



# the Desert Lifeline

January 2024

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 at Central Office  
35325 Date Palm Dr.  
Suite 107  
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Zoom Meeting I.D. 928 8170 4093  
Password: 642408  
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Palm Desert, CA 92261-3684

### Hospitals & Institutions

2nd Wednesday of the month,  
5:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall 45940 Portola Ave.  
Palm Desert  
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  
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### 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  
1st Monday of the month, 2:00 PM  
Yucca Valley Alano Club  
57637 Yucca Trail  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284  
Mailing Address: P O Box 1692  
Yucca Valley, CA 92286-1692

## Step

We admitted we were powerless  
over alcohol - that our lives had  
become unmanageable.

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## Tradition

Our common welfare should  
come first; personal recovery  
depends upon A.A. unity.

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## Concept

Final responsibility and ultimate  
authority for A.A. World Services  
should always reside in the  
collective conscience of our  
whole Fellowship.

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# Principle One

**Surrender** - to give up, abandon, or  
relinquish

### November Office Statistics

Meeting Info	47
12 Step Calls	2
Visitors	43
Literature Sales	206
Al-Anon	1
Other 12 Step	4
Miscellaneous	56
Business	29
Zoom Attendance	53

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## November 2023

Jesus	1 yr.
Samantha W.	4 yr.
Angela S.	11 yr.
Ed L.	28 yr.
Karen	30 yr.
Jenne	37 yr.



Denise H.	38 yr.
Jana P.	39 yr.
Faith R.	45 yr.
Paulette Q	46 yr.



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

## **Ten Alcoholics**

**10 Alcoholics, all in a line.**

**One got to thinking  
--then there were Nine.**

**9 Alcoholics, one said, "Wait!"**

**A near beer can't hurt!"  
then there were Eight.**

**8 Alcoholics, lookin' up to heaven.**

**One cut out meetings  
--then there were Seven.**

**7 Alcoholics, doing service for kicks.**

**One started grumbling  
--then there were Six.**

**6 Alcoholics, glad to be alive.**

**'Til one smoked pot  
--then there were Five.**

**5 Alcoholics, greeters at the door.**

**One played the Big Shot  
--then there were Four.**

**4 Alcoholics, for fun and for free.**

**One's case was "different"  
--then there were Three.**

**3 Alcoholics, knowing what to do.**

**One rewrote the Big Book  
--then there were Two.**

**2 Alcoholics, having some fun.**

**One started lying  
--then there was One.**

**1 Alcoholic, talking to HP,**

**"If only one is sober  
--then I'm glad it's me."**

## **“Life Gets Lifey”**

I have no more excuses to drink. Life is full of a range of emotions and feelings. I choose to endure my emotions and deal with them in a healthy way rather than numbing them. I am grateful to be able to feel and feel for those around me now. Self –pity and selfishness is something I try to avoid. It kept me sick. I now try to practice gratitude.

Mind of an alcoholic.

In the mind of an alcoholic my thoughts at times are skewed. My disease progresses as each day passes, my brain begins to romanticize the gruesome past. That is why I need to stay in Recovery and practice the steps every day. I am grateful to know that it's my disease talking to me and I am able to fight back. I am beyond grateful to be sober

Raquel 12/29/22

## November Volunteers at Central Office

Allison W.  
Amelia F.

**Thank You !!**

Bob B.  
Dean B.

Jennifer P.  
Jim B.  
John B.

**Thank You !!**

John C.  
John M.  
Julie H.

Nikki J.  
Rob H.  
Shannon K.  
Shoshanna S.  
Steven St. L.  
Vicky P.

It's true that life is unfair. I have noticed, however, that it somehow does not bother me as much when life is unfair in MY favor!

My level of pain is often defined by the difference between how I want things to be and how they really are.

Book of the month

**\$4.00**



**75th Edition Big Book**

**\$4.00**



**Normally \$12.00 - this month \$4.00**

This special edition of Alcoholics Anonymous is a reproduction of the first printing of the first edition of the Big Book as it was published in 1939. This faithful replica of the original — featuring red cloth binding, thick paper and the colorful "circus cover" — was published to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Big Book.

General Service Conference-approved.

Hardcover 6" x 9"

416 pages

## The A.A. Moon Shot

I Admired Her Courage

By Rick R.

I got sober on October 15, 1969, at a time when the Space programs were on the Television in black and white and I was up deep into the nights watching as it happened. About twenty years later I in a meeting when I heard a very young, very sincere, single mother of two, sharing that her first experience in the Alcoholics Anonymous program was the thought of having to do all this stuff for the rest of her life and she didn't find it too comforting. (Her words) It sounded to me that, from her perspective, she knew that she had to do it, but it wasn't going to be easy or fun. I admired her for her courage and conviction, and I tried to encourage her by explaining things that I had experienced when I was faced with the life changing challenges of sobriety. I was a father of a boy, I was in the Navy at the time, and I was divorced. It was a difficult time, but I had to go through it, drinking or not. I likened it to the first Apollo Space Mission to the moon. It goes something like this.

When you first see the size of the spacecraft and consider the amount of energy it would take to put it into space, it is hard to fathom. After the countdown is complete, the engines fire and a tremendous amount of flames and smoke engulf the entire area and, in a few moments, it slowly starts to lift off. As it lumbers its first hundred feet, it is expending a tremendous amount of fuel. Slowly it starts to gain momentum and pick up speed, still shuddering along. Soon the booster tanks are depleted, and they are ejected, and the main tanks begin to propel it further along the flight path with even more thrust as it is reaching for orbit. Next, the main tank is depleted just before orbit and is ejected. What is left is a very small portion of what arose from the launchpad. Soon the craft leaves orbit and heads towards the moon and something else happens that sometimes goes unnoticed. Somewhere between the earth and the moon, the gravitational pull of the moon has more influence on the craft than the gravity of the earths has, and it is gently drawn along its path. Very little energy is except for minor course corrections.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, when we first get started, it appears to be an insurmountable task that requires a tremendous amount of effort just to get off the launchpad. Not every launch is successful and some of us don't make it the first time, and we need to exert all that energy on each successful attempt. As we do get our way, it starts to get easier as we head for our objective. When we go through the twelve steps, we finally reach orbit.

After we are satisfied that everything is in order, we can now set out for the moon. If we stay on course, the spiritual gravity of values we have adopted in the A.A. program will far outweigh the negative gravity of the past as we eject all the dead weight that held us down. As we continue to adjust to the day-to-day mistakes that we make and adopt an unselfish approach to life, somewhere along the flight path, we will cross that line where we are drawn towards a life and serenity that is hard to imagine when we are setting on the launchpad. The most important part of the journey is the lift off. If we can get through that most difficult time, it does get easier, and then we need only to stay the course.

### **Palm Desert Group -**

**Fellowship Hall, 45940 Portola Ave**

**Palm Desert**

**Saturday Night, 8:00 p.m.**

01/06— Terry A. - Rancho Mirage

01/13- Richard R. - Cathedral City

01/20— Lael B. - La Quinta

01/27 - T.B.D.

### **Sobriety Capitol of the World Group -**

**ABC Recovery Center, Indio**

**44359 Palm St.**

**Friday Night, 8:00 p.m.**

12/05 - Rico C. - Los Angeles

12/12 - Frankie O. Orange County

12/19 - Tarzana Pacific Group Speakers

12/26 - Jose B Orange County

# Speaker Meetings

## Step One

*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -  
that our lives had become unmanageable.*

It is interesting that no matter how long I am around this program, I am constantly challenged. For example, when I first wrote out the line above, the first Step...where the dash is now I wrote "and". I thought I should look at the book and make sure I had written it correctly and there it is...there are two separate and distinct statements separated by a dash! We are admitting two distinct things about ourselves: 1. That we were powerless over alcohol and 2. That our lives had become unmanageable. When we take that first Step it actually is in the past tense; the implication is that now we have a chance, we have a chance to be "on the other side" of our addiction to alcohol by virtue of taking this first step and practicing these principles in all our affairs.

I recently attended a Workshop on Steps 1-2-3. In that workshop I learned, (I'm now 26 years sober), that there is a first step before Step 1; on page 30 in the Beautiful Big Book it says, "We learned that we had to fully concede to our innermost selves that we were alcoholics. This is the **first step** in recovery." I realize finally...I am a fully conceded alcoholic. "Sobriety" is the name of my game. I don't have to rush, I don't have to take this whole thing all at once; I keep coming back, one day at a time, and for this I am truly grateful.

Kathy G  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meeting, Palm Desert

When I came back after a slip, a guy said to me: 'I have information for you that might be difficult for you to hear. You are NOT going to stay sober on the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. You are one of those people that is going to have to use the PROGRAM of Alcoholics Anonymous.' --- then he offered to show me the difference.

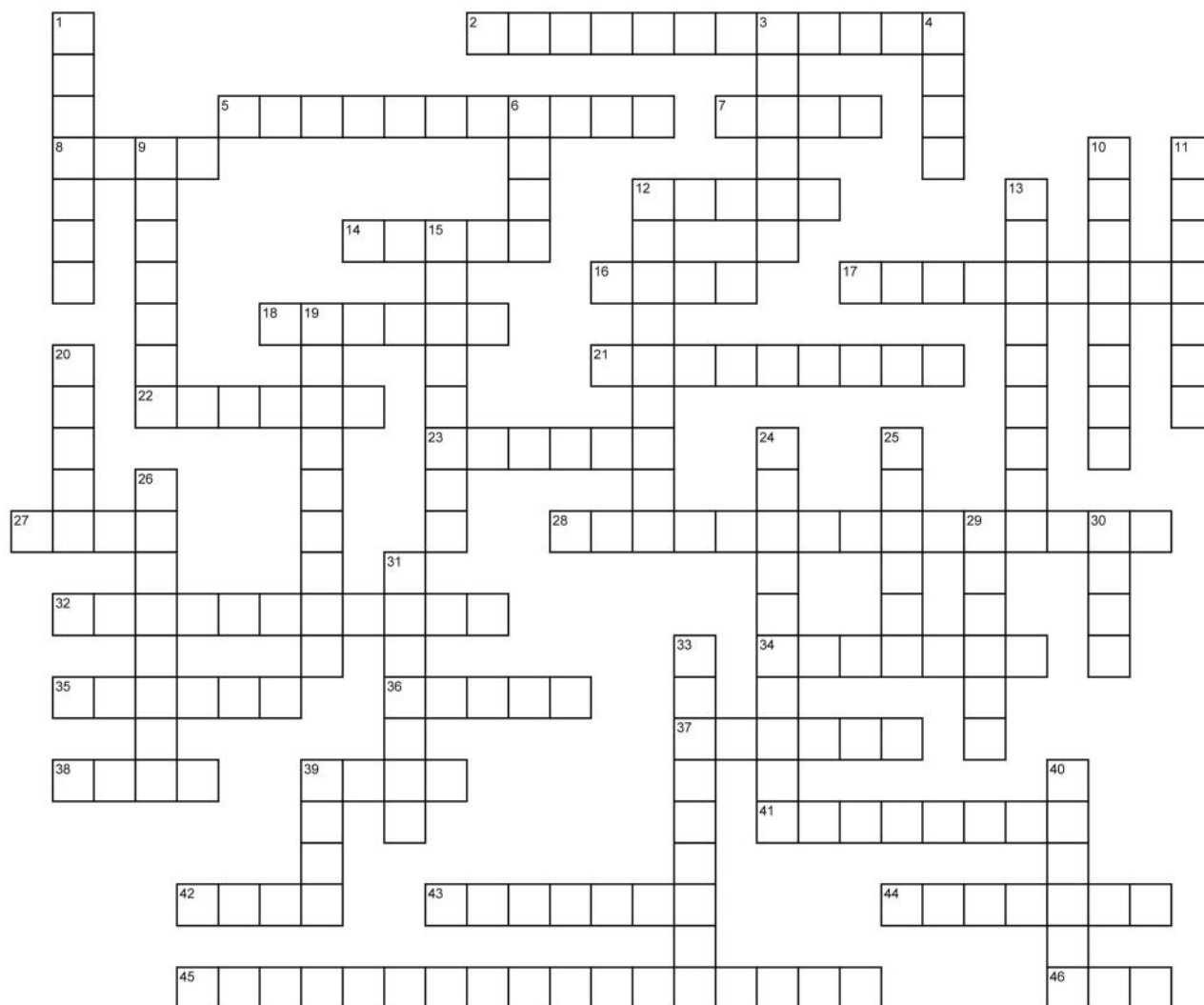
My life is like one of those Jenga puzzles . . . I don't talk to my sponsor for awhile, so it's like taking out a piece of the puzzle and putting it to the side, then I cut back on meetings so I've taken out another piece of the puzzle and put it to the side . . . then I get to a place where my foundation is shaky and I don't know what else I can take out and put to the side without the whole thing following down around my ears!

I've learned that I can't always control my thoughts . . . . but today I don't have to let my thoughts control me.

Bill says in the Twelve and Twelve that Step Six is the Step that "separates the men from the boys."

It has been my experience that Step Nine is the step that separates alcoholics who are willing to go to any lengths, from the alcoholic who is willing to risk drinking again.

Today I am grateful that I don't need to laugh at others . . . I have my own entertainment center sitting on my neck!



**ACROSS**

- 2 our life when we got to AA  
 5 principle behind step 9  
 7 "The Car Smasher"  
 8 "He Thought He Could Drink Like a Gentleman"  
 12 In what city did Bill meet Bob?  
 14 "From Farm to City"  
 16 Alcoholics are like men who have lost these  
 17 Step one  
 18 How often we've seen them fail  
 21 First woman member (2 words)  
 22 "A Flower of the South"  
 23 Group prior to AA  
 27 "He Sold Himself Short"  
 28 Original company that published the Big Book (2 words)  
 32 principle behind step 9  
 34 Little Angel of A.A.

- 35 soundness of mind  
 36 "Women Suffer Too"  
 37 Crossing the River of \_\_\_\_\_  
 38 The 3rd Step prayer doesn't have it but the 7th Step prayer does  
 39 Swiss psychiatrist  
 41 The Sermon on the Mount (2 words)  
 42 Dr. Bob's wife's name  
 43 Freedom From  
 44 State where Bill W was born  
 45 Our more religious may call a spiritual experience this.  
 46 Bob's middle name

**DOWN**

- 1 Little Angel of A.A.  
 3 Bill was offered a job at his lab  
 4 Bill's sponsor  
 6 Bill's longtime secretary

- 9 Freedom From  
 10 The Sermon on the Mount (2 words)  
 11 Physician, Heal \_\_\_\_\_  
 12 Saturday Evening Post  
 13 Where Dr. Bob went to college  
 15 Dr. Bob's middle name  
 19 Author of the March 1, 1941 article in the Saturday Evening Post  
 20 Russian potato juice  
 24 spiritual  
 25 Author of "The Keys of the Kingdom"  
 26 "Home Brewmeister"  
 29 soundness of mind  
 30 Bill's longtime secretary  
 31 State where Dr. Bob was born  
 33 Dr. Bob and the Good  
 39 The month that AA was "born"  
 40 Group prior to AA



## **Maad Dog Daze Meeting Dates**

### **2024 Convention**



~~August 27th 2pm AA Central Office~~

~~September 24th 2pm AA Central Office~~

~~October 22th 2pm AA Central Office~~

~~November Meeting Dark~~

~~December 3rd 2pm AA Central Office~~

January 28th 2pm AA Central Office

February 25th 2pm AA Central Office

March 24th 2pm AA Central Office

April 28th 2pm AA Central Office-TBA

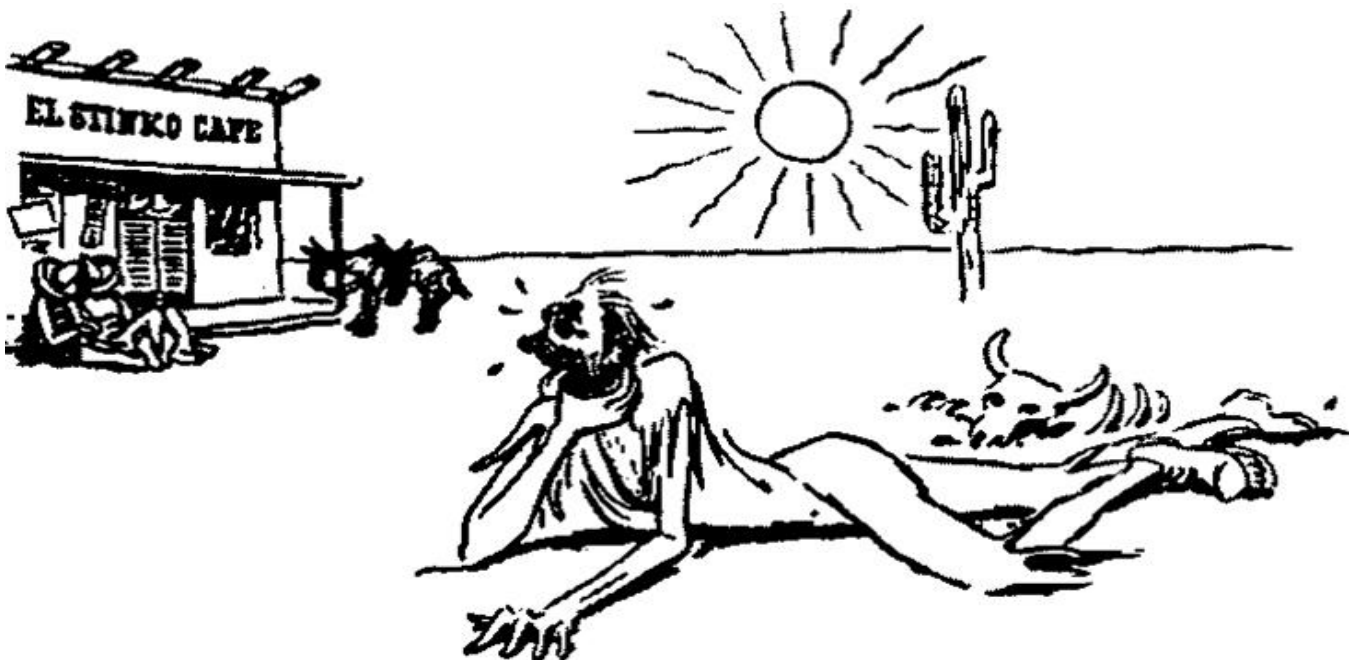
May 26th 2pm AA Central Office-TBA

June 23rd 2pm AA Central Office

July 28th 2pm AA Central Office

\*We will meet at 2pm at AA Central Office (except for the last meeting in July that will be at the Hotel itself for a walk through) All Meetings are mandatory.

Convention Aug 2nd-4th, 2023



"Water! Water! With Bourbon and not much ice!"



## Tradition One

*Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.*

The long form of our first tradition states, "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."

When I think of how big AA is today, I can be humbled in knowing that I'm only part of a very large community of alcoholics. It helps me to understand that - Albertine R. would say - "I'm not much much". I've come to believe, through my own experience and the experience of others before me, that there must be an AA group that exists for me to continue to live my life without alcohol. Yes, the program consists of the Twelve Steps as outlined in our Big Book, and our primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. But then one may ask, "Can this be done without a group?" Many can emphatically say "No! Not at all!" I'm convinced that if there's not a group for me to be part of, I'm doomed.

In my early sobriety, I attended a group where the leader had all sorts of rules, one being you had to say "My name is \_\_\_\_, and I'm an Alcoholic!". If you didn't follow the rules, and certainly didn't state you were an alcoholic, you had to leave. The leader had over ten years of sobriety and most everyone else was under six months. One night, I watched as several members of other AA groups came to a meeting and confronted the leader about her rules and violating the traditions. Though I'd been newly sober again, I clearly saw that many of the newcomers at the meeting were disturbed by what was happening. Controversy and rumors were rampant, and several members were getting involved at other meetings in the area. All of the activity within the group was lost, and the primary purpose of the group became secondary to everything else. Then the leader decided to quit the group, since her agenda wasn't being followed.

I went back to the meeting a few weeks later and found it was closed. I looked for a few AA friends in the area and found one was drunk again. It was scary to see what had just happened. I tried to help others with transportation to go to other meetings, but not having a group in the area was too much for some.

If I ever return to visit Okinawa, I plan to visit Camp Butler and see if another AA group is there. My hope is that a group does exist, and that the common welfare of the group is most important.

Jeff M.  
Sunset Group, Joshua Tree

Sponsee: I think A.A. is a cult and I'm being brainwashed.

Sponsor: Honey, I've heard your fifth step. Your brain could use some washing!

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When I was new in the program, I quickly learned that if I make a complaint or have a suggestion for how things "should be done", I had better be ready to volunteer to be part of the solution. Which isn't necessarily a bad thing --- that way I make sure it gets done MY way!

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I've seen some of my old drinking buddies over the holidays . . . .  
I don't know but they just seem to be stuck on stupid."

## Understanding Step One

Sometimes We Pick the Fruit Before its Ripe

By Rick R.

I wish I could say that everyone that enters the doors of AA has an equal shot at getting sober and staying that way for the rest of their lives but, depending on the different reasons why each individual decides to give AA a chance, coupled with the degree of desperation that caused that person to delve into what the program has to offer, we get a variety of different results. When I arrived at my first meeting, I was desperately looking for what I thought was a solution to an impossible situation. I was defeated and absolutely demoralized. Within minutes of being exposed to the sober members of that group I was convinced that I had found the solution to my hopeless condition and the desire to drink was removed from me on the spot and has never returned. That was on Oct. 15, 1969. I wish every new member could have that type of experience, but we know that many of us are not that receptive in the beginning. Most of the members of that early group were over forty years old and I was only 28 yrs. old but I was the exception at that time. Meetings were much smaller since there were no rehab facilities intervening in the alcoholic's drinking escapades, so they did not start hitting their bottom till their forties or fifties and it had something to do with midlife crisis or was that just a coincidence. What I do see that is different from my experience is the blurred line when comes to the first requirement for AA membership: "a desire to stop drinking." or employer told me that I had to stop drinking, considering the relief I got from the bottle, I doubt that I would have been as receptive to getting sober, and if I had, I am sure I would have relapses as much as any of those who, unfortunately, struggle with staying sober. It appears that many of the AA members of today have seen a high percentage of relapses and they attribute that as an abysmal success ratio in AA, but they assume that just because they were sent to AA, from a rehab facility that they should be lumped in with those, like me, who had a desire to stop drinking and came in looking for answers. These relapses are the natural result when the desire to drink is stronger than the desire to stay sober.

In the Foreword to the second edition of the Big Book it says: Of alcoholics who came to AA, and really tried, 50% got sober at once and remained that way: 25% sobered up after some relapses. I often ask a newcomer what caused them to give AA a visit and most of them say that the main reasons were DUI's, Work related requirements, and spouse's ultimatums. Occasionally someone says, "I just ran out of ideas, and I need help". The latter is usually the one in ten that stays sober without relapse. I also believe that if you counted only the ones that came in searching for answers, the same ratio as in the foreword to the Big Book would still apply. Seventy five percent is not bad. The good news is that many of the members that are here as the result of intervention or other motivations often become what they refer to as the "educational variety" often get sober years before they would have had they not been intervened upon. We treat these brothers and sisters with empathy, compassion and understanding. The awareness in the community has taken away much of the stigma (not all) of being cursed with the disease of alcoholism and where we had meetings totaling ten or twelve members, we now have twenty to forty members attending. Sometimes the fruit gets picked before it is ripe, but it is never discarded.



*"You're kiddin'! Practice these principles a day at a time?  
Remember, our days are six months long!"*



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



**A.A. DESERT ROUNDUP**  
WITH AL-ANON PARTICIPATION  
**RENAISSANCE ESMERALDA RESORT & SPA**  
**JUNE 6, 7, 8, 9, 2024**  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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**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
	2:00 pm	A.A. History 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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**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 4-11, 2024).
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. Some events will sell out.
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 and Dance tickets will be sold at the door.
8. No refunds on canceled events after May 23rd; tickets are transferable or may be 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.

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

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AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Guest ☐

	QTY	AMT	TOTAL
Registration	_____	@ \$ 25.00	_____
Fri. Night Dance	_____	@ \$ 5.00	_____
Sat. Al-Anon Luncheon	_____	@ \$ 35.00	_____
Tables of 10	_____	@ \$350.00	_____
Vegetarian Meals	_____		_____
Sat. Night Banquet Meeting	_____	@ \$ 50.00	_____
Tables of 10	_____	@ \$500.00	_____
Vegetarian Meals	_____		_____
Sat. Night Dance	_____	@ \$ 5.00	_____
Sun. Breakfast/Meeting	_____	@ \$ 30.00	_____
Tables of 10	_____	@ \$300.00	_____
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: MAY 30th  
(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

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### Fees:

1 Day: \$95, Tournament Only, Friday (incl. cart)

## 2 MILE FUN RUN/WALK

(Pre-Registration Required)

Saturday at 6:30 am

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

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

Fee: \$20 / includes

Regular T-Shirt ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

or Tank Top ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL

**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 D. (818) 497-1097

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

**If not mailed before May 24th,  
plan to register at convention.**

**No refunds on canceled events after 5/23**

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.

THANK YOU for understanding.

## CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

### A service piece for home groups, districts, areas

Some of these discussion points were originally developed by an A.A. group and further developed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be distributed by the General Service Office. While this checklist is intended as a starting point for discussion by groups, districts or areas, individual A.A. members may find it useful along with our cofounder Bill W.'s writings, a service sponsor if you have one and reflection on your own service experience. Additional information about the Concepts can be found in The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" pamphlet.  
(The Concepts stated here are in the short form.)

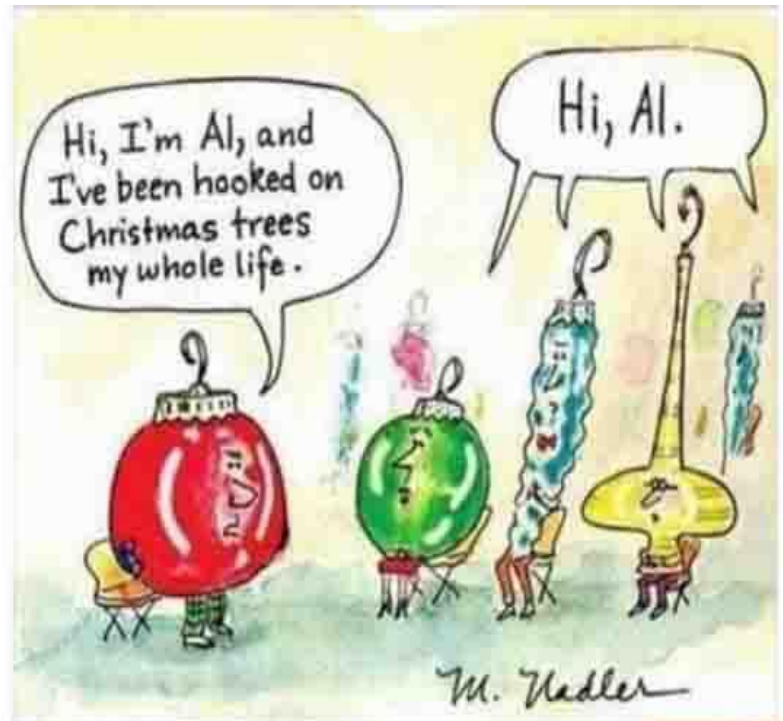
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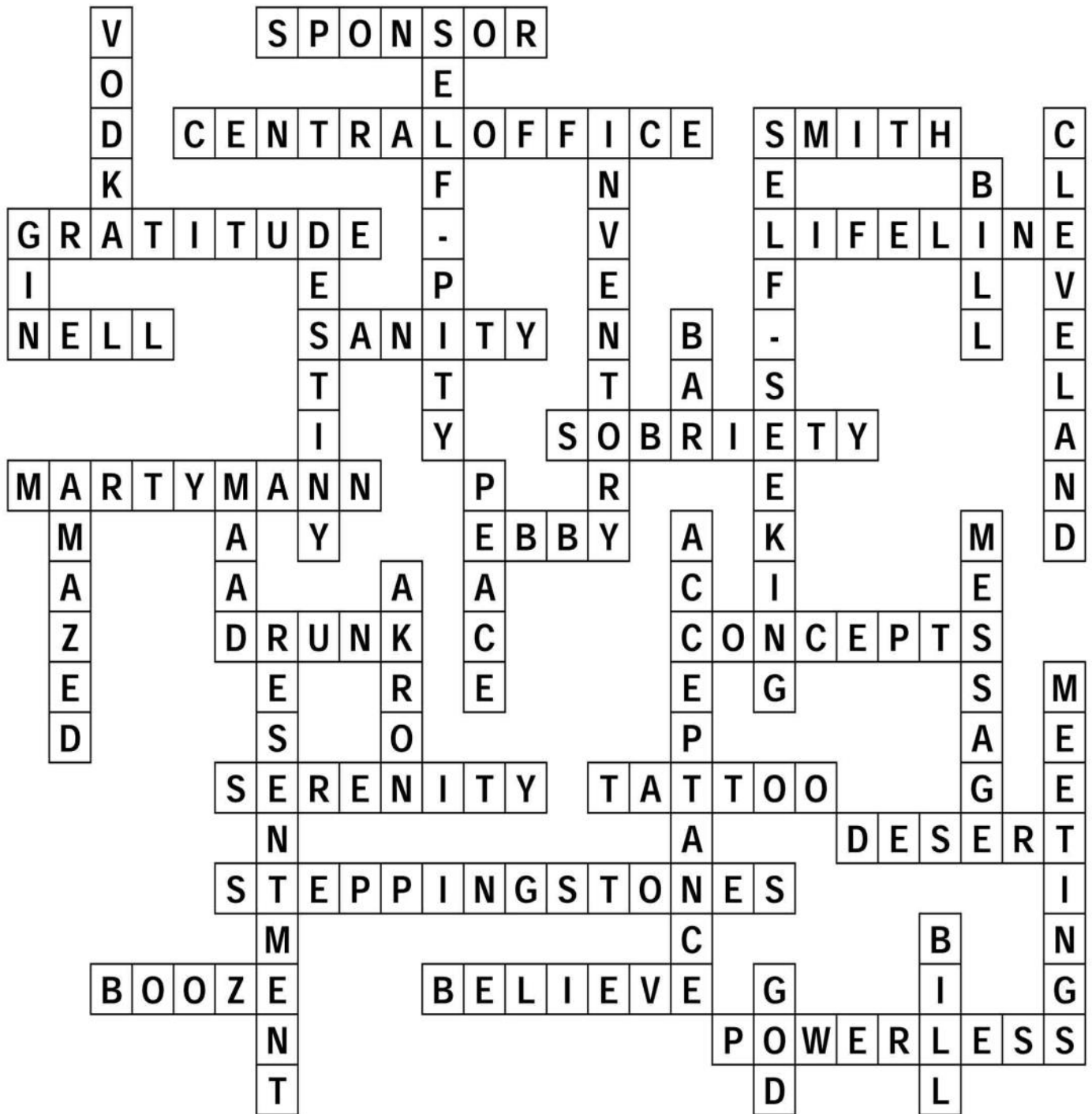
*Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.*

- Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
- Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
- Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
- Where do we fit in the upside-down service triangle of A.A.?
- Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?



My sponsor says the good thing about procrastination is that you always have something planned for tomorrow.





## December Puzzle Solution



# CHRISTMAS GROUP THERAPY



## THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

1. Innovative
2. Preliminary
3. Proliferation
4. Cinnamon

## THINGS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

1. Specificity
2. Anti-constitutionally
3. Passive-aggressive disorder
4. Transubstantiate

## THINGS THAT ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN DRUNK

1. No thanks, I'm married.
2. Nope, no more booze for me!
3. Sorry, but you're not really my type.
4. No thanks, I'm not hungry.
5. I'm not interested in fighting you.
6. Thank you, but I won't make any attempt to dance. I have no coordination and I'd hate to look like a fool!
7. I must be going home now as I have to work in the morning.



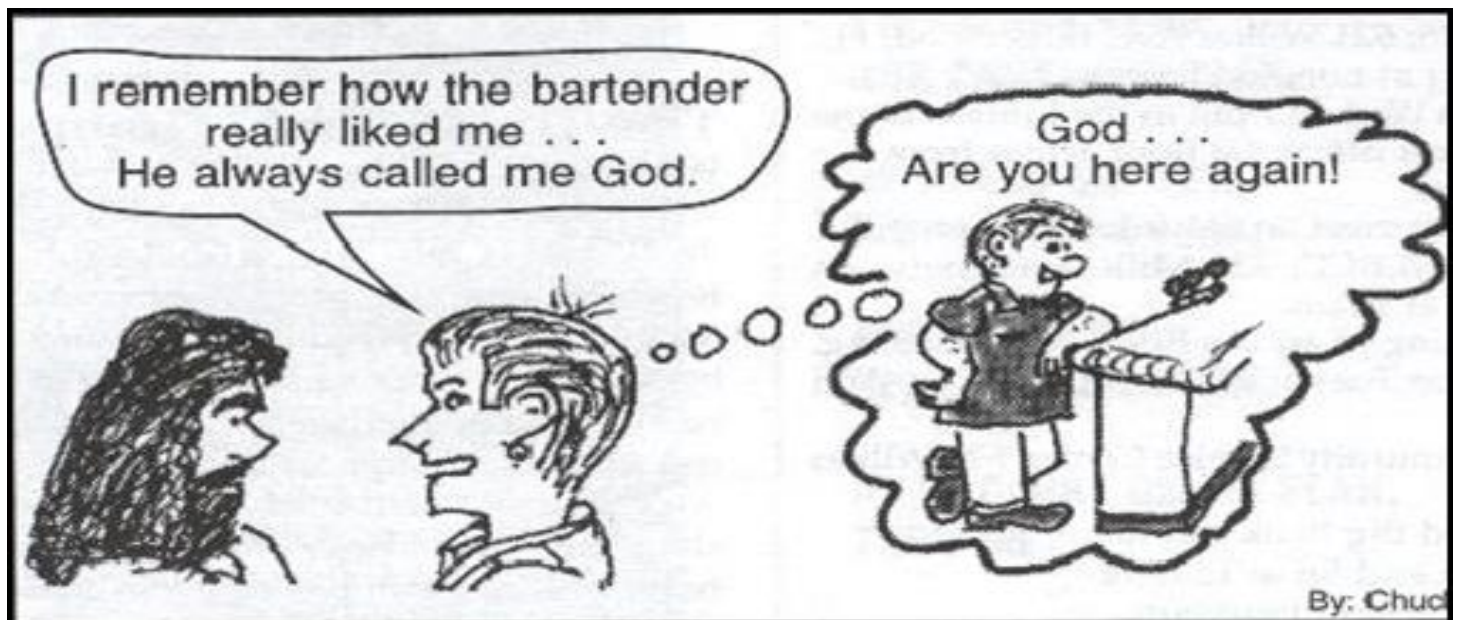


## District 42 Speaker Meeting

Friday, Jan 26, 2024 @ 7pm  
Bob G 👉 Al-Anon - Carlsbad  
Cele G 👉 AA- Carlsbad

St. Margaret's Church  
47535 Hwy. 74 in Palm Desert 92260

**Come early for a cup of coffee, snacks and fellowship! Donated snacks are appreciated. Literature will be available for purchase.**



# **21st International English Speaking AA Convention Old Town Zadar, Croatia 7th -9th June 2024**



**Website: [www.aaconventioncroatia.com](http://www.aaconventioncroatia.com)**

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## Statement of Activity

November 2023

Net profit for November

**\$8,580**

\$25,644

Income

\$17,064

Expenses

	TOTAL	
	NOV 2023	JUL - NOV, 2023 (YTD)
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions - Conventions		560
Contributions - Groups & Individuals	14,317	39,225
Gratitude Dinner	3,299	8,877
Interest Income	8	16
Sales	8,020	44,469
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$25,644</b>	<b>\$93,147</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Cost of Goods Sold	6,505	29,440
POS Inventory Adjustment	(237)	(1,340)
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$6,268</b>	<b>\$28,100</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$19,376</b>	<b>\$65,046</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Accounting Services	800	4,000
Bank Charges	15	75
Computer Expense	463	2,310
Credit Card Fees	577	1,726
Insurance - Health	515	2,743
Insurance - Liability		1,107
Newsletter Expense	186	473
Office Expense	1,296	5,394
Payroll Expenses	4,513	24,821
Plant Expenditures		166
Rent	1,688	8,464
State Filing Fees	75	75
Storage	252	1,260
Utilities	415	2,924
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,796</b>	<b>\$55,538</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$8,580</b>	<b>\$9,508</b>
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## Central Intergroup of the Desert

## Contributions - Groups &amp; Individuals

November 2023

	TOTAL	
	NOV 2023	JUL - NOV, 2023 (YTD)
164 Group - WED - Palm Springs		116.40
24 Hours a Day		82.00
3rd 7th 11th Step Meeting		177.25
5th Tradition 7AM Attitude Adjustment Group #100	1,968.80	2,182.81
5th Tradition Dinner Meet Desert Hot Springs	85.00	175.00
630 AM PDCC Zoom		475.00
6AM Pierson - K I S F Desert Hot Springs		200.00
Aging Gracefully in Sobriety	48.69	122.93
Alano Club Palm Springs	100.00	200.00
Anonymous No Group Given	2,194.92	4,740.86
As Bill Sees It -10AM-M Fellowship Hall P.D.		200.00
Attitude Adjustment-M-S , Palm Desert PDCC		710.48
Bill's Hour		85.00
Birthday Contributions	46.00	195.00
Black Sheep Group		571.15
Cash & Check Deposit		116.98
Central Intergroup Cathedral City	29.00	126.50
Covert Men's Stag		225.00
Daily Reprieve-Daily Palm Desert	338.92	1,719.70
Desert Roundup	5,000.00	5,000.00
Desert Men's Big Book Stu Palm Desert	300.00	350.00
Design for Living Group		408.61
Dolls of Valley Palm Desert	174.30	443.30
Double Winners	34.00	135.12
Female Friends Yucca Valley		80.00
First Things First		50.75
Fri Nite Hi-Desert Group		25.30
Friday 12&12 Step Study		64.40
Friends of Bill - Anonymo Palm Desert		111.00
Great Events Yucca Valley	200.00	400.00
Groovy Group		278.00
Group '48-MON- Palm Springs		110.00
Happy Hour Book Study Palm Desert		100.00
Happy Hour Group Sunny Dunes		1,508.00
Heritage Palms Wed Nite Women		250.00
Hi Desert Speakers Group	100.00	100.00
IHOP Overflow Wed. Men's Stag		150.00
Jaywalkers		52.90
Just the Black Print	780.80	1,435.20
Keep It Simple Group Speaker Meeting		250.00
La Quinta Library Mon. Big Book Study		90.00
La Quinta Library Wed 12 & 12		202.00
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	NOV 2023	JUL - NOV, 2023 (YTD)
Last Call Group 104		251.27
Living Sober - SUN - Idyllwild		24.00
Living Sober Book Study Palm Desert		134.80
Living Sober Group-Joshua Tree	10.00	20.00
Maad Dog Daze Rancho Mirage		11.00
Men's Marauders		450.00
Men's Meeting Tuesday Zoom		30.00
Men's Priority Big Book VI Group.	42.80	42.80
Monday Women's 1PM Yucca Valley		30.00
No Matter What Group	72.75	223.00
No Rules La Quinta		49.00
Nooner Group D.H.S.		65.00
Oxy-Moron Group		100.00
Palm Desert 7 AM Attitude Adj.	115.00	551.00
Palm Desert Saturday Speaker's		50.00
Palm Springs Attitude Adjustment Group	70.00	70.00
Perez Plaza Cathedral City Half Measures	372.50	372.50
Recovery after Relapse		100.00
Red Cloud Productions	500.00	500.00
Road Runners		220.00
Round Table Serenity Group		121.00
Rule 62 THU Noon		150.00
Santa Rosa Big Book Thump Coachella		50.00
Santa Rosa Messengers Coachella	135.00	135.00
Saturday 12 & 12		100.00
Saturday Womens Online 11		5.00
Serenity Group Joshua Tree		468.31
Serenity Seekers Palm Desert	240.00	720.00
Serenity Sisters - Sunny Dunes		244.36
Shipwreck Men's Meeting		300.00
Sober Divas	75.00	300.00
Spiritual Awakening in A.A.		190.50
Square Deposit		4.70
Stay Connected 9am (Zoom)	227.50	2,008.00
Stepping Stones		212.40
Sun City Ole Time Big Book Study	162.00	297.00
Sunday in the Park		397.10
Sunday Serenity Group	80.00	286.50
Sunny Dunes 7am Attitude Adjustment Online Group		2,385.94
Sunrise Celebrators Palm Desert	72.79	378.56
The First 164 Pages		337.50
Third Tradition Group Landers		100.00
Vets for Vets Palm Desert		55.00

Central Intergroup of the Desert

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November 2023

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Winners Meeting Yucca Valley		30.00
Not Specified		1,094.44
TOTAL	\$14,317.05	\$39,225.30

**What Self-centeredness  
looks like in a meeting of  
Alcoholics Anonymous.**

Buddha Gee

