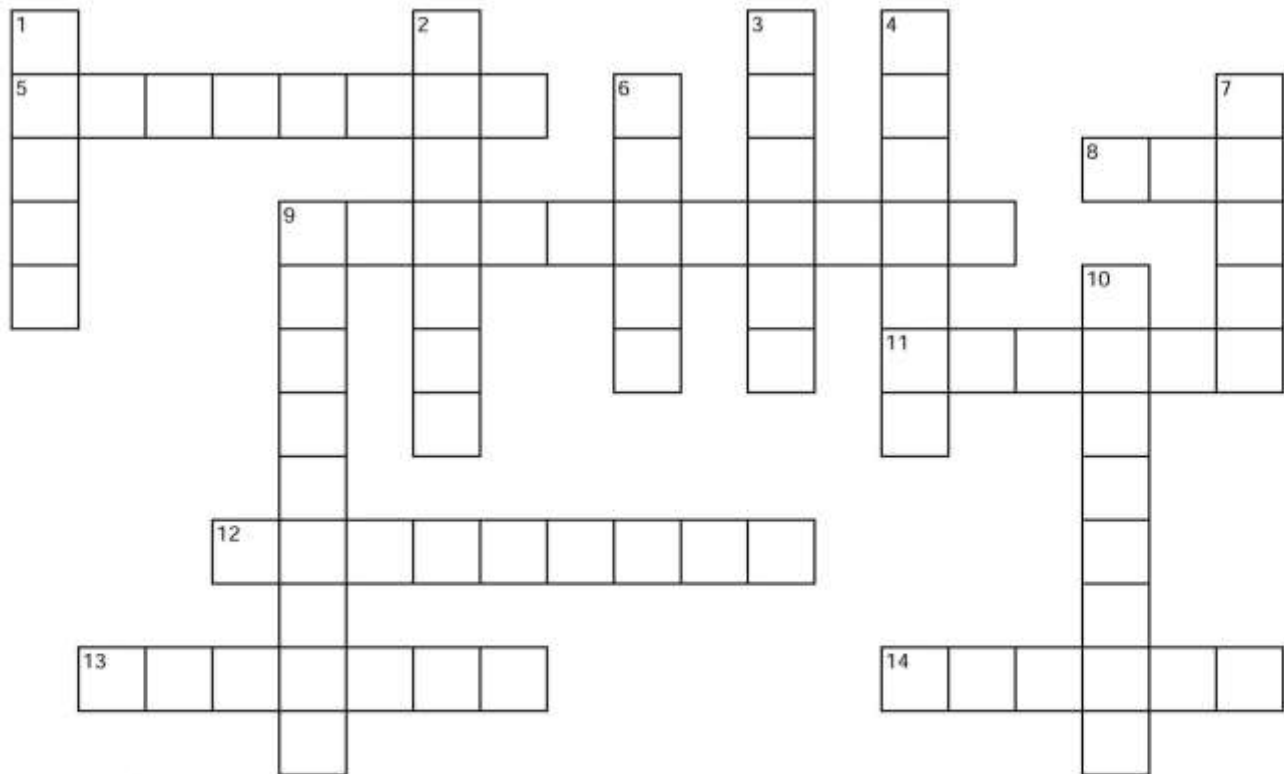
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## ACROSS

- 5 "Return to \_\_\_\_\_" - Southern California Hospitals and Institutions 2022 Conference happening Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th-29th!
- 8 "When we are honest with another person, it confirms that we have been honest with ourselves and with \_\_\_\_\_."
- 9 A spirit of friendliness and good will; good-fellowship
- 11 Honorable, sincere, truthful; open, frank, candid; will not lie, cheat, or steal
- 12 Spiritual principle of Step 5
- 13 The quality of mind or spirit that allows one to face danger, fear, or difficulties with self-possession, confidence, and determination
- 14 Sign; something that indicates future happenings

## DOWN

- 1 "We feel we are on the \_\_\_\_\_ Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe."
- 2 Each group has but one \_\_\_\_\_ purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 3 Concept 5: Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of \_\_\_\_\_" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- 4 The capacity to gain an accurate and deep intuitive understanding of a person or thing
- 6 Mercy; forgiveness; compassion; generosity; love; good will; unmerited divine assistance given to a human for their spiritual or moral revival or rebirth; reprieve; special favor
- 7 Confess to be true or to be the case, typically with reluctance
- 9 Artful trickery; deception by trickery or misleading reasoning
- 10 Full of danger or risk

Southern California Hospitals and Institutions  
Intergroup Committee is proud to announce  
our 2022 Conference:

# RETURN TO RECOVERY



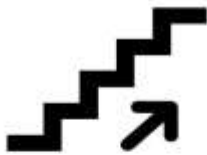
Hiking trails, lake activities, outdoor meals, Al-Anon,  
English and Spanish, Young People's dance May 28th



**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**  
**MAY 27-29TH**



**39707 Big Bear Blvd. Big Bear Lake, CA**  
**92315. P.O. Box 10000**



*Join our ONLINE planning committee meetings:*  
Every **Sunday @ 2pm** ZOOM: **290 755 6393** PW:**2021**

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## 87<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 10, 11, & 12, 2022 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

Please treat each meeting at Founders' Day as your own home group.

### ABSOLUTES

ALL STATE, LOCAL AND/OR UNIVERSITY OF AKRON COVID-19 PROTOCOLS THAT ARE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT WILL BE ENFORCED AND UPHELD ACCORDINGLY.

All pre-registration packets must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
Registration opens 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Picture I.D. is required.

2022 Name badges & ribbons must be worn ON CAMPUS and for admittance to all meetings.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All rooms, buildings, and stadium at The University of Akron are non-smoking.  
NO VAPOR/E CIGARETTES permitted in ANY building.

Handicapped parking will be strictly enforced.  
University police will ticket and tow all unauthorized vehicles parking in handicap spaces.  
Violators will incur a fine of \$250

No animals or campfires allowed in R.V. area.

NO ANIMALS ON CAMPUS, POLICE WILL ENFORCE.

NO hover boards, skateboards, or roller blades permitted on campus.

No motorcycles allowed on the grass.

No beach balls at any meeting.

The Sunday morning motorcade to Dr. Bob's grave site is a conference event and as such, you must be registered to participate.

Credit cards will now be accepted for both onsite registration and in the literature room.

### SPECIAL NEEDS

All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

Please contact the Founders' Day Committee with any special needs by May 15, 2022.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

No incoming calls accepted at dorms.

No entry to RV sites until 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning. A permit is required prior to set-up.

No camping tents allowed.

**FOR THE SATURDAY NIGHT BIG MEETING, WE WILL ALL BE UNITED TOGETHER ON THE WEST SIDE ONLY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON INFOCISION STADIUM. STADIUM WEATHER CONTINGENCY**

**PLAN - SEE WEB SITE. NO BEACH BALLS!**

**THIS IS AN OPEN AIR STADIUM SO PREPARE ACCORDINGLY.**

**NO REFUNDS FOR BASIC REGISTRATION.  
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

FOUNDERS' DAY 2022





# Founders' Day Herald

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## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Discussion of One Step Per Hour  
Chaired by: Woody W.

### A.A. Early Bird Meeting\* • 3:00 p.m.

Sandra S. - Cleveland, OH  
"She Faced a Hostile Universe Alone  
Until A.A. Found Her"  
Chaired by: Jerry C.

### Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

"Love and Tolerance"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 7:00 p.m.

Christina G. - Brecksville, OH  
"Watch Well, Your Beginnings -  
The Results Will Reveal Themselves"  
Chaired by: Mary K.

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 9:00 p.m.

Michael D. - Sioux Falls, SD  
"We Work On Broken Souls in A.A., God  
Can Fix A Broken Soul"  
Chaired by: Scott T.

### Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Open Discussion  
Chaired by: The Painesville Group

### A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
2 buses continuously - Bierce Circle

### A.A. Archives

Located in Akron Intergroup Office  
(Stop on bus tour)

### The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m.

Debbie D. - Concord, CA  
"Practicing Them In All My Affairs"  
Chaired by: Aaron K.

### A.A. Old Timers' Panel\* • 10:30 a.m.

Topic: "Acceptance Is The Key"  
Bob C. - Cleveland, OH  
Chris H. - Parma, OH  
Joe L. - Edmond, OK  
Chaired by: Aaron K.

### Reunión en Español • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and  
Alegria de Vivir Group

### A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting\* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Mike & Diane A.  
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"  
E.J. Thomas Hall  
Chaired by: Tracy C.

### Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.

"Love and Tolerance"

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 2:00 p.m.

Dick D. - Hamilton, Ontario, CA  
"Ain't It Great To Be Sober"  
Chaired by: Woody W.

### The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m.

Presented by: Gail L. - The Villages, FL  
Chaired by: Jerry C.

### A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 8:00 p.m.

Jay A. - Scarborough, Ontario, CA  
"Optimistic"  
UA Infocision Stadium\*\*  
Chaired by: Matt H.

**\*\*Stadium Weather Contingency Plan  
for Saturday Night - See Web Site**

### DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
Saturday Night

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE\*

7:30 a.m.  
Motorcycle procession and graveside  
memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S.  
Speaker: Dolly A  
Chaired by: Mary K.

### A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m.

Topic: "When All Other Measures Fail,  
Working With Another Alcoholic Just Might  
Save The Day"  
Rose L. - Cleveland, OH  
Laura D. - Cleveland, OH  
Melissa P. - Cleveland, OH  
Chaired by: Juanita W.

### A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting\*

10:30 a.m.  
Kenny D. - Seattle, WA  
"His Story, The Spiritual Awakening"  
Chaired by: Michael B.

## AL-ANON

### FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

### Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m.

Topic: "Double Winners/Doubly Blessed"  
Maura D. - N. Attleboro, MA  
Cary C. - Akron, OH  
Patty M. - Concord, NC  
Olin Hall  
Chaired by: Marie E.

## AL-ANON

### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

### Alateen Panel • 10:30 a.m.

"Alateens Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope"  
Olin Hall  
Chaired by: Sara M.

### A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting\* • 12:00 p.m.

Speakers - Mike & Diane A.  
"Family Disease, Family Miracles"  
E.J. Thomas Hall  
Chaired by: Tracy C.

## REGISTRATION

### UA STUDENT UNION

### CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by  
6:00 p.m. Saturday - **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Package Plans must be picked up at designated  
dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

### Coffee & Fellowship Room

Student Union

### A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!**

\* A.S.L. INTERPRETER

**NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.  
\$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**

**FOUNDERS' DAY IS A SERVICE OF THE AKRON AREA INTERGROUP COUNCIL OF A.A.**

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## C'MON AND JOIN US AT THE DESERT POW WOW!

When: June 9 – 12, 2022

Where: RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT, INDIAN WELLS

**(COVID-19 VACCINATION/NEGATIVE TEST VERIFICATION REQUIRED ON-SITE NO SELF ATTEST ACCEPTED), WRIST BAND AND BADGE REQUIRED FOR ALL MEETINGS AND INDOOR EVENTS, for more information go to [www.Desertpowwow.com](http://www.Desertpowwow.com))**

Thursday	Noon – 7:30 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	8:00 PM	AA Speaker Meeting – Jennie S (Palm Desert)
	9:30 PM	Ice Cream Social
	9:30 PM	Sing-A-Long/Karaoke
Friday	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	9:00 AM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "Actions Speak Louder Than Words"
	1:00 PM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "Change, Now And Forever"
	1:00 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting "Toot! Toot!"
	2:30 PM	AA Topic/Speaker Meeting, Ray J, Seamus O "AA History"
	4:00 PM	AA Longtimer's Meeting (Everyone Welcome)
	6:00 PM	AA Young People's Meeting (Everyone Welcome)
	8:30 PM	AA Opening Speaker Meeting – Billy C (Arcadia)
	10:00 PM	Ice Cream Social
	10:00 PM	Young at Heart DJ Dance (All ages)
Saturday	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration/Badge Pick-up
	9:00 AM	AA Topic/Speaker Meeting – Johnnie H, "The Whole Package"
	10:30 AM	AA Women's Meeting "Our Troubles Are Of Our Own Making"
	10:30 AM	AA Men's Stag "Are You Willing To Go To Any Lengths?"
	11:45 AM	Al-Anon Luncheon – Sarah Reeve-Chandler (Phoenix, AZ)
	2:30 PM	AA/Al-Anon Family Meeting – Al & Diana P (Bluffton, SC)
	5:30 PM	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion "Don't Trip On Something Behind You"
	6:00 PM	Banquet/Meeting – Danny B (Spring, Texas)
	Approx 7:45 PM	Video Broadcast of Banquet Speaker
Sunday	Approx 9:00 PM	AA Topic/Discussion Meeting "Fellowship Of The Spirit"
	Approx 9:00 PM	Young in Spirit DJ Dance (All ages)
	7:00 AM	AA Participation Meeting
	8:15 AM	AA Breakfast/Closing Meeting
	Approx 9:30 AM	AA Closing Meeting (only) – Georgia B (Montrose)

PLEASE JOIN US DURING THE WEEKEND FOR A CUP OF COFFEE OR A HOT DOG IN OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM... MEET NEW FRIENDS AND DO SOME ONE-ON-ONE SHARING

UPCOMING CONVENTIONS: **2022 MAAD Dog Daze TBD**  
**Annual South Bay Family Roundup**, September 2 – 5, 2022  
 (Sonesta Hotel, Redondo Beach Marina)  
**70<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern California Convention**, November 4-6,  
 2022 (Pacific Palms Resort, City of Industry)



Our Display Case has been re-positioned from the back wall to showcase

**NEW INVENTORY ITEMS:**

including **BOOK COVERS** and **JEWELRY!**

The samples of our “Fancy Medallions are on display also, as are our collection of historical publications of Big Books and local events. The new area was a collaboration of volunteers, Steven St. L. Rob S. & Cindy H. and our own Board member Samantha W. This gave us more floor space for in-person Intergroup gatherings and more comfortable shopping for you!





Statement of Activity

March 2022

**-\$749**

Net income for March

**\$16,474**

Income

**\$17,223**

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	7,718	67,993
Interest Income	0	49
Sales	8,757	70,813
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$16,474</b>	<b>\$138,855</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	5,878	47,569
POS Inventory Adjustment	(796)	(1,636)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$5,082</b>	<b>\$45,933</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$11,392</b>	<b>\$92,922</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	600	5,400
Computer Expense	508	3,781
Credit Card Fees	215	2,332
Insurance - Health	446	3,924
Insurance - Liability	549	1,631
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,060
Newsletter Expense	92	689
Office Expense	650	7,321
Outreach	2,500	2,500
Payroll Expenses	4,140	39,445
Plant Expenditures	243	279
Rent	1,520	13,683
State Filing Fees		50
Storage	181	1,626
Utilities	497	4,978
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,141</b>	<b>\$88,700</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (749)</b>	<b>\$4,222</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (749)</b>	<b>\$4,222</b>



# Central Intergroup of the Desert

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

July 2021 - March 2022

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	67,993	69,984	
Income	49	56	
	70,813	58,408	
Revenue	\$138,855	\$128,448	
Goods Sold			
Goods Sold	47,569	36,980	
Inventory Adjustment	(1,636)		
Cost of Goods Sold	\$45,933	\$36,980	
PROFIT	\$92,922	\$91,468	
Expenses			
Printing Services	5,400	5,400	
Travel Expense	3,781	3,393	
Card Fees	2,332	1,576	
Insurance - Health	3,924	3,708	
Insurance - Liability	1,631	1,946	
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,060	1,053	
Travel Expense	689	225	
Telephone Expense	7,321	6,750	
Depreciation	2,500		
Expenses	39,445	39,444	
Capital Expenditures	279		
	13,683	13,680	
Printing Fees	50	60	
	1,626	1,602	
	4,978	4,470	
Expenditures	\$88,700	\$83,307	
OPERATING REVENUE	\$4,222	\$8,161	
REVENUE	\$4,222	\$8,161	

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### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

March 2022

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room		2,030.00
12 & 12 La Quinta Library Wed Noon		138.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		398.40
3-7-11 Step Meeting #681237	198.79	327.79
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		203.00
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs	60.00	280.00
9am Staying Connected (Zoom)	649.93	3,785.35
Alano Club Palm Springs	156.00	2,184.00
All My Friends		54.00
An AA Big Book Group - Sunday - Desert Hot Springs		100.00
Anonymous No Group Given	2,951.13	13,937.47
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fel. Hall P.D.		254.39
Attitude Adjustment Rancho Mirage		25.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		918.65
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		3,163.00
Birthday Contributions		586.18
Black Sheep Group		695.75
Cash & Check Deposit		104.76
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		449.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City		150.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag		348.11
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	303.52	4,391.70
DCYPAA All Valley Young People's		50.00
Desert Men's Banquet		1,500.00
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	183.00	818.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		100.00
Female Friends Yucca Valley		160.00
Good Morning to You Book Study		115.00
Great Events Yucca Valley		150.00
Groovy Group Palm Desert	295.40	295.40
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		90.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		60.00
How It Works Palm Desert		49.00
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		200.00
Jaywalkers Men's Stag Palm Desert		235.30
Just the Black Print Big Rancho Mirage		636.70
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		326.00
Living Sober Palm Springs 146975		400.15
Meditation Meeting 1000 Palms		172.00
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert 640373		446.50
Mon. Women's Meeting Yucca Valley		120.00
Monday Night Traditions		87.00
New Freedom Palm Desert		100.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

March 2022

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
No Matter What Group	77.00	364.00
No Rules La Quinta	1,040.80	2,090.80
One Day At a Time Palm Desert		200.00
Open Discussion Joshua Tree		90.00
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		376.50
Oxy-Moron Group Palm Springs	75.00	177.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	142.00	848.00
PAIm Desert Keep It Simple		116.00
Palm Desert Q & A - 10 AM		5,139.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's	150.00	350.00
Participation - THU - Twentynine Palms	80.00	80.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Half Measures		104.67
Primary Purpose Blythe	100.00	100.00
Primary Purpose Mon. Ironwood Park	146.00	146.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes	57.00	477.00
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		702.00
Santa Rosa Group Palm Desert		150.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		120.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		500.00
Smoking Jackelope Men Stag		200.00
Sober Divas		600.00
Solid Solutions- TUE		213.00
Spirituality in Recovery 258223		269.50
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		250.00
Step Sisters Palm Desert		176.50
Step/Tradition Study Palm Desert	100.00	100.00
Stepping Stones Palm Desert 81054		137.00
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study	81.00	282.00
Sunday ABC Group Palm Desert		100.00
Sunday in the Park		338.00
Sunday Serenity Group		265.44
Sunny Dunes 5th Tradition Group	323.00	6,641.55
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	44.21	548.30
Sunset Group La Quinta Park	24.56	424.87
The First 164 Pages	319.20	701.20
The Original Men's Stag		161.00
Third Tradition Group Landers	100.00	200.00
Thurs. 7PM Attitude Adj.		388.00
Tuesday Zoomers Step Study		50.00
Twilight Step Study 126569 Palm Desert		71.50

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### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

March 2022

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
We're Not Really Here		248.00
Wed Nite Women's Discussion Heritage Palms		500.00
Wednesday Night Serenity 600735		30.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley	60.00	60.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		20.00
Women's Voices		1,505.50
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		389.95
Not Specified		5.00
TOTAL	\$7,717.54	\$67,992.88

The drunken monkey hypothesis proposes that human attraction to ethanol may have a genetic basis due to the high dependence of the [primate](#) ancestor of Homo sapiens on fruit as a food source. Ethanol naturally occurs in ripe and overripe fruit and consequently early primates developed a genetically based attraction to the substance.

This hypothesis was originally proposed by Dr. Robert Dudley of the University of California at Berkeley and was the subject of a symposium at the meeting of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Dudley believes that while most addictive substances have a relatively short history of use, ethanol attraction may have a long evolutionarily based history. He believes that fruit ethanol may have been a significant source of energy and that the smell of the ripening fruit would help primates locate it. Ethanol is a relatively light molecule and diffuses rapidly in a natural environment. Primates are known to have a higher olfactory sensitivity to alcohol than other mammals. The once-beneficial attraction to ethanol may underlie human tendencies for alcohol use and alcohol abuse. WIKIPEDIA





CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE  
OF ANNETTE G.

6/27/27—4/16/22

SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH at  
3:30

Fellowship Hall  
45940 Portola Ave,  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

