



# the Desert Lifeline

March 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](http://www.coachellavalleyhandi.org)

**Mid-Southern California Area (MSCA)**  
PO Box, 51446, Irvine CA 92619-1446  
Web site: [www.msca09aa.org](http://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](http://www.aa.org)

### DCYPAA

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

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

## Step

Made a decision to turn our will  
and our lives over to the care of  
God *as we understood Him.*

## Tradition

The only requirement for A.A.  
membership is a desire to  
stop drinking.

## Concept

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  
"Right of Decision."

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## Principle Three

**Commitment** - a pledge or promise; obligation;  
engagement; involvement; the act of committing,  
pledging, or engaging oneself.

### January Office Statistics

Meeting Info	36
12 Step Calls	2
Visitors	26
Literature Sales	220
Al-Anon	4
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	47
Business	9
Zoom Attendance	86

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

**Chairman: Alyssa C.**  
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**Letters to the Editor** or **Articles for the Desert Lifeline** must be received by the 1st. of the month for consideration of publication in that month's issue.

Please submit your material for *The Desert Lifeline* to:  
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E-mail: [manager@AAinthedesert.org](mailto:manager@AAinthedesert.org)

## January 2023

Alyssa C. 5 yr.

Norma U. 23 yr.

Dani M. 27 yr.

**Happy  
Birthday**



Mary M. 32 yr.

Ruthie B. 42 yr.



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

## January Volunteers at Central Office

Allison S.  
Alyssa C.  
Amelia F.

Forrest P.  
James F.

Thank You !!

Thank You !!

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

Bob B.  
Dean B.

Jim B.  
John B.  
John C.  
Julie H.

Kathy M.  
Mark L.  
Morgan S.

## February Puzzle Solution

Solution:



### Concept 3

*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 "Right of Decision".*

Concept 3 is the "Right of Decision." As trusted servants (Tradition 2), our leaders are allowed to decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions. We must trust our leaders to make the right decisions for A.A. as a whole.

"This "Right of Decision" should never be made an excuse for failure to render proper reports of all significant actions taken; it ought never be used as a reason for constantly exceeding a clearly defined authority, nor as an excuse for persistently failing to consult those who are entitled to be consulted before an important decision is taken." Our ultimate authority is a loving God. If leaders are ineffective, inefficient, or abuse the 'Right of Decision', each group has the right to remedy the situation.

"Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other. Therefore, we cannot do less than trust our leaders in service. The "Right of Decision" that we offer them is not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is also the symbol of our implicit confidence."

(quotes from The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service)

Rebecca K  
6AM Sunrise Celebrators, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

Sponsee: "How many really great AA speakers do you think there are?"

Sponsor: "I really don't know, but I'm guessing that it's at least one LESS than you think!"

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"I didn't really understand the full impact of the first step until after I had done Step Nine."

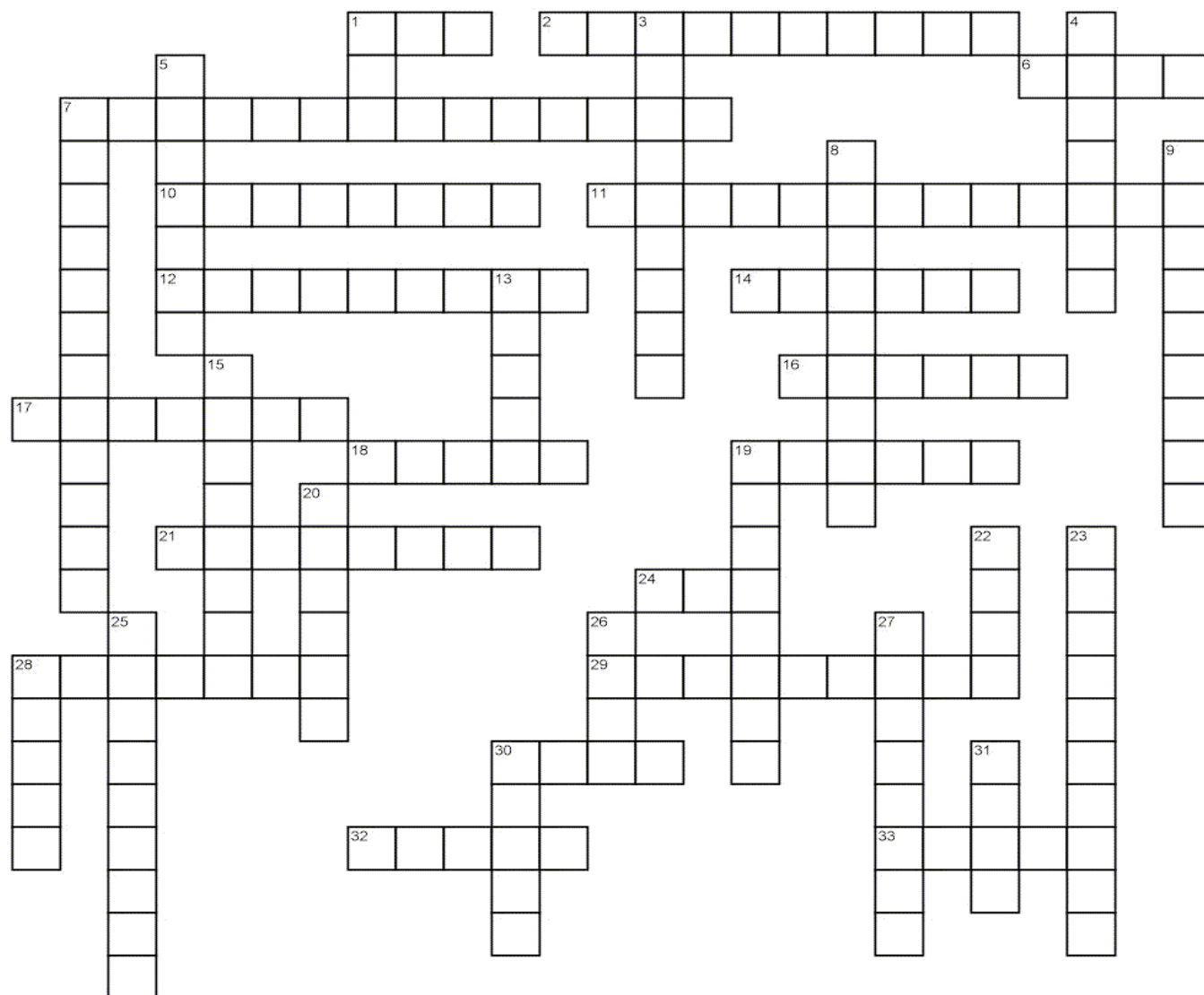
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Heard at the end of a meeting:

"Don't leave before the miracle happens!

But, don't leave AFTER the miracle happens, either!"

# March Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 He's doing it for us
- 2 the act of taking or receiving something offered
- 6 Bill's secretary
- 7 Bill and Lois' home (2 words)
- 10 What we'll comprehend
- 11 Always has a bowl of candy (2 words)
- 12 thankfulness
- 14 Dr. Bob had one, Bill didn't
- 16 what happens half way through
- 17 Came to \_\_\_\_\_ that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 18 Russian potato juice
- 19 soundness of mind
- 21 Our newsletter
- 24 Home away from home to alcoholics
- 28 your AA guide
- 29 You have to take one
- 30 Man on the bed
- 32 In what city did Bill meet Bob?
- 33 We'll know it

## DOWN

- 1 Spirit flavored with juniper berries
- 3 Where was the 1st AA International Convention held?
- 4 On the road to happy \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Carry it
- 7 It will slip away
- 8 First woman member (2 words)
- 9 It will disappear
- 13 Intoxicate
- 15 Ninety
- 19 What we all want to maintain
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Pow Wow
- 22 Who brought the message to Bill Wilson
- 23 What we can't afford
- 25 Step one
- 26 One of our co-founders
- 27 Twelve
- 28 Dr. Bob
- 30 Alcohol
- 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Daze

## Tradition Three

*The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

The path for me to any continuous length of sobriety has been long and has consisted of several relapses over the last 20 years. Each one became more incomprehensibly demoralizing than the last. They all took me further down the ladder of contemptible acts and behaviors. Had it not been for Tradition Three -- because of my overwhelming guilt and embarrassment - I might not have felt so compelled and welcome to return to AA once again.

But I always knew that this program, God and all of you were here waiting with loving, open-arms to see me take another 24 hour chip. I knew I would not be judged by you but accepted by you as a member of AA because I had the desire to stop drinking. I had the desire and I declared myself a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

And then, the "miracle" happened! I finally honestly admitted I was an alcoholic, and my life was unmanageable. I let you embrace me, and I embraced you back for the first time. I followed your suggestions and became teachable. I also came to believe that a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity. Thus, I was blessed with having the obsessive compulsion to drink removed!

Because of God, this program and all of you, I will be celebrating 2 years of continuous sobriety in a couple of months! My life is now full of love, joy, and acceptance of life as it is and others as they are. I am so very grateful to AA and for Tradition Three that states that anyone may be a member of AA because they have a desire to stop drinking.

Kara S.  
Fearless and Thorough Book Study  
Rancho Mirage



## March Speaker Meetings

**559 Speaker Meeting -**  
**559 S. Palm Canyon Dr. #B105**  
**Palm Springs**  
Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

03/04 - J.R. f  
03/11 - Shannan K.  
03/18 - Kirk S.  
03/25 - Jack B.

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

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

3/03 - Heather C. from Utah  
3/10 - Kris A. from Los Angeles  
3/17 - Brian W. from Ventura  
3/24 - Lauri B. from Los Angeles  
3/31 - Patt O. from Fullerton

**Palm Desert Group -**  
**Fellowship Hall,**  
**45940 Portola Ave. Palm Desert**  
Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

03/04 - Carlyn P. Yucca Valley  
03/11 - Bill T. Palm Desert  
03/18 - Brian U. La Quinta  
03/25 - Fran J. Palm Desert



"No, I've never tried AA. But if it's got alcohol in it I'm sure I'd like it."



"Like you, I'm also a prince in disguise."

**\$15.00**

**Book of the month**

**\$15.00**

# **Language of the Heart** **(Hard Cover)**

**Normally \$16.99.00—This month \$15.00**

This book—our most popular—features all of AA cofounder Bill W.'s writings in Grapevine. Bill was Grapevine's most prolific contributor, writing more than 150 articles from 1944 to 1970. The book contains Bill's first thoughts about AA's Twelve Traditions, his battles with depression and spiritual pride, memories of an all-night drinking spree with his dear friend Ebby and a vivid description of how he came to organize the Twelve Steps of AA. Great for meetings and AA history buffs. (406 pages).

**\$15.00**

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## Playing Checkers or Playing Chess

How Far Should I Go?

By Rick R.

Let me preface this article by saying that I am not being critical of anybody for any reason concerning where a person is along the path of sobriety. My only motive for writing it is to give some perspective concerning the possibilities which lie ahead based on the thoroughness we applied to the understanding of the steps as we put some distance between us and that last drink. I am one of the fortunate ones that showed up at the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1969, at the age of 28 and have never wanted a drink since that day. I was the youngest person in the room for my first couple of years as the drugs using population of the 60s generation had not started showing up until the mid-70s and they seemed to bottom out at a much earlier in life than the common variety alcoholic who seldom came to us until they were in their mid-40s. "midlife crisis" In my first two years, I was like everyone else when it came to the subject of thoroughness in the beginning and I was selective about what I would do with the program and about the things I would dismiss as unnecessary since I had absolutely no desire to drink. I was slow and deliberate when it came to taking the steps. It was almost two years before I attempted to do the 4th step inventory and being in the Navy at the time, I was shipped out to an oil tanker in the Tonkin gulf Yacht Club where I spent four months in and out of port hauling fuel to the fleet. I had many nights at sea thinking and longing to be back with my home group and contemplating what I had planned to do when I got home. When I did return home, I reopened my Fourth Step Inventory with a new attitude about the steps and realize that my original attempt was a very shallow scam and I burned it and started over and got it right the second time around. That, I think was the turning point in my attitude about thoroughness. I address those so-called tormenting ghosts of yesterday, shared them with another trusted member of the program and it just lifted the weight off my shoulders. That I believe, made the rest of the program much easier. I have attended a weekly step study meeting ever since and it helps me to measure my growth as I cycle through the Steps and Traditions several times a year. There is a term on page 85 in the Big Book and coincidentally on page 85 in the 12&12 that suggest this is no time to rest on our laurels, and I take that very seriously because of the unexpected results I have experienced concerning the quality of life I Live Today. Steps 10, 11, and 12 are referred to as the maintenance steps. With many years of sobriety, I could rest on my laurels and vegetate, but I would have no purpose in life and if I neglected responsibilities my life worth would suffer. Being judgmental about the behavior of others, I would be playing God and we all know that isn't right unless I am perfect myself. Scott Peck defines love as, caring for and nurturing another person, and I can love everyone even if they can't return the gesture. It just means wishing the best for them. (No Exceptions). These are just a few ideas but there are many ways to continue to have a purpose and if you don't, you may want to revisit the 4th through the 9th steps and get a better perspective on how to become a more useful member of society and be fulfilled or, you may be satisfied just not drinking one day at a time. That's your choice. I heard a sportscaster describing the different head coaches of professional football teams and he said some are playing Checkers and a few are playing Chess. Life is too good to waste.



## Step Three

*Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.*

This step was extremely difficult for me, because my inability to understand it. My capacity for surrender was of no avail at that time, even accepting that I was an alcoholic was difficult. My thinking was that if I did this step all of a sudden I was not going to have any will, I would just lay down and let my higher power do it all. My relationship with my Higher Power at that time was not a very good one. YES, I knew there was a God, but I did not trust him, I blamed him for all the unmanageability of my life. I prayed and He did not do what I asked him, how could I trust him? Furthermore, now surrender to a God of my understanding.... not a Catholic God? Forget it. I was blind to the part of the step that reads MADE A DECISION.

For many years I had been self-sufficient, as a matter of fact, I was self-sufficient since I left home when I got married. I made the decision to make my own decisions and consulting with God was not even in my mind.

I told my sponsor I can't turn my will over to a foreign God and become a nobody, so I do not know if I can do this step. My sponsor explained this step this way: she dropped her keys and said, "I am making a decision to pick up my keys," and kept on repeating the same sentence over and over. I asked her, are you going to pick up your keys or not?, she said "I will." Then she picked them up and said to me, "first I made a decision and then took the action to pick them up, so it is with step 3, you make the decision and the action of the following steps will eventually make you turn your will and your life to the care of God." She told me that this step takes no action just acceptance and willingness.

I thought MAKING A DECISION is not too bad, and I was willing to do whatever was necessary to continue, not because I wanted to do the steps, but because my sponsor was on my back and other women with the same amount of sobriety were already on their 6th and 7th. I did not want to be "less than," so I made a decision to MAKE A DECISION.

I read in the 12 and 12, faith of some kind is possible to any one. I told an old-timer that I did not have faith, and he told me this story: A man came to his priest and told him, "I have no faith" and the priest told him, "you do have faith and I can prove it," the man asked "how?" the priest asked him "are you married?", he answered, "Yes," "Do you have any children?", he said "I have 3 children." Then he told him, "those are three acts of faith," the man said "I do not understand it," the priest said "your wife keeps on telling you they are yours and you keep on believing her, that is faith." So I did have faith, I understood.

Today I know that in the past my self will cut-off the light of the spirit and that my life was unmanageable by my own will power. Lack of power is my dilemma, so today I allow God's Power manage my life MOST OF THE TIME. But at times I take up my old job of being General Manager of the Universe, so my life and the lives of those around me become unmanageable.

In a general way, this is what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.....

Bertha G.  
Alky's Only Group, Palm Desert

" . . . and then my sponsor asked me to try to think of what an adult might do in the same situation!"



# 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](http://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.*

<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
	6:30 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
	8:45 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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Room Rate \$155.00 + Tax + Resort Fee of \$4.00  
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### 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 ☐

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	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** \*DEADLINE: JUNE 2nd  
 (Pre-Registration Required) 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

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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.**

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 plan to register at convention.**

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34th Inland Empire AA Convention

April 20-23, 2023

SOBOBA CASINO RESORT EVENT CENTER

SAN JACINTO, CA

### Speaker Line-up

Ralph W., Quincy W., Deb H., Wendi T., Jason J.,  
YPAA- Rikki M.

Alanon Speaker- Emilinda F.

\*Speakers and events subject to change

### Events

8 Speakers

Lucky Longtimers (30+) Sharing Session

Ice Cream Social, Poker Run/Motorcycle Run,

Gary P. Golf Tournament, 2 Banquet Meals, Sunday Breakfast

Thursday Night: Interview with a Drunk

featuring: Lindsey C. interviewing Karl M.

More Days

More Speakers

More Meals

Registration Now Open!

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.





Let's see  
How This Works -  
TOGETHER!!

12 Weeks ~ 12 Concepts

See, it's upside  
down!



The world  
will never  
understand!

Concept I

FRIDAY ~ APRIL 21

10- 11:30 AM CT

Francine W. - Palm Desert, CA

ZOOM ID 826 9431 0797

PW 124145



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Statement of Activity

January 2023

## PROFIT AND LOSS

**\$2,598**

Net income for January

**\$18,336**

Income

**\$15,738**

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2023	JUL 2022 - JAN 2023 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	8,878	45,052
Gratitude Dinner	35	4,434
Interest Income	0	17
Sales	9,422	63,920
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,336</b>	<b>\$113,423</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	5,749	41,976
POS Inventory Adjustment	(178)	(399)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$5,570</b>	<b>\$41,576</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$12,765</b>	<b>\$71,846</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	800	5,600
Bank Charges	15	105
Computer Expense	429	3,185
Credit Card Fees	253	1,819
Insurance - Health	328	3,308
Insurance - Liability		1,360
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,079
Newsletter Expense	263	1,125
Office Expense	1,236	5,696
Payroll Expenses	4,580	33,914
Plant Expenditures		908
Rent	1,566	11,386
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	218	1,744
Utilities	471	4,354
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,159</b>	<b>\$75,657</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>	<b>\$ (3,811)</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,606</b>	<b>\$ (3,811)</b>



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

July 2022 - January 2023

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions - Conventions		3,700	(3,700)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	45,052	55,355	(10,303)
Gratitude Dinner	4,434		4,434
Interest Income	17	40	(23)
Sales	63,920	44,138	19,782
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$113,423</b>	<b>\$103,233</b>	<b>\$10,190</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
Cost of Goods Sold	41,976	25,300	16,676
POS Inventory Adjustment	(399)	7	(406)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$41,576</b>	<b>\$25,307</b>	<b>\$16,269</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$71,846</b>	<b>\$77,926</b>	<b>\$ (6,080)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Accounting Services	5,600	5,600	0
Bank Charges	105		105
Computer Expense	3,185	2,800	385
Credit Card Fees	1,819	1,190	629
Education & Training		1,200	(1,200)
Insurance - Health	3,308	3,255	53
Insurance - Liability	1,360	1,117	243
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,079	1,053	26
Newsletter Expense	1,125	1,050	75
Office Expense	5,696	5,250	446
Payroll Expenses	33,914	33,847	67
Plant Expenditures	908	1,400	(492)
Rent	11,386	10,962	424
State Filing Fees	75	60	15
Storage	1,744	1,526	218
Utilities	4,354	4,548	(194)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$75,657</b>	<b>\$74,858</b>	<b>\$799</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (3,811)</b>	<b>\$3,068</b>	<b>\$ (6,879)</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ (3,811)</b>	<b>\$3,068</b>	<b>\$ (6,879)</b>



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Contributions - Groups &amp; Individuals

January 2023

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2023	JUL 2022 - JAN 2023 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room		1,600.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		139.50
24 Hours a Day		61.50
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		246.00
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group		1,247.76
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs	50.00	170.00
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	400.00
Alkies Only Bermuda Dunes		371.00
Anonymous Cathedral City		32.00
Anonymous No Group Given	1,244.98	5,608.87
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fel. Hall P.D. 194821	154.00	223.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		268.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC	500.00	1,198.00
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs	2.00	2.00
Birthday Contributions	42.00	359.00
Candlelit High Desert Yucca Valley		17.56
CDM Men's Stag-TUE	223.00	223.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	20.00	141.80
Coachella Desert Men's Group 670417		200.00
Committee H&I		5.00
Cornfield Speaker Meeting Andrea Pena	1,890.50	1,890.50
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag 316786	50.00	100.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	341.90	2,750.77
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	208.00	293.80
First Things First 350102		283.32
Great Events Yucca Valley	200.00	600.00
Groovy Tuesday Group 921224 Palm Desert	274.00	334.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		41.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert	40.00	65.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		540.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women's 130009	220.00	220.00
Jaywalkers		207.00
Jessica 100783 Page	100.00	100.00
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

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January 2023

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2023	JUL 2022 - JAN 2023 (YTD)
No Matter What Group	39.15	179.15
No Rules La Quinta		1,416.81
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		362.28
Oxy-Moron Group 709592	100.00	290.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	223.00	1,345.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's	150.00	500.00
PDCC Zoom		550.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Came to Believe		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	25.00	438.75
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella	100.00	299.00
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	75.00	225.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		21.18
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert	84.00	84.00
Southern California AA Co N/A	500.00	500.00
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.	109.00	617.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	400.00	742.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	515.21	2,147.72
Step Sisters Palm Desert		244.91
Step/Tradition Study Palm Desert		150.00
Stepping Stones Palm Desert 81054	112.00	280.00
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study	71.50	262.75
Sunday Serenity Group	41.18	498.48
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		945.00
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	68.74	334.02
Sunset Group La Quinta Park		227.68
The First 164 Pages		648.13
Third Tradition Group Landers		100.00
Tuesday Night Book Study St Margarets	574.00	574.00
Twilight Step Study 126569 Palm Desert		239.18
Unity Day Picnic		200.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		65.00

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Contributions - Groups &amp; Individuals

January 2023

	TOTAL	
	JAN 2023	JUL 2022 - JAN 2023 (YTD)
We're Not Really Here		45.00
WED Big Book Coachella		25.00
Wednesday Night Serenity 600735		50.00
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley	30.00	30.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		30.00
Women's Voices		123.90
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		292.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,878.16</b>	<b>\$45,052.22</b>

## A Trust in the A. A. Process

### A Power Greater than Myself

Why the program of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) works so well, on the disease of alcoholism, is hard to fathom when we first come into A.A. Most of us are conflicted when confronted with the idea that our perception of life had been all wrong from the very start. Issues like, Faith, Higher Power, Insanity, Surrender, Denial, Guilt, Shame etc. had to be revisited to see where our past thinking had let us down. We realize that we have painted ourselves into the corner of life, and if we are lucky, we become open to the idea that we may have to seek outside help if we want to have any chance of a normal life. When we go through this process, in the spirit that it is presented, in The Big Book, (Alcoholics Anonymous) and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (12&12), wonderful things happen for us. I find it much easier to look *back* at the way the A.A. program has worked for me, than it was when I first entered the program and tried to look forward and perceive how it was going to *influence every facet of my life in a wondrous way*. I wish there were a way to package it and give it away but as I look back on my own experience in A.A. and realize how each of us are conditioned differently, I know that, not all of us can envision what the result will be, for if they did, *they would cut right to the chase and never look back*. In the beginning we usually spend most of our time coming to terms with the most obvious symptom of alcoholism; *the drinking* and I was no exception. Unfortunately, many of us never get deeper into the program, where most of the healing takes place. For those of us that do come to realize that happiness and, more importantly, peace of mind, are the things that are lacking in our lives and to acquire them, we may need to get serious and dig deeper into the process that led to these qualities. This does not mean that we will not experience joy and peace until we complete the process? Not at all, for every time we uncover another piece of the puzzle that barred us from being at peace with ourselves, it allows us to free up that part of our mind that has been wrestling with that issue and we can finally put it to rest. The day-to-day improvement in our own self esteem will be reward enough to inspire (inspire) us to address the next issue that needs our attention, and one by one we resolve these matters as we Trudge the Road Of Happy Destiny. Another thing that seems to be a natural result as we navigate this approach is that, with this new awareness, we refrain from making the regretful mistakes of the past that caused our discontent in the first place. Replacing the wrongs with the rights, you might say, doubles the pace of our growth. We only get to live once and it would be a shame to spend it with that awful mental grinding that goes on between our ears, when the solution is right before our eyes, and if we continue to spend all our mental energy obsessing on the “not drinking one day at a time” we can do this for years and then, one day, just pick up that drink. A drink has no appeal to alcoholics who are at peace with themselves and with others. Why waste the only life we have when the answers are laid there at our feet? *Do not get stuck in the rut of complacency. Trust this process* and ask yourself if you have been *thorough* with all twelve of the steps and if not, I recommend that you revisit those loose ends and deal with them. Give this a try, and I guarantee that, you will not regret it.

Richard R.