



the Desert Lifeline

February 2023

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.

Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Thursday of the month,
6:30 p.m.

General Service, District 9
3rd Sunday of the month, 4PM

Now meeting on Zoom
Meeting I.D. 928 8170 4093
Password: 642408

(When in-person again: 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,
5:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: PO Box 1843
Palm Desert, CA 92261
www.coachellavalleyhandi.org

Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)
PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446
Web site: www.msca09aa.org

General Service Office New York

Contribution Mailing address
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407
Web site: www.aa.org

DCYPAA

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

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

Step

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

Tradition

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.

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.

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	40
12 Step Calls	2
Visitors	32
Literature Sales	224
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	5
Miscellaneous	45
Business	19
Zoom Attendance	124

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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Thank You !!

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Jim B.
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Julie H.

Thank You !!

Kathy M.
Mark L.
Morgan S.

Nikki J.
Richard B.
Sean G.
Steven St. L.
Vicky P.
Yadira B.

December 2022

Lesa A. 16 yr.
Kathy F. 24 yr.
Loretta 28 yr.
Pricilla C. 35 yr.

Happy Birthday



Loren A. 36 yr.
Paulette Q. 45 yr.
Char A. 40 yr.
Madeleine R. 50 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.

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

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

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

Secretary/Treasurer/Commitment Workshop & Pot-Luck

**Saturday February 18th 2023 POTLUCK 12:00 to 1:00
and Workshop from 1:00 to 2:30 or 3:00 PM**

Meeting ID: 924 237 7111
Passcode: Intergroup

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert
35-325 Date Palm Drive
Suite 107
Cathedral City

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Passcode: Intergroup

This is a "Hybrid" Workshop

Come and Join us in-person for a POTLUCK or on Zoom for a Workshop

Please leave your contact information at Central Office to let us know you're interested
760.324.4880 David M. Office Manager

\$4.50

Book of the month

\$4.50

Came to Believe (Large Print)

Over 75 A.A. members from around the world share about what the terms "spiritual awakening," "Higher Power" and "God as we understood Him" mean to them. Offers a range of perspectives on what spirituality can look like in the context of Alcoholics Anonymous.

General Service Conference-approved.

\$4.50

Normally \$5.25
This Month only \$4.50

\$4.50

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.

- 2/03 Kevin B. - Tarzana
- 2/10 Anya S. - San Pedro
- 2/17 Caleb A. - Los Angeles
- 2/24 Anoosh Y. - Los Angeles

Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:30 p.m.

- 02/04 Dallas Anne E - Palm Desert
- 02/11 Rick M. - La Quinta
- 02/18 Jesse A. - Palm Desert
- 02/25 Dick J. - Palm Desert

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.*

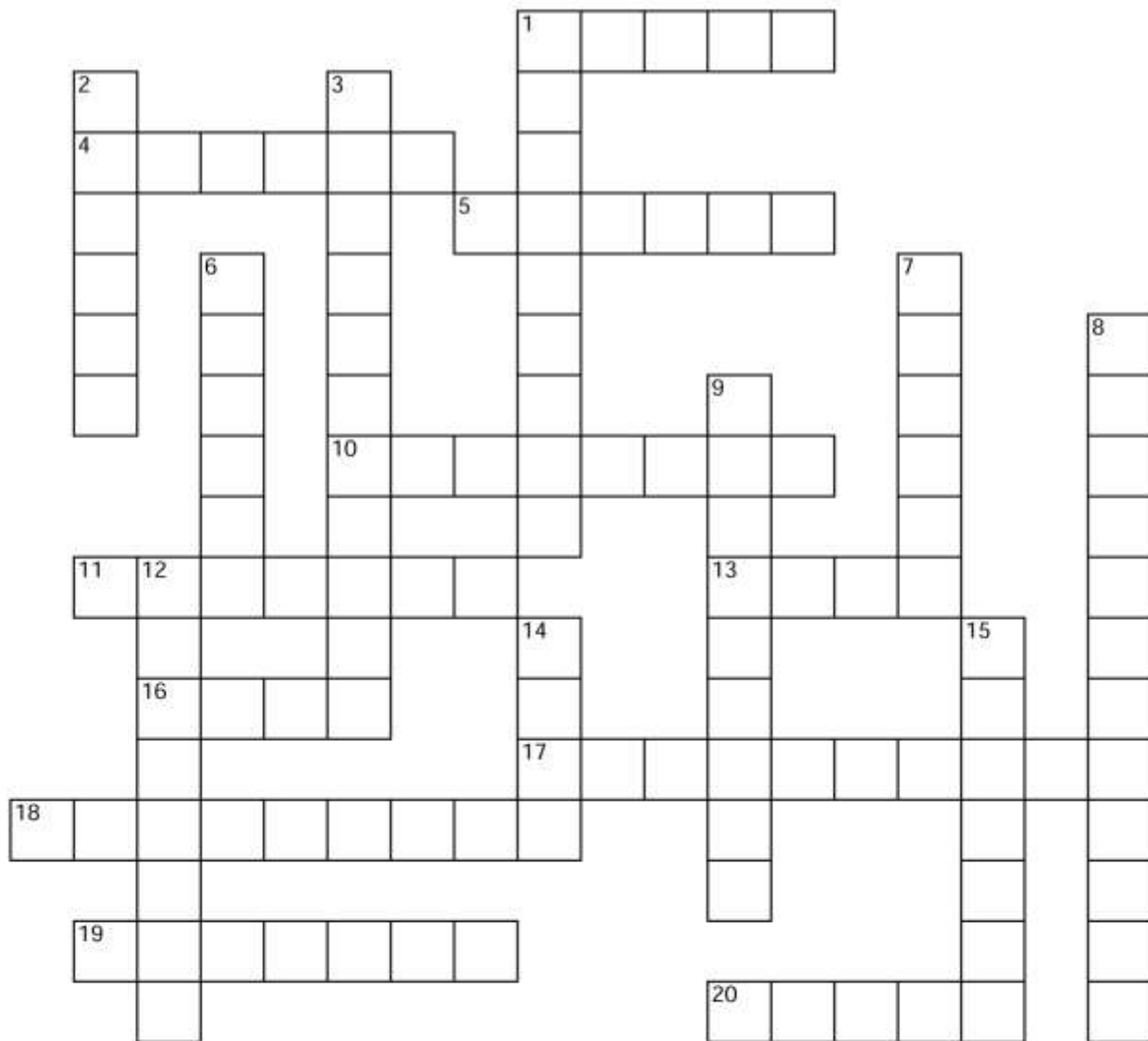
I am extremely grateful for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous for saving my life and restoring me back to my God given sanity. Furthermore, I am grateful for the men and women that came before me who carried on the traditions of our society so that alcoholics like me can have this program for our recovery and restoration. And when I speak of these men and women I'm speaking of the "old timers" or as the Twelve and Twelve refer to them "the elder statesman". I credit and appreciate these men women including the ones that are still with us for having the ability to put their egos and self centeredness aside in order to accommodate Tradition Two by not allowing themselves to get caught up in wanting to be "the producer". Not all members were able to do that in order to preserve our traditions and the book tells us that those who could not adhere to these spiritual principles were likely to drink again. As an active member of A.A. with a variety of service commitments ranging from secretary to Intergroup Rep to General Service Rep I would have to admit how tempting it gets from time to time to attempt to control certain situations in certain groups, especially when it's not going the way I think it should. But only by the grace of God and the spiritual principles of this program am I then able to step back from the situation and check my motives and only then am I able to spare myself from becoming the "bleeding deacon" of the group, saving myself from the demoralizing feeling of embarrassment as consequence of my ego and self centeredness.

I have to believe that God flows through the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous and even though our interpretations of God may vary, I strongly believe that He works in our groups as a whole by giving the groups our necessary strength, tolerance, compassion, open mindedness, willingness, and honesty.....resulting in the only authority that can maintain the necessary respect that's required to keep our groups and A.A. as whole in perfect order and out of the hands of one man or woman. I trust God as our group's authority; therefore I will have to trust in the process of "group law" and "majority rule" as long as the group does not stray from The Traditions which in my opinion are a part of the simple laws for our society in the rooms of A.A. recovery. This process has been working for 75 years and I don't see any reason why it shouldn't continue to work for lifetime and more.

It is critical that we take on the responsibility to preserve the program of Alcoholics Anonymous for all generations to follow. Let's adhere to the spiritual principles of The Traditions without deviation so that this program remains attractive for those who still need to arrive, such as our children, grandchildren, and all other future alcoholics looking for recovery. We know this program saves lives, it saved ours!! I thank God and every member of Alcoholics Anonymous for saving my life and restoring my sanity! May peace be with you!

Special thanks to my Palm Desert Fellowship sobriety brothers and sisters, you know who you are and to my sponsor Bill B. and all of the "old timers" in my life. You are all a true gift of my sobriety.

Big Rob,
Sunday Night Rebel Group, Palm Desert
Monday Night Jay Walkers Men's Stag, Palm Desert
Tues Night Men's Stag, Palm Desert



www.CrosswordWeaver.com

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

January Puzzle Solution



"I hate that smug look you get when you're going to a closed meeting!"





A.A. DESERT ROUNDUP
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION
RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA
JUNE 8, 9, 10, 11, 2023
INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPEN January 3rd through May 31st
TO REGISTER GO TO: www.desertroundup.com
A \$4 convenience fee is charged for all credit card purchases.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sandy W. (760) 776-1066
Kathy R. (760) 832-2275



**TENTATIVE
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Registration Badges Required at all Meetings.

Thursday	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
Friday	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
	6:30 pm	A.A. Young People's Meeting
	8:30 pm	A.A. Opening Meeting
Saturday	10:00 pm	Ice Cream Social
	10:00 pm	DJ Dance
	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
Sunday	5:30 pm	Al-Anon Topic/Discussion Meeting
	6:00 pm	A.A. Banquet/Meeting
	7:45 pm	(approx) Video Broadcast - Speaker
	8:45 pm	A.A. Topic/Discussion Meeting
	9:00 pm	DJ Dance
	7:00 am	A.A. Participation Meeting
	8:15 am	Breakfast
	9:30 am	A.A. Closing Meeting

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RENAISSANCE[®]
ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA
BOOK RESERVATIONS ONLINE
<https://book.passkey.com/go/desertroundup2023>
OR
CALL 1-800-446-9875
Room Rate \$155.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$4.00
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
PRE-BOOK VIP POOL CHAIRS/CABANAS
reniw.ipoolside.com
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 Roundup attendees beginning 2 days prior to and 2 days after event (June 6-13, 2023).
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 canceled events after May 25th; tickets may be transferred or donated to a newcomer.
9. Registration fees are non-refundable, non-transferable.

SERVICE ANIMALS are welcome. Personal pets whose function is to provide comfort or emotional support
DO NOT qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disability Act.

We love your pets but please keep them safely at home. THANK YOU for understanding.



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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name _____

FIRST

LAST

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Email _____

Name Tag to Read _____

Group or City _____

AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Guest ☐

Name _____

FIRST

LAST

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone () _____

Email _____

Name Tag to Read _____

Group or City _____

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	_____	@ \$ 95.00	_____
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 _____

FIRST

LAST

Email _____

Telephone () _____

Handicap Required _____

Paired With _____

Fees:

1 Day: **\$95**, 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 _____

FIRST

LAST

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

TO VOLUNTEER

Hostess/Hospitality/Registration

Security/Onsite Ticket Sales

Please go to www.desertroundup.com

For More Information Call Donna DeH. (818) 497-1097

Make Checks payable to Desert Roundup.
Mail to P.O. Box 10128, Palm Desert, CA 92255.

If not mailed before May 26th,
plan to register at convention.

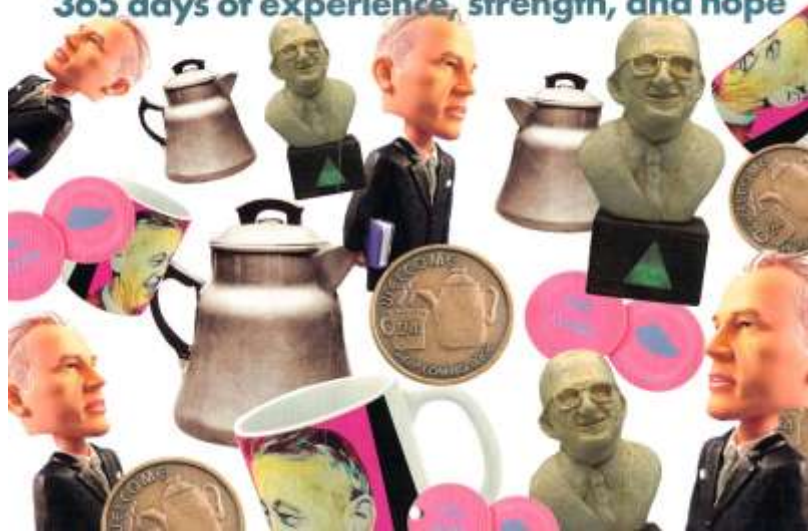
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FEBRUARY DEAL OF THE MONTH!

SOBRIETY CALENDAR 2023
365 days of experience, strength, and hope



\$10.00

\$10.00

2023 CALENDAR WITH HISTORICAL A.A. NOTES

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE CENTRAL INTERGROUP OFFICE OF THE DESERT

The following pages are hereby presenting the results of the Bylaws
Subcommittee

Summary:

General structural changes and order of Articles

New amendments are highlighted (yellow), "***bold, italics***" and are underlined

Deletions are presented in "strikethrough" red text

DISCLAIMER

The changes presented were formatted to accommodate the black and white
printed copies and the digital versions. Please contact the office if there are any
questions about the presented changes. Supplemental printed or digital copies
can be provided upon request.

**By-Laws
Of
Central Intergroup Office of the Desert**

Revised October 3, 2002

Revised May 12, 2011

Revised December 6, 2018

Revised January 12, 2023

Reviewed and current as of **APPROVAL DATE**

BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL INTERGOUP OFFICE OF THE DESERT, AN INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION, AS AMENDED, ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ASSEMBLY MEETING, FEBRUARY 3, 2000, AT RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE I

A. NAME: CENTRAL INTERGOUP OFFICE OF THE DESERT

ARTICLE II

A. THE PURPOSE OF THE CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT, AN INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION IS TO:

- A. Unify the efforts of all member groups in the Central Intergroup Office of the Desert.
- B. Supply information and literature to any groups of individuals within our scope.
- C. Assist in forming new groups or help existing groups in carrying out our purpose; and
- D. Help in any way to carry out the sole purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

ARTICLE III

A. THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO AND BE A PART OF THESE BY-LAWS:

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS

- 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity.
- 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 govern.
- 3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- 4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. 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.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create special boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

ARTICLE IV

A. AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL INTERGROUP OFFICE OF THE DESERT

The power to conduct the affairs of the Central Intergroup of The Desert and Intergroup Association of Alcoholic Anonymous shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of ten (10) members.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Responsibilities

- a. The Board of Directors shall have the power to conduct, manage and control the affairs of the Central Office; to make rules and regulations consistent with these By-Laws; and to incur indebtedness necessary to carry out the objective of the Central Office and Intergroup. The actions of the Board of Directors shall be by majority vote. A quorum consists of a majority of the then current Board.
- b. The Board shall oversee preparation of an annual budget in June of each year by the Central Office Manager and any accountant hired by the Board. The Board shall pass an annual budget in June of each year.
- c. The Board of Directors shall meet once a month at Central Office

- d. The Board of Directors shall notify the Intergroup body if there are any changes to the regular board meetings or any Special Meeting of the Board.
- e. Any two (2) officers, or an Officer and a Board Member, may call a Special Meeting of the Board, notice to be given two (2) days in advance, and the topic of the meeting to be clearly stated.
- f. The Board of Directors is responsible for discussing, and responding to, complaints brought to their attention regarding the operations of the office, Intergroup or any sub-committees. Any resulting solution will be presented to the individual(s) at the discretion of the Chair.
- g. No Director shall receive money for services rendered as Director.

2. Election Procedures and Eligibility of Directors

- a. The Manager of Central Office is a member of the board.
- b. Members of the Board shall be nominated and elected at the last Intergroup meeting of the year.
- c. Board members shall be elected to serve (2) full years of service.
- d. No Board member shall serve more than two consecutive (2) year terms. However, after a two-year interruption in service, said former Board member can be elected or appointed to the Board again.
- e. A Director shall automatically be removed from office for loss of sobriety, unexcused lack of attendance at three (3) board meetings in one year or by any conduct which is deemed by a three quarters (3/4) vote of Intergroup to be detrimental to the welfare and best interest of the corporation.
- f. Board vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board, with approval of Intergroup at the next meeting. Said appointee shall serve out the term of the vacated position but shall be eligible for re-election at the end of that term.
- g. In the event that no replacement can be found that meets the criteria above, the board may appoint a prior Board member that has served within the last two years.
- h. No person shall be eligible as a Director, until they have had a minimum of two (2) years of continuous sobriety.
- i. To be eligible as a Director, a person must have been an Intergroup Representative from a Coachella Valley or adjacent A.A. group for six months and must have attended at least four Intergroup meetings AND be present at the December election meeting. If no group representative is eligible to serve, a former board member may be nominated, elected and serve another term.

j. *To be eligible as a Director, it is strongly suggested that the individual participate in at least one volunteer shift at the office or have other experience in the day-to-day operations.*

k. The new Board shall meet as soon as practical for organization purposes after election and to elect current Officers.

~~l. Board members shall be elected to serve (2) full years as follows:~~

~~Odd number calendar year—five (5) Board members~~

~~Even calendar years—(4) Board members.~~

~~This staggering of the terms of Board members is done with the knowledge that this procedure will avoid or preclude any election of a complete Board in any one calendar year who are not informed in the procedures and operations of the Central Office.~~

C. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY AND FROM THE TEN (10) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

1. Chairman
2. Vice-Chairman
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary

D. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The chairman shall:

- a. Conduct meetings and preserve order.
- b. Enforce the provisions of these By-Laws.
- c. Be ex-officio member of all committees.
- ~~d. Sign all checks drawn upon the funds of this association together with the signature of the Treasurer.~~
- e. Have a minimum of five (5) years of sobriety.
- f. *The chair has no vote.*

2. The Vice-Chairman shall:

- a. Assist the Chairman in the discharge of his duties and perform said duties in and during the absence, sickness or vacation of the Chairman.
- b. In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, the Treasurer will perform those duties.
- c. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairman, act as Chairman for the un-expired term.
- d. Have a minimum of five (5) years of sobriety.

3. The Treasurer shall:

- a. See that adequate bookkeeping records are currently maintained.

- b. Have a financial report at each Intergroup meeting and shall at all times keep the Board informed of the financial condition.
 - ~~c. Sign all checks drawn upon the funds of this association, together with the Chairman or the Chairman's alternate.~~
 - d. When directed by the Board, two members of the Board other than the Treasurer shall conduct an audit of the Treasurer's books.
 - ~~e. Arrange for annual review of internal controls by at least two members of the board and oversee the preparation of tax returns, both state and federal, by independent bookkeeper. Tax returns must be filed within 90 days of end of fiscal year.~~
 - f. Have a minimum of five (5) years of sobriety.
4. The Secretary shall;
- a. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Intergroup and perform such duties as are required in conducting the affairs of both bodies.
 - b. Read the minutes of the previous Board and Intergroup meetings at the respective meetings.
 - c. Have a minimum of two (2) years of sobriety.
5. Term of Officers of the Board:
- a. Officers of the Board shall serve for an initial term of one (1) year.
 - b. Any individual who has served as an officer of the Board shall be eligible to serve one (1) additional term in the same position if so selected by a majority of those Board members present at the Board meeting where the election is conducted.

ARTICLE V

FINANCES

- A. An independent bookkeeper will be responsible for maintaining the office finances and work in conjunction with the Office Manager. The bookkeeper will arrange for annual review of internal controls and prepare state and federal tax returns. The bookkeeper will report all financial activities to the Board. Tax returns must be filed within 90 days of end of fiscal year.**
- B. Upon dissolution of this association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of this association, the remaining assets shall be distributed as follows:

1. Sixty percent (60%) to the Alcoholics Anonymous World services, Inc., New York, N.Y. which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 2. Forty percent (40%) to Mid-Southern California Area Assembly.
- C. No part of the net earnings of this association shall ever inure to or be for the benefit or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the except purposes for which it was formed. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an association except from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
- D. The Central Office may advance "seed money" or "start-up funds" to any fund raising activity from which the Central Office is a beneficiary and may include events in the Coachella Valley where a board member maintains regular liaison with the event's planning committee, and reports plans and progress to the board. The amount advanced should then be entered in the financial records an in the *Desert Lifeline* monthly "Income and Expenses" report as a separate line item reflecting advances and return payments against those advances.
- E. *A "prudent reserve" equal to six (6) months operating expenses shall be maintained by the Central Intergroup Office of the Desert and their Board of Directors.*

ARTICLE VI **PARLIMENTARIAN**

Any board member or past board member may act as parliamentarian of the Board, or of Intergroup, when directed by the Chairman of the Board.

ARTICLE VII **AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS**

Amendments and additions or deletions of these By-Laws shall be presented to the Board of Directors in writing. The Board cannot vote on acceptance or rejection of the proposal but may offer a recommendation to the Intergroup when that body considers the proposed changes or additions. A notice that amendments, additions or deletions are up for adoption shall be put in the next newsletter and will be put up for adoption at the following regular Intergroup meeting. Amendments, additions or

adoption at the following regular Intergroup meeting. Amendments, additions or deletions must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Intergroup representatives attending the meeting at which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE VIII

Robert's Rules of Order (see **Appendix I**) shall be used as a guide in conducting all meetings.

APPENDIX I

Robert's Rules of Order

Modify by the Twelve Traditions and
Adapted for the General Service Conference Area 47 Assembly

What are Robert's Rules of Order?

They are set of guidelines for conducting business first written in 1876. Clubs, organizations, associations and conventions generally utilize Robert's Rules for business meetings.

Why are Robert's Rules Important?

These guidelines allow everyone to be heard so this group can make decisions without confusion. This version of Robert's Rules have been modified to fit the needs of Area 47. Today, Robert's Rules of Order are the basic meeting operation for AA at the District, Area, Regional and National level, so it's important that everyone know these basic procedures. They should not be utilized in a way to stifle full discussion of an issue. We use these guidelines, but keep in mind that they must occasionally give way to the 12 Traditions.

Moving to Motion:

A *motion* is a proposal that the entire membership take action or a stand on an issue. Only members that can vote on motions may make motions. Motions cannot be made when any other motion is on the floor. Original motions yield to subsidiary motions such as amendments.

1) Obtain the floor by raising your hand.

- a) Wait until the last speaker has finished.
Always wait until the Chairperson recognizes you.

2) Make Your Motion.

- a) Speak in a clear and concise manner. It is sometimes helpful to write out your motion before saying it.
- b) Always state a motion affirmatively. Say, "I move that we ..." rather than, "I move that we do not ..."
- c) Avoid personalities and stay on your subject.

3) Second the Motion.

- a) Another member will second your motion or the Chairperson will call for a second.
- b) If there is no second to your motion it is lost.
- c) It is generally not advisable to second a motion to simply get on with the discussion. The better course is to wait for the motion to fail without a second and then make a new motion. This avoids the problem of having to overly amend a motion that is not effectively worded in the first place.

4) The Chairperson States Your Motion.

- a) The Chairperson will say, "It has been moved and seconded that we ..." Thus placing your motion before the membership for consideration and action.
- b) Once your motion is presented to the membership by the Chairperson it becomes "assembly property," and must follow the amendment procedure (below) to be modified.

5) The Motion is Discussed.

- a) The time for you to speak in favor of your motion is at this point in time, rather than at the time you present it. The mover is always allowed to speak first.
- b) All comments and debate must be directed to the Chairperson.
- c) The membership then either discuss and debate your motion, or may move directly to a vote.
- d) Any member may speak on a motion, but should wait until other speakers are finished before taking the microphone for a second time.
- e) The mover may speak again only after other speakers are finished, unless called upon by the Chairperson.

6) Putting the Question to the Membership.

- a) The Chairperson asks, "Are you ready to vote on the question?" If there is no more discussion, a vote is taken.
- b) Alternately, a members states "I call the vote" at the microphone.
 - i) Calling the question requires a second and requires a simple majority to pass.
 - ii) This action is not debatable.
 - iii) The person calling the question must be recognized and speak in turn, calling the question out of turn, interrupting those who have been waiting to speak, is out of order and does not have to be recognized by the Chair.
 - iv) The person calling the question may not address the motion prior to calling the question.

7) Voting on a Motion:

At the discretion of the Chair one of three methods of voting will be used:

1. **By Voice** -- The Chairperson asks those in favor to say, "Aye," those opposed to say "no", and ask for any abstentions. The only reason to abstain from the vote is if you could personally gain or profit from the motion. Any member may move for an exact count.
2. **By a Show of Hands** -- Each member raises their hand until all hands are counted. This method is used for counting dissenting votes also.
3. **By Ballot** -- Members write their vote on a slip of paper; this method is used when secrecy is desired, such as during elections of committee members. (Please see Third Legacy voting in your service manual for further instructions.)

Minority Opinion

The minority opinion is very important to AA and helps to preserve our Traditions.

Following a vote, the Chairperson will ask to hear from the minority opinion. The Chairperson can choose how many minority opinions will be heard. The purpose is to persuade even one person from the majority to change their opinion and move for reconsideration.

- a) If any member who voted on the prevailing side of the question raise their hands the request to reconsider a vote is considered made and seconded and discussion resumes on the matter as if the original vote had not taken place.
- b) This is not discussion, and no rebuttal by a member of the majority is allowed.
- c) If the motion that is being reconsidered is not debatable, then the motion to reconsider is not debatable.
- d) A matter may be reconsidered only once. Motions to reconsider or table cannot be subject to a motion to reconsider.
- e) Motions to reconsider must be made at the same meeting at which the vote being reconsidered was taken.

Amending a Motion:

When a motion requires change before approval, a motion to amend the motion may be made.

- a) A "friendly" amendment is suggested to the person making the motion and accepted by him. The Chairperson will then restate the question with the amendment included and discussion on the amended motion continues.
- b) A "formal" motion to amend is done by inserting, adding, deleting or changing the motion. For example, if the motion is to allocate \$500.00 to some task, and the discussion indicated the assembly thought that amount was too much, a member could amend the motion by saying "I move to change the motion from \$500.00 to \$250.00."
- c) Formal motions to amend must be seconded.
- d) If seconded, discussion of the motion to amend takes precedence over the main motion and the discussion then focuses on the amendment.
- e) Once the assembly votes on the amendment, the discussion of the main motion resumes.

Tabling a Motion:

Tabling a motion has the effect of removing the motion from further consideration at that time, and postpones it to such time in the future when it is taken off the table.

- a) A motion to table requires a second.
- b) Motions to table are not debatable.
- c) Motions to table require a simple majority to pass.
- d) If the matter is to be postponed to a specific time, then the appropriate motion is not to table, but to postpone until {date}.

Point of Order

It is the duty of the Chairperson to enforce the guidelines of the Assembly. It is the right of each member of the Assembly who notices a shift from these guidelines to bring the problem the Chair's attention by calling "Point of Order".

- a) The Chair may stop discussion that does not follow the guidelines of the Assembly without calling "Point of Order". An explanation of the guideline will be provided before discussion on the motion continues.
- b) Any member may call "Point of Order" from the Assembly floor.
- c) The discussion stops and the Chair will address the guideline question before continuing.
- d) The Chair may request the assistance of a member to act as the Parliamentarian of the group by suggesting an interpretation of these guidelines to the Chair.
- e) A decision is made on the rule or guideline by the Chairperson and discussion is resumed.

Robert's Rules of Order, Modified by The Twelve Traditions, Adapted for General Service Conference Area 47



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Central Intergroup of the Desert

Statement of Activity

December 2022

PROFIT AND LOSS

-\$2,451

Net income for December

\$14,338

Income

\$16,789

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2022	JUL - DEC, 2022 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	4,686	36,233
Gratitude Dinner	(500)	4,399
Interest Income	0	16
Sales	10,152	54,498
Total Revenue	\$14,338	\$95,146
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	6,775	35,657
POS Inventory Adjustment	(637)	(221)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$6,138	\$35,436
GROSS PROFIT	\$8,200	\$59,710
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	800	4,800
Bank Charges	15	90
Computer Expense	442	2,756
Credit Card Fees	230	1,565
Insurance - Health	626	2,980
Insurance - Liability		1,360
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,079	1,079
Newsletter Expense		862
Office Expense	646	4,460
Payroll Expenses	4,513	29,334
Plant Expenditures		908
Rent	1,616	9,820
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	218	1,526
Utilities	466	3,883
Total Expenditures	\$10,650	\$65,498
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (2,450)	\$ (5,788)
NET REVENUE	\$ (2,450)	\$ (5,788)



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Budget vs. Actuals: CIO Budget - FY23 P&L

July - December, 2022

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions		3,700	(3,700)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	36,233	47,173	(10,940)
Gratitude Dinner	4,399		4,399
Interest Income	16	40	(24)
Sales	54,498	37,101	17,397
Total Revenue	\$95,146	\$88,014	\$7,132
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	35,657	21,268	14,389
POS Inventory Adjustment	(221)	6	(227)
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$35,436	\$21,274	\$14,162
GROSS PROFIT	\$59,710	\$66,740	\$ (7,030)
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	4,800	4,800	0
Bank Charges	90		90
Computer Expense	2,756	2,400	356
Credit Card Fees	1,565	1,000	565
Education & Training		1,200	(1,200)
Insurance - Health	2,980	2,790	190
Insurance - Liability	1,360	1,117	243
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,079	1,053	26
Newsletter Expense	862	900	(38)
Office Expense	4,460	4,500	(40)
Payroll Expenses	29,334	29,334	0
Plant Expenditures	908	1,200	(292)
Rent	9,820	9,396	424
State Filing Fees	75	60	15
Storage	1,526	1,308	218
Utilities	3,883	4,037	(154)
Total Expenditures	\$65,498	\$65,095	\$403
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ (5,788)	\$1,645	\$ (7,433)
NET REVENUE	\$ (5,788)	\$1,645	\$ (7,433)

Central Intergroup of the Desert

Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2022

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2022	JUL - DEC, 2022 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room	1,600.00	1,600.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		139.50
24 Hours a Day		61.50
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		246.00
559 Meeting Hall	59.00	59.00
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group		1,247.76
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		120.00
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	300.00
Alkies Only Bermuda Dunes		371.00
Anonymous Cathedral City		32.00
Anonymous No Group Given	794.00	4,363.89
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fel. Hall P.D. 194821		69.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		268.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	148.00	698.00
Birthday Contributions	135.00	317.00
Candlelit High Desert Yucca Valley		17.56
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	33.00	121.80
Coachella Desert Men's Group 670417		200.00
Committee H&I		5.00
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag		50.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	260.95	2,408.87
DCYPAA All Valley Young People's		105.00
Desert Pow Wow Rancho Mirage		5,000.00
Design for Living 000415788 Group		350.00
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		85.80
First Things First 350102		283.32
Great Events Yucca Valley		400.00
Groovy Tuesday Group Palm Desert		60.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		41.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		25.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		540.00
Jaywalkers	67.00	207.00
Just the Black Print 695550		1,162.29
Keep It Simple Group 00000-5037 Palm Desert		250.00
La Quinta Library Mon/Wed Noon		93.11
Last Call Group		183.63
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		125.00
Living Sober-WED women		88.00
Motley Crew Zoom		50.00
No Matter What Group	60.00	140.00
No Rules La Quinta		1,416.81
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		362.28
Oxy-Moron Group 709592		190.00

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals

December 2022

	TOTAL	
	DEC 2022	JUL - DEC, 2022 (YTD)
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	197.00	1,122.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		350.00
PDCC Zoom	250.00	550.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Came to Believe	9.00	9.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Half Measures		230.00
Primary Purpose Bermuda Dunes		210.00
Primary Purpose Blythe		100.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes 140038		200.00
Round Table Serenity Group		140.10
Rule 62 THU Noon		150.00
Rush Hour Group		185.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella	121.75	413.75
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella		199.00
Saturday 12 & 12		120.00
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert		840.00
Serenity Sisters		113.77
Singleness of Purpose		250.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		75.00
Sober Divas		150.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		21.18
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		508.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		342.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	526.00	1,632.51
Step Sisters Palm Desert		244.91
Step/Tradition Study Palm Desert		150.00
Stepping Stones Palm Desert 81054		168.00
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		191.25
Sunday Serenity Group	28.68	457.30
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		945.00
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	54.23	265.28
Sunset Group La Quinta Park	21.00	227.68
The First 164 Pages		648.13
Third Tradition Group Landers	100.00	100.00
Twilight Step Study 126569 Palm Desert	121.00	239.18
Unity Day Picnic		200.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		65.00
We're Not Really Here		45.00
WED Big Book Coachella		25.00
Wednesday Night Serenity 600735		50.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		30.00
Women's Voices		123.90
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		292.00
TOTAL	\$4,685.61	\$36,233.06



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Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

5:00 - 7:00 pm - Three Course Dinner

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Speaker and Raffle

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\$50 per person

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

Banquet Chair - Angela S. (760) 910-3213

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