



# 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.

### 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)

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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

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	43
12 Step Calls	2
Visitors	22
Literature Sales	240
Al-Anon	0
Other 12 Step	1
Miscellaneous	51
Business	4
Zoom Attendance	100

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

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## March 2023

Mikey	1 yr.
Alex L	2 yr.
Dennie	2 yr.
Heather	4 yr.
Ray	4 yr.
Abdul	8 yr.
Breanne	20 yr.
Kyle	20 yr.



Zenny	24 yr.
Chad	24 yr.
Paul	25 yr.
Eddie R.	33 yr.
Daniel M.	35 yr.
Bruce D.	58 yr.



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

## How it (Really) Works

What Principles?

By Rick R.

When I first heard the term "*practice these principles in all our affairs*", in Step Twelve, I was waiting for someone to hand me a list of the principles, but it never happened the way I thought it would. I then thought that *the Steps* were what they were referring to when they spoke of *these principles*, but that never settled into my satisfaction either. Someone once suggested that the Saint Francis Prayer, being in Step Eleven may be the principles they were pointing out in Step 12; Close, but no cigar. I've never heard a clear, definite answer to this personal dilemma, but it never stopped me from searching for a clear understanding of what "*these principles*" are. After hearing thousands of members sharing on hundreds of topics in Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meetings for many years, and reading the Big Book, (Alcoholics Anonymous) and the 12&12, (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions) innumerable times, a slow but sure picture started to come in to focus. I realized that the 12 Steps were just the framework for a miraculous set of values that would set me free from all the doubts, fears, guilt, shame, and all the other negative emotions that cause all that mental chaos of Alcoholism.

Tradition Two in the 12&12, Bill talks about his dilemma when someone suggested he go professional with the A.A. recovery program and the group advised against it. The principle of ethics caused him to go against his natural instincts. The Golden Rule is a principle that could have been incorporated into the steps, and who could have argued with the virtue of that, if it weren't crossing the line that the Oxford Group had mistakenly crossed which may have been their undoing. Today I live by The Golden Rule even though I have never seen it suggested in A.A. literature.

The principles that we adopt in A.A. meetings are sprinkled throughout the Big Book and the 12&12, and there are far more than 12 of them. We assimilate them into our understanding sometimes without even being aware of it. On page 112 in the 12&12 for example, it asks "*Can we bring the same spirit of love and tolerance into our sometimes-deranged family lives that we bring to our A.A. group*"? This implies that love and tolerance is a principle or a mindset that we should practice in and outside the rooms of A.A. The program is made up of many principles that we learned long before we came into the program. Our problem was largely due to our inability to live by those principles. Our EGOS made the rules. Today, my Conscience outweighs my EGO. My unselfishness outweighs my greed. My compassion outweighs my resentments.... Today most everything I do is opposite to what It was Before A.A. and I have learned to find a principle that applies to every shortcoming that had plagued me in the past and I have learned to live by them. It takes all the guess work out of my decision making. The common denominator in all these principles that I value today is that they are all unselfish in nature. They are also common in all meaningful philosophies of life, and not exclusive to A.A. I no longer need to create my own version of these principles they are opposite to all my negative principles of the past. A noted writer once said, "When a person lives by principles, 99 percent of their decisions are already made for them." Today, I live by the dictates of my Conscience. Take that Mr. EGO.

\$9.00

Book of the month

\$9.00

## 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.

\$9.00

Normally \$11.00 - this month \$9.00

\$9.00

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.

# **Gratitude Dinner 2023**

**First Committee Meeting May 7th 2:00 PM**

**Central Office**

**35-3225 Date Palm Dr. Suite 107**

**Cathedral City Ca. 92234**

**or**

**Online via Zoom ID 924 237 7111 Passcode: Intergroup**

There are many commitments available for the upcoming

**November 11th Gratitude Dinner event**

that will be held at the Palm Springs Air Museum

**catered by Lu-Lu's Restaurant**



# May Speaker Meetings

## 559 Speaker Meeting - 559 S. Palm Canyon Dr. #B105 Palm Springs

Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.

05/06 - Mori C.  
05/13 - Mark  
05/20 - Josh L  
05/27 - Bill

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

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

5/05 - Greg H - Auguora Hills, CA  
5/12 - Raymond B. - Los Angeles CA  
5/ 19 - Jerry H. - Carlsbad, CA  
5/ 26 - Tony S. - Los Angeles CA

## Palm Desert Group - Fellowship Hall, 45940 Portola Ave. Palm Desert

Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.

5/06 - Hubert R. - Banning  
5/13 - Michelle G. - Cathedral City  
5/ 20 - Brian G - La Quinta  
5/ 27 - Mary Ann S.- Costa Mesa

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



## **March Volunteers at Central Office**

**Allison S.  
Alyssa C.  
Amelia F.**

**Forrest P.  
James F.**

**Thank You !!**

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

**Bob B.  
Dean B.**

**John B.  
John C.  
John M.**

**Julie H.  
Mark L.  
Morgan S.**

## **Tradition Five**

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

A.A. came into existence because of Bill W.'s need to carry a message of recovery to Dr. Bob in order that he himself could continue to stay sober. Every alcoholic in recovery (and certainly THIS alcoholic) knows that EVERY attempt to carry the message is successful, in that it keeps the bearer of that message sober by his willingness to transmit it. So it is with each A.A. group.

Collectively, the combined experience of us A.A.'s is that for the group to continue to survive, its main focus must be on carrying a consistent message of recovery to those looking for a solution to their disease.

Tradition 5 follows logically from the ideas of common welfare (Tradition 1) , one authority/ group conscience (Tradition 2), and the sole requirement of our membership (Tradition 3).

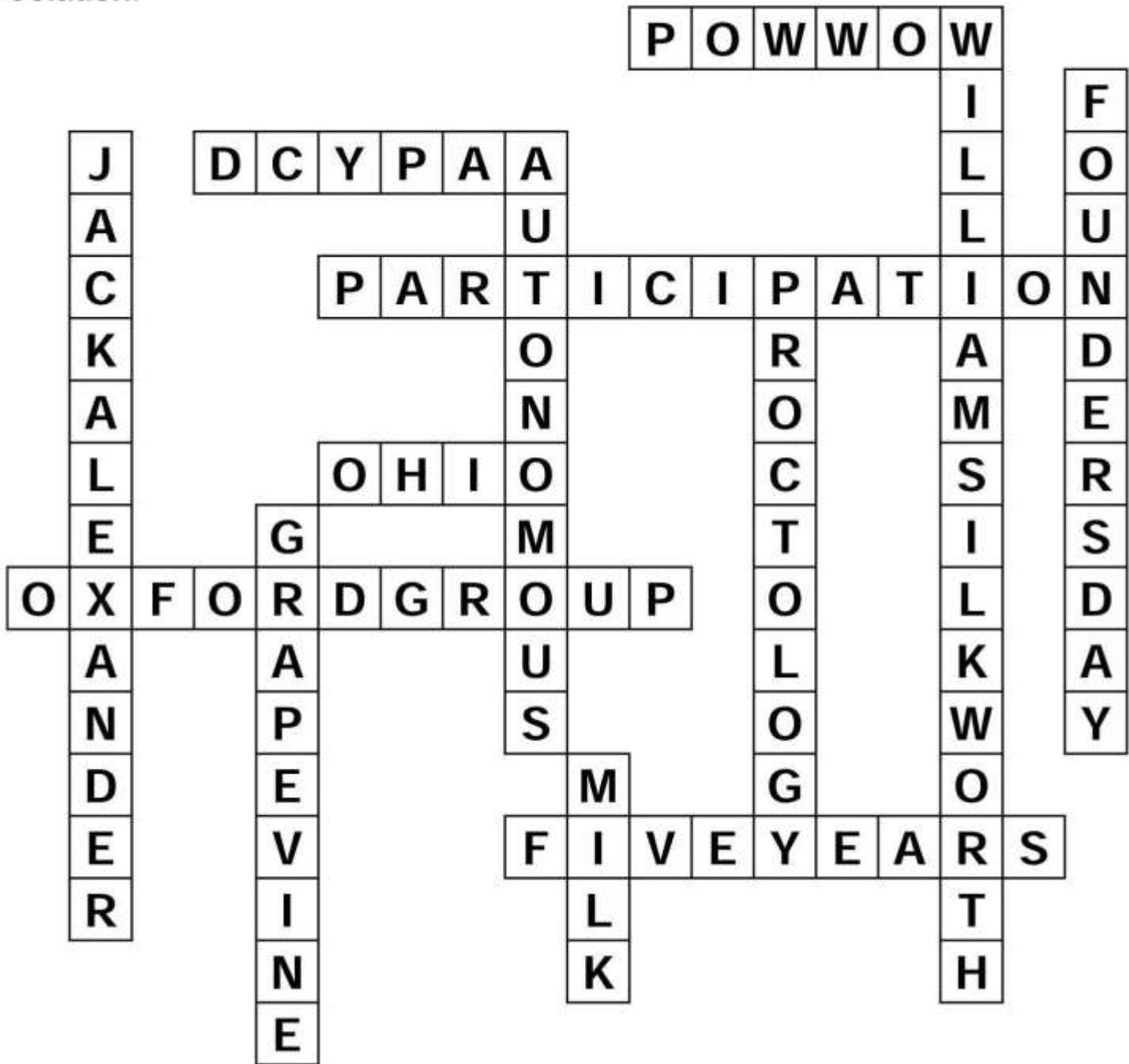
Conversely, if the group loses the focus of Tradition 5, not only does the newcomer die, but the group dies as well. This sad fact has been borne out time and again in our history as power-driven alcoholics have fought (and died) over personalities, money, and property or over "bright ideas" to expand A.A. into enterprises or institutions. ( Anyone hear of an Oxford Group lately? ) So follows next our Tradition Six.

Tradition Five helps us each and severally "keep our eye on the ball" of simply "laying the kit of spiritual tools" at the feet of the newcomer or the returning member, so that we ourselves may continue to grow and prosper.

Tommy D.  
Sunday Serenity, Palm Desert

# April Puzzle Solution

Solution:



I did my drinking  
In the backyards, bars  
On the beaches & boulevards  
Of San Diego County.

I did my time for that pouting  
In the San Diego County  
Jail.

My recovery started  
In the church rooms, clubs,  
In the Fellowship halls & hubs  
Of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I spend my time today  
In the meetings of AA  
No fail!

*Dallas Ann E.*  
Sunrise Celebrators,  
Fellowship Hall, Palm  
Desert

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A drunk goes in a bar and asks for a shot of Jim Beam. The bartender pours it and the drunk pushes it aside and asks for another shot of Jim Beam. The bartender pours it and the drunk drinks it. The bartender says, "I watched what you did and I don't understand why you pushed the first one away and drank the second one!" The drunk stated, "I've been going to those AA Meetings, and they said WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T TAKE THAT FIRST DRINK!!!".

## Concept Five

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

In the light of the principle of the “Right of Appeal” all minorities – whether in our staffs, committees, corporate boards, or among the Trustees – should be *encouraged* to file minority reports whenever they feel a majority to be in considerable error. And when a minority considers an issue to be such a grave one that a mistaken decision could seriously affect A.A. as a whole, it should then charge itself with the actual *duty* of presenting a minority report to the Conference.

In granting this traditional “Right of Appeal” we recognize the minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are partly or wholly in error they still perform a most valuable service when, by asserting their “Right of Appeal,” they compel a thorough-going debate on important issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.

The traditional “Right of Appeal” should also permit any person in our service structure, whether paid or unpaid to petition for the redress of a personal grievance, carrying his complaint, if he so desires, directly to the General Service Board. He or she should be able to do this without prejudice or fear of reprisal.

When we look at our world services, we find that here we have also gone to great lengths in our trust of minority groups. Under Tradition Two, the group conscience is the final authority for A.A. world service, and it will always remain so respecting all the larger issues that confront us. Nevertheless the A.A. groups have recognized that for world service purposes the “group conscience of A.A.” *as a totality* has certain limitations. It cannot act directly in many service matters, because it cannot be sufficiently informed about the problems in hand. It is also true that during a time of great disturbance the group conscience is not always the best possible guide because temporarily, such an upset may prevent it from functioning efficiently or wisely. When, therefore, the group conscience cannot or should not act directly, who does act for it?

The second part of Tradition Two provides us with the answer when it describes A.A. leaders a “trusted servants.” These servants must always be in readiness to do for the groups what the groups obviously cannot or should not do for themselves. Consequently the servants are bound to use their own information and judgment, sometimes to the point of disagreeing with uninformed or biased group opinion.

SUMMARY; Concept V, refers generally to World Service, its organization, staff, committees, Trustees etc. For a full description of Concept V refer to The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service. These paragraphs were extracted from the A.A. Service Manual.

Bill T.  
Alkies Only, Palm Desert

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The only time I get depressed is when I'm thinking about myself!

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This is not a self-help program, this is a help OTHERS program.

## Motives are the Seeds of Action

### I Think Before I Do

By Rick R.

In my early days of sobriety my wife came home from an Alanon meeting all excited about what they had talked about. Apparently, they were discussing their Fourth Step inventories and she explained that when taking step six, it was important that she *examine her motives*, before making decisions. How interesting and profound that statement was, at the time, and it has come up many, many times since that initial conversation. Since almost *everything we do, begins with what we think*, that statement has been a big part of what I believe our goals are supposed to be when we are in the process of cleaning up the wreckage of the past. It also implies that we should examine our motives, for what we do, from this day forward, and be sure that they conform to the spirit of the principles that are suggested in the A.A. program. This kind of thinking was foreign to me before John Barleycorn got his grip, but when the alcohol took its toll and I was circling the drain, I was forced to decide what I was going to do with the rest of my life. It became very important to learn and understand what the causes of my failures *were*, in the past, and what I could do to correct them. Like most of us, we have measured our successes and failures based on things we have accomplished, by the things we owned, and where we lived. It made little difference how we acquired those things. How different my thinking is today, compared to how it was back then. I no longer base my success on material possessions. As the old country song says, "one rich man in ten with a satisfied mind." This, to me, does not mean that we must take a vow of poverty. To me, this means that if I am honest with myself and that my motives are pure and unselfish, I can be content at any economic level. My *motives* make it so.

I was doing a little research to find the definition of the word *happiness* and discovered that it is often described as "*a byproduct of right living and not an end in itself*" Happiness is not a goal, but it is the result of *living right*. A friend once shared at a meeting that, *satisfying his wants will never make a person happy*. Another person shared that she had read something that described it like this: "*happiness is like a butterfly, the more you chase it, the farther away it gets, but when you stand still, it will land on your shoulder*". If my motive is to create happiness, it's probably not going to happen. These subtle little gems of wisdom are revealed to me daily and they slowly become a part of my mental make-up.

Examining my motives has made me look deeper at many of the subtle little differences in the words we use and their causes and effects and, for my purposes, I find that my defects of character, *cause* my shortcomings, and when I understand my defect, my shortcoming (faulty behavior) can be corrected. When I understand the problem, the troubles can be corrected. These ideas may be hard to grasp in the beginning but if I hadn't started looking deeper into my motives, I may never have resolved the deeper issues. These days, Unselfish Motives are the seeds that all my thoughts and actions stem from, and that is as simple as it

### Memories of Alcohol

I drank for happiness and became unhappy.  
I drank for joy and became miserable.  
I drank for sociability and became argumentative.  
I drank for sophisticated and became obnoxious.  
I drank for friendship and made enemies.  
I drank for sleep and woke up tired.  
I drank for strength and felt weak.  
I drank for relaxation and got the shakes.  
I drank for courage and became afraid.  
I drank for confidence and became doubtful.  
I drank to make conversation easier and  
I slurred my speech, I drank to feel  
heavenly and ended up feeling like hell.



"I had a layover in Omaha ... which led to a hangover in Des Moines."

Find the words in the grid. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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JackAlexander  
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Mayflower  
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PowWow

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Silkworth  
Smith  
sober  
sponsor  
SteppingStones  
Traditions  
unmanageable  
Wilson



**A.A. DESERT ROUNDUP**  
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION  
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**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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<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](mailto: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.



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



## 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](http://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.

No refunds on canceled events after 5/25

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# Unity Day Picnic 2023

Saturday, July 15th | 11 - 5

Hurkey Creek Park

56375 CA Hwy 74, Mountain Center, CA

**Picnic Price (includes lunch!)**  
**Adults: \$15 Kids 5-12: \$10**  
**Kids 4 & under: Free**



## HANKERING TO CAMP OUT?

Make it a weekend of fun and fellowship for the whole family!

Campfire meetings, Hiking, Fishing, and Chillaxin'

**Camping: Thurs-Sun July 13-16**

**Camping fee:**  
**(flat price for the entire weekend)**  
**Adults: \$35**  
**Kids 5-12: \$20**  
**Kids 4 and under: Free**



Camping fees collected on-site

*Pro tips: Campers bring own food/drinks*

*Best RV sites go quickly*

*Dogs: \$2/day - paid at entry gate*

Tickets available at live meetings and Central Office

Questions? Brett D. (760) 219-2908 | Chris O. (760) 835-8416



## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Statement of Activity

March 2023

## PROFIT AND LOSS

**\$1,241**

Net income for March

**\$20,198**

Income

**\$18,957**

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2023	JUL 2022 - MAR 2023 (YTD)
Revenue		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	9,016	68,467
Gratitude Dinner		4,434
Interest Income	0	25
Sales	11,181	84,157
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$20,198</b>	<b>\$157,082</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
Cost of Goods Sold	7,413	55,195
POS Inventory Adjustment	(556)	(1,180)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$6,857</b>	<b>\$54,015</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$13,341</b>	<b>\$103,068</b>
Expenditures		
Accounting Services	800	7,200
Bank Charges	15	135
Computer Expense	447	4,171
Credit Card Fees	176	2,264
Insurance - Health	481	4,269
Insurance - Liability	282	2,200
Insurance - Worker's Comp		1,079
Newsletter Expense		1,354
Office Expense	845	7,475
Payroll Expenses	6,769	45,241
Plant Expenditures	34	942
Rent	1,641	14,743
State Filing Fees		75
Storage	218	2,180
Utilities	390	5,219
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$12,100</b>	<b>\$98,548</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,241</b>	<b>\$4,520</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,241</b>	<b>\$4,520</b>



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# Central Intergroup of the Desert

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

July 2022 - March 2023

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Revenue</b>			
Contributions - Conventions		3,700	(3,700)
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	68,467	74,646	(6,179)
Gratitude Dinner	4,434		4,434
Interest Income	25	56	(31)
Sales	84,157	61,912	22,245
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$157,082</b>	<b>\$140,314</b>	<b>\$16,768</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	\$54,015	\$36,980	\$17,035
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$103,068</b>	<b>\$103,334</b>	<b>\$ (266)</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Accounting Services	7,200	7,200	0
Bank Charges	135		135
Computer Expense	4,171	3,600	571
Credit Card Fees	2,264	1,670	594
Education & Training		1,200	(1,200)
Insurance - Health	4,269	4,185	84
Insurance - Liability	2,200	1,946	254
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,079	1,053	26
Newsletter Expense	1,354	1,350	4
Office Expense	7,475	6,750	725
Payroll Expenses	45,241	45,129	112
Plant Expenditures	942	1,800	(858)
Rent	14,743	14,094	649
State Filing Fees	75	60	15
Storage	2,180	1,962	218
Utilities	5,219	5,588	(369)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$98,548</b>	<b>\$97,587</b>	<b>\$961</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,520</b>	<b>\$5,747</b>	<b>\$ (1,227)</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$4,520</b>	<b>\$5,747</b>	<b>\$ (1,227)</b>

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

March 2023

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2023	JUL 2022 - MAR 2023 (YTD)
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room		1,600.00
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		139.50
24 Hours a Day		61.50
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms	225.00	225.00
3-7-11 Step Meeting #681237		193.20
3rd & 11th Step - SUN Palm Desert		246.00
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100		4,879.98
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		170.00
9		
30 Promises	15.00	15.00
<b>Total 9</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	600.00
Alkies Only Bermuda Dunes		371.00
Anonymous Cathedral City		32.00
Anonymous No Group Given	3,308.44	10,311.46
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fel. Hall P.D. 194821		223.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		268.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		1,198.00
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs		4.00
Bill's 000444883 Hour	102.00	102.00
Birthday Contributions		441.00
Candlelit High Desert Yucca Valley		17.56
CDM Men's Stag-TUE	300.00	523.00
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	34.00	243.80
Coachella Desert Men's Group 670417		200.00
Committee H&I		5.00
Cornfield Speaker Meeting Andrea Pena		1,890.50
Covert IHOP Mon. Mens Stag 316786		100.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	369.35	3,584.02
DCYPAA All Valley Young People's		105.00
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	227.59	227.59
Desert Pow Wow Rancho Mirage		5,000.00
Desert Women's Banquet	1,223.66	1,223.66
Design for Living 000415788 Group		914.30
DHS Noon Discussion - THU Desert Hot Springs		138.59
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		293.80
First Things First 350102		283.32
Friday 8		
30 Promises	12.00	12.00
<b>Total Friday 8</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>
Great Events Yucca Valley		600.00
Groovy Tuesday Group 921224 Palm Desert		334.00

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Contributions - Groups &amp; Individuals

March 2023

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2023	JUL 2022 - MAR 2023 (YTD)
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		41.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		65.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		1,646.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women's 130009		220.00
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag	150.00	150.00
Jaywalkers		207.00
Jessica 100783 Page		100.00
Just the Black Print 695550		1,913.51
Keep It Simple Group 00000-5037 Palm Desert		500.00
La Quinta Library Mon/Wed Noon	100.00	193.11
Last Call 00419662 Group		495.24
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		135.00
Living Sober-WED women		88.00
Men's Mauraders Palm Desert 640373	481.00	481.00
Mid Day 102 Group		1,173.64
Motley Crew Zoom		50.00
No Matter What Group		179.15
No Rules La Quinta		1,416.81
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		362.28
Oxy-Moron Group 709592		290.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj. 122976	140.00	1,800.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's	50.00	600.00
PDCC Zoom	654.00	1,704.00
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		250.00
Primary Purpose La Quinta #1551428003	169.00	169.00
Road Runners Bermuda Dunes 140038		400.00
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms	100.00	100.00
Round Table Serenity Group		140.10
Rule 62 THU Noon		150.00
Rush Hour Group		185.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		463.75
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella		299.00
Saturday 12 & 12	121.89	241.89
Serenity Group Joshua Tree		197.60
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	240.00	1,370.00
Serenity Sisters		113.77
Singleness of Purpose		250.00
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		75.00
Sober Divas	150.00	375.00
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		21.18

## Central Intergroup of the Desert

### Contributions - Groups & Individuals

March 2023

	TOTAL	
	MAR 2023	JUL 2022 - MAR 2023 (YTD)
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		84.00
Southern California AA Co N/A		500.00
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		617.00
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag	116.00	858.00
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	159.56	2,696.28
Step Sisters Palm Desert		244.91
Step/Tradition Study Palm Desert		150.00
Stepping Stones Palm Desert 81054		280.00
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		325.75
Sunday Serenity Group		648.74
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		1,458.79
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	77.29	505.02
Sunset Group Joshua Tree 708019		100.00
Sunset Group La Quinta Park		227.68
T7 - NMWWG Palm Desert #370184	33.75	33.75
The First 164 Pages		1,103.13
There Is Hope Desert Hot Springs	110.00	110.00
Third Tradition Group Landers		200.00
Thurs. Night Participation 29 Palms	100.00	100.00
Tuesday Night Book Study St Margarets		574.00
Twilight Step Study 126569 Palm Desert		239.18
Unity Day Picnic		200.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert	60.00	125.00
We're Not Really Here		45.00
WED Big Book Coachella		25.00
Wednesday Night Serenity 600735	25.46	75.46
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		30.00
Women in the Solution 29 Palms	61.44	91.44
Women's Voices		123.90
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		292.00
Not Specified		564.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,016.43</b>	<b>\$68,466.72</b>

### A new definition for 13th stepping

Steps 1 + 12, "My life is unmanageable and I want to share it with you!"

lest problems of money, *puberty*, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

and the result was nil until we let go of the *Absolut*.

## Neglect, The Elephant in the Room

Continuous Credibility Leads to Integrity

By Rick R.

When we are satisfied that we have given steps one through five our best effort and have identified the most glaring defects of character and shortcomings, it is now time to affect the changes in the most obvious of our faulty thoughts and the behaviors that stem from those thoughts by addressing them in *steps six and seven*. To be successful in this endeavor, we must first get honest with ourselves and begin to *establish some credibility* and by that, I mean *always doing the things we say we are going to do*. We bring most of the basic flaws out in the open as we become aware of them. Then, if we are sure that we are committed to the program, we will want to set in place, principles to live by that cut off our own escape when we stumble and want to revert to that old way of thinking. Most of us do this with the help of a sponsor or a mentor, if you like, and go by the book as best we can. I did what I thought was a thorough job of it, then one day, about thirty years ago, I was trying to park my car in a somewhat crowded parking lot and as I found the spot, I wanted there was a shopping cart blocking my way. I got out of my car and moved the cart aside, then parked my car. I then got that shopping cart and pushed it back to the store entrance, then went about my business. From that day on, when parking at any market, I search for a stray shopping cart and take it back to the store just to make up for all the times I shoved one into the flower bed and drove away. After telling that story at meetings over the years, I hear people telling how it is uncomfortable for them to leave the cart adrift in the parking lot, and we all get a big laugh out of it. Neglect, I can tell, the word *neglect* is only mentioned two times in the Big Book (pg. 97 and pg. 129) and two times in the 12&12. (pg. 81 and pg. 151) And seldom, if ever, has it been the topic of a meeting that I can recall. It is like the proverbial *elephant in the room*. As I started to catch myself shirking my responsibilities it became obvious to me that if I wanted to regain some form of self-respect and dignity, I was going to have to put the word *Neglect* on my list of shortcomings and *question my integrity*. Do I do what is right even when there is no one watching? If credibility is *always doing what I say I am going to do*, then *Integrity*, to me, is *a whole bunch of credibility*. To cut off my own escape I do routine things every day, that cost me nothing and the result of that is a clear conscience. If I am doing the little things that I should, I find it much easier to give the big things that same sort of attention. I never throw trash out of the car window, I pick up after myself, I never walk away from my bed in the morning without making it, and I liken that to being an unspoken prayer saying, I will be responsible, I will be orderly, I will be neat, and I will not be neglectful, I will be respectful, I will stay on the unselfish side of the ledger in all of my decisions, I sometimes revisit those pages in the Big Book and the 12&12 and I try my best not to ignore *the elephant in the room*.

# MAAD DOG DAZE 2023

## COME AND BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE!!!

We are holding the FIRST committee meeting

Sunday May 21st at:

Central Office

35-325 Date Palm Dr. Suite 107

Cathedral City, CA 92234

2:00—3:00 PM

Come help put on this historical local event  
**To Show our Newcomers that we are**

