

the August 2023 Desert Lifeline

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

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

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

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

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Principle Eight

1 - Brotherly Love

June Office Statistics			
Meeting Info	30		
12 Step Calls	2		
Visitors	37		
Literature Sales	197		
Al-Anon	1		
Other 12 Step	0		
Miscellaneous	43		
Business	16		
Zoom Attendance	98		

Central Intergroup Office of the Desert Board of Directors

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Palm Desert Group -

Fellowship Hall, 45940 Portola Ave.

Palm Desert Saturday Night, 8 p.m.

8/05 - Christine L. - Los Angeles 8/12 - Jeffery C. - Yucca Valley

8/19 - Barrett C. - Indio

8/25 - Devra R. - Palm Desert

Sobriety Capital of the World Group ABC Recovery 44374 Palm St. Indio

Friday Night, 8 p.m.

08/04 - Boone W. - Los Angeles 08/11 - Diamond S.- Redlands 08/18 - Dawn M. - Laguna Hills 08/24 - Barry K. - Los Angeles







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June 2023

Victor G. 3 yr. Daphne F. 5 yr.

Devra R. 7 yr.

Dan S. 12 yr.

Mitch 32 yr.

Shay T. 33 yr.



Christina C. 35 yr.

Nikki J. 37 yr.

Kenneth J. 42 yr.

Tom O'M 52 yr.





Book of the month

Big Book (Soft Cover)

Normally \$11.00 - this month \$10.00

Known as the "Big Book," the basic text of Alcoholics Anonymous has helped millions of people recover from alcoholism since the first edition appeared in 1939. Chapters describing the A.A. recovery program — the original Twelve Steps — and the personal histories of A.A.'s co-founders remain unchanged since the original, while new stories have been added to the personal histories with each edition.

Fourth Edition (2001).General Service Conference-approved. Softcover 4.5" x 7" 608 pages

UPDATED VENMO & ZELLE PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE NOTE: OUR PREVIOUS CELL NUMBER USED TO RECEIVE DIGITAL CONTRIBUTIONS VIA ZELLE AND VENMO WAS DISCONTINUED BY OUR CARRIER

THE NEW NUMBER WE NOW HAVE & POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE IS (760) 413.7207



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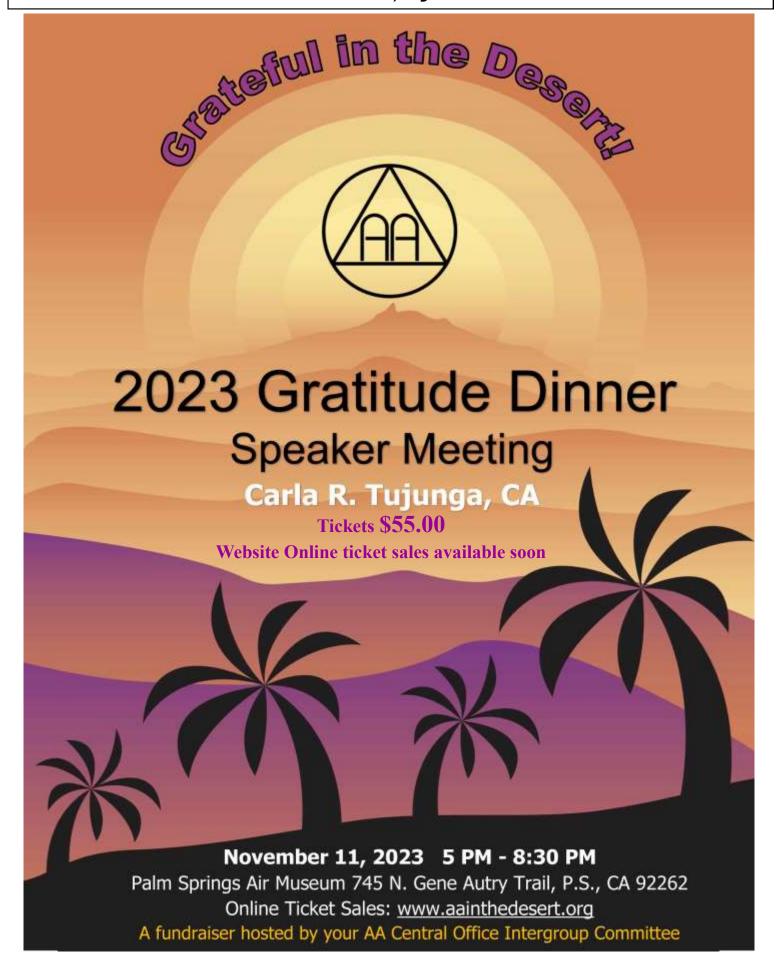
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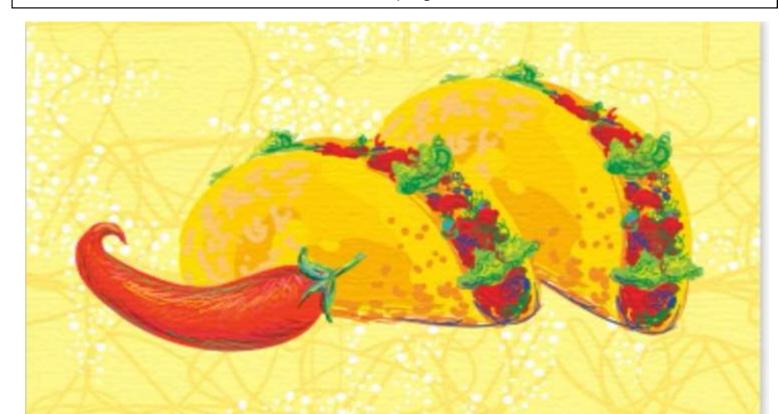
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SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM \$15/PP 45940 PORTOLA AVE, PALM DESERT



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SBRU HOTLINE (310) 354-7660.

All pre-registration packets with name badges and tickets will be available for pickup in person beginning Friday, September 1 after 3:00 p.m. at the pre-registration table. Registration Badges Required for all Events.

HOW I COMPILED STEP EIGHT HONESTLY

The Big Book infers that we are to take stock honestly. (p.64). My sponsor took this direction seriously with me because I had **almost slipped** after five months sober. I was informed that my mind was not always honest and that I must appeal God for help while writing my Step Eight inventory. I was reminded that Bill Wilson wrote about the "Great Reality deep within!" (p. 55), and that this would be my source to find the unvarnished truth, rather than my selective thinking. I have now come to believe that this was the same kind of alco-logical thinking that so often convinced me to take that first drink!

So, I prayed to God repeatedly—like a mantra. As I wrote, with God's help, there appeared ever so many memories of people I had harmed. These included having my name appearing in the local newspaper, over and over, for public intoxication which had to embarrass my wonderful Christian parents. Also, my younger sister when she entered high school because of the dismal reputation I left behind. I went on a two-week drinking binge during my senior year!

Reviewing this process, I began to realize how dishonest with myself I had been through all those drunken years. It is easy to suppress unpleasant memories, thus avoiding the accompanying guilt. Of course, without guilt, nothing changes!

I will be forever grateful to my sponsor for his direction and Big Book knowledge on this step. We are told not to regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. (p. 83). I am still susceptible to guilt feelings to a certain degree, but not overwhelmingly. I have done what I can to make things right, also, we are told about amends we cannot make: "We don't worry about them if we can honestly say we would right them is we could."

Bob S. Richmond, IN

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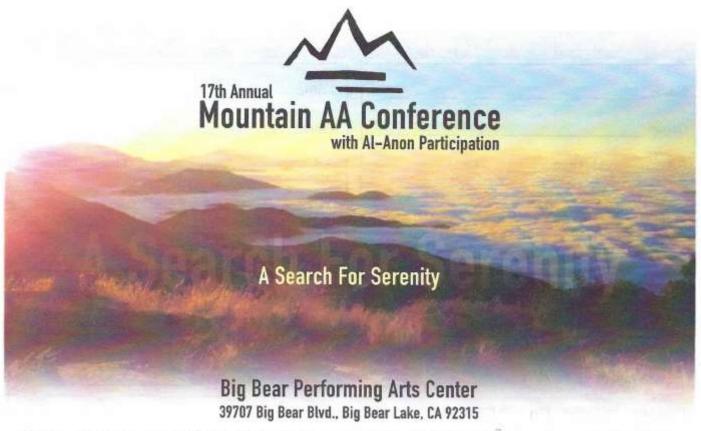
the H& I Committee

the Central Office Intergroup
will **not** meet this month.

The month of August is too hot to handle in this and many other ways!

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Friday, August 18, 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Sunday, August 20, 2023

Hospitality

Delicious Gourmet Luncheon
Five Main AA Speakers and Al-Anon Speaker
Saturday Night Ice Cream Social
Saturday & Sunday "12 Step Yoga" with Molly B.
(all levels welcome, please bring mat)
Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast
Long Timers Meeting
AA Marathon Meetings
Country Store/Souvenirs

SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOP with Herb K.:

Best Kept Secrets in 12 Step Rooms:

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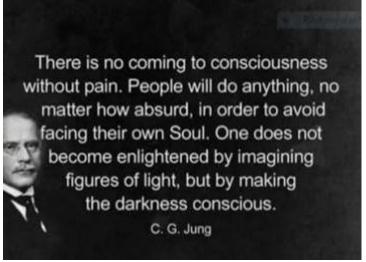
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THE MIDDLE STEPS IN A TIMELY MANNER

Luckily, my sponsor, Carl, allowed me almost no "let me think it over" time as we approached my initial middle step process. No time for fear or hesitation was available! Only minutes after praying the Third Step request for God's help, he had me start a process I call "spontaneous writing" which provided substantive and honest Fourth Step information. I was warned not to write good things about myself because that would take too many pages. Ha!

This "Spontaneous writing" process started on a Saturday, "at once," per page 64 instructions," and we then completed the Step Four instructions the following Saturday. Carl then helped me actually "read and do" the Fourth Step process directly from the Big Book (PP 64-71). This process lasted about one hour.



The Step Five process of reporting my newly found character defects, etc., began just a few minutes after finishing Step Four (*First opportunity*, page 74), and Step Six began, "*then*," (p. 76) and Step Seven was prayed at "*When ready*" (p. 76). Steps Four through Seven, were completed in a few hours that last Saturday. Doctor Carl Jung has written: "*People will do anything to avoid facing their own soul*." Thankfully, my sponsor didn't give me time to back out. He followed the Big Book timetable!

As years pass and I watch newcomers too often disappear between Steps Three and Four, I have become much more appreciative of the Big Book's timetable for the middle steps. I believe too much in-between time allows fear and doubt to take over; then, even the sincerest Third Step decision will often deteriorate into indecision and inaction.

Sometimes I hear: "God will show me when to start my inventory," or, "I plan to take my time and do it right"... and so on. I believe it is good to explain, at this point, that what is missed in Step Four can always be taken care of in Step Ten—even years later when they crop up.

Step Ten is continually redoing of the mid-steps in the "learning" process above! First of all, I had to learn how to fully accomplish the mid-steps—only then could I actually put them into action by following these clear-cut Step Ten directions on page 84:

We continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. (Step Four)

When these crop up we ask God at once to remove them. (Steps Six and Seven)

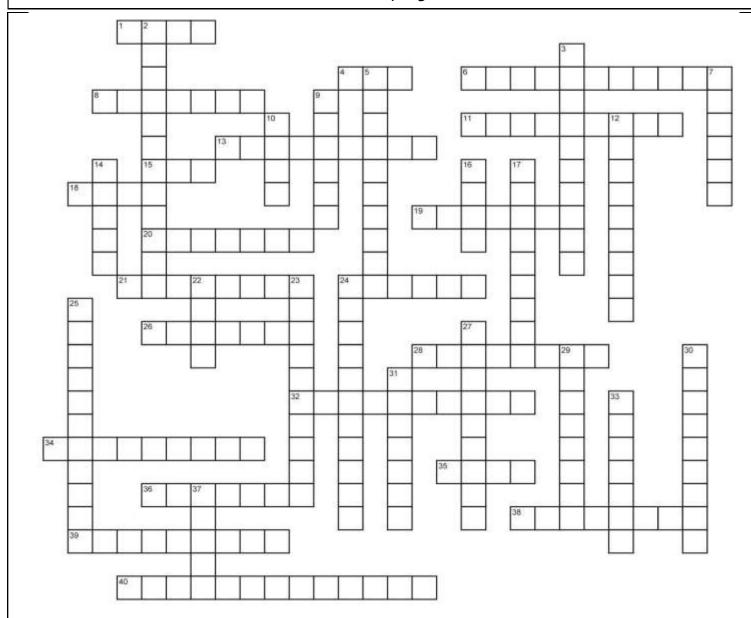
We discuss them with someone immediately. (Step Five)

Make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. (Steps Eight and Nine)

Speaking of a "timely manner" - as in the title of this article - I believe it is important to realize that as I go through my day, to remember that the Step Ten instructions include the phrases: "at once," "immediately" and "quickly." Of course, these phrases are to be used in sensible context, for the Big Book infers that God gave me brains to use! For instance, not to phone my sponsor at work simply because I have some trivial concern or small problem.

Early on, I thought the above directions were to be done only before going to bed at night. Of course, that came from a mis-reading of the first full paragraph of page 86 which is Step Eleven. I now realize that Step Ten is to be done throughout each day. Living these middle steps, via Step Ten, continually provides relief from the anxiety and fear of my drinking days. But I need to remember that AA is a program of action! ~~

Bob S., Richmond, IN



ACROSS

- 1 Swiss psychiatrist
- 4 New York offices
- 6 Written by Father John Doe (2 words)
- 8 it is a phenomenon
- 11 Ist AA Convention city
- 13 Ist AA Convention city
- 15 New York offices
- 18 happy, joyous and _____
- 19 Freedom From
- 20 Book of the month in January (2 words)
- 21 A _____ View of Alcoholics Anonymous
- 24 June conference (2 words)
- 26 About how many big books are sold each year - One _____

- 28 Twelve
- 32 spiritual
- 34 Meeting in print
- 35 As he Sees It
- 36 Valley city with the fewest meetings
- 38 Ninety
- 39 Dr. William D.
- 40 Palm Springs conference (4 words)

DOWN

- 2 our life when we got to AA
- 3 What we can't afford
- 5 International Convention 2010 location (2 words)
- 7 soundness of mind
- 9 number of different cities listed

in our meeting directory

- 10 Bill's secretary
- 12 press, radio and films
- 14 Intoxicated
- 16 Swiss psychiatrist
- 17 meeting in print
- 22 As He Sees It
- 23 First prison to hold a meeting (2 words)
- 24 Valley city with the most AA meetings (2 words)
- 25 Valley city with the most AA meetings (2 words)
- 27 spiritual foundation
- 29 Circle and
- 30 Step one
- 31 it is a phenomenon
- 33 Little Angel of A.A.
- 37 Alcohol

Tradition Eight

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ those alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well compensated. But our usual twelve step work is never to be paid for.

My understanding of this tradition is there are support functions throughout A.A. that require us to employ paid workers. One half of our primary purpose is to carry our message of recovery to alcoholics.

To achieve this requires a structure to work from. This starts at the group level and goes all the way to AA World Services. We need paid employees to perform many tasks that are needed so we as alcoholics can carry our message and share what we have found with as many people as possible who have a desire to stop drinking.

Paying an employee shouldn't be mistaken as professionalizing AA. The hand we extend to the alcoholic who still suffers is freely given and needs to be based on our desire to help and be helped.

I'm thankful for this mix. It gives me a meeting hall to share recovery, literature to help me understand this design for living and a fellowship that can touch alcoholics worldwide.

Paul R Perez Plaza

Step Eight

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

I found that this step wasn't one to simply say, "Yes, I'm willing." Rather, I took a good look at each amend that I needed to make to see if I was ready to do what was truly necessary. Some of them, I really wasn't. Then I usually discovered that I truthfully did not believe in what my part was in "their" offense and I needed to ask for God's help to allow my heart to accept that in some way I had caused harm. My sponsor was very helpful in getting my focus off of me and how I was hurt. Finally, I did come to believe that with even my most devastating injuries I, yes I, had a part. My part, no matter how small it seemed, did cause harm to the other person. I could now be willing.

Toni T 10th Step Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Palm Desert

"The only thing better than seeing the miracles in my life, is seeing the miracles in YOUR life!"

"Looking behind us," his sponsor said, "is putting the Tenth Step into practice in our lives on a regular basis. Looking to see if anyone needs a door held is that reminder."

I asked God to make me famous. Instead, he made me anonymous.

July Puzzle Solution

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Effective August 14th

The Monday noon "**Living Sober**" meeting in Palm Springs will be moving **from** St. Paul's Church **to**:

Mizell Senior Center

480 S. Sunrise Way Palm Springs CA 92262

MY ANSWER WAS NOT ON THE WALL

During my first sober months I was "just surviving" on the first three steps; the obsession to drink plagued me every day—repeating the Third Step prayer helped but provided only temporary escape while I obsessively attended AA meetings. I began to preface my prayers with the number of days I had been sober. I believe this helped keep me in focus. However, the terrifying obsession was constant. I was doing the Twelve Steps "off the wall" (Like on pages 59 & 60) which, of course is only a summary; sort of like the Table of Contents of a book—not the actual clear-cut-directions. I was surviving on the fellowship (untreated alcoholism) and a false understanding of the Twelve Steps.



I thought I was living the AA Steps, but I was not!

Fortunately, I remained dry for five months, but then I marched into a bar and almost ordered a drink—happily I didn't! Terrified, I asked a new sponsor, Carl, for help and he immediately took me through the Steps *directly from the Big Book!*

At Step Three I asked God to relieve me of the bondage of self (of course, I had no idea what that was!), but Carl started me on Step Four at once before I had time to change my mind or "think things over." Upon completion of Step Four I came to realize that the basic nature of my bondage of self was rooted in selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear. I also learned to use the Big Book tools to face and be rid of these destructive ingredients. After Step Five, I knew exactly what to ask God to remove in Steps Six and Seven (after all, it was on paper right in front of me). We then discussed making amends.

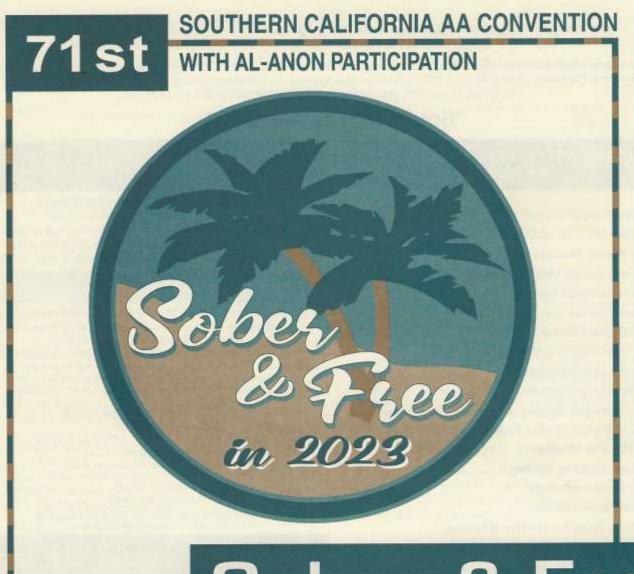
Yet, the obsession persisted.

Carl informed me that although learning the AA program of action may provide a certain **relief**, the necessary **release** from the obsession happens only when put in action with the doing of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve. Carl was right—I haven't had to drink since!

Bob S.

What does Central Office Do for Me???

- 1. We carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic via telephone calls and 12-step work.
- 2. Insure a steady supply of literature for our groups at an attractive price.
- 3. Provide a telephone contact service for AA meeting information and other information such as recovery places, other 12-step contact information, other Central Office numbers, verifying books available, etc.
- 4. Publish a monthly newsletter by and for our local fellowship with local events and articles by local AA members on the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.
- 5. Assist in forming new groups or help existing groups in carrying out our purpose.
- 6. Help in any way to carry out the sole purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- 7. Attempt to unify our efforts to achieve this purpose.



Sober & Free in 2023

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2023

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PLEASE NOTE: Room assignment expedited in order of receipt. Rates subject to room occupancy of 12,065%. Room rates are good for 3 days before and 3 days after conference dates, based on availability.

Concept Eight

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

The purpose of this concept is to emphasize that the Trustees' job is to devote itself to matters of policy, finance, group relations, public relations and leadership. Bill thought, through past experience, that to try to incorporate them in the routine matters of the business side of our organization would spread them too thin and less effective in the matters of crucial importance.

Their job should be that of "custodial oversight" as opposed to direct executive management. When we tried to overlap them early on, Bill found that the results leaned toward hard and fast "directives" as opposed to "participating decisions". The directors responsible for these operations, namely World Services and the Grapevine, will be elected by the Trustees.

Bill noted that there seemed to be a powerful connection between money and power/authority. It was deemed prudent to leave the money and legal responsibility to the Trustees; the General Service Board shall be responsible for the routine operations.

Brian C Sunny Dunes Fifth Tradition Group, Palm Springs

"I love reading the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous! I get to see all of the new stuff that's been added since the last time I read the Big Book --- sometimes someone has even snuck in and highlighted stuff for me and written notes in the margin just to bring my attention to that "new stuff"!

"I didn't think that I had a drinking habit, I thought that I had a drinking hobby --- and EVERYONE needs a hobby!"

My favorite part is when we hear from the minority opinion. Where else do I get to share MY opinion and YOU might change your mind --- of course, where else am I open enough to hear YOUR opinion, and maybe change MY mind!?!?"

When I took a look at why I had taken those unprincipled actions, I realized that I still had fear of financial insecurity. When I looked at why I have financial insecurity, I realized that it's because I've been trying to fill a God-sized hole with something other than God!"



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Statement of Activity June 2023

PROFIT & LOSS







	TOTAL		
	JUN 2023	JUL 2022 - JUN 2023 (YTD)	
Revenue			
Contributions - Conventions	200	200	
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	7,881	91,588	
Gratitude Dinner		4,434	
Interest Income	0	32	
Sales	9,147	109,225	
Total Revenue	\$17,228	\$205,479	
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	5,508	69,976	
POS Inventory Adjustment	(169)	(1,153)	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$5,339	\$68,823	
GROSS PROFIT	\$11,889	\$136,656	
Expenditures			
Accounting Services	800	9,600	
Bank Charges	15	180	
Computer Expense	456	5,986	
Credit Card Fees	291	2,934	
Insurance - Health	505	5,735	
Insurance - Liability	282	3,047	
Insurance - Worker's Comp	(19)	1,065	
Newsletter Expense	228	1,819	
Office Expense	1,090	10,248	
Payroll Expenses	4,513	58,780	
Plant Expenditures	564	1,506	
Reimbursement - Mileage	47	47	
Rent	1,688	19,732	
State Filing Fees		75	
Storage	252	2,936	
Utilities	392	6,440	
Total Expenditures	\$11,104	\$130,130	
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$785	\$6,526	
NET REVENUE	\$785	\$6,526	



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Budget vs. Actuals: CIO Budget - FY23 P&L July 2022 - June 2023

	TOTAL				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET		
Revenue					
Contributions - Conventions	200	4,700	(4,500)		
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	91,588	91,207	381		
Gratitude Dinner	4,434		4,434		
Interest Income	32	72	(40)		
Sales	109,225	87,628	21,597		
Total Revenue	\$205,479	\$183,607	\$21,872		
Cost of Goods Sold					
Cost of Goods Sold	69,976	55,761	14,215		
POS Inventory Adjustment	(1,153)	12	(1,165)		
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$68,823	\$55,773	\$13,050		
GROSS PROFIT	\$136,656	\$127,834	\$8,822		
Expenditures					
Accounting Services	9,600	9,600	0		
Bank Charges	180		180		
Computer Expense	5,986	4,800	1,186		
Credit Card Fees	2,934	2,364	570		
Education & Training		1,200	(1,200)		
Insurance - Health	5,735	5,580	155		
Insurance - Liability	3,047	2,789	258		
Insurance - Worker's Comp	1,065	1,053	12		
Newsletter Expense	1,819	1,800	19		
Office Expense	10,248	9,000	1,248		
Payroll Expenses	58,780	58,668	112		
Plant Expenditures	1,506	2,400	(894)		
Reimbursement - Mileage	47		47		
Rent	19,732	18,933	799		
State Filing Fees	75	60	15		
Storage	2,936	2,616	320		
Utilities	6,440	6,971	(531)		
Total Expenditures	\$130,130	\$127,834	\$2,296		
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$6,526	\$0	\$6,526		
NET REVENUE	\$6,526	\$0	\$6,526		

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Contributions - Groups & Individuals June 2023

	TOTAL		
	JUN 2023	JUL 2022 - JUN 2023 (YTD	
1 Perez Plaza Meeting Room	2,500.00	4,100.00	
12&12 Men's Stag Monday Night	250.00	250.00	
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		287.78	
24 Hours a Day		61.50	
3 7 11 Meeting - THU - Twentynine Palms		225.00	
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		710.28	
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100		7,099.27	
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs		170.00	
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	800.00	
Alkies Only Bermuda Dunes		371.00	
Anonymous Cathedral City		32.00	
Anonymous No Group Given	229.33	13,038.72	
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fellowship Hall P.D.		223.00	
Attitude Adjustment-M-F P.D. Santa Fe Square		268.00	
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		2,227.93	
Big Book Study - Wed Palm Springs		4.00	
Bill's Hour		102.00	
Birthday Contributions		668.00	
Black Sheep Group		514.88	
Candlelit High Desert Yucca Valley		17.56	
CDM Men's Stag-TUE		523.00	
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	53.00	396.80	
Coachella Desert Men's Group		200.00	
Committee H&I		5.00	
Cornfield Speaker Meeting Andrea Pena		1,890.50	
Covert Men's Stag		100.00	
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	215.62	4,754.03	
DCYPAA All Valley Young People's		105.00	
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	150.00	577.59	
Desert Pow Wow Rancho Mirage		5,000.00	
Desert Women's Banquet		1,223.66	
Design for Living Group		914.30	
DHS Noon Discussion - THU Desert Hot Springs		138.59	
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert		293.80	
First Things First		408.32	
Great Events Yucca Valley	300.00	900.00	
Groovy Group		334.00	
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		213.00	
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		100.00	
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		2,371.00	
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women		220.00	
Hi Desert Speakers Group		100.00	
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		150.00	

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	JUN 2023	JUL 2022 - JUN 2023 (YTD)	
In Memory of Jerry Glassser	626.25	626.25	
Jaywalkers		323.65	
It sunrise group		230.00	
Just the Black Print		2,414.39	
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting		500.00	
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study	70.00	163.11	
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		320.00	
Last Call Group		1,488.36	
Living Sober - SUN - Idyllwild		18.40	
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree		145.00	
Living Sober-WED women		88.00	
Men's Marauders	300.00	781.00	
Mid Day 102 Group		1,173.64	
Motley Crew Zoom		50.00	
No Matter What Group		235.04	
No Rules La Quinta	1,032.40	2,449.21	
Nooner Group D.H.S.		158.00	
One Day At a Time Palm Desert	200.00	200.00	
Over 50 12&12 Step Study		533.96	
Oxy-Moron Group		390.00	
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	176.00	2,378.00	
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		778.00	
PDCC Zoom		1,779.00	
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 SUN La Quinta		169.00	
Recovery after Relapse	200.00	200.00	
Road Runners		650.00	
Rock Bottom-TUE Twentynine Palms		100.00	
Round Table Serenity Group		140.10	
Rule 62 THU Noon		294.00	
Rush Hour Group		185.00	
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		671.25	
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella		399.00	
Saturday 12 & 12		241.89	
Serenity Group		75.46	
Serenity Group Joshua Tree		197.60	
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	240.00	1,850.00	
Serenity Sisters		113.77	
Singleness of Purpose		250.00	
Sisters Under the Skin Palm Springs		221.00	

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	TOTAL		
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Sober Divas	75.00	525.00	
Sobriety Sisters Palm Desert		21,18	
Solutions in Sobriety Palm Desert		174.37	
Southern California AA Co N/A		500.00	
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		617.00	
St. Paul's Tuesday Night Men's Stag		1,358.00	
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	695.00	3,864.28	
Step Sisters Palm Desert		244.91	
Step/Tradition Study Palm Desert		150.00	
Stepping Stones		410.40	
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study		325.75	
Sunday ABC Group Palm Desert		225.00	
Sunday Serenity Group	114.18	963.78	
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		1,458.79	
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	79.65	746.90	
Sunset Group Joshua Tree	125.00	225.00	
Sunset Group La Quinta Park		227.68	
T7 - NMWWG Palm Desert #370184 (deleted)		33.75	
TGIF Group Yucca Valley	50.00	50.00	
The First 164 Pages		1,440.63	
There Is Hope D.H.S. noon Fri.		110.00	
Third Tradition Group Landers		200.00	
Thurs, Night Participation 29 Palms	100.00	200.00	
Tuesday Night Book Study St Margarets		574.00	
Twilight Step Study		239.18	
Unity Day Picnic		200.00	
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		125.00	
We're Not Really Here		45.00	
WED Big Book Coachella		25.00	
Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		30.00	
Women in the Solution 29 Palms		91.44	
Women's Voices		123.90	
Yerba Santa Round Table Top Discussion		292.00	
TOTAL	\$7,881.43	\$91,587.53	

Foiled Plans to Freedom Found

In a haze of numbness, a friend unseen, A lurking phantom, whispering dreams, A subtle presence, a shadow's caress, with promises of solace, it seeks to impress.

But beneath the surface, a dark tale unfurls, A venomous embrace that ensuares and curls, like a serpent's bite, it pierces the heart, A clandestine enemy, tearing lives apart.

The soul, once vibrant, now dances with fate, bound to a friend, who seals their sad state, In the depths of despair, they're slowly consumed, By a companion who leaves them marooned.

Through the sorrowful nights, tears gently stream, the truth remains hidden, like a silent scream, A nameless adversary, deceptive and sly, Unveiling its face as days wander by.

In the grip of this fiend, they stumble and fall, yet in the darkest abyss, hope beckons their call, A glimmer of light, a flicker of grace, Guiding them towards a redemptive embrace.

With courage and strength, they face the unknown, reclaiming their power, they stand on their own, The enemy revealed, its name brought to light, Fentanyl, the deceiver, wrapped in the night.

They break free from its clutches, determined to rise, No longer confined, no longer disguised, In the face of adversity, they choose to fight, to reclaim their spirit, to reclaim their sight.

The path to healing, though riddled with pain, leads them to hope, like a cleansing rain, For every lost soul, there's a chance to amend, From the grips of Fentanyl, the foe, the friend.

In the arms of support, they find their release, A journey of redemption, a search for peace, Through the sorrowful echoes, a new chapter begins, A tale of resilience, where the heart finally wins.

- Chris A.

